

Rice's Final Story Covers Years Of Sport Thrills



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"ASTED no time staring at the batter or rubbing the ball with his hands," is how Grantland Rice describes the 90-minute Grover Cleveland Alexander pitched. And of golfer Gene Sarazen, author Rice in his book, "The Tumult and the Shoutings" "He plays golf with no fuss and feathers."

By FRANK ECK

Grantland Rice's "The Tumult and the Shoutings" is the most complete autobiography anyone ever cared to read. It covers an 50 years of all the excitement and personalities known as dean of the sports profession.

Remarkable book just published by A. S. Barnes & Co., is moving as was Ty Cobb's. And it's only natural that many put Cobb near the top of his 368-page tome for Cobb who insisted he be described by Rice in 1904. Cobb's numerous letters, records, each postulating an end phenomenon. Cobb was the

most must have been the remarkable known to man—Nurmi," writes Grantland Rice. Ty play 24 seasons.

Cobb as saying "I intentionally soaking one man was Frank (Home) who was squarely in running path one day in 1914. He tells how Cobb slide and too tag into and he tells how Cobb to recognize that Babe 1924 had changed the his home runs "Power speed and skill."

Joe DiMaggio's "The Story of My Life" and says a Cobb. Ruth outfield, even with power could not match on of Musial-DiMaggio-Wil-

Jim Thorpe, Red and Donnie Neurski as his football players and further by saying "I

Jaycee Grid Banquet To Honor Mountaineers

Here And Yonder

The Sportscope

By BOB CONWAY

It appears that Waynesville's 1954 football team will not be forgotten after all, but will be honored at a banquet to be sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce on January 10 at the high school cafeteria.

Last year's Mountaineers also put on the feed bag by courtesy of the Waynesville Jaycees.

Although this year's edition of Weatherby's warriors did not snare the Blue Ridge crown as did the boys of '53, they lost only one game all season and gave the best they had for dear old WTHS.

There's no doubt that the Mountaineers have a large throng of faithful followers, so there's no reason why a football banquet should not be held here each year — regardless of the team's record — whether they win 'em all or lose 'em all.

Many towns have these annual events and attract large crowds and outstanding speakers. Unless we are willing to admit that other folks appreciate their team more than we do, let's get on the banquet bandwagon.

If the Jaycees should find it difficult to bear the burden of sponsoring a grid feed alone, in the future the function could be put through the joint efforts of other organizations such as the Chamber of Commerce, Waynesville High PTA, Rotary, Kiwanis, Lions, and Boosters.

Cage Fireworks Coming Soon

After seeing the Mountaineer basketball team in action against Fines Creek, Crabtree-Iron Duff, and Clyde, we had serious doubts whether they could meet the powerful Canton or Bethel quintets without getting chased out of the gymnasium.

Both of these crews of hardwood hustlers have already put Hendersonville over the barrel, so they're bound to be loaded with horsepower.

However, on the basis of the Gold and Black's excellent showing against Sylva in their last game before Christmas, we feel that Waynesville's cause against the Black Bears and Blue Demons is far from hopeless. The local dribblers can play basketball if they want to, and they just might happen to be in the mood when they meet the other two members of the county's "Big Three."

Of the two WTHS teams, the female Mountaineers probably have the stronger squad and apparently have a better chance to grab off another Blue Ridge Conference championship than do the boys.

Once again the Bethel Belles are the team to beat for the mountain maidens although the Canton Lady Bears have shown some sharp claws in their last two games and may be tougher as the season goes on.

The Mountaineers, in co-captains Tommy Nichols and Joe Aldridge, have two steady performers, who are always good for a bunch of points. But they can't do the job alone, so whether Waynesville will have a winner on the cage court this season depends on the help that the other three starters and the reserves can provide in the scoring column.

After a return bout with Mars Hill here on Tuesday, January 4, things really start popping with consecutive games against Canton, Hendersonville, and Bethel. The Black Bears will be here, but the other two clashes will be away.

Like the boy said when he cut off his dog's tail: "It won't be long now."

Canton Man Now With Red Bank Church Army Unit In Japan To Have Singing

CAMP KOKURA, Japan — PFC Joyce W. Hoglen, 24, whose wife, Barbara, lives on Route 3, Canton, is serving in Japan with the 26th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion, which recently returned from duty in Korea.

