

WTHS Nine, Devils Meet Tomorrow

Lanky Billy Leatherwood, one of Waynesville High's top point-makers on the basketball court, will try his luck on the baseball mound tomorrow afternoon when the Mountaineer nine opens its 1954 season at Brevard.

Coach Bruce Jaynes has only two starters back from last year's team that compiled a neat 10-2 record — Tom Cogdill and Jimmy Frady.

Cogdill will again hold down the shortstop position, while Frady will toil out in left field.

Others who will start against the Blue Devils tomorrow, according to Coach Jaynes, are:

Bobby Hill, catcher; Stuart Roberson, first base; Bobby Ballance, second base; Dewayne Robinson, third base; Tony Davis, center field, and George Mitchell or Virgil Robinson, right field.

The Mountaineers will journey to Bethel Friday, to Ben Lippen next Tuesday and then make their first home appearance against Hendersonville next Friday.

Although the Waynesville baseballers are comparatively green, they have shown a lot of spirit in practice, and may be hard to handle later in the season.

New Look In Basketball Is Suggested

AP Newsfeatures

TOLEDO, Ohio — Jerry Bush, basketball coach at the University of Toledo, isn't satisfied with the present rules. But he is opposed to the 'speed up' changes proposed by other mentors which would change the game.

So he's come up with his own version as a sort of back-handed reply to those who wish to further eliminate defensive play.

"The 39-year-old Bush says "Since most of the proposals I've heard would practically eliminate defense, why not play the game something like this.

"Line up five boys at each end of the floor and give each of them a basketball. Let them shoot unmolested for 20 minutes and then take them to the locker rooms.

"There would be no need for instructions at half-time, so the 10-minute rest period could be spent in rubbing the players' sore arms.

"The second half would be a repeat of the first, except the teams would switch baskets."

Bush smiles when he tells of the exciting contest with no fouls called—just lots of baskets.

"The final score might be 1,098 to 1,097," says Bush. "There's just one more thing, however. An accounting professor from each school would serve as a tabulator for the opposing five."

In 1940, about one U. S. civilian jobholder in 13 worked for a federal, state or local government, compared to one in 9 today.

Waynesville DRIVE-IN THEATRE

Children Under 12 Admitted FREE Show Starts At 7:30 P. M.

MONDAY, APRIL 5
"Kiss Me Kate"

(In Color)
Starring
KATHRYN GRAYSON
HOWARD KEEL
News and Cartoon

TUES. & WED.,
APRIL 6 & 7

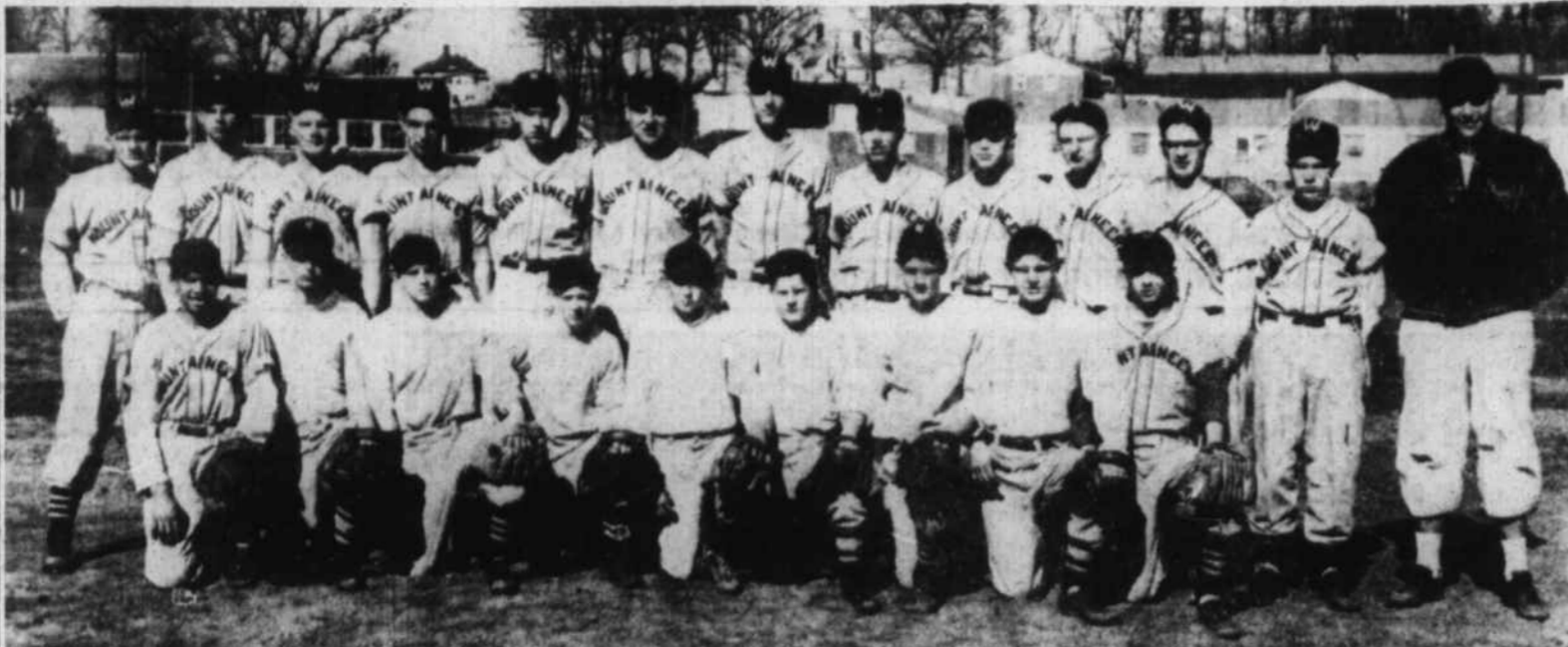
"Sky Commando"
Starring
DAN DURVEA
FRANCES GIFFORD

