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### Cat Baseball Lineup Gets Reworking

Coach Lawson Brown gave his W.C.T.C. baseball squad a complete going over and reworked his lineup last Saturday in preparation for the opening games which come up Saturday in the form of a doubleheader at Maryville (Tenn.) College.

Clyde Pressley, heavy hitting outfielder, has been moved to first base, and J. E. (Lefty) Pardue has been shifted to pitcher in order to give the club more portside hurling.

Buck Page, a newcomer from Brevard College, should bolster the chatching staff allowing Joe Pressley to be moved from that position into one of the outfield vacancies.

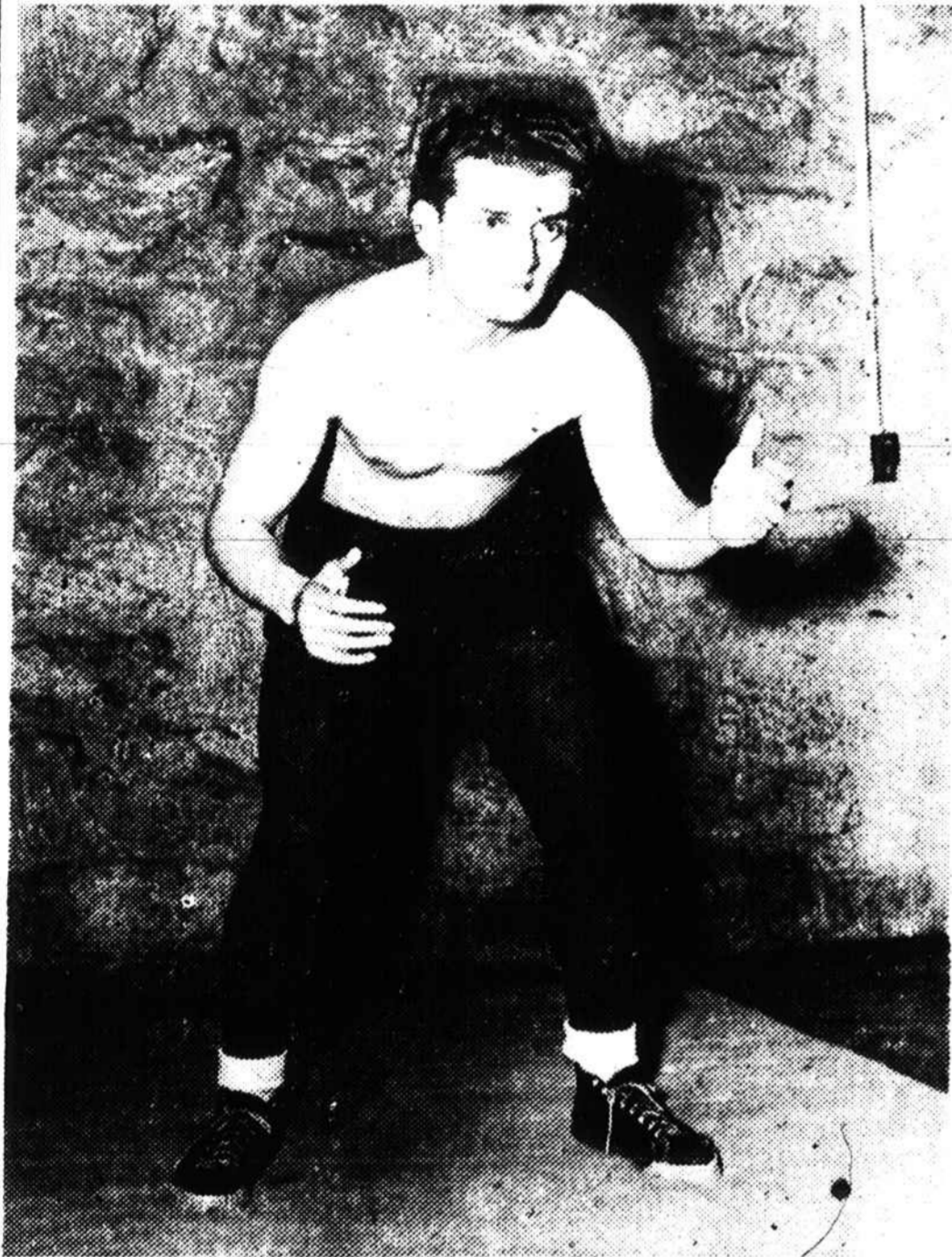
With the addition of Pardue, the pitching corps should be in top shape by the time the heavy conference schedule comes up.

L. C. Crocker, a fireballer from Waynesville, who until this year had difficulty in finding the plate, seems to have overcome this and his high, hard one should be hard to see.

The Cats' first home games come up on April 15 and 16 against the Appalachian State Mountaineers.

In 1942 North Carolina ranked first in the production of tobacco, sweet potatoes, and lespezea for seed. She leads the world in the manufacture of tobacco and chairs, and has more cotton mills than any other state.

### Bozo Enters Nationals At Cedar Rapids, Iowa



CULLOWHEE—Bruce Burleson, Western Carolina 175-pound wrestler, gets a trip to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, to enter the National AAU Wrestling Championships April 9 and 10.

Bozo, as he is known to schoolmates, already wears the North and South Carolina AAU crown which he won in that event held in High Point March 12.

There's a twitch in the story of Bozo's winning the North and South Carolina title. When the college team decided not to enter the event, Bozo decided differently. His father wanted him to enter, and since the tournament came up between the winter and spring quarters at W.C.T.C., Bozo packed his bag and he and his father headed for High Point.

