

Peeler, Cornwell Great Gums At L-R

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Despite losing most of the stars via graduation, Lenoir-Rhyne captured the Western Division flag in the North State Conference for the fourth season in a row. Coached by Mac Erwin, the Bears were battered down to the wire by Western Carolina.

Two big reasons for the success of the Hickory team were Buzz Peeler and Walter Cornwell. Familiar names to local fans, the two Lincolnton hurlers between them accounted for seven of L-R's nine regular season triumphs. The Hickorians won nine, lost three in the loop, defeated Davidson twice and Belmont Abbey.

Peeler, the pint-sized southpaw, who fashioned 17 victories here last summer, racked up five wins against a single loss for the Lutherans with Cornwell winning two of three tilts. Forty-eight strikeouts were recorded by Buzz during his six-game season. West Carolina was the only team to hand him a defeat, beating the portside by 6-5 at Hickory. His triumphs were scored against Davidson 3-1, Appalachian 11-10 in

relief and 7-6, Catawba 4-2 and 6-2. Cornwell licked Appalachian and Davidson, lost to the WCTC Catamounts.

The 5'10" southpaw hurled 187 frames here last summer, recorded 192 strikeouts, issued 84 bases on balls, and yielded 120 base hits. Cornwell, a speed-balling righthander, racked up eight wins against five setbacks, fanned 123, walked 63, and yielded 94 hits in 124 innings. Peeler hit .370. Cornwell .292 for the local legion team. Both boys are among the leaders at Lenoir-Rhyne.

A former Western AA Conference football star leads the Bears at bat. Second Baseman Jimmy Kimmell, a Kings Mountain ind. rapped out 23 hits during the season for a fat 431 mark. Kimmell gained the first string fullback job on the gridiron toward the end of last winter's action.

Stanley's Virgil Whitley is another Bruin diamond standout. The Hickorians were beaten 4-3 by Elon on Monday in the first game of the North State play-offs. If the Bears hope to flag, they'll have to do it the hard way. Elon's powerful Christians defeated Peeler ace Roland Barker on Monday. The second contest was slated for yesterday afternoon at Hickory with a Elon win giving them the crown. A win by L-R will call for a third game today.

Coach Norman Harris's Gardner-Webb Bulldogs finished in fifth place in the Central Carolina loop with a 6-5 mark, then placed two boys on the all-state team. Gene Huss, second baseman from Bessemer City, hit safely in 12 of G-W's 15 games with Hal Pearson, a righthander, also making the mythical outfit. One of Pearson's five seasonal triumphs was scored over PJC by 6-5 under the lights at the local high school park April 24.

Mac McPherson, Derris Bradshaw, Harry Oldham, and Bobby Edison. Those names should be familiar to local fans. The four mentioned lads are leaders of the unbeaten Wilmington outfit, the Eastern AAA champs for '54. All four starred for the Wilmington Juniors last summer with the Cherryville team administering the only set backs of the campaign to McPherson and Oldham. Bradshaw, a speedy lad, nosed out Jim Lail for all-state honors.

McPherson and company swept aside 14 opponents in the Eastern AAA race, will meet Western champ Gastonia in a two-of-three series in Gastonia starting Friday or Saturday. Gastonia won the Western title Monday by beating Salisbury 9-7. Two big righthanders, McPherson and Roger Sheppard, will probably oppose each other in the first game of the set.

The schedule for the fast approaching legion season have been drawn up but not released. Hickory, Shelby, Cherryville, Carolina, Charlotte, Kings Mountain, and Gastonia are expected to comprise Area Four this time with the Gastonia having two ball clubs. The season set under way around June 5 with elimination play starting in July. Cherryville launched practice sessions at the high school on Monday afternoon with Hickory due to start Saturday. Charlotte, Kings Moun-

tain, and Gastonia will get underway shortly with Shelby and Carolina having already launched sessions.

Tryon Post 100 Athletic Officer Hub Sneed has announced a big exhibition tilt for Cherryville, Friday night, May 28 at 8 o'clock, the Cherrys play host to Jackson, N.C., a team which has advanced to the Florida state finals several times and produced many major and minor league stars.

