By Bob Quincy

Charlotte News Sports Editor

'Baby Doll' Recalls An Old Story

This story has nothing to do with the movie, recently terminated at a local theatre, nor does it have a bearing on sports. It is one of those holdover tales from youth that is not important for the sake of history, but has left a solid memory imprint.

When I watched "Baby Doll," I remembered all over again.

I grew up on the West Virginia-Kentucky border where coal mining is the chief occupation and conversation piece. It is mountainous territory and in one direction stands a marble tribute to Devil Anse Hatfield, leader of the feud against the McCoys those many years ago. Another road twists toward Harlan, scene of the bloodiest revolts in mining history.

As a youngster, I sat on the steps of the camp commissary and listened to the traveling salesman tell of "Baby Doll."

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HE HAD BEEN pushing his wares near Pikeville and was returning homeward over the mountains when he spotted a small store near the mouth of a ravine. It was a commonplace structure, made of unpainted planks and decorated with tin tobacco signs and drink advertisements.

The day was hot and the road was dusty. Cooling breezes which often roll off the damp, moss-lined rocks had taken a holiday.

"What I need," he told himself, "is a beer."

He slowed his automobile, pulled it to one side of the dirt road and walked some 50 yards to the simple structure which would become his personal oasis.

—The Mountain Men Had Their Choice

THE salesman pushed open the door of the square-shaped structure and walked inside. There was a counter and a drink box and a single rack for plug tobacco. There were two hand-made tables near opposite walls.

The only light was furnished by the revolving color bubbles built into the frame of a juke box. The volume of the machine was turned on high and a sad, forlorn hillbilly voice was inside offering a lament to "Baby Doll."

"I'll have a beer," said the salesman to the counterman, who said nothing but reached into the drink box, pulled a bottle and opened it. The salesman paid him with two dimes and took a seat at one of the tables.

Across from him, occupying the other, were two men obviously of the mountains. They wore patched overalls and grey shirts and neither had shaved in several days. They had tilted their chairs against the wall and were oblivious to all but the sound from the juke.

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WHEN THE SINGER had delivered his last nasal note, one of the mountain men said to the other, "That shore was purty." His companion nodded, dropped his chair and walked slowly to the juke. He took a nickel from his chest pocket and pushed the slot.

It was "Baby Doll."

The salesman sipped his beer and ordered another. During the time he had been there, the two men had carried on the same conversation at the end of each record. Five consecutive times they replayed "Baby Doll."

—Discretion Is Better Part Of Music

THE salesman was weary of the monotonous tones. As he enjoyed his drink, he became more critical of the taste of the other two patrons.

He pushed back his chair, got up and walked to the juke. The hillbilly singer was finishing up.

"What you gonna play, mister?" asked a voice from the other table.

The salesman turned and looked at the two men. They had brought their chairs to a point where all four legs were resting on the floor. Their concern was apparent.

"Why," said the salesman, "I'm going to play a tune of some kind but I haven't made up my mind."

"Play 'Baby Doll'," said the taller of the two.

"Oh," said the salesman, "I think that's had it. I figure I'll play something else."

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THE SHORTER OF THE mountain men stood up. He looked at the intruder for several seconds, then said, "You play 'Baby Doll'."

"Gentlemen," advised the salesman, wagging a finger in their direction, "this is a free country. Every man to his own choice."

He turned to place a nickel in the slot when he heard the click. He was a man of the city but he recognized it and he turned quickly.

The tall one had lifted a squirrel gun from the floor and was pointing it toward the salesman. The gunman's eyes were cold and his face showed no emotion.

"Play 'Baby Doll'," demanded the mountain man.

As we kids sat with the miners and listened to the salesman's story, someone in the group asked, "And what did you do then?"

"Why," said the salesman, "I put in my nickel and played 'Baby Doll,' what else? The two men sat down and I didn't bother to finish my beer. When I got to the door, I heard the tall one say to the shorter one, 'That 'Baby Doll' shore is a purty piece'. When I got in my car, it was still playing."

