

BOBBY BALLANCE, Mountaineer co-captain, gets ready to take his cut at the ball in Waynesville's opening game here Tuesday against Bethel. The WTHS nine exploded for seven runs in the fifth inning and went on for an 8-1 victory over the Blue Demons. (Mountaineer Photo).

Waynesville Pounds Bethel, 8-1, In Opener

Carver Hits Home Run For WTHS

The Waynesville Mountaineers got their 1956 baseball season off to a good start here Tuesday by scoring seven runs in the fifth inning to win, 8-1, over Bethel. The Gold and Black squad, however, had to come from behind an early 1-0 deficit as the Blue Demons scored their lone run in the first inning.

Waynesville will journey to Erwin Friday to take on the strong Buncombe County squad. Bethel scored first when Harold Queen walked, advanced to third, and then scored on Gerald Hill's single.

The Mountaineers tied up the county in the bottom of the fourth inning when Bobby Hill was safe on an error, advanced to third and then scored on a passed ball.

In the fifth inning, Waynesville amassed seven runs on singles by Bobby Ballance, Hill, Don Ezell, and Mike Byrd, a double by Mitchell, and a long homer by James Carver with two aboard. The round tripper scored Ballance and Tony Davis.

Mitchell struck out eight batters and gave up only three hits during his six innings on the mound for WTHS. Kenny Gibson came on in the seventh inning and whiffed two opponents. Henry Capps fanned four for Bethel.

Leading hitters for the Mountaineers were Carver, Hill, and Mitchell, each of whom got two safeties. For Bethel, Gerald Hill was the leading batter with two hits.

Waynesville	ab	r	h	e
Byrd, ss	4	1	1	0
Wright, 2b	3	0	0	0
Davis, lf	2	1	1	0
Ballance, 3b	4	1	1	0
Carver, 1b	4	1	2	0
Hill, c	4	1	2	0
Holder, rf	1	0	0	0
Lane, rf	1	1	0	0
Mitchell, p	3	1	2	0
Gibson, p	0	0	0	0
Ezell, cf	2	1	1	0
Totals	28	8	10	1

Bethel	ab	r	h	e
Warren, lf	3	0	0	0
Queen, ss	2	1	0	0
Rogers, 3b	3	0	0	1
Hill, cf	3	0	2	0
Duckett, 2b	3	0	0	1
Burress, c	3	0	0	1
Mease, 1b	2	0	0	0
Henson, 1b	1	0	0	0
Fish, rf	2	0	0	0
Capps, p	3	0	1	0
Totals	25	1	3	3



DISPLAYING A CATCH taken from Lake Junaluska Tuesday by Tom Gilliland are Howard Chapman (left) and Dale Stepp. On opening day at the lake, more than 100 fishing permits were sold to eager anglers. (Mountaineer Photo).

Canton Nine Seeks 4th BR Crown

The Canton Black Bears, baseball champions of the Blue Ridge Conference for the past three years, will open their 1956 diamond campaign at Brevard Friday afternoon.

Canton will be strong again this year with 12 lettermen back from the 1955 championship squad, and nine reserves who are trying hard for a berth on the starting nine.

Heading the pitching staff will be Sonny Warren, who was 7-1 last season, and Dewayne Milner, who finished with a 3-0 mark. Warren also plays first base, and Milner often toils in the outfield. Reserves on the mound are Martin Boone, a righthander, and Johnny Dewese.

Slugging Joe Rhinehart will be the first-string catcher, with Dee Cole and Pat Powell as subs.

First base will be played by talented Charles West, who played in that position for the Champion Y softball team, which won the Southern Regional softball championship last season.

Doyce Cannon is slated to be on second base. Sammy Powell will be at shortstop, and Billy Stamey on third. Infield subs are Smith Nicholls, Richard Williamson, and Joe Clark.

Lettermen in the outfield are Jerry Raxter, Jack Amos, George Jones, and Doug Alexander. Reserves are Don Price and Jackie Conard.

The Canton schedule is: April 6 at Brevard; 10, Ben Lippen (site undetermined); 13, Lee Edwards; 17, Brevard; 20, Hendersonville; 25, at Asheville School; 27, Waynesville; 30, Bethel.

May 2, at Lee Edwards there; 4, at Waynesville; 8, at Bethel; 12, at Asheville School; 15, Ben Lippen (site undetermined); 18, at Hendersonville.

The American Hockey League record for unassisted goals scored in one game is eight. They were made by the late Johnny Holota while playing for Cleveland in 1946-47.

ANGLIN' AROUND

By M. T. (Bus) BRIDGES



Before dawn this morning, lights were turned on in many of the homes of this section as anglers responded to the alarm clocks earlier than their accustomed time, in preparation for their try at catching their limit of 10 trout on the opening day of the 1956 season.

Many a housewife was left in deep sleep as the husband quietly slipped out of bed to don his fishing togs and slip out of the house to get his breakfast of some all-night restaurant. Anticipation was high and many a tale of last year's catches was spun as the group waited at the checking stations to be checked in.