THURSDAY, APRIL 8

"Key Largo"
Starring
HUMPHREY BOGART
EDWARD G. ROBINSON
LAUREN BACALL

FRIDAY, APRIL 9

"Private Snuffy Smith"
Starring
BUD DUNCAN
EDGAR KENNEDY
—PLUS—
5 COLOR CARTOONS



THE 1954 MOUNTAINEER BASEBALL TEAM will open its season tomorrow afternoon against the Brevard Blue Devils on the Transylvanians' diamond. The WTHS squads include (front row, left to right) James Medford, Johnny Edwards, Freddy Muse, Johnny Wright, Dan Sayer, Mike Byrd, Joel Medford, Charlie

Robinson, and Don Ezell; (back row) Dewayne Robinson, George Mitchell, Stuart Roberson, Paul Hightower, Tony Davis, J. W. Stevens, Billy Leatherwood, Tom Cogdill, Bob Hill, Virgil Robinson, Jimmy Frady, Bobby Ballance, and Coach Bruce Jaynes. (Mountaineer Photo).

Gordon Advises Youths To Play Two Positions

By SID GORDON
Pittsburgh Third Baseman

FORT PIERCE, Fla.—My advice to youngsters is that they learn more than one position. By doing that you will be helping yourself and your team.

Take my case, for example. Had I been able to play only one position I could very well be out of baseball. Despite my 35 years I'm not saying I'm finished as an outfielder, but here I am back as a third baseman in the camp of the Pittsburgh Pirates. I played no third base last year.

It all goes back to 1938 at Milford, Del., where I first broke in. I had played nothing but second base in high school and semi-pro ball. The manager there, the late Val Picinich, had a second baseman and asked me to try playing third base. After three or four days I not only had won the job but had signed my first contract.

Four years later (1942) when I first reported to the New York Giants' training camp in Miami they had Dick Bartell on third base. General Manager Bill Terry called me to his office and, despite my .304 Jersey City batting average, he said, "You will have to go back to Jersey City but I want you back as an outfielder."

At Jersey City I had a good year, hitting .300 as an outfielder and filling in occasionally as a third baseman and pitcher.

In the spring of 1943 in the Giant camp at Lakewood, N. J., I was listed as an outfielder but opened the season at third base. All year I switched between third and the outfield, depending on who pitched. My being a two-position man enabled the manager to put another right-handed bat in the lineup.

In the spring of 1948 I had no set position; Jack Lohrke was the third baseman and Whitey Lockman played left field. I became first utility man. In the second game of the season center fielder Bobby Thomson wrenched his knee. Lockman moved over to center and I went to left. On the first eastern swing I played 14 games and led the Giants in all departments, hits, home runs and

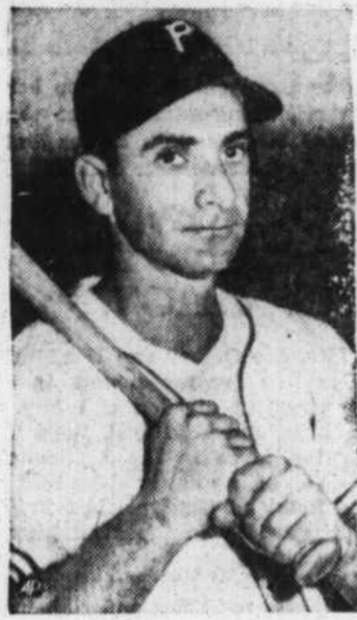
runs batted in.

At Cincinnati, Ott told me "you have to go back to the bench. Thomson's knee is better." I didn't like it. It was the first time I ever talked back to any manager.

