

### What's Popping In Sports

By CARROLL POPLIN

Coach Carleton Weatherby revealed this morning that he has filed application for membership in the Western Athletic Conference, but no official word has been received on the reported exit from the Blue Ridge Conference.

The jump to the highly rated Western conference would afford Waynesville High School an opportunity to play Class A high school opponents, a notch higher than the Blue Ridge group of foes. The Waynesville Mountaineers for the past several decades have been a leader in the Blue Ridge Conference and a like to stronger competition would give the local fares more recognition for their grid feats.

It was also announced recently that Canton High School has applied for membership into the Western loop as well as Brevard and Lenoir high schools. The status of the team from the Blue Ridge Conference would be a moot point in a potent Western athletic competition and would tend to bring top-flight teams to this section of Western North Carolina.

The Waynesville Mountaineers have always been on par with the Class A high school teams. This fact was proven when the Mountaineers defeated Marion, the class of the Western Conference, at Canton's first annual Paper Bowl classic. In case Waynesville is accepted in the new loop, it would mean that they would play such teams as Lenoir, Marion, Hendersonville, Morganton and Forest City.

Coach Weatherby reported that the 1949 program for the Mountaineers was almost complete. Included in the amended schedule will be five home encounters with Elizabethton, Marion, Hendersonville, Canton and Monroe. A working agreement with Forest City will probably be effective starting in 1950.

When the Waynesville High School basketball teams resume court action against the strong Clyde cagers Friday night, they will have the opportunity of racking up twin victories on the new electric scoreboard which has been installed in the high school gymnasium.

The new scoreboard, which is to be installed in the gymnasium, will replace the old-fashioned chalkboard score tables. The electric score and timer was installed last December and it will be a great boon to the spectators since it will be visible at any point in the game.

The North Carolina high school athletic association has delayed action on the proposal of 19-year-old limit for athletes until 1950. The Hendersonville Bearcats have several notices of warnings in basketball this season as they have not been making schedule over Asheville High School and Canton in games before the holidays.

Ed Coan, star rookie outfielder for the Washington Senators, is now residing in Brevard. Few people in this section of the state realize the significance and importance of Coan's appointment as assistant athletic director at Enka. Story came to Enka from Chatham in Elkin, where he was an outstanding basketball and baseball player.

### Black Bears Set To Play 11 Opponents On Grid Card

The Black Bears of Canton high school will face a rugged eleven-game football schedule next season according to the 1949 schedule released recently by Coach C. C. Ponder.

The Canton grid team will continue to play the top-ranking Class A football teams of Western North Carolina, despite a disastrous '48 campaign by the Bears in winning only one game.

The season will open for the Black Bears on September 9 and will close with the annual traditional Thanksgiving Day game at Waynesville.

Ten of the eleven games are already definitely scheduled and negotiations are nearly completed for an opponent for the opening contest. Either Children's Home of Winston-Salem, or Mars Hill High, a new member of the Blue Ridge Conference, will be booked for the initial tussle.

The remainder of the slate includes games with five Western conference teams and four Blue Ridge conference foes. As has been the custom for the past 12 years, the Black Bears will tangle with the Mountaineers twice during the season.

The 1949 schedule is as follows: Sept. 9, Pendleton, at home; Sept. 16, Forest City, there; Sept. 23, Monroe, there; Sept. 30, Lenoir, at home; Oct. 7, Waynesville, at home; Oct. 15, Asheville School, there; Oct. 21, Morganton, at home; Oct. 28, Hendersonville, there; Nov. 5, Christ School, at home; Nov. 11, Marion, there; Nov. 24, Waynesville, there.

In fact, he was chosen as the best amateur hunter in the United States, while playing with Chatham. He was a former member of the Asheville Tourists. Story joins Big Sam Patton as athletic director at Enka and this move indicates that the Waynesville athletic teams will be much stronger in the future. The grid basketball team at Enka may lose their star performer via the marriage route.

Out of the many believe-it-or-not stories reported by North Carolina deer hunters come two of the season's most unusual. They are the bagging of a six-point doe and the shooting of two deer with one bullet. State game officials reported that it was a legal kill because the "trick" doe had antlers.

