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Newk Surprised At MVP Award

NEW YORK, Nov. 21 (AP)—Don Newcombe, Brooklyn's ace pitcher, has been voted the National League's most valuable player in 1956 and the controversial right-hander is as happy about it today as if he had beaten the New York Yankees in a World Series game.

"Next to the letter I received from the President, this is the greatest thing that ever happened to me in baseball," Big Newk said upon hearing the news that a committee of 24 members of the Baseball Writers Association had given him eight first place votes and a winning total of 223. Newcombe was referring to the encouraging letter he received from President Eisenhower while he was in Japan last month, expressing sympathy over his world series failure against the Yankees last October.

"This will certainly give me a lot more confidence in myself after the batting around I took in the world series," the 30-year-old Newcombe said. "And it also may give me some of those wise cracks about my not being able to win the big ones. . . I hope."

SAL SECOND

The MVP award, first given to a pitcher, since Jim Konstanty of the Philadelphia Phillies won the honor in 1950, recompensed somewhat for the anguish of two successive series drubbings by the Yankees and Don's subsequent failures in Hawaii and Japan.

Although Big Newk won 27 games and lost only seven for his highest winning total of any pitcher since Dazzy Vance in 1924, he had all he could do to edge out his mound mate, Sal Maglie, for top honor. The 39-year-old Maglie, who in 13 games after joining the Yankees in mid-July, received four first place votes and 183 points to finish second in the voting.

Henry Aron, Milwaukee's fine long outfielder who won the league's batting crown with a mark of .328, finished third with 103 points although he did not receive a single first place vote. Roy Spahn, the Braves' veteran southpaw star who won 20 games for the seventh time, placed fourth with one first place vote and 126 points. Brooklyn's Junior Gilliam beat out Cincinnati's star shortstop, Roy McMillan, for fifth spot.

103 points to Mac's 96. Gilliam drew four first place votes to McMillan's three.

Others who were named first on the ballot were Peewee Reese, Brooklyn's still brilliant shortstop, who got three top nominations, and his center field teammate, Duke Snider, who got one. Reese, 37, made the best showing of his 16-year-career, finishing eighth with 71 points. Snider was tenth with 5.

STAN NINTH

Frank Robinson was the only rookie to receive recognition. The Redlegs' slugging left fielder, who tied a freshman record by hitting 38 home runs and led the league in runs scored on a .290 batting average, ranked seventh with 79 points. Stan Musial, the only member of a non-contending team in the first 10, was ninth with 62 points.

Joe Adcock, who had kept the Braves in contention, was a disappointing eleventh, overlooked by 14 writers. Rounding out the top 20 in order were: Bob Friend, Pittsburgh, 38; Herschel Freeman, Cincinnati, 25; Johnny Antonelli, New York and Ted Kluszki, Cincinnati, 18 each; Jackie Robinson, Brooklyn, 17; Willie Mays, New York, 14; Ed Bailey, Cincinnati and Bill Virdon, Pittsburgh, 13 each; and Stan Lopata, Philadelphia, 11.

Newcombe, only player to be named on each of the 24 ballots, expressed surprise over his selection.

"It was a complete surprise," he confessed. "Robin Roberts of the Phillies won 28 games one year and didn't get the most valuable player award. So I figured I didn't have a chance. I thought someone like Hank Aaron of the Braves or Junior Gilliam of our club or someone like that would get it."

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1935—Charles Hartnett, Chicago, c
1936—Carl Hubbell, New York, p
1937—Joseph Medwick, St. Louis, of
1938—Ernest Lombardi, Cincinnati, p
1939—William Walters, Cincinnati, p
1940—Frank McCormick, Cincinnati, 1b
1941—Adolph Camilli, Brooklyn, 1b
1942—Morton Cooper, St. Louis, p
1943—Stanley Musial, St. Louis, of
1944—Martin Marion, St. Louis, ss
1945—Philip Cavaretta, Chicago, 1b
1946—Stanley Musial, St. Louis, 1b

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1947—Robert Elliott, Boston, 3b
1948—Stanley Musial, St. Louis, of
1949—Jack Robinson, Brooklyn, 2b
1950—James Konstanty, Philadelphia, p
1951—Roy Campanella, Brooklyn, c
1952—Henry Sauer, Chicago, of
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Casey Stengel (right) explains to Satchel Paige (center) and Bill Veeck that he still has a few years on them during a dinner honoring Hall of Famer Paige in Kansas City Monday night. Stengel, 83, managed the New York Yankees and Mets, while Veeck was

owner of the St. Louis Browns and Cleveland Indians. Paige, who played for the Browns among other teams, also revealed his age at the dinner—65. —A.P. Wirephoto



Record Breaker

Lou Brock, who set a World Series record with seven stolen bases. The Cardinal outfielder also tied two Series steal marks yesterday with three thefts in one game and two in one inning. Brock's 12 hits tied a Redbird mark, but fell one short of the Series mark set by Bobby Richardson of the New York Yankees in 1964.

Stengel, Veeck on Hand Satch Paige Shaken At Testimonial Night



Cool Papa Bell

KANSAS CITY (AP)—Satchel Paige sat there, his elbow on the table lined with dignitaries and his chin resting in the grip of his hand.

He listened while one speaker after another traced Ol' Satch's 42 years in baseball and joked about his reluctance ever to reveal his age. He was subdued and visibly shaken, possibly thinking this was all just a wild nightmare.

Satch heard Ewing Kauffman, owner of the Kansas City Royals, tell how Paige "fought adversity, fought color, fought prejudices." Kauffman then revealed that a plaque of Paige would be erected prominently in the Royals' new stadium in the Harry S. Truman sports complex.

Paige gazed out over the throng of 700 who gathered to pay tribute Sunday night to Satchel, a Negro many say was the greatest pitcher ever. His eyes faded shut during the ova-

tions. Beside him was his wife, Lahoma. Not far away were his children, seven of them, some too young to know what adversity, color and prejudices are all about.

Paige heard Charles B. Wheeler Jr., the mayor of Kansas City, tell the crowd he had claimed Oct. 3 as "Satch Paige Day." Wheeler presented Satch with the "key to the city."

Paige mopped his wet forehead and chuckled lightly at 81-year-old Casey Stengel, former manager of the New York Yankees and Mets, butchering the English language with 5,000 words.

Paige listened while Bill Veeck, who gave Satch his first major league chance with Cleveland at the age of 42, told how the old pitcher made his debut by striking out three Yankees in the ninth inning on 10 pitches. Veeck described Paige as "the greatest pitcher I've ever seen."

Satch won six and lost one in Cleveland's 1948 pennant winning drive.

Finally, Satch strode to the microphone, and thin mist sifted from his eyes. He seemed lost for words, admitted that "It looks like my writing has gone cold."

Paige spoke briefly about his Hall of Fame induction. He was proud.

The testimonial program is a reproduction of the version of Paige's birth record from the Mobile, Ala., Health Department. It said he was born July, 1906. That confirms he is 65.

"I revealed my age," Paige said, "because when I told people I was 50, they told me grandpappy saw me pitch. Just stand there and pitch. Just stand there and pitch. If they bunted on me, well my legs . . ."

Paige got a lot of "my night," several dollars, a lot of chances, invitations to hunting and cat fish, rocking chair.



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Power Proves Too Much For West In Chicago All-Star Classic

COMISKEY PARK, Chicago, Ill.—Some 18,000 fans watched the East All-Stars slug out a 3-1 victory over the West in the 19th Annual East-West Classic here last Sunday. The East gathered their runs in the sixth inning when Ray Niel of Indianapolis singled, Ed Steel of Birmingham tripled and Norman Robinson of Birmingham doubled.

Their third run came in the 9th on a double by Norman Robinson and triple by Hayes.

Theoic Smith who began his baseball around Tandy Park, held power batters of the East in check as he worked the first three innings for the West. Smith was being cheered on by some 120 St. Louis fans who had journeyed to Chicago just to see him.

To go along with Smith's fine mound work turned in by school-boy Tugerson of the Clowns, who worked the first three innings for the East.

Major league scouts from the Brooklyn Dodgers, ST LOUIS Chicago White Sox, Boston Braves BROWNS, Pittsburgh Pirates, and Cleveland Indians were all over the park. They kept close eyes on Tugerson, Smith, Neil and Steel.

Man of ythem kept close check on other players that showed promise and mixed freely with the large crowd that was pulling for the East.

Some of the St. Louis fans included Doc Brackens, John Carter, Bob Palm and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Gaines. Joe Essen who has worked along with the Negro leagues for years, was in the press box.

Congressman Dawson (guest of Dr. J. B. Martin, president of the league), tossed out the first ball.

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Sports Figures

tend Newsome's Funeral Rites

Sports figures from around the city converged upon the Kutis Memorial Home recently to pay respects to Roy D. Newsom, driving force behind the St. Louis Municipal Baseball Association a veteran football and basketball official. Newsom teamed with William (ky) Boswell back on November 17, 1956 to help organize the Metropolitan League, attracting strong baseball teams. Boswell served as executive secretary 1964, leaving the Muni setup to go with the Tandy League which numbered to twelve teams. Newsom, losing the failing interest in his brainchild, called a meeting of the downtown hotels in a ditch effort to save it. Unfortunately most of the white tea-

Paige Stars As Reliever



DETROIT — (ANP)—Leroy "Satchel" Paige, the celebrated old man of baseball, is proving himself to be one of the most efficient relief hurlers in the American league, as he throws for the St. Louis Browns.

In a game against the Detroit Tigers, Paige came in in the seventh with two men on base, nobody out, and the Browns ahead, 6 to 3. Paige retired the side that frame and the next two without any trouble.

Probably the stunt with the greatest showmanship was done in an exhibition game last week. Playing against the Harrisburg, Pa., club, Paige loaded bases with nobody out, then fanned the next three men.

thundering to the easiest percent conquest in years (like their parent club, Brooklyn Dodgers) were paced by Jim Gilliam. He reached first base 17 straight times during July.

In the American Association there are such stars as Veteran shortstop Buzz Clarkson (Lou Boudreau type), first sacker George Crowe, both of Milwaukee Brewers. Veteran Ray Dandridge, Minneapolis third sacker, will return to action after being out of the lineup for three weeks as the

Wamhoff Dies; Funeral Tomorrow

Funeral services for Gus Wamhoff, a prominent figure in municipal baseball and other sports, will be tomorrow morning at 8:15 from the Math Hermann undertaking establishment to St. Jerome Catholic church. Burial will be in Calvary cemetery.

Mr. Wamhoff, 82 years old, died Friday at St. John's Mercy Hospital after a two-week illness. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Vera Wagonbreth Wamhoff; a son, Edward, and a daughter, Jewell.

Mr. Wamhoff organized numerous amateur baseball leagues and was proud of major leaguers such as Charlie Grimm, Lonnie Frey and Terry Moore, who got their start in his organizations.



Highlights Of Negro Minor Leaguers

While the Negro fans are still bugging over such stars as Robinson, Campanella, Doby, Mays, Irvin and Newcombe, let's take a trip to the minors this week and find out what's happening among our boys.

Sizzling Bob Boyd, hottest Negro minor league hitter in an awesome August bat-spree is rapping at the door of big league opportunity, a sure bet to be with the Chicago White Sox in 1952. At this writing, the Sacramento first sacker topped the Pacific Coast League at 345 and headed the base stealers wit 35. Boyd at one stretch, hit safely in 26 games, making 48 hits in 112 trips. He will play this fall with a barnstorming Negro All-Star team which will tour the deep south including Jackie Robinson, Larry Doby and Roy Campanella.

Sam Jones, San Diego's fire-baller who belongs to Cleveland, is running away with strikeout honors, having whiffed 185. Jones is described by one manager as having "the best stuff I've ever seen in the coast league and I go back to 1936." Buffalo, Rochester and Baltimore league clubs now are the only International League clubs without a Negro player since Branch Rickey brought Robinson to Montreal some five seasons ago.

Tony Marquetti, young Cuban outfielder was the first Negro to try out with the Toronto Leafs. However, he failed to make the grade. Two days later pitcher-outfielder Leon Day and infielder Charles White joined the club.

Among some of the International club standouts are Hector Rodriguez, Bob Thurman, Jim Gilliam and the St. Louis

accelerated its migration to the county. The league remained, however, a viable entity.

In 1963 he retired as chairman of the Missouri State High School Baseball Tournament, a post he held with distinction for twelve years.

Joining the writer in expressing words of respect and mourning were Bob Broeg, Sports Editor of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch and Bob Burnes, Executive Sports Editor of the St. Louis Golbe-Democrat.

One of Mr. Newsom's legacy was the fact that no one person had exerted greater influence in making prep sports an integral part of the greater St. Louis scene.

The former owner of a sporting goods store on south Grand Blvd. succumbed to a heart attack at St. Luke's Hospital on November 23. He was 70 years old.

National Circuit 1950 Folds Up

CHICAGO—Like a ship without a rudder, Negro baseball was drifting wildly in a deep sea of utter confusion this week as owners of teams in the Negro National and American Leagues met here in a joint meeting designed to save the battered hull of what was once a profitable financial vessel.

When the magnates sat down to what proved to be a stormy session, they found three National League teams had already gone under, drowned by waves of money problems. The Homestead Grays, the New York Black Yankees and Newark Eagles announced that they couldn't go any longer.

As a direct result of these three teams' dropping out of the National League it was decided by league officials to combine the remaining nine teams from both leagues and make them a single body. It was also agreed that a team representing Houston, Tex., be added to the loop.

Thus, the new circuit will be composed of ten teams whose playing area will just about cover the entire country.

MRS. MANLEY OUT

Mrs. Effa Manley, the "One-woman Riot" of Negro baseball, announced that she is giving up the Newark franchise. She said more than \$100,000 had gone through her fingers the past three years while she was trying to keep her aching head above the water.

"I'm sorry," she told the owners, "but I can't go on any longer. We have lost too much money as it is."

Mrs. Manley said that while she is not going to be active as an owner, she will voluntarily fight for the perpetuation of Negro baseball and act as an unofficial ambassador. "Some one," she pointed out, "has to make the public realize that Negro baseball must go on. It is horrible to think that just because four Negroes are accepted into the major leagues, Negro baseball is doomed. If that happens, no less than 400 young men will lose their jobs as players in our leagues. We can't let that happen."

The fair lady of Newark has been crusading for the past year against what she calls—"the intrusion of organized baseball." She is particularly peeved at Branch Rickey of the Dodgers. Mrs. Manley claims he "stole" Jackie Robinson from Kansas City and Don Newcombe, brilliant Montreal pitcher, from her Newark club. She says Rickey refused to pay for either player.

CONTINUES FIGHT

Consequently, Mrs. Manley is waging a one-woman fight against certain big league owners. She is running with fanatical blindness to every medium she can, bellowing with feminine gusto over the "big league peril."

Whether she is justified is a matter of conjecture. Nevertheless, Effa Manley stands today as the "Carrie Nation" of Negro baseball and like that famous foe of "hard liquor," Effa's heaving verbal bricks at everyone she thinks is wrong. Her major contention is that Rickey is trying to get everything he can for nothing.

Following in the steps of Mrs. Manley, Rufus (Sunnyman) Jackson, president of the Homestead Grays, announced that because of poor health and the continued financial losses on the part of his club that he also was dropping out of the diamond.

Monarchs No-Hit Ace To Hurl 1 Game

When the Kansas City Monarchs meet the Indianapolis Clowns Monday at Busch Stadium St. Louis fans will see the Monarchs' young rookie sensation, Jim Gilmore, who hurled a no-hitter against Memphis last week. Gilmore struck out 17 in hurling his masterpiece and was only in trouble once. It is almost certain that he will start one of the games here Monday night.

The first game will get underway in this big Elks' Day Classic at 5:00 p.m. and the Elks plan a big program which is to take place just before the game which is sponsored by the Elks Lodge of East St. Louis. The Monarchs are trying to win their second straight championship and so far this season have showed that they have it takes. On the other hand the Clowns say that they will more to say about this game as they are trying to get a good game out of it.

The Clowns want to avenge for their defeat in St. Louis the Monarchs last season. Ernie Banks, now with the Chicago Cubs, blasted a home run for the Monarchs. Kansas City team host another hitter in Fran Hamer, their big first baseman who hit safely in 22 games and collected nine home runs traveling over 425 feet.

The first Kansas City pitcher to hurl a no-hitter in the last ten years was Jim Gilmore, 21-year-old, 5-foot 11-inch right-hander.

Gilmore performed the May 17 against the Memphis Sox and during the brilliant inning stint fanned 17 batters averaging two in an inning. More started out the game walking the first three batters and then walked the side on strikes.

From then on the big league pitcher kept his control in Memphis was helpless. Gilmore, who is tabbed as a surefire major leaguer.

Gilmore is a high school graduate and has served in the army, which made him a valuable property for the Monarchs.

Gilmore joined the team last season after his discharge from the service. He asked for O'Neil for a chance to play and it looks like he found a diamond in the rough. Gilmore is wild at times, but he has control he is unbeatable.

Gilmore played several games in Atlanta before



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**Two Teams Tie
20 Innings**

CHICAGO, May 13.—(AP)—The St. Louis American Giants and the St. Louis Clowns of the Negro American League played to a 20-inning, 3 to 3 tie yesterday at Comiskey Park. The game was suspended at the end of the 20th inning because of darkness. Lefty Jessup, Giants' pitcher, struck out the Clowns' Peanut Davis went all distance. Jessup struck out three and Davis struck out eight.

LUKE'S LITTLE BROTHER, WILBERT, SIGNED BY BROWNS

The St. Louis Browns signed Wilbert Easter, the little brother of Big Luke Easter, who is with the Cleveland Indians, to their Centralia, Ill., farm club last week. Wilbert has been playing with the Scullin Steel team and will be missed both afield and at bat as the season wears on. He has a good throwing arm and carries a bat to the plate with him.

JONES Man, 89, Burned Critically at Home

Daniel Jones, 89, of 4916 Elm-bank ave., was burned critically Thursday when his clothes caught fire while he was smoking a pipe in the basement of his home. A daughter, Mrs. Marvin Brown, ran down to the basement and smothered the flames with a blanket. Mr. Jones was taken to Homer G. Phillips Hospital.



Normal (Tweed) Webb talks to Bob Burnes, executive sports editor of The St. Louis Globe Democrat...the topic...baseball, of course. Tweed is the unchallenged authority on black baseball... amateur and professional. His knowledge of the game predates the modern Jackie Robinson era. Photo by Jim Joiner



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TWEED TALKS OF BLACK PRO BASEBALL HERE

BY MORRIS HENDERSON 1971

Anytime you run into Normal (Tweed) Webb, the unchallenged authority on black baseball you can bet your sweet bibby that the topic will almost immediately revert to that topic. That is precisely what happened the other day when stopped in at 4574 Enright to talk with the historian deluze. The inquiry dealt with details surrounding the start of black baseball professional style, here and Tweed was the natural resource. "Back in 1902," Webb started, "President Ban Johnson moved the Milwaukee team here for the then new American League. They were called the "Browns" and all-season major league baseball was available," he continued.

Webb remembers that year for a particular reason. It was then that he was a second baseman (and a great one at that), cavorting around the diamond with the likes of Charles Zomphier, Abe Dump, Red DeBerry, Teannie Edwards, John Brewer, Terry Butler, Earl Cook, Boswell et. al. "It was not until 1909 when Charley Mills, a sportsman of note, organized the St. Louis Giants...the first black professional team here," Webb asserted. "They had such stars as Joe Hewitt, Dan Kennard, Eddie Holt, Bill Gatewood, Bill Drake, Tucker Blackwell, Oscar Charleston, George Scales, Dudley, McDoo among others..." Tweed recalls that

they played in Kuebler's Park over on North Broadway. In 1917 he was bat boy for Rube Foster's fabulous Chicago American Giants on many occasions. His records tell of their greatness. He recalls seeing many of the great athletes on teams like the Lincoln Giants, Kansas City Monarchs, Homestead Grays, Chicago Le-

Land Giants, Philadelphia Giants, Newark Eagles, Detroit Stars, Indianapolis Ace's, Cleveland Tate Stars, Hillsdale Stars, Birmingham Black Barons, Cuban Giants et al. Outstanding individuals on those teams included Smokey Joe Williams, John Donaldson, John Henry Lloyd, Bullet Rogan, Ben

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NEW YORK CUBANS—A favorite for higher 1946 honors

TWEED

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 10 Taylor, Torrienti, Bingo De-Moss, Dick Lundy, and many others.

"It was in 1922 when the St. Louis Stars appeared upon the horizon," Webb says with a twinkle in his eyes. "The Late Dick Kent and some of his associates purchased the Giants franchise so that they could enter a club into the Negro National League...which had been formed by Foster. The Stars Park was located at Compton and Market..."

Webb recalls that 1928 was the flag waver for the Stars. They won the Negro World Series then!

He then started to reel off some more names that sounds like Who's Who in black baseball: James (Cool Papa) Bell, George (Mule) Suttles, Willie Wells, Branch Russell, Willie Creacy, Roosevelt Davis, Zom-

phier, A.D. Young, Newt Allen Dewey Creacy, Elmer Wilson "Eggie" Hensley, Quin Troupe, Tom Jackson, Wilso Redus, Charles Glass, John Russell...

"It was on August 10, 1928 that the Stars played before the largest crowd that ever witnessed a regular NNL game here. The crowd was estimated at 14,000. Willie Bobo broke up a tight hurling duel with a long four-bagger over the shed which made the Stars 1-0 victors over Foster's Giants.

Of Foster, who Webb has insisted should have been at least the number two choice into the Hall of Fame, Webb expounded that theory before over 40 patrons at the Swan Cocktail Lounge, 4702 Easton recently. The audience, including proprietors Mr. and Mrs. Frank Turner, stood spell bound along with popular barmaid Ms Betty Darby and an ex-Tandy great Richard Hardy.

HIGHLIGHTS 1957 - The official scorer, Normal "Tweed" Webb presented the 1957 season in review. His charts and tables revealed the outstanding hitting and pitching records of both teams and players. A lively discussion of Tandy seasons back to the 1920's beginning ensued. "Tweed" had brought along scorebooks and scrapbooks covering the more than thirty years of play. The men present were hustlin', hungry youngsters in their prime on the field when these games were played.



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Others On The Honor Roll

Curiously, the first Negro professional ball player, John W. (Bud) Fowler, who played for pay in 1872 with a white team at New Castle, Pa., was born at Cooperstown, where the Hall of Fame was erected in 1939.

The first Negro big leaguer was Moses Fleetwood Walker, tall, slender and handsome. Born in 1857 at Mt. Pleasant, O., Walker attended both Oberlin College and the University of Michigan. When Toledo moved up in 1884 to the American Association, then a major league, Walker opened the door that was then slammed in 1898, apparent reaction to the Reconstruction era which followed the Civil War.

Athlete, intellectual, businessman and journalist, Walker died in 1924 without having seen fulfillment of his dream — mass emigration of the American Negro to Liberia.

The great Negro players who lived and played in the virtually hidden half-century included shortstop John Henry Lloyd, pitcher-manager-league founder Andrew (Rube) Foster and pitcher Smokey Joe Williams, described by some as better and faster than Paige.



Larry Doby, new Cleveland Indian's infielder, pictured above in his brand-new uniform as he received instructions from Mgr. Lou Boudreaux at Comiskey Park in Chicago shortly after joining the club last Saturday.
(Call and Post Photo)

Mr. Rickey: 'Master Mind Of Baseball'

DIED Dec. 7, 1965

Branch Rickey was eulogized as the "master mind" and "master heart of baseball" at funeral services today attended by a national delegation of sportsmen, including Jackie Robinson, the man Rickey helped to cross baseball's color line.

The eulogy was delivered by Dr. Ralph Sockman of New York, a friend of Mr. Rickey's since the days when Mr. Rickey was baseball coach at Ohio Wesleyan and Dr. Sockman was a student.

Dr. Sockman said Mr. Rickey "has been called the master mind of baseball. His vision made him that."

The 83-year-old Mahatma of baseball died Thursday night in Columbia, Mo. He had suffered a heart attack there Nov. 13 while speaking at his induction into the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame.

National League president Warren Giles was one of scores of baseball leaders who joined Eckert at the funeral. Others were Bill DeWitt, owner of the Cincinnati Reds; Gabe Paul, president of the Cleveland Indians, and Ken Smith, director of baseball's Hall of Fame.

Jackie Robinson, the man Rickey pushed over baseball's color line, also attended the services, as did Bobby Bragan, manager of the Atlanta Braves, and Jim Gallagher, assistant to the commissioner.

Services were held at Grace Methodist Church, the congregation to which Mr. Rickey has belonged. The gray stone church was filled.

Mr. Rickey's body was to be taken by car to Portsmouth, O., where graveside services and burial will take place tomorrow. Mr. Rickey was born at Stockdale, O. 1944 signed R

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Jane Rickey, and five daughters, Mrs. Stephen Adams, St. Louis; Mrs. Edward Jakle, Altos, Calif.; Mrs. Robert Jones, Elmira, N.Y.; Mrs. Lindwolf, Swartmore, Pa., and John Eckler, Columbia, O.

Danville Signs First Negro in Carolina Loop 1961

By WALTER CHRISTIANSON DANVILLE, Va.

Owners of the Danville Leafs of the Carolina League have cracked the color line by signing a Negro player. He is Percy Miller, Jr., 20-year-old native, who starred in high school baseball, football and basketball and who, since his graduation in June, had been playing with the Danville Stars, local colored semi-pro team, with which he was batting .375 when signed. He is an outfielder.

On the night of Miller's first appearance in the Leafs' lineup, there was a turnout of 1,784—about double the normal attendance. Among them were 600 Negro fans, compared to a normal 50 to 75.

Less than 24 hours later, Al Campanis, scout for the Brooklyn Dodgers, was on hand to look over the young Negro, but he went 0 for 4 and did not have a chance in the field. On the previous night Miller had marked his debut with a single that drove in the first two runs and sent Danville off to a 5 to 4 victory over Durham.

It was the first time in the history of professional baseball in Danville that a Negro has been on a local team, or in the Carolina League.

The reaction among fans on the street was sharply divided. A reporter making a spot survey was told by several objectors they were mailing in their season tickets.

But the mass reaction at League Park was one of approval. The stands, white and colored fans alike, gave the young Negro hearty applause, not only upon his initial appearance but each time he came up.

Most of the team approved the signing of Miller, provided the youth earns a position and "can help us win."



Percy Miller



MARSHALL RIDDLE 1964 MINISTER

When a young man turns to the ministry after building up a reputation as an athlete and a gentleman, we native St. Louisans still look upon him as our star, trying to start and rally saving souls.

From the reports we got, he's made good again, preaching the words of the Twentieth Psalm bringing joy and peace to many troubled hearts.

Marshall "Jeeter" Riddle of 5065 Lotus, known as an outstanding baseball player twenty years ago is now associate minister of the Church of Christ, 4229 W. Page, it was announced to this writer by Rev. W. Moore, pastor of this modern temple.

Second baseman Riddle started his baseball career with Manager Percy Boddie's St. Louis Pirates and later played in the Tandy League. He recalled his greatest thrill as a sandlotter, "playing with the old Pirates, I hit my first home run over the right field fence with Ed Morgan and Jasper Bowdry on base to put our team in lead 5-4, but we lost 6-5, but the thrill was there."

He played professional baseball with such teams as: Cleveland Buckeyes, Cincinnati Crescents and St. Louis Stars. In the 1940 East-West game in Chicago, he was presented a gold wrist watch for participating in the game, incidentally, Leslie "Chin" Green also played.

Recalling the highlights of Marshall's career, he left the game with both friends and records. At the age of 25, he joined the U. S. Marine Corps and took boot training at New River, N. C.



DO YOU KNOW BASEBALL?

This is the time of the year when we begin to work ourselves into a rage towards baseball radio announcers and writers, shouting that they are prejudiced, wrong and crazy. Some announcers do not feel that it is necessary to include a player's race every time they mention his name. However in some parts of the country, many announcers make derogatory and caustic remarks about individual players, even the color of their skin.

During the winter I heard one announcer remark that Minofo can not be classified simply as a Cuban, he is a Cuban Negro, just as Joe Louis is an American Negro. Minofo cannot be classified the same as Chico Carrasquel because Chico is Cuban. The first thing wrong was, Carrasque, is Venezuelan, not Cuban and while it is true that Minofo is a Cuban Negro; the point is that there is no reason to add Negro to any nationality when you are referring to the people that live there, Jews, Italians or Negroes they are all Americans, Cubans or what have you.

In order to be a good baseball fan a person must be a keen student of the game they like, they must not only be a keen observer but a sound analyst and a good sport. It is only by acquiring and developing these talents that a person can hardly know the score.

While it is necessary to know one's subject in order to talk about it, you don't have to be a participant to qualify as a number one fan. Some of our good fans never played, just as some of our greatest drama critics never wrote a play.

In other words a person could stay home and read upon baseball plus their radio and still know what's going on more so than some fans who go to a ball game often.

It is the person who learns what the baseball announcer says who is the most critical and believe me, he is the best informed fan so far as St. Louis is concerned. A baseball radio fan, especially will spot a mistake quicker than the keenest inspector at any war plant.

Write or Call Normal "Tweed" Webb, FO. 6304 — 4574 Enright avenue.

STRONG BALL CLUB A LETTER SENT TO OUR OFFICE FOR GAMES Dear "Hot Stove":

In reading your sport column, I am glad to know you have returned from service, and I wish you the best of luck with sports. "Tweed," we read your Hot Stove dope every week. I wish to announce that the Evansville, Ind. Royal Giants, a fast strong semi-pro ball club would like to book games with outstanding ball teams throughout the Mid-west. We have a nice park.

Dave Cole, well known baseball player throughout the country, will manage my club. In closing, thanks a million for your time.

Yours truly, George McCray, Owner of the Evansville Royal Giants.

These players will meet all outstanding teams at home or on the road.



DO YOU KNOW BASEBALL?

How is your heart after one of the finest, exciting and most spectacular, dramatic World Series in the history of baseball?

Well, I managed to pull through it with the rest of the jubilant Brave fans. Milwaukee has proved it's the baseball capital of the world. What a celebration for days.

You'll have to excuse me for gloating but what else can you expect of a fellow when he calls the turn of the outcome of the 1957 National League pennant race in April, and the World Series on opening day? So, if you'll be kind, please overlook my crowing, won't you? Before the season started I picked the Braves over the Brooklyn Dodgers, but the Cardinals fooled me with a second-place finish.

This column pointed out late on in the season that Hank Aaron would be the leader in home runs, RBIs, and would win the batting championship. However, Aaron didn't win the batting title this year. Perhaps it was his willingness to help his team win the pennant that caused him the title. Can't Rate Musial Over Aaron.

In opposition to the National Baseball Weekly's selection of top players of the year, this reporter deems it necessary to comment to the contrary of the selections of Stan Musial of the Cardinals and Ted Williams of the Red Sox for its annual outstanding player awards in the major leagues. I, for one, am high in praise for these two veterans on past performances and their high 1967 batting averages. But how can you rate Musial over Aaron for all-round play this season? Hitting, running, fielding and throwing takes to make a valuable ball player to his team.

Then, how about Roy Stovall of the Senators in the Amateur League?

The National Baseball Weekly selection differs from the most valuable player awards of the Baseball Writers' Association, that the Sporting News places pitchers in a separate category. However, members of the Writers Association were polled in making the choice.

Warren Spahn won 21 and Billy Pierce 20 to win pitchers' awards.

For local baseball information write Normal "Tweed" Webb, call FO. 7-6304.

Funeral Tonight

Funeral services for Lewis (Jelly) Stone, a Tandy League outfielder in the 1920s, will be at 8 o'clock tonight at Scruggs Memorial C. M. E. Church, 362 Cook Avenue. Stone, 69, died Monday of cancer at Firm Desloge Hospital.

The body is at Ellis undertaking establishment, 1905 Union Boulevard. Burial will be tomorrow morning at Greenwood Cemetery.

1959
 Negro Baseball League Reflects Dr. J. B. Martin
 The Negro baseball American League re-elected Dr. J. B. Martin to his 20th one-year term as president and re-elected Theodore Rasberry vice president at a Chicago meeting. Dr. Martin reported that the League's Birmingham Black Barons, formerly owned by Memphis physician R. A. Ross, was bought by the Barons' ex-manager, Winfield Welch. Dr. Martin also said John Turnage of Newark, N. J., filed application for admission of his Newark Indians to the league.

Baseball Leader Dies In New York

NEW YORK (ANP) — Another era ended here last week. Max Rosner died at the age of 77. An immigrant from Hungary who earned a living as a cigar maker, Rosner also amassed a fortune with semi-professional baseball. Rosner was the owner of the nationally famous Bushwick baseball team whose home, Dexter Park in Wood-have, Queens, once was the greatest semi-pro aggregation in the world.

Besides, Rosner was the first to give traveling Negro teams good breaks enabling them to pick up guarantees.

At one time, attendance at the Bushwick's commodious ball park surpassed the Dodgers, rivalling the Giants and the Yankees for continuous capacity crowds. In the heyday of the Pittsburgh Crawfords, no trip East was complete without double headers on Saturday and Sunday at the Bushwick park.

Rosner began his baseball career in 1903 with a team of young players known as the Paramounts. By 1909 he had moved his club to another location, going to Dexter Park in 1911. In a short time, the Bushwicks, formed in conjunction with another team known as the Ridgewood Club, became the best semi-professional ball club anywhere. Dexter Park seated 10,000 in its grandstand, and there was room for 3,000 more in the bleachers.

Negro professional teams were the biggest draw at Dexter. Fans filled the park to cheer the play of the Homestead Grays, the Chicago American Crawfords, the Chicago American Giants and many others. Josh Gibson and Satchel Paige were favorites of the fans, who also knew and loved other Negro stars of the day.

But when the major league teams began accepting Negro players, the stars of these teams vanished and to an extent, so did the attendance at Dexter Park. But it had been failing before that.

As far back as 1942, Rosner declared that radio had hurt his team. The outfit hit its peak in 1952, but attendance began to drop after that. The Bushwicks remained in business until 1952, but they couldn't carry on in face of major league broadcasts, telecasts and the loss of Negro drawing cards. Finally, the owners gave up and the famed semi-pro park was let out for midget races.

Although baseball thrived at Dexter, the owners couldn't make semi-pro football go at Dexter. Time after time, teams were put into the park during the fall season, but none were successful, not even a crack outfit headed by Dave Meyers of New York University fame, known as the Dexter Bulldogs. Fans in that section loved baseball.

