

### TROUBLE IN THE QUEEN CITY

Charlotte Hornets business manager Phil Howser has his hands full as two of his best players - pitcher Bucky Jacobs and outfielder Smut Aderholt - are holdouts as spring training camp nears.

Jacobs, a University of Richmond graduate and a former major leaguer with 1-2 mark and 4.91 ERA in parts of three seasons (1937, 1939-1940) with the Washington Senators, eventually returns to the fold for Harry Smythe's club and posts a 16-11 mark with a 3.00 ERA ... Aderholt, a former major leaguer with the Washington Senators (.171 in 19 games) and a Wake Forest College graduate, also returns to the team to hit .283 with 17 doubles and 10 triples.



Morrie "Smut" Aderholt  
1944 Montreal Royals

A third ex-major leaguer, 35-year-old catcher Cliff Bolton, tells Smythe that he is healthy and ready "for a full season" and that the Hornets don't need announcer receiver ... Bolton, an excellent hitter from High Point, North Carolina (.291 in seven seasons with the Tigers and Senators) proves to better with a bat than as prognosticator as he is able to play in only 88 games.

Howser is also "jousting" with the city of Greenville, South Carolina, over equipment that belonged to the currently-defunct Spinners, formerly of the South Atlantic League ... Greenville officials believe that the team's equipment belongs to the city because the park (where the equipment is) is built on city-owned property.

### NOTES

Lake Charles, Louisiana, fans come to the rescue of the city's Evangeline League franchise raising \$3,000 to assist owner Joe Bratcher in covering costs for the upcoming season.

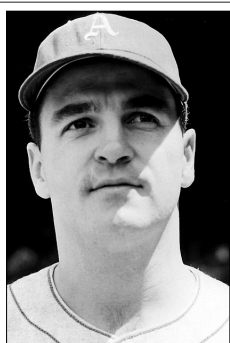
A "good fairy" keeps the Western Association's Topeka Owls in business by paying the league a \$900 guarantee after team owner Peter Mitchell abandons the franchise because of a lack of fan support ... the Topeka Park Board makes city's Ripley Field available to the Owls despite the facility being padlocked because Mitchell still owes some \$3,000 in back taxes.

**OUTFIELDER AVAILABLE**

All fields, 18 years old. 6 feet. 170 pounds. Southpaw. Played part of last season with Saginaw, Mich., in Class C, then transferred to Wisconsin Rapids, Wis. Also other experience. Available for Class C or D.

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The Chattanooga Lookouts have the names of two of their players officially shortened in the National Association office - Louis Eugene Bevilacqua becomes Lou Bevil and Louis Roederscheimer is now Lou Roede.



Don White  
1949 Philadelphia Athletics

San Francisco Seals outfielder Don White had never eaten meat or eggs until he was an 18-year-old freshman at a training table at Washington State College ... White, who will eventually play with the Philadelphia Athletics in 1948-1949, fails his first Army physical because of bad teeth and high blood pressure before being accepted into the Navy, where he serves for four years (1942-1945).