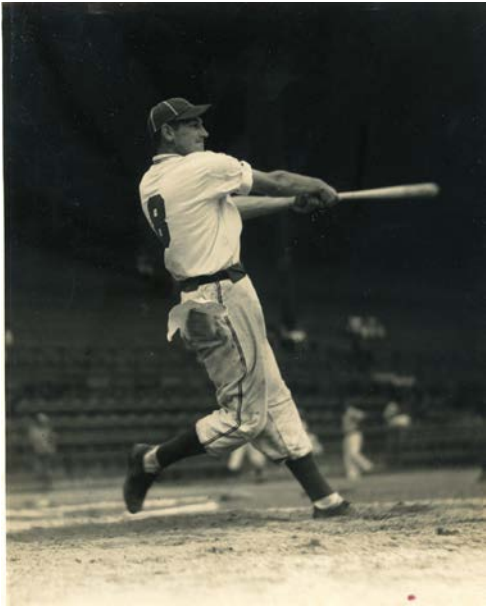


#2B August 6, 1948 -- Jack Gardner's DAY!



Life before the Tidewater days

- ❖ Born Jan 25, 1917 in Paducah, Kentucky and move to Beaufort after college in early 1940s
- ❖ College Hall-of-Famer at Elon with a career batting average of .388 (Sophomore year at .451)
- ❖ World Series for Amateur Baseball Star
- ❖ Professional (Minor League) Baseball Player with the Philadelphia Athletics

Tidewater League and Coaching

- ❖ Manager and Coach of TWL Morehead 1948 Semi-Finalist team and was an All-Star batting .400 as an outfielder and known as a clutch hitter
- ❖ Recognized as one of the best hitters in the County
- ❖ Along with Joe Hill and Footsy Palmer, he made up the 'Murderers' Row' for 1948 TWL Morehead team
- ❖ All-Star Player with the TWL Beaufort Team in 1949
- ❖ He help start and was one of the first coaches the first Pony League team in Beaufort in 1957 and 1958 and umpired baseball & basketball
- ❖ He is a Carteret County Baseball Hero



5/12/2005 Picture Joe (Boy) Willis