Mount Airy Graniteers

During the 1930-1950s, almost every town of any size in North Carolina had a professional minor league baseball team. Mount Airy featured two teams: The Mount Airy Reds from 1934 - 1937, and the Graniteers from 1938 - 1941 and 1946 - 1950. After being interrupted by the War, baseball returned and life-long friendshops formed between the players and fans during the final Graniteer years. The Blue Ridge League folded in 1950 with the Graniteers winning the league championship. Professional baseball never returned to Mount Airy or other small towns, but the memories continued with players who settled in the Mount Airy area and through reunions that brought players and fans together.

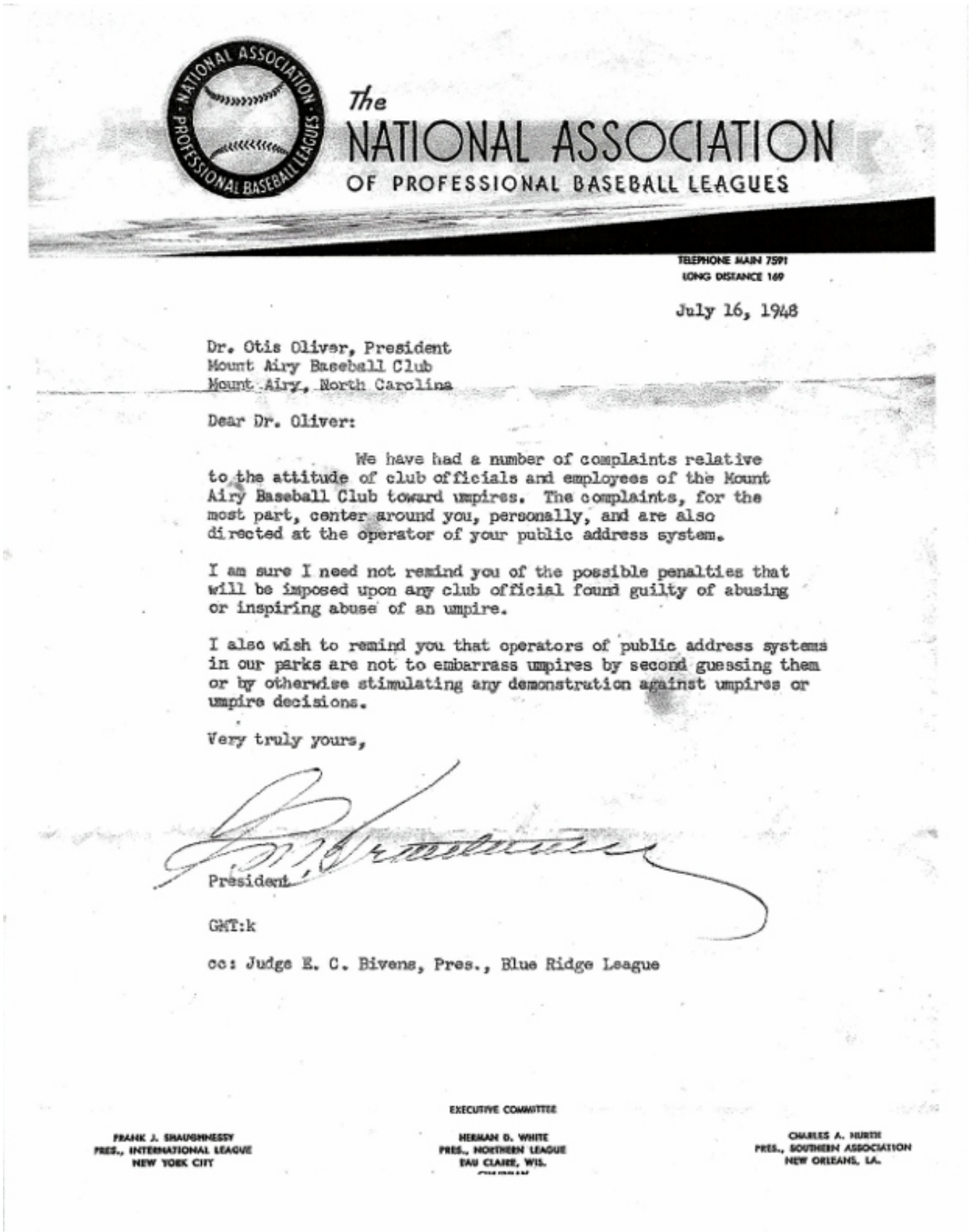
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Amusing Umpire's Support Letter



The NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL LEAGUES

TELEPHONE MAIN 7591
LONG DISTANCE 169

July 16, 1948

Dr. Otis Oliver, President
Mount Airy Baseball Club
Mount Airy, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Oliver:

We have had a number of complaints relative to the attitude of club officials and employees of the Mount Airy Baseball Club toward umpires. The complaints, for the most part, center around you, personally, and are also directed at the operator of your public address system.

