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SPORTS

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PITCHING AND INFIELD HELP
OBTAINED FOR FLASHERS CLUB

After faltering in the ninth inning for a 6-3 loss to Radford Monday and receiving a 9 to 3 thrashing from Elkin Tuesday afternoon, the North Wilkesboro Flashers yesterday had obtained a new infielder, a new pitcher and were negotiating for another player.

Here Monday night fans cheered Jerry Thornburg as he pitched a near perfect game through eight innings, only to see the game go to Radford in the final frame when the local club threw a ball everywhere except the right place to stop the Rockets' rally.

Jerry retired every Rocket in order until the fifth when one walked to mar the perfect record. A double play promptly erased that threat. In the sixth the lead off man for Radford doubled for the first hit off Thornburg and went to third on a balk with none

out. One batter walked and the next three went down on weak infield batting.

Meanwhile, North Wilkesboro had picked up three runs, two in the first and one in the third. Wright, who led with two hits, batted in one run, one was scored on a wild pitch and one on an error.

In the ninth the first Radford batter walked, the second was out and the third walked, putting two on. The next batter singled to left and the throw to the plate was too late for a play there, the other runners moving to second and third. The next batter lifted a soft fly which fell unmolested between second base and right field. One runner came in and the second scored with the tying run when Morton threw wild to the plate. One more error and two base hits resulted in the Radford total being six runs. Thornburg was relieved in the ninth by Bob Thompson. Steve Sloboda singled in two runs.

At Elkin Tuesday afternoon the Blanketeers took advantage of walks issued by Bentley and Flasher errors, combined with a few hits, to run up a score of 9 to 3. Pearson pitched effectively in the last three frames but it was not until the ninth that the Flashers could bunch hits off Blair, who went the distance for Elkin. In the ninth Horace Hubbard singled, Bob Wright doubled for his second hit of the game and Dave Davenport tripled to feature a three-run rally.

Game scheduled here with Elkin Tuesday night was postponed because of wet grounds.

Manager Flash Loman said the club desperately needed tighter defense in the infield and some pitching help, which the club has

been diligently seeking for the past two weeks.

North Wilkesboro lost to Elkin 10 to 0 last night in Elkin, mainly because a spasm of errors showered down in one inning and let seven Elkin runs score on two hits. Scheer started, was relieved by Corum and Bentley pitched the last frame.

Mount Airy will play here tonight and Friday night. Galax will play here Saturday night and Sunday, making the longest series of home games in the season.

All Star Game
At Elkin 10th

North Carolina will play Virginia in the annual Blue Ridge league all star game to be played in Elkin Monday, July 10.

The North Carolina team will be piloted by Manager Tige Harris, of Elkin, and will be composed of six players from North Wilkesboro, six from Elkin and six from Mt. Airy. The Virginia team will have six from Galax, six from Wytheville and six from Radford.

The game will be played in Elkin Memorial Park Monday, eight p. m. If rained out on that date it will be played there Tuesday night.

Six players from North Wilkesboro selected on the all-star team are Bob Wright, catcher and utility; Dave Davenport, third base; Wayne Davis, outfield; Drake Pardue, catcher; Bill Hamlin and Mike Scheer, pitchers. From Elkin are Jim Hayworth, third base; Bob Withrow, shortstop; Shorty Brown, outfield; Jack Blalock, catcher; Van Fletcher and Red Powers, pitchers. From Mt. Airy are Dean Dosch, second base; Ray Wiacek, first base; Joe Roseberry, outfield; Cordero, catcher and outfield; Jimmy Jones and Sam Crissman, pitchers.

MORE ABOUT
Raleigh Roundup

(Continued From Page Two) are flocking to Europe this summer and included among the travelers are scores of North Carolinians. Dr. Clyde Erwin, for instance, North Carolina's efficient and mild mannered superintendent of public instruction, is on his way to Geneva, Switzerland, to serve as chairman of the U. S. delegation at the international conference on public education. The conference will discuss curriculum reorganization and devote some attention to the rehabilitation of school systems in war-torn nations. Russia isn't included. . . will be represented.

FIVE-YEAR TERM . . . Allan Langston, Raleigh attorney and friend of the people, was named by Governor Scott last week to a five-year term on the State Probation Commission. He succeeds Dr. Clyde A. Erwin, who asked to be relieved of membership on the commission at the expiration of his term a month ago.