Drawing closely with the late Rosner and his successor, Bill Wright, Rosner was the czar of baseball in the East. Dress: 1 1/4 of a tip off on the striped fabric.

Harry Caray

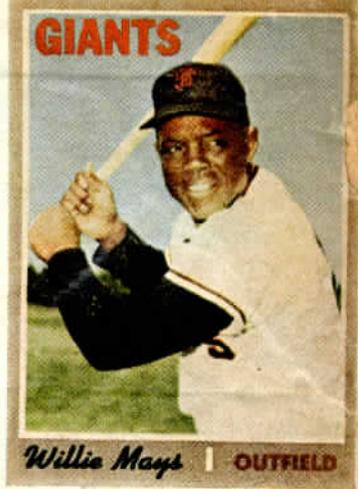


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December 17, 1946

Mr. Normal "Tweed" Webb
 St. Louis Argus Baseball Reporter
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Dear Mr. Webb,

Thank you very much for your letter.

I have added your name to our list for membership in the Hot Stove League.

The clipping which you enclosed was very interesting. I wish you would pass some more of your columns on to me every now and then, as I really enjoyed it.

I'm glad you enjoy our sports broadcasts. I hope to have you as a listener to all of the Griesedieck Brothers sports programs for many years.

Thanking you for your interest, and hoping to have you as part of the radio audience on our shows throughout the year, I am

Cordially yours,

Harry Caray
 Harry Caray

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ELITE GIANTS—Will miss bats of Bill Wright and Roy Co

Adolph Jes... well, graduated

Announcement Due Soon:

1971

Is 'Cool Papa' Bell Headed For Sports Hall Of Fame?

by Morris Henderson

Great, yes... James (Cool Papa) Bell... Hall of Fame?

The first in a series of elections to baseball immortality... the Hall of Fame were released recently when pitchers Sandy Koufax and Early Wynn accompanied Lawrence (Yogi) Berra all gained berth. Their selection came through the normal channels.

Two special committees are still to be heard from. One concentrates upon old-timers... and their reports is anticipated any hour. The other represents baseball's attempt to make amends for the many frustrating years of disenfranchisement of black athletes... those who pre-dated the Jackie Robinson era. This group is to report on February 8th and conjecture is that they will follow up last season's choice of Leroy (Satchel) Paige with two other greats of yesteryear.

Local black historians, Normal (Tweed) Webb has been beating the drums for Rube Foster, pitcher of enormous talents way back when. The best bet for one of the slots is Josh Gibson, the vurley catcher who, oldtimers insist, was leaps and bounds ahead of Roy Campella... who is firmly secure in the Hall. Gibson, who, purportedly is the all-time top catcher... black or white... is rated an almost dead cinch.

The other slot? James 'Cool Papa' Bell, the fleet outfielder whose blinding speed remains the topic of conversation from those who were privileged to see his cavort around the diamond, is a prime candidate.

Bell is a St. Louisan, ardent



member of the Central Baptist Church who disdains publicity. He is virtually unknown by many of his fellow churchgoers. Certainly his baseball prowess falls into premier centerfielder category. Oldtimers insist that if the color bar had not existed he would have rated as the the games premier centerfielder.

Most insist that he is in the "can't miss" category. The only question is whether it will be in 1972 or later?

Other candidates include Willie Wells, Mule Suttles, Newt Allen, Oscar Charleston, Mel Robinson, and scores of others.



WHAT TYPE OF FAN ARE YOU? 1978

If you are the average big league fan, you attend as many Brooklyn Dodgers or New York Giant games a season as your pocketbook will allow, when the tickets are available. You have your favorite club. You know the type of baseball you most enjoy and, of course, you have your own pet ideas on how a ball club should be run. So that makes you a 100% baseball bug waiting for April 17 to roll around.

You pay your money and have your fun, one way or another. Some fans got out to the park to ride other fans, some folks pull for just teams featuring tan stars, while others go out strictly just to see the Brooklyn Dodgers play. Then there is the all-American type that goes out just to see a good ball game regardless who plays.

Since the Negro player has been established, most fans can relax in the grand stand or bleachers, watching the game in a casual manner, not too disturbed when the Brooklyn team is defeated. But others still take the game so seriously that they almost get right down on the field and battle among the runs, hits, errors and arguments. It is this type of customer who spends the most time figuring out what should be done in certain situations.

Usually the loudest fans are the ones who know less about inside baseball. However one of the big thrills of the game to the ardent rooter is his ability to take a play and express his art of strategy. He will second guess the manager and sometimes call the star a bum. The smart fan may not always be right, but thinks he is and takes the game serious enough to try to figure plays. It is a real great thing for the game that there are so many types of baseball fans. The price of admission gives you that right to root as you will.

or Call FO. 7-6304-4574
- Normal Webb.



TEMINNIE EDWARDS



Bill Donaldson, NOV. 13
Pioneer Umpire 59
Great, Dies

William "Bill" Donaldson, age 67, retired public school custodian here since November 1, 1958, longtime Negro National League pioneer umpire and later in the Tandy League, died last Friday morning in Los Angeles, Calif. The cause of his death was not available at press time. He moved to Los Angeles one year ago and lived at 5007 Hooper street, with his wife.

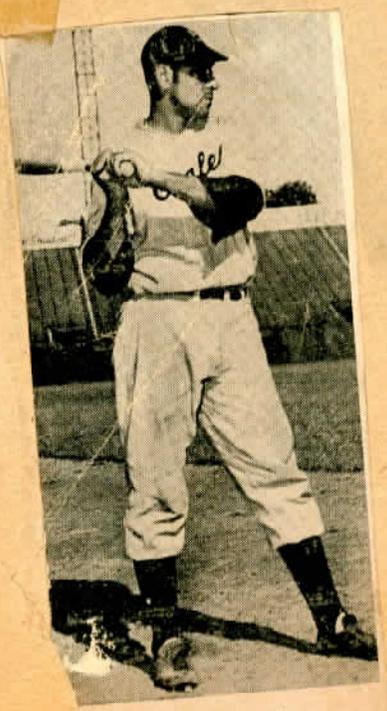
Donaldson's death brought back memories of the St. Louis Stars when the famed Stars park at Compton and Market was in its hey-day during the Roaring Twenties when Bill, "Chief" Cooper and Harry Holland were their umpires - now all three have passed. However, they all shall still live as long as there is a Hot Stove League.

Bill knew people from all walks of life - show folks, mobsters, political dignitaries, school teachers and sandlotters. The late Bill "Bo Jangle" Robinson, fame dancer was one of his favorites. They would play pool together before a big crowd on Compton avenue whenever Robinson visited St. Louis.

Fate played a strange thing in Bill's life, after retiring from the school system little over a year ago, he went back to live in Los Angeles, his native town, where he began his baseball career back in 1914 catching for the Hogge Giants. After five years of semi-pro ball, Billy gave up playing to become one of the leading colored umpires on the coast. Yes, Bill came back home to die unexpectedly.



COOL PAPA BELL



Davis, Newark

TWO OLD-TIMERS who continue to linger in the minds of ardent baseball fans are: Charles "Cool Papa" Bell, and Teapnie Edwards, the reknowned pitcher of the St. Louis Braves. Edwards and Bell has established a dynasty in the Tandy League.

Since 1950, they have won the title 6 times. "Cool Papa Bell" is remembered as one of the many tan stars who was born too early for the big leagues. Some say Jackie Robinson couldn't wear his glove.

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FAMED LOCAL BASEBALL 1964 HISTORIAN REFLECTS OVER 40 YEARS OF SANDLOT ACTIVITY



NORMAL (TWEED) WEBB

by Morris Henderson

For well over forty years, Normal (Tweed) Webb has worn the title of Mr. Tandy League. Besides, in a concession to the fact that his baseball...including sandlot variety...knowledge is not exclusive to the oldest amateur association in the metropolitan area, he is noted as being the foremost historian in the area.

With this type of inducement, we could not resist the temptation to drive over to 4574 Enright where he resides and garner some of his impressions for this showcase of all issued, THE ST. LOUIS AMERICAN's fortieth Anniversary! (Tweed resides there with his parents).

Tucked under our arm was a 1934 issue of THE AMERICAN. It contained a baseball column entitled: 'Around The Metropolitan Loop.' Its author was the secretary of the Tandy Association, Normal (Tweed) Webb. For a number of years since he does a column for another weekly.

In years before, he had formed one-half of one of the all-time great doubleplay combinations. Later in his playing days he had performed as team captain...later as a coach, still later...a manager...He was to go on to occupy several offices for the league before settling down to become official scorer, statistician and public relations man for the circuit. This position he occupied for a number of years, until he retired a few years ago...completing in excess of forty-years of service...uninterrupted...to the circuit. Now he talks of a comeback.

Harper-Potter Roofers; Scullin Steel Mules, Curtis Wright; Brame Oilers, Foster Tigers, Senators, Braves, Dodgers, Ex-GI's, Mathew-Dickey Knights, Brooklyn Robins, etc..."

We leaned forward. Tweed was shifting gears...

"Big Leaguers such as Al Smith (Whitesox, Indians etc), Luke Easter (Indians), Quincy Troupe (St. Louis), Elston Howard (Yankees, Redsox), Jim Pen delton (Braves), Sam Jethroe (Braves), Ted Savage (now with Cubs) and Nathan Colbert (Houston) got their start around the greater St. Louis sandlots..."

For every athlete who made, there were several who were born thirty or forty years too soon. Tweed identifies in this group such big names of yesteryears as James (Cool Papa) Bell, Charles Zomphier, Doc Brackens, John Brown, John Green, Chin Green, Eugene Smith, Fireball Smith, Irving Vincent, and Elmer Wilson. He, modestly, omits a brilliant infielder named Normal Webb.

Reminiscing over the twenties Webb inserted "...baseball fans would wander across the Compton Hill bridge at the Cubs Park to watch the Union Electrics battle the Cubs in some of the greatest semi-pro games I have ever seen. The admission was thirty-five cents..."

"Over on the eastside they had the powerful E. St. Louis Giants and the Colts. Kinloch had their park and was baseball town within itself. It was the home of the strong Kinloch Monarchs."

As he talked it was obvious that his prime loyalties are vest-

How did it all start? After exchanging pleasantries, Tweed got right down to the topic: "It started back in 1932, when the passing of the World Champion St. Louis Stars left baseball-loving St. Louisians dependant upon sandlot and semi-pro baseball..."

He continued: "The independent league blossomed forth on the lot that the Stars Park had enclosed. From it developed a new champion, the Compton Hill Cubs."

"However, the Tandy League was first played in 1919 on these sites (Tandy Park). At that time it featured such great teams as the Black Sox, Broomer Tailors, the Pullmans, Union Electrics, Democrats and later, the

ed in the Tandy League, however (and with good reason). "I say this with mixed emotions of happiness and regret...happiness in paying tribute and respect and admiration to the Tandy League officials down through the years who kept baseball going at the 'ole ball yard' (Goode-Cottage). This year the Tandy League will shift its operations to the new site at Newstead and Cottage...but I am a sentimentalist...I regret to see the loop leave the old diamond..."

Reminiscing again, "I shall never forget during World War I when the city cleared it for a baseball diamond. While at Simmons Grade School (Still on St. Louis avenue), we kids, such as Red DeBerry, Smokey Allen, Les-

ally, Tom is just plain in- ed in boys and he still a fatherly advise to many youngsters who has no professional baseball possibilities..."

Then he became to name other outstanding individuals who dedicated their lives to helping boys "...Teannie Edwards, the late Theodes Lyles, James Walls, Richard Fowler, Gibbie Meeks, Fred Roberts, Bob Palm, William Boswell, Charles Fayne, Martin Mathews, Dickey, Al Cothrell, Leroy Broomer, Ely Chism, and Jelly Stone..." (the list was much longer). "These men managed great teams, moulding young men into becoming useful and respectful citizens...and all through baseball."

Baseball has rewarded him with mementos and memories but little else. Would he do it all over, if?

"Yes I would Morris", came the rapid response. "I have received awards, phone calls and letters from many, many former players and fans. Many of them wrote to thank me for interest...The families ceased players contact me, press their thanks...This more to me than money."

"Let me recite my favorite poem. It is by Emily Dickson: 'IF I CAN STOP ONE HEART FROM BREAKING, ISHALL NOT HAVE LIVED IN VAIN. IF I CAN EASE ONE LIFE THE ACHING, OR COOL ONE PAIN, OR HELP ONE FAINTING ROBIN INTO HIS NEST AGAIN, ISHALL NOT HAVE LIVED IN VAIN.'" With that we tucked our notebook in our pocket, extended ourhand and walked out of the door.

Normal (Tweed) Webb, a member of the Scruggs Memorial C. M. E. Church (our friend, Rev. Joseph Henderson is the pastor). He operates a sign shop in the basement of his home. He is rich in memories.

RADIO KATZ NAME "TWEED" WEBB "CITIZEN OF WEEK"

The Tandy Baseball League season-half races are going right down to the wire. Five teams will entertain hopes of grabbing off the two divisional championships. They are definitely up for grabs and the perennial champion, St. Louis Dodgers are struggling like everybody else. Radio Station KATZ joined the list of individuals and organizations that has honored Normal 'Tweed' Webb, who for some forty-two years have performed—with distinction—a multitude of duties with the oldest circuit in amateur baseball.

Last week the station, through its public relations director, Miss Patrice Carter and its news director, Doug Eason presented to 'Tweed' a certificate in recognition of his being named their 'Citizen of the week'. He was cited for "outstanding local sandlot baseball achievements during the 42 year..."

An authority on local Negro baseball history, he was the subject of a potpourri of honors as the highlight of the annual East-West Tandy All-Star Game of July 12th which attracted a record crowd in the excess of 8,000.

The man who has served the league as one of its all-time great shortstops, as manager, as statistician, as official scorer, as several league officers, was visibly shaken by the award. Mr. Tandy League, as he is fondly known around the circuit, praised the fans as "the greatest in the world." *July 20, 1964*

Oldest Fan To Throw Out First Ball

When the baseball game begins between the Old Pullmen and the Old Timers, Dan Jones, who is considered to be the oldest fan around the old Ville ball yard, will throw out the first ball. Dan Jones who lives at 4304 Cottage avenue has seen Tandy grow into the park it is...



1946
Seoy, Black Yankees

lie Lindsey, Voris Dickerson, Dean Terry, Terry Butler and many more...all helped to build the Tandy Park Diamond before the city graded the ground. He added, almost in a whisper, "I personally laid home plate..."

It soon became obvious that he holds police captain Thomas E. Brooks in the highest of esteem. "Along with Captain Brooks...he was affectionately known by all sandlotters as the man who still wears the same size hat...and he still does today. Basic-

NATIONAL UMPIRES ASSOCIATION

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ASHFORD POPULAR WITH FANS

PCL Names Negro As Umpire-In-Chief

SAN DIEGO, CALIF. (AP)—Emmett Ashford, a Negro, has been named umpire-in-chief of the Pacific Coast League, President Dewey Soriano announced Saturday.

The colorful Ashford, always popular with fans, has been in

the league since 1954. At present he is umpiring basketball games in the Los Angeles area.

"Emmett has done a very creditable job and deserves the promotion," Soriano said. "He's highly respected by his fellow umpires."

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Bizz Mackey . . . A Star At Fifty

1945

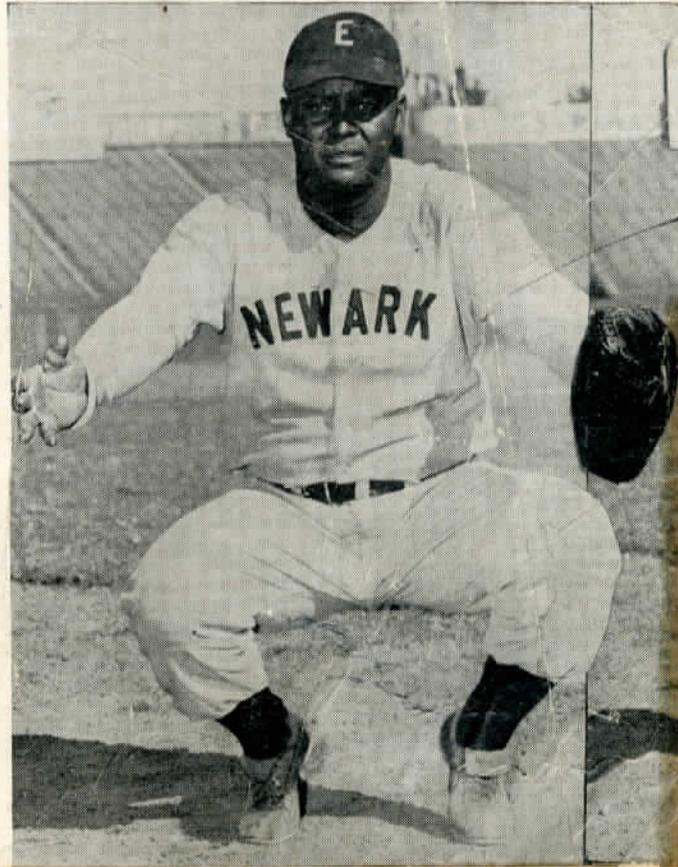
By RIC ROBERTS

BORN 1885

Bizz Mackey does not know it or, better, he will not know it until he reads it here, but he's not appear in Robert Ripley's Believe-It-Or-Not. Bizz is a miracle man—a 50-year-old catcher who catches and manages for the Newark Eagles.

At least 12 years beyond the acceptable age for ball players, not to mention the excruciating job of squatting in catchers' harness since the days before America entered World War I, Mackey adds stature to his distinction of being the greatest catcher Negro baseball has ever known with every pitch he catches, or every ball he throws. A gifted hitter all his life, he hit a nice .307 in 36 league ball games in 1945 and barely was nosed out by the Grays for the NNL pennant.

Sharp of eye, pugnacious of spirit and enormous in the clutch, no better handler of pitchers ever lived. No well versed baseball man ever selects an All-Time Negro baseball team without listing Bizz Mackey. Take a gander at that gnarled right hand pictured here—broken a dozen times, not one finger is free of smashed bones. Thirty years of catching is a long, long time—believe it or not.



Bizz Mackey, Mgr. Newark Eagles



Vernon Green



Norman Tweed Webb

FROM PRESS BOX 1953

the Kansas City Monarchs returned up here for a header with the Indianapolis Clowns at Denison Park Stadium. They featured second game line-up products, the East St. Louis shortstop Doc Deane, catcher Sam Taylor, while Tandy League the bullpen's James Walker, Roy Moody, as played four innings given another

the fans were jumping out of Bob Matley's umpire, the actor was trying to figure out almost after each when plate umpire Van was a slow-moving target as the press was concerned ever, they both seem to their toes but that sort of piring wouldn't do for the leagues.

About two Sundays ago Tandy Park batter almost per across home plate to ball; one fan yelled, "that batter had bunted" stepping across the plate would have happened? never heard of a big doing that in a game. They fan asked me if I had a batter do it by getting hit?

First, the rules say cannot step out of the box to hit the ball. years ago I read when Snider hit a single but stepping across the plate in a blue moon the big show. Once happen at Tandy Park after drove a sharp right field and was called out by the umpire anxious to hit one of Travis' blooper pitches game between the famous man and Scullin Steel. batter stepped across the follow a slow ball and pitch hard to right field. have been many arguments managers that an opponent violated the rule, using an attempted bunt or step home plate.

From out press box report saw in 1953 Sanderville Wacos along with a few teams of the Georgia league threatened to drop because some teams in the

Norman Tweed Webb

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FAMED EAST-WEST GAME HIGHLIGHT OF NEGRO LEAGUE ACTIVITIES

By Morris Henderson

1971

Long before Jackie Robinson with a big assist from Branch Rickey brought a crushing halt to the unwritten rule which precluded black participation in the major leagues, the Negro leagues flourished, attracting big crowds, often at major league parks when the 'white' team was on the road. The big event was the mid-summer all-star game, dubbed the East-West Classic. It drew thousands, the actual count being primarily based upon which writer you happened to encounter along the route. There still remains a large number of questions surrounding the mecca of Negro baseball.

The topic came up recently, in the galleries of our newspaper do not accurately reflect the golden era of discrimination in baseball. We found ourselves headed toward the 4500 block Enright where the answer to questions pertaining to Negro baseball, professional and amateur, local and national, is indelibly recorded in the most complete annals available, those maintained through the years of our perennial force and friend historian Morris (Tweed) Webb.

Webb is "retired" after some thirty plus years of direct association with the Tandy League in all capacities. Among his recent activities is chairman of the St. Louis Hall of Fame Committee (Mathew-Dickey); chairman of the baseball phase of the



Look over the comprehensive record books kept by Normal (Tweed) Webb (left), St. Louis American Sports Editor Morris Henderson gets material for the story will covers the famed East-West All-Star baseball game, for years the big event in black baseball before the unwritten law which precluded Negro participation in organized ball was shattered by Jackie Robinson and Branch Rickey. Photo by Jim Joiner

ing fund; Secretary and organizer of the active Old Timers Negro baseball Association; rounding out some ten years in public relations for the M.D. Boys

club besides, he talks with a gleam in his eye of the upcoming 50 year anniversary of the Tandy League (in 1972) and the active role he must play

if it is to be successful. Doesn't sound like much of a retirement.

But back to the East-West classic. What was the largest crowd ever to witness the big thing dig? Figures have vacillated between 45,000 - 51,000. Webb is a natural source because the retired author of 'The Hot Stove League, a weekly feature which appeared for years in the St. Louis Argus, covered at least four of the game: from 1941-44. His records covers the gaps.

His memory is fortified by his records. The largest crowd to ever witness the classic is 52,000! It occurred back in 1943 and the West nosed out the East 2-1 in what Tweed and others herald as one of the best of the lengthy series. Webb recalls that Leroy (Satchel) Paige and a second baseman named Sampson emerged as the stars. James (Cool Papa) Bell and first baseman Buck Leonard were outstanding though in a losing cause. As every fan knows, the cool Papa is a resident of these parts and is destined to enter baseball's hall-of-fame, asterik and all.

Webb's records reveals that 15,000 saw the first classic and substantiates the fact that attendance started to shrink in 1946. The year that brother Robinson made it to the Dodg-

Normal "Tweed" Webb Talks About "Sportsmanship" 1966

While Tandy Baseball followers still buzz over the incident that marred the final playoff game in Brooklyn where the Robins upset the St. Louis Dodgers—a Robin player punched an umpire—Normal 'Tweed' Webb, league statistician and veteran Tandy official, had some pertinent words about 'Sportsmanship' in his column which appears in another weekly.

He devotes a few paragraphs to pointing out the obvious, that umpires are human and that, as such, are fully capable of making mistakes. "They called 'em as they saw 'em—honestly and fearlessly. . .", he wrote in referring to the 24 years of top-flight service rendered by the National Umpire Association on amateur diamonds.

He describes the September 20th incident: "The umpire was attacked by a irate veteran player. . . He turned to argue with the home plate umpire, then shoved him, both threw fists and they wrestled to the ground before being separated. He was ejected and

drew boos from some of his own fans. . ."

League Commissioner, Captain Tom Brooks is quoted as saying " . . . He won't play in this league, anymore, as long as I'm commissioner."

Tweed takes it from there: " . . . All of this is uncalled for. . . baseball is a game for true sports men and not a group of hot-heads. We must remember that an umpire is human and is subject to mistakes. When this happen there is no need of misusing the umpire, but try to take it on the chin and make up for it by playing hustling, sportsmanship baseball.

When a player is thrown out of the game it hurts his team and in many cases it may mean certain defeat. . ."

"Players' can't go around beating up the umpires or threatening them in any way because they feel that the umpire blew on. . . Remember, to reach the top in any sport—Sportsmanship is the key to a real champion."

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his ability to latch on to high, arching passes. McElhenny was one of the games' great

demise: " . . . after the first thirteen games, like a ship without a rudder, Negro big League baseball was drifting wildly in a sea of utter confusion in 1947 as owners of teams in the (once-powerful) Negro National and Negro American Leagues met in Chicago for a joint meeting designed to save the battered hull of what was once a profitable vessel," he explained.

The end was clearly in sight. "Three years later the Homestead Grays, the New York Black Yankees and the Newark Eagles announced that they couldn't go it any longer," Webb asserted.

Mrs. Effie Manley, one of the more out-spoken owners, gave up the ghost with the Eagles with a verbal blast at Branch Rickey, accusing him of "stealing" Jackie Robinson from the Kansas City Monarchs hurler, big Don Newcombe her Newark club and refused to pay for either player!

"Robinson and a team—who later joined him in the of-Fame, Roy Campanella re named to the East-West roster in 1945. . . again, according to Webb's remarkable records. "There were over two dozen Big League scouts in the stands as Jackie played for the West and Camry for the East," Webb states. "Robinson's batting average at the time was .333 some 12 points under Campanella."

The West emerged victorious, 9-6 with Campy banging out a pair of hits in five trips. Jackie, playing shortstop, was checked offensively but played a stellar game with his glove. "During the four East-West Games I was privileged to have worked I enjoyed the opportunity to meet and greet such great writers as Frank (Doc) Young, then of the Chicago Defender, Bill Nunn Sr. and Wendell Smith, then of the Pittsburgh Courier," Tweed remembered.

He paid homage to the men who first put the big tent on the road, naming Gus Greenlee, Dr. Martin, Roy Sparrow, Bill Nunn

Sr., Cum Posey, Sonnyman, son, Tom Wilson, John Clark, Chester Washington and Frank Young. The latter being "the granddaddy of all Negro sports writers," Tweed said then flattering if not accurately, "I rate you, Morris, in the same class of the late Young."

Webb produced again a priceless gem, a book the great Young had on the immortal Rube Foster.

He also produced a blowup of his coverage of the East-West Game which appeared in the Argus at the time.

We glistened from a comprehensive record following data on the classic: 1930, West won 11-7 before 10,000; 1934, East nipped the West 1-0, 25,000 in attendance; 1935 11-3 West, 25,000; 1936-East 10-2 before 26,000; 1937 it was the East again, this time 7-2 before 20,000; 1938, West 5, East 4 before 30,000; 1939 4-2 West 40,000; 1940 the East 11-0 before 25,000; 1941, East 8, West 3-50,000; 1942, 5-2 East, 47,000 1943-West 2-1, 52,000 (51,723 paid); 1944-West 7-4 before 51,000 and 1945 (the year that Webb went to the Navy, the West won 9-6 before 35,000. . . then attendance started to dwindle rapidly.

On final thing about Webb. Besides his lengthy tenure as a player, league official, including long-time scorer and unchallenged top historian for the local Tandy League, he was official scorer for the black big leagues for some seventeen years.

Feeling that we had infringed sufficiently upon his time we took our leave while Webb hastened out to resume the game of catching ball he was indulging in with the young tyke who lives in his neighborhood.

His active days as an official scorer etc. are his. He limits his baseball reporting to just special events: death, sickness, boys clubs and historical dates etc. His long time business as a sign printer is on a reduced scale. One final thing, he remains exceedingly active with the youngsters who reside around 4574 Enright (FO 7-6304).

Eagles Win Tandy Baseball Playoff

The Eagles set down the Braves, 11-10 and 6-1, to capture the Tandy Baseball League playoffs Sunday in Tandy Park in a game for third-place honors, the Robins trimmed the Aces, 16-8.

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Rattler Harrison Passes

Drape the flag of baseball to half mast—another of the greats of yesteryear has been called out by the Great Umpire.

The death of Earl Rattler Harrison was a blow to the Greater St. Louis baseball fans. Rattler, as he was well known by, and a good natured person, well liked, came from a baseball family—there was brother Pat and uncle Toney Harrison who could pitch baseball with the best.

So many fine things have been said about Rattler's pro pitching in the good old days since word of his death last week, that impression may be growing among the young Tandy Stars that the ex-money player was an extraordinary pitcher born 30 years too soon. He was, it is generally known, of course that he could have made the big leagues and did very little pitching in the Tandy league, because he was too good for the old Ville ball yard. How great was Rattler, former Union Electric and East St. Louis Giant pitcher?

Harrison was the greatest pitcher with a semi-pro background ever developed at Tandy. Down Memory Lane in the early rearing 20s when Rattler's sneaking fast low ball was a tough pitch to hit stole the hearts of East St. Louis fans with his spectacular pitch called "Coney Island Knee High." While his good knuckle ball got him out of many a jam. In those days the East Side had one of the strongest semi-pro nines in these parts and the admission into the park was only 50 cents. He also pitched for some of the leading Negro teams in the country.

However, it was in East St. Louis where he played most.

Hot Stove League this week expresses the feelings of the thousands of Old-timers who mourn his death. Ex-ball players and close friends who often reminisce of the Old Union Electric team with Rattler were, Dean Terry, Alonzo Hereford, Willie Coker, Arthur Hawkins, Red Debery, Walter Francis, Terry Butler, Joe Essens, Harman Belger, Dalton Tuggie Bordeaux and Big Papa Butler.

In closing, this writer can only say, "Gone, But Not Forgotten," and such people as Rattler will always parade thru this column. I like the Rattler Harrison type of ball player, full of fight and confidence. Rather since his retirement has seen hundreds of players come and go at Tandy and all of them have become his friends.

Picks Ruth as Greatest.

"A ball player maybe has been running too hard, or overexerting himself, and the keen edge of his timing suffers. That's what causes slumps. But worry over the slump and extreme anxiety to snap out of it merely prolongs a poor hitting streak."

Warner is modest about his own accomplishments, and would be the last person in the world to place himself up with the great hitters of baseball. In his opinion, Babe Ruth was the best of them all. He said:

"He was a power hitter. They paid him to belt the ball out of the park—to hit for the flag pole—and the guy had a lifetime average of .342. If he just wanted to get hits, he could have added well over .400 any year."

Warner should know. That's what he's paid for.

Wesley Dennis, Columbia

East 2-0 In 1952 Chicago Classic

CHICAGO (ANP)—Veteran pitcher Leroy "Satchel" Paige proved two things last Sunday afternoon—he can still pitch, and he is still a great box office attraction.

Living up to his promise to prove that he is still a pitcher of note, Paige pitched three hitless innings, striking out two with his famous hesitation pitch.

As had been expected, Paige was the big attraction, as 11,257 fans, including several of his former major league supporters, turned up to see if he still "has it."

In familiar surroundings in Comiskey Park where he once packed 'em in as a member of the Cleveland Indians, "Satch" teamed up with Isaac Harris of the Memphis Red Sox to hurl the West to a 2-0 victory over the East in the 23rd annual East-West game, sponsored by the Negro American League.

Jo Misky Cartledge of the Birmingham Black Barons was charged with the loss.

The deciding blow came in the seventh inning when Eddy Reid, 22, Memphis center fielder, ramed a double to center to drive in Henry Baylis and Juan Armenteros.

Baylis got on base when Willie Iverys fielded his grounder to deep short and threw wide to first. Armenteros, who catches for the Kansas City Monarchs, was then hit by a pitched ball, to set the stage for the game-winning double.

The game was marked by spectacular fielding plays, with Heron Green of the East making most outstanding. He made

Monarchs Team To Beat 1953

CHICAGO (ANP)—As baseball men gathered here this past weekend for the East-West Classic, they all agreed that the Kansas City Monarchs are the team to beat in the Negro American league race.

The Monarchs made a shambles of the first half race and appear to be on their way to repeating the rampage during the second half. Currently their only challengers are the Indianapolis Clowns. The Birmingham Black Barons apparently are still tired from the rugged first half chase.

League statistics reveal that the Monarchs dominate the NAL in batting and fielding, and individual average disclose that Kansas City players have cornered that market on their performances.

Among the top seven hitters are three Monarchs, Ernie Banks, with .388; Ernie Johnson, with .321, and Duke Henderson with an even .300.

Three of the other top hitters are with the Clowns—Ray Neil, league-leader at .417; Verdos Drake, at .316, and Brown, at .300. The seventh big hitter is the durable Wesley Dennis of the Birmingham Black Barons, batting .341.

In the pitching department it is all Kansas City with John Jackson, Berto Nunez, Ger Richardson and Phillips the Bi-



MY GREATEST THRILL AS A BASEBALL REPORTER

I had always felt that watching Hilton Smith pitch a one hit, allowing no runs for four innings against Bob Feller's Major League All Stars in 1941 was my top baseball thrill as a reporter. During the sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth innings he struck our Walker Cooper, Johnny Hopp, Joe Grace, Emmett Mueller, Johnny Lucadello and Lefty Ken Heintzelman. After the game plate umpire Pinali told Smith that he had seen more stuff in those last four innings than he had seen in the entire season.

Before Jackie Robinson broke the ice, the pressure, suspense and thrill of a Negro—White pro game was something that builds up until the last man is out. This game in 1941 was no exception and many Hot Stove league fans today were among the 15,000 fans on a nice October Sunday at Sportsman Park.

I first met Hilton Smith a half hour before game time when the Kansas City Monarchs were having infield practice. Bob Feller's Major leaguers were throwing the ball around on the third base side of the diamond and near first base 2 Kansas City pitchers were tossing the ball to veteran catcher Frank Duncan one of the greatest Negro ball players of all times. One of them, with a big 25 on his back was the famed Satchel Paige, the other was a six foot 185 pound husky named Hilton Smith.

After Smith finished his little warm up and Ol Satch began to get ready as the starting pitcher I begin interviewing Hilton Smith at that time who was 38 years old and was born on a small farm outside Corpus Christi Texas. He attended Prairie View College in Texas and then took up baseball seriously in 1931.

In 1936 he joined the Monarchs playing under the shadow of the rightfully famous Satchel Paige. Smith quietly but firmly began to establish himself as one of the best Negro pitchers in the last 30 years. His record shows that he has pitched over 200 games with the Monarchs and lost only 32. Now back to the ball game and my thrill, Bob Feller and Satchel Paige whose relative ability in the pitching business has long been debated started the game. As the noisy crowd came out just to see these two perform, but the real hurling of the afternoon didn't arrive until after they departed as the All Stars downed the Monarchs 4-1 in a great game.

After they departed Smith and Lefty Heintzelman stole the show in a brilliant four inning pitching duel that had the fans cheering.

To get the real picture here are the records: Feller fanned three walked three and allowed the only run in his five innings; Paige struck out four, walked two and was belted pretty hard in the first inning as he gave up all of the four runs; Heintzelman fanned seven and didn't walk any one while Hilton Smith showing the best speed and sharpest curve of the four, fanned six and walked only one.

