

Paycheck Can Beat Joe Louis, If...

By Lawton Carver, International News Service Sports Editor.

NEW YORK—Johnny Paycheck is not a great fighter, but—Johnny Paycheck can beat Joe Louis if—

At nearby Pompton Lake, N. J., the aforesaid Mr. Paycheck is quite industriously engaged for what probably will be his extremely short encounter with the heavy-weight champion Friday night, once and while few, if any, will get out on a limb in his behalf and footedly pick him to win the title, there are some who inject at enough doubt into their opinion to make it look as though the Moines fighter could come through. What they tell you is that he is not a great fighter, but he can hit and move around and that he can beat Louis if he manages to survive the champion's first threatening gestures.

As far as we are concerned, we will feel quite certain that the encounter will not last long enough to fall on anybody—at a rough guess about five minutes. However, there is a growing suspicion around New York that Louis has tipped badly under soft living and a natural laziness, with the result that he is about ripe to be taken by some such hard-hitting boxer as the bald-headed Des Moines fighter.

As to that, we don't think Louis is slipped, the Godoy fight notwithstanding, because he has been so active to let down much. Moreover, he could slip to considerable extent and still beat or knock out any fighter currently in the business. Only eight men have ever laid the limit with him since he turned professional and he has scored 37 knockouts in his 45 professional starts.

As he goes through his training in the country he is quite the grim fellow he was following the knockout he suffered in the first Schmeling bout. When he went back into camp after that one really meant business, and that apparently is his attitude again now, stung as he is and has been by the utterly foolish fight waged by him and Godoy. He couldn't knock Godoy down or out, and will be all the more eager to hand Paycheck a good lathering.

If Louis is as vicious and effective as he was the night of the second Schmeling fight, Paycheck can't have a chance. He actually will be looking at what may be the greatest fighter that ever lived—that is, if Louis gets mad and walks at there with both barrels blazing, and he probably will be in that same of mind.

In fact, the farther we go the less chance we give John, despite the growing ballyhoo in his behalf.

Former Champ Against Too Many Title Bouts

Jack Dempsey, famous mauler several years past, expressed himself by saying that too many title bouts are being waged, and that the champion should not defend his title more than two or three times a year. This was not the case when Jack was sitting on the throne. He now proposes that special schools be established for professional boxers by either the government or wealthy men co-operating with promoters.

SLANTS ON SPORTS

By MARION BRIDGES

For the past several weeks we have been concentrating on national matters in this column and there have been some that were very interesting.

It is time to turn back to the local situation for a change and see what has transpired in the basketball line during the past season.

To begin with, the Waynesville Mountaineers had one of the most successful seasons in several years, only to lose all tournament games except the Blue Ridge Conference in the girls' division. The local lassies have won three first places and two second places in the past five years in the Blue Ridge Conference, which is a record that is hard to beat, as the conference has only been formed for five years and the locals have been in the finals of all the games.

In all the other tournaments this season the locals have been defeated, and by teams that they had conquered earlier in the season. This is another proof that no one can predict with any form of accuracy, what will be the outcome of a ball game.

This is the time of year when a lull is experienced in the sports events in this community, as the local high school does not have a baseball team, and the weather has been such that the track team has not had any chance to test their ability. As soon as the weather-reman will let up on winter weather spring football will begin and it is expected from all indications that a record turnout will be on hand for this practice.

