

BRAVES TO BRUSH UP ON 22 SPRING TILTS

CIRCUMSTANCES ENABLE BOB QUINN TO TRY LONG CHERISHED PLAN

Last-Minute Decision on Camp Cuts Down Barnstorming; Posed to Join Navy; Red Sox May Lose Pesky

BOSTON, Mass.—Bob Quinn will try out a new stunt this spring in connection with the training of his Boston Braves. Bob always has contended that long schedules of games en route home from the training camp are not worth while and often do harm to his players.

Quinn has wanted to try this idea for a long time, but something always has cropped up to prevent such an arrangement. Last spring, the Braves, who trained at San Antonio with the St. Louis Browns, teamed up with that outfit in games on the way out of Santone.

The Braves' spring schedule probably is the lightest of all the major league teams. Only 22 games have been scheduled. Only three of the tilts will be with minor league teams, two of them the result of the new Quinn plan.

That their first game does not come until March 14 would indicate the Braves will not get started in training until March 1, or shortly after that date.

Ten games are scheduled with American League teams, including four home-and-home games with the Browns, who will train at nearby DeLand.

Quinn and most of the office force at Braves Field, with scores of Bob's friends here, went to St. Gabriel's Monastery over last week-end for the annual retreat.

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Danny Litwhiler, Frilly Young Flychaser of Phillies, a School Teacher Who Tossed Away His Books for Bat

Injury Nearly Ended Career After He Quit Classroom for Game

Encouragement from Scribe and Operation Provided by Quaker Landed Outfielder for Nugent's Club

By STAN BAUMGARTNER Of the Philadelphia Inquirer

DANNY LITWHILER, sensational young outfielder of the Philadelphia National League club, is NOT FOR SALE unless someone wants to offer a whole ball club in exchange.

Litwhiler at the moment is the best left fielder in the National League, and we don't mean maybe. He is the one guy Nugent is going to hold onto and build around for the future.

You can't blame the president of the Phillies for taking such a stand. Managers of seven other clubs in the National League have told this writer: "We would like Litwhiler."

In the field, Danny is fearless, fast, has a fine throwing arm and is a good judge of fly balls. On three occasions last season, he actually climbed the concrete left field wall of the Shibe Park bleachers to make catches that saved games for the Phillies.

In four instances, in the waning weeks of the schedule, he tossed out base runners who tried to score from third on fly balls.

"No, we wouldn't trade Danny Litwhiler for Pez Reisner with Cookie Lavagetto thrown in," said one of the officials of the club.

