

PERSON SPORTS SLANTS

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Two More Holes

We heard Thursday that two more holes will be ready at the Country Club golf course by today. If that is true the golfers will have a real course to play on. Nine good greens with good fairways give the people of this country plenty of room for golf.

It really seems that more people are playing golf here each week. The game is attracting the ladies as well as the men and all appear to be having a big time. The golf course is a real asset to this city and county.

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Henderson Is Good

Editor Stephen Wallis Merrihew in his latest issue of American Lawn Tennis, popular national magazine, calls Archie Henderson, Jr., graduate at the University of North Carolina and one of the best of the Tar Heels' long list of stars, the spring sensation of 1940.

Editor Merrihew singles out the four tournaments Henderson won in as many weeks this spring, with the loss of only two sets in the first, and an upset victory over Bobby Riggs, No. 1 ranking amateur in the country, as the top achievement so far this year.

Commenting on Henderson's play Merrihew said: "Here is a young man who has the markings of a great player. A lovely backhand, the ball traveling with the speed of wind; an overhand almost as good, as I discovered a little later when he played doubles; and a serve that was better than it looked."

Henderson plans to play the circuit this summer. He will make his first appearance of the three-months season at Charlotte June 10 and will go from there to Chicago for the Clay court championships the following week. He is somewhat indefinite as to his plans from June 24 to July 8 but is certain to return to action July 8 at Spring Lake, N. J. Henderson will also play in the Maryland State (grass), Seabright and Southampton tournaments as well as several others.

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Sport Shorts

Davey O'Brien, T. C. U. 1938 All-America quarterback and his school-days sweetheart, Frances Buster, were married last week . . . Johnny Paycheck says that he is through with the ring . . . Al Schacht says that Dizzy Dean is through as a pitcher. Schacht had trouble similar to the ailment that Dizzy now has and Schacht could not get over his . . . Joe Beggs, Cincinnati pitcher, speaks six languages, we doubt if that helps him pitch . . . A brother battery may be functioning for the Cards in another year. Mort Cooper pitches for St. Louis now. At the No. 1 Card farm, Columbus, is Walker Cooper, catcher. The younger of the Cooper boys was with Asheville in 1939 and was the Piedmont's best backstop.

SPORTS OF THE TIMES

Up-to-the-Minute Sport News Solicited

PERSON COUNTY TIMES — ROXBORO, N. C.

SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 1940

YOUNGER SIGNED TO ST. LOUIS CONTRACT

Tommy Tucker, 17 Years Old, Is Hero Of Jasper, Ind., Residents

Jasper, Ind., June 6.—Little Tommy Tucker may be slinging for his supper in major league baseball—at 17.

The tall right-handed pitcher, who finished high school just the other day, signed a contract today with the St. Louis League club.

The Browns told him to report to the Mayfield (Ky.) Kitty League Club tomorrow for a try-out.

That set the whole town talking up Jasper as a rival of Van Meter, Iowa, for producing boy wonder pitchers.

Because Van Meter—population, 400—has turned out only one famous young moundman—Bob Feller of the Cleveland Indians.

Two Youngsters

This southern Indiana wood-working center—population, 4,000—thinks it has two youngsters who some day will be just as famous.

There's Tucker, of course—just at the age Feller was when he joined the Indians in 1936. And there's his high school teammate, a boy of 16 with the quaint name of Roman Pfeffer.

Together these two hurled Jasper's Wildcats to mythical State high school championships this year and last and the local junior American League team to State tournament finals in 1938.

On the high school team, Tommy won seven games in a row, six of them shutouts and one a no-hitter, in 1939 and eight of nine in 1940.

Nine Victories

In junior baseball, he had nine victories and one defeat in 1939 and six victories and one defeat last year.

The St. Louis Cardinals, Detroit Tigers, Cincinnati Reds, Philadelphia Nationals and even Feller's Indians made him offers.

But Charlie Gilliland, Browns' scout, got his name on the dotted line. Terms of the contract were not disclosed.

Young Pfeffer still has a year to go in high school, but the big leagues have been flirting with him, too. So far he's unattached.

Canadian Girls' Team Was Just Little Too Strong

Edmonton, Alta., June 7.—The Edmonton Grads, one of the greatest women's basketball clubs of all time, have disbanded because they were too good.