John D. Ward knocked down two deer with one shot. He told game officials he shot at a five-point buck and killed it. When he walked over to his deer he saw that a bullet had also been fired by the same shot, the bullet splitting when it hit the large deer.

### Bowling League Swings Back Into Action Tonight

The Waynesville Ten Pin League will swing back into action tonight after a layoff during the holidays. Featuring the evening matches will be a match between Ward's Esso and the Waynesville Bowling Center teams. The Ward team is continuing to set a fast pace in league competition with the W.B.C. team staying in second slot and the match tonight shapes up as a hotly contested battle.

The league teams are starting the final round of the first half of play and all the teams are starting out to move up in the standings.

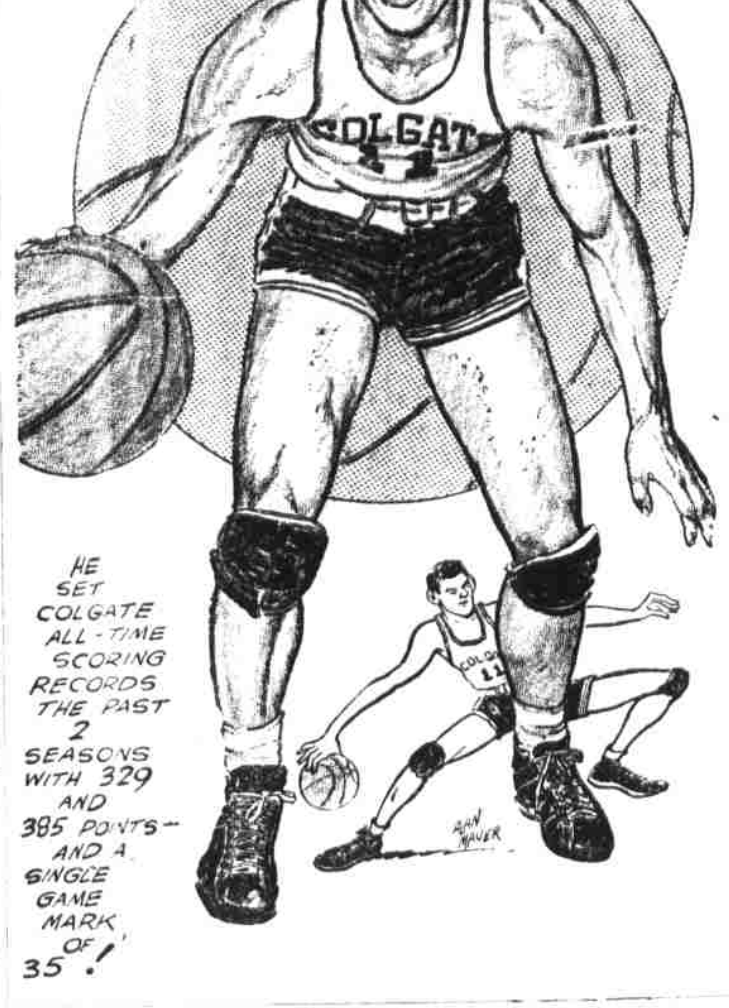
During the layoff from regular games, the local bowlers kept in shape with a couple of matches. One match resulted from a challenge by Ward and as the challenge was taken three straight games. The other match was between the Waynesville team and picked team from the Asheville League, with the Asheville team taking all three games in a very good match.



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### Underwood Cagers Play Dayton Five Tonight At 8

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After going down before the Crabtree basketekers in their last game, the Underwood five is anxious to get back into the win column and are going all out to down the Dayton team. All indications point to a first class game and the local fans that turn out are assured of a good game.

The Underwood team will get back into Haywood County league competition Wednesday and Saturday night when they tangle with the Finishing Room and Buchanan teams at Canton.

One of the years best games will be unrecalled on the Waynesville high gym January 23rd when Underwoods meet the strong Asheville Bombers. The Bombers boast of one of the top independent teams in this part of the state but Manager Bill Kanos of the locals stated that the improved play of his team would push the Bombers all the way and he expects the game to be a close, hard fought affair from start to finish.

