

Here's One of Trenton's Senators Blowing His Own Horn



Herb Pierson Practicing, Pitching

Coming off a standout season with the semipro Trenton (N.J.) Bernies where he is 15-4 as a right-handed pitcher, **Hebert Fletcher Pierson**, a 22-year-old "southpaw" French horn player with the Kansas City Philharmonic, leaves for Gastonia, North Carolina to begin spring training with the Trenton Senators of the Eastern League.

French Horn Player Has Job with Trenton Nine

KANSAS CITY (P)—Herbert F. Pierson, southpaw French horn player, headed East today to play baseball with the Trenton, N.J., Senators — as a right-handed pitcher.

Pierson, head of the Kansas City Philharmonic orchestra's horn section, won a contract with the New York-Pennsylvania league team last year on his record with a Trenton semi-pro team. He won 15 games and lost four.

Signed by the Senators the previous spring, following the conclusion of a baseball school at Dunn Field in Elmira, New York, Pierson does not begin to play baseball until eighth grade and does not make the Hamilton High School baseball team until his senior season ... Pierson takes up the French horn in 1930 and two years later begins his baseball career with the Bernies in the Trenton Twilight League and playing with the Trenton Symphony Orchestra at the same time.

No record exists of Pierson playing at any level in the minor leagues ... born on May 9, 1914, Pierson does sign a contract in 1939 - to play with Philadelphia Orchestra, a position he holds for 35 years until 1974 .



Twenty-one year old **Chris Katope**, a high school football star who plays freshman football at the University of Indiana in 1937 before leaving college to sign with the Louisville Colonels opines, "I decided that the college football player was the most underpaid amateur in sports. Consequently, for less back-slapping and more dough, I decided to play baseball in the summer, go to school in the fall and graduate in five more years."

The first two players signed by the newly-formed **Spartanburg Spartans** of the South Atlantic League are 24-year-old outfielder John Newman and pitcher Charles Hooton ... Newman, a "heavy-hitting" outfielder, hit .344 with six doubles, three triples and five home runs in only 91 at bats for the Rock Island Islanders of the Western (A) League, one of four teams the Chicago native plays for in 1937 ... Hooton, an outstanding sandlot player from Atlanta, reportedly hurled three no-hitters several years earlier.