Write or call Normal Webb—TO. 7-6804, 4574 Enright.



THE ROGER ROBINSON STORY 1956

This is a story of a Negro lad who smiled at Jim Crow and went out to the old ball park and left the White fans cheering. Stockham nine, an old fashioned American mixture of boys from many origins, where players come from an odd combination of schools, mostly of Central high. Their names point out such origins as Italian, German, Irish and what have you and about the most effective clutch hitter and relief pitcher is a Negro who couldn't stay with his teammates while in Mexico, Mo.

Durable Roger Robinson, a Central high and Vashon Sunday leaguer, who doesn't mind being a pitcher as long as he can play left field and swings a bat on the days when he isn't on the mound, recently highlight the two days of Eastern Missouri American Legion baseball playoffs with Stockham. Before his spectacular performance in Mexico when he struck out 12 men in relief and in two days collected six hits out of ten tries, Robinson pitched the East out of a jam in the all star game at Tandy Park on July 15. The 17 year old South paw fanned Braves' Zoll Ramsey and made Scullins' hard hitting Nathaniel Howard hit into a double play. However on Rogers only appearance at bat he struck out.

During the Scullin-Dodger night game at Fairgrounds park quite a few high school players gathered around yours truly in the press box for a casual gabfest about certain Tandy league youngsters. But during the scattered discussion Bert Barth, Beaumont Pitcher, mentioned Roger Robinson as a nice hitter and a fine fellow. He later pointed out a spot where Robinson hit a home run off of him. From then on the talk centered on other Tan prep players. Don McGrath of Holy Cross praised Central's Simon Tobias and Vashon's Milton Lovelace who led the Public High Loop with a .560 mark as good hitters.

Sammy Jethroe Only Fifth to Swipe 75 Sacks in Int

MONTREAL, Que.—Sammy Jethroe, Negro outfielder of the Royals who is now shooting for the International League base-stealing record, is only the fifth player in the circuit's history to reach the 75 figure in this department, according to Harry Simmons, loop publicity director.

Jethroe's predecessors were Bill Eagan, Albany, 75 in 1893; Bill Murray, Providence, 75 in 1896; Cozy Dolan, Rochester, 73 in 1912, and Ed Miller, Newark, 87 in 1919.

The pilfering proclivities of Jethroe, however, overshadow each of the earlier stunts, since in those days many of the present scoring rules were not in effect. A runner stealing one base and grabbing another on a wild throw from the catcher was sometimes awarded two stolen bases, and advancing on a fly ball likewise was a steal.



NEW YORK YANKEES LOCAL ROOKIE

Many big league stars attain their pinnacled position in the good old National pastime thru concentrated attention of an observant scout, sandlot manager or a friendly newspaper reporter. New York's Yankees are fortunate in having such Negro rookies as Elston Howard and Vic Power on their pay roll next spring—that's if the Yankees decide they have no place for them, they may consider several offers for the players. Any way local interest can now look forward to seeing our sixth area Negro player to hit the big show. No other city can make that statement, 6 out of 24 what a record!

Yet when the announcement was made last week probably not many local fans realized that Elston Howard was a former Vashon high school athlete who once played baseball on the Old Duxey Grand and Market sandlot diamond right after World War II. He broke in as a catcher on Teannie Edwards red hot Blue Sox that played in the newly organized Rube Foster League, in 1946. This new downtown league was set up by such well known men as Branch Russell, Teannie Edwards, Bennie Williams, and this writer.

Let's turn back the years when Howard got his first start in baseball from 1946 through 1947. Elston caught for the Blue Sox then rated one of the top semi-pro teams around St. Louis at the age of 16. This writer during that period played up the 16 year old wonder. At Vashon they called Elston "Feet" because he wore large size shoes. Feet got more advance ballyhoo than a Barrum and Bailey visit ever got. He was some of Hot Stove League headlines: "Come Out and See the 16 Year Old Wonder," "The Kid Catcher With Big Feet," and "The Boy Wonder Who Hits Like a Man."

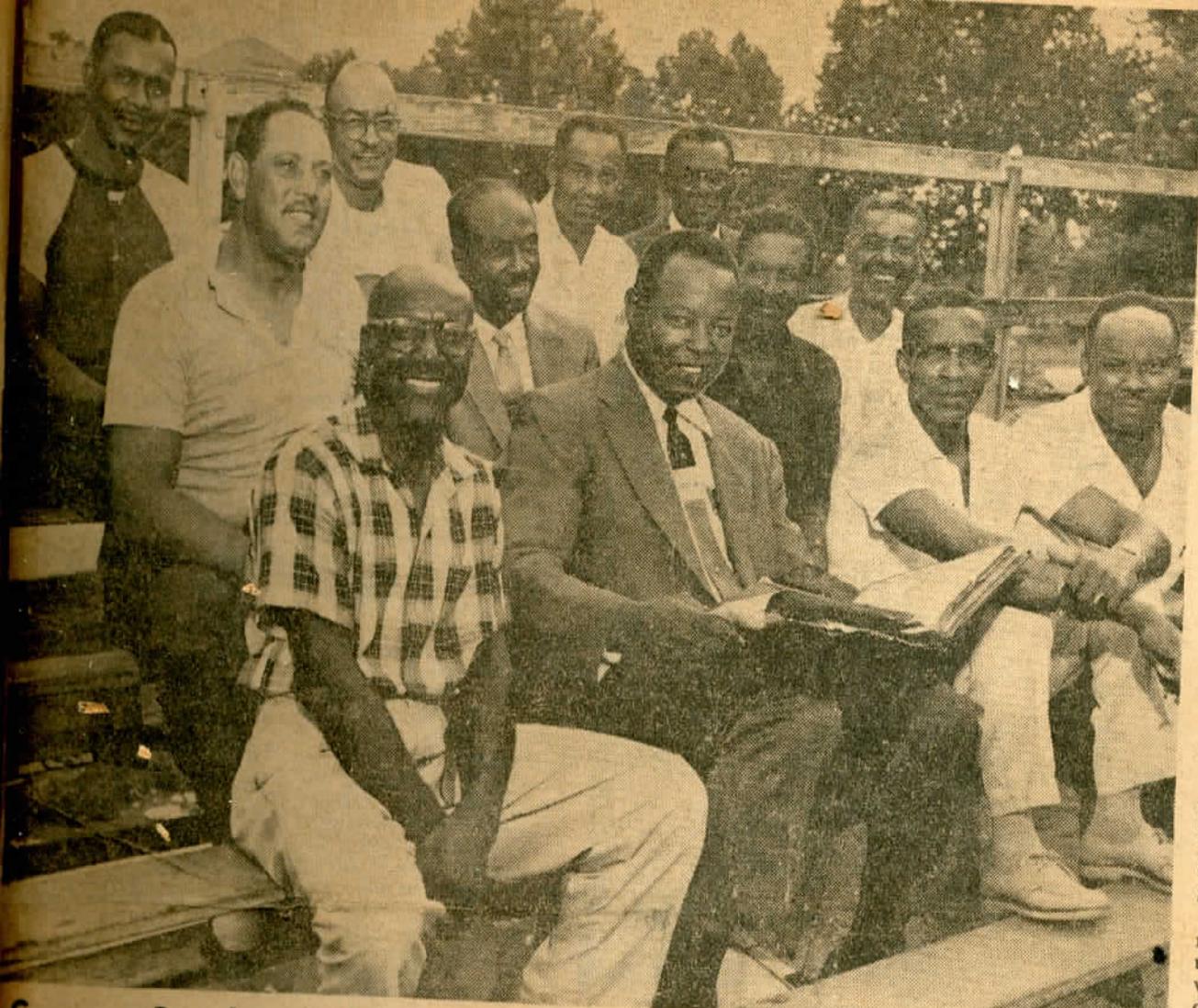
During the meantime, manager Teannie Edwards was preparing Elston for the Negro big leagues. Teannie is a scout in this area for the Kansas City Monarchs and many local youngsters have advanced at his recommendation.

Elston was signed to a Monarch contract by Scout Edwards in 1948. With less than three years in baseball, hardly enough to master many technical points that a pro catcher must master more than any other single performer. Howard was soon converted into a hard hitting outfielder with the Kansas City Monarchs. From there to the New York Yankees farm system.

Today Howard will tell you that Teannie Edwards helped him through the green years. He also appreciated the fact that Negro big league was good to him. During an interview with Elston during a Monarch-Clown doubleheader in 1948 Howard went on to say that he believed he can hit any kind of pitching remember that was over five years ago. Well to be a Yankee you got to be able to hit. Oh yes, that day Elston made his debut in St. Louis, he hit a single in the second inning. He was called Normal Webb.

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Bounce Back Into Race, Yanks Now 9 Games



Greatest Negro Players Born 20 Years Too Soon, Tandy Old-Timers Agree

By Bob Posen 1962

Although many Negro baseball players are starring in the major leagues today, the greatest of their race never made the grade, a group of former standouts agreed yesterday at Tandy Park.

The men who reminisced at Old-Timers Day said the present day stars are very good, but they wouldn't rate Willie Mays on a par with Oscar Charleston who roamed the outfield for the Homestead Grays. And they said Roy Campanella wasn't the catcher that Josh Gibson was. Of course they also talked of the legendary fast ball of Satchel Paige when the ancient pitcher was in his prime.

One of the greatest Negro stars was St. Louisan James (Cool Papa) Bell, a wing-footed outfielder. "He was born 20 years too soon," said Normal (Tweed) Webb about Bell. What he meant was that Bell, as well as Charleston, Gibson, Paige and other Negro greats, was at his best in the days before Branch Rickey and Jackie Robinson broke the color line in organized baseball.

One of those who made the majors briefly was at the reunion yesterday. Quincy Troupe, who after playing with a half-dozen Negro professional teams, as well as in Mexico, Puerto Rico, Cuba and Venezuela, reached the Cleveland Indians in the twilight of his career.

Troupe played six games for the Indians in 1952. He found it hard to break into the lineup behind veteran catchers Birdie Tebbetts and Jim Hogan. But in spring training that year he had his thrills. He was behind the plate as Early Wynn pitched 17 scoreless innings. "And the only game I caught Bob Feller he pitched a shut out. After the game Feller came over and gave me credit for calling the pitches the way I did."

Bell Recommended Banks.

Since then Troupe has scouted for the Cardinals and Orioles. Scouting also has been a recent occupation for Bell. As playing manager of the Kansas City Monarchs, he said, he recommended Elston Howard and Ernie Banks to major league teams. He said he recommended Banks to both the Cardinals and Browns.

Bell was never one to be awed by big name players, he said, and it was because of his calm disposition that he got his nickname, "Cool Papa."

"When I was a kid they thought I'd be excited playing in front of a big crowd, but I wasn't, so they started calling me 'Cool.' The manager said that wasn't enough of a name and he started calling me 'Cool Papa.' I played 29 summers and 21 winters of baseball and never was put out of a game."

The other old-timers remembered Bell mostly for his speed afoot. "I played against him," John Green said, "and he's the only man besides Johnny Tabin who could drap a bunt with his bat half-way down to first base."

Fastest at Circling Bases.

"People won't believe this," Bell said, "but I used to be able to circle the bases in 12 seconds. The major league rec-

leaguers. "The St. Louis Stars played Max Carey's Stars and beat them 16 to 3 or 4. They had the Waner brothers, Babe Herman, Leo Durocher and pitchers Bill Walker and Heine Meine. Walker had the best earned run average in the league, but he didn't get a man out. The night before that we beat Heine Meine.

Great Catchers Recalled.

"I'm not saying we could beat those major league teams over a season's time," Bell said. "They had 25 men and we had only 15 or 16. But for a short series we had enough pitching to win three out of five."

A couple of catches were particularly memorable to Bell. "In 1935 in Mexico City we were playing Earle Mack's All-Stars. Rogers Hornsby hit a drive on a high line to right-center, but I got the ball going over my head like that," he said sticking out an arm. "Later Hornsby told me, 'of all the balls I ever hit in my life that was the hardest, and you had to catch it.'"

The other catch was against the House of David team at Battle Creek, Mich. "The ball was hit over my head and I didn't think I'd ever catch it. But I always hustled, so I turned and ran, then I turned around and saw I'd passed the ball. I stuck out my hand in back of me and caught it, and came running in with the ball. But the lights were not good there, and the umpire said, 'There's no way in the world you could have caught that ball.' The batter said, 'I caught it at second with that fan in center field that I had caught. I didn't do any good.'"

Bell's conclusion was that playing ball since he shared by others yesterday at the Tandy reunion, was "I've seen ballplayers on the lots as good as those in the majors."

And that, one of them pointed out, is a good argument in support of the proposed third major league.

Scrap Book of Baseball Memories

Some of the greatest Negro baseball stars who have played in St. Louis gathered at Tandy Park for Old-Timers Day, and happily recalled their days of glory as they looked at a scrap book brought by Normal (Tweed) Webb, long-time scorekeeper and baseball reporter for the St. Louis Argus. Left to right, front row, Outfielder HUBERT DICKY, Catcher QUINCY TROUPE, Infielder JOHN BROWN, Infielder TOM BROOKS; second row, Pitcher-Outfielder JOHN GREEN, Outfielder JAMES (COOL PAPA) BELL, Pitcher EDDIE WALL, Pitcher-Third Baseman BEVERLY McNEAL; third row, Infielder GEORGE HOLLIDAY, Outfielder JESS HESTER, Infielder WEBB, and Catcher-Umpire HERMAN BELGER.



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The formation of an 'Old-timers Negro Baseball League' resulted when a group of stars of yesteryears got together recently to form an organization aimed at 'lending assistance' to old players of the defunct leagues.

who hosted the meeting and is president. First row: Bob Palm, Sylvester Mitchell, Monroe Vincent, Normal (Tweed) Webb, Bill Drake, Ducky Boswell and John Brown.

Whiteside, James (Cool Papa) Bell, Martin Mathews. Not pictured include police Captain Thomas E. Brooks, John D. Buckner, Morris Henderson, Major Porter, Jesse Hester. Photo by Join-

Over the Years With Stars

GLEN COLE

Jan. 20

HERE are some highlights of Roy Campanella's baseball career:

- 1946 — Started in organized baseball with Nashua of the New England League.
- 1947 — Moved to Montreal of the International League by the parent Brooklyn Dodgers.
- 1948 — Brought up by Brooklyn after being shifted to St. Paul of the American Association.
- 1951 — Voted Most Valuable Player in National League, hitting .325 despite an injured hand.
- 1952 — Broke bones in right hand twice.
- 1953 — Again voted National League Most Valuable Player, hitting 43 homers and batting in 13 runs, both records for catchers.
- 1956 — Won Most Valuable Player Award for third time.
- 1956 — Underwent hand surgery for third time.
- 1957 — Completed ten seasons in majors with .278 batting average and 242 home runs.

American League Hires First Negro Umpire

The American League became the first to hire a Negro umpire. He is Emmett Ashford, who has worked 12 years in the Pacific Coast League.

The National League was the first to hire a Negro player, Jackie Robinson, but the Junior League got the jump on the Senior group by purchasing the first Negro umpire from the PCL.

Not too long ago the Call-Post predicted that Ashford an ex-postal clerk would be the first Negro umpire in the major leagues.

It was back in 1956 when Clay Hopper, Mississippi born manager of the Hollywood Stars (PCL), how he ranked Emmett Ashford, the PCL umpire.

"Ashford," said the Star's pilot without hesitation, "Why, he is the best umpire we've got." Hopper's opinion of Ashford, the PCL'S and organized baseball's only Negro arbiter at the time, is shared by the seven other managers of the league, the sportwriters and, especially, the fans.

There are two other Negro umpire working in the Pacific Coast League, Bob Motley, cousin of the former pro football all time great of the Cleveland Browns, Marlon Motley and Les Lollis.

Ashford had to have plenty of moxie to go up the ladder so fast. Ashford who resembles Jackie Robinson, ran into the same loud mouthed, rabid race baiters the great Dodger infielder did when he broke in with the old Brooklyn Dodgers. And like Jackie, whom Ashford admires greatly, he met the bigots in the bleachers and on the basepaths the same way: head on.

There are many stories printed about the great Negro umpire but the following one hits the spot.

This one happened back in 1951 when he was breaking into the Southwest International League.

On a close play at the plate, Ashford called the man, out, who represented the tying run for the home team. A venom-filled voice from the dugout shouted:

"You are blind, you black--- you ought to go back to picking cotton."

Ashford, who is a native of Los Angeles and a graduate of Chapman College in Los Angeles, whipped off his mask and strode toward the dugout.

Every player in the hometown dugout and some of the fans, had heard the remark, and how the rookie Negro



"YER OUT"--Emmet Ashford, star umpire in the minor leagues for a number of years, gives that familiar "out" call. Ashford became the first Negro hired by the Majors last week when he was signed by the American League.

umpire would handle the dynamite-laden situation.

When Ashford got in front of the dugout, he said, in the calmest voice at his command.

"I want the man who said that to leave the ball park right now. I'll give him 10 seconds and if he is not gone I'll clean this bench so there will be nothing left but fresh air."

For an eternity (it was only five seconds), he confesses now) nothing happened: nobody moved. The situation was tense, filled with real life drama.

Then a player at the far end of the bench, dashing to the roots of his hair, got to his feet, stammered out some kind of inaudible apology and ran down the steps leading to the dressing room.

That was the last time Ashford had any trouble with any player

on that club or with any player in the SWI league. The word soon got around that the new man knew fair from foul, both on and off the diamond.

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COMPETITION IN RACIAL PROBLEMS 1953

War clouds will gather over the Southern baseball front next week, as Moguls in the Cotton State league will gear themselves for what has all the markings of a long and bitter war against the minor league Negro ball player.

Designed as an black eye to baseball by the Major league big wigs, the Cotton State league's Jackson, Mississippi baseball club won a game by forfeit when a Negro hurler warmed up just before the first batter took his position in the batter's box on May 20.

The dispute caused a lot of controversy over the Hot Springs, Arkansas' first Negro to be signed in the circuit. The largest crowd of the season at Hot Springs greeted the announcement with boos as pitcher Jim Tugerson and his teammates left the playing field before the first pitch.

The league president said the forfeiture was necessary because Hot Springs violated an agreement reached last April 14 at Greenville, Mississippi. However, Hot Springs club officials said the Federal Court proceedings would be instituted against the Cotton State league. Officials of the Southern loop accepted the announcement coolly and at the same time formulated plans to draw up a strong 1954 rule toward the Negro players.

As these "Tan" athletes engage in stern competition with white players throughout the South, plus racial problems, they have been in focus of keen observation and critical scrutiny; yes, the pressure is really on the Southern Negro ball player these days in some parts.

On a few tip offs on the baseball racial problems in general, throughout the South, things have improved from some sections of our country and the sepia players are being received warmly.

Can you imagine in times like this the atomic age a game being forfeited when a Negro hurler warms up.

Write or call FO. 6304-457 Enright-Normal Tweed Webb



By NORMAL "TWEED" WEBB DIAMOND LAUGHS 1942

Ran across a funny item last summer by H. C. Brown, 1114 No. Meridian street, Brazil, Ind. that was in the sporting news. The following, I think, could rightfully be called an oddity of baseball: a whole side retired without a pitch being struck at. This happened in the first half of the first inning of an American Colored League game, played in Terre Haute, Ind., Sunday, August 3, between the Jacksonville (Fla.) Red Caps and the Chicago American Giants. The Jacksonville Club was on the field with Preacher Henry, supposedly one of the best colored pitchers in the country, on the mound. Preacher walked the first batter on four pitched balls and this runner was promptly thrown out on the next pitch trying to steal second. The second batter walked on five fast pitched balls and the third batter walked on five or six pitched balls, putting runners on first and second. The fourth batter, taking advantage of Preacher's wildness, cut the string and was called out on a three and two pitch. The runner on second tried to steal third on the pitch and was thrown out. Thus, three men were retired without striking at a ball. Incidentally, Preacher suddenly regained his control, pitched and won a one-hit, 3-0 game.

IRVING VINCENT

Local fandom will always remember "Lefty" Irving Vincent as one of the mightiest of all the semi-pro pitching men. Record galore were written into the pages of local baseball history during the five years that Irving Vincent pitched for the old, famous Pullman nine. Many of the fans still regard him as the mightiest Tandy hurler of all time.

LOCAL BASEBALL MEN

All the local ball players, sport writers, managers, umpires and old-timers are looking forward to the first annual baseball meeting to be held at the Tandy Community Center. All present-day baseball players be sure to attend meet the St. Louis celebrities Sandlot and pro stars of years have been invited to present, Wednesday, February

Your Hot Stove,
NORMAL "TWEED" WEBB
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LOOKING BACK INTO OUR HISTORY

May 15, 1938 - Tandy Park Community Center was dedicated. It is named for Capt. Charlton H. Tandy, pioneer Negro political and civic leader here.

May 16, 1921 - Engine Co. No. 24 at 1224 Spruce Street was turned over to Negroes... later, called Engine Co. No. 28 and moved to Vandeventer and Enright. This was the first all Negro Company of fire-fighters here.



"Blessed be the man that proddeth for the sick and needy, the Lord shall deliver him in the time of trouble."
THIS SCRIBE is pleased as he begins effort on a happy note: The William Boswell Fund's contributions are coming into Mrs. Boswell nicely. On June 21, 23 old time baseball players set up a fund to help defray the medical expense of Boswell, former ex-Tandy great catcher, who has become the victim of crippling arthritis in both legs. As a result, it's still more time to help in this cause. Contributions can be made directly to Mrs. Boswell, 4144 Finney, or call O.L. 2-1333.

Dear Tweed:
To all my friends, baseball players and fans who have so graciously helped me on my medical expenses, my sincere and humble thanks:
To Herbert Bruce, soda water salesman and long time friend for the idea and his untiring efforts in the arrangements and plans, my deepest gratitude.
To Normal (Tweed), who encouraged my needs and publicity even as a baseball reporter which so successfully executed.
Your pal, William (Ducky) Boswell. For local baseball, write to 474 Enright or call FO. 7-6304. Normal "Tweed" Webb.

... (Monk) Sandusky, a baseball and softball umpire for 30 years and a coach in the Munys during of that time, died Monday complications. He was 67. Sandusky, who also worked for St. Louis Recreation Department for many years, was an umpire in the Mexican League. He waged its battle for league players after World War II. He is survived by a daughter, Ann Schneeberger of Dupon, a sister, Mrs. Bessie Cook. Her funeral will be Thursday at 10 a.m. from the Buchholz Mortuary, 5967 W. Florissant. Interment will be in the National Cemetery at Jefferson Barracks.

TWEED REMINISCES ABOUT THE LATE-COMER COX

by Morris Henderson

Virtually unnoticed locally was the recent demise of Comer Cox, former Executive Secretary of the Springfield, Illinois Urban League but an athlete of outstanding proportions during his Sumner High and Fisk University days. In addition, he was a standout third-baseman for the 1925 Tandy League Champs, the Broomers when he batted a glit and won the League's Most Valuable Player Award.

One of his teammates, a .402 hitting shortstop named Norman (Tweed) Webb, who later was to gain greater fame as an historian, on black baseball statistician league official etc. reminisced about Comer to the AMERICAN the other day.

Cox succumbed after a lengthy illness in a Springfield Hospital back on August 15th. One hour funeral services were held there for him three days later and burial occurred here at the St. Peter's Cemetery.

"Cox played professional baseball with the Nashville Elite Giants and the Cleveland Tate Stars in the twenties," Tweed asserted, flipping pages of his priceless records. "He was a member of the famous Broomer Tailors in 1924 and 25. Previously he was standout football player, first at Sumner and later at Fisk..." Webb continued.

Tweed remembers his "long-time friend" as a "perfect gentleman, a man of brilliant ability on the field and of high character off of it. He left a magnificent record of achievement... both in baseball and in civic life..." he added.

His civic contributions, besides the Urban League, was a tour of duty as a Commissioner on Springfield's Human Relations Body, but Webb preferred to speak of him as an athlete. His records reveals that in 1928, while playing for Nashville, he solved the slants of new Hall-of-Famer, Satchel Paige, for three hits including a home-run!

One of his outstanding years was in 1925. "Twice he connected for six hits in a game and once belted six homeruns over a stretch of five consecutive games. On August 16, against Scullin Steel Mules, he drove in 13 runs with 6 hits as the Tailors smothered the Mules 19-4."

He was one of four persons who formed perhaps the greatest infield in Tandy League history. First base was named by Edward Dixon (who hit .367 in 1925, John Brown was at second and Cox at third.

Cox' was legendary figure on a team that included outfielders Jelly Stone (.362 in '25), right-fielder John Johns (.307) and Red DeBerry in center. Broomers' hurling corp was led by strikeout artist Eddie Wall and included people like Ted Knight, Lefty Jones and Tony Harrison. George Pogue was prime utility man. That unit won 30 games out of 31 outings!

Comer has joined the Omega chapter. He is survived by his devoted wife...

eral employees baseball night.

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In Memoriam

CUMBERLAND WILLIS POSEY

June 20, 1891 to March 28, 1946

Negro Baseball lost one of its most colorful, progressive and outstanding characters on March 28, last, when Cumberland Willis Posey, affectionately known to all sports lovers as 'Cum,' died at Mercy Hospital in Pittsburgh.

As player, manager, club owner and league official, the name of Cum Posey had been synonymous with the growth and development of baseball as played by the colored leagues. To Cum, baseball, in fact all athletics, was a labor of love and he gave everything he had to it—finally his life.

Mr. Posey had devoted virtually his entire life to athletics, particularly baseball and basketball. He was born in Homestead, the son of Cumberland W. and Anna Stevens Posey.

"Cum" was a star athlete at the Homestead High School and then went to Penn State College and later Duquesne University, where he studied chemistry and pharmacy, but was also outstanding in athletics.

He played basketball with the Monticello-Delaney and the famed Loendi teams which for years dominated the scene as national champions under his leadership. He also coached the Homestead High cage quintet, one of which Dr. John J. McLean, the present Burgess of Homestead and ex-Pitt grid star, was a member.

Organized Grays in 1910

When the Grays first organized back in 1910 as a team of steel workers bent on some week-end diversion, Posey, then a Railway Mail clerk, played outfield. The team played only on Saturdays and Sundays at the Homestead Park, but their prowess spread fast and soon the club was in demand and in 1912 Cum took charge and booked enough games to make it possible for the players to devote all of their time to playing baseball.



CUMBERLAND W. POSEY

Within the next decade the Homestead Grays became the biggest attraction in independent baseball and quickly widened their scope to the West and the East. The Grays paved the way for other teams which were formed after World War I, but the Homesteaders always stayed on top or close to the top because of Cum's dynamic leadership.

Posey divided his time between playing and managing the club, but always maintained the hustle and skill which distinguished the Grays. In the early 20's, the Grays joined old Rube Foster's National League and remained in it until Rube died, though continually maintaining a schedule of games in the Homestead district.

In 1929, Cum's active career as a player ended after which he served as bench manager for several years before turning direction of the team over to Vic Harris and concentrating on the business end.

From 1912 through 1929, the Grays were moneymakers, but they ran into the depression and suffered reverses wherein Cum sought and got fresh capital from the present co-owner, Rufus (Sunnyman) Jackson.

Jackson became president of the club with Cum, secretary, and Posey's brother, Seward (See), serving as booking and business manager, with Vic Harris, team manager. That combine has won eight out of nine Negro National League championships since 1937, and three world championships. During 1943 and '44, Harris, forced out by war-time employment, was replaced by the veteran Candy Jim Taylor.

Under Cum's leadership, however, the club moved into big business, playing regularly at Forbes Field, in Pittsburgh, and Griffith Stadium, in Washington, where they draw upwards of 125,000 fans during a season.

Posey, as the Gray's top man, was the biggest man in Colored baseball, serving also

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WILLIE MAYS outfield

Cards Sign Champions



Two members of the St. Charles High baseball team who also played on the state championship Class A basketball squad, FRANK (SWISH) WILLIAMS (left) and KENNY CLARK, are shown signing contracts with the Cardinals. They were farmed out to Decatur of the Midwest League. They were recruited by Central scouts Joe Mon...

Ageless Satchel Paige Unlimbers Arm Again

KANSAS CITY, June 2 (AP) —Ageless Satchel Paige unlimbered his arm with a few tosses and announced, "I'm ready."

The Negro pitcher will be making his first hometown baseball appearance in 10 years tomorrow when he takes the mound for the Kansas City Giants against the Indianapolis Clowns.

Paige, former member of the Kansas City Monarchs, reached the majors via Cleveland in the twilight of his professional career. He also pitched for the old St. Louis Browns.

SUMNER'S HALTOM SIGNED BY CARDS

An 18-year-old St. Louis boy, Thomas Edwin Haltom, has been signed by the Cardinals and will report to their Class D Daytona Beach, Fla., club for spring training.

Haltom, a 5-foot 11-inch, 170-pound outfielder, was signed by scout Joe Monahan.

A left-handed hitter and right-handed thrower, Haltom is a graduate of Sumner High School. He hit .418 for Sumner last season and was chosen on the Public High League all-star team. He also was a track star, specializing in the two-mile run.

Haltom also played with the Kinloch team in the Ban Johnson League last summer and hit .386. His home here is at 3537A Marcus avenue.

1945



HOMESTEAD GRAYS—Kneeling (from left) Leonard, Spencer, Bankhead, Brown, Easterling, Carlisle, Benjamin. Standing—Gibson, Wright, Wilson, Gaston, Walker, Bell, Carter.

Photo Finish in NNL Gives '45 Flag To Grays . . . 6th Straight

The Homestead Grays won their sixth straight NNL pennant in 1945, remaining at the head of the pack all season with the exception of a few days in early September when Bizz Mackay's Newark Eagles took over.

The Jackson-Posey team had little or no opposition during the first-half of the NNL race; running away with 18 wins and only 7 defeats while the Philadelphia Stars, next best, had a 14-9 mark. With the veteran Roy Welmaker gaining 7 wins in 8 starts, and with Buck Leonard burning up the batting side, the champs coasted into July with no challenger on their heels.

FINAL NNL STANDINGS (First Half)

Team:	Won	Lost	Pct.
Washington Homestead Grays	18	7	.720
Philadelphia Stars	14	9	.608
Baltimore Elite Giants	12	9	.586
Newark Eagles	11	9	.550
New York Cubans	3	11	.214
New York Black Yankees	2	16	.111

The second-half was very bitterly contested as the Grays began slowing in mid-August. Buck Leonard was lost because of injuries. Edsell Walker never came around, due to arm trouble and Hoskins could not again equal the .355 batting pace he set in 1944. Ray Brown, still a master workman but unable to carry the load he has carried for many years, was unable to abet the sterling work of Welmaker. Meanwhile, Baltimore and Newark began catching afire and all but took the second-half race away. Felton Snow had his gang going at full throttle, while

Mackey convinced the Newark team that it could win—and it almost did.

Beset by injuries to Benjamin and Leonard, and short on pitching, the Grays found it necessary to win four consecutive games from the Eagles and Elite Giants if they were going to claim a two-half NNL championship and avert a play-off before entering the Negro World Series. The Elite Giants were taken on first, with these results:

(Sept. 1):	R	H	E	Pitchers
Baltimore	2	10	2	Gaines, Harvey & Campanella
Grays	3	8	4	Welmaker and Gibson
Baltimore	3	8	2	Moreland, Harvey & Campanella
Grays	5	14	0	Blair & Gobson
(Sept. 8):	R	H	E	Pitchers
Newark	2	4	2	Hooker & Mackay
Grays	5	8	2	Welmaker and Gibson
Newark	3	11	3	Newcombe & Mackay
Grays	4	9	0	Brown & Gibson

A sudden rejuvenation by Josh Gibson, famous slugger, was the feature of this clean sweep. His big bat carried him past the high marks of Baltimore's Bill Wright and Newark's Jim Harvey to the batting championship. It was Gibson's first since 1943.

FINAL NNL STANDINGS (Second Half)

Team:	Won	Lost	Pct.
Homestead Grays	14	6	.700
Baltimore Elite Giants	12	8	.600
Newark Eagles	10	6	.625
Philadelphia Stars	7	10	.411
New York Black Yankees	5	10	.333
New York Cubans	2	9	.250



Record 52,000 Crowd Sees 1943 Game
AUG-1-1943

Recently two enthusiastic fans who have followed the Negro East-West all star games played in Chicago each year made a bet on "What was the date and the biggest gate of all the Negro all-star games?" Both fans had the wrong year, however, one fan gave the attendance at 45,000—missing by 7,000 fans. I had the pleasure to cover this game that set a record for attendance and cash.

On Sunday, August 1, 1943, the Negro baseball's "dream game" greatest and most classic was dramatically unfolded before over 52,000 fans (51,723 paid) who fought their way in beautiful Comiskey Park, home of the Chicago White Sox, we saw the cream of Negro baseball players of 1943 playing the greatest east-west game before the greatest crowd ever to witness a Negro baseball game. We saw a brilliant battle that wasn't decided until the ninth inning and after the smoke had cleared away over old Comiskey Park, the boys from the West had won, 2-1.

The West stars had such players as: Satchel Paige, St. Louis fireball; Smith, Buck O'Neil, Willard Brown, Tommy Sampson and Ratcliffe brothers. The East's lineup included: St. Louis' "Cool Papa" Bell, Josh Gibson, Buck Leonard and Sam Bankhead.

Comiskey Park, during those days, was said to hold 52,000 people, many fans were turned back at the gate in 1943. Before Jackie Robinson broke the color bar this attraction grew to be the biggest thing on the race calendar and folks came a long distance to be in on the thrills, excitement and glamour to make up the big day.

For local base ball tickets to 4574 Enright or to 8304-Normal "Tweed" Webb

Pop Slaughter Left His Mark 1970

Belatedly but none the less sincerely . . . we would like to express our sympathy to the family of Robert Slaughter, who died last week.

As "Pop" Slaughter, which is the way we knew him better, he made a tremendous contribution only indirectly to the boxing game but more directly to the young men engaged in boxing.

While the professionals frequented the gymnasium which Pop and his son, Bill, operated . . . it was expressly for amateurs . . . At the time when the Golden Gloves competition was at its peak, if you came out of Slaughter's gymnasium, you came out rated one of the best.

If you hadn't worked hard, if you weren't in top condition . . . Pop Slaughter would not enter your name, then would sit down and explain to the boy why he hadn't.