### Five Changes In High School Grid Rules Are Made

The National Federation of State High School Athletic Associations announced five changes in football rules at the close of its four-day meeting. North Carolina was admitted at this meeting, leaving only two states that are not members.

The changes:

1. If a foul occurs during a backward pass or fumble there will be no mandatory loss of the ball.
2. A team may hold distance legally gained before a foul occurs.
3. On punt returns, the penalty for a foul usually will be measured from the point of return, not affecting the original point.
4. On free kicks, there will be no second kick if the ball goes out of bounds. Instead, it will go to the receiver's 40-yard line, or to the line where it went out of bounds, whichever is most advantageous to the receiver.
5. If an ineligible receiver catches a pass in or behind the scrimmage line, the penalty will be five yards instead of 15. There will be no penalty for accidentally touching the ball.

H. V. Porter, executive secretary, said there was "considerable discussion" of a proposal to permit players to advance a fumble. He said the state of Oregon will be used again next season as an experimental field for study of the matter.

Porter said no equipment changes were made because the association felt there was "no specific need" for them but that the matter will remain under study.

### Wildlife Group Sends Out Fishing Licenses To Game Protectors

The Wildlife Resources Commission yesterday was mailing out batches of 1949 fishing licenses to county game protectors and selling agents.

The licenses go on sale immediately and are effective on January 1. Each batch included a supply of state and county licenses and daily permits.

In addition, a number of copies of the fishing regulations for 1949 also was included.

A state license costs \$3.10, a county license is \$1.10, and a one-day resident permit is 60 cents. Non-residents may buy a year's license for \$6.10, a five-day permit for \$2.60 or a one-day permit for \$1.10.

"BLUE BABY" IS 22

BALTIMORE (UP)—Doctors at Johns Hopkins Hospital will perform an operation shortly on one of the oldest "blue babies" brought to the institution for treatment. He is 22-year-old William P. Stewart. Hospital attendants said a heart condition which prevents the blood from getting enough oxygen has been found operable.

### Harry Jaynes, WCTC Star Joins High School Staff

Harry Jaynes, former Waynesville grid star, returned to familiar surroundings yesterday when he started teaching physical education and history in the local high school. Harry graduated from Western Carolina Teachers college last month and although he had several opportunities to teach in other schools throughout the state, he decided to cast his lot here in Waynesville.

Harry began his athletic career under Coaches Weatherby and Ratcliff at Waynesville high school and continued to Western Carolina where he played four years of varsity football and two years of basketball.

While at Waynesville high, Jaynes earned 3 letters in football and also lettered three years in basketball. He saw considerable action at guard on the football squad but shifted to the pivot spot in 1942 where he performed brilliantly during the undefeated season of the Mountaineers that year.

Harry filled the center position and line-backing post on the 1943 squad and spearheaded an outstanding defensive team throughout the season.

During his four years at Western Carolina Harry earned the respect of the opposition of the entire North State Conference.

Tipping the scales at a mere 225 pounds and considered very fast for his size, Jaynes played a bruising defensive game along with a hard charging, aggressive offensive game. Although injured in mid-season this year, he was considered one of the best tackles in the rugged North State Conference.

Capable Assistance

Coaches Carleton Weatherby and Carl Ratcliff will have plenty of capable help on hand in the person of Harry when the Mountaineers open spring football drills. He will do double duty with the line coaching and also assist with the basketball team. It is believed that the Waynesville fans will see a hard blocking, charging and tackling Mountaineer line next fall.

In the opinion of this writer, Waynesville has taken a long step in the right direction for a successful gridiron future when they

### Local Bowlers Suffer Defeat By Asheville

Bowling Schedule Tuesday, Jan. 4 Dayton-1 vs. Dayton-2 Lions vs. Cutsole Ward's vs. W.B.C.

The Waynesville bowling team absorbed a shutout defeat at the hands of the team of Asheville bowlers on the teams at the Waynesville Bowling Center Friday night. The Asheville team, composed of some of the top bowlers from the Asheville leagues, proved too much for the local bowlers, as they outscored them by 2643 to 2405 pins.

