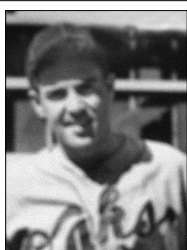


February 1935

BAKER CONVICTED

Roger Baker, the president of the Northeastern League the previous summer, is sentenced to 12 to 22 years in the Massachusetts state prison in trial held in Boston ... Baker is convicted of embezzling \$300,000 from a leather firm where he was employed as an assistant treasurer.

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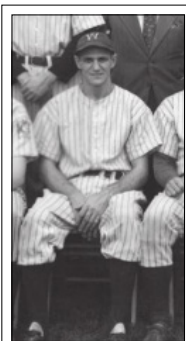
Leo Kintana
1937 Oakland Oaks

50 PERCENT PAY RAISE

Coming off a season where he hits .285 with 22 extra base hits, 21-year-old Oakland Oaks second baseman Leo Kintana returns his contract unsigned ... the Oaks offer the California native the same salary he received the previous season, Kintana wants a 50 percent boost in salary ... Kintana eventually signs with the Southern Association's Memphis Chickasaws where he hits .273 in 130 games.

VANGROFSKI TO DES MOINES

The Pittsburgh Pirates reduce the numbers of catchers on their roster to four with the release of light-hitting catcher Walter VanGrofski to Des Moines of the Western League ... coming off a season where he hit .222 with Little Rock, Van Grofski will remain property of the Pirates and play another 11 seasons in the minors, retiring after playing 19 games in 1951 as a 39-year-old for the Wellsville Rockets of the PONY (D) League.



Walter VanGrofski
1942 Wellsville Yankees

TINY II

The Southern Association's New Orleans Pelicans agree to give Ernest Osborne a trial this upcoming spring ... the son of former Pelican pitcher Tiny Osborne, the 6-foot-5, 210-pound right-hander pitched semipro ball in the Atlanta area in each of the previous two years ... not making the New Orleans' opening day roster, Osborne will go 12-9 splitting time between the Jackson Mississippians (4-8) and the Opelousas Indians.

MAN STABBED IN HEART IS ALIVE

Bill Tidwell Slashed During
Argument Over Foul Ball in
Baseball Game.

Special to The Observer.

ANDERSON, June 19.—With a gash in his heart which took five stitches to close Bill Tidwell is alive, after having been in a local hospital for three days. Tidwell is the manager of the Appleton baseball team, and it was at a game between two textile teams that he was stabbed. It is said that the altercation occurred over a foul ball. Troy Savage is under arrest in the county jail, charged with the crime. The operation of closing the wound in the heart was performed by Drs. J. R. and C. H. Young.

Hospital attaches state that if the knife did not carry any foreign matter in the heart that the man has a good chance to live.

DEATH OVER A BASEBALL

Troy Savage, a 21-year-old Anderson, South Carolina, textile worker is convicted of manslaughter in the fatal stabbing of Bill Tidwell, the manager and a star player on the Appleton Mill (S.C.) baseball team in game back on June 16 ... Tidwell dies several days later after the altercation over a foul ball which Savage went into the grandstand to retrieve.

AMERICAN LEGION

A pair of American Legion stars - future major league pitcher Joe Haynes and catcher Ralph Bradley - sign professional baseball contracts with the Cincinnati Reds and are assigned to the Jeanette Little Pirates of the Pennsylvania State (D) Association.

SMOKELESS COAL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

The Beckley Miners of the Middle Atlantic (C) League reorganize for the upcoming season ... the team's new owners change the corporation's name from "Beckley Athletic Corporation" to "Smokeless Coal Athletic Corporation."