His word was his bond . . . One year one of the boys fighting out of the Slaughter A.C. was suspected of some crime . . . The police came to the Golden Gloves to talk to the boy, wound up talking to Pop Slaughter . . . "I don't believe it," Pop said . . . "He's a good boy . . . I give you my word that until the tournament is over, I'll keep an eye on him" . . . That's all the police needed.

His influence on a tremendous number of young men will be a tribute to him forever.



PHILADELPHIA STARS—(L. to R.): Stone, Chisholm, Cash, West, Spearman, Curry, Benson, Duckett, Austin, Woods, McClaren.

Fort Wayne Pirate Base Ball Club

FORT WAYNE, IND.,

1926



CAPTAIN "PIRATES" WILFALL

Fort Wayne Pirates Lose Hard Fought Game

The Fort Wayne Pirates lost a hard fought battle to the Elkhart club last week in the score of 5 to 3. The Elkhart club is one of the best semi-pro teams in Indiana. Tony Oswald, formerly of Chicago, was on the mound for Elkhart. Ford for the Pirates. Ford had the better of a pitcher's battle but the Elkhart pitcher robbed him of a victory. The Pirates scored their first run in the sixth on "Blood" walking, stealing second and third and scoring on Oswald's triple. Webb started at pitcher, making fancy stops. The Pirates staged a ninth inning rally, getting two down, getting two runs on singles by Wigfall, Suggs, Ford and Tyler. Oswald threw St. Louis Stars pitcher, who had deep to right field, out of the game.

Box Score

ELKHART		PIRATES	
	AB-R-H		AB-R-H
Caney, 3b	3-1-0	Wigfall, 2b	3-1-0
Scott, 1b	4-0-0	Suggs, 2b	4-0-0
Baker, c	4-1-1	Ford, p	4-1-1
Murray, lf	4-2-1	Webb, ss	4-2-1
Van, 1b	3-1-0	Hamilton, 1b	3-1-0
Shaw, cf	4-0-0	Urey, 3b	4-0-0
Chase, 2b	4-0-0	Watt, lf	4-0-0
Myers, 3b	4-0-1	Watt, lf	4-0-1
Oswald, p	4-0-1	Oswald, p	4-0-1

... called the Pirates of a victory over the Kokomo Hot Shots in the eighth inning, with the score tied 2-2. Sunday, Ford was again the hero and "Blood" had just yanked off the field.

LINEUP
DEFENSE
PIRATES
"Chuck" Noel Bears Down in Pinches; "Infield Fly" Causes Furor.

FACE TWO ILL.
Lincoln Lifes Tackle Kips in 1-0 League Game Here Sunday 1926
PLAY PIRATES MONDAY

During the season of 1926 Eddie Walls, Milton Smith, Normal Webb and Hurley Johnson four St Louisians were with the strong Fort Wayne, Ind Baseball club. These boys were right off the road lots playing in the colored Industrial League (Muncie) in St Louis. Smith, Walls and Webb started with the team after a few months of play the team disbanded some of the players going to the Negro National League. Roy Tyler formerly with the St Louis Stars managed the Baseball club.

RECORD

TEAMS	OPS	PIRATES	GAME PLAY
FORT WAYNE	0-9		FORT WAYNE
" " LINCOLN LIFES	6-3	LOST	" "
KOKOMO, IND.	2-2	TIE	KOKOMO
ELKHART, IND.	5-4	LOST	ELKHART
KOKOMO, IND.	4-5		KOKOMO
LINCOLN LIFES	7-3	LOST	FORT WAYNE
ALBION IND	6-7		ALBION
MUNCIE IND	5-6		MUNCIE

WON 4 LOST 3 TIE 1

Pirates		Lincoln Lifes	
AB	R-H-PO-A	AB	R-H-PO-A
Wigfall, 2b	3-1-0-0-0	Watt, lf	3-1-0-0-0
Taylor, rf	3-0-0-0-0	Julian, ss	3-0-0-0-0
Pharr, cf	4-1-1-0-0	Urey, 3b	4-1-1-0-0
Ransom, c	4-1-1-0-0	Burgwald, 2b-lf	4-1-1-0-0
Sorsby, cf	4-1-1-0-0	Hamilton, 1b	4-1-1-0-0
Robinson, 3b	4-0-0-0-0	Distel, cf	4-0-0-0-0
Suggs, 1b	4-0-0-0-0	Harney, 2b	4-0-0-0-0
Webb, ss	4-0-0-0-0	Williams, c	4-0-0-0-0
Ford, p	4-0-0-0-0	Noel, p	4-0-0-0-0
Totals	31-3-7-34-5	Totals	31-3-7-34-5

The Lincoln Lifes got to Ford early yesterday afternoon and sailed away with their game with the Colored Pirates before the submarine artist hit his usual stride. The final score was 7 to 3, the Lifes chasing four runs across the pan in the opening inning. While his mates were clouting Ford at opportune moments, "Chuck" Noel was brooding along in good shape, applying more pressure when necessary but generally taking things easy. He kept the Pirates seven hits well scattered and struck out seven more stuff on his delivery when he got it across and succeeded in whiffing eight Lifer batsmen. Distel and Noel being his chief victims.

PIRATES BREAK LOSING STREAK 1926

Get Six to Three Decision Over Fort Wayne Pirates; Giants Are Defeated.

A timely home run by Bergwald and some excellent hurling by Oscar Shady, veteran hurler of these parts, were mainly responsible for the breaking Monday afternoon at Lifer field of the three-game losing streak into which the Lincoln Life baseball team had fallen. The victory which ended the losing streak was over the Fort Wayne Pirates, classy colored outfit, and was brought about by a 6 to 3 score.

The Pirates won the right to meet the Lincoln Lifes in the second game of the holiday double-header with a victory over the Colored Giants, of this city, in the first contest. The score was 9 to 0.

The Lifer-Pirate contest started as if it was to be a battle all the way, the Pirates scoring twice in their half of the second inning and the Lifers once. The Pirates' runs came through a single by Tyler, an infield out, a double contributed by Pharr, an error by Shady on Sugg's grounder and two walks. Bruce Hamilton and Rembke clouted out hits in the Lifers' half, and Hamilton came in when Walls balked.

The Pirates added one more in the third inning, when Tyler doubled and scored from second on an infield out. Julian walked to start off the last of the third for the league team. Webb failed to handle Ulrey's grounder, Julian taking second on the play. Then came Bergwald's fireworks. He slammed the ball over the left field fence, scoring behind Julian and Ulrey.

The winners added two more runs in the seventh and eighth innings. The one in the seventh came through a hit by Hamilton, after Ulrey had walked and then taken second on an infield out. DeMibbins' single and Watt's double in the eighth scored the former with the last run of the contest.

Shady Allows Only Eight Hits. The Pirates put up a hard battle against the league nine, but were unable to do much with the offerings of Shady, who was in helping out the Lifers who were with the moundsmen. Shady allowed but eight scattered hits and was given fairly good support by the Lifer infield and outfield. Another player who aided the Lifers Monday was Rembke, taking Distel's place in center and doing a good job of it by handling two chances and contributing a single to the batting festivities.

Bruce Hamilton again was the star at bat for the Lifers, getting three safe blows out of four trips to the plate. Tyler led with the stick for the losers, his share of their batting being two singles and a double in four times at bat. "Kid" Watt came out of the batter's slump which had seized him by bagging two scorching doubles.

In the first game of the double-header, the Pirates showed that they are the class of the colored nine in this section of the country by shutting out the Colored Giants while they themselves were bringing in nine runs in seven innings. Ford had little trouble with the Giants, only two of them getting safe hits.

First Game.

Pirates	1	2	1	0	2	3	0	13	0
Giants	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Batteries—Ford, and Blood; Gray and Moss.

Second Game.

PIRATES		LINCOLN LIFES	
	AB-R-H		AB-R-H
Webb, ss	3-0-1-1-3-1	Watt, lf	5-0-0-0-0-0
Taylor, rf	4-0-0-0-0-0	Distel, cf	4-0-0-0-0-0
Pharr, cf	4-2-3-3-0-0	Hamilton, 1b	4-2-3-3-0-0
Beard, 2b	3-0-0-0-0-0	Urey, 3b	4-1-0-0-0-0
Pharr, lf	4-0-0-0-0-0	Wigfall, 2b	3-0-0-0-0-0
Suggs, 1b	4-1-0-0-0-0	Walls, p	3-0-1-0-0-0
Wigfall, 2b	3-0-0-0-0-0	Ford	1-0-1-0-0-0
Totals	36-3-5-34	Totals	36-3-5-34

Bill Kerch Hurl in Auto Collision

GRAND CANYON, ARIZ., June 15 (AP).—William (Bill) Kerch, a sports writer for the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, and his wife, Dorothy, were injured in an automobile accident near here today. Kerch suffered a possible fractured nose and cuts and bruises and his wife possible fractures of the left leg and right ankle.

The Kerch automobile, according to police, was involved in a collision with one driven by Norman High of Spring City, Pa. High suffered fractured ribs and face cuts and his wife, Warda, received cuts and bruises.

Mr. and Mrs. Kerch enroute to St. Louis at the station in California.



WORLD CHAMPION CLEVELAND BUCKEYES—Standing, left to right, John Brown, Johnny Cowan, Avelina Canizares, George Jefferson, Quincy Troupe, manager, Parnell Woods, Owner Ernie Wright, Willie Grace, Wilbur Hayes, business manager; Hidden from view is Sammy Jethroe, and kneeling, are Earl Ashby, Buddie Armour, Eugene Bremer, Willie Jefferson, two bat boys (the second, Ernie Wright, Jr.), Frank Carswell and Archie Ware.

"From Rags To Riches" 1945

By AL SWEENEY (Sports Editor, Washington Tribune)

The rise of the Cleveland Buckeyes to the 1945 World Baseball Championship reads like a Horatio Alger-like tale for their energetic business manager Wilbur Hayes and owner Ernie Wright. It's one of those "rags to riches" stories that makes for good reading.

Just five years ago, June, 1941, to be more specific, Wilbur Hayes was quietly operating his dingy shoe shine stand on Cleveland's Central Avenue when in walked a smartly attired gentleman, causing one of Hayes' shoe shine boys to remark "Shine, Mister?"

"No," said the man, "I'd like to see Wilbur Hayes. Is he around?"

Up stepped Hayes with, "I'm Wilbur Hayes."

"Well," said the man, "my name is Ernest Wright. The fellows around tell me that you can round up a baseball team for me. I'd like to get together a team."

Which caused Hayes to remark, "Look man, busy, too busy to have anybody play a joke on me."

Wait, I am serious, I just finished talking with around at the Call-Post (a Cleveland weekly) and he recommended you to me," Wright said.

Well, if Loeb says your all right, I'll see what to do," Hayes replied.

That Wright was sincere, Hayes then about how he had tried unsuccessfully

to obtain the backing of local sportsman for a professional team. He told him of his many baseball promotions for the Homestead Grays, Kansas City Monarchs and other teams, and how Cleveland was fertile baseball territory. With all those setbacks, he couldn't help but feel that Wright was ribbing him.

It turned out that Wright wasn't seeking to place a team in Cleveland. He just wanted Hayes to round up a bunch of semi-pro players to face a white team in Erie, Pa.

Former White Sox Team

However, Hayes sold him on the proposition of backing a Cleveland team. The first team that Wright bankrolled out of Cleveland was a squad picked up from a local semi-pro outfit named the Cleveland White Sox.

The first game that they played under the Wright sponsorship saw a travesty on the great game of baseball that probably had Abner Doubleday turning over in his grave.

At that time I was holding down the sports desk of the Cleveland Call-Post and I screamed through the Call-Post's columns that Hayes was attempting to pass fifth rate baseball on an unsuspecting public at first rate prices.

Hayes stormed in the office upon comments back in 1941 and threatened Underwood typewriter down my throat.

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CURTIS PRIEST

Hadley Star Signed By Orioles

Curtis Priest, captain, and a .315 four-year hitter of the Hadley Tech baseball team, will report to the Baltimore Orioles farm club at Kingsport, Tenn., June 25.

Priest, an outstanding four-letter athlete, received the offer just after receiving his high school diploma. He was scouted by Del Wilber, Oriole scout, and former Cardinal catcher.

Walter Ambrose, Hadley baseball coach, told the Argus that the 18-year-old star would make the majors in about 18 months. "He has a wonderful personality," Ambrose added, "and is an easy person to work with. He is a coach's ideal."

Priest plays centerfield on the team. He batted .351 this season, and had a fielding average of .923. He starred in football, baseball, basketball and track during his high school career.

According to reports he received offers from the St. Louis Cardinals, Cincinnati Redlegs and the Orioles, he considered the Orioles offer the best.

ST. LOUIS AREA HAS PROVIDED 8 BLACK PLAYERS FOR MAJOR LEAGUES

Player	Team	Position	Years	Location
LIKE EASTER	Cleveland Indians	1B	1949-1954	ST. LOUIS
SAM JETHRO	Milwaukee Braves	OF	1950-1954	E. ST. LOUIS
AL SMITH	Cleveland Indians / Chicago White Sox	OF/IF	1953-1961	KIRKWOOD
X ESTON HOWARD	Knoxville Yankees / Boston Red Sox	C	1955-	ST. LOUIS
QUINCY TROUPE	Cleveland Indians	C	1952 - (2 months)	ST. LOUIS
JIM PENDELTON	Boston Braves	OF	1948-1962	ST. CHARLES
X TED SIMAGE	Chicago Cubs / St. Louis Cardinals	OF	1962	E. ST. LOUIS
NATHAN COURBERT	Houston Astros / San Diego Padres	1B-OF	1966	ST. LOUIS

Raymond TINDY LEAGUE

MAN

The Negro baseball business is one of our largest business enterprises, and it is a cash business.

SMALL PROFITS

The owners make less profit on the gross business than any other prize we can collect.

The 1941 season has indicated that baseball fans will support Negro baseball games if they are properly publicized.

Owners of white major league baseball clubs in preference to "wildcat" promoters, if these fans are approached by authorized representatives of organized Negro baseball.

Throughout the season we have intensively fought to keep Negro ball in the hands of organized ball owners. We have three owners of baseball clubs in the National and Negro

This is the eighteenth team that has gone down in history composed of Negro ball players. Good enough to play in the majors. It is a national to Great Negro players past and present.

The close of the 1941 baseball season finds us with some interesting facts as we attempt to pick out the eighteenth consecutive All-American baseball club for The Pittsburgh Courier.

The East-West baseball game played at Comiskey Park, Chicago, drew a gross sale of over \$40,000. Two Sunday games at Briggs Stadium, Detroit, drew a total gross of close to \$80,000. One of the clubs of the Negro National League grossed \$60,000 for the season.

We venture to say that the Kansas City monarchs, with Satchel Paige as an attraction, grossed close to \$100,000.

The 12 clubs of Negro organized baseball paid approximately \$700,000 out in salaries to players in the fall, and one-half summer months.

PAID OUT \$200,000

As the incidental expenses of operating a baseball club are about what the names of players salaries each year, we could say that the club paid out \$100,000 during the season of 1941, and this does not include money paid for park rent, bookkeeping agents or promoters. The total figure, however, received in ticket sales, government revenue, and other sources, is \$200,000.

Of the \$200,000, and any additional profit made by the owners, at least 85 per cent of this amount has been turned back into the cash registers of various Negro ball owners.

Negro baseball is one of our largest business enterprises, and it is a cash business.

We cannot prophesy whether the Negro National League and Negro American League will work in harmony in 1941.

NEED COMMISSIONER

If they work in harmony, they should have a commissioner. This commissioner should be a man who is nationally known, and big enough in his own name to walk into Judge Landis' office or any baseball office and get an intelligent interview, so that he might get all open dates at major league baseball parks for clubs of organized Negro baseball.

If there is a baseball war, then the Negro National League needs a man of the same type.

FAVORED BY WILSON

We know that President Tom Wilson of the Negro National League favors this plan. He and other members of the NNL have hesitated to choose a man in previous years because there was no way to get the money to pay him. With the percentages paid to "outsiders" at various promotions, all officers of the league could be paid.

Organized baseball also needs a publicity department. It is no secret that Joe L. Clark is publicly making for his Pittsburgh Crawfords/Grays. Satchel Paige, but C. G. Spence was not able to "cash in" on Satchel because Satchel played with Crawfords during the depression.

INCLUDES "OUTLAWS"

We have records before us of players of the Negro National League, Negro American League, and Negro players who played in organized Negro baseball in 1941. We are going to put our best foot forward and include a list of these men in our fall issue.

Our reason for including these men is obvious, when one considers that the players who were blacklisted came from Mexico and played in organized Negro baseball in 1941. Others will be back in 1942.

NAMES GIBSON

Our catchers for 1941 are Josh Gibson, the property of the Homestead Grays, who played in Mexico and was the highest salaried player in baseball when the 1941 season started.

As second catcher we have Roy Campanello of the Baltimore Elite Club.

For pitchers we have Satchel Paige, who received more money and pitched better ball than any man in Negro baseball throughout the 1941 season.

We pick Hilton Smith, another member of Kansas City Monarchs, as second pitcher.

Bill Boyd of the Baltimore Elite Giants, who was the most game-winning pitcher of the Negro National League, is given the third position.

None of these men stepped into form. Ray Brown of the Grays showed in 1940 when he won the straight league pennant.

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Here's Courier's Dream Team For '41

FIRST TEAM		SECOND TEAM	
J. GIBSON (Mexico).....	CATCHER	R. CAMPINELLO (Baltimore).....	CATCHER
S. PAIGE (Kansas City).....	PITCHER	H. SMITH (Kansas City).....	PITCHER
B. LEONARD (Gray).....	FIRST BASE	J. WASHINGTON (Baltimore).....	FIRST BASE
D. DANDRIDGE (Mexico).....	SECOND BASE	D. SEAY (N. Y. Black Yankees).....	SECOND BASE
H. EASTERLING (Grays).....	THIRD BASE	P. PATTERSON (Philly Stars).....	THIRD BASE
T. BUTTS (Baltimore).....	SHORT STOP	S. MARTINEZ (N. Y. Cubans).....	SHORT STOP
M. IRVIN (Newark).....	LEFT FIELD	J. HOSKINS (Baltimore).....	LEFT FIELD
W. WRIGHT (Mexico).....	CENTER FIELD	J. VARGAS (N. Y. Cubans).....	CENTER FIELD
T. STRONG (Kansas City).....	RIGHT FIELD	T. KIMBRO (N. Y. Black Yankees).....	RIGHT FIELD
SAM BANKHEAD (Mexico).....	UTILITY		
VICK HARRIS (Grays).....	MANAGER		

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St. Louis Globe-Democrat Tues., Mar. 25, 1969

The Bench Warmer

by Robert L. Burnes



The San Juan Baseball Club—Puerto Rico Insular Champs, 1945-46



First Row, from left—Manager Robert Clark, Elite Giant catcher; Acosta, Delgado, Tirado, Almendro, V... Garcia, ... of Brooklyn Dodgers; Johnny Davis of Newark Eagles.

Indians Defeat Brooklyn, 4-3, Before 64,877

1948

CLEVELAND, July 15 (AP)—Catcher Jim Hegan's single with two out in the eleventh inning scored Joe Gordon from second base and gave the Cleveland Indians a 4 to 3 triumph over the Brooklyn Dodgers in an exhibition game last night before 64,877 in Cleveland Stadium.

The game-winning single broke a deadlock that had stood since the sixth inning, when the Dodgers tallied a pair of runs off Don Black to tie the score.

Hugh Casey relieved Irvin Palica for Brooklyn in the seventh and held the Indians to two hits until the eleventh.

The large crowd was treated to a brilliant two-inning relief chore by Leroy (Satchel) Paige, ageless Negro hurler recently signed by the Tribe. Paige shuffled in from the Cleveland bullpen in the seventh, threw only 12 pitches, each of them with a corkscrew windup, and struck out the side. He fanned Gil Hodges on four pitches, struck out Palica with three curve balls and whiffed Bobby Brown on five offerings, one a foul ball.

The ancient Alabaman retired three more hitters in order in the eighth to complete his labors for the night.

A quartet of Cleveland hurlers, Ed Klieman, Black, Paige and Gene Bearden, who received credit for the win, allowed the Dodgers only five hits in a game which was played for benefit of the Cleveland Baseball Federation's medical fund.

1971
Mr. Goose Curry
Black Baseball Players Federation
& Lorraine Motel
506 Mulberry Street
Memphis, Tennessee 38103

Forfeit Turns Into Riot in Old Monterrey

1950
Fans Toss Bottles, Rip Up Bleachers, Set Fire to Stands During Rhubarb

By JORGE ALARCON

MONTERREY, N. L.

Monterrey's rabid fans staged one of the biggest riots in the history of the Mexican League, July 26, when Umpire Carlos Alberto Gonzalez forfeited the game between the Monterrey Sultans and the Veracruz Blues to Veracruz after Lazaro Salazar, Sultans' manager, had delayed his departure when thumped from the premises by the arbiter following a dispute over a called balk against his pitcher, Wilfredo Salas.

Salazar had his ruckus with the umpire in the first inning and, while Umpire Gonzalez declared the game forfeited at that time, play went on until the third frame when Manager Jorge Pasquel of the visiting Veracruz club withdrew Bibi Crespo, starting pitcher, preferring to save him since the game was already "won" and sent a second-stringer, Renato Ledue, to the hill. Monterrey led, 2 to 0, at the time.

Then the word spread through Cuauhtemoc Park like wildfire and the customers immediately broke into a

Mexican League

CLUB	W.	L.	Pct.	G.B.
Monterrey	10	5	.667	
Torreón	10	5	.667	
Veracruz	9	8	.600	1
Agua	8	7	.533	2
San Luis	7	8	.467	3
Jalisco	6	9	.400	4
Nuevo Laredo	5	10	.333	5
Mexico City	5	10	.333	5

rage. They flooded the field with pop bottles, tore down part of the brick walls, ripped down a portion of the wooden bleachers and set fire to a section of the grandstand.

Quick action by police, who rescued the umpires and escorted them from the field, saved the arbiters from possible violence, though authorities announced later that several persons were injured.

Salazar and Coach Suspended

Afterwards, Salazar, who had won

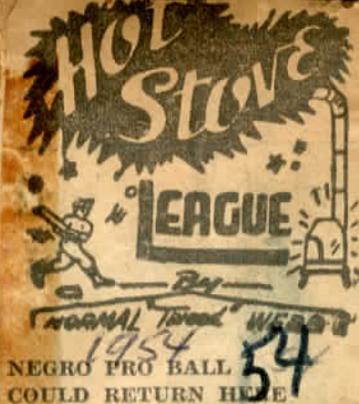
Baltimore Hotels Refuse to Take Negro Players as Guests

BALTIMORE, April 8 (AP)—Baltimore hotel operators have refused to lift their restrictions against Negro guests, including members of the Baltimore Orioles baseball club and members of visiting teams.

The operators took their stand yesterday in a meeting with Gov. Theodore R. McKeldin, who pointed out that Baltimore would be the only city in the league holding fast to segregation in hotels. He said it would bring the city and state "a lot of unfavorable publicity."

An attorney, Charles D. Harris, represented the hotel men. Citing the hotels are in business to make a profit, Harris said they have been convinced from general observations made in the community that "the general public does not wish to have mixed patronage at the hotels."

Negroes are not accepted as overnight guests at Baltimore hotels, but Negro members of civic, professional and political groups are not barred from holding meetings in the hotels' dining and assembly rooms.



NEGRO PRO BALL COULD RETURN HERE

When Stretch Miller in a recent radio broadcast said that the Harlem Globetrotters' basketball team was one of the greatest drawing cards in sports history, he wasn't kidding. They proved it last Sunday when St. Louis, a good sports town for a winner, turned out 16,000 strong.

Sports-minded fans, and Negro ball seekers, too, were all downcast when the news was spread that our Browns' baseball club was transferred to that nice town situated along the great shores of Chesapeake Bay.

The end of a one-time glorious American league era for local fans as its Baltimore-shifted Browns, known now as the Orioles, left many Negro fans wondering if Negro pro ball will return here on many dates that our St. Louis Cardinals would be on the road.

Hardened over the years, many local fans which appeared to be 99 per cent for a winner, ignored many losing Brownie teams and turned out to see Negro teams duplicated some interesting baseball at times during the last 13 years at Busch Stadium.

The question is, will Negro ball pay all during the season at Busch Stadium? After 1940 the sport was operated on a shoe-string to the lush post-war years when over 15,000 red-hot Negro ball fans attended per game. Recently attendance has dropped off a bit—still good.

A bit of Greater St. Louis flavor is thought by some baseball followers to organize a strong team of local players available to be just the spice needed to restore interest in the game here. It would cut down expense of operating and traveling in the game here. This may not be the best possible test of the variety theory but it could be a welcome change. A succession of only National League games through six straight months can be monotonous when only four good teams are involved. Some weeks the Cards will be gone 18 days. Also if the Red Birds hit a long, losing streak with bad baseball breaks, could be another problem.

It is possible that Negro pro ball will be played here next season, all our boys need do in order to bring out the crowds will be to play a snappy brand of baseball, a hustling style that always helps to win games.

Write or call Normal Tweed Webb—FO. 6304—4574 Enright

N.L. hires black ump; reinstates two veterans

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP)—Art Williams will join the National League umpiring staff, marking the first full season for a black umpire in the league, NL President Charles Feeney announced Wednesday.

Williams, 29, whose contract was purchased from the International League, worked 19 games in the NL at the end of last season.

East Beats West Stars In Big 6th Inning

Manager Ed Steele's East team scored all its runs in the sixth inning to defeat the West 4-3 in the 26th annual All-Star game featuring Negro American Leaguers in Chicago's Comiskey Park. The big blow was a three-run homer by Birmingham Black Barons' outfielder Brown Jackson. East first-baseman Nat (Sweetwater) Clifton played in his first All-Star game since leaving the Detroit Pistons pro basketball team.

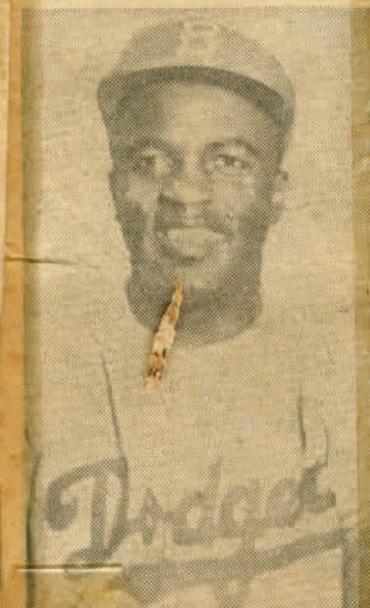


Ed Steele, Cards' scout Harry Redd and Sweetwater.

ENDING A BRILLIANT CAREER

Branch Rickey who usually knows what he is talking about called Jackie Robinson the greatest player in the history of the Brooklyn Dodgers after the trade and predicted that Robinson would be good for at least two more seasons at first base, not withstanding the fact that is his leg injury wouldn't sideline him.

Now Robinson calls it a career as a ball player after 10 brilliant seasons in the national league. The sensational star's retirement was announced last week end around the Hot Stove league front.



The proposed trade of Jackie two months ago had shaken millions of fans and their sense of fair play in sports, and taken a lot of the pleasure out of the following of the Dodgers. Now with the announcement of his retirement behind this trade could be the key move to shorter baseball careers. Maybe there is more to the Jackie Robinson story than appears on the surface.

Although 38 years old Robinson is still a good infielder, batter and especially one of the best clutch players in baseball. So I still say that the trade led to the end of a brilliant career. Jackie would have given it another shot in 1957 with the Bums.

After the 34 year old Al Dark signed his 1957 contract with the Cardinals he paused and said, when a Babe Ruth or a Stan Musial quits you call it ending a career. The rest of us you say he is through." Well from this corner it looks like Ruth and Musial will have company.

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Trice Makes Debut With A's

By GEORGE 1953

PHILADELPHIA (NNPA)—History was made in Connie Mack Stadium Sunday, Sept. 12, when Robert Lee Trice strode to the mound as a starting pitcher for the Philadelphia Athletics in their game against the St. Louis Browns.

Trice, a 25-year old Georgian, who was carried to West Virginia by his parents while still an infant, captured the fancy of the 8,477 cash customers, of whom fully two-thirds were colored, as he gave up seven hits, including a pair of homers, to the Browns. His poise on the mound spoke well for his future in the big times.

On his two trips to the plate, where he went hitless, he was greeted by thunderous ovation, and the whispers around in the stands were pleasing.

Named as the most valuable player in the International League, Trice won twenty-one games and lost ten for Ottawa.

Although he was born in Newton, Georgia, in 1928, the six-foot-three-inch, 190-pounder now makes his home near New Cumberland, West Virginia, and attended high school at nearby Weirton.

His start in baseball was with the Homestead Grays and for a time he was a roommate of Luke Easter, the big Cleveland first baseman.

It was in 1950 that he made the switch into organized baseball when he signed with the Farnham club of the Class C Provincial League. In 1952 he was traded to St. Hyacinthe, the Athletics' farm team, and graduated to Ottawa this year.

Before the game he was queried about his feelings, and admitted to a slight case of nerves, but Jimmy Dykes, manager of the Athletics, had told him not to worry.

"They hit the ball harder up here, but the men on your team go farther to get them," Dykes said.

The Athletics dropped the game, 5 to 2, but Trice, in the eight innings he worked, gave up seven hits, struck out two and walked none. His mates collected only two hits up to the time he was lifted for a pinch-hitter.



PARADE TO THE BIG LEAGUE

While the Negro fans are buzzing over such stars as Willie Mays, Hank Thompson, Hank Aaron, Larry Doby and our hometown boy Al Smith, lets take a trip to the minors this week and find out the final reports among our local boys.

The flow of local players to the majors after Jackie Robinson became the first Negro in modern organized baseball, includes Luke Easter, Sam Jethroe, Quincy Troupe, Al Smith, Jim Peardon. This makes a total of five that have been up to the big show.

Sizzling Elston Howard, most valuable International League player is rapping once again at the door of the big league opportunity, who hopes to be the first colored player in history to break into the New York Yankees line up. The pressure will really be on the Bronx Bombers to bring up Howard this time and use him. The former Teammate Blue Stars catcher may be our sixth local boy to play in the majors.

Then in 1956 it could be Larry Cleo Lewright of Webster Groves another East-West star. Lewright won 20 and lost 10 for Mutchinson in the Western Association in 229 innings pitched. He allowed only 200 hits and 114 runs. Cleo struck out 146 and walked 146. The Lincoln University graduate is signed by many other local boys on a Pittsburg contract.

Down thru the years we East-West classic for a sign stone to organized ball as he Taborn, Fireball Smith, Jim Marque, Charles Hall, Doc Eads, Marshall Riddles, Wheeler, Wilbert Easter, Sam Walls, Weddie Edwards, Lem Hunt, Ben Smith, Quincy Smith, William Bradley, Bradford Davis and a few others. There was no short cut to success in the Majors for our five towners and many of our players hope to do the same in the future.

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JAMES (COOL) PAPA Justice postponed



Roy Campanella



Johnny Wright



Don Newcombe

1945

THEY'RE IN...

By SAM LACY
Sports Editor, Afro-American Newspapers



Sam Lacy

At just about this time last year, I wrote a piece for this same publication, titled "Will Our Boys Make the Big League Grade?"

Since that time a number of things have happened, things that will bear out much of what was said in that article. And I do not hesitate to predict that the coming year will produce more evidence that "Negro Baseball" scored a genuine "beat" in its analysis of the Negro-in-baseball situation.

Three of the four men who have been assigned to teams in organized baseball since that piece was written last year, are men who were labeled "potentials" by the writer.

Jackie Robinson was referred to as the ideal man to make the experiment of pushing a colored player into organized baseball. "He would have neither the inferiority complex we should steer away from," the article said, "nor the cocky-bull-doing attitude we likewise avoid."

I pointed out, would benefit from the interracial

WROTE FOR GLOBE-DEMOCRAT

Charley Bartley Dies; Former Sports Writer

Charles J. (Charley) Bartley, a part-time member of The Globe-Democrat sports staff in the 1920-30 era and an author of a soccer and amateur baseball, died yesterday at St. John's Hospital.



Bartley

He entered the hospital a month ago for treatment of a heart ailment. Bartley, who would have been 82 July 7, "covered" the St. Louis Professional Soccer League and during the summer wrote an amateur baseball column.

He also served as secretary of the old Trolley Semi-Pro League

which embraced teams from Missouri and Illinois. He was associated with the late Henry Kulage in developing young baseball talent.

An immaculate dresser with a heavy thatch of white hair, Bartley served as head of the uniform department in the men's clothing section of Stix, Baer and Fuller for many years. He retired about 20 years ago.

Survivors include his widow, Josephine, and three married daughters.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday morning at 8:15 from Cullen-Kelly Funeral Home, 7287 Natural Bridge to Little Flower Catholic Church in Richmond Heights. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery.

at Pasadena Junior College and later at the University of California at Los Angeles, where he starred on an otherwise all-white football team.

Johnny Wright, who like Robinson is a candidate for the Brooklyn Dodgers' farm team at Montreal, was also credited with being a "potential" major leaguer. Wright, then in the Navy, was pictured as an intelligent individual with unusual poise, and as a pitcher with a noteworthy assortment of curves.

Newcombe Was a Newcomer

Of the other two players plucked by Brooklyn President Branch Rickey for his farm system, Roy Campanella and Donald Newcombe, the writer was acquainted only with the former. Newcombe, if you'll pardon the pun, had newly come . . . to the Negro National League club at Newark.

I have little doubt that three of these men, and probably all four, will be able to stick in the classes to which they've been assigned. Montreal is in the International League, a loop which, to my thinking, plays an inferior brand of ball to that of either the Negro National or Negro American League.

It is a Class AAA circuit, while the New England League, where Campanella and Newcombe will perform as members of the Nashua (New Hampshire) club, is a Class B organization.

While it is not generally known, all these players will receive less money for playing at their present posts than they could have earned with their former teams in the two Negro loops.

All Probably Lost Money

Wright, in all probability, has accepted the biggest cut in his earning capacity. The Homestead Grays were willing to part with \$650 per month in order to keep their brilliant righthander. International League salaries seldom run higher than \$400 monthly.

Robinson, at \$400 per month, could very likely have demanded \$600 from the Kansas City Monarchs, especially after it became known that Rickey was dangling an organized baseball offer before his eyes.