The Grads began their rise to fame 25 years ago, and for the past 18 years they had held the senior women's world title.

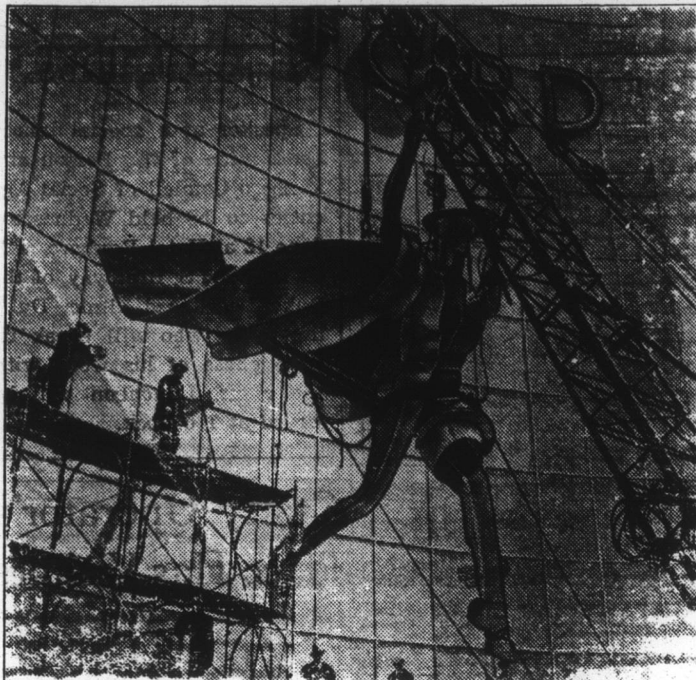
The club disbanded after its silver anniversary banquet Wednesday night because of lack of competition and the resulting financial problem.

Bringing teams worthy of competition with the Grads to this northernmost city of Canada proved a heavy financial burden, and the monotony of such a consistent winner undermined attendance.

J. Percy Page, school principal, coached the team to the hoop heights after he got the job by losing the flip of a coin with the only other male member of the high school faculty in 1914.

The Grads won 526 games, lost 22, scored a total of 19,971 points, against their opponents' 8,924, including contests at Olympic games in Paris in 1924, Amsterdam in 1928, Los Angeles in 1932, and Berlin in 1936.

It's Moving Day for Mercury



The stainless steel god of speed is coming down from his airy perch high above the front entrance to the Ford Exposition. He'll have an even more imposing position now that the new all-glass entrance facade for the 1940 New York World's Fair is completed.

Here is Mercury being moved to his 1940 place on a platform in front of the 74-foot glass tower. At night the three-ton figure of shining metal will stand out in bold relief against the powerfully illuminated facade, a beacon for Fair visitors.

Behind each of the 130 glass panels in the new entrance will glow six 45-inch fluorescent tubes creating a solid wall of brilliant light that will be seen for blocks.

Besides the entrance changes, a

half-million dollar theater has been added to the Ford pavilion. It has the latest in revolving stages and other theater equipment, and its air-conditioned depths will offer a cool haven for summer visitors. There they will see a humorous stage show, sound movies and other features. Adjoining the seating area is a luxurious car salon, where presentations of a novel nature will be given.

Other changes in the Ford Exposition for 1940 include a new display space for commercial cars and an enlarged Edison Institute exhibit, where boys from Henry Ford's Greenfield Village schools will demonstrate their class work in a model of Thomas A. Edison's machine shop.

BLADES OUSTED AS CARDINAL BOSS BY CLUB'S HEAD

St. Louis, June 7.—Ray Blades, hailed as one of the greatest tacticians of baseball last year, was fired outright today as manager of the faltering St. Louis Cardinals.

He was replaced by Billy Southward, successful manager of the Rochester Club of the International League, in a sudden shakeup aimed at getting the Redbirds' back into the National League race.

Picked by the experts as almost a "cinch" pennant winner this season, the club has been a

dismal failure and was only one game out of the cellar before today's game with the Giants.

In making the announcement—not altogether unexpected—Pres. Sam Breadon said Southward would take charge of the team Monday. Meantime, Mike Gonzales, veteran Cuban Cardinal coach, will act as manager.

