

Sports Chatter

By GENE BYRD

Dear Sport's Fans:

I am enjoying writing this column because each person that I have called on for help or information has been most helpful. I do appreciate the nice comment that you have made, and it inspires me to continue this sport's column and sport's news that I have been contributing to The Black Mountain News.

In regard to this Black Mountain News. I believe it is sincerely interested in advancing the interests of our town. Likewise I believe they are willing to give sports all the publicity they can. Certainly the paper is far from perfect, but it shows signs of improvement. The print is better, and the rather laughable errors that marked its earlier efforts have disappeared. I believe that it deserves our support and cooperation.

I am hoping that the News will see fit in the near future to organize its sport's page so that all events of sport interest will be together. I think you would like that too.

I am also hoping that we here in Black Mountain will become

sport's conscious. By that I don't mean that rabid, bloodthirsty sort of sport's mindedness, but see a love of clean sports develop. I am anxious to see the day when the clean flame of competition can blaze without animosity.

The aim of our column is to interest, entertain and instruct. If you can help me in any way to further these aims, I would appreciate it.

For better sports,
GENE BYRD.

Now readers, I have written you a letter. I would like to hear from you. Drop me a card, care of the Black Mountain News, tell me if you enjoy the column, make suggestions. (After all, you owe me a letter now.)

The Southern League has gotten off to a flying start, good crowds and all the trimmings. See where old George Turbeville, the strike-out king of the League was to start a game. He pitched in the Piedmont League once, and was he temperamental.

Talking about temperament... Do you remember Johnny Allen who once pitched for the Asheville and then went on to major league fame? He once became angry over an umpire's decision while pitching at McCormick Field, and tossed the ball over the grandstand.

Glad to hear that "Dusty" Cooke who once played outfield

for the Tourists has caught on with the Phillies as a trainer. Hampered by injuries he never lived up to expectations. On the other hand Ben Chapman who played short for the Tourists, became famous as a Yankee outfielder, and wound up doing some respectable pitching, and becoming manager of the Phillies.

Do you fans know how McCormick field got its name? I'm sure that I don't.

Say, how many of you remember the seventh grade team that Mr. Hinkle had a number of years ago that took three out of five from the Asheville Cubs, at that time one of the classiest young teams in W. N. C.? As I remember, Charley Pressley caught, Leak Wall, Bert Simpson and Jeter Riddle pitched, Gorman Burgin played first, "Pug" Morgan played short. How about helping me complete that team? The eight month's school term killed high school baseball as that group entered high school, and most of them never played ball on a Black Mountain High School team. They were great prospects too.

Oklahoma A & M's basketball opponents should breathe a sigh of relief. That seven foot Bob Kurland finishes this spring. The University of North Carolina probably wishes he had finished last spring.

They say quite a few schools are after the services of Ben Carnevale the Carolina coach. Wish he could stay at the University.

John Mackorell is turning over the sport's reins at Lees McRae Jr. College to Coach Dickerson. Mackorell was a fine coach and had been a fine athlete at Davidson where he was one of the best in the Southern Conference.

Jim Cowan's many friends are happy that he has returned to Mars Hill. With men like Tom Young at Western Carolina and Flucie Stewart at Appalachian, we should see some smartly drilled teams this year.

Memo to sport's promoters (somebody like Jim Bonham or Johnny Bowers): The North Carolina Junior College tournament would make a fine attraction in basketball for the City Auditorium next year. Lees McRae is the defending champion.

One of the best short football stories that I have read appeared in the Swan, Swannanoa High School paper, describing the game between Black Mtn. and Swannanoa at the close of last season. A young man named Enloe was the author. A very nice piece of work.

Let's see how you made out on last week's sport quiz. The White Phantoms—U. N. C.'s basketball team.

The Blue Devils—Duke athletic teams.

The Gamecock's—U. S. C. athletic teams.

The Buckeyes—Ohio State.

The Galloping Gaels—St. Mary's.

The Boilermaker's—Purdue.

The Rambling Wreck—Georgia Tech.

The Demon Deacons—Wake Forest.

The Red Terrors—N. C. State.

The Volunteers—University of Tennessee.