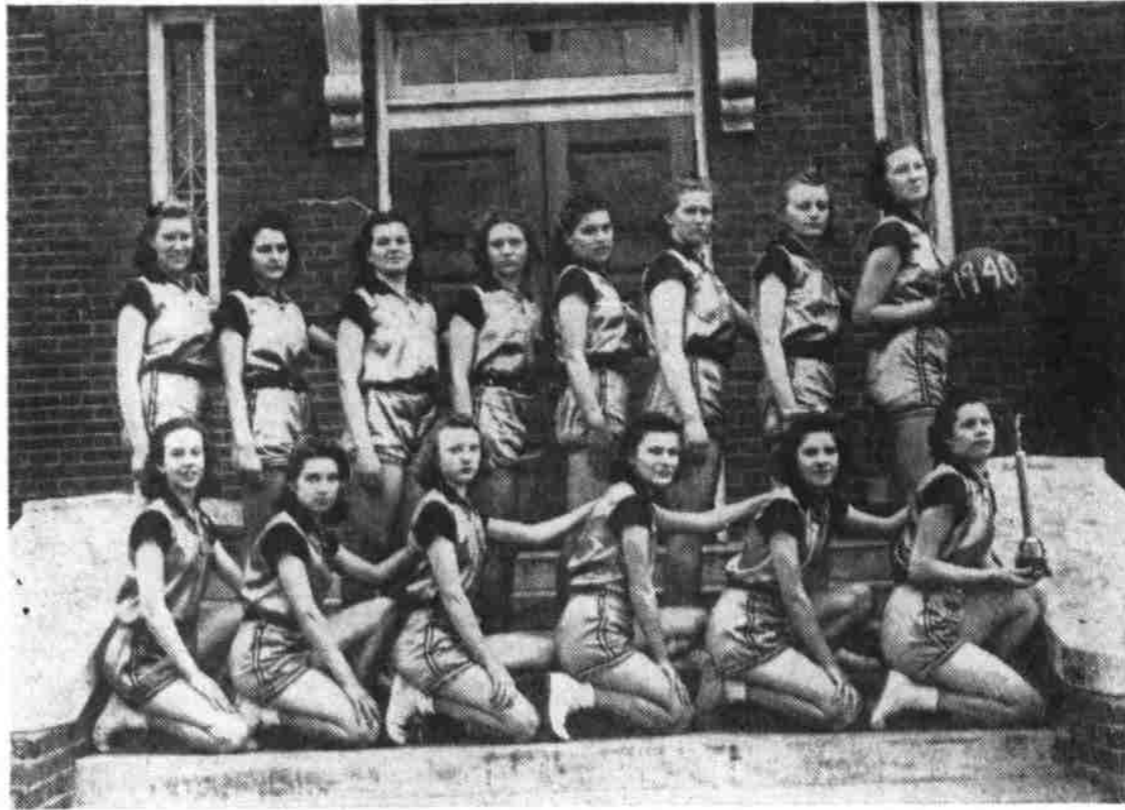
It is time for the softball fever to begin, in fact this time last year spring came early and enthusiasm was at a higher degree. There is plenty of talk about the game this year, and it is expected that a meeting of the officials will be held before long to iron out the kinks that were brought to light last season.

It is expected that several new teams will enter the league this year, and so far there is only one team that has withdrawn from the competition, with the prospect that their decision will be changed before actual play begins.

There has not been any activity in the girls' division, but it is expected that several teams will be organized and ready to play by the time the boys start their campaign.

If the number of teams are increased over last season's twelve teams, the number of nights will be increased to five instead of four as was the schedule last year, and if only twelve teams are decided upon the schedule will probably be the same as last season, giving two off nights to playing rained-out games and letting the girls have a fling at softball.

Blue Ridge Conference Champions



Above are the 1940 winners of the Blue Ridge Conference Basketball Tournament held in Canton recently. The Waynesville Mountaineers have been in the winning position, either with first place or second, every year in the five years that the Conference has been holding the tournaments.

News Among The Big Leagues

BRADINGTON, Pa.—The New York Yankees still are not worried about old Father Time. Though the present Yank pitching corps is hardly wearing out, Marvin Breuer and Tommy Reis, the righthand rookies, up from Kansas City, have given the champs cause to cheer loudest.

WINTER HAVEN, Fla.—The belief that the Giants will have a good pitching staff as any National League club continues to gain weight. Latest to give Manager Bill Terry cause to smile is Cliff Melton, the slim southpaw, who pitched four innings of shut-out ball in blanking the Cleveland Indians.

HAINES CITY, Fla.—Manager Bucky Harris has gone sour on Almon Williams, right-hander who was expected to help the Washington Senators climb out of the second division. Harris says the kid won't work and has "a wrong attitude." "He can go back and win another pennant for Chattanooga, as far as I'm concerned," Harris grumbled.

PASADENA.—Big news in the White Sox camp is the "butterfly ball" being tossed by Rookie Vallie Leves. He won 21 in the Texas League last year and seems slated to stick if he maintains his present form.

LAKELAND, Fla.—Back at the helm after an illness of several days, Manager Del Baker of the Detroit Tigers said he was especially pleased at the manner in which Hank Greenberg cavorted in the outfield against Cincinnati.

MIAMI BEACH, Fla.—There will be no escaping "power" from

the National League if President Gerald Nugent of the Phillis can help it. "I'm going to hold up waivers on every promising player in our league and no one who shows anything will get away from us. The teams will have to start cutting soon and we're going to get 'em."

TAMPA, Fla.—Manager Bill McKechnie of the Cincinnati Reds says the reason he isn't playing Lonnie Frey is because he wants him to gain weight—but everyone else thinks he's trying to give Eddie Joost a chance at the second base job.

ASHEVILLE TOURISTS BEGIN THEIR TRAINING

The Asheville Tourists began active training in Columbus, Ga., last Monday with only a few of the sluggers present for the initial tryout, but before the week ended it is expected that a number of the old hands will be on hand and doing their stuff on the diamond.

Manager Tommie West, new manager of the Tourists, after a quick marriage, settled down to the task of putting the Piedmont pennant winners of last season into shape for another successful season. Cold weather handicapped the opening season, but with temperatures moderating, the squad is expected to get down to hard work before the week ends.