In the Class B leagues, players are paid an average scale of \$175 to \$200 monthly. Both Campanella and Newcombe undoubtedly could have doubled this amount by

Muny League 1963

To The Editor:

As a member of the Board and in charge of the publicity for the Greater St. Louis Muny Baseball Association, I wish to thank you and Mr. Webb for the treatment given our organization this past season.

This was one of the best seasons in the way of attendance and the Argus was an important fact in bringing the people to the games and keeping the interest alive.

Thanks again for your attention and I would be most happy to hear of any suggestions you may have in the matter of releases or any other comment.

Charles Murdoch,
3426a Arsenal St.
St. Louis 18, Mo.

with Negro
* veteran, Trying
Out With Browns
BURLINGAME, Calif.,
1952 March 19.
THEOLIC SMITH, veteran
St. Louis Negro pitcher,
appeared at the Browns'
training camp here yesterday
and worked a short turn in bat-
ting practice. Manager R.
Hornsby said, "I believe
he's a friend of Satch Paige."
Smith said he had hoped to
meet President Bill Veeck,
has no status with the club,
present.
Pitching in the Panam
League this winter, Smith won
seven and lost two and pitched
56 2-3 consecutive scoreless
innings. The righthander gave
his age as 32.

FUND ESTABLISHED FOR AILING EXTANDY GREAT

1967



NORMAL (TWEED) WEBB - who recently retired after forty-plus years as official of the far-flung Tandy Baseball League, has announced the establishment of a fund to help defray mounting medical bills for a former Tandy standout, William (Ducky) Boswell is the victim of crippling arthritis at his home, 4144 Fin-

Friends of William (Ducky) Boswell, a former Tandy League baseball great, have emerged together and has established a fund to help defray medical expenses of the ailing athlete, Normal (Tweed) Webb, a long-time Tandy League official who retired last winter, said today.

Boswell was a former Executive Secretary of the ancient loop

after having served as an outstanding catcher for the Pullman baseball club.

He is bed-ridden, the victim of crippling arthritis.

The fund is headed by Hubert J. Bruce who is acting as President of the group. Webb is the secretary.

Other members of the group include Police Captain Thomas E. Brooks; James (Cool Papa) Bell; Irving Vincent, Cornell (Red) DeBerry; Arthur Hawkins; (Chip) Lane; Spencer Allen; William Watters; Hubert (Dickey) Ballentine; Earl Millner; Ben Davis; Samuel Jackson; Ernest Washington; John Brewer; Sylvester Mitchell and Robert Everett.

Contributions should be mailed directly to Mrs. Boswell, 4144 Finney, OLive 2-1353, Webb said.

Josh Gibson Was Hardest Hitter!



gro stepped onto the field in a major-league uniform. Josh would have been 36 then and, says his old teammate Ted Page, "They couldn't have kept him out of the majors."

"The old-time black players have never gotten the recognition they deserve," says Bill Yancey, former shortstop and new a scout for the Philadelphia Phillies. "We always had players of great caliber, only we never got any recognition."

Gibson was a catcher, as was Roy Campanella, who played with the Dodgers until his paralyzing accident in 1958. Campanella worked with Gibson and played against him nine years. "I couldn't carry Josh's glove," says Campanella. "Anything I could do, he could do better."

Campy now heads a special committee to bring the forgotten greats of the old Negro leagues into the Hall of Fame.

The Negro teams played 175 to 200 games a summer, and most players put in another three or four months each winter playing in the Caribbean. During the regular season they played seven days a week. Sometimes up to three games a day. Often the opposition was a semipro club, like the famous Brooklyn Bushwicks, who sent many a player to the majors. The rest of the games were against other Negro teams.

Gibson played in the eight-club Negro National, or Eastern, League. Eight other teams made up the Negro American, or Western, League.

Rivalry between the two was intense. Although the clubs played each other four or five days a week, only the Sunday doubleheader traditionally counted in the league standing. (Otherwise the Grays would have run away with the pennant and destroyed all interest at the gate.) By counting only 50 games a year, the pennant race was still undecided in September. Thus, out of 70 homers a year Gibson homered 15 of them

Gibson was neither the Negro Leagues' best hitter nor best catcher. They unanimously agree, however, that he was the hardest hitter.

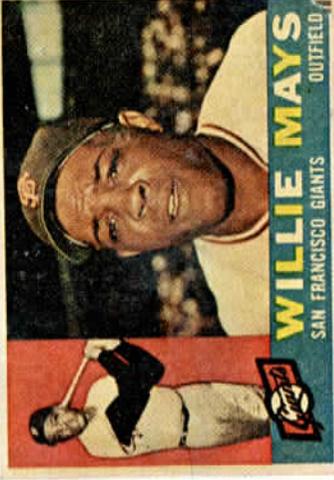
CALLED 'BOXER'

At first, Gibson "couldn't catch a sack of balls," remember Page. "On foul balls he was terrible. We called him 'boxer' because he'd catch like he was wearing a boxing glove." It was Judy Johnson, the old third baseman, who began to make a catcher out of the muscular but awkward young man. He taught Josh how to get under foul balls and how to handle bad pitches. Gibson worked hard learning. He even caught batting practice to sharpen his skills. Says Johnson: "He'd come to me

and say, 'Jung (another Johnson nickname), what did I do wrong today?' and I'd say, 'Josh, you caught a real nice game.' That boy

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Josh Gibson... hardest hitter?

WASHINGTON — His name was Josh Gibson. He may have been the hardest hitter in the history of professional baseball.

Yet Josh Gibson, who used to wear the name of the Homestead Grays, didn't receive a vote in last summer's poll to name baseball's all-time all-star team. Now does he receive a vote in the new poll?

My boyhood memory of Gibson goes back to the old dark-green bleachers and shadded walls of Griffith Stadium, where 400-foot smashes were just long

as home runs have become legends. They exploded in Yankee stadium, the Polo Grounds, Griffith Stadium, Cleveland, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. He

trees beyond Griffith Stadium's center-field fence. And in the Polo Grounds, Josh once hit one out of the park between the upper deck and the roof. It went out like a mortar round.

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as a youngster to Pittsburgh. He played sandlot ball in his teens and attracted the attention of the great William (Judy) Johnson, then manager of the Homestead Grays. Johnson, now a Phillies scout and father-in-law of former Brave Bill Bruton, remembers Josh with gentle affection as "my boy."

"The first game Josh ever played, he played for me," Johnson says. "We were playing a night game in Pittsburgh in 1930, the first night game ever played in Forbes Field." A bus in the outfield contained the generator, and the lights were on huge extension ladders. "The park was jammed—they had to turn people away—and our catcher got mixed up with a ball and split his hand wide open. I'd seen Josh playing around with a playground team and he was in the stands. I asked him if he wanted to catch and he said, 'Yes Sir,' and we held the game up while he put on a suit. Well, our regular never did get back in the lineup."

"It went up over the roof of the third deck," says Grays shortstop Paul (Pee Wee) Stevens, "and came down just to the right of where the grandstand ends and hit the back of the left-field bullpen," which cuts deeply back into the bleachers. If Gibson had pulled it just a shade, it would have gone out. Says Stevens: "It was the highest, longest ball I've ever seen anyone hit." No one before—not Ruth or Gehrig—had ever hit one that far, and only two men since then have approached that gargantuan smash: Jimmy Foxx put one into the upper left-field stands, just below Gibson's blast, and Mickey Mantle lined one against the facing of the roof in right.

Campanella says Gibson hit 75 home runs that year and 67 the next. Teammate James (Cool Papa) Bell counted 72 in 1933. (Of course Gibson was playing 300 games a year, both league games and semipro games. Records were as haphazard as the schedule and probably no one is exactly sure how many he really hit over his 17-year career.)

In Washington, Walter Johnson, then manager of the Senators, who had been watching some of Gibson's epic pokes, sidled up to his boss, Clark Griffith, and confided: "That boy's



Kimbro, Baltimore

just as though nothing had happened. You think these kids now would do that? Never happen."

Gibson learned how to handle every pitch they threw at him, and in the Negro Leagues that meant everything: Spitters, screwballs, mud balls and "shine balls" so laden with Vaseline that, says Bell, "It made you blink your eyes in the sun."

In 1934 practically the whole Grays' team jumped to Pittsburgh, where it became known as the Crawfords, and Monte Irvin calls that the best team of all time because, in addition to the other stars, it included Satchel Paige. The Crawfords soon began advertising that Josh would hit at least one homer and Satch would strike out the first nine men he faced.

That October, the Negro All-Stars hooked up in a barnstorming tour with Dizzy and Paul Dean, fresh from their World Series victory over Detroit. Paige recalls that they played nine games and the Negro All-Stars won seven. Dean won the only two for the big leaguers, but in York, Pa., Bell says, "In the first inning, I hit, Jerry Benjamin hit, Leonard walked and Josh hit it over the fence. Next time up, Gibson hit another four-run homer. The people started booing and Diz went into the outfield for a while; he hated to just take himself out of the game." At game's end Diz trotted past the All-Stars' dugout, mopped his face and puffed, "Josh, I wish you and Satchel played with me on the Cardinals. Hell, we'd win the pennant by July 4 and go fishin' until World Series time."

Moving down to Puerto Rico for the winter season, Gibson smashed another of his blasts into the face of an on-shore wind. It cleared the fence and landed on the San Juan beach. Paige estimates the ball went at least 500 to 525 feet. In Mexico's high altitude, against that rarefied atmosphere, making them virtually disappear like golf balls. "We played in a lot of parks with no fences at all," Bell laughs. "Gibson hit them so far that if he'd just kept running there's no telling how many homers he'd get before they found the ball."

In 1936 the Crawfords broke up. Paige moved out west to the Kansas City Monarchs and Gibson returned to the Homestead Grays.

After that winter season, Gibson and Paige were adversaries, facing each other in the Negro World Series and the annual East-West, or All-Star, games. Gibson was elected to every all-star team from 1933 to 1945, with the exception of 1941, when he jumped to Mexico, and Campanella won the vote of the fans. In 12 games Josh hit an even .500.

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In 1945 Josh led the Negro National League at bat with .393. Campanella finished fourth at .365, and over in the Negro American or Western League, Sam Jethroe was making a name for himself with a league-leading .398. Baseball Commissioner Kenesaw Mountain Landis had died, and rumors bubbled up again that at last a Negro would be given a chance that every black hitter had been seeking for decades.

That year Josh's average dropped to .331, though he still led the league in homers and was only a few points below another bright young prospect, second baseman Larry Doby of Newark, who hit .339. Monte Irvin, also of Newark, led the league with .389 and won a contract with the Giants. But there was no contract offer for Josh Gibson, who was by then 35 years old and who had ballooned to 230 pounds.

He began to drink and had to be sent to St. Elizabeth's Hospital for two weeks to dry out. Some old friends think he was worse because his wife had

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Negroes, First in Club's History

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In 1956, Robinson caught the eyes of the baseball scouts while with the Stockman Legion Post, where his slugging feats highlighted the American Legion baseball playoffs in Mexico, Mo. He also showed pitching talent as he hurled 8 innings of shut-out relief ball while his teammates collected a 15-6 victory over Cape Girardeau.



By Robert L. Burnes
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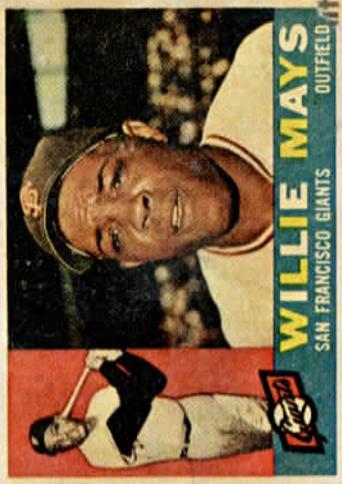
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and say, 'Jung (another Johnson nickname), what did I do wrong today?' and I'd say, 'Josh, you caught a real nice game.' That boy

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1960

CALLED 'BOXER'
At first, Gibson "couldn't catch a sack of balls," re- members Page. "On foul balls he was terrible. We called him 'boxer' because he'd catch like he was wearing a boxing glove." It was Judy Johnson, the old third baseman, who began to make a catcher out of the muscular but awkward young man. He taught Josh how to get under foul balls and how to handle bad pitches. Gibson worked hard learning. He even caught batting practice to sharpen his skills. Says Johnson: "He'd come to me



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1943
East-West Game Has Developed From A Wild Dream to Our Greatest Sports Spectacle . . .

CHICAGO, Ill., July 29—Cast in a setting that rivals the brilliant of any Hollywood production, the scintillating stars of the East and the sparkling, rough riders of the West are groomed and prepared for another thrill-packed "Dream Game" here at Comiskey park Sunday afternoon.

It's the one time when the East meets the West . . . the East to the contrary notwithstanding!

For eleven years now this great classic has been played in Chicago, and the Windy City has always been a gracious host. Its first classic attracted 15,000 fans and the attendance has never fallen below that mark. It reached an all-time high last year when 48,000 saw the East win a well played contest, 5 to 2.

Elsewhere on these pages you will find the graphic account of the million dollar game who will be on the wing in spacious Comiskey park Sunday afternoon . . . stories of the greatest of the game and what they have accomplished in past classics. These stories always make interesting reading.

But, I believe, the most enthralling story, the one that is more interesting than any I have ever heard concerning the development



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(They've Developed a "Dream")

of a sporting spectacle . . . is the story of the birth of this game. It's a story that should make every Negro swell with whether he is a baseball fan or not. For this story prove conclusively that we can . . . if we will.

Cubs' Williams Wins NL Rookie of Year

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP)—Outfielder Billy Williams of the Chicago Cubs was voted the 1961 National League rookie of the year award Thursday.

Williams received 10 of the 16 votes cast by the Baseball Writers' Association of America in becoming the first Chicago player to gain the distinction since the scribes took over deciding the winner in 1949.

Only two others received votes. Catcher Joe Torre of the Milwaukee Braves was named on five ballots and Jack Curtis, a south-paw pitcher for the Cubs, received one.

Williams, a 23-year-old native of Whistler, Ala., batted .278 in 146 games last season. A left-handed hitter, his totals included 20 doubles, seven triples and 25 home runs. He drove in 86 runs.

Following is the list of previous winners:

- 1949 Don Newcombe, pitcher, Brooklyn
- 1950 Frank Jethroe, outfielder, Boston
- 1951 Willie Mays, outfielder, New York
- 1952 Joe Black, pitcher, Brooklyn
- 1953 Jim Gilliam, infielder, Brooklyn
- 1954 Wally Moon, outfielder, St. Louis
- 1955 Bill Virdon, outfielder, St. Louis
- 1956 Frank Robinson, outfielder, Cincinnati
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- 1959 Willie McCovey, infielder, San Francisco
- 1960 Frank Howard, outfielder, Los Angeles
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BILLY WILLIAMS

1955

Yankees Call Up Two Negroes, First in Club's History

NEW YORK, Oct. 13 (AP).—The world champion New York Yankees today brought up Vic Power and Elston Howard, a pair of Negro stars, from their Kansas City farm club of the American Association.

Power and Howard, two of the eight players promoted to the Yankees from their vast minor league organization, will be the first Negroes ever to wear a Yankee uniform. They will join the club at the spring training camp in St. Petersburg, Fla., next February.

Power, a strong right-handed hitter who plays the infield as well as the outfield, captured the American Association batting title this past season with a .349 average. The 25-year-old, who played mostly in left field this season, also led the circuit with 217 hits and 31 total bases.

Howard, a fleet flychaser, batted in 139 games and showed considerably less batting average than his starting teammate.

SIX OF THE EIGHT players coming up from the American Association. Besides Power and Howard, the Yankees' farm graduates include Pitchers Mel White and Hal Smith.

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THE DECISION TO BRING up Power ended conjecture as to what the Yankees intended to do about him. He had put in four years in the New York organization, hitting well above .300 each year. Power had his best year in 1953. In 622 times at bat he amassed 217 hits, including 39 doubles, 10 triples and 16 home runs. He drove in 93 runs.

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Satchel Paige's Stars Win from Miller's Leaguers Before 13,000

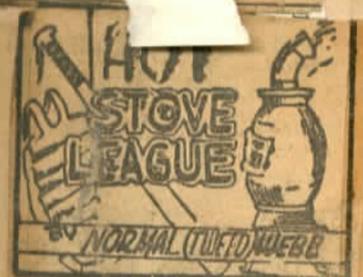
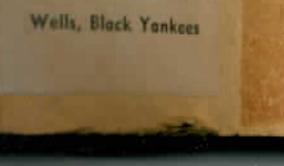
NEW YORK, Oct. 7—(NNPA).—Satchel Paige, the American Negro strikeout artist, failed to get a single batter in the game of his All-Stars and Satchel Paige's Stars, which the latter won 4-0 before a crowd of 13,000 at the Yankee Stadium last afternoon. Paige fanned five batters.

Paige's triumph of Paige's All-Stars was highlighted by a home run by Henry Thompson, who held off one of Feller's fast pitchers in the round-tripper in the ninth. There was nobody out at the time.

Paige team had its biggest rally in the eighth when three runs were sent across the plate. Spud Chandler was pitcher for the major league All-Stars at the time, and he was hit for a triple by Troupe singles by Easterling and Williams.

Paige's team was able to get one runner as far as third base in the seventh. Frank Hayes tagged Storck for a double, Phil Rizzuto and Johnny Bernardino. Mickey Vernon of the Boston Senators, who beat Williams out of the batting lineup in the American Association, struck out Charley Keller. The next batter, up, failed, and the club was going to left field.

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Paige Stories (6) and
Feller, Chandler (8) and
Hayes (6).



OH, THOSE CLOWNS 1946

AMONG the radio and newspaper men in the press box last Friday night were Gabby Street, Dizzy Dean, Johnny O'Hara, Harry Caray, Bill Kerch (Globe Democrat), Bradshaw (Post Dispatch), and three Brown players, Jack Kramer, Potter, and Christman.

While the St. Louis baseball fans are still buzzing over the Clowns-Monarchs doubleheader and little Circus at Sportsman's Park, the topic is also a happy one to the Clowns. The side-show put on by the one and only Reece "Goose" Tatum, the greatest wonder first baseman and showman in any kind of baseball, proved to the 16,500 fans that he was at his best. I could hardly believe my eyes when I watched the "Goose" perform at first—What a man, what a man! Meanwhile the busy little man known as "King Tut" kept the crowd really entertained between pitches. The comedian-jitterbugged, hot craps, prayed for hits and meddled the umpire, spectators and Monarchs throughout the entire game.

The "shadow game" between games was really something. The fans could follow only with hysterics.

Satchel Paige was at his best but my eyes were on Earl Taborn, in his first year of professional baseball, who is stepping right along in the Negro League. Taborn not only appears to have made the professional grade, but his belting has been so powerful and throwing accurate that Manager Frank Duncan told this writer that Earl will be sensational in a few years.

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(By Earl "Mickey" Taborn, as Told to Hot Stove League Column)

I hope more youngsters will go out for baseball because it holds a future for them, if they have the talent to produce. It's not a hard job, the only thing I find hard is the big names you read about, and when you meet them in a game you do become afraid because of the big e-ups you've read about them.

My greatest thrill playing against the Cleveland Buckeyes, when I hit my first and longest whole run off of Buemer, Cleveland's ace pitcher, clearing the center field fence which was 400 feet and about 40 feet high.

I will always remember while on the coast barnstorming with Jackie Robinson's All-Stars, I hit a home run off of "Fireball" Bob Feller, (Major's strike-out artist), putting our team in lead 2-1, but later we lost 4-2. The following night I came in as a pinch hitter and broke up a no-hit game with a double by Johnny Sain (Boston Braves) in the sixth inning. So, fans, "Mickey" tells of thrills he has received playing against big league

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The Dodgers were the first to hire a Negro — Jackie Robinson — to play in the majors in 1947 — Robinson made the Dodgers the team to beat, taking them to seven World Series... But Robinson did not set well with the Dodgers and in 1957 they sold him to the Giants, but Robinson refused to report and quit baseball.

Perhaps it was due to personality clashes, but Jackie was never offered a coaching position with the Dodgers... Although Robinson and President Walter O'Malley are on friendly terms now, they were not during Robinson's heydays.

Robinson Sets Pace

Robinson figured in Gilliam's rise to stardom... In 1953 when "Junior" Gilliam came up to the Dodgers from Montreal it was Robinson who moved from second to third to make room for Gilliam... A lot of people feel that Gilliam took Robinson's job away from him, but that is not so... Robinson moved Billy Cox off third base and Cox was the best glove man in the majors, to make room for Gilliam at second.

Robinson and Gilliam are two different personalities, but they like each other... In fact Robinson and Gilliam roomed together for years, until Robinson decided to quit baseball.

Let us hope that Gilliam can take Robinson's place in the hearts of all Negroes who feel that Jackie Robinson got a bad break in baseball.

All was not bad in 1964 with the Dodgers Negroes... Gilliam was made a coach... Jim Robinson, W...



BUZZIE BAVASI
... real man



BIZZY MACKKEY
A Star At 52

LARRY DOBY's purchase by the Cleveland Indians in 1947 turned out to be a good deal. The deal was made on the basis of his .508 life-time average in the Negro National League and, above all, a mighty good outstanding recommendation by the greatest manager in Negro baseball, Bizz Mackey—A 52 year old catcher who caught and managed for the disbanded Newark Eagles.

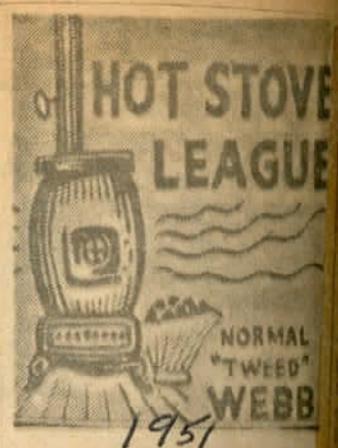
The Indians' boss Bill Veeck paid \$15,000 for Larry Doby, who in a few years has turned out to be worth more than \$100,000 on the market. Thanks to Lou Boudreau, Hank Greenberg, Bill Veeck and the American baseball fans who broke all records to see the Cleveland Indians. Four of the greatest present day Negro stars were developed under the wings of Bizz Mackey in Don Newcombe, Monty Irven, Leon Day and Larry Doby.

Thirty-two years in baseball is a long, long time. Mackey, who recently recommended Monty Irven to the Brooklyn Dodgers farm system and who becomes serious at the mention of Negro baseball, is known around the majors as a No. 1 baseball manager.

No well versed baseball man ever selects an all-time Negro baseball team without listing Bizz Mackey.



Looking over a scrapbook kept by Normal (Tweed) Webb over the last fifty-two years highlighting activities in black baseball leagues are this group: Oran Williams, Webb and Bill Drake. Looking over their shoulders from the left: John Brown, James (Cool Papa) Bell and John Green. A large group of former stars got together at Williams' home, 4546 Pope to form a Zomphier Relief Fund and a continuing fund to aid ailing black athletes. Among those members not present were John D. Buckner, Morris Henderson, Major Porter, Jesse Hester and Levert Ransom. A Joiner photo.



A letter from a fan reads:
"Dear 'Tweed':"

A group of fans on the corner of Leffingwell and Franklin, the other day, were talking about an ambidextrous pitcher who once pitched in the Tandy League and also in semi-pro ball. In other words, he was a pitcher who could throw with either hand. Can you recall that pitcher, the team and the year in which he pitched? One fan said your team, the Black Sox, never could do much with this pitcher.

Wilhe Johnson
In the year of 1922, Tandy Park was then called Summer camp and the St. Louis Black Sox were a red-hot young team; however, the Royal Giants, from downtown, gave them plenty of trouble during the year. Tandy League wasn't born until the following year. The pitcher was Fancy Jake Orr, one of the best ambidextrous pitchers ever seen by this writer. The Royal Giants had such outstanding kids as big Charles Zomphier, Abe Dump, Brown, Curtis Blackwell, Hawkins, Hayward and Glen Dixon. Blackwell died some time ago.

At that time, it was the uncertainty of the thing that had batters who tried to hit the slants of Orr up in the air.

Jake pitched with either arm and could make the switch satisfactorily in the middle of an inning. Orr also could play in the infield and the outfield. He worked four games that year against the Black Sox—won two, lost one.

On September 11, 1922, he pitched nine innings against the Sox, allowed six hits, gave up eight runs and struck out ten. In this game, he was a caution—with a tied score (six to six) in the eighth. He pitched to the first two men with his right arm; the next with his left. But when he walked that last batter, he switched back to his right and the batter flied out. Again he changed to his left, but allowed a single. So, on the next man, he used his right, and after two pitches switched to the left and caught the runner off first base. He switched to the right and the batter grounded out to end the inning—two runs scored, but his team won the game nine to eight in the ninth.

To see him pitch was a treat. For local baseball, write to 4574 Enright avenue, or call FO

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Charles Zomphier

Negro Baseball Group To Meet

The recently organized Old-Time Negro Baseball Players Association will meet Friday at 8 p.m. at 4546 Pope Avenue.

All former baseball players who have been retired five or more years are eligible for membership in the organization which was formed to aid ailing former players.

Further information may be obtained by calling Normal (Tweed) Webb at FO 7-6304

"OLD TYMERS" ORGANIZE TO AID AILING BLACK BASEBALL PLAYERS

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The formation of an organization to aid ailing black baseball players who compete in the black leagues was formed over the weekend. Among those present for the inaugural session were, in front: host Oran Williams who was elected president of the group, known as Oldtimers Negro Baseball Players Association. First row: Bob Palm, Sylvester Mitchell, Monroe Vincent, Normal (Tweed) Webb, Bill Drake, William (Ducky) Boswell and John Brown. Standing: Adolph Fisher, John Brewer, John Green, James Whiteside, James (Cool Papa) Bell and Martin Mathews. photo by Jim Joiner.

A group of former great Negro baseball players responded to a call from Normal (Tweed) Webb a longtime scorekeeper and baseball reporter for a period in excess of fifty years Friday night. Out of this grew the Old Tymers Negro Baseball Players Association and it avowed purpose is to "aid ailing former players." The whole idea nutured in the head of Oran Williams of 4546 Pope who hosted the meeting and was prompted by the bad fortunes which has beset Charles Zomphier, a former second baseman of the old St. Louis Stars (of the Negro National League) and more recently one of the top umpires in the area. Zomphier, who was also a basketball standout at the old Pine Street YMCA also, is president of the St. Louis National Umpires Association. He has been in ill health in recent years, suffering from a series of strokes. The establishment of a "Charles Zomphier Benefit Fund" was also announced by the group.

Williams was elected president of the new organization in a meeting presided over by big John Green, Monroe (Schang) Vincent is the vice-president; Hubert (Cickey) Ballentine, treasurer and Webb is secretary and public relations director.

The group will meet again on April 17th to receive a report from a special constitution committee which was formed. Bob Palm, John Brewer, James White side, Bill Drake and William (Ducky) Boswell comprise the committee.

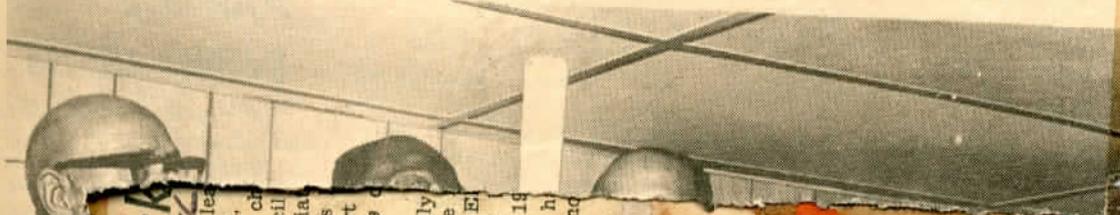
The oldtimers raised \$100 to launch the Zomphier fund. "Zomp came along forty years ago soon," Webb said, "he was a great athlete with stern leadership, displayed team spirit and sportsmanship," he added. During the depression days,

Of this grouping, John D. Buckner, Morris Henderson, Major Porter Jesse Hester, Marshall Riddles, Terry Butler and LaVert Ransom will join Adolph Fisher, Sylvester Mitchell and John Brown on the sick committee.

Among the participants at the

inaugural meeting was Police Captain Thomas E. Brooks.

As might be expected when oldtime players congregate, much of the time was spent in non-staglia. Webb had present a scrap book compiled over the last fifty-two years will recounted some of the thrilling baseball exploits on



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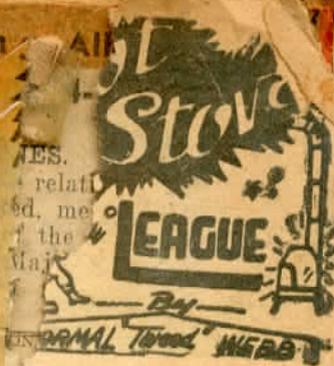
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Having starred at Lane Tech in basketball, baseball, football and track, he continued in sports after leaving school. He played with the Grace Presbyterian church (then at 34th and Dearborn Streets) when that team—the only tanned team in that church league—won several championships. He played some semi baseball—under an assumed e — with Peters' Union Giants. He played semipro basketball and later was a member of the famous Chicago Defender Big Five which swept the eastern seaboard quintets to defeat. Among those teams were the famous St Christopher A. C. (from New York's St. Phillips P. E. church), Madden's Incorporators, Cum Posey (then fresh out of Penn State) and the Loendi club of Pittsburgh, the Carlton Ave. Y five of Brooklyn, Wilberforce uni-

the black diamond during that period.

The distinction of being the oldest (in terms of age) oldtymers present went to Drake who is 76 years. The former St. Louis Giants and Stars pitcher recalled that Webb was a bat boy during part of his regime with the Giants (back in 1915).

All old time baseball players are eligible for membership, the AMERICAN was told. Others must be retired for five years before applying. (MH).



Quincy Troupe With Cleveland

The average life of the white ball player in the Major leagues is relatively short. At the age of thirty he feels the hot pace of youth at his heels rapidly overtaking him. At thirty-five he may count himself lucky to be in the big-time as a substitute performer. Therefore he tries to make all the hay he can while the sun shines. All of which is natural enough. But the idea, entertained by so many that a ball player is washed up at thirty-five, is pure, unadulterated bunk. Most of our present day Negro ball players in the majors are near thirty and over. To start with, he was a veteran in the Negro leagues for years and wasted his time playing ball before Jackie Robinson broke the ice. Perhaps born five or ten years too soon the modern Negro ball player is to go places and do worthwhile things at thirty or over. So, fan stop worrying about our boy ages as life begins after thirty for them.

Our hometown boy, Quincy Troupe, signed by the Cleveland Indians, recently has been through many a long and hard campaign.

He still is a great catcher and should have had a break some time ago. He has been a number one catcher and manager playing all over the world. Has the wear and tear dimmed his enthusiasm for the game, is he content to rest on his past laurels?

You can bet the answer is No.

Really he will consider his first rookie year in organized ball as an 18-year-old would. To give some explanation for Troupe's popularity in Negro circles by saying that the big local catcher was a Major leaguer in a Mexican league, that he will strengthen any catching staff in the Majors and Minors. Last Saturday Quincy Troupe hit a home-run for the Cleveland Indians against the Chicago Cubs and handled the

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Years left, Bill the week Papa) Be April 17th



WHAT IS DID FOR BASEBALL

The curtain will soon be rung down on another baseball season in St. Louis. One thing stands out strikingly about the 1941 season. It was the first time in more than 25 years that there was not an enclosed park in the city that could be obtained on various occasions for games.

The apathy of the Negro baseball park situation is an old story now. It is touching most files and a new trend has cropped forth which just hit St. Louis this year.

Colored baseball owners had seen the Kansas City Monarchs use the white league park of the Missouri Metropolis with success for years. Only recently has the idea of Negro games in league parks caught on.

This year more games were played by Negro teams in big league parks than ever before and the success was stupendous. In Detroit three games were played in Shibe Stadium, home of the Detroit Tigers and not once did the attendance fall under 25,000. In Cincinnati at Bennett Field, home of the Cincinnati Reds, at least five games were played, all yielding handsome profits. At Comiskey Field, Chicago, home of the White Sox, were previously only one game a season (the East-West game) been played, three were played with 14,000 the lowest attendance. Rupert Stadium, New York City home of the Yankees, is practically Harlem's baseball park when DiMaggio and gang were away. Even the local Cleveland Indian's Stadium (playing grounds were one to big for Negro teams to play in and make a comfortable fit in the seating capacity. The movement hit St. Louis in full force the 4th of July when 21,000 persons witnessed a first colored game played in 20 years. The difficulty here, however, is the fact that Sportsman's Park is in constant use by either the Browns or Cardinals throughout the season except for maybe one or two drab days.

How far this new trend of Negro baseball in big league will next year it will be interesting to watch. It is indicated that it will have a far reaching effect in the setup of the Negro American League of the West and the Negro National League of the East. Because of the technical advantages which Negro ball players possess, it would not be surprising if they were to become the main attraction of the game.



LOCAL BOYS MAKE GOOD

One of the most outstanding features of the all-Negro diamond struggle at Sportsman Park between the New York Black Yankees and the Birmingham Black Barons was the extreme effort put forth by the opposing players. The crowd didn't give a hang whether the team won but were pulling mostly for the home town boys to star. As you know, the New York crew had three local stars in Chin Green, Dan Wilson and pitcher Jean Smith. When the Birmingham boys put over their three run rally to take over the lead, you really would have thought you were in Birmingham, Ala. The fans went out there to see a good ball game. William Bradford represented our city on the Barons' team and was held hitless.

Stars produced on the Tandy lot were among the standouts. Chin Green, by his speed, proved to be all that the local fans had expected of him. So, too, did pitcher Jean Smith, showing a slider hard to hit. However, Smith walked eleven batters, but was in there when the chips were down. Dan Wilson came through with a triple to make our local boys shine brighter. We saw Harry Williams, Ford and Dick Seay star in the infield for the Yankees. Those Black Barons came up with a fast, young infield, too! Yes, sir, these and all the others, the catchers and outfielders—gave the fans their money's worth and more.

But even in the midst of the baseball spectacle, the war was not forgotten, in a magnificent demonstration by the girls and boys Drum and Bugle Corps of Tom Powell Post, and as the fans wended their way homeward they looked forward to good old Labor Day.

Before closing we must say the colored people are real dyed-in-the-wool baseball fans.

Your Hot Stover,
NORMAN "TWEED" WEBB
SIGN CO.