W. C. Schedules Ten Football Opponents For Fall of 1946

Tom Young, athletic director and coach of football at Western Carolina, announces completion of the football schedule for the fall of 1946. Ten games will be played, five at home and five away. Present plans are that the five home games will be played at night, as lights will be installed by this fall at Cullowhee. Four games are with North State opponents, and four games are with members of Smoky Mountain Conference.

Four weeks of spring football drills, with 43 candidates out, have been held and practice will end April 18.

Sept. 20—High Point College, there.

Sept. 28—Carson-Newman, Tenn. there.

Oct. 5—Tusculum, Tenn. here.

Oct. 12—Hiwassee, Tenn. here.

Oct. 19—Milligan, Tenn. here.

Oct. 25—Lenoir Rhyne, there.

Nov. 2—State Teachers of Alabama, here.

Nov. 9—Appalachian, here.

Nov. 16—Eastern Carolina Teachers College, there.

Nov. 23—Emory and Henry, Va., there.

How Many of These Can You Answer?

To whom were these nicknames applied?

The Manassa Mauler.

The Wild Bull of the Pampas.

Poosh Em Up Tony.

The Georgia Peach.

Shoeless Joe.

Hammering Henry.

Mickey Mouse.

The Big Train.

Dizzy and Daffy.

The Bambino.

I hope you are reading the continued story that the Black Mountain News is running. It is about basketball, girl's basketball at that, but I hope it will interest you. The printer really fixed me up on one deal, or maybe I fixed him up. At least one sentence ran something like this in last week's installment, "Teresa not the least bit conscious in her rather daring practice suit..." It should have been not the least bit self-conscious. I'll admit that I have had a few players in my time that didn't always seem to be conscious, but I won't have them that way in fiction.

Well the good Lord and the editor willing, I shall see you next week.

Baseball To Be Revised In Black Mountain

Plans are underway for a revival of baseball in Black Mountain. While the sport has been dead for several years in this community, it is believed that the time is ripe for a renewal of the sport.

Under the leadership of the Black Mountain High School Athletic Association steps are being taken to secure a home plate, erect a backstop and generally get the field in shape.

It is hoped that the American Legion might take hold and with the co-operation of others work toward building a real baseball park as a memorial to the fine athletes from this community that paid the supreme price during the past war.

The high school is hoping to produce a team this spring, but the main emphasis will be a teaching and coaching program designed to produce teams for the years to come.

Plans are being made for a team to continue play during the summer. Norman Harris, Ridgecrest product, and a catcher of no little repute is to be home for the summer and hopes to organize a good club.

With the co-operation of all concerned, there is no reason why we might not again turn out real baseball teams.

The battleship New York pounded shore emplacements at Okinawa for seventy-eight consecutive days, the longest engagement any United States warship has ever been in.

NEW SOFTBALL LEAGUE PROPOSED

Lt. Harry Paylor of Moore General Hospital, is organizing a new softball league that will be composed of teams from the post and the upper Swannanoa Valley.

It is tentatively planned that there will be three teams from the post, one from Swannanoa, one from Morgan Mfg. Co. and one from Black Mountain.

Games are to be played at six o'clock in the late afternoon and very likely there will be three games played each week.

Further details of the league will be announced later. The Black Mountain News will endeavor to carry results of the games and complete box scores for the benefit of its readers.

Intramural Softball Gets Underway At B. M. H. S.

The high school intramural league opened Monday with the 8th boys playing the 9th boys and the 8th girls playing the 9th girls. Schedule for remainder of week.

Thursday—10th (G) vs. 11th (G)
Thursday—10th (B) vs. 11th (B)
Wednesday—9th (G) vs. 11th (G)
Wednesday—9th (B) vs. 11th (B)

The league operates at the lunch hour with two games, one boys and one girls, being played.

Games are played three days per week with clubs meeting one day and assembly the other.

Pelicans use teamwork to frighten fish into compact schools where they can be caught easily.

Francois Pilatre de Rozier was the first man to ascend in a balloon. He remained at a height of eighty feet for four and a half minutes in 1783.



LEADS FRANCE... Felix Gouin, 61, Socialist leader of the constituent assembly, who has been elected as interim president of France. He replaces Gen. Charles de Gaulle, having received 497 votes out of a possible 555.

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The commerce department said the export controls had been established "to prevent undue drain upon the limited domestic supplies."

The international trade office did not specify any quota for exports.

Real Estate Transfers

R. S. Eckles to J. N. Griffith, property in Black Mountain township.

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