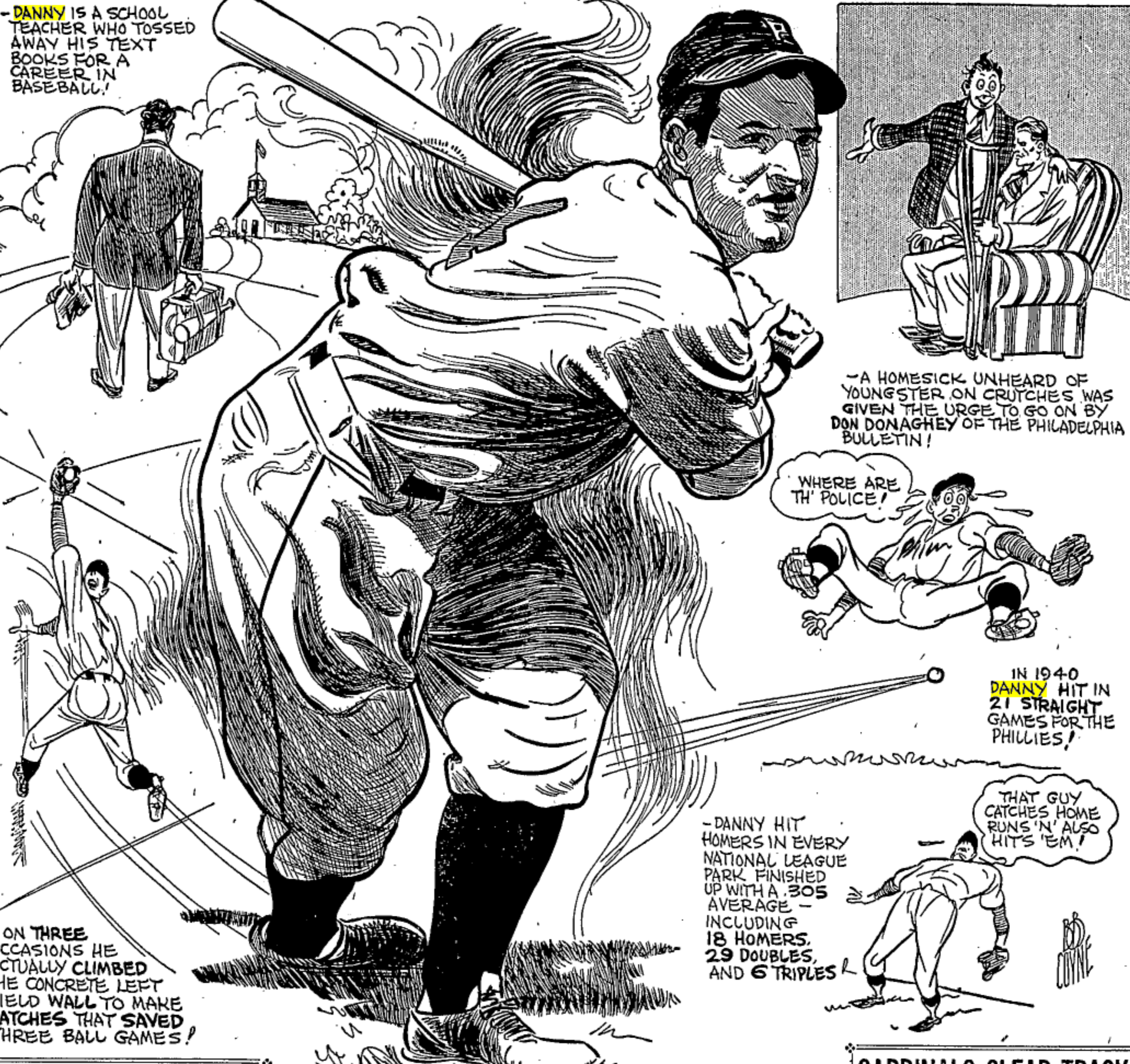
"Who is this guy Litwhiler?" you may ask. He's a school teacher who tossed his text books into the swamps of Louisiana, grabbed a bat, said "To heck with learnin'—I'm hittin' from now on."

How Writer Befriended Him and Shaped Affection to Phils ACTUALLY, Danny doesn't talk that way. He is a mild-mannered, polite and considerate chap.

That is the reason why Don Donaghey of the Philadelphia Bulletin is one of his favorite sports writers and why the Phillies, not the Brooklyn Dodgers or any one of the 14 other clubs in the major leagues, have his services.

The Phillies were playing a series of spring games in the Rio Grande Valley in 1939 and Litwhiler was a member of the Toledo club, training at Harlingen.

HIS BINGLE-BLITZ Brings New Quality to Quakers



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WHERE ARE TH' POLICE!

IN 1940 DANNY HIT IN 21 STRAIGHT GAMES FOR THE PHILLIES!

DANNY HIT HOMERS IN EVERY NATIONAL LEAGUE PARK FINISHED UP WITH A .305 AVERAGE—INCLUDING 18 HOMERS, 29 DOUBLES, AND 6 TRIPLES!

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THE PHILLIES SENSATIONAL YOUNG OUTFIELDER RANKS WITH THE BEST IN THE NATIONAL LEAGUE!

Minors' Averages in Book

Publication of minor league averages for 1941 is being discontinued with presentation in THE SPORTING NEWS of figures for all the larger leags. Instead, space will be used to keep readers informed of plans for the coming season.

However, the averages of all the minors will be made available to everyone through the publication of a book by THE SPORTING NEWS, which will carry the complete official figures for all the circuits.

But to get back to the personal side of our subject. . . Danny, whose home is in Ringtown, Pa., decided as a boy to follow in the footsteps of his brothers, who were school teachers.

Each fall Litwhiler returned to school. When he graduated in 1938, Detroit sent him to Alexandria of the Evangeline League. He led that loop in about everything.

When the time came for Danny to report to Toledo in the spring of 1939 (Detroit had started him up the farm ladder), the Alexandria school officials let him know that he could have a steady job teaching school and coaching, if he cared to remain.

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Lee MacPhail Rigging His Sails to Move Maple Leafs Off Reef

New Business Manager of Club Gets Right Down to Business on Reaching Toronto; Reveals Unsuccessful Attempt to Land Campbell or Hasset for First Base

TORONTO, Ont.—Lee MacPhail (Schoolmaster) Talley, a pitcher of promise, purchased on a conditional basis.

