

SPEARHEADING WITH SPORTS

By ED SPEARS

IN FOUR GAMES the Waynesville high boys have suffered three defeats, which naturally appears pretty bad. They will undoubtedly lose some more before the season is over. Potentially they have a very good team, but suffer in basketball because there is not enough interval between the end of football and the start of the indoor sport. This year, in particular, when two of the first string men were kept from basketball because of a postseason grid game, and another was out with injury, has contributed to the poor start to date.

IF THE boys don't get downhearted, and we doubt that they will, they'll come back and be a force to be reckoned with before the season is over.

CANTON HIGH'S 1948 grid card, as yet incomplete, will contain games with Morganton and Lenoir of the Western Conference, as well as Marion whom they met last autumn. The Black Bears play at Lenoir on October 1, at Morganton on October 22, and are hosts to Marion November 12. Dates have been set by Pendexter with Wayneville, Asheville School, Swannanoa and Christ School also, and it is planned to fill out an 11-game slate.

AS WE announced some time back, Coach Weatherby also has arranged a grid series with Lenoir, and will meet Elizabethon again... plus the two games with Canton... which assures some interesting programs for Haywood fans this coming autumn.

AFTER LISTENING to quite a bit of advice and suggestions about where he should continue his schooling, Tom Medford—WTHS all-state guard who was kept from entering college last September due to illness—took a trip down the state and made his own choice. He is entering Duke University this coming semester, and is leaving for school a few days early to hone up on his studies beforehand... Billy Wells, from all reports, is one of the big coss in the Lenoir-Rhyme cam team this year. The ex-Bethel high star played with the Bears in their two-game series last week at Western Carolina, in which the teams split victories... When all-star honors are being passed out after the basket tournaments this winter, Bethel's Bill Trull will be hard to keep off any of them. He not only is their Mr. Pointmaker, but the best rebound taker on defense the team has.

Jersey Joe's Big Moment



THE BIG MOMENT for Jersey Joe Walcott, 34-year-old Negro heavyweight contender from Camden, N. J., came when Joe Louis walked into a short right during the first round of their championship fight. He is shown going down for a count of two. Louis took a count of seven during the fourth round, but came back to win an unpopular decision. Walcott is tabbed the number two man among heavyweights and a return bout with Louis is in the making.

Buchanan's Five To Play Blanton College Here Wed.

Buchanan's basketball team is scheduled to meet the Blanton's Business college five of Asheville on the local Armory floor, starting at 7 o'clock Wednesday night, announces Manager James Gardner. This will be the first regular game for the local independents, now getting in shape for the IBAA tournament at Canton.

Members of the squad include Gardner, James Brackett, Walter Wyatt, Bobby Platt, Ken Troutman, Joe Cline, Wick Collins, Charles Teague, Wallace Abel and Henry Cagle.

Canton Wins Pair From Fines Creek

The Canton high cage teams travel to Crabtree-Iron Duff tonight to continue their winter campaign, fresh from an impressive pair of wins over Eanes Creek on their home court.

The CHS girls took Fines Creek into camp 31 to 15 to keep their undefeated record clean, while the Bears had less trouble than expected in downing the visitors 45 to 26. Ted James was high point man with 12 of the Fines Creek markers, while Phillips was pacesetter for the winners with 19.

Boys Lineup
Pos. Canton (45) Fines Creek (26)
F J. Smithers James (12)
F Phillips (10) McElroy (4)
C M. Stiles (9) Green
G Miller (2) Ledford (3)
G T. Stiles (2) Rogers (7)
Subs: Canton, King 7, Kelley 2, Stevens 4, T. Smithers 1, Ivester, Mabry 5, Reagan 4, Carter, Fines Creek, Haynes, Knowland, Kirkpatrick

CINCINNATI VENDORS SOLD ABOUT 77 MILES OF HOT DOGS IN 1947

AP Newsfeatures

CINCINNATI — Thirsty baseball fans at Crosley Field drank 96 miles of beer last season.

The followers of the Cincinnati Reds also devoured 77 miles of hot dogs, several square feet of mustard, enough ice cream to drown an elephant, enough peanuts to cover the playing field, and 95 miles of soft drinks.