AMIALE . . . N. C. Agriculture Department folks, State College poultry experts, feed manufacturers and fertilizer representatives were always in disagreement and at each others' throats only a few years back. But now they sit amiably together around a conference table and work for the common good. Credit for this miracle should go to the present setup in the Agriculture Department, to legislators and farmers who realize that more is accomplished through frank dis-

Bob Wright One
Of Top Hitters
In Blue RidgeFlashers Slugger Has Lusty
Average of .365 To Lead
Team In Batting

Bob Wright's .365 average has been used to good advantage against Blue Ridge league pitching, according to unofficial batting averages compiled here for the North Wilkesboro team.

The catcher who has also played first base and outfield had a batting average of .365 through July 4th. He also leads the Flashers in runs batted in and in total bases.

Drake Pardue, relief catcher and utility player, was second in batting on figures compiled this week with .333. Bob Hite with .295 and Horace Hubbard with .286, two recent additions to the club, were third and fourth.

Following are the averages, which are unofficial and were compiled from newspaper reports of games away and from official scores here. The averages are near complete for games played through Tuesday:

Bob Wright	365
Dave Davenport	302
Ed Morton	236
Bill Hamlin	222
Lee Bentley	140
Drake Pardue	333
Horace Hubbard	286
Bob Hite	295
Wayne Davis	222
Ed Bowman	162
Johnny Mercak	104
Alvis Corum	150
Bob Thompson	070
Mike Scheer	100

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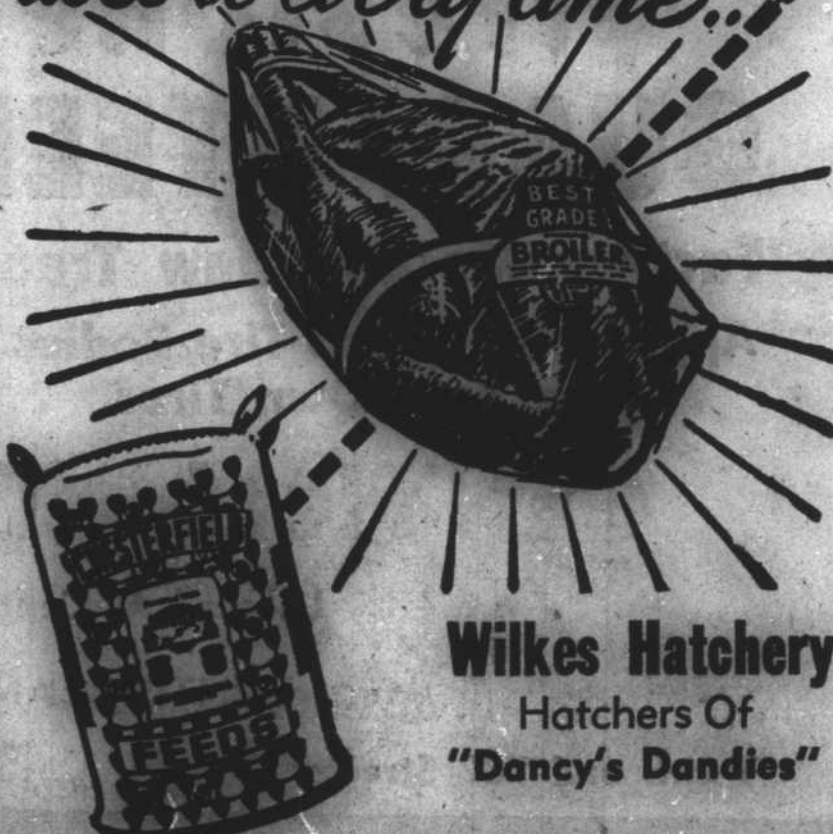
RECRUITING . . . Capt. Joseph M. Pearson, head of the Raleigh Station Area, and T. Sgt. M. L. Christian, stationed at the Army and Air Forces Recruiting Offices here, spent most of their time last week answering questions on the draft, the Army Reserve, and other military matters brought on by the country's participation in the Korean conflict.

Captain Pearson said most of the calls could not be answered because of military reasons. However, as to the draft, he said: "I could resume processing of applicants on short notice, if I should be ordered to do so."

FAMILY DESERTERS . . . Steps were taken last week by the Domestic Relations Commission to study a proposed bill for the 1951 Legislature which would make N. C. Laws pertaining to abandonment effective in other states as well, pending enactment of similar reciprocal laws passed in those states. About a dozen states now have such legislation.

Chairman O. Lee Horton of Morganton and other members met in the Justice Building and considered amendments and additions to North Carolina laws regarding children in divorce cases, guardianship, juvenile court and jurisdiction, abandonment and non-support.

A man has reached middle age when he begins to tell his son, "Now when I was a boy."

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