He drew a bye through the first round, then whipped Bob Roberts of Appalachian in the semi-finals on Saturday afternoon.

That same night he was paired with Bill Joines, also of Appalachian, who had beaten Bozo earlier in the season.

In the finals that Saturday night, Bozo put up the fight of his life,

and came out with the victory.

During the next week, he proudly exhibited a glittering gold medal to the students at Cullowhee.

In a chapel program recently the student body showed their appreciation to the light-heavy grappler by chipping in enough money out of their pockets to pay for his expenses to Cedar Rapids.

Through a little effort of his own (and a little on his father's part) the Bakersville boy is in for the time of his life.

The March 1 milk output per cow was 15.7 pounds per day, the highest production rate for this date since records began in 1925.

## Charles, Walcott Title Bout Set June 22

### Winner To Be Crowned As New Heavyweight Champion

#### Event Set For Same Day Louis Became Champ 12 Years Ago

CHICAGO—Promoter Joe Louis has announced that the Ezzard Charles—Jersey Joe Walcott fight for the heavyweight championship of the world will be held in Chicago's Comisky Park, on June 22, exactly 12 years to the day since Louis himself knocked out Jimmy Braddock for the same title. And this bout will be staged in the same park.

The International Boxing Club, under Director Louis' business eye, is in for 50 percent of the net receipts. Walcott and Charles each will receive 25 percent.

Other than that, the IBC will have the Charles-Walcott winner

fight another top-ranking heavyweight within 90 days after this title bout.

Charles, the 25-year-old Cincinnati scrapper who gained fame as a light-heavy will open his training camp at West Baden, Ind. Walcott, who came close to getting the title in December, 1947, will take his pre-fight training at Hot Springs, Ark. Four or five weeks before the scrap both fighters will move into Chicago training headquarters.

Walcott, the fighting Negro from Camden, N. J., gained the peak of his fame when he scored three knockdowns over Louis in two

#### Interested In WNC Softball League?

CANTON—Jack Justice, commissioner of softball in Western North Carolina, is anxious to lay the groundwork for the organization of a WNC softball league if enough teams are seriously interested in making it a going circuit.

He would like to hear from managers of teams who would like to enter such a league, and will call

fighters. In the first, many thought the decision, given to Louis, was unfair. However, the champ took no chances in their return go as he belted Walcott out in 11 rounds.

Charles has lost only four fights in his eight year career. Since emerging from the army three years ago, he won 28 out of 29, scoring 12 knockouts. His only loss was to Elmer (Violent) Ray, whom he later kayoed.

a meeting for organization purposes if enough teams want a league.

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### SYLVA GRIDDERS HARD AT WORK

Under the watchful eyes of head coach James Barnwell and assistant Wallace Martin the spring football candidates at Sylva High School are hard at work.

Going into their second week of drills, Barnwell is working with the beginners, of which he has plenty, and Martin is handling the veterans.

Eight boys from last fall's squad will graduate in the spring. They include: D. C. Hughes, Bobby Gunter, Carrol Ashe, Vance Blanton, Clarence Frizzell, Clyde Bumgarner, and Jack Cunningham. Ashe, Bumgarner, and Cunningham played in the Asheville Optimist Bowl.

Holdovers from last fall include: Hayes Queen, Furman Dillard, Roy Elders, Kent Hoyle, Charles Crisp, Harold Parris, Perry Rhodes, Edward Ward, Dennis Ensley, Charles Cunningham, Wesley Warren, Derel Monteith, Zollie Fincannon, Dorsey Moon, Tom Henry, Roy Dillard, Earnest Bumgarner, Thornton Cabe, and Harold Elders.

Newcomers are Verlin Enloe, Larry Gunter, Jimmy Allison, T. C. Shepherd, Donald Shuler, John Robinson, J. L. Raby, Jack Denton, Jack Crawford, Kenneth Rhodes, David Dillard, Franklin Fricks, Roy Dillard, Willard Cogdill, Jim Hall, Eldridge Painter, Lambert Hooper, Johnnie Hoxit, Jerry Dillard, Franklin Middleton, Dick Barkley, Roy Jamison, Harold Queen, Kenneth Sutton, and Doyle Gunter.

Barnwell stated that spring football will run on for three or four more weeks.

### ASHEVILLE TOURISTS OPEN EXHIBITION SCHEDULE SUNDAY

ASHEVILLE — Western North Carolina baseball fans get their first look at the 1949 edition of the Asheville Tourists Sunday, April 3, when they meet the Marion Marauders in the first game of their exhibition schedule slated for McCormick Field in Asheville.

The 1948 Tri-Stars League champions received their first assignment of players last Friday and under the watchful eye of Manager Ed Head they went right to work and pounded out a 6-1 victory over the Newport News club of the Piedmont League.

Three of the first assignment were with the Tourists last year. They are: pitcher Gene Starr, outfielder Bill Jekielek, and infielder Ken Lein.

At present there are several weak positions in the Asheville squad, but Manager Head is confident that they will be worked out before Sunday.

The Tourists will arrive in Asheville Friday.

### WOW, Boodleville And Rex-All-Stars Win Games

The Woodmen of the World edged Terrell's Terrors, the Rex-All-Stars defeated Velt's and Boodleville downed Webster in City League games last Wednesday night.

However, the Velt's—Rex-All-Stars game counted as a win for Velt's since the All-Stars replaced the American Legion and Velt's retained their lead in the league.

Due to the fact that the score-sheets were misplaced no box scores on the games are available.

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