When Lohrke's batting average fell I got back at third base, playing about 120 games there. I felt fine inside when the season was over. I had hit .299, drove in 107 runs and got 30 home runs — and apologized to Mel Ott.

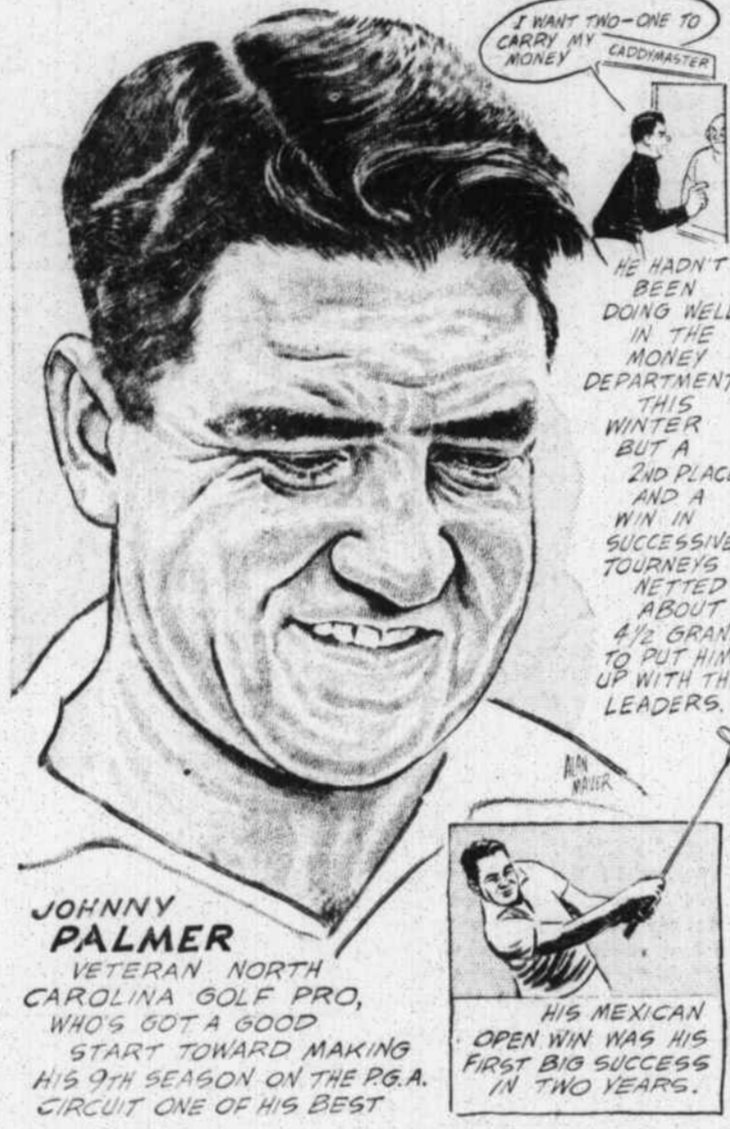
In 1949 I was switched again, even playing a few innings at first base. At the end of the season I was traded to Boston where I met another obstacle on third base — Bob Elliott, who had some great seasons for the Braves. Thus, I became an outfielder again. When Elliott got hurt Billy Southworth called me in to play third base and in 134 games I had hit .304 with 103 RBIs and 27 homers.

In this game when you can take the place of an injured player and play more than one position regularly you are an asset to the team. While I played the outfield I always tried to get in some work-outs at third base, even in spring training. I've always had a feeling that keeping sharp at two positions would pay off. Right now it's keeping me in the big leagues.



SID GORDON
Versatile Performer

GOOD START - - - - - By Alan Mavon



JOHNNY PALMER
VETERAN NORTH CAROLINA GOLF PRO, WHO'S GOT A GOOD START TOWARD MAKING HIS 9TH SEASON ON THE PGA. CIRCUIT ONE OF HIS BEST

Babe Ruth Could Hit 'Em At Any Time

AP Newsfeatures

LOS ANGELES — Herb Thormahlen, 57, former major league southpaw takes issue with Ralph Kiner's statement that Babe Ruth's home run production would have been cut by five a year had there been night baseball in the Bambino's day.

"Babe Ruth could have gotten out of bed at midnight and hit what is being pitched today," says Thormahlen. "I know because I saw him against Walter Johnson, Jim Shaw, Eddie Cicotte and Red

During the 13th Centruy a large whale swam under London Bridge and was killed up stream with bows and slings says the National Geographic Society.

Faber, "I am very grateful there was a Babe Ruth and that I had the privilege of playing with and against him."

Thormahlen won 30 games in the majors while losing 20. He played with Ruth in 1920. In 1921 Thormahlen pitched for the Red Sox and returned to the majors briefly with Brooklyn in 1925.

