

John Owens Wins Opener At A-W Track

Getting the biggest break in the afternoon, Cotton Owens, of Waynesville, S. C., won the main event of the opener at Asheville's Speedway Sunday afternoon. Five thousand excited spectators watched the race on a near-perfect track.

The break came on the 26th lap when Joe Lee Johnson of Waynesville, Tenn., who posted a blistering qualifying time, lost command through a slip of the main event, was out of action when he stripped the end out of his power-plant-powered '37 Chevrolet.

The blond mechanic from Waynesville, S. C., who applied pressure on the leader when Johnson fell out.

Owens only had to drive three laps to win the race. He piled up on the back of the scheduled 30-lap race on the 26th lap — the Owens took the lead.

Johnson's tall Tennessee debut at Asheville's track, he booted his Cadillac on a new track record in 24 seconds.

Johnson's record set off a second offshoot race set by Jimmy Myers of Monroe last June 6. Owens jumped into the lead as the event started. He stayed until the fifth lap when a jam enabled Owens to take the lead.

On the sixth-lap accidents, Johnson's car, which had started in single file, Johnson's lead before the start of the first turn on the track held it until mechanical forces forced him out on the track.

Johnson's falling to the race, he won fourth place out of the total purse.

Mathews, Asheville stock car souped-up Ford, roared to second place finish behind Billy Myers of Winston-Salem. A sportsman Ford race at A-W, came in second.

Cox, piloting a Cadillac-Chevrolet, finished fifth. Johnson, from the rear in the first, climbed into first on the second lap and came to the field.

Owens successfully fought off challenge by Owens for place. Owens finished second.

Hubbard Foresees College-Trained Big League Umps

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HOUSTON, Tex. — Good umpires could come from the colleges, says Cal Hubbard.

Hubbard, an American League umpire for 20 years—the last three as supervisor—has a plan which he would like to see adopted by the major leagues.

"I'd like to see a group that would contact the athletic directors of major colleges throughout the country for the names of young men well-grounded in sports who are interested in a career of officiating. I mean young fellows who have come up through sports know the feel of competition and the meaning of rules.

"From such a list and such a group, baseball could select young men for future umpires, train them, bring them up through the minors.

"Now those young fellows needn't be only baseball umpires. Baseball could be their start. They could go from baseball to football, then to basketball. There's good money in officiating, and I don't see why a man with sports in his blood wouldn't find it interesting."

Hubbard says the college man is the type baseball would like to have "although we know there are high type men who get their training in sports without getting to college and we would be interested in them, too. But I think we ought to have a plan to keep good umpires coming up."

Hubbard thinks the salaries of umpires in the lower minors must be increased because "we've got to have something to offer to get youngsters started."

He says better umpiring would help improve the game. "Nothing helps a good game of baseball like good, sharp umpiring. Nothing can turn what might have been a good game of ball into a sloppy one quicker than poor umpiring."

Hubbard says the biggest test of an umpire is how he handles a complaint. "The outs and the safes, the balls and the strikes aren't the tough parts," he declares. "It's how well the umpire handles a troublesome situation and how well he knows the rules."

"I've heard umpires talk about



TROPHY WINNERS in the annual CDP basketball tournament this year were the Saunook girls and the West Pigeon boys. Happily holding their prizes are Jean Rowland and Gail McClure of Saunook and E. B. Rickman, Jr. of West Pigeon. (Mountaineer Photo).

Former Duke End Souchak Newest Sensation In Golf

By HAROLD V. RATLIFF
AP Newsfeatures

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. — Mike Souchak was getting a lot of publicity a year ago because he could drive a golf ball out of the county. But it wasn't paying him any money.

So Mike shortened his drives and concentrated on the best way to get the ball in the hole. Today he's the newest sensation in the game.

Souchak, the 210-pound former end on the Duke University football team, took the Texas Open by storm. This tournament always has been noted for its sensational feats. Chandler Harper, the Chattanooga veteran, shot 259 in winning the 1954 Texas Open and that tied the record for 72 holes. Twice previously a 60 had been shot over the 6,400-yard Brackenridge Park Course. That also was a world's record.