Charles Good, baseball reporter for many years with the Toronto Daily Star, was equally as enthusiastic, as was Gordon (Bubbles) Walker, who handles the diamond sport for the morning side on the Globe and Mail.

While the United States military draft has not taken any of the Toronto players as yet, it has blocked several possible deals, MacPhail told the writers.

After one year in the executive end of baseball with the Reading International League club, Lee MacPhail already has a carload of diamond friends.

The task of examining the many entries in the recent puzzle contest, based on the selections of 356 members of the Baseball Writers' Association of America for the All-Star team of 1941, is going forward and announcement will be made of the winners within a few weeks.

Cash prizes totaling \$400 will be awarded—\$250 for first, \$100 for second and \$50 for third—the richest in the many years the contest has been held.

Cardinals Clear Track for Tourists' Special

Seventh-Place Asheville Club Equipped With New Business Head, Pilot and Talent From Other Farm Links

ASHEVILLE, N. C.—The setup here may undergo a tremendous change before the 1942 season starts, but right now the Asheville Tourists appear fairly well fortified with material to make a race of it in the Piedmont League.

Delancy will be Asheville's No. 2 reliever. The main behind-the-bat task will be handled by Harold Michel, who batted .388 at Johnson City in the Appalachian League last year and proved by far the best backstop in that circuit.

In the outfield, several newcomers of unproved Class B ability, such as Alton Schwartzman from Union City, Howard Kelly from Williamson and Basse Moore, a nearby Asheville semipro performer, are on the roster.

The pitching staff is headed by the veteran Milt Lowery, a southpaw, and Leland Walker, righthander, who won 17 and 13 games, respectively, here last summer.

Asheville's roster, as it now stands, is regarded by Cardinal officials as the strongest pre-season Class B setup that the organization has had in many years.

Through the circuit, the writers and a big majority of the fans are strongly behind the loop's continuance.

American Association Votes to Go on With Lights as Usual

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—American Association club officials like the annual diamond dinner of the Chicago baseball writers chapter so much that they used the affair as a sound excuse for a January meeting in Chicago.

The only major action by the directors was the rejection of a proposal to limit night games to three a week for the duration of the war.

"Our schedule has been adopted and ratified," added Trautman. "All we need is the green light to go ahead in the spring."

The clubs were represented as follows: Mike Kolley, Minneapolis; Walter G. Seeger, St. Paul; Roy Hamer, Kansas City; Bill Veek, Milwaukee; Frank E. McKinney, Indianapolis; Bruce Dudley, Louisville; Bill DeWitt, Toledo, and Al Banister, Columbus.

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NEWS ON GOODMAN ALL GOOD TO CINCINNATI

SLUGGING OUTFIELDER IS REPORTED PHYSICALLY FIT AGAIN

Plans to Throw Left-handed to Take Strain Off Sore Right Shoulder; Bob Logan Goes Back to Indianapolis

CINCINNATI, O.—Good news about Ival Goodman brought a cheerful note into the local baseball fans' hearts.

Goodie was not invited to come here for the checkup by the club. Having Dr. Reed Shank, the club surgeon who operated on a hernia last summer, give him a thorough inspection was Ival's own idea.

Dr. Shank says the checkup revealed Goodie again is back to his normal playing weight of 162 pounds, stripped, after being underweight all last season.

For years, Ival has been rated one of the game's best throwing outfielders, despite the fact that he has been handicapped by a sore right shoulder.

Goodman plans to remain in Cincinnati about a week, then return to Oklahoma for a while before reporting to Manager Bill McKechnie at Tampa, Fla.

General Manager Warren C. Giles accepted an invitation to do some hunting with President Powl Crosley on the latter's game preserve near Charleston, S. C., starting early this week.

Logan's departure leaves three south-pawed, Johnny Vander Meer, Jim Frenschetter and George Burge, on the roster, with Vander Meer the only one of the trio who has made his mark in big league company.

The Reds' roster was reduced to 35 players, last week, by the sale of Pitcher Bob Logan back to the Indianapolis American Association.

BISBEE, Ariz.—The Arizona-Texas League, which was on the verge of folding, was kept afloat by the Arizona-Texas League, which was on the verge of folding.

Chihuahua, Mex., Seeks Berth Relinquished by Albuquerque

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