Spring Training Summons

NATS CALL 4 OFF HORNET SQUAD

By RONALD GREEN

Four players on the Hornets' roster and two more who performed here last year have been summoned to spring training with parent Washington when the Senators assemble in Orlando, Fla., on March 1.

Lifted off the Hornets squad were Pitchers Ted Sadowski and Garland Shifflett, Outfielder Don Dobbek and Infielder Dickie Harris.

Pitcher Bobby Brown and Outfielder Bob Allison, Chattanooga chattels who performed here last season, have also been ordered to Orlando by the parent club.

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The fact that the Charlotte players will train with the Senators does not necessarily mean they will not play here. Hornet General Manager Phil Howser pointed out this morning.

"Every year," Howser said, "they call some of our players to spring training with them. Occasionally, they'll keep one or two but most of them come back to us."

SHIFFLETT BROWN ALLISON SADOWSKI

"They haven't kept one of our boys since Pedro Ramos."

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Of the Hornets summoned, Shifflett appears to have the best chance to stick with the Sens. He almost stayed with them last year.

The fact that he reportedly has developed a curve this winter to go with his fast ball may make him more attractive to the major league outfit.

Shifflett started fast for Charlotte last season but faded rapidly after playing in the All-Star game, finishing with an 11-12 record and a 3.00 ERA.

He's a 21-year-old righthander from Elkton, Va.

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Sadowski, 20, from Pittsburgh, fanned 104 batters with his righthanded serves here last year in posting a 9-9 record and 3.75 ERA.

He hit his season peak when he threw a one-hit shutout.

Dobbek appeared in five games with the Hornets last year before being sent to Hobbs, N. M., where he hit .340 and drove in 144 runs.

Harris, son of Bucky Harris, who managed two pennant winners for Washington, is fresh from two years of service in the Army.

The 23-year-old second baseman made the All-Atlantic Coast Conference team for Wake Forest in 1954. He came to the Hornets from college, stayed briefly, then went to Hagerstown of the Piedmont League, where he hit .258 in 80 games before entering the Army.

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Brown, 24-year-old righthander from Kinston, is a good bet to stick with Washington. He had a 13-9 record here, accumulated a 2.28 ERA and tossed a no-hitter against Augusta.

Allison broke into the starting lineup late in the season after seeing frequent spot duty. He batted .333 and spanked 12 homers in 138 times at bat.

Others asked to spring training with the Senators are Pitcher Bill Gearns of Hobbs, Catcher Guy Morton of Chattanooga and Outfielder Sam Hill, a free agent.

SPORTS THE CHARLOTTE NEWS

2-B MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1957

Some Comeback Here

Amazing Clips Eye All-Time Loop Mark

An amazing team, the Charlotte Clippers!

Seldom does a unit play its worst and best the same night. The Clips did as much Saturday here against New Haven.

MUCKLER

In the first period, it looked as if Andy Brown had turned a group of pleasure skaters on ice. Passing was atrocious, the defense leaked and the Clips were no more coordinated than a baby octopus.

But being down two goals did something to them. They came back in the second period never looking better, racked up five goals and bounced the New England visitors, 7-4, for their 20 home win in 22 starts.

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WITH ONLY tomorrow night's game against Clinton needed to bypass the 100,000 mark for the season, the Clippers are looking not only to turnstile records, but team marks as well.

With 19 games remaining on the regular season schedule, the Clips need but 12 wins to break an all-time Eastern Hockey League high of 92 points, set by Washington in 1940-41.

While seven members of the team scored against New Haven over the weekend, it isn't strictly an offensive show that has the local skaters rated as the class of the league.

The defensive charm of John Brophy, John Muckler, Russ Hann and others has made life much easier for Goalie Les Binkley, as steady as any in the league.

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THE LOSSES TO the Clippers evidently didn't give New Haven an inferiority complex.

The Blades ran up their highest score of the season on home ice tonight as they walloped the Clinton Comets 10-1 in an Eastern Hockey League game.

Claude Boileau, with three goals and two assists, led the Blades' offensive, while George Gougie scored twice. New Haven scored two goals in the first period and four in each of last two.

