

# A Real-Life Love Story Salts Base

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**LOVE-LOVE.** And we're talking baseball, not tennis.

Or, to put it another way, how many men have been lured to Carteret County by the friendly charm of our Carolina belles?

JUST TAKE one off-hand

## VFW, Bankers Get LL Victories

The VFW and the Bankers picked up victories in Beaufort Little League play Monday and Tuesday at Freedom Park.

The VFW handed the 76'ers a 14-7 loss Monday in major division action. Kevin Ricks was the winning pitcher. George (Peanut) Thomas, playing for the VFW, slammed a triple off the right field fence and scored on an error.

The Bankers took a 7-6 win over the Rotarians in minor division play Tuesday. Chris Walker got the mound win.

example. Love brought Jack Daughtrey to this part of the country and he proved one of the brightest new additions to the Seashore baseball League last Sunday.

He jumped into the lineup of the Salter Path Braves with all the sound and fury of a Johnny Appleseed or a Paul Bunyan. You'll find him now tied for second place in the league batting averages with a 4-for-6 .667, including a double, a stolen base and a run-batted-in.

THAT all happened last Sunday afternoon in an uproarious 13-12 victory by the Newport Red Sox. After 13 years away from baseball, Daughtrey, who admits to 33 years of age, happily collapsed in bed at 6 p.m. the evening of the game. He still hurts all over today.

But Jack was a legendary athlete in football, baseball and basketball in his hey-day at Washington and Lee University. The only catch is that 1959 was his year for a diploma. That was more than a few years ago and now he jogs and swims to

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Eastern Blues	5	0	Newport Red Sox	2	-3
Carteret Tides	4	1	Western Blues	1	4
Salter Path Braves	2	-3	Beaufort Sea Dogs	1	4

### GAMES SUNDAY AT 2 P.M.

Salter Path Braves at Eastern Blues

Beaufort Sea Dogs at Newport Red Sox

Western Blues vs. Carteret Tides (West Carteret High School diamond)

keep in shape at 6 feet 4 and 200 pounds. The shape's the same, but the muscles are quite different.

DAUGHTREY'S athletic reputation helped stun the Red Sox and carry his aching physique through nine innings. "This guy throws harder than Allie Reynolds of the old champion New York Yankees." You know how rumor spreads and that was the word circulating among the wide-eyed fans at Salter Path Field.

The truth of the matter is that maybe Jack could, once upon a time, but that was long, long ago. The strapping

right-hander still can fire that baseball. But for three innings, say, not nine.

HE'S A NATIVE of Richmond, Va., and did indeed attract the attention of the Richmond AAA Yankee farm club when he led the Southern Conference in batting. And he did indeed throw with terrifying authority — terrifying, because he was wild.

But it's time to recapture the Daughtrey Love Story and nobody can tell it quite like Big Jack:

"I USED to think that Virginia boasted some mighty Fair Maidens. But then I met the most beautiful girl I've ever seen in North Carolina. That was Sept. 2, 1971, at Nag's Head. Three months later, we were married."

Does that tell the story of how Jack Daughtrey settled in Carteret County? Oh, these Carolina belles.

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