3669 Finney Ave. FRANKLIN 6302

Terry Suffers Heart Attack
JAN 10-1952
Terry, former big league pitcher and first baseman, ex-ly park star and now chairman of the baseball council for Tandy Athletic Association, suffering from a heart ailment and doctors report his condition as fair. Terry came from a family of ball players who at one time had a team known as the Union Electric, champions of semi-pro ball around greater St. Louis in 1921. Many Tandy league fans have been visiting him at one north in the hospital.

Lesser Lights Prove Tough as All-Star

Team Whips Monarchs Here, 4-1

By ROBERT L. LURNES.

Bob Feller and Satchel Paige, whose relative ability in the pitching business has long been debated, met at Sportsman's Park yesterday, but the real hurling of the afternoon didn't arrive until after they departed as the Major League All-Stars downed the Kansas City Monarchs of the Negro National League, 4 to 1.

So far as their personal duel was concerned, Feller had much the better of it as he loafed through five innings, being scored on only when a bit of confusion arose over ground rules. On the other hand, the long, loose-jointed, grinning Paige, basking in the adulation of the mixed crowd of 10,124 cash customers, was solidly belted for three runs in the first inning and another in the third.

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To get the real picture, here are the records: Feller fanned three and walked three in his five innings; Paige struck out four and walked two in four frames; Heintzelman whiffed seven and didn't walk anybody and Smith, showing the best speed and sharpest curve of the quartet, fanned six and walked only one.

Feller, who works harder at his job, appeared faster than Paige. He struck out a badly-scared Frank Sims at the start, but he really reared back and poured in three smokery to subdue the Monarchs' best hitter, Willie Brown, to end the first frame. Paige looked fast only on one or two occasions.

In the first inning, Frank Crespi singled and Emmett Mueller of the Phils doubled him to third. Joe Grace fanned and Johnny Hopp popped out but Johnny Lucadello tripled off the screen in right and Barney Wyrostek singled him home.

There was some bad judgment some score as Mueller, Lucadello and Wyrostek all connected with the count two strikes and no balls as Paige tried to slip over a curve.

The Monarchs' run came in the second when Bob Cyrus beat out a topped infield roller and raced to third on a wild pitch. Catcher Walker Cooper thought that only one base was allowed on any wild throw and didn't chase the ball. Cyrus then scored on an infield out. The Stars' final tally came in the third on successive walks to Hopp and Lucadello, a force out and Wyrostek's single.

Heintzelman and Smith took over, blazed their way through the fourth and fifth frames.

MONARCHS	ALL-STAR
Shimoff	4 0 0 0
O'Neal	4 1 0 0
Strong	3 0 1 0
Brown	4 0 1 0
Dupont	4 0 1 1
Cyrus	3 1 2 1
Blubaugh	2 0 1 0
Williams	2 0 2 1
Paige	2 0 0 1
Smith	1 1 1 4
Bradley	1 1 0 0
McDaniels	1 0 0 0
Totals	31 12 19

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If Tie, One Game Decides

Because of the close race in the American League, much speculation has arisen as to how the pennant-winner would be determined if two or three clubs should be tied for first place at the end of the season, a situation which is not likely, but could develop. Only once in the history of the majors—in 1908—was there a similar possibility, when near the end of the National League season there was a chance of a triple tie among Chicago, New York and Pittsburgh clubs. Curiously enough, Detroit and Cleveland in the American that year were neck and neck, the Tigers winning by half a game.

The American League constitution gives the president the authority to provide playoffs in case of a tie. President Will Harridge, in considering the situation, has decided that in case of a tie between two teams, one game will be played to determine which will represent the American League in the World's Series; should three teams tie, they will draw lots to see which two should first meet each other and the winner of that game would play the team.

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L. A. Gives Up \$67,500

Dodgers-Pirates Waged Money War for E. Robinson

BERKELEY, Calif. — The game of "The Price Is Right" was the determining point in the bidding war for Earl Robinson, brilliant baseball and basketball star of the University of California, to sign a contract with the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Robinson, a showstopper who was being sought by everyone of the 16 major league teams, was believed to have been head-

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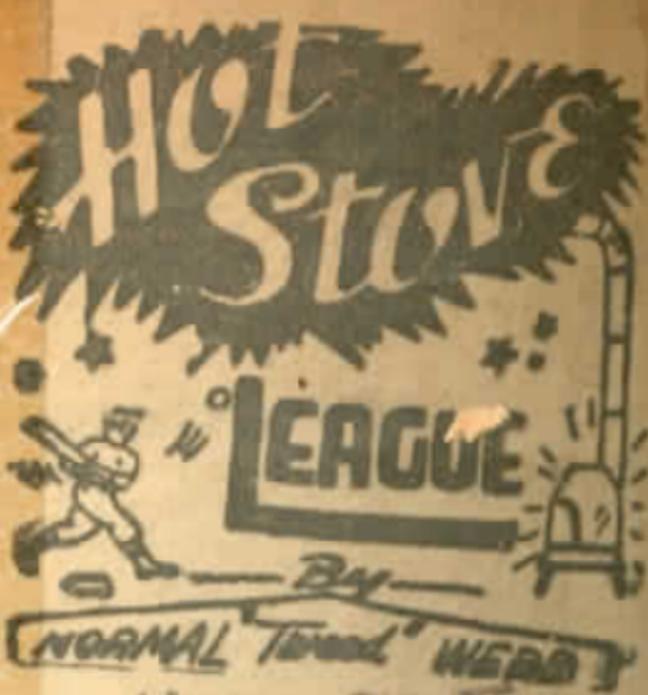
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QUINCY TROUPE TIME HAS CHANGED

Quincy Troupe's retirement as a player, as he last week was signed to the Cardinal Scouting staff, gave many local Brooklyn Dodger fans a new lease on life. They are beginning to claim the Red Birds again, and are looking forward hopefully that the Cardinals will some day have tan stars. So you Tandy Park ball tossers be sharp on opening day May 10, because Mister Troupe is assigned to this area at the present.

This writer saw Quincy come up as a kid on the old Grand and Market dust bowl diamond. He later played baseball all over the world, his new role marks the exit of one of the greatest Negro catchers of all times. The new scout is recognized as an authority on Negro ball players. In his 22 years of catching, and many years as a manager, he has groomed many stars and many of his proteges have advanced far in organized ball.

Yes, our boy Troupe has put all of his life into baseball and at the age of 17 he was catching for the World Champion St. Louis Stars. Then, how could we forget the Old Compton Hill Cubs and all of the Troupe brothers. Yes the Troupes, Bells, Easters and Edwards down through the years have been St. Louis' greatest ball playing families. Cool Papa Bell is a part time scout for the St. Louis Browns, and Troupe is a regular scout.

Troupe will be given instructions about every position in baseball, through the Cardinal Scout School system. Being a catcher, Troupe will study the finer points of infielding and outfielding more.

If you are a pitcher and want to break into organize ball, you first must have a good fast ball. Most kids want to curve the ball before they can control their pitches. Here is a tip. First of all a scout looks for kids with a fast ball. He figures he can teach him a curve pitch if he has the fast one. A kid with a fast ball always has a chance of becoming a great pitcher. A youngster with a curve ball may become an outstanding pitcher, but never a great one. Control is 90 per cent of effective pitching. There are five targets on a catcher: his right shoulder, his left shoulder, his right knee, his left knee and right down the middle. Only last week a group of all boys wanted me to show them how to throw a curve. I told them to grip the ball and how to throw it hard and control first.

Call Normal Tuesdays

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Napoleon Nash, Top Recreation Supervisor Passes

The Division, as well as the City of St. Louis, suffered a great loss with the passing of Napoleon Nash, top Recreation Supervisor.

Mr. Nash spent some 25 years as an employee of the Division of Recreation. During his tour of duty with the Division, Mr. Nash helped shape the character of many youngsters in the City of St. Louis.

Mr. Nash believed that all youngsters

RECALLS EARLY-DAY HEARTACHES

1972 Bigotry? Doby fought it with tears, fists

By SHIRLEY POVICH
Globe-Democrat-
Washington Post Service

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla.—
In the Lou Gehrig era members
of the baseball writers lodge
were mindful always of their
blood-oath never to let it be
forgotten that the luckless Geh-
rig played in the shadow of Babe
Ruth. It was always written in
those precise words, Gehrig and
Ruth's shadow were an entry.
Readers couldn't have one with-
out the other.

Poor Gehrig bore the cross of
his more illustrious Yankee
teammate. If Gehrig hit a home
run, Ruth hit a longer one, or
perhaps two. When Gehrig had
47-homer season, Ruth hit 60.
If Gehrig always escaped him,
Ruth was the avenger of his time,
destitute of any hope of
No. 1.
Philadelphia one day Geh-
rig hit four home runs. This
he would move him into

that day's spotlight, solo. No
such luck. John McGraw, the
legend, died the same afternoon
and Gehrig's feat got second
billing. Even at his own death
years later, Gehrig did not
command the top obituary.
Kaiser Wilhelm, by chance,
also died that day.

This is all a preamble to in-
troduce the present first base
coach of the Montreal Expos.
Larry Doby also was a victim
of the slings and arrows of out-
rageous misfortune, cast like
Gehrig as a hopeless No. 2, but
denied even the recognition
that, with a little luck, he might
have been the famed head of
his class.

In a Montreal uniform, Doby
was saying with a trace of la-
ment, "It could have been my
name in the books, not Jackie
Robinson's, as the first black in
the big leagues, the first to
break the color barrier. I'd
have liked that." By only three

months did Robinson beat Doby
into the major leagues back in
1947.

"Jackie joined the Dodgers in
April that year. In August I
broke in with Cleveland. Bill
Veck got me out of the Negro
National League for \$15,000
more than the Dodgers paid for
Jackie. I was a trail blazer,
too, the first black ever to play
in the American League, but
even when I led the AL twice in
home runs, I was the forgotten
black; Jackie was getting all
the notices.

"I wasn't mad about that. I
was just glad to play in the
good ball parks and be in the
big leagues. But I had my prob-
lems, too. I was on my own
trying to battle all the preju-
dices, and I did the best I
could. But the Dodgers gave
Jackie a black adviser to travel
with him and tell him to cool it
when they called him nigger.

Wendell Smith did a good job
for Jackie."

Doby said, "Make no mis-
take, I loved playing ball in the
big leagues, but in the hotels it
ate my heart out a little bit.
They excluded me from the Del
Prado in Chicago and the Jef-
ferson in St. Louis where the
Cleveland team stayed. The
traveling sec had to find me a
place with a nice colored fami-
ly in those towns.

"In the hotels they did let me
into, when the other guys went
to their rooms two by two, there
was no buddy system for
me. But I wasn't blaming the
guys. Fellows like Jim Hegan
and Early Wynn and Bob Lem-
on and Joe Gordon and their
wives were the sweetest people
to me and my wife and we
were in their houses and they
were in ours.

"On the way north from
spring training, it could make
you cry. I walked six miles to

the park in Texarkana because
no white cab would pick up a
passenger in the black section
where I was staying, and the
only two black cabs weren't
working that day. At the train
stations it was sometimes the
same thing. I had to wait for a
black cab to show up. Once I
waited four hours on a station
platform with all my gear,
alone."

Doby said about the bigotry,
"I liked the southern bigots
best. At least you know where
they stood. They hated you to
your face. The northern bigots
were the sneaky ones. I learned
to study people. I knew I
wouldn't like Art Ditmar, the
Yankee pitcher. He was calling
me names. One day I went
down from an inside pitch and
Ditmar called me yellow. I told
him to come off the mound
and call me that. The stupid
guy came all the way in to the
plate and I decked him with

one punch, and felt better."

This observer saw that epi-
sode in Chicago, when Doby
was playing with the White Sox.
Ditmar went down as if axed.
It is remembered because Chi-
cago was described on that day
as the Louvre where left hook
masterpieces are hung. Shortly
before the muscular Doby hung
his work of art on Ditmar's
chin, Sugar Ray Robinson hung
one on tough Gene Fullmer to
regain the middleweight title
with a single punch.

Maybe he was the first black,
ever, to take a punch at a white
player, in celebration of the
new day. "I don't know about
that," said Doby, who was also
the first black ever to hit a
home run in a world series.
"Right now I'd rather be known
as a black man who, with his
wife, is teaching his five chil-
dren that hate and prejudice
make everybody losers."



LARRY DOBY



COMPTON HILL
BASEBALL DAYS 1939

EVEN ST. LOUISIANS hardly
know where Compton Hill is.
The "Cat" taxi driver who took
me there had to ask me, "Where
is Compton Hill?" and then we
wandered across the Compton
bridge. All that is part of old
St. Louis, where the Bells, the
Wares, the Paynes and the
Troupe brothers played baseball
in the good old days. It was
there that "Cool Papa" Bell
and little Eddie Watts grew up
in baseball and developed into
great stars. In those days Com-
pton Hill Cubs and Union Elec-
tric nine were the top teams in
local semi-pro ranks with the
Peerless Stars running a close
third. We kids used to wander
over on Compton Hill to see
some of those A no. 1 ball
games, the fee of which was
thirty five cents. Of course, we
went over the fence.

There must be quite a few
old timers around Compton Hill
who saw that first great team
play, in their day. Many amaz-
ing feats have not been re-
viewed much in league baseball.
A great left handed catcher by
the name of Payne is seldom
heard of.

The Compton Hill Cubs were
built from brothers, cousins and
brothers-in-law and managed by
Mitchell who also managed a
pool room remember And—
Oh boy! those Bells, Watts and
Payne brothers were terrific!

Well, the other day I ran into
James "Pal" Troupe and his
brother, Quincy Troupe, and I
began reminiscences of the great
Compton Hill Cubs nine. Yes,
it's "Pal" Troupe's Team and
the late "Lefty" Norfolk. To-
day, Compton Hill stands des-
erted so far as baseball is con-
cerned. These new-comers live
there in the shadows of the old.
With war winging its way to-
ward us, the Compton boys of
the present and the past will be
among it's heroes and it's victims
just as they were in that Demo-
cracy-saving adventure which
began that fateful April day,
twenty-five years ago. Some why
the ride then are back

Robinson Writes Two New Marks 1951

NEW YORK, Dec. 20 (UP)—
For fielding perfection personi-
fied, it was Willard Marshall of
the Boston Braves in 1951.

Marshall handled 231 chances
in 136 games without an error
for a flawless 1,000 percentage,
official National League fielding
averages disclosed today.

By doing so, he became the
second outfielder in major league
history to go through an entire
season without a bobble. Danny
Litwhiler played 151 games for
the Phillies in 1942 without mak-
ing an error.

Jackie Robinson of Brooklyn
also caused a change in the re-
cords when he posted a .992 to
lead the second basemen. His
figure erased the .987 mark com-
piled by Al (Red) Schoendienst of
the Cardinals in 1949.

By participating in 137 double
plays, Robinson broke his previ-
ous mark of 133 fashioned in
1950. Teammate Gil Hodges
also broke his own league double
play record by having a hand in



BIRMINGHAM FLASH 1942

Youthful, spirited and speedy,
this year's edition of the Birming-
ham Black Barons already is
established as the colored big
league's "Colored Young Team,"
a throwback in some respects to
the old Birmingham gang of the
20's when Satchel Paige was their
ace pitcher. And no player of the
1942 squad is more brilliant in
the field and at bat than our lo-
cal star, William Bradford, who
formerly played at Tandy Park
with the famous old Union Elec-
tric nine. Those were the days
when Bradford played third base.

PLAYS OUTFIELD

For two years we can remem-
ber we have been listening to the
praises of William Bradford —
sung by the sports writers, the
sports public and ball players,
themselves. They tell you at
length and with undiminished
excitement how Bradford rides
the ball, runs a fly ball to death
with the daring talent of a major
league; bats left-handed or right-
handed with equal skill.

Therefore, we thought you
might be interested in what they
say about the local lad way down
south. They say, "Certainly Brad-
ford is a great baseball player,
but that just happens to be busi-
ness".

Bradford played rightfield
against the New York Black
Yankees here Decoration Day.

THANKS A MILLION

Dear Fans:
I would like to take the oppor-
tunity at this time to thank the
many fans and baseball players
who have been so kind to me in
my many years in baseball.

I have had my thrills during
my baseball career, my real re-
ward has been the fan mail I
received as a baseball writer and
the friendships I have made. They
like baseball, is life itself to me.
I only regret that I haven't been
able to interview all local stars
and ball players throughout the
country.

Very truly yours,
Hot Stove



SACHEL PAIGE . . .
. . . Career Is Complete

"Quite a few people told me
if I was white I would be play-
ing in the big leagues," Paige
acknowledged. "But I never did
feel any bitterness. I was satis-
fied with my world -- playing
all over and being a keynote to
black people. Feb-10-1991

MATHEWS-DICKEY BOYS' CLUB ANNOUNCES FORMATION OF ITS HALL OF FAME

1971
The Mathews Dickey Boys Club has announced the formation of a special all-sports Hall of-Fame and has designated the legendary James (Cool Papa) Bell as the first inductee. The announcement designates Normal (Tweed) Webb as chairman of an eight member committee whose task it will be to name future inductees, the identity of which will be made public at the clubs' gigantic annual benefit dinner, usually held in February.

Webb, a long-time historian and a columnist for the St. Louis Argus has announced the appointment of the following committee members: Police Captain Thomas E. Brooks; Al Wallace, editor of the Argus; Roscoe L. McCrary, St. Louis Sentinel; Morris Henderson, sports editor, St. Louis American; Ben Thomas, Evening Whirl; Harry Haskins, a local tavern owner who was an outstanding Tandy League baseball player for the defunct Scullin Steel teams and Robert Trice who is president of the Boys Club.

"The Committee will meet and set down procedures and establish criteria," Webb told the AMERICAN.

He emphasized that members will not be confined to baseball greats nor will being an alumnus of the Mathews-Dickey organization be a criteria. "We will honor St. Louis area athletes in all sports," Tweed emphasized.

"Among the task the committee will confine itself with is the selection of proper induction recognition for Bell," he continued. Cool Papa is expected to be one of the relatively early inductees into the Hall of Fame under organized baseball's new alignment. Satchel Paige was the first, having been named several weeks ago.

The Mathews-Dickey Boys Club was founded in 1960 by Martin Mathews and Hubert (Dickey) Ballentine who "saw a need and set out to meet it." The membership has grown from an original group of fif-

teen to over 1,500 today! It fields some seventy athletic teams with that many volunteer coaches, 100 junior coaches, managers, junior commissioners, umpires and secretaries, and with a budget approaching some \$30,000. It's prime activity is a budding building fund.

The announcement of Bell's induction was made at the tenth Annual Benefit Dinner held recently by police captain Tom Brooks, but went virtually unnoticed. Over 2,000 persons were in attendance.

The clubs' motto is "to teach wholesome appreciation of the value of sports, and to inspire in people the necessity of being honest and upright citizens."

Mathews is chairman of the Board of Governors and Ballentine is vice-chairman. Among those serving on the board are

Gillespie and Gregory L. Sommers.

Officers, besides Trice, are Isaiah Elam, vice-president; Thelma Skinner, Secretary; Barry Orms, Public Relations; Edmonia Stith, Ruth Mansfield and Edna Jenkins, secretaries.

Lloyd Hines heads up the junior Administrative staff as president. James Fields is vice-president; Osbie Savage, Secretary; Curtis Edwards, Assistant Secretary; Kenneth Trice, and Tryone Cox, business managers and Frank Robinson and Barry Shelton, public relations.

Among the more distinguished club graduates are Larron Jackson, Missouri University All-American drafted by Houston Oilers; Barry Orms, a professional basketball player; James (Mickey) West, a bonus player in the Baltimore Oriole chain; Ezell Carter, Minnesota chain and Hercle Ivy, a stalwart on Northwest High school's basketball team.



The Mathew-Dickey Boys Club has gotten the jump on whatever plans major league baseball entertains for inducting James (Cool Papa) Bell into their hall-of-fame (asterik or no). The club has announced the formation of a Hall of Fame committee and has named Bell as the first person to enter it. He is pictured at the left. On the right is Normal (Tweed) Webb, chairman of the Committee and in the center is Police Captain Tom Brooks, a committee member. photo by Joiner.

Palm Tries Hand At Promoting of Park Attraction

One of the largest crowds of the season is expected to jam the Belleville Athletic Field Sunday, August 4, when the undefeated Martin Tigers and the hustling all-stars clash in a twilight double-header. First game will get under way at 6:30 p.m. Second game at 8:30.

With the all-Stars trying to stop the Tigers' winning streak, a spirited contest is assured. The all-Stars have a pitching staff that will stand up in any circle. Effective flingers on all-Stars are "Doc" Brackens, "Stringbean" Cooper, Ross Davis, Lefty Epperson, Fireball Miller, Lefty Whitlock. Behind this group of hurlers Manager Lyles will have a model defense and offense that will bear watching. With John Chism at third, Norman Young at short, Marshall Riddles or Boo Pickett at second and the classy Paul Sanders on first, and Bab Palm and "Dynamite" Thurmon doing the receiving. Patrolling the outer garden are Carl Whitney, Charlie Miller, John Green and L. Z. Martin Has Power

But the powerful Martin Tigers under the management of Sylvertooth cannot be denied. They are undefeated so far this year, winning 29 games. The Tigers have good hitters, baserunners, excellent pitching. This is one of the finest organizations in the country. They execute team work. Most teams have individual stars, but the Tigers aggregation is so closely knotted that all of its players fuse into a single star of the first magnitude. Speed is the Tigers keynote. In connection with this theme of speed fans will get a chance to see the most daring exhibition of base running ever displayed in Belleville when the Tigers bat.

LINE-UP

ALL-STARS	TIGERS
Charlie Coe, lf	Smith, rf
Carl Whitney, cf	Dinwittie, 2b
M. Riddle, 2b	Millican, lf
Boo Pickett, 2b	H. Chandler, p
John Chism, 3b	Willinghby, 1b
John Green, rf	Freeman, 3b-p
P. Saunders, 1b	J. Smith, c
Robt. Paul, c	K. Chandler, cf
D. Thurmon, c	Brent, ss
N. Young, ss	Clemons, p
D. Brackens, p	Brown, p
S. Cooper, p	Sylvertooth, Mgr.
R. Davis, p	B. Tucker, Sec.
F. Miller, p	
A. Moore, off	

PILOTS ALL STARS



JOHNNY "BRUTE" LYLES

One of St. Louis' colorful baseball players, who has staged a wonderful comeback from a siege of illness, will be in action once again as manager of the All-Stars Sunday in Belleville. Lyles formerly played shortstop for Cleveland, Chicago, Kansas City and the old St. Louis Stars. He could play every position on the diamond.

Vashon's West No. 1 Draftee Of Orioles

1971
James Roosevelt West, Vashon High's outstanding catcher, was picked off by the Baltimore Orioles in the first round of major league baseball's annual draft of free agents Thursday.

The 6-foot-4, 200-pound backstop hit .439 for the Wolves his senior year, whacking 10 extra base hits in 66 at-bats. The 17-year-old had 19 runs batted in.

Baltimore also picked off another St. Louis area prospect when it selected Assumption's fireballing righthanded pitcher Ed Blake in the third round. Blake posted a 7-2 record, striking out 110 in 61½ innings, this year. He finished with an 0.57 earned run average.

The Cardinals, meanwhile, took seven players in Thursday's draft.



James West, 17, Vashon High's standout catcher, was selected in the first round by the Baltimore Orioles Thursday in the major league's free-agent draft. —Globe-Democrat Photo

EVER HEAR OF HILTON SMITH?

Followers of black baseball before Jackie Robinson will remember the name, Hilton Smith. He was one of the ace hurlers for the Kansas City Monarchs but had the misfortune of playing in the shadow of the legendary Leroy (Satchel) Paige. The leading exponent of the blazing fastball and the tantalizing curve, Smith joined the Monarchs in 1935.

Normal (Tweed) Webb's seemingly endless records attest to his greatness. In 1939 he won 25, lost but 2. It was 21-3 in 1940; 28-1 in 1941 and 22-5 in 1942. A four year mark of 96 wins against but eleven defeats. . . one of the all-time top hurling marks.

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TIME CHANGES EVERYTHING

Never did I realize in the past to live to see a Negro Umpire in organized ball. Since 1951, organized ball has had one Negro umpire, working for two years in the class C Arizona-Texas league and between seasons officiating in the California winter league.

He is Emmett Ashford, a strongly built athlete. The umpires in Class C baseball aren't always outstanding but they are always hustling to make a showing to major league scouts. This year Ashford will move up the ladder that maybe someday will add him at Sportsman's Park. Who Knows?

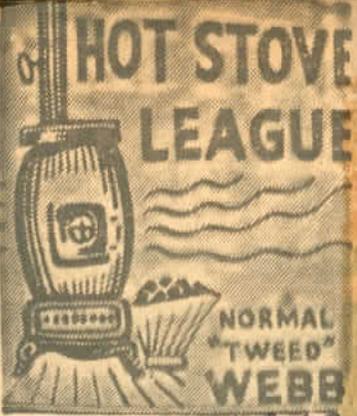
The only Negro umpire in organized ball has been hired by the Class A Western International league at a salary between \$400 to \$450 per month. In the Arizona-Texas league the umpires take home pay is \$300 each four weeks. As you know, beside the American and National leagues, Minor loops are rated to seven classifications; Open, AAA, AA, A, B, C and D then as you advance in baseball your salary also increases. Umpire Ashford will work in such cities as Tacoma, Yakima, Vancouver, Victoria, Tri-City and Spokane all in the state of Washington.

A GRAND OLD MAN

Some one to whom I should like to pay a tribute is Dan Jones, who since 1919 has been a Tandy Park fan. In all that time Mr. Jones or Brother Jones, as he prefers to be called, has never let me down once. He has a smile and a little baseball gossip for me every time we meet. The 80 year old never played the game beyond the sandlot stage. His contribution was that of a fan. So far as I know, he was Tandy's oldest baseball fan. He attended games at Tandy in the first year that Muncy baseball was played at the old Ville ball yard, and has gone countless times each Sunday ever since. Yes, baseball is his hobby.

He has a remarkable memory and every ex-Tandy park player knows Brother Jones.

Write or Call FO. 6304 - 4574 Enright - Normal Tweed Webb.



AS I SEE IT... 1963

SOMETIME AGO, Branch Rickey said Stan Musial's retirement would give rookies a chance. Very true, Cardinals are trying to build a young ball club. They are looking for an organization that will give them strong teams and pennant winners for years to come and they must now look to the future. True, Stan still can hit and is a little weak on defense. As long as he can get an occasional key base hit for the Cards, the fans will demand that Manager Keane leave him in as a regular. Let's face it, time is running out on one of the greatest players in the history of the Red Birds, use him as a part-time outfielder and pinch-hitter during his last season. Let's get on with rebuilding the Cardinals and winning another pennant.

HANK AARON, batting star of the Milwaukee Braves, signed his new contract last Thursday as major league baseball clubs continued to line up their players for the 1963 season which is just around the corner. Hank will be honored by Milwaukee baseball writers later this month for hitting 45 home runs and 128 runs batted in. Leon Wagner of the Los Angeles Angels also signed on the same day.

CLIFFORD TRAVIS BENNETT, a 18-year-old native of Camden, Ark., was the visiting team's hot boy for all Cleveland Indians' home games, the first Negro ever to hold the job, last season.

QUINCY TROUPE, former Cardinal baseball scout and veteran catcher with 22 years' experience in pro ball, began his pro career in 1931 with the famous world champion St. Louis Stars, Kansas City Monarchs and Mexico teams. However, he played only six games in the big league with the Cleveland Indians in '52.

For local baseball, write to...



Part of the Game 1950

On the subject of the Boing of Luke Easter of the Cleveland Indians at Home, we will admit to mixed emotions. The matter has been discussed freely and consistently here of late and one of the loudest arguments we've heard that "these fans think they have the right to boo and get on players just because they pay a buck and eighty five cents to get into the park.

Now whether anybody likes it or not, the fans have that right and there's no argument against it, particularly in the Major leagues.

It's the right of American citizens to say what they want. And if a citizen has the right to disagree on problems, he certainly has earned the right when he is shelling out hard earned money at a ball park. We just wanted to get that part of the situation straightened out before we went on. Many of our local Negro fans pull for the Cardinals when they meet the Brooklyn Dodgers and New York Giants. Well that's their privilege if they want to root for the home team. While many Tan fans boo the Cards and it is only natural that our fans would have a warm feeling towards certain clubs because they are trying to help the Negro advance in Major league baseball.

So lets get over this idea that it is not right to root or boo players we don't like at the ball park. As a matter of fact, baseball would be slightly boring spectacle if we did nothing but applaud politely when something pleasing occurred. Boing, jeering and rooting are as much a part of the game as the umpires whisk broom, hot dogs and the old seventh inning stretch. If you don't know what I mean come over to Tandy Park this Sunday.

Write or call Normal Tweed Webb - 4574 Enright - FO. 6304

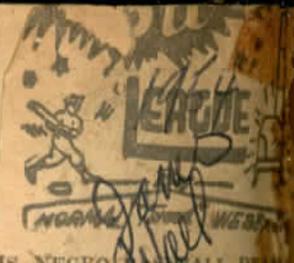


LUCKIEST GUY ALIVE

Hank Aaron, the 1956 National league batting champion and star right fielder of the Milwaukee Braves making a determined bid in his third season to help bring his team a much needed pennant, stood along side of the dug out at Busch Stadium last Sunday slowly unfolded his handkerchief, looked up at the score board and said, "I'm the luckiest guy alive to be where I am this minute. How many boys on sand lots all over America have dreamed some day of getting the same chance that has come to me" he asked then answered his own question. "That was my dream and my ambition from the first day I ever threw a baseball back in 1953 at spring training. In my first week at camp the Braves top brass were more surprised than I so how can you feel but lucky when you find that dream coming true for you."

Aaron who developed over night into a top flight, strong wrist hitter could give Stan Musial a good run for many of his batting records in the next ten years, barring all accidents. Before the all star game Musial said he would win the batting crown and that Hank Aaron is just a good .300 hitter.

Since 1950 three of the greatest rookies we ever saw come up happened to be centerfielder, Willie Mays, leftfielder, Hank Aaron and rightfielder, Frank Robinson, they wouldn't make a bad outfield. We have been asked several questions concerning Frank Robinson. Isn't Robinson the greatest rookie you've ever seen break into the big leagues? In time Frank may prove this point but not quite yet. Hank whose full name is Henry Louis Aaron from Mobile, Alabama won top honors in every minor league he's played in. As a rookie in 1954 he hit a homer in every national league park. Last season he batted .314 and was the Braves' leading hitter.



IS NEGRO BASEBALL DEAD?

Negro baseball isn't quite dead. But it will soon be if it doesn't get a shot in the arm and if using girl ball players. The league tactics have ruined Negro baseball, because it has driven away the cream of the crop of the red hot Negro fan. What a East-West game can't draw and full of people its time to do something about it. But even still in some cases some teams fail to meet the pay roll on time.

Quite often now there seem to this desk a few hot shots of certain local stars showing the beef of how bad Negro baseball is being run. However the statements are from this writer and not the views of James Walls.

Enjoying his best mound since his Lincoln High School days at Evansville Indiana in 1944 James Walls a fine young left field ball player who often ends up as a relief pitcher hopes to land in organized ball next season.

Walls a native Evansville who was noted for his skills in basketball and football as well for his baseball ability, played semi pro ball with Evansville before in 1946-47,48 before moving to St. Louis.

Despite an unimpressive Park record with Scullin in 1949 James pitched some creditable baseball for many years. This year that Walls pitched in the local East-West and received credit for the victory when they out last East 9-8 at Sportsman park.

In 1950-51 Walls played in the West Coast with a season nine in San Diego California was when Kansas City Monarchs became interested in him. ever he went back to Evansville to play with the Dodgers.

James Walls got his long awaited chance with the Kansas Monarchs last spring. The pounder posted a 5-1 record over the Indianapolis Colts. Connie Morgan the girl baseman made two errors night at Busch Stadium. Walls to lose his shut out.

For more money Walls to the St. Louis Cardinals in West Central League. In months he won 11 games and only one, in that game he...

Attracted Largest Crowds and Made More Money Than Any Other Promotion

In the past 10 years, 300,000 have seen the game. These people have paid out approximately \$247,500 to sit in the bleachers. From all indications, 50,000 will be added to the crowd for attendance Sunday, and at least \$40,000 in cash.

Wilson and Martin Deserve Credit For Maintaining Interest in the Big Game

Wilson is now president of the National league and he is assisted in the promotion by Dr. J. B. Martin, president of the American league. New faces are conspicuous now, and new ideas are being used to stir up interest. Martin, long an important figure in baseball, and one of the ablest of them all, makes an excellent partner for Wilson. Together they have been able to maintain the great interest in the game, and Negro baseball is fortunate that they came along after Greenlee and the other originators dropped out.

The men who first "sold" the game, Gus Greenlee, Sparrow, Clark, Washington, Nunn, Cum and See Posey, Sonnyman Jackson, Harrison, Cole, and Wilson—never realized then that they were making history. But the facts prove that... and they, the pioneers of this venture, have earned a sacred portal in the sporting world's hall of fame.

Sunday afternoon 50,000 or more fans may be packed in Comiskey park. They'll be saluting and paying homage to the greatest Negro players in the game. There'll be an appreciative roar of an appreciation of the picturesque shores of Lake Michigan. This is the game of games! Amidst all this splendor, excitement and color, unfortunately, there will be one sad note. While the stars of the East and West are fighting for victory on the sliver of turf of Comiskey park, and 50,000 people are chanting their praises in unison... Roy Sparrow, the super-salesman, the man who "sold" the idea and had a dream that is now a \$300,000 reality... is fast to a bed in a Pittsburgh hospital fighting for his life. While the shadow of death hovers over his head, the East will be mourning the West for the eleven consecutive time, 500,000 deafening cheers, he won't stop those breath-taking stops, sensational throws... perhaps he won't even realize that the game is being played, by a very sick man.

ROY SPARROW
Roy Sparrow Deserves a Fitting Tribute for the Part He Has Played
I am not sentimental, but I'm wondering if in the...



FAN MAIL WEEK 1949

Do you like to keep me and save things about baseball, especially nice letters? Well, do... and I have got a lot of letters from fans out there that I have put away among my souvenirs. Some of them are from ex-league ball players who wrote to me for some nice things I had about them. Some of them have also asked me for some goals for criticizing some game players. Now I am in receipt of a letter from a Memphis player—unidentified.