In the high series of the evening, Wansley and Sluder of the Asheville team took honors with sets of 573 and 562 pins respectively. Elmer Dudley of the locals had third high set of the evening with a 566.

In the individual department, Wansley turned in high game of the match with a 215. Luper and Sluder, also of the visitors, were close behind with games of 200 and 194 pins. Dudley turned in a game of 183 pins for the locals' high game.

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### WCTC Star



Harry Jaynes, former star at Waynesville high school, more recently an outstanding priddler at Western Carolina Teachers College, has joined local high school staff as a teacher and will assist in coaching handling the sport teams.

secured the services of Jaynes, whom Coach Tom Weatherby rates as the most promising pective coach he has ever met and that leaves no doubt in our mind that Harry will place on one of the finest coaching staffs in the state and combined efforts of these of the Waynesville fans will witness a winning campaign throughout the coming season.

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### Martin Gives Predictions In 1949 Sports Almanac

By WHITNEY MARTIN NEW YORK (AP)—Just to keep the franchise, we herewith present the annual edition of the Martin "Little Giant" Sports Almanac, that nugget of misinformation whose accuracies are merely coincidental. The report the predictions were made while under the influence of tap water is erroneous. We never touch the stuff.

Anyway, the Almanac, sent to you unwrapped—as we know you will rap it when you get it—reads as follows:

January Northwestern, Oklahoma, Georgia, Oregon and Missouri win major bowl games. Joe Louis, asked if he planned to defend his title again, declared positively: "Maybe." Price of meat goes down as major league players return contracts with beef. February Ball clubs head South and West. Ray Robinson agrees to defend welter title if sparring partners will stop ribbing him. John Twomey wins Wanamaker mile. Branch Rickey denies he will start nidget

base-ball if attendance shrinks.

March Kentucky wins Madison Square Garden Invitation basketball tournament. Oklahoma Aggies win NCAA and Phillips Oilers the A. A. U. title. Joe Louis insists he is sincere when he says: he will fight again—maybe.

April Major league season opens with 16 championship clubs. All Harbridge and Ford Frick issue unusual predictions: "It will be baseball's greatest year." Lee Savold picked to fight Louis as Ezzard Charles' pilot. Jake Mintz screams: "We wuz procastinated again."

May Baseball morning glories begin to fade. Ewell Blackwell shows kid stuff. Palestinian wins Derby and Preakness. Leo Durocher and Happy Chandler exchange words. "Hello Commissioner," says Durocher. "Hello Leo," says Chandler.

June Joe Louis knocks out Savold in sixth round. Says he's through fighting—maybe. Ben Hogan re-

peats as National Open champion. Red Sox and Indians in battle for A. L. lead. N. L. race still eight teams affair.

July Ted Williams and Stan Musial leading batting races, each at 400 clip. Byron Nelson wins British open. Coney Stengel has sound explanation of why Yankees are in first place: "Five clubs ahead of us." Everybody laughs fit to kill.

August Ominous rumblings traced to football coaches tuning up for opening season. Bill Veerk has an idea: Try baseball without any sideshow give-away programs. Indians pull away from Red Sox; Braves, Cards, Dodgers, Pirates still in N. L. running.

September Indians and Cardinals win pennants. Williams wins A. L. bat crown with 378; Musial takes N. L. title with 378. Joe DiMaggio and Ralph Kiner home run kings with 37 and 45, respectively. Frank Stranahan wins National Amateur golf.

October Indians repeat as World Series winners. Notre Dame, Michigan, Army, Georgia, North Carolina, California among undefeated football teams. Louis says he will fight again—if.

November Notre Dame, Michigan, Army rank 1-2-3 in poll. Four major league managers looking for jobs. Jake Mintz, asked to comment on the future of his fighter, replied: "I regret to inform the public that a statement relative to the boxing championship aspirations of my worthy protégé, Ezzard Charles, is inopportune at the moment. Besides, them guys won't listen to me."

December Bowl committees scramble for teams. Baseball meetings fail to produce important deals, but the moguls went on record as favoring substantial profits. Harry Chandler made the keynote address, using as his theme: "Happy New Year, Everybody."

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