The battalion was stationed at Chunchon, Korea, before being assigned to Kokura on the Japanese island of Kyushu.

Hoglen, a driver in the battalion, entered the Army in April 1953 and arrived overseas last February. His parents live on Route 3, Candler.

The Red Bank Baptist Church will have their regular monthly singing Sunday evening, January 2 beginning at 7:30 o'clock. A number of singing groups are expected to participate and a cordial invitation is extended to all singers and the public.

Hibernation provides a more or less comatose state for animals which adopt it, some groups being intensely and continuously in a state of coma, others only feebly and intermittently so.

HEAD BUM IS BACK - - - - By Alan Maver



WALTER ALSTON OF THE BROOKLYN DODGERS, WHOSE RETENTION AS PILOT FOR 1955 HAS ENDED ONE GUESSING GAME

WITH THAT YEAR'S EXPERIENCE UNDER HIS BELT IT'S A CINCH HE'LL BE A BETTER MANAGER

EVEN THAT SELF-ADMITTED GENIUS WHO'LL BE NAMELESS, MIGHT HAVE HAD TROUBLE WINNING. CONSIDERING CAMPANELLA DROVE IN 92 FEWER RUNS, ERSKINE LOST 15, AND NEWCOMBE, WHO WAS SUPPOSED TO MAKE THE FLAG BREEZE WON 9.

Rookie of Year



WALLY MOON, 24, who knocked out a home run in his debut as a major league player, has been voted the National League's "Rookie of the Year" by the Baseball Writers' Association of America. In his first year with the St. Louis Cardinals he rolled up a .304 batting average with 193 hits. (International)

Goats are the most destructive of all livestock kept by man, says the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization.

The Waynesville Mountaineer football squad of 1954 will be honored at a banquet sponsored by the Waynesville Jaycees on January 10, it has been announced.

Site of the event will be in the new WTHS cafeteria.

The principal speaker will be Gene Wike, owner of the Sports Mart in Asheville, who was here last year to present the Blue Ridge Conference trophy to Coach Weatherby and Mountaineer co-captains Jimmy Frady and Tom Cogdill.

Last January 13, some 300 WTHS fans turned out for the banquet at Hazelwood School to hear Coach Rex Enright, head football coach at the University of South Carolina.

Jaycees soon will start selling banquet tickets, which will cost \$1.75 each. Some patrons will be asked to buy tickets for themselves and one football player.

Canton Scout Named To World Jamboree

Ernest Steep, Jr., is among the Explorer Scout delegates from the Daniel Boone Council, named this week to attend the World Jamboree to be held in Ontario, Canada this summer. They were named by the executive committee of the Council Monday during a meeting in Asheville.

Others named were: Gary McKelvey, Franklin, and John Price, Asheville Alternates are James L. Lowe and William J. Lowe, Highlands; and Tommy Moore, Murphy.



NEW COACH—Homer B. Hobbs (above), is new head football coach at Furman University, Greenville, S. C. He is 32 years old and currently is line coach at Navy. Hobbs will report to Furman about Jan. 4. (AP Photo)

Joe Howell, Jr. Promoted By Army

Joe Howell, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Howell, Sr., 121 Maple St., has been promoted to corporal while serving with the Army at Fort Hood, Texas. He is a 1951 graduate of Waynesville High School and attended N. C. State College for two years before entering the service. About 800,000 Americans die each year from heart disease.

SPORTS QUIZ

QUESTIONS

1. What was the last boxing bout to draw more than a million dollars?
2. When was the game of six-man football devised? Who originated it?
3. The Yankees beat the Giants in the 1923 World Series. Who was the star for the losing Giants?
4. What is the only sport devised in the United States with no roots in the sports of other nations?
5. Why isn't cricket played on a baseball field in this country?
6. What is the Chick Evans Bowl?

ANSWERS

1. The last boxing bout to draw more than a million dollars was the Louis-Conn fight, June 19, 1946.
2. Six-man football was originated in 1934 by Stephen E. Epler, a high school coach.
3. Although the Giants won only two games from the Yankees in the 1923 World Series, their star was Casey Stengel whose homers won both contests.
4. Basketball is the only sport devised in the United States with no roots in the sports of other nations.
5. Cricket isn't played on a baseball field because no ball park is large enough to serve as a cricket field.
6. The Chick Evans Bowl is an individual football presented annually to the National Collegiate football champion.



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