Mecklenburg Cub Scouts will be honored tomorrow night at the Clipper-Clinton game. Cub Scouts in uniform will be admitted for 30 cents.

CLIPPER SCORING

Player	Goals	Assts	Pts.
Bibber O'Hearn	32	48	80
Doug Adam	44	27	71
Herve Lalonde	21	48	69
Stan Warecki	26	42	68
Jim McNally	27	31	58
Gerry Sullivan	19	32	51
Yvan Houle	20	28	48
Ken Murphy	20	24	44
Bill Sinnett	18	25	43
John Muckler	5	24	29
Russ Hann	4	21	25
John Brophy	5	12	17
Rick Horr	6	9	15
Ray Lacroix	2	5	7

SATURDAY'S SUMMARY:

First period scoring: New Haven—Robmer (Jones, Boileau) 0:35; Sherban (Boileau, Doyon) 10:56.

Penalties—none.

Second period scoring: Charlotte—Murphy (O'Hearn, Warecki) 1:19; Lalonde (O'Hearn, Adam) 11:46; Horr (Houle, Sinnett) 12:54; Lacroix (Houle) 13:13; Adam (O'Hearn, Warecki) 15:20. **New Haven**—Sherban (Telford, Chasle) 19:08.

Penalties—Sullivan (tripping) 3:32; Boileau (tripping) 9:03; Weaver (tripping) 13:36; Warecki (tripping) 15:32; Muckler (hooking) 17:34.

Third period scoring: New Haven—Sherban (Boileau, Doyon) 5:51. **Charlotte**—Houle (Sinnett) 18:03; Warecki (O'Hearn, Murphy) 19:52.

Penalties — Sinnett (hooking) 5:07; Warecki (tripping) 6:32; Brophy (holding) 15:21; Boileau (slashing) 16:15; Weaver (tripping) 19:44; Brophy (hooking) 19:56.

Scores by periods:

New Haven	2	1	1	—4
Charlotte	0	5	2	—7

Saves:

Craig	15	8	10	—33
Binkley	6	8	9	—23

EHL Standings

Team	W.	L.	T.	Pts.	Gf	Ga
CHARLOTTE	34	10	1	69	247	161
Philadelphia	26	17	3	55	180	140
New Haven	26	21	2	54	216	191
Johnstown	18	28	0	36	189	202
Clinton	17	29	1	35	174	240
Washington	15	31	1	31	188	271

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

CHARLOTTE 7, New Haven 4.
Philadelphia 5, Johnstown 3.
Clinton 5, Washington 5.

SUNDAY'S RESULTS

New Haven 10, Clinton 1.
(Only games scheduled).
Tonight—No games scheduled.

(AP Photofax)

FAREWELL APPEARANCE

Dolores Reese of Lebanon, Ind., secretary of the Indiana Athletic Commission, went along with the gag when the commission gave her a boxing license just before her marriage to Dr. John Van Zandt.

Carolinas Capsule

La. Tech Gets Jackie; Sime Voted Top Athlete

(From Wire Reports)

Jackie Moreland, the central figure in the basketball storm that rocked North Carolina State, planned to enroll today at Louisiana Tech. He arrived at his home in Harris, La., Saturday night and told a reporter he had decided to attend Tech. A school official said Tech "will try to keep Moreland free of publicity and will have no official announcement when he enrolls."

Meanwhile, faculty representatives of the Atlantic Coast Conference will meet in Greensboro Sunday to hear a report of an investigation into the methods used in recruiting Moreland. ACC Commissioner **Jim Weaver** said yesterday he has completed his report. State, which has denied the charges, asked the ACC for a public hearing.

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FOUR TEAMS from the Carolinas district will qualify for the annual basketball playoffs of the NAIA, set at Elon College March 5-6. Teams in the North State Conference, the South Carolina Little Four and the College of Charleston are in the district. Two teams will qualify as winners of the two conferences; the other two will qualify through their season records . . . The Mid-winter Skeet Championship closed in Pinehurst yesterday with **Robert R. Bogie** of Leon Lake, N. Y. winning both the 410-gage and the 20-gage crowns. **Hunter Galloway**, Greensboro, won the 28-gage title; and **Victoria Wood**, also of Greensboro, won the ladies all-bore title. Greensboro's 14-year-old sharpshooter, **Sandy Wood**, captured the junior laurels.