I am sure I need not remind you of the possible penalties that will be imposed upon any club official found guilty of abusing or inspiring abuse of an umpire.

I also wish to remind you that operators of public address systems in our parks are not to embarrass umpires by second guessing them or by otherwise stimulating any demonstration against umpires or umpire decisions.

Very truly yours,

President

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cc: Judge E. C. Bivens, Pres., Blue Ridge League

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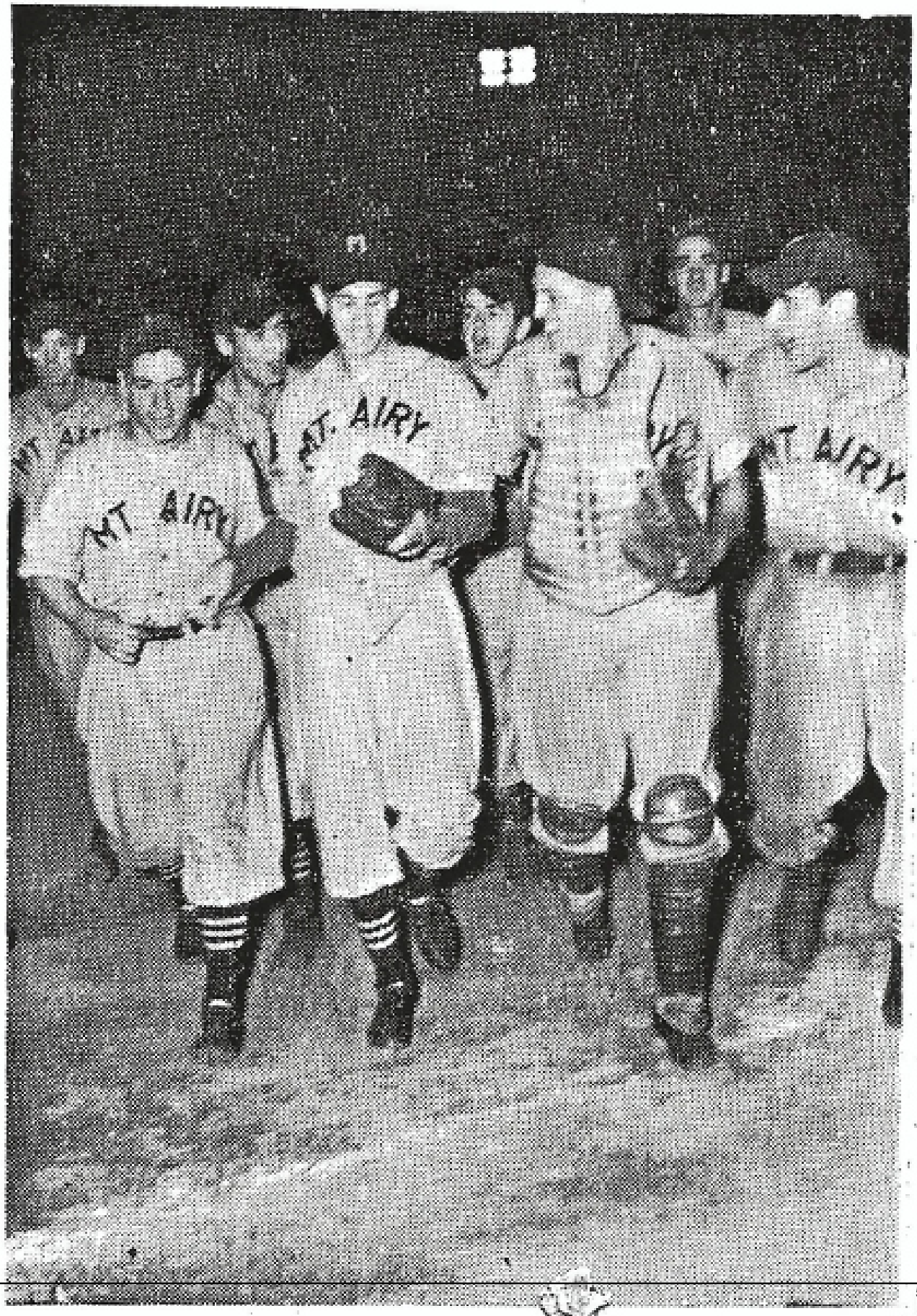
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