



Fishing

INFORMATION

By
"The Crappie Catcher"

Something About Fish, Fishing And Fishermen - Ladies, Too

Comradship Among All-Weather Sportsmen Is Tops Preacher Parker Gets The Oscar

THE EXPRESSION, 'He is a good sport', is widely used in every land, and is said in every language, everywhere. Fishermen classify their fishing buddies into fair-weather friends, and all-weather friends. The Crappie Catcher returns after more than a year of inactivity to tell about an all-weather friend whose gesture of comradeship warmed the writer's innards to such a pleasant glow that it brought the writer out of retirement.

The 'Good Guy Oscar' goes to Willie "Preacher" Parker. We hung the nickname, "Preacher" onto 'Cool Willie', about 4 years ago, after a night of fishing in the happiest of happy fishing grounds, Grand Wash. That humorous fishing story is worth repeating.

It was about 4 years ago that Willie Parker got the "Preacher" tacked onto his name. He was fishing about a hundred yards from the Crappie Catcher. The night was warm and the wind was still. Voices traveled clearly and distinctly that night. We could hear the conversation in Willie's boat just as good as we could hear ourselves.

The fish were not biting too fast that night, and every time Willie lost a fish he gave out with a few choice four-letter words. Each time one of his choice exclamations landed on our ears, the ole Crappie Catcher would yell to Willie P., "Watch your language Mr. P., I have a preacher aboard," Willie would promptly ask forgiveness for his language. There really was no preacher aboard but Willie thought there was. We were only having a little fun.

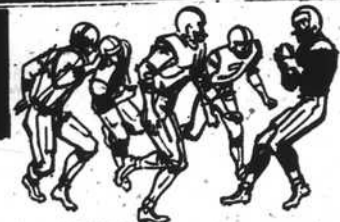
On one occasion when Willie was scolded about his language, he responded with a blast, "X%#?Y/--! that preacher, I just lost a big X%#?Y/! fish."

OUR STORY about Preacher Parker today is an entirely different kind of story. The "Preacher" in today's story is our picture of the very tops there is in all-weather comradeship. Four years ago, Willie was tops in spontaneous humor. Last Saturday, he was tops in a sentimental display of real friendship.

The Preacher had fished all night Friday up Temple Bar way. He had just got back home, dog tired and sleepy as Rip Van Winkle, when one of his fishing buddies, Sidney 'Long Winded' Bishop, drove up to his house.

"Long Wind" had run his boat on the rocks around Goat Island during the night, and needed some immediate help to repair the boat and get it back in the water before it was stripped of valuable gear and accessories. Willie P. was the first one that Bishop thought of because he knew that Willie could do the job if anyone could.

SPORTS



Chuck Harris

Baseball's All-Star game this year could be the best one the game has produced in many years due to the abundance of talent in both the American and National Leagues... The Chicago Cubs are likely to have more representatives in this season's All-Star game than they have had in recent years. At this writing, the Cubs are in 5th place, less than a game behind 4th place Pittsburgh, the team many sports writers have picked to take it all in the National League pennant race... Believe it--the Chicago team is not the lowly Cubs under Leo "The Lip" Durocher's management. Leo is doing an excellent job with the club and is capable of surprising everyone by maneuvering his team to a position to be reckoned with in the first division.

OVER IN the American League, we find the Chicago White Sox and the Detroit Tigers playing nip and tuck for first as they lead all contenders at this stage of the season... However, the Baltimore Orioles seem to have shaken off their doldrums and it is likely that very soon Chicago and Detroit will wake up to find that beautiful dream has turned into a nightmare.

It really is disgusting, and to this writer, pathetically uncalled for, to see the Los Angeles Dodgers topple from their pinnacle as they have. Last year's National League Pennant winners seem to be headed for a firm hold in the cellar of the League this year. It is a disgrace to manager Walter Alston's ability. Alston is truly a gentleman of the game, and has been such a fair pilot in so many ways as he managed to keep the Dodgers near the top of the heap year after year, it is a near tragedy to see his once phenomenal Dodgers fade away into oblivion.

