

On This Date

June 3, 1947

Selma's **Lloyd Randol** puts it off until the last minute, but a ninth-inning single down the right field line off of Jackson's Zennie Britt extends his hitting streak to a Southeastern League record 25-straight games.

It takes a day for the Howe News Bureau to confirm Randol's record, when it establishes that the previous Southeastern League mark was 24 games set by Gadsden's Roy Pinkston just a year earlier.

The right-handed hitting outfielder will extend his record hitting streak to 29 straight games before having it snapped by Meridian Peps' left-hander Louis Palmisiano on June 7

Over the streak he started back on May 7, the popular Randol hits .381 (43-for-111).

In a six-year minor league career, Randol fashions a .311 batting average with 55 home runs and 428 RBIs. In his first two seasons (1944 and 1945), both with the York (Pa.) White Roses of the Interstate (B) League, Randol hits .340 and .343, respectively, with 28 home runs and 208 RBIs. He leads the Interstate League with a career-high 14 triples and 117 RBIs as a rookie in 1944 and in 1945 he is named to the loop's all-star team as a utility player.

Randol's pro career comes to an end on June 12, 1949, when the 28-year-old is hitting .061 (2-for-33) when he is released by the Sunbury Reds. Following his playing days, the Ponca City, Oklahoma, product is a plumber for 44 years in York, Pennsylvania.