Mike wasn't looking for a record when he came here with the touring professionals for a crack at the \$2,200 first money. But it came when the big man from Durham, N. C., was forced to shoot a 60 to lead the first round. On the way to his record-tying round he did nine holes in 27, which was a new world's record.

The second round found one of the tournament veterans breathing on Mike's neck. He was Freddie Haas of Claremont, Calif., who did 129 for 36 holes. That made Mike post 128.

Haas still hung on after the third round when his 65 gave him 194 for 54 holes. Mike just had to shoot a 64 to stay out front.

Came the final day and Souchak had to really buckle down to get his greatest glory on the links. It rained during the morning and almost froze during the afternoon and there was a bitter wind that chilled the boys to the bone. Souchak, however, was prepared for it. He wore a suit of wind-breakers and gloves and said he was plenty warm.

He stepped up to the first tee, drove down the middle, pitched to the green and was 15 feet away with his second shot. He calmly rammed that down for a birdie. "When I did that, all the pressure



MIKE SOUCHAK

was off," said Souchak. "I figured I could win and have a good final round. I had gone out determined to win the tournament and to heck with the record. But that first putt dropped in and then I got a good break at No. 3 when my second shot jumped the corner of the trap and rolled 12 feet past the hole." He got another birdie there.

By the time Mike reached the tenth hole he was looking for that record. He told Ray O'Brien, the PGA tournament supervisor, that he would get it.

An he did: Souchak shot the 72 holes in 257 with a 7-under-par 65 on the final 18. It won the tournament by seven strokes.

What did wining this tournament

how many men they chase from a ball game in a season. To me, an umpire is judged by how many he keeps in the ball game.

"I don't believe in the aggressive umpire. And I tell our umpires that when a tough ball game is over and they can walk through a crowd and hear someone ask 'Who was that umpiring behind the plate today?', then they can feel that they, as umpires, have had a good day. Nobody pays to see the umpire. If they don't remember who umpired, then the umps have had a good day."

Hazelwood Nine Slates Second Practice Session

With the opening of the Western North Carolina Industrial Baseball League slated just two weeks from this Saturday, Hazelwood's team will hold its second practice at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, according to acting manager Elmer Dudley.

Twelve candidates for the team which won runner-up honors in the WNC league last season turned out for the first practice session Saturday, which was hampered by cold weather.



These days a proposal of marriage is supposed to come with the school diploma or little ladies feel they have graduated to a spot on the shelf.

It's like an atomic chain reaction—one student writes out wedding invitations and bingo, love pops out all over the classroom.

Sometimes decisions are made too hastily, however, as this letter from a senior illustrates:

"I am supposed to be married soon. Invitations are printed. My wedding dress is ready. But now I don't want to get married. It was the idea that appealed to me because all my school chums were doing it. I don't know how to tell my parents or the boy, although he does not seem as enthusiastic about it since we took the first step. I have had several showers and am ashamed to face my school friends."

Of course this marriage must be postponed until both parties are sure. But why can't this serious thought be given to the idea in the first place?

Conversations with newlyweds evolve these questions which, they say, are well worth asking yourself before you jump into the wedding ring:

1. Would you still like to date other boys after marriage or have you had your final fling?
 2. Are you marrying your first date?
 3. Can he support you in the style you desire?
 4. Is he the type who can accept responsibility?
 5. Does he date other girls or oggle them when he is with you?
 6. If he is in the service would you think of leaving family and friends and joining him in a strange land and like it aside from the spirit of adventure?
 7. Are you ready to have a family, giving up fun for that serious job?
 8. Do you like his parents (b) Could you live with them if you had to?
 9. Are you possessive?
 10. Is he a Mama's boy (b) Are you a Mama's girl?
- These questions must assure you before you take the big step. If you've answered "yes" to 1-2-5-9-10 you aren't quite ready to give up your freedom. Give the situation another look-see. Take a vacation from your steady-date as a test of your real devotion.
- One all-important problem for

BEST IN WORLD By Alan Maver



lads and ladies, according to young newlyweds is how the young husband is going to combine starting his career with the responsibilities of marriage. Sometimes higher education must be forfeited, and many young husbands have had to take the first job available in order to support a wife.