The Western North Carolina High School Activities Association championship contest may be reeled off at the Shelby High park. Scheduled for action last night were Shelby and Hickory for the Western AA title at Shelby and Statesville-Kannapolis for the South Piedmont crown at Kannapolis. If Shelby and Statesville emerged victorious, the deciding tilt is to be played in Shelby Friday night. Should the unbeaten Lions and Kannapolis have won, Friday's championship game will be played at Kannapolis.

Cherryville High finished in second place in the Southern Division of the Western AA Conference but Coach Hince Quinn's outfit came up with the top hitter and winningest pitcher in the nine-team circuit. Ronald Whitaker's 470 topped Buster Ledford, Shelby centerfielder, by seven points with Joe Hallman copping seven decisions.

Getting back to championship games, Gaston County fans will get to view another title tilt tonight. Dallas and Mt. Holly

Highs emerged victorious in the two divisions of the split Little Ten loop with Dallas taking the first game of the play-offs 6-0. Monday afternoon at Mt. Holly, Ken Bost's Hollies scored three times in the ninth inning for a 7-6 win to even the set at one-all. The third and deciding game was carded for Cramerton yesterday with the winner meeting Fairgrove for the Western Class A crown tonight. The tilt will be at Mt. Holly if the Hawks are involved but if Dallas is the club to battle Fairgrove, the game will be at Stanley.

Newbold High Wins Baseball Trophy

The Newbold High School baseball team of Lincolnton won the coveted baseball seasonal trophy having won at least one game from each team in the South Western Interscholastic Athletic Association. The John Chavis baseball team won the second place trophy. Both teams need to be congratulated.

Newbold won both games from Reid High, Davidson and Washington while dividing with the Chavis High team. Chavis lost two conference games while Newbold lost only one and that loss was to the Chavis nine on Newbold's home ground. Coaches Bowers and Edwards are proud of their boys record.

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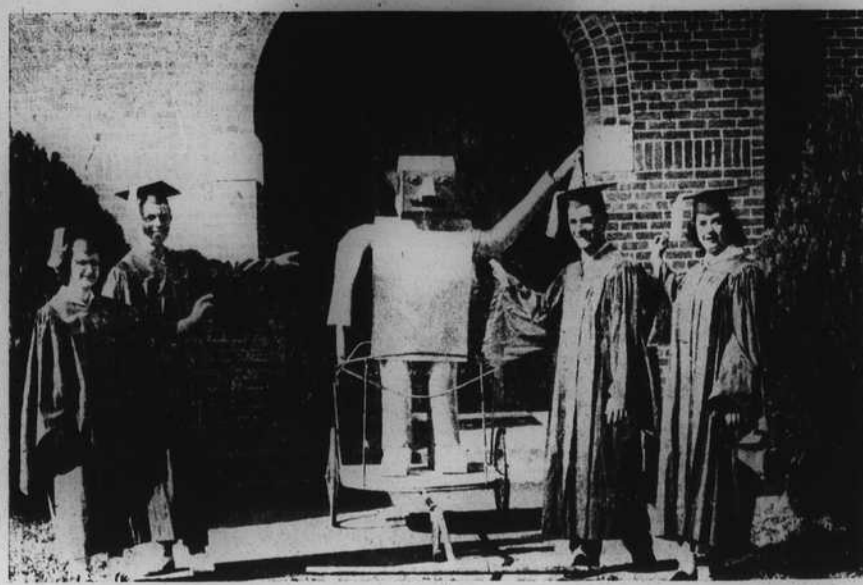
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Special Services At First Baptist Sunday

Cradle Roll, Nursery and Family Day at the First Baptist Church Sunday, May 23rd at 9:45 A. M. The youngest baby present will be recognized and the complete families will be recognized in the morning service. After the Sunday School hour, the entire Sunday School will assemble in Church Auditorium at 10:30 A. M. for a good program by Nursery children and others. Services will close at 11:30 A. M.

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