STANDARD OIL BASE BALL CLUB

SPORTSMANS PARK

ALTON, ILLINOIS

SUNDAY, MAY 17th, 1931

ST. LOUIS PULLMAN'S	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R.	H.	E.
Williams, Short Stop												
Webb, 3rd Base												
Pollard, Center Field												
Lane, Right Field												
Boswell, Catcher												
J. Brown, 2nd Base												
Dixon, 1st Base												
Stone, Left Field												
Vincent, Pitcher												
Totals												

Pullmans 13, Standard Oil dropped its opening game of the season here yesterday, losing to the Pullmans, colored team of St. Louis, 13 to 4. Preston Clark, southpaw ace of the Standard Club last year, was pounded for 13 hits by the colored team.

St. Louis Pullmans MAY 18 1931
4 0 0 0 3 1 0 1 4—13 18 2

Standard Oil—
0 0 0 0 2 0 0 2 0—4 8 7

Batteries: Pullmans—Vincent, Green and Boswell. Standard—Chalk and Freeman.

Pullmans Claim St. Louis Semi-Pro Baseball Title

The Pullman Shops nine showed championship form in winning three stiff games over the week-end. Sunday they beat the Stix-Baer & Fuller team, 13-3 and the St. Louis Giants, 6-3. Monday they trimmed the Compton Hill Cubs, 7-5.

Francis allowed but five hits in beating Stix-Baer for his third straight. Rich Edwards, star out-lelder, got three hits, one a home run.

Lefty Vincent allowed the Giants only three hits and struck out eleven men to give the Pullman a clear claim to the colored semi-pro championship of St. Louis. He also beat the Cubs Monday and hit a homer.

Stix Baer 3 5 1
Pullman 13 14 2

Anzolo, Love & Shields; Francis & S. Brown.

Edmonds, Dixon & Monroe, Brooks; Vincent & Boswell.

C. Hill Cubs 5 12 1
Pullman 7 10 1

Norfolk, Stewart & H. Watts, Naylor; Green, Vincent & Boswell.

PULLMAN WANTS STARS

Crushing the Compton Hill Cubs with a 19-hit attack led by Manager John Brown with four out of five times at bat, and Stone and S. Brown with three hits each, the Pullman Shops nine, claimant to the amateur championship of St. Louis, gave further proof that they should be given a chance against the St. Louis Stars.

Francis hauled steadily to gain his fourth consecutive victory and seventh of the season against two defeats.

C. Hill Cubs 5 9 2
Pullman 18 18 1

PULLMAN NINE GET TITLE

The Pullman Shops nine ended its season Sunday by annexing the city independent title in defeat of the Miller's (white), 12-7. The team set a record of 26 victories and 6 defeats. The munny league title was won by Pullman in 1926, 27, 29 and 30.

Playing with the shopmen this year were Dixon, 1b.; Webb and Williams, 2b.; Zomphier, 3b.; Brown, ss.; Pollard, cf.; Stone, lf.; Boswell and S. Brown, c.; Green and Francis, p. and Edwards, utility.



Broomers Win First of Playoff for Colored Title

In the first game of a playoff for the title in the Colored Industrial League yesterday the Broomer Tailors won over the Union Electric, 9 to 5. The Electrica scored all their runs in the second game and looked like winners at this stage. After that they were unable to solve Webb and forced to remain scoreless, while the Broomers began to pile up runs.

The contest was featured by a triple play pulled off by Waters, Butler, D. Terry and Hunt of the Electrica. Score:

BROOMER T.	AB.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Webb, ss.	4	1	0	0	2	0
Edwards, c.	2	1	0	0	0	0
Brown, 2b.	4	1	0	0	1	0
Cox, 3b.	4	1	0	0	1	0
Graves, 1b.	4	1	0	0	1	0
Deberry, l. f.	2	2	0	0	0	0
John, c. f.	4	0	1	0	0	0
Smith, c.	4	0	0	0	0	0
Walls, p.	5	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	33	8	10	17	9	0

UN. ELECTRIC AB. R. H. O. A. E.
Waters, ss. 5 0 0 2 2 0 6
C. W. Moss, p. 4 0 0 0 0 0 0
J. Moss, 2b. 4 0 0 0 0 0 0
Hunt, 1b. 4 0 0 1 1 0 0
C. Moss, c. f. 4 0 0 1 2 0 0
Butler, 3b. 4 0 0 2 2 0 0
D. Terry, c. 3 0 0 1 0 0 0
Wilson, l. f. 1 0 0 0 0 0 0
McNeely, c. f. 4 1 1 0 0 0 0
Totals 35 0 0 7 14 0 0

BY INNINGS:
Club 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
Pullman 0 0 2 0 0 0 0-3

Two-base hits—Stone, Champion, Dixon, Pollard. Home run—L. Brooks. Webb. Sacrifice hit—J. Brown. Sacrifice fly—T. Brooks. Stolen bases—Champion, S. Brown (2), Cox (2), J. Brown. Double play—T. Brooks, Jenkins. Wild pitches—Williams, Davis. Passed ball—Champion. Bases on balls—Off Davis, 2; off Williams, 6; off McNeely, 2. Struck out—By Davis, 4; by Williams, 3; by McNeely, 3. Pitching record—Off Williams, 4 hits, 9 runs, in 2-3 innings. Left on bases—Macks, 5; Pullman, 6. Time of game—1:50:00. Umpire—Foster Johnson. Score—

Colored Industrial League

S. LOUIS MACKS	AB.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
L. Brooks, c. f.	4	1	2	1	0	0
Nelson, r. f.	3	1	1	1	0	0
Champion, l. f.	2	0	2	3	0	0
W. Williams, l. f.	1	0	0	1	1	0
S. Brown, c.	1	1	0	0	1	0
T. Brooks, 1b.	2	0	0	0	1	1
Ford, 2b.	3	0	0	0	0	0
Smith, 2b.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Everett, ss.	0	0	0	1	0	0
Jenkins, 3b.	2	0	0	1	0	1
Williams, p.	3	0	1	2	2	2
McNeely, p.	2	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	24	3	6	21	8	0

PULLMAN AB. R. H. O. A. E.
Webb, ss. 4 2 2 1 1 0 0
J. Brown, 2b. 3 2 1 1 2 0 0
Cox, 3b. 3 2 2 1 2 0 0
Cook, c. 3 2 2 1 2 0 0
Pollard, r. f. 3 2 2 1 5 1 0
Noble, l. f. 1 0 0 2 1 0 0
Dixon, 1b. 3 0 0 0 0 0 0
Edwards, c. f. 3 0 2 10 6 0
Stone, l. f. 2 1 0 0 0 0 0
McNeely, p. 2 0 0 0 0 0 0

SCORE BY INNINGS:
Club 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
St. Louis Macks 0 0 2 0 0 0 0-3
Pullman 5 0 5 1 0 2 3-15

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STANDARD OIL	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R.	H.	E.
Short Stop												
Jenkins, C. F.												
Foyal, 2nd Base												
Parker, 1st Base												
H. Bennet, L. F.												
Bauman or Richards, 3rd B.												
Gibson, R. F.												
Freeman, Catcher												
Chalk, Pitcher												
Totals												

LOCAL BASEBALL

PULLMAN	AB.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Williams, ss.	4	1	0	0	2	0
Webb, 3b.	4	1	0	0	1	0
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Dixon, 1b.	4	1	0	0	1	0
Edwards, c. f.	4	1	0	0	1	0
Green, c.	4	1	0	0	1	0
Boswell, c.	4	1	0	0	1	0
Vincent, p.	4	1	0	0	1	0
Totals	32	8	0	0	10	0



Attributed Largest Crowds and Made History

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Brown, 2b.	4	1	2	0	1	1
Cox, 3b.	4	1	2	0	3	1
Graves, 1b.	4	1	2	0	1	0
Deberry, l. f.	2	2	0	0	0	0
John, c. f.	4	0	1	0	0	0
Smith, c.	4	0	0	0	0	0
Walls, p.	5	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	33	8	10	17	9	0

Colored Industrial League 1926

PULLMAN	AB.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Webb, ss.	4	1	2	1	4	0
Brown, 2b.	4	1	2	0	1	0
Bornell, c.	5	2	3	0	1	0
Cook, 3b.	4	2	2	2	2	1
Pollard, r. f.	4	2	1	1	0	0
Edwards, c. f.	4	2	1	3	0	0
Dixon, 1b.	4	0	0	1	0	0
Stone, l. f.	4	1	0	1	0	0
Davis, p.	3	2	1	0	1	0
Totals	48	18	15	27	10	1

Colored Industrial League 1926

PULLMAN	AB.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Pollard, r. f.	5	3	3	0	0	0
Webb, ss.	2	2	1	0	0	1
J. Brown, 2b.	4	0	1	2	1	0
Hooper, 3b.	4	0	0	1	4	0
S. Brown, c. f.	4	1	1	7	1	0
Stone, l. f.	4	1	1	0	0	0
Edwards, c. f.	4	1	2	0	0	0
Dixon, 1b.	4	1	2	7	1	0
McNeely, p.	4	2	1	1	1	1
Totals	34	12	12	21	8	2

Pullman Nine Wins 1930 Negro Title, Beating Titanium in Playoff

Pullman won the Colored Industrial League base ball championship by defeating Titanium, 13 to 5, in the playoff series. The teams finished the second half of the regular season tied, Pullman won the first half.

PULLMAN	AB.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Boswell, 3b.	4	2	3	5	1	1
Webb, ss.	3	2	2	2	3	1
Dixon, 1b.	3	1	2	1	1	0
J. Brown, 2b.	4	1	1	3	2	0
Cox, 3b.	4	1	1	0	0	0
Pollard, c. f.	4	0	0	0	0	0
Stone, l. f.	4	1	1	2	1	0
S. Brown, c.	3	2	1	4	0	0
Williams, 3b.	3	1	0	0	1	0
Green, p.	5	2	3	1	5	0
Totals	37	17	17	27	15	3

Colored Industrials. 1926

UN. ELECTRIC	AB.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Graves, 2b.	4	0	0	3	1	0
Williams, 3b.	3	1	1	1	1	0
Hawkins, c.	2	2	1	1	0	0
D. Terry, 1b.	2	2	1	1	0	0
Moss, c. f.	2	1	1	1	0	0
Edwards, p.	4	0	1	1	0	0
Wilson, ss.	4	0	0	0	0	0
Bolden, l. f.	3	0	0	1	0	0
Young, l. f.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Esena, r. f.	3	0	1	0	0	0
Totals	29	5	5	27	11	0

St. Louis LEAGUE

ALL AMERICAN 1944
MANAGER

Looking through my scrap book the other day and ran across old box scores of the 1945 World Series between Cleveland and the Homestead Grays. I discovered that a league was set up for a championship featuring St. Louis.

ancy Troupe, Cardinal baseball and now doing a fine job in managing a team in the baseball league. I remember a man who was long known as a good manager in the league record in 1945. He was the skipper of the West team Cleveland Buckeyes. Only nine players each.

gave the ball to four pitchers and each, without need for help won a ball game. George Jefferson, Gene Warner, Willie Jefferson and Carlwell were enormous. The Homestead Grays so that the NNL champions. Three runs in 36 innings. The Grays too, had great play from such hurriers as Roy Baker who tossed a 7 hit and a brace of games that kept Buckeyes away from the top in 14 of 19 innings yet lost games. Then Johnny Wright, along with Jackie Robinson, the first Negroes to play in an organized ball, lost a game dual to Gene Bremmer.

Gray had such standouts as Wilson, Cool Pappa Bell, Leonard, Vic Harris, Banks, Perkins and Josh Gibson. The greatest natural hitter I've seen. He could have any man a team however, but he was the big league champion with a 303 average while Cleveland Buckeyes' Sam Jethroe led the NNL with a 373 mark.

All Stars of 1945 were Jethroe, Gene Benson, and Wright, outfielders P. and Avellino Canazires, and and Buck Leonard, and Josh Gibson, catcher. Troupe was selected as manager.

call Normal Webb - Harold E. Frazier, Sandlot Star, Dies Suddenly

BAROLD E. (Pep) FRAZIER, stalwart hurler for the old well Grocer team died suddenly May 3, 1971.

Frazier will be long remembered for his blazing fastball and superb control. He was considered a contender one of the better and prospects to emerge from St. Louis area.

Services will be held Thursday, May 6, 1971, 7:30 p.m. from the Clendon Chapel with burial at Greenwood Cemetery on Friday morning.

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NORMAL TWEED WEBB
DIA MOND DUSTS ON 1946

Once more the falling leaves are turning yellow, the short days are cooling off, and the baseball World I buzzing over the red hot World Series, plus my number one team the St. Louis Browns and Veack, there will be plenty of fuel for the Hot Stove League this winter. These signs indicate only one thing the old 1953 baseball season has ended.

After the diamond dust has settled, let's recall the great moments of the coming young Negro minor leaguers just up in the current month and their seasons record. The new comers will be criticized and praised before they can get their feet wet so let's give them a chance first.

For instance I like to think about Ernie Banks the Chicago Cubs slugging short stop hitting a ball like an old pro. Banks a native of Dallas Texas, hit .388 in the Negro league and led in home runs with 22. Gerry Staley a good low ball pitcher yielded two home runs to Banks during two games between the Cards and Cubs. This kid looks like a great power hitter in the making. The Cubs other Negro rookie is Gene Baker, Los Angeles Angels shortstop known in the Pacific Coast loop as a good glove man, fast and a good bunter.

Saturday night this writer watched the "White Sox's" Connie Johnson beat the St. Louis Browns and in spots looked like a nice pitcher. Johnson gave up only six hits in his second game in the mound but two of them were for home runs, including four singles and seven walks. He fanned seven Borwnies. Johnson, a tall Negro boy with a good fast ball, slider and drop.

The Philadelphia Athletics Negro pitcher should make the grade next year, Bob Trice from the Ottawa farm club had a 20-10 record in the Class A ball. Trice who is 25 throws and bats right-handed has won one and lost one game for the A since joining them early in September.

For 26 years I have seen no ball player as great as Babe Ruth, for 26 years no players has matched Ruth's second best effort in the homer run department. We have seen power hitters year in and year out of every style have tried to past his record of 60 made in 1927. In 1938 the player who came closest was Big Hank Greenberg who drove 58 for Detroit Tigers. Then there was Hack Wilson who came close to Greenbergs record. Babe Ruth always had a little something extra, a home run almost every other day.

John T. Butler II Services Tonight

Funeral services for John Terry Butler II, former pitcher for the St. Louis Giants and Cubs in the Tandy League, will be held at 8 p.m. Thursday at Cunningham & Moore Funeral Home, 2405 Marcus ave. Burial will be at Calvary Cemetery Friday morning.

Butler, whose father, John Terry Butler, was a standout in the Tandy League in the 20s and 30s, died of an apparent heart attack Monday, May 17, 1971, at Homer G. Phillips Hospital. He was 41.

Survivors include his mother and father, five sisters and two brothers.

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JULY 8-1946
BY NORMAL "TWEED" WEBB
JOSH GIBSON HR.

There's nothing like taking a fast cruise into local baseball record book for a fresher on Negro Pro Ball during the 1940's, when this town was "red hot" to see tan stars play at Sportsman Park.

Never do we live through another hot night than do we recall that Tuesday night, July 9, back in 1946 when the Homestead Grays walloped manager Quincy Troupe's world champion Cleveland Buckeyes 12 to 2 before 20,000 fans.

The game was held up for one hour and 38 minutes due to the heavy down pour of rain. However, the game was resumed in the first of the third inning on a mud track field.

This game was sort of a home coming night for it featured six St. Louis boys who played on the sandlots here and six officials.

The Cleveland's local stars were: Sammy Jethroe, Ely Chism, Quincy Troup and Doc Bracken, while Don Wilson starred for the Homestead Grays getting two hits and walked three times. The Tandy League officials who handled the game were: B. T. Morris (plate), Charles Zomphier (First), Harry Hollands (second) and "Candy" Smith (third announcer Joe Essens was at the mike and yaws truly was the official scorer.

The late Josh Gibson was considered the greatest Negro catcher, led the 13-hit attack with four hits, including a 420-foot homer on top of the right-center field pavilion roof.

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'Schang' Vincent Funeral Friday

Funeral services will be held for Monroe (Schang) Vincent, a former manager and first baseman of the St. Louis Giants, at 8 p.m. Friday at Mount Airy Baptist Church, 4700 Maffitt ave.

Burial will be at 9 a.m. Saturday at Washington Park Cemetery, 9500 Natural Bridge rd. The body is in state at Walton's Funeral Home, 1123 N. Taylor ave.

Vincent, who was 63, died of a heart attack Sunday, Sept. 26, 1971, at Barnes Hospital. He lived at 4931 St. Louis ave.

A vice president of the Old-Time Negro Baseball Players Association, Vincent managed several championship teams in Negro semi-professional leagues. Among the players he managed were Luke Easter, Sam Jethroe, Doc Bracken and Fireball Smith.

Survivors include the wife, Leola Vincent, of the home; a son, Sherman, of Minneapolis; and a brother, Vincent of St. Louis.

MEMORIES OF A GREAT GAME 1963

There is nothing a baseball fan enjoys more than a good ball game. He likes it while he is looking at it, and he takes great pleasure in talking about it many times afterward.

The folks here in Chicago still are talking about this year's East-West all-star classic. This game climaxed one of Chicago's greatest sports weekends.

Thanks to one big inning, a nightmare to the East, the West stars won their 12th victory in 20 games by a 7-3 score. A series of fielding lapses combined with clutch hitting gave West six runs in the third inning.

Although the winning runs were scored in the third inning, the game was an exciting one because of the masterful pitching demonstrated by mounds-men of both teams. The best of the group was Ted Richardson of the Indianapolis Clowns. He did not allow West a single hit in four innings.

The pre-game ceremonies also were exciting. My top thrill was seeing some of the old time greets get together. It was a great pleasure to see Jack Marshall, a man who played in the first East-West game back in 1938 honored for his many contributions to the sport. Marshall was a coach for the West team in the 1952 game. He now coaches with the Chicago American Giants.

Presenting Marshall with a plaque was Dave Malarcher who managed the West team in the first East-West Classic. The Old Timers Baseball association of Chicago awarded the plaque.

The big moment for the men who love beauty came when the games' two queens were crowned. Reigning as Miss West was Miss Maranie Mitchell, the attractive young nurse from Chicago's Provident hospital. This column introduced you to her a month ago.

Another charmer, Miss Bobbie Holman, 17, of Memphis, Tenn., presided as Miss East. A student, Miss Holman at home is very active with the Y Teens of the YWCA. She also was a drum majorette in the Melrose high school band.

In Chicago she stayed with some former Memphians, Mr. and Mrs. John Wheeler. Her chapter was Mrs. L. O. Swain, a Memphis teacher.

The greatest thing about the game, however, was the support of the fans. Nearly 20,000 paid to see the game, and more than 20,000 watched from the stands.

This was gratifying because so many persons had predicted dire results for this tilt. By showing up, the fans proved that a true baseball lover will come out if he knows he is going to see a good game.

Lefty Spider Nips Stars

BY NORMAL "TWEED" WEBB

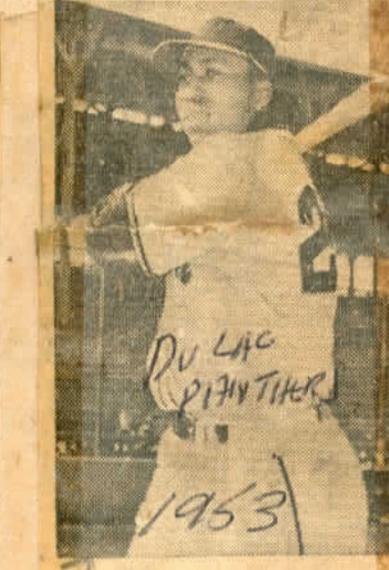
Coming from behind to gain a 6 to 4 verdict against the Tandy Stars last Sunday at the "Dust Bowl" the Sports and Eagles combined their players to win a very well played baseball game before a good crowd. The Tandy Stars got off to a 4 to 1 lead behind Dickey's long home run with one man on base. However the mighty "Lefty" Spider came in to stop the Tandy Stars cold.

The Grand-Market boys went into the lead after the fifth frame when Moody hit a fresh home run that was lost in the high grass behind third base.

"Red" Moffitt went in to pitch the last inning to hold the lead. Veteran James Polk pitched a sweet game but lost on some bad infield breaks.

The Tandy Stars were composed of some old timers as Candy Smith, Lewis, Polk, Tweed and a few present day stars - John Brown, Dickey, Silas, Carter, L. Smith and Jenkins.

Doing Good In 1963 Ball, Hitting Hard



WILLIAM BRADLEY

the Panthers. The other is his team mate, William Weedie Edwards. Teamie's son who will be making another try at pro ball.

Edwards has several valuable assets - in an old fashioned sort of pitcher. He now has a sneaky

knuckle ball, has a fine change of pace and is a side arm specialist. Edwards has now put on 15 more pounds and looks to be in great shape.

A young catcher with a lot of competition is Eugene Lyles, who is doing a fine job in his bid for a St. Louis Browns' Class D catching job. Clarence Hall, another St. Louisan starring in organized ball as a catcher is hitting at a .507 clip at this writing.

Herman Belger Is Buried 77

By Normal Tweed Webb

"When the great scorer comes to mark against your name, 'He'll write not won and lost, but how you played the game."

Those were the famous lines by the great sports writer Late Grantland Rice. Those also were the words Herman Belger said to this writer before his death last month.

Final rites, for Belger, 77, were held Tuesday, April 6, at Antioch Baptist Church. Burial was Wednesday morning in the National Cemetery at Jefferson Barracks.

The retired Sumner High School Custodian died, April 2, at his homes, 1825 Goode. Cunningham and Moore had charge of the remains.

The former Rube Foster's Chicago American Giants Catcher at one time, played with such Tandy League teams as: Scullin Steel, BROWNIE OILERS and Missouri Press BRICK Co.,...Belger retired from baseball in 1943, after 21 years of services with the St. Louis National Umpire Association.

"An immortal name when great Catchers are brought up around St. Louis, Belger a stand out doing the roaring 20's lived quietly in the "villie" section here, was a faithful churchman.

Historian Normal Tweed Webb said, "Belger had a life time batting average of 315 in the Tandy league."

He is srvined by his wife, Mrs. Gustave Belger and a nephew, Oliver Belger.

This Was Cool Papa: Better Paid Than Satch, Faster Than Owens

By Dave Lipman

Walking alone almost every night through the corridors of the St. Louis City Hall is a man with a memory.

The memory could be a bitter one, but it isn't. James (Cool Papa) Bell, a 59-year-old night watchman who once was one of Negro baseball's brightest stars, is philosophical about the fact that his career ended almost simultaneously with the abolition of the color barrier in the major leagues.

As a result, Bell never saw his name in a big league box score and will never be enshrined in the Hall of Fame. And he must save tattered, yellowed clippings to attest to feats of which no official documentation was made.

"I've got no kicks, no regrets," Bell said. "I made my share of money playing baseball in the Negro leagues and barnstorming. I'm just glad the door finally opened for the fellows so that people could find out just how good ballplayers we are. Of course, it would have been nice to play in the big time, but I have my memories.

And so do others — memories of a man who they say, in awe if not completely in truth, could run so fast that he could beat an infielder's throw to first on a routine grounder.

"That's not really true," Bell said, laughing. "But I was pretty fast."

Praise From Veeck.

Bill Veeck would agree. "Cool Papa," Veeck has said, "was one of the fastest men — defensively or offensively — that I have seen. He was one of the greatest center fielders ever."

Once, running on mushy ground, his uniform flapping around his 6-foot-2, 145-pound frame, Bell swept around the bases in 13.1 seconds. The listed record is 13.3 seconds, set by Evar Swanson, the old Chicago Cub and White Sox player from 1929 through 1934.

"I don't know how fast I really could run in those days," Bell said. "Some people may not believe it, but once I was timed in 12 seconds going around the bases."

Old Satchel Paige has an idea. In his autobiography, "Maybe I'll Pitch Forever," Paige said, "If Cool Papa had known about colleges or if colleges had known about Cool Papa, Jesse Owens would have looked like he was walking."

Bell, who was born in Starkville, Miss., in 1903, moved to St. Louis when he was 16 to join four baseball-playing brothers on the Compton Hill Cubs in the old City League. The boy who was to sparkle in the outfield was a pitcher then. Three

'Win or Else,' Trujillo Told Cool Papa--and He Meant It

It isn't surprising that a man who played baseball in the United States, Canada, the Caribbean and Mexico should somewhere along the line run into political difficulties.

That happened to Cool Papa Bell when he was playing in the Dominican Republic in the 1930s.

"This guy Trujillo was running the country, only he was having some troubles," Bell recalled. "He figured since his people liked baseball so much,

if he came up with a top-notch team they wouldn't want to see him lose his job. So he imported a bunch of us from the States.

"We didn't know we were being used for a political reason until we got there. Then Trujillo told us if we didn't win the title we would be executed. Some of our boys got so nervous they couldn't play.

"But we still won. Otherwise, I probably wouldn't be here to tell you about it."

years later Bell was ready to call his semipro career quits.

Passed Test.

"I figured it was time to get a steady job," he said. "But the East St. Louis Cubs needed a pitcher to throw against the old St. Louis Stars of the Negro League and they asked me to come out for just one game. I beat the Stars and they made me such a good offer that I decided to stick with baseball. But when they saw how I could run and throw, they made me an outfielder.

"What a team that was . . . Quincy Troupe . . . High-Pockets Trent . . . Mule Suttles . . . George Giles . . . Leroy Matlock . . . Newt Allen . . . Devil Wells . . . Eggie Hensley . . . Sparkplug Reese . . . Bertram Hunter . . . Frog Reddus . . . Joe Strong . . . Branch Russell . . . Dewey Creacy . . . Jim Baker . . . Shag Young."

And, of course, Cool Papa Bell, who in an era of players such as Paige and Josh Gibson was reportedly the highest salaried performer in the Negro leagues. And it wasn't just because of his speed. Bell could

Worked Pickoff Play From Center Field

Few persons ever quibbled with the fielding ability of Cool Papa Bell. He would station himself almost behind second base, where he could cut off line drives that otherwise would have gone for hits. And because of his great speed, he could get back on the long drives.

Many were the base runners who strayed from second, thinking they were on safe ground, only to be trapped by Bell coming in from his shallow outfield position to take throws from the catcher.

Bill Veeck rated Bell as a fielder with ability equal that of Tris Speaker, Joe DiMaggio and Willie Mays.

hit, and did frequently at the Park at Compton avenue and Market street, by the old street-car barns.

"We had a lot of fun," Bell added.

But some of it was just funny. Life in the old Negro leagues wasn't any feather-bed. Sometimes Bell played four games in one day. Or there would be a game in Philadelphia on Saturday night, a doubleheader in Washington, D.C., Sunday and a Monday game in Norfolk, Va.

"You show me a callplayer in our old league and I'll show you a guy that can sleep standing, sitting or walking," Bell quipped. "But we didn't know how rough it was until some of our guys got into organized baseball. Then we could compare things.

Pay Was Poor.

"The worst was the pay, and it didn't matter who you were playing for—the Stars, the Homestead Grays, Kansas City Monarchs or Pittsburgh Crawfords. During the depression, some of the teams just stopped paying salaries. But the players didn't have anywhere else to go to get work, so they stayed.

"They got expense money, but a lot of times it was so little you didn't even have enough money to eat on. And some of the owners were pretty tricky. I remember one team hired me and told me to pay my transportation from St. Louis to Memphis and they'd pay me back.

"But when I got there they said, 'Our players pay their own expenses.' And then this guy told me, 'And the owner of the club is a dentist and all our players have their teeth fixed here.'

"I didn't have a toothache and I wasn't about to pay a man to fix what didn't need fixing, so I just turned around and went home."

Bell—who hit .407 in Negro league play as late as 1946 when he was 43—turned to managing the Kansas City Monarchs in 1947 and 1948. Then he retired.



Wrote For St. Louis Call:

Frank Dixon Dies; Former Sports Writer

By Normal (Tweed) Webb

FRANK DIXON, a sports editor of the old St. Louis Call in the 1933-34 era and a former Butler University, Indianapolis, track star, DePaul Hospital of Cancer.

He was a graduate of Sumner High School, and was the principal artist for the United States Post Office in New York City. He was here visiting relatives when he became ill.

Dixon, an immaculate dresser with a pleasant smile, covered the Tandy league baseball games at the old Ville Ball Yard and was a long time friend of Mr. Richard Jackson, former Sports Editor of the St. Louis ARGUS.

Funeral Services were held Saturday Morning at 10:30 from Cunningham Moore Undertaking Establishment, 2405 Marcus Ave., Burial was in St. Peter's Cemetery.

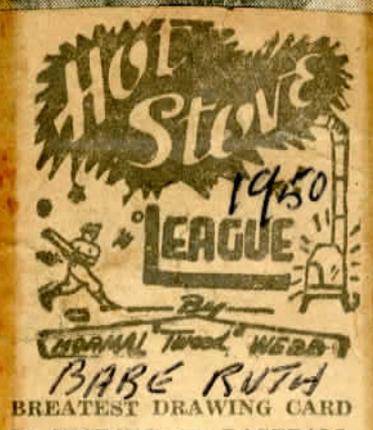
I shall never forget the writeup Dixon gave this writer in his column in 1934 and our weekly baseball meetings on sandlot local players.

After many years as an outstanding baseball player, Normal "Tweed" Webb, known to many as the "pride of Tandy Park" put his glove away this year and became a baseball reporter, league secretary and at present has taken on an additional job by managing a group of youngsters known as the Al Schenbere Market Team.

What knowledge Tweed has gained in playing the game and through his contact with outstanding players through the country, he is im-

parting to a group of youngsters in weekly pep talks. During these short talks he explains the proper methods of playing each position and stresses above all the cooperation among themselves knowing this cooperation can be carried over into the lad's everyday life.

Although many have passed through the Tandy League since the days when Tweed was in his prime, Normal "Tweed" Webb is still a major factor on the baseball front of St. Louis.



BREASTHEAT DRAWING CARD IN HISTORY OF BASEBALL

The old time fans who were startled when they read in a New York newspaper after the World Series that Mickey Mantle of the Yankees was rated the equal of Babe Ruth as a power hitter and all around performance, finally had the argument settled by a man who played against Ruth and now coaches for a minor league club.

Al Abrams former big leaguer was quite decisive in his opinion that the Babe was in a class by himself. "I'll have to string along with Ruth" Abrams related, don't misunderstand me Mantle is great and wonderful but no one will ever come up to Ruth in his prime.

This writer will have to string along with Abrams about Babe Ruth. I along with millions of other fans who saw him play and countless others who never did but felt they always had will never forget him as baseball's biggest star.

With his mighty bat he was the game's greatest all time drawing card, its fabulously salaried star, the figure who always was news whether he was breaking up a pennant race or world series or a visit to the hospital to see a sick kid.

Big Don Newcombe, who knocks the bat out of the hands of most the National league batters when he is right with his terrific speed and cunning curve is just another pitcher to Yogi Berra, diminutive N. Y. Yankee catcher. Not that the hustling catcher doesn't have considerable respect for Newk as a matter of fact the Yankee star says his home runs off of him were luck and bad balls.

Three of a Kind

JAMES (COOL PAPA) BELL, whose speed made him a baseball legend, was a 16-year-old rookie in 1919 (left) and concluded his career in 1948 as manager of the Kansas City Monarchs (center). Today, Bell (right) is a night watchman at the St. Louis City Hall.

Profiles From the Past

Cool Papa Marries A 'Bell-Ringer'

Marrying Cool Papa Bell presented a problem, in name only, for Mrs. Bell. "Her first name is Clara-bell," Cool Papa said, "and so when we were married she became Clarabell Bell. She just started signing her name as Clara B. Bell." The Bells, who live at 3034 Dickson, were married in 1928. They do not have any children.

HOT STOVE LEAGUE

As this column observes its 36th anniversary it is a time when one who has been associated in the field of greater St. Louis sandlot baseball for a lifetime can reflect. The question is, however, what does one reflect upon? Should it be in terms of personalities, or should it be highlights of local baseball down through the years?

Since Jackie Robinson broke the "Jim Crow Bar" I have met over a dozen big league baseball scouts in search of "Black" talent.

Retracing over the years I met one certain scout from the old New York Giants who really made an impression on me as being a loyal and conscientious baseball man, interested mostly in helping to develop youngsters. I suppose we both have the same thing in common.

Last Sunday I got Al Nicolai over the phone and it was a pleasant reminiscence of the past in sandlot baseball and that one hot day on July 11, 1950 at Tandy Park.

On that day right after the Tandy League's regular doubleheader, I was locked over certain play-



Top Sepia Rookies Among 30 In Major Camps Are Tagged

Five Players Ticketed as Most Likely to Succeed

(By Normal "Tweed" Webb)

JACKIE Robinson, rousing success, paved the way for other sepia players and blew the door wide open; now all organized baseball is receptive to sepia players.

This writer will try and give you the run-down of over 30 sepia players new to the major and minor leagues scene, have been training since mid-February. Now their period of preparation is drawing to a close, many will be sent back for more polish, more know how, and a few will achieve the high accolade of the rookies who have made the grade. Since Robinson made good, Roy Campanella, catcher, Larry Doby, outfielder, "Satchel" Paige, pitcher, Henry Thompson, outfielder, Willard Brown, outfielder and Dan Bankhead, pitcher, have all performed in the big league. Thompson, Brown were with the St. (740 rpm) wns, but were subsequently cashed. However, Thompson signed to a

Jackson played with the old St. Louis stars and later the Jacksonville stars. Harrod, an outstanding hurler for McKinley High went on to become a splendid southpaw surler in the Tandy Loop.

Webb, who emphasizes that his concern remains "working with all group dedicated toward organizing sports..." serves the Tandy Loop for over forty years in all capacities... from an outstanding in several offices. He is the best known as an authority on an amateur and professional.

It was announced that there are several potential members of the embryonic group with defined commitments secured from Scullin Steel (who are returning to the athletic sponsored role they played for a number of years), the St. Louis Cubs (managed by Palm); The St. Louis Bruins; E. St. Louis Colts, St. Louis Rams and the Webster Tigers.

A spokesman for the promising new group stated it's purpose: "...to stimulate the interest in baseball and to teach the young man to play the game cleanly as well as scientifically, portraying good sportsmanship at all times...."