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DAVE SIME, the Duke University redhead who set the track world buzzing last year with his record prints, is the **Teague Award** winner as the outstanding male amateur athlete of 1956 in the Carolinas. He nosed out Wake Forest's **Bill Barnes** by five points for the title. Hurdler **Lee Calhoun** was third, and North Carolina's **Lennie Rosenbluth** was fourth. . . **Angleo Coia**, a freshman footballl sensation at The Citadel, has been denied admission to Wake Forest. Coia, one of six players who left The Citadel after being disciplined for breaking college rules, failed to meet the grade requirements. . . Boys' and girls' swimming teams from Greensboro are the champs of the Southeastern Interscholastic swimming and diving competition for the second straight year. The Greensboro boys piled up 57 points to win their division of the Atlanta meet, and the girls got 67 points.

MORELAND SIME

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TWO NORTH Carolinians have been signed by the Kansas City Athletics and will play with their Crowley, La., club in the Evangeline League. They are **Max Wagoner**, 22, an infielder from Winston-Salem, and **Jim Simmons**, Jonesville, a Marine Corps veteran. . . The annual **Tri-State Open** golf tourney, sponsored by the Carolinas section of the PGA, will be held in Aiken, S. C., March 5-6. . . Little sluggers from the Carolinas will have their play-off contests in Columbus, Miss., Aug. 12-17.

PREP SLATE

This week's prep schedule:

TUESDAY: Greensboro at Central; Harding at Wadesboro; Hickory at Myers Park; Cramerton at East; West at North.

WEDNESDAY: West at Lincolnton.

FRIDAY: Gastonia at Central; Harding at Greenville, S. C.; Parker; Wadesboro at Myers Park; North at East; Catholic vs. Bishop England at Belmont Abbey.

—UNC's Defeat Week?—

Ev: 'Beware Of Rebellion From Below'

IF Everett Case were in a helpful mood, which he probably isn't, he would dispatch storm warnings to his fellow Atlantic Coast Conference powers today: "Take heed, mates — there's mutiny below!"

Skipper Case knows a shipboard rebellion when he sees one. His N.C. State club was almost scuttled in its own harbor Saturday night by a clutch of pirates from Clemson.

EVERETT CASE

A kid named Rock Brinkley, a lean country boy from Asheville, had only hit about 10 points a game for Clemson. State ignored Brinkley and the 6-6 junior hit 10 of 18 shots that almost murdered Case's crowd. Only a rousing comeback by State snatched the 75-71 win.

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THIS IS ominous stuff. Coming up are a passel of games matching the ACC's "prestige" clubs against the underlings of the league. Carolina goes to Maryland tomorrow night. . . . Virginia is at State. . . Wake at South Carolina Thursday. . . . Wake at Clemson Friday. . . . South Carolina at State Saturday. It is a week for Cadillacs vs. Ford drag races.

The real hair-lifter comes Saturday when Duke goes to Chapel Hill. The Big Four ballbirds figure this is the week that Carolina (15-0, first in the nation) takes its first defeat—if Maryland doesn't do the dirty deed at College Park, Duke will manage it Saturday.

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"I WON'T be surprised," says Frank McGuire. "We don't expect to go unbeaten. Basketball isn't that kind of game." He points out that Duke, Wake and State have all been beaten this year at College Park, where Bud Millikan's team fights like rattlesnakes.

McGuire also mourns the losses of Bill Hathaway, 6-11 monster departed for Dayton, and Tony Radovich, who left by a more legal exit.

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"BOB YOUNG is getting in shape pretty fast," says McGuire. The 6-6 redhead from New York is 15 pounds overweight but is rugged under the boards. McGuide chucked him off the UNC squad for discipline before the season. He, Danny Lotz and Stan Groll will be top reserves for UNC's starting unit of Rosenbluth, Quigg, Brennan, Kearns and Cunningham.