The beer came in 675,000 bottles, each nine inches high—stacked on—end they'd reach the 96 miles; there were 800,000 hot dogs; 1,000 gallons of ice cream, 70,000 bags of peanuts and 740,000 soft drink bottles.

Incidentally, the vendors who sold these refreshments sometimes made as much as \$500 a month during the season and a take of \$100 on big days and nights was not unusual. The hotter the day or night the larger the income.

PITCHING CASTOFFS TURNED IN FINE GAMES

NEW YORK—(AP)—Five cast-offs turned in some brilliant pitching efforts for National League teams last season. Charley (Red) Barrett, former Cardinal, accounted for two fine games with the Boston Braves.

On June 9 he hurled a one-hitter against the Chicago Cubs and two months later he tossed a three-hitter against the Brooklyn Dodgers. Clarence (Hook) Iott, cut adrift by the St. Louis Browns, pitched a two-hitter against the Cubs for the New York Giants and Ernie Bonham, ex-Yankee, turned in a two-hitter for the Pittsburgh Pirates against the Reds.

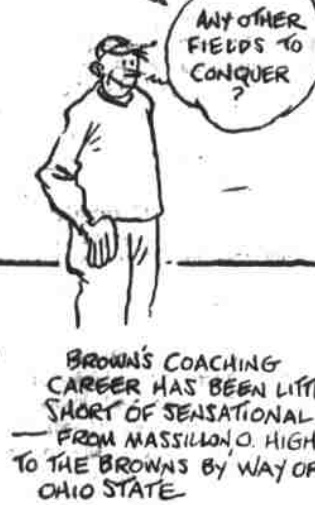
Emil (Dutch) Leonard, ex-Washington Senator, tossed a three-hitter for the Phillies against the Cincinnati Reds while Bill Voiselle, traded by the Giants to the Braves, had a three-hitter against the Cardinals.

CHAMP BUILDER . . . By Jack Sords



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Magician Finds A Way To Give Audience The Bird

By TRYING DESFOR

AP Newsfeatures

NEW YORK — A young performer has learned how to give his audience the bird, and it pays off at the box office.

In smart supper clubs in Cleveland, Chicago or Omaha, a personable young man comes on stage to the strains of a familiar tune.

He reaches into the air and a bright silk cascades into view. He covers a fist with it. When it is slowly drawn away a goblet of wine is revealed.

"Nicely done," onlookers may say. "Now watch the glass disappear... I've seen that before."

That's when the spectators start to gape. When the silk slithers away again, they see, perched on the glass, a little bird with a long tail.

It hops to young Jack Kodell's index finger. Then presto!—there is another bird on the next finger.

Kodell whistles "Don't Fence Me In." There's a graceful movement of the hand—and three birds. Once more and there are four brightly plumaged Australian parakeets side by side.

In the next few moments they will disappear or fly invisibly from one glass cage to another previously-empty glass cage. They will emerge from a paper tube into which a gossamer silk was blown. And finally from Kodell's top hat there will appear, not the traditional rabbit, but a varicolored parrot.

The audience has seen "A Fantasy in Birds," the only act

of its kind, as performed by its not yet 21-year-old originator. In 1943, after four years of magic, young Jack went to an expert in Chicago with the complaint, "I'm not getting anywhere—what can I do?"

"Get a specialty," was the answer, "something off the beaten track."

Two years of hard work, training and patience made Jack's act a success. Recently it was awarded a trophy as the best on the show at the convention of the Society of American Magicians in Chicago.

Kodell's birds are Australian members of the parakeet family. They are from 7 to 9 inches long and extremely smart. They are

WTHS Cagers To Meet Cullowhee Here Tonight

One Juke Box Labeled As Public Menace

WILKES-BARRE, Pa. (UP)—The pharmacist in Tuck's drug store told his employer that he no longer could prepare prescriptions with a juke box blaring in the background.

The employer agreed the music was a menace and filed suit against Francis C. Schmitt, who holds a food and fountain concession in the Tuck store, for removal of the record player.