Crabtree Advances

Estel Crabtree, veteran member of the Rochester team which is leading the league by 4½ games, was named to succeed Southward.

DOLLY MADISON

THEATRE
Monday-Tuesday, June 10-11

WHAT WAS LOVE LIKE A MILLION YEARS AGO?



Special Morning Show
Monday 10:30;
Afternoons Daily 3:15-3:45;
Evenings Daily 7:30 - 9:15;
Admission 10-25c;

Both Southworth and Blades are graduates of the Cardinals' vast chain store system and it will be Bill's second fling at piloting the Cards. He had his first chance in 1929 but was dropped back to Rochester in the middle of the season "to get some more managing experience"—and has been going strong ever since.

He won the pennant three years straight (1929-30-31) at Rochester; lifted Columbus from fifth to second place in 1932; scouted for the Cards in 1933-34; came back the next year to win the Piedmont league pennant at Asheville, N. C.; managed Memphis from midway in the '35 season through 1938, and then succeeded Blades at Rochester, when the latter was promoted to the Cardinals.

Southworth, 46, was a star outfielder on the World Champion Cardinal team of 1926. Blades also was an outfielder on the same team, after having reached the peak of his playing career a year earlier when he batted .342.

Unorthodox System

Hot criticism was directed at him last year because of his unorthodox system of handling hurlers at the first sign of danger and there was not a single defeat in which a pitcher pitched from start to finish.

Despite all criticism, Blades' system worked and the Redbirds landed in second place after giving the champion Cincinnati Reds the score of a lifetime.

Taking the break in his fortunes in stride, Ray simply commented it was a bitter disappointment but that he realized there was "nothing else the club could do."

Breadon said there was no

other place for Blades in the Cardinal organization at the present time.

Actors Escape Big Rock Slide In Fire Valley

Husky, handsome Victor Mature, starred in the Hal Roach prehistoric picture, "One Million B. C." now on view at the Dolly Madison theatre, stepped on a loose rock and precipitated a small avalanche that threatened serious injury to himself and studio workmen. The film was being made in isolated Fire Valley, five miles from Logandale, Nevada, with Hal Roach directing.

Mature, who has the role of Tumak, ran along a narrow ledge of rock scrambled down the face of a cliff, then leaped off to do battle with a wild beast, as called for in the script. As he took off into space, his foot dislodged a rock. That started a rock-slide which rumbled after him.

Workmen standing under the cushioned platform built to break Mature's fall scrambled to safety. Mature hastily rolled off the platform and hung by his hands, just in time to escape the avalanche. The platform was badly damaged by the rampaging boulders.

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Dolly Madison

THEATRE
ADVANCE PROGRAM
From Monday, June 10th thru
Wednesday, June 12

Motion Pictures Are Your Best Entertainment

Monday - Tuesday, June 10-11
Victor Mature - Carole Landis - Lon Chaney, Jr., in
"One Million B. C."
(First Run)

So amazing you won't believe your eyes! Greatest thrills on earth — Wonders never before beheld by man. The amazing spectacle of the world at the dawn of time. See! what love was like — a million years ago! See! actual living animals of a Bygone age re-created. If you are a drinking man we don't advise you to see it—However, to those who have red hot blood coursing through their veins and to those who love thrills, adventure and romance. You then must see "One Million B. C."! Paragraphic: "Television Review"

Hearst Metrotone News - "News while it is still news"

No Morning Shows;
Afternoons daily 3:15-3:45;
Admission 10-25c;
Evenings daily 7:30-9:15;
Admission 10-25c

Wednesday, June 12
Frankie Darro with Marjorie Reynolds - Mantan Moreland - Milburn Stone, in
"Chasing Trouble"
(First Run)

"Cupid" is wearing long pants now — He spells his last name D-a-r-r-o! There's never a dull minute with Frankie when he finds a boy friend for a lonesome girl — and picks a guy who has a "date" with the police!

Broadway Brevity:
"Alex In Wonderland"
No Morning Show, after-
noon 3:15-3:45; Admission 10-
25c; evening 7:30 - 9:15. Ad-
mission 10-25c.

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