QUESTION--will Ollie Brown of the San Francisco Giants take the place of Willie Mays as "Mr. Centerfielder"? It is my belief that Brown is being primed for the day when old "Mr. Bones" (Willie Mays), the greatest centerfielder of all time, can't answer the call. And I do believe Ollie Brown will be more than ready to step into Mays' shoes and make an equally great name for himself.

Mickey Mantle, who deserved the reputation he earned as a tremendous centerfielder, is having a great year with his New York Yankees now that he has been moved to first base. The move, apparently made to eliminate the many injuries he suffered as an outfielder, has to all extent and purposes paid off handsomely. Mantle is a great player and a great guy, and, like everyone else, we are pulling for the Yankee star to continue to have the great year he deserves.

THAT WAS quite a meeting that took place

Student Editors Take On Press Handling Of News

LYNCHBURG, Va. - (NPI)--Student editors, tired of being lynched by unfair journalism, have banded together to condemn the local press' biased handling of racial news. Repercussions of their joint editorial may mean a new trial for Thomas Wansley, convicted of rape and robbery March 18 and not exactly loved by the Lynchburg News and Daily Advance.

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Dog tired and damn near dead from his own all night fishing trip, Willie promptly forgot his own feelings and displayed the colors of a real friend in need. He hooked his boat up and took off with Bishop for Echo Bay to salvage the "Mary J."

The "Mary J." is back home. She is a little bruised and busted, but all her gear is intact. Bishop is happy--Willie P. is none the worse for having done what he did.

Willie "Preacher" Parker gets our Oscar for the best Good Guy of the year.

Incidentally, the Crappie Catcher would like to give a real good tip. Cathedral Cove, the spot where Bishop was headed when he ran aground, is a hot spot for crappie at this time.

when Muhammad Ali Clay met with a group of outstanding figures of the sports world to discuss his present status and lend their moral support to him in his problems resulting from his personal religious convictions about military service... Present at the conclave were such stars as Jim Brown, the Cleveland Browns' former record-breaking fullback (I do believe the Browns would like to persuade the superb "Mr. Fullback" to return to the Club and return the Browns to their old winning ways); UCLA's basketball wizard, Lew Alcindor, Bill Russell, the Boston Celtic's outstanding player-coach; and Wilt "The Stilt" Chamberlain of the Champion Philadelphia Warriors, and many others.

THE WBA (World Boxing Association) has really shown its prejudicial colors by not naming Sonny Liston, former Heavyweight Champion, as a contender in the elimination tournament to determine a heavyweight champion in lieu of the dethroned Muhammad Ali Clay. It is really a down right shame the way the WBA rushed to strip the champion of his title before he has been given a chance to defend himself in the upcoming trial... In their haste to find a white hope they have listed Germany's Karl Mildenerger as the number one contender, and have now pitted newcomer Jerry Quarry against former Champ Floyd Patterson in order to place Quarry in the picture before this farce is over... Well, in everybody else's book the Heavyweight Champion of the World is still Muhammad Ali Clay.

HOWARD "HONEYBOY" King can be seen training diligently in preparation for a fight in Stockton, California scheduled to take place in three weeks. King could be in the title picture himself if he'd only continue to train properly and forget all about these other forbidden pictures that are barred from the screen... You are a fighter, not an actor, Killer.

IF YOU have seen and heard Sarah Lee, the singing sensation, who recently appeared at Bob Bailey's Sugar Lump Lounge, you'd understand why even a sports columnist would name her as the outstanding personality of the week. This talented Doll is scheduled to audition for a role in "Guys and Dolls" as a result of the impact she made on the producers while appearing at Sugar Hill... And if you haven't been, by all means stop by and see the Baileys' newly-decorated Sugar Hill--it's a great place to drop in.



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