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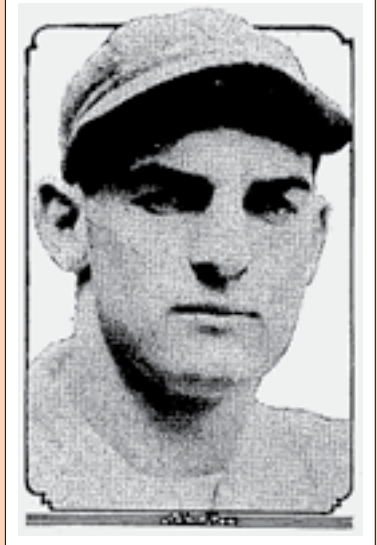
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Ethan Allen

Veteran outfielder, **Ethan Nathan Allen** is purchased by Philadelphia in the off-season from the St. Louis Cardinals for a reported \$5,000. In 1934, the 30-year-old Cincinnati, native will hit a career-high .330 in 1934 with 10 home runs, 85 RBIs and a league-best 42 doubles for the **Jimmie Wilson's** seventh-place Phillies. After hitting only .223 the prior two seasons, the right-handed hitting fly chaser rebounds to hit .316 in three seasons (1934-1936) with the Phillies. In 13 major league seasons, Allen, who will author several baseball books, fashions an even .300 career batting average, hitting .292 or better 11 times, including seven .300 seasons. On June 19, 1938, Allen is hitting .303 in limited action for the St. Louis Browns, when he asks for and is granted his release so he can go into private business. Following his baseball career, Allen is the head baseball at Yale University for 23 seasons (1946-1968), where compiles a 327-318-7 mark, including two trips to the College World Series in 1947 and 1948. One of his players include future President **George H.W. Bush**, who captains the team in 1948. After his retirement in 1968, he moves to Chapel Hill, North Carolina. On September 15, 1993, Allen passes away in Crescent City, California, at the age of 89.

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Notables

- In an effort to popularize baseball in Russia, U.S. Ambassador William C. Bullitt organizes a four-team league - two from among members of the embassy staff and two others from among other Americans living in Moscow. The Soviet government will furnish the playing fields.

- Twenty-one-year-old Muskogee Tigers' shortstop **Wally Ebel** was born in Miller, Russia, on July 8, 1912, when **Czar Nicholas II** was still in control. His parents emigrated to the United States soon after and picked Kansas City as their stopping place. In his first three pro seasons with Muskogee (1934-1935) and Tallahassee (1936), Ebel hits .294 with 71 doubles, 21 triples and 11 home runs. A Navy veteran serving in the Pacific during World War II, Ebel passes away in Kansas City on June 8, 1993 at the age of 81.

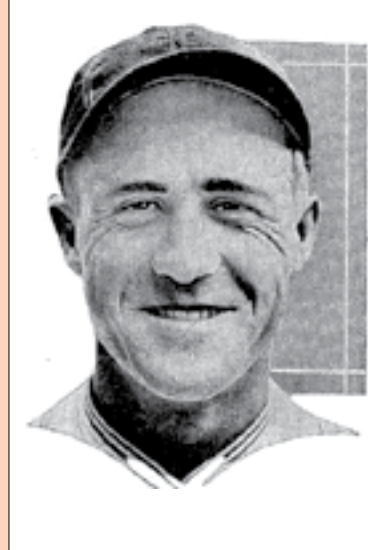
- Led by the New York Yankees with 10, a total of 64 American League players are "college men." The Chicago White Sox are second to the Yankees with nine University men while the Cleveland Indians, with six, lean less on higher education than any other team.

- Following a less than scintillating debut in 1933 with the Philadelphia Athletics where he was 0-1 with a 7.47 ERA in 21 appearances, Duke graduate **Bobby Coombs** is hoping a year in the minors will earn him a return to the major leagues. The nephew of former major league pitcher **Jack Coombs**, who was his baseball coach at Duke, is with the International League's Syracuse Chiefs. He will finish 10-19 with a 4.96 ERA. The 5-foot-9 right-hander, who won 19 games at Duke, will pitch two seasons in the majors, ten years apart. In between, he will win 122 games in the minors.

- In keeping with the ACC theme, or should we say Southern Conference

theme, New Orleans' second baseman **Boze Berger** was a three-sport star at the University of Maryland, excelling in football, basketball and baseball. A native of Baltimore, Berger was a two-time All-American forward for the Terps.

Carl Reynolds 1934 Boston Red Sox



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A four-sport star at **Southwestern University** in Georgetown, Texas, **Carl Reynolds** stars in football, basketball, track and baseball for the Pirates. A unanimous All-TIAA selection in football, the LaRue, Texas native is considered one of the greatest tackles the southwest had ever known. Reynolds was elected captain of the school's football and basketball teams. He makes his major league debut with the Chicago White Sox on September 1, 1927. In 13 major league seasons, Reynolds hits .302 with 80 home runs and 699 RBIs. Six times he hits above .300, including a career-best .359 average with the White Sox in 1930. On July 4, 1932, playing for the Washington Senators against the New York Yankees, Reynolds is involved in a famous brawl with Yankee catcher **Bill Dickey**. After bowling over Dickey on a botched pick-off play, he is punched by the future Hall of Famer and knocked out. His jaw is broken in two places. Five days later, American League President **Will Harrdige** fines Dickey \$1,000 and suspends him until August 4. Washington President **Clark Griffith** wants the Yankees to pay for Reynolds' hospital bills. As a member of the Cubs in the 1938 World Series, Reynolds goes to the plate 13 times and the only time he reaches first base is on a walk. Not until his 12th at bat was he able to hit the ball beyond the infield. He strikes out three times, pops up five times and twice grounds into double plays.

He leads the Southern Conference in scoring in 1931 with 19.1 points per game. Berger will hit .314 for the Pelicans earning a return to the Cleveland Indians in 1935, where he has a .258 average with five home runs and 43 RBIs.

- Toronto Knights' pitcher **Earl Cook**, a right-hander who is being sent to the Beckley Black Knights, is being detained at the Canadian border due to some technicality. Beckley manager **Milt Stock** wires the president of the International League asking that he use his influence to straighten out the difficulty. Cook will eventually make his way to Beckley and finish the season 8-9 with a 2.47 ERA.

- The newly-organized Central League is assured of a six-team league for the 1934 season when Lima (Ohio) replaces Battle Creek (Michigan) in league membership when it becomes apparent that the later was not ready for the season. For Lima it's the town's first venture into professional baseball since 1915. Following a doubleheader loss on May 26 to visiting Springfield that netted the team \$10 while dropping their record to 0-8, the Buckeyes fold, citing poor attendance and the failure to be able to purchase light standards for night baseball.

- Chicago Cubs' right-hander **Pat Malone** fought 41 professional fights as a lightweight under the name of "Kid" Williams. Boxing research show Kid Williams with a 1-0 mark (TKO) in 1933.

- Pine Bluff outfielder **Garland "Chubby" Orr** asks for, and is granted, his release from the Judges so he can accept a "tempting" job offer from **Humble Oil Company** that is sponsoring a fast independent team each season. In 1929, the pudgy 5-foot-9 left-handed hitting Texan hits .416 with 19 doubles, 13 triples and 33 home runs splitting time between Abilene and Springfield. A 33-year-old Orr passes away on June 17, 1941, four months after falling from a oil derrick at El Campo.

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