To turn back the pages of time a few months, the cars were lined up at West Fork Pigeon very similar to the opening day of the deer season, but this time only the light fly rod and other necessary paraphernalia to try and out-wit the wily trout were evident this morning.

There were some, however, who could not get off from work to go try their luck this morning, and it was very evident that their heart was not in their work, but on some stream in this section, fighting the gnats that always accompany a fishing expedition. Others arose early and were back at their work with a full creel by eight or eight-thirty.

Reports from Sherwood and the Pisgah area were that fine catches were taken early this morning, with the fish averaging between nine and ten inches.

It was estimated that around 200 were in line at the checking station at Spruce, and that most of them were catching their limit, or at least some fish.

It seems that fishing in this section of the state is fast becoming the favorite sport as far as numbers are concerned. More people are turning to fishing as a hobby every year.

Lake fishing took the spotlight

also this week, as Lake Junaluska opened after being closed for over a year. The lake was drained last year in an attempt to rid the waters of carp and catfish, but the carp failed to be removed, and quite a few have been brought out so far this week. The lake opened last Monday with over 100 permits being issued during the day. Quite a large number have visited the lake shore each day since.

The lake was restocked with bass and bream with a few crappie added, and after observing some of the catches that have been made, it looks as if within a few years it will be a fisherman's paradise in the game fish line.

The reports from other lakes in this section, and especially the TVA chain, are varied. Some report good catches of crappie and bass, while others say their luck was bad. The level of the lakes are still rising, and some of them are almost to the high water level.

A report from Santeehah this week is that the water is about 8 to 10 feet of the high water mark, with fishermen catching a few bass, rainbow trout, crappie, bream, and an occasional pike.

Hiawasse, also is close to the full mark, and the pike are now hitting. Nantahala has produced several nice trout in the headwaters of the lake, with a few bass also being reported.

Fontana, probably the lake that draws the largest number of anglers, is fast rising, and is somewhere in the neighborhood of 70 to 75 feet from the high water mark. Fontana was the lowest this year in any time since it was built. Some nice bass, crappie and a few trout have been reported from Fontana, the trout coming from the lake where some of the larger streams empty into the lake.

Glenville, once very popular for its bass and blue gill, is rising very slowly, and very few reports have



I never knew before what it meant to come face to face with a hundred thousand dollars. But there I was, going along the street minding my own business, when as casually as a reporter always on the lookout for a story can be, I glanced inside the window. There it was. Doing the proverbial double-take, I blinked and looked again. Even in these flush days, that much money looked impressive. It was there. Stacked up in real one-dollar bills, with the picture of George Washington on their face. A cubic yard of cold cash, a mess of moolah, a stack of smollans, a lollapalooza-pile of the long-green frog skins. Oh yes, bars had been erected behind the window glass—JUST in case. Upon closer examination, intermixed with a drool withal, I learned that a real estate company had run a classified ad in a local newspaper and from the same, had made a hundred-thousand dollar deal—and this was the paper's own advertisement.

Speaking of money, there's a gold mine under the street here. Far down in a dark and dank cellar below 33 Liberty Street in Manhattan lies almost seven billion dollars worth of gold—the second largest hoard in the world—the first being at Fort Knox, of course. It's in the form of the proverbial gold bricks, too, each weighing from 27 to 60 pounds, and they are stacked inside a vault to which no one man knows all the combination. Three employees each know a third of it—just for safety's sake. You see, this is the depository of the Second District Federal Reserve Bank of the U. S.

My good friend, Dr. Carl Bode of the University of Maryland, has come forward with a book which fills a need in the history of our people. It is aptly called, "The American Lyceum" (Oxford), and is a scholarly yet entertaining treatise of this once-lively part of our national scene. In this day of television and radio, it is hard to realize that a hundred years ago there were almost 3,000 lyceums in this country, with lecturers on religion, philosophy and other important subjects. Folks went out to listen and learn from the lyceum, a local citizens' organization. Once they got inside the lecture hall, they couldn't turn off the program either, if they didn't like it. Consequently, this movement, so vividly recounted by Carl Bode, was the first major adult education movement in the country. We adults could use more real education today.

Norman Vincent Peale is not the only official of the Marble Collegiate Church here who is making a public success. Mitzie Cottle, who was a soloist at that church, is singing with Benny Goodman in the Empire Room of the Waldorf-Astoria and is one of the reasons why that show was held over for an extended stay. Another reason is the general popularity of this hotel's entertainment and the fact that a movie has recently been released on the life of Benny Goodman which shows that even though he is an old-timer, he is still the exceptional musician and showman he always was.

One of the funniest things I have seen lately occurred at an otherwise-dignified meeting here recently. It was a gathering of

been received from this lake. With the prospect of balmy days ahead, it is expected that even more anglers will try their luck either in fast flowing streams for trout, or in the calm crystal lakes that can be found in this section. Here's hoping that your creel will be full or the stringer heavy as you try your luck at fishing.