Not only did the juke box "mentally and physically" disturb the pharmacist, the suit contended, but it "cheapened the atmosphere, general environment and standard of the store."

HUSBANDS KNOW BEST

BOSTON (UP)—Mrs. Veronica Dengel, voted one of the nation's 10 best-dressed women, told a Boston audience that a husband's judgment on his wife's clothing is usually best. "He is more objective than women friends," she explained. "They may tell you that your new hat looks terrible, then hike off and buy one just like it for themselves."

trained to music and whenever they hear familiar melodies they want to act, showing there's a bit of "ham" even in birds.

Recently they appeared at an all-star show of the New York Society of American Magicians. Through all the preparations Jack was concerned with an unusual problem for an unmarried man—parenthood. Back home in Chicago some eggs were due to hatch from his first breeding attempt. He didn't dare show his concern at the impending blessed event to his little assistants.

Evidently he succeeded for their act won new laurels.

Backstage a phone call home gave him the glad tidings that the baby bird had arrived safely. As he was showered with the congratulations of the magic fraternity, a talent scout for the movies broached the possibilities of a Hollywood career.

Eying success, Kodell may well say, "I owe it all to my fine-feathered friends!"

Bethel Takes Pair From Waynesville On Friday Night

Waynesville's girls tasted their first defeat of the season Friday night as Betty Clarke of Bethel dropped in a pair of free shots in the final minutes of play to give the visitors the two points difference in a 16-14 count.

The Blue Demons were never in danger during the boys' game as center Bill Trull sank seven field goals and four out of six free tries, in addition to being the busiest man under the Mountaineer basket retrieving the many missed shots that still is Waynesville's greatest weakness. When the final whistle blew Bethel led 34 to 14.

In the opening game both teams, playing their first game since the holidays, started slow and the work of guards outshone the forwards. Bethel stayed ahead, leading 7-4 at the half and 11-6 when the final quarter began, when the game opened up to provide a thrilling finish. Ruth Phillips hit two field goals to tighten the gap, and Cogdill shot another to tie the score at 14-14. Fouls proved Waynesville's undoing, however, with Clarke placing in two free shots to decide the verdict.

Trull tallied six points the first quarter while Waynesville stayed scoreless, then Henson Long began helping run the Blue Demon count upwards to edge the home club by 20 points and hand them their worst licking of the season.

Girls Lineup

Pos. Waynesville (14) Bethel (16)
F Phillips (7) Clarke (9)
F McCracken (3) Mease (5)
F Cogdill (4) Blalock (2)
G Sheehan Farmer
G Enslay Singleton
G Wyatt Bumgarner

Boys Lineups

Pos. Waynesville (14) Bethel (34)
F Carswell (2) Long (10)
F Davis Laymon
C Sheehan Trull (18)
G Shook (5) Deaver (1)
G Gibson (2) Gibson
Subs: Waynesville, Powers, Limer 1, Yarborough 4, Atkinson, Sutton, McCracken; Bethel, Murry, Henson 2, Henderson, Reece, Chason, Williams 3, Referee, Cope.

All High School Teams Are Set For Encounter

All Haywood county basketball teams will be in day or tonight; two being tangle with Jackson counts while the other four other.

Cullowhee invades the ville gym in the first season of the two schools doubleheader starting 8 o'clock tonight. They haven't been too impressive far, and this may be when the Mountaineers upward swing after their tosses.

Bethel journeys to Spivey for what promises to be their toughest engagement far.

At 1 o'clock this afternoon Clyde teams tie up with Creek at the latter's court. These games are toss-ups, records indicate they are evenly matched in boys' division.

Canton will be heavy to cop both ends of the day at Crabtree-Iron Duff, the recent impressive win in Creek places them as leaders for county honors, something only Bethel has a position to dispute at the end of the season.

MEANEST THIEF ACTS DOES GOOD TURN

BOISE, Ida. (UP)—A thief into the Idaho office of the Paralysis and took \$3.33 change donated by school to fight Idaho's worst break in history.

A United Press story that thief as another "meanest" Since then, people have writing here from all over town enclosing money. It now total three times the stolen.



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