Women's Bowling Loop Announces Event Winners



WAYNESVILLE MEN'S LEAGUE

National Guard and Charlie's Place shut out Welco Shoe and Champion Y, respectively, in the Waynesville Men's Bowling League last week, while Waynesville Bowling Center and Canton All Stars took two from Billmore Dairy and Pet Dairy.

Wayne Dietz rolled a 222 for the high game—one more than Paul Clark's 221. Clark, however, posted the high series of 614.

HIGH TEAM SERIES
Canton All Stars 2796
Pet Dairy 2759
Waynesville Bowling Center 2705

HIGH TEAM GAME
Canton All Stars 980
Pet Dairy 966
Charlie's Place 955

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES
Paul Clark 614
Wayne Dietz 581
Weldon Goolsby 553

HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME
Wayne Dietz 222
Paul Clark 221
Ray Wilson 220

TEAM STANDINGS

Charlie's	61½	28½	683
Pet Dairy	58½	31½	650
Billmore Dairy	57	33	633
Way. Bowl. Ctr	50	40	556
Canton All Stars	49	41	544
Champion Y	42	48	467
National Guard	33	57	367
Welco Shoe Co.	12	78	133

TOP TEN AVERAGES

1. Earl Gribble	186.26
2. Paul Clark	172.53
3. Weldon Goolsby	171.82
4. Wayne Dietz	169.42
5. Bill Cochran	167.36
6. Johnny Caldwell	164.12
7. Wilson Medford	163.50
8. Alex Martin	163.15
9. R. H. Stretcher	163.14
10. Elmer Dudley	160.35

Sims Bowlers Second In WNC Women's Tourney

Sims Co., winners of the Waynesville Women's Bowling League championship this year, rolled 2512 last weekend to take second place in a field of 10 in the fifth annual Women's Invitational Tournament at Asheville.

The top team—Allen Transfer of Asheville—was a mere seven pins ahead of the Waynesville squad.

Waynesville's other entrant last weekend — Welco — placed fourth in the first round of the tournament with 2484.

Other entries from the local league — Champion Y, Reliable Jewelers, and Howell Motor — will participate in the tournament this weekend.

None of the Waynesville women have yet rolled in the single and doubles events.

Flight Is Fatal

LE MESA, Calif. (AP) — Ignacio Hurado, 40, farm hand, ran head first into a tree while gleecing from a Great Dane Dog. The coroner said his death two days later was from a brain injury.



CAPTAIN of the force which recently won the bore championship of the Infantry Regiment in S. furt, Germany, was Cpl. Dockery, son of Mr. and Raymond Dockery of Cpl. Dockery, a squad leader his company, entered the in October, 1932 and overseas last March.

Hazelwood Players Asked To Return

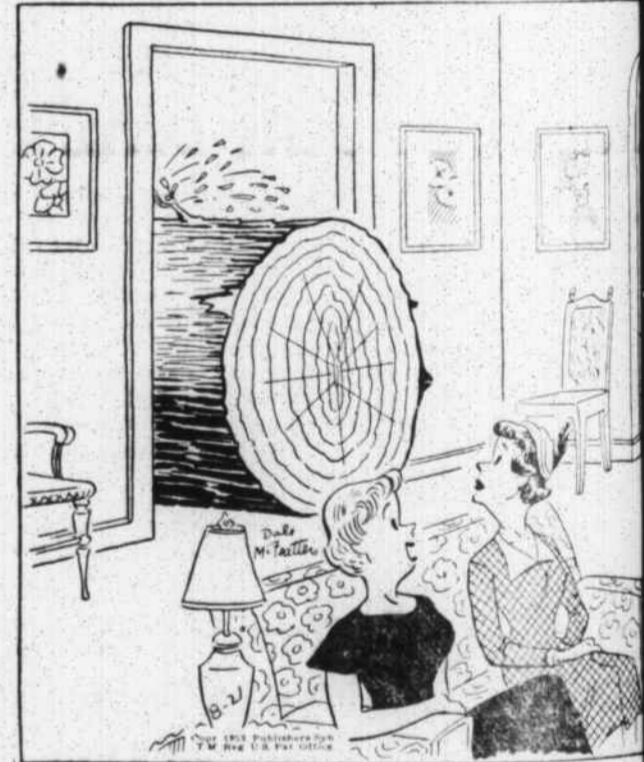
Elmer Dudley, equipment manager for the Hazelwood team in the WNC Bowling League, has asked that players on the team still have their uniforms or equipment still have if they do not play with the team this year.

The Hazelwood nine practices daily at 5 p.m. Waynesville High field, as to manager Bill Milner.

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APRIL 6 & 7

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HUMPHREY BOGART
Color Cartoon

THURS. & FRI.,
APRIL 8 & 9

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