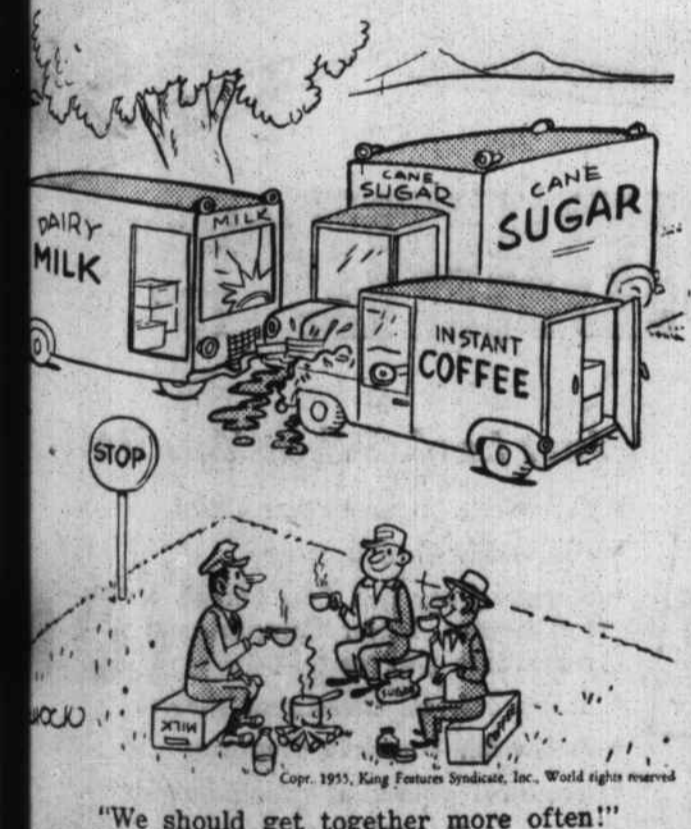
It can be a rug that is hard to scramble from, according to those who've experienced it.

Bill Norman, new scout for the Detroit Tigers, worked as a coach for the St. Louis Browns.

For the first time since he came up to the big leagues with the Cardinals in 1938, Enos Slaughter's name is missing from the St. Louis spring roster.

Members of the North Carolina swimming team hall from five states plus Turkey.

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 8:30 P.M.

— MAIN EVENT —
2 Out of 3 Falls, 60 Minute Time Limit

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and
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40 in. Tall — 98 lbs.
and
TOM THUMB
46 in. Tall — 105 lbs.

SEMI-FINAL EVENT
1 Fall, 45 Minute Time Limit
JIM AUSTARI vs. LOU KLINE

OPENING MATCH
1 Fall, 20 Minute Time Limit
BLOND BUDDY LEE vs. TEX REILLY



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Good Friday
7:00 P. M. The Story of Easter in Song.

Easter Sunday

- 12:00 The Church in the Wildwood
- 2:30 Salute to the Class of '55 (Easter Hymns and Anthems).
- 4:00 "Easter Overture" (Rimsky-Korsakov) and other concert music.
- 7:30 Cantata: "Rabboni" Directed by Mrs. Fred Martin, Sung by choir members from local churches with the following soloists: Mrs. Jim Kilpatrick, Mrs. Harry Lee Liner, Jr., Mrs. Fred Calhoun, Mrs. Fred Martin, Mrs. Clyde Fisher, Thomas Davis, Charles Isley, Harry Lee Liner, Jr., Samuel Wilson, Arthur Moon and John Hogue. (Broadcast from The First Methodist Church).
- 8:30 Highlights from Handel's "Messiah" Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, Lufon Choral Society and Special Choir.

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