TENNIS IN CALIFORNIA

Northern California Tennis Association's interclub tournament drew 42 teams this year for its spring round-robin. No wonder California turns out so many fine players.

Industrial Loop To Organize On Friday

Greensboro Golf Tournament Snowed Out For Three Days

Due to the unexpected blanket of snow that covered most of North Carolina, the Greensboro open golf tournament went off schedule the first of the week, but was resumed Tuesday on a relatively mushy course. Several outstanding Western North Carolina golfers are participating in the event.

More accidents occur on the highways in daytime than at night, but more fatalities occur at night.

Wife Preservers



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Hazelwood Manufacturers To Be Member of 1940 Loop In W. N. C.

The Industrial League, of which Hazelwood is a part, will meet at the George Vanderbilt Hotel in Asheville Friday night to discuss plans for the coming baseball season. The meeting will get underway at 7 o'clock with a banquet followed by a business session.

A. G. Kyle, secretary of the league, announced that the new Ecusta plant at Brevard had applied for entrance into the loop. This plant will with all probability be permitted to enter this year thereby increasing the competition.

According to Mr. Kyle, the season is expected to open either on April 20 or 27. The teams composing the league last year were: Hazelwood, Canton, Beacon Mills, Sayles Bleachers, Biltmore, Brevard and two teams from Enka. The title was won by Brevard.

George Bischoff and James Kuykendall are managers of the Hazelwood Manufacturers.

HELP FOR TRIBE?

By Jack Sords



AL WASN'T MUCH OF A SUCCESS IN THE NATIONAL LEAGUE AND WAS FINALLY WAVED OUT

Prosecutes Plotters



United States Attorney Harold M. Kennedy is in charge of the prosecution of the seventeen men held in New York on charges of plotting against the United States.

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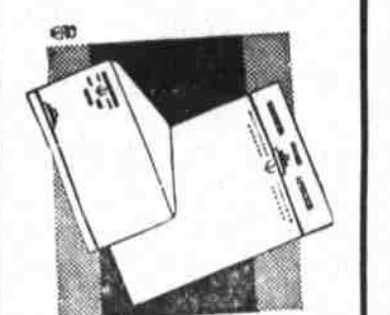
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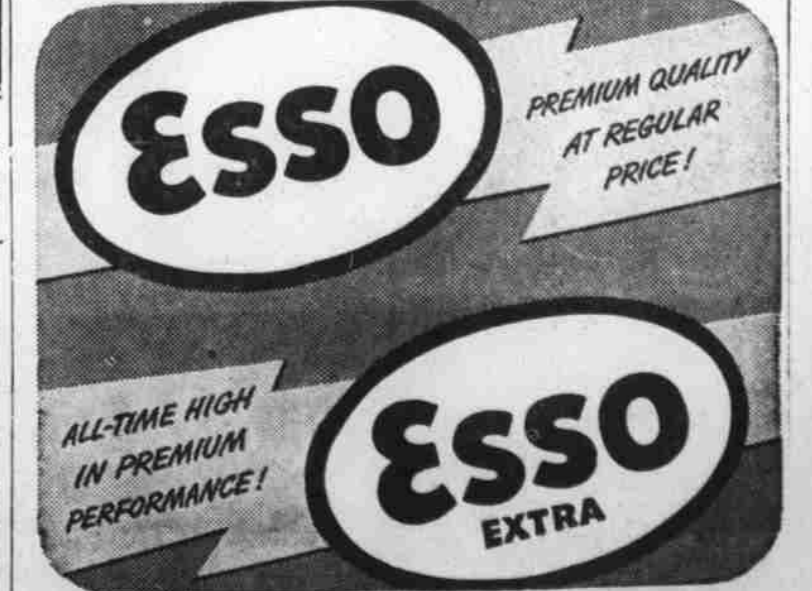
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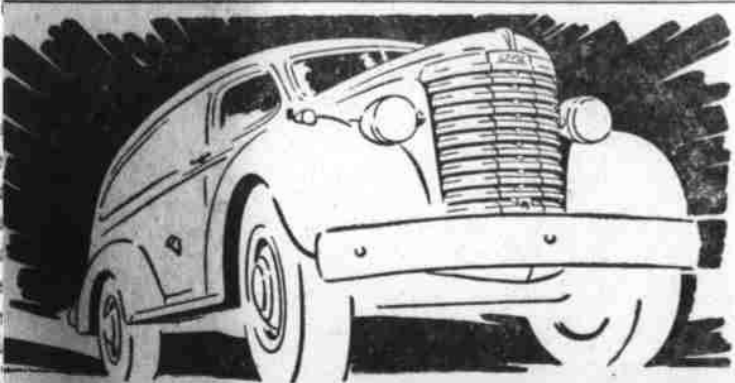
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