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ACC ASTERISKS: Press Maravich says his Tigers' near-upset of State at Raleigh was one of

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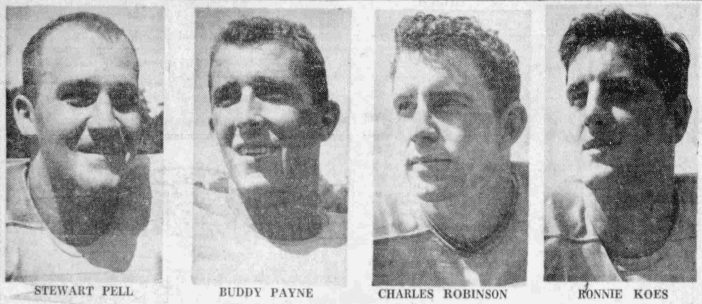

STEWART PELL BUDDY PAYNE CHARLES ROBINSON RONNIE KOES

—HE WANTS DESIRE, GOOD WEATHER, AND GUARDS—

SILENT JIM SEES OLD FACES IN UNC SCRAMBLE

By SANDY GRADY

Jim Tatum, the Sphinx of Chapel Hill, was playing the soft pedal on his Carolina organ today.

DeCANTIS

Just six days away from spring football practice, Jim was not raving about any freshmen sensations or future hipper-hipped halfbacks.

He was almost silent, as befits a man who lost 19 out of 10 games the previous season.

"IF THE weather is right," said Jim guardedly, "we'll put 'em in pads Saturday. When the NCAA only gives you 20 days, you have to be careful about the weather."

He was in a mood to talk about the weather, but it was the most controversial subject he would approach.

(First of a series of interviews with ACC coaches on spring football prospects).

Yes, there would be about 90 players on the practice field. No, he didn't know of any particular position he hoped to strengthen. Yes, he had some pretty big freshmen. Nobody in particular, though.

"I'm looking for ball players with desire," Tatum said. "I'm going to scramble everybody up and see who comes to the top. Nobody owns any position."

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QUARTERBACKING? Tatum said he'd start spring workouts with Dave Reed, Curtis Hathaway and Ron Marquette listed 1-2-3. Halfbacks? Sure, Jim says he'll miss Ed Sutton. But he anticipates a good year from Emil DeCantis, the Scranton, Pa., soph, who runs like a scared mockingbird (writer's simile, not Tatum's.) He also had such flyers as Buddy Sasser, Dick Darling, Daly Goff, Dan Drose, Jim Varnum, etc.

Yep, Wally Vale has departed from the Chapel Hill vale, said Tatum. That doesn't leave Jim without fullbacks. "I list 'em as Joe Temple, Giles Gaca and John Haywood," says Tatum. "We'll see who plays."

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ENDS? JIM has five freshmen who could be heard from, but Buddy Payne, Clyde Turlington, Paul Pulley and Takey Crist are his vets. Phil Blazer and Leo Russavage are his top tackles on one side, with Stewart Pell—a highly-advertised GI hoping to meet his advance notices in '57—strong at right tackle.

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TATUM'S SCHEDULE for 1957 will be slightly—only slightly — less awesome than last year's. Chunk Erickson announced today that Notre Dame, Oklahoma and Georgia had been dropped from the slate. In their void, Tatum will face Navy, Miami and Clemson.

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The lineup has State, Sept. 21; Clemson, Sept. 28; Navy, Oct. 2; Miami, Oct. 11; at Maryland Oct. 19; at Wake Forest, Oct. 26; Tennessee, Nov. 2; South Carolina, Nov. 9; at Duke, Nov. 23; Virginia, Nov. 30.

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Tatum had never recorded a losing season in his 1942-1955 coaching tenure until last year's catastrophe. He claims he is completely happy with the UNC setup now, has a vote of confidence from the alumni, and is only worried about constructing a line for 1957. "We have the runners," says Jim.

And he sure hopes that weather gets spring-like. You can quote him.

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