Ex-Champ Urges Good, Clean Life

CAMBRIDGE, Md. (AP)—"Clean Living and the Race of Life," is the theme of Glenn Cunningham, famous mile runner 26 years ago.

While on a 12-day tour under the auspices of The Temperance League of Maryland, Cunningham made 40 speeches in Maryland, Delaware and the District of Columbia.

"Aim high," Cunningham told students at North Dorchester and at South Dorchester High Schools. "Don't underestimate your ability or your importance. Have good clean thoughts and constructive ideas."

He scores carousing, drinking and smoking and told how fire cost his brother's life and that his own legs were so badly burned when he was eight that doctors said he'd never walk again.

"Eighty-five per cent of your ability is from your shoulders up. I should know. I practically competed in athletics without legs!"

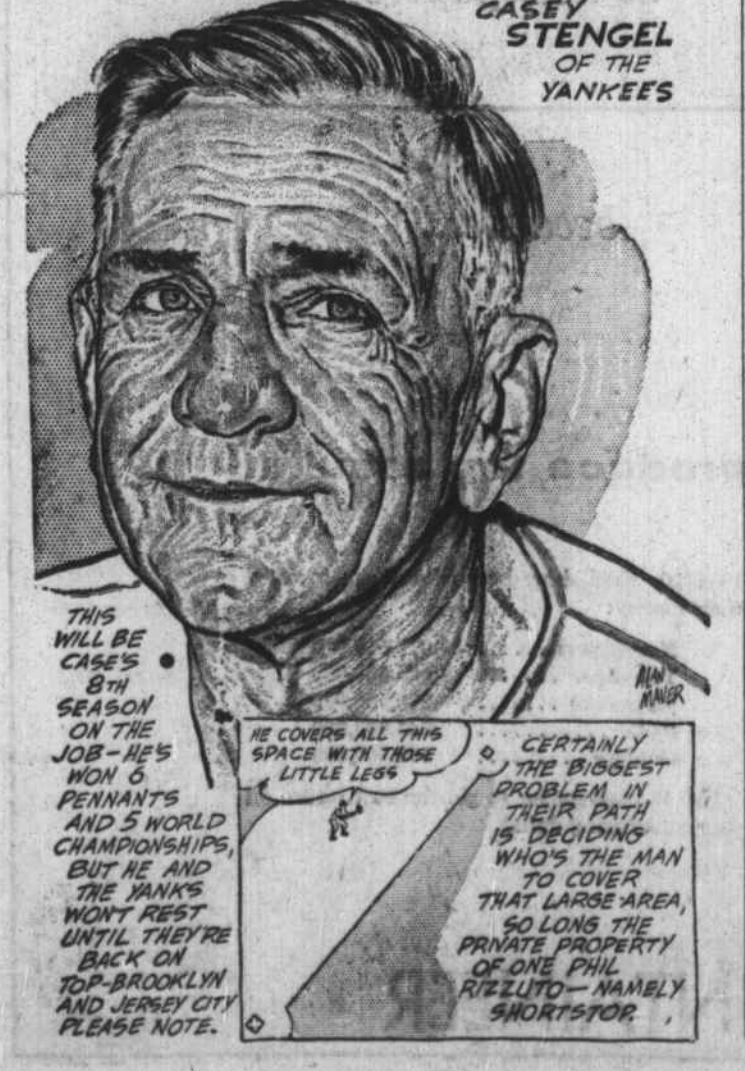
Peaks Get Around

EAST LANSING, Mich. (AP)—Clarence Peaks, one of Michigan State's best football players, may complete the backfield cycle next season.

Peaks started as a quarterback. He played right halfback in 1954 and was shifted to left half last season. Coaches now are thinking of slipping him into the fullback slot.

the Civil War Round Table of New York, and although this organization has no veterans of that conflict, it does have at least a couple of members with grizzled beards. One of these is Fletcher Pratt, well-known author of books on American history, whose projecting hirsute appendage is only equaled in color by the flamboyant shirts he sports. The other tufted individual is a young man with hair of reddish hue, who has only recently acquired his chin-extension. Upon being introduced at the aforesaid meeting, Bernard Davey—or his beard—was greeted with humorous acclaim, whereupon Pratt arose from his seat at the head table, and in reference, of course, to the famed Smith Brothers, fixed his eyes on Davey and shouted, "Ah, my brother Mark!"

EYES NO. 7 By Alan Mave



CASEY STENDEL OF THE YANKEES

THIS WILL BE CASE'S 8TH SEASON ON THE JOB—HE'S WON 6 PENNANTS AND 5 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, BUT HE AND THE YANKS WON'T REST UNTIL THEY'RE BACK ON TOP—BROOKLYN AND JERSEY CITY PLEASE NOTE.

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