All league games will be played at the Fairgrounds Park.

Mr. Jackson, after his election to head new organization, expressed his appreciation of the "confidence" exhibited and urged the cooperation of all of the members.

Brewer immediately went into action, cautioning members that meeting would occur upon schedule and outlined additional plans of league organization and operation at Sunday meeting.

Officers Named: 1971 New Northside Semi-Pro Baseball Group Formed

The long heralded organization of a new semi-pro baseball group has become a reality. The Northside Greater Semi-Pro Baseball Conference became a living being back on October 24, 1971 when officers and an commissioner were named, an executive committee was selected and at least four teams committed to participate.

John Brewer is Commissioner of the new group. Thomas Jackson is president, James Harrod the executive secretary, treasurer; famed Normal (Tweed) Webb, the reporter and statistician and a board of directors which includes the illustrious James (Cool Papa) Bell, Major Pprrter, Mike Franklin, Sam'Nig' Jackson.

The action grew out of a meeting chaired by Gibbey Meeks. Among those present also were Mike Franklin, Marion Tillard, Muriel Lee, Thomas Jackson, Arthur Hawkins, Robert (Bob) Palm, Warren Evans, Leon Billups, and Mr Hood. The meeting was held at the Wohl Community Center.

a followup meeting of the Executive Board was held last Sunday. Brewer is a former Tandy League standout as a submarine hurler and was later a member of Charlie Zomphier's Umpire Association.



LORENZO DAVIS... New Cardinal Scout

Musial Named To Board; Davis Joins Scouts

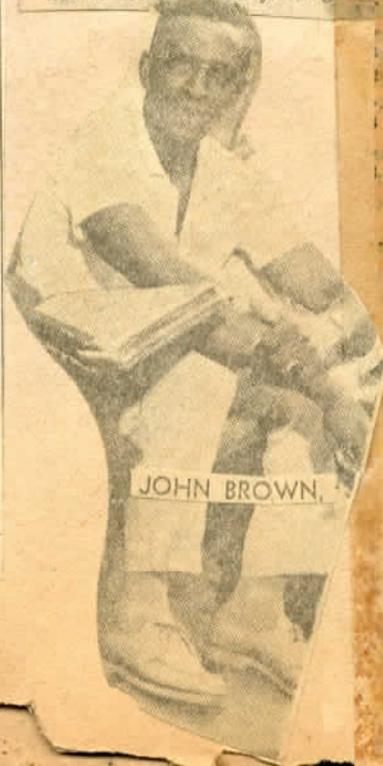
Stan Musial, a Cardinal senior vice-president, has been elected to the board of directors of the St. Louis National League Baseball Club, and Lorenzo (Piper) Davis has been signed as a scout, club President August A. Busch announced Wednesday.

Musial joined the Cardinals in 1941 and remained with the Red Birds until he retired at the end of the 1963 season. He had a career batting average of .331. He was named on the N.L. All-Star team in 1943, 1946 and 1948. During his career he set or tied 19 major league records and 33 National League marks.

Two years ago Musial was selected as St. Louis' No. 1 baseball performer by fans voting in the "Greatest St. Louis Player Ever" contest.

Other members of the Cardinals' board of directors are Busch, August A. Busch III, David R. Calhoun, Vaughan P. (Bing) Devine, A. von Gontard, Raleigh W. Greene Jr., James P. Hickok, Robert Hyland, H. Norris Love, J. W. McAfee, Richard A. Meyer, William H. Mills, W. R. Persons, Jack Pickens, Walter C. Reisinger, Leif J. Sverdrup and John L. Wilson.

The 53-year-old Davis, a one-time Harlem Globetrotter and a player in the Boston Red Sox organization, formerly worked with the Central Scouting Bureau, which serves as a talent hunter for several major league



JOHN BROWN.

HUNDREDS PAY HOMAGE TO LATE 'SHANG' VINCENT



'Shang' Vincent... splendid gentleman

Surrounded by a mass of flowers, hundreds of ex-players and friends paid tribute to the sagacious manager who made the 'St. Louis Giants' as magic a name in the baseball world as 'Cool Papa' Bell in yesteryears, Monroe 'Shang' Vincent who was laid to rest at Washington Park Cemetary recently following a funeral service eloquently presided over by the Rev. Ralph McDaniel.

As historian for black baseball, one who has attended countless funerals, I have never seen such a great list of former ball players present. Such names as Bell, Doc Bracken, Ely Chism, Jesse Askew, Wilbert Easter, Bill Drake, Earl Cook, Dickey Ballentine, Bob Palm, Bill Hinch, Carl Whitney, Homerun Gregg, Sylvester Mitchell, 'Fox' Jones, J. D. Bracken, Police Major Thomas E. Brooks and followers of the league, including Roscoe McCrary, were visible among the mourners.

Luke Easter, the former Cleveland Indian first-sacker who was unable to attend the funeral (thought brother Wilbert was) communicated his sadness from his Cleveland, Ohio home. It was 'Shang', a likeable gentleman in his sixties, who brought large Luke his first baseball glove! "Vincent and I were personal friends," Luke said, "In fact, I considered him my very best friend. His timely death is certainly a shock to me... a very sad occasion...."

Future Hall-of-Famer Bell said "... the news of 'Shang' was one swell fellow: his death will bring all our former teammates together real soon...."

The writer personally regrets the death of a life long friend. His passing is a severe blow to our community. I certainly join all of the fans in paying tribute to this great church man and sterling character.

The late Mr. Vincent was vice-president of the Old Tymers Negro Baseball Players Association and had been in the employ of the Titanium Company for 37 years. He succumbed to a heart attack at Barnes Hospital in late September.

Pop Slaughter Dies; Ring Figure

Funeral services for William (Pop) Slaughter, former ball-player and boxing coach, will be held at 8 p.m. Thursday at the First Baptist Church, 3100 Bell. He was 96.

Slaughter, who ran two boxing schools, died at 2 p.m. Sunday at Homer G. Phillips Hospital after a long illness.

The body will lie in state after 2:30 p.m. Wednesday at Wade Funeral Home, 4202 Finney, and Thursday afternoon at the First Baptist Church.

League Supporter; Ex-Tandy Baseball Star Honored

The Rev. Chester A. Jackson, assistant to pastor Rev. W.A. Scott Sr., at the Newstead Avenue Missionary Baptist Church, 4370 North Market was honored recently in a special program celebrating "51 years, 5 months and 8 days" of faithful service. The Rev. Mr. Jackson was an ardent supporter of the Tandy League back in the twenties. Among the tributes was a letter from the Old-Tymers Negro Baseball Players Association which was read by Normal (Tweed) Webb, recognized authority on black baseball and a historian of note. Webb, Secretary of the Association, was identified with the league for over forty years.

"...As a young man you were a great baseball fan in the roaring twenties..." the letter said. Rev. Jackson was among the vast legion of supporters of the defunct Broomer Tailors baseball club.

The program, attended by hundreds of the honoree's friends, included words of tribute from the likes of Warren J. Brunson, Superintendent of Sunday School at the church;

Fund Established For "Jelly" Stone

(By NORMAL "Tweed" WEBB) A fund to aid Lewis "Jelly" Stone, a former leftfielder on the Championship, Broomer Tailors and Pullman Nine in the Tandy League during the 20's was established last week at the Old-time Negro Baseball Players Association meeting.

Stone, better known as "Jelly" has been ill since April 21, was a Taxicab Driver for over 40 years.

Normal "Tweed" Webb, Black Baseball Historian, organizer and spokesman for the Oldtimers, said contributions can be sent directly to Mr. Marie Stone, 3865a Evans Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63113.

Oran Williams was renamed president, Hubert (Dickey) Ballentine treasurer and "Tweed" secretary of the group, which plows to aid other former Black Players as well.

Negro Leagues Suffering From

Lack Of Fans, Going Is Rough

1950

Unless fans start filing through the turnstiles for Negro American League games very soon, most of the clubs will have to close shop and call it quits. With clubs like Kansas City, Indianapolis, and the Philadelphia Stars only ones operating above the red ink margin, the future looks dark for the other clubs and the league.



I had the pleasure of meeting Cum Posey in Chicago in the East-West game in Chicago. In my book Rube Foster, C. I. Taylor and Cum Posey did more for the advancement of colored baseball than our race fans can realize. As a baseball reporter, I have high respect for Posey as a great baseball figure, writer and his keen legal mind has been a wonderful asset in handling the affairs of the Negro National League and also of the Homestead Grays. Yes! Cum Posey's work has been finished. Leaders in the baseball world served as pallbearers. So beloved was this dynamic man, so persuasive his personality that no writer at the time of his death and beyond his funeral last week mentioned about a particular day that Cum Posey became famous over night as a player.

After looking over my baseball record book let's go back to the year of 1910, the day Jack Johnson defeated Jim Jeffries for the heavyweight championship of the world. July Fourth was the date of this game. Cum Posey started in getting five hits including a home run. Old time fans around Pittsburgh will remember this game which was played at 28th and Smallman st. between Silver Leaf Giants and Iron City Giants, of Pittsburgh. Silver Leaf Giants were from the vicinity of Centre and Francis street. On the Silver Leaf Team were Dave Stoner and "Chief" Walton as pitchers; Bill Wiley was captain. Cum Posey played left field; other stars were "Toby" Jackson and "Big Boy" Peters. Iron City players included "Fatty" Banks, "It" Carter, "Jean" Holiday—What a team!

Homestead Grays

They still talk of the Silver Leaf Club in Lawrenceville, as they were the colored "Champs" of Western Pennsylvania for years. The Iron City Giants and another great team called Frick Giants were the next best teams. Out of these clubs was formed the Clay Giants, a team which played at Beulah Park at Soho street, near Centre avenue. Later Cum Posey helped set up the Homestead Grays by selecting the outstanding players from each of these three teams. Clay Giants merged with the newly formed Homestead Grays in 1914, by giving them such players as "Sell" Hall, "Chief" Walton, Aaron Russell, "Duddy" Clay and the popular "Vic" Harris. Cum Posey's name is written in Negro baseball's "Who's who" history so deep that his name will always live with us. Over in the Negro American league another great fellow is still carrying on. Speaking of secretary R. S. Sims, my friend, who is president M. Martin, Guide.

The major leagues look to the Negro American league for all of its Negro talent. Therefore members of the race will have to support these teams in order that more boys will have the chance to climb the ladder of success. All of the Negro players in organized ball today are graduates of the Negro American leagues and most of them are making good with their clubs.

Major league scouts follow the teams wherever they play and keep records on all of the players. When they do sign one he is ready for class A or AAA ball which proves that the league has something to offer the fans at all times.

Just about every club in the major leagues was represented by scouts at the 18th annual East-West all-star game in Chicago last Sunday and they were kept busy making reports on fellows like Junior Gilliam, Jesse Douglass and Cliff Johnson. These clubs are interested in Negro talent and will stand by the league as much as possible.

Fans Don't Turn Out

Through the years it has been a long hard fight for the Negro leagues because it is hard for them to survive with crowds of 2000 turning up for their games. While in Chicago for the East-West game I talked with some of the owners and their views were anything but rosy. One pointed out, we are handicapped by not owning our parks. Just for an example in one of the major league cities to rent the park cost \$4000 for the night and another \$1000 to turn on the lights then there is the advertising, guards, tax and etc., to pay out. In the third inning you look around the park and see only two or three thousand fans, brother, that hurts most of the book. This is why most of the clubs buy more red ink than black.

Syd Pollock of the Indianapolis Towns pointed out that his club has not played one game in Indianapolis this season. It's all due to the fact that the local promoters do not want to meet the standard price for the NAL so

"RATTLER" HARRISON

1936

IF BIG RATTLER HARRISON was five years younger, he'd be looking for a big league pitching job. "Say, I have as much stuff as any of 'em around Tandy Park right now," Harrison, one time great iron man of the famous Homestead Grays, (Negro Champions at that time) told this writer. In his active days, old (Dizzy Dean) Harrison threw a fast drop that was a honey. Second to none. "It was my fault I didn't continue in the Big League longer than I did," chestily old Rattler reflected.

"My arm was played out. After that 1935 season—it needed rest." His pitching arm gone, Harrison still had quite a reputation as a hitter and played in the outfield. Local fans remember old "Rattler" with his "Coney Island" drop ball and fast breaking in-shoots around old Giant and Stars Park. However, the E. St. Louis fans saw him at his best around 1924 to 30, with the strong East St. Louis Giants.

Incidentally, Harrison, a Tandy product, was the best right hand pitcher from the old Summer campus.

they play all of their games on the road. Like the Clowns other clubs are letting outside promoters book them and take the risk at the gate.

There is only one thing needed by Negro baseball to boost it back into the lime light and that is more fans at their games. All of the owners feel that they could survive with a larger following than they have now.

Looking over Negro baseball today we find that only nine teams are left out of two leagues. There once was the Negro American and the Negro National while now there is only the American. Teams like the Newark Eagles, Homestead Grays, New York Black Yanks and many others dropped out or folded up completely. The last to feel the sting was the Cleveland Buckeyes who folded up after the first half this season.

It is expected that others will fold up at the close of this season or sometime within the next few years if something isn't done soon. "The cost of operating is just too high," declared one of the owners, "and remember most of these boys want more money and it is up to us to pay them, that is if we want to keep them." Owners and teams in the Negro Leagues today are Syd Pollock, Indianapolis, Clowns; Ed Bolden, Philadelphia Stars; Alex Pompey, New York Cubans; Mrs. Green, Baltimore Elite Giants; T. Y. Baird, Kansas City Monarchs; B. B. Martin and W. S. Martin, Memphis Red Sox; T. H. Hayes, Birmingham Black Barons; Wm. H. Young and Hugh Cherry, Houston Eagles and J. B. Martin, Chicago American Giants.

The Big question is how long can the Negro League survive without fans.



TED SAVAGE

This writer, an authority of local baseball talents, is firmly convinced that 24-year-old Ted Savage, International League's most valuable player and leading hitter, is about ready to take his place as a major leaguer with the Philadelphia Phils next season. He played outfield with the Buffalo Bisons. The Lincoln University graduate hit .325 and also led the league in stolen bases, hits, total base hits and walks.

The former East St. Louis high school all-around athlete is considered an ideal player for stardom, who is a six-foot-one, 185-pounder with tremendous leg power, which is a big asset at bat in the field and on the bases. This coming season will be only his third in pro baseball.

Ted starred at Lincoln U., in basketball and in track, including the broad jump and high jump. He lives with his family at 4311 Drown avenue.

Sammy Jethroe, former National League star, also came from St. Louis.



Wrote For St. Louis Call: Frank Dixon Dies; Former Sports Writer

By Normal (Tweed) Webb

FRANK DIXON, a sports editor of the old St. Louis Call in the 1933-34 era and a former Butler University, Indianapolis, track star, DePaul Hospital of Cancer.

He was a graduate of Sumner High School, and was the principal artist for the United States Post Office in New York City. He was here visiting relatives when he became ill.

Dixon, an immaculate dresser with a pleasant smile, covered the Tandy league baseball games at the old Ville Ball Yard and was a long time friend of Mr. Richard Jackson, former Sports Editor of the St. Louis ARGUS.



time fans who AMPS when they read in a TITANIUM newspaper after the funeral services were held for a friend, or basketball fan, or relative of a GIANT, read no further, because you will know that the St. Louis Titanium Giants are the most west sepiu semi-pro champs. The best around these parts. The fine showing of the Giants in the last three years has been due in no small degree to the efforts of "Schang" Vincent, shrewd manager and seasoned player. Here is a team with a big league pitcher, featuring that No. 1 sensation in anybody's league, Herbert "Doc" Brackens. However, Mr. Brackens saw no future in Negro pro-ball and just spends his spare time in striking out batters for the Titanium Giants. He beats all comers from Big Leagues to MUNY teams. This writer, also agrees that there is no future in Negro pro-ball if you got a good job (or make over \$15.00 per week the whole year round).

Vincent's Giants are superior in every department of play—a team and as individuals. backbone of this great has been four sterling men Brackens, Hundley and the Chism brothers. "Doc" is the pitching staff of the flanced team. He is flank-

ed by Robinson, Gordon and Brisker (Sports Blasts). When Brackens pitches against Big Leaguers and Tandy Teams, he usually chalks up one to two strike outs per inning.

The team also has plenty of reserves, a vast increase in hitting and speed galore, and tremendous spirit to help carry it through. The infield is set with such stars as J. Chism, Easter, Palm, Askew and Miller. The outfield featuring Whitney, E. Chism and C. Nunn. This Nunn boy is home stickman in the pinches. Of course Big Easter is their powerhouse hitter. Last, but not least, Catcher Hundley gets the credit of developing "Doc" Brackens.

Old "Schang" Vincent is a striking type ball player, who is a cool-headed manager.

Today, Veteran Vincent still can play in pretty fair game at first.

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Funeral Services Held For Ex-Ball Player, "Little" Dean

By: NORMAL (TWEED) WEBB

He was christened "Robert Dean" but few knew him as anything except "Little Dean" through most of his baseball career. The fastball pitcher like his late brother, who was known as Nelson "Big" Dean.

Funeral services for "Little Dean," 55, former pitcher with the Negro Brooklyn Dodgers, St. Louis, Giants and Kirkwood Stars, were held last Wednesday night from the Hopewell Baptist Church, 1527 Wagoner Pl., with burial Thursday morning at Washington Park Cemetery.

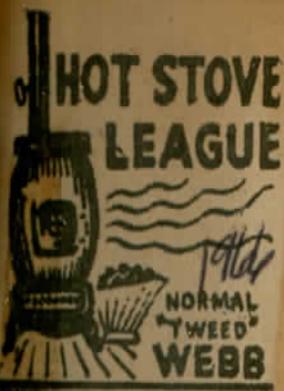
Dean, a security guard at DePaul Hospital No. 1 died Oct. 29 at DePaul Hospital. His father pitched for the Kansas City Monarchs during the roaring 20's.

Many members of the Old Time Negro Baseball Players Association were present. James "Doc" Papa" Bell, Police Captain Tom Brooks, "Doc" Brackens, Bob Palm and Normal "Tweed" Webb longtime St. Louis ARGUS baseball reporter were honorary pallbearers.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Bertha Dean; three sons, Robert Jr., Melvin and Courtland; a daughter, Mrs. Lorraine McCullough; a step-son Morris Florence; and a sister Mrs. Rosie Dean and her Mrs. Imogene Hunt.

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DEAN OF UMPIRES



Top Sepia Rookies Among 30 In Major Camps Are Tagged

Five Players Ticketed as
Most Likely to Succeed

(By Normal "Tweed" Webb)

JACKIE Robinson, rousing success, paved the way for other sepia players and blew the door wide open; now all organized baseball is receptive to sepia players.

This writer will try and give you the run-down of over 30 sepia players new to the major and minor leagues scene, have been training since mid-February. Now their period of preparation is drawing to a close, many will be sent back for more polish, more know how, and a few will achieve the high accolade of the rookies who have made the grade. Since Robinson made good, Roy Campanella, catcher, Larry Doby, outfielder, "Satchel" Paige, pitcher, Henry Thompson, outfielder, Willard Brown, outfielder and Dan Bankhead, pitcher, have all performed in the big league. Thompson and Brown were with the St. Louis Browns, but were subsequently released. However, Thompson has been signed to a New York Giants No. 1 farm team contract, along with Ford Smith, pitcher, and Monty Irvin, outfielder. Frank Austin, infielder, recently was signed by the Yankees. Brooklyn has continued to lead the way, however, having signed St. Louis Charles Hall, catcher; Eugene Burnette, pitcher; Richard Robertson, outfielder, all of whom will play with Three Rivers (Quebec club). Branch Rickey has also signed two other sepia youngsters recently to play class A ball. Brooklyn has Don Newcombe, pitcher, Sam Jethroe, outfielder and Dan Bankhead, pitcher, ready for delivery if they prove that they can make the grade.

Besides Doby and Paige, the Cleveland Indians have sensational Orsede Minoso, hard-hitting Cuban infielder, Jose Santiago, pitcher, Al Smith, infielder, to bring up maybe next year. Cleveland recently completed a working agreement with San Diego Padres, a team which employs the services of three of our best-looking rookies: Roy Robinson, infielder, Luke Easter, baseman and Joe Judge, pitcher.

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JACKIE ROBINSON & CAMPANELLA ATTEND CHARLES ZOMPIER, president of the Old Time Baseball Players and Fans Association, presents award to FRANKLIN AVERY, Reading, Potter, local businessman. SUN. JULY 16, 1950

The Old Timers' gala picnic and program was a "huge success" last Sunday at Tandy Park. Dotted with many noted men who gave some inspiring talks for the young athletes, the Old Time Players and Fans Association made themselves known to the people of St. Louis with an outstanding program. The day was started with a big motor parade, that carried Jackie Robinson, Roy Campanella and Don Newcombe, the Dodger stars who couldn't stay for the program due to the fact that they had to be at the ball park for a game.

The American Federation of Musicians Union local No. 197 then gave the many fans some very outstanding renditions with Dewey Jackson as conductor. Moving right along with the program that was threatened by a shower early in the morning. Little Old Young Roscoe of WTMV, who acted as master of ceremonies was introduced. In turn Roscoe introduced the Old Time Baseball Players and Fans Association to the many people present.

The club presented awards to Samuel Bennett, William Bradford, Albert Cottrell, William Donaldson, William Drake, Harry Holland, William Potter, and Branch Russell. Special awards went to Harry L. Simmons, personnel director of Scullin Stealy, James E. Cook, executive secretary, Pine Street YMCA, Gus Wamhoff, vice president of Sisler Hummel Sporting Goods company and organizer of Tandy Baseball league, and John A. superintendent of recreation City of St. Louis.

to receive trophies were Franklin Avery, for perseverance in sports in spite of physical handicaps; Leonard Sloan, for outstanding performance in all sports at Tandy center; Jesse Lee Harvey, captain of the Crime Prevention Baseball league.

Baseball Game A Thriller
In a real thriller, the Jesse Hesters defeated the Walter Francis team 14-10 with Gilkey the winning pitcher and Kelly the loser. The Hesters scored 12 runs in the 3rd inning and went on from there to win the ball game. The many fans enjoyed the game and many of the Old out the supply of rubbing alcohol Times that played have brought that the near-by druggist had on hand to rub out some of the soreness in their aging muscles.

Paige Offered \$21,000 By LA

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (ANP) — Leroy (Satchel) Paige, a great, but aged pitcher, on the market for a job, told the folks at home that the best offer for his services in 1954 has come from the Los Angeles Angels of the Pacific Coast league, top minor loop.

"The best I've got yet is \$21,000 to pitch for Los Angeles," he said. "I'm still shopping around, because like anybody else, I want to get the most I can get."

"But if I don't get a major league offer, I guess I'll be pitching on the West Coast next summer."

Paige also has received an offer to pitch for the Seattle Rangers, managed by Jerry Priddy, who batted against Paige in the American league. Paige said someone in New York also has offered him feelers.

His current plans are to begin training soon to get in shape for the 1954 season. He said:

"I plan to start training in about two weeks. If the weather stays in the 60's here in Kansas City, I'll just start working out right here. But if it turns bad I'll go to Hot Springs, Ark. and get the arm in shape."

Incidentally, Paige says he has never had a sore arm although he probably has pitched more than any hurler in baseball. Of his prospects for the season he commented:

"The way I feel, I just know I'd win around 20 games for Los Angeles, but like I said, 'Ol' Satch' ain't gonna throw that ball for nothing for nobody."



LOU BROCK

LARRY DOBY CATCHES FANS FANCY

Larry Doby is the Newark Eagles' second baseman who has been called by white and colored baseball scouts the finest infielder at the position in Negro ball circles. Not a few deem him of major league caliber rating him above Jackie Robinson, Montreal Club of the International League, on pivot plays around the keystone sack. Fans returning from the All-Star game played Aug. 15 at Griffith Stadium, Washington, literally rave about Doby's work in that game (Eastern nine won) comparing him with former greats like Bobby Downs and even the unappreciated "Bingo" DeMoss.

EDITOR'S NOTE—Fans, this is your column, and you are invited to use it for any comment, criticism or suggestion. Letters designated for "Echoes from the Sportsbeat" should be limited to 50 words and mailed to Editor, The Sportsbeat, 277 N. Grand.

WONDERFUL JOB!
Sportsbeat Editor:
I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you and your fine staff for the wonderful job you are doing with The Sportsbeat.
Regardless of what some people may think, sports will not "fade away" in St. Louis while people like yourself continue to push the athletic picture in the St. Louis area.
Keep up the good work, and be wishes to your entire staff.
Sincerely,
PHILIP A. DYNAN,
Athletic Publicity Director
St. Louis University.



If you are an East St. Louis Lincoln Park league fan, or Lincoln high school student, or midget star player, read no further, because you will know that little Doc Connors some day will be playing in organized ball.

You will also know that the young East St. Louis Midget featuring a band of hustlers, youngster, emerged as the underdog team of the year by dominating a late season drive to become the East Side champion in beating out the strong East St. Louis Colts.

This writer, authority of what it takes to make a good ball player, is firmly convinced that 18-year-old Connors is going places because he displayed pro ball potentialities on the Lincoln high school team a few years ago. Even then Doc's hustling and shortstopping had that extra (Pe Wee Reese) zip to it. He also plays basketball and is a very good track man. So take note, James Cool Papa Bell, St. Louis Browns part-time baseball scout.

In 1940, this writer predicted a bright future for Sammy Jethroe, another East Sider. Now today fans around Lincoln park have visions of another star in the making.

I will say this, that maybe other youngsters across the river have excelled this classy shortstopper in ability, but none who puts a harder try into his every effort on the diamond. He can go to his right or left, backs up other infielders perfectly, always getting on base thru a walk, bunt or a well placed hit. Above all, Doc Connors is very fast, has a great arm and his weight is 155 pounds.

Gone are the days when other ex-great East Side stars were headliners such as Calhoun, Page, Lake, Fox, Griggs, Frye Brothers, Moody, Adams, and many more.

Last season we find the East Side fans are really up on Tandy league and its players. Plenty of fans have never been over to see our league, but keeps up with it through the ARGUS. The East St. Louis Fans are real baseball bugs and for good sports.

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... throughout the spacious park, which was jammed with 25,000 jabbering, chattering opening day fans. A seething mass of humanity, representing all segments of the crazy quilt we call America, poured into the magnificent ball park they named after a man from Hyde Park—Franklin D. Roosevelt—to see Montreal play Jersey City and the first two Negroes in modern baseball history perform, Jackie Robinson and Johnny Wright. There was the usual fanfare and color, with Mayor Frank Hague chucking out the first ball, the band music, kids from Jersey City schools putting on an exhibition of running, jumping and acrobatics. There was also the hot dogs, peanuts and soda pop. And some guys in the distant bleachers whistled merrily: "Take Me Out to the Ball Game." Wendell Willkie's "One World" was right here on the banks of the Passaic River.



Jackie Robinson

The outfield was dressed in a gaudy green, and the infield was as smooth and clean as a new-born babe. And everyone sensed the significance of the occasion as Robinson and Wright marched with the Montreal team to deep centerfield for the raising of the Stars and Stripes and the "Star-Spangled Banner." Mayor Hague strutted proudly with his benchmen flanking him on the right and left. While the two teams, spread across the field, marched side by side with military precision and the band played on. We all stood up—25,000 of us—when the band struck up the National Anthem. And we sang lustily and freely, for this was a great day. Robinson and Wright stood out there with the rest of the players and dignitaries, clutching their blue-crowned baseball caps, standing erect and as still as West Point cadets on dress parade.

What Were They Thinking About?

No one will ever know what they were thinking right then, but I have traveled more than 2,000 miles with their courageous pioneers during the past nine weeks—from Sanford, Fla. to Daytona Beach to Jersey City—and I feel that I know them probably better than any newspaperman in the business. I know that their hearts throbbed heavily and thumped a steady tempo with the big drum that was pounding out the rhythm as the flag slowly crawled up the centerfield mast. And then there was a tremendous roar as the flag reached its crest and unfurled gloriously in the brilliant April sunlight. The 25,000 fans settled back in their seats, ready for the big game as the Jersey City Giants jogged out to their positions. Robinson was the second batter and as he strolled to the plate the crowd gave him an enthusiastic reception. They were for him. They all knew how he had overcome many obstacles in the deep South, how he had been barred from playing in Sanford, Fla., Jacksonville, Savannah and Richmond. And yet, through it all, he was standing at the plate as the second baseman of the Montreal team. The applause they gave so willingly was a salute of appreciation and admiration. Robinson then socked a sizzler to the shortstop and was through by an easy dash at first base. The second time he appeared at the plate marked the beginning of what can develop into a great career. He got his first hit as a member of the Montreal Royals. It was a mighty home run over the left field fence. With two mates on the base paths, he walloped the first pitch that came his way and there was an explosive "crack" as bat and ball met. The ball whizzed brilliantly in the afternoon sun as it went hurtling head and far over the leftfield fence. And the white flag on the foul-line pole in left fluttered lazily as the ball whistled by.

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JERSEY CITY 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0-1

Runs batted in—Durrett 2, Robinson 4, Jaeger, Jorgenson 2, Tatum, Breard. Two-base hits—Sandel, Jaeger, Knickerbocker, Jorgenson. Three-base hits—Jorgenson. Home runs—Durrett 2, Robinson. Stolen bases—Robinson 2. Sacrifices—DeForge 2. Double plays—Almendro-Wein-Jaeger; Robinson-Breard-Tatum. Left on base—Montreal 5, Jersey City 8. Base on balls—Sandel 2, Oates 2, Andrews 1. Strikeouts—Sandel 1, DeForge 4, Oates 3, Andrews 1. Hits—Off Sandel, 5 in 2 2/3 innings; Oates, 5 in 4 1/2; Andrews, 5 in 2. Hit by pitcher—By DeForge (Ray). Balks—Oates, Andrews. Winning pitcher—DeForge (1-0). Losing pitcher—Sandel (0-1). Umpires—Gore, Robb and Zelber. Time—2:31. Attendance 51,872.

Inspiring opening day brilliance, Jolting Jackie Robinson

The "California Comet," looms tonight (Thursday) as the newest and most spectacular satellite to blaze across the International League baseball heavens in a decade. For here this afternoon on the silken turf of Roosevelt Stadium his debut in the ranks of Organized Baseball was such a dazzling and spectacular performance that it left 25,000 roaring fans limp and bewildered as he led the Montreal Royals to a devastating 14 to 1 victory over the game, but outclassed Jersey City Giants. With the hopes of fourteen million Negroes resting on his big, broad shoulders, Jackie Robinson, the ex-college hero and pride of the famous Kansas City Monarchs, proved that "class tells in the stretch" as he paced Montreal's attack and led the Royals to their initial victory of the 1946 season before Mayor Frank Hague and a colorful opening day throng. Robinson entered the fray with a big question mark dangling over his brawny, curly head. Manager Ray Harpuder assigned him to second base, but there was no question to right. He scored his fourth run as Montreal's thirteenth marker in the eighth after crossing up the Jersey infield with a perfect bunt down the third base line. He moved to third on Tatum's infield hit, and scored a moment later when Oates batted. It was the second time during the game that he had scored from third on a balk, establishing some kind of record for an opening day game. In the meantime, his teammates were teeing off on Jersey City pitching. Red Durrett, late of the Brooklyn Dodgers, socked two circuit blows over the rightfield fence and Tatum and Stan Breard, flashy little shortstop, connected for three hits in five times at bat. Barney DeForge, cagey right hand pitcher, kept eight Jersey batters scattered, and if it hadn't been for Robbie's bad throw on double-play duty in the fifth, a Breard had hobbled one on a vicious change-up. The "Little Giant" scored his first run in the eighth.

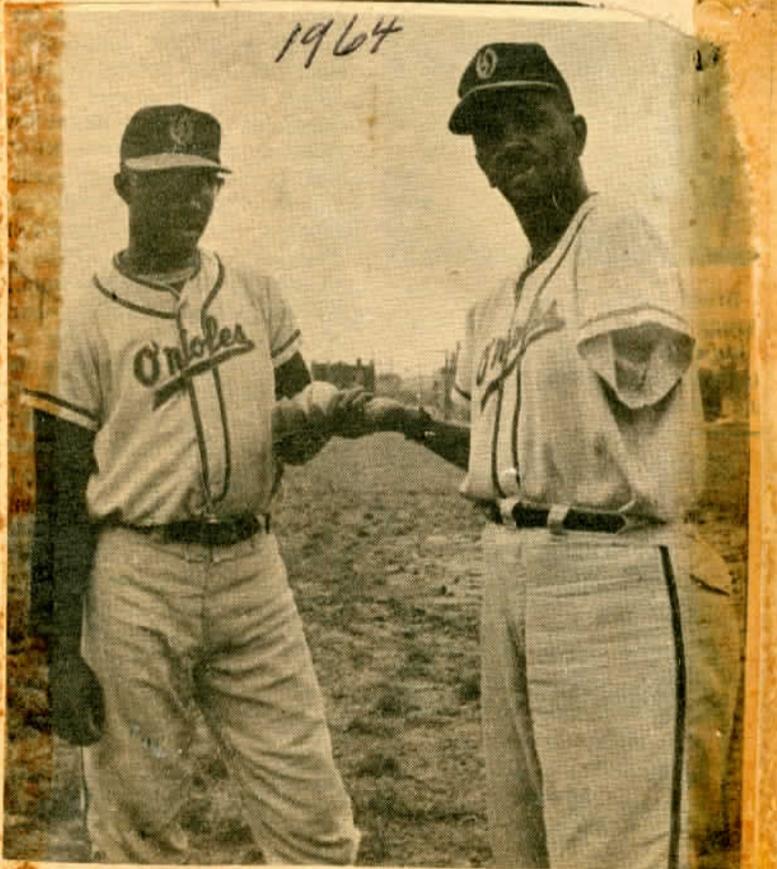


It was like a dream come true for Willie Mays, New York Giants star centerfielder, as he recalled before total owner Abraham Nathy and his writer in front of Adams house before the Giants Cardinals new game last Summer in Atlanta. Five years ago Willie was a young minor league ball on the Minneapolis Miller and dreaming of the day he would get his chance in the majors. Now he is one of the greatest center fielders in the game to day and could be the first Negro player to land in the Hall of Fame by 1976 or later. That if Willie could keep up his present pace for at least ten more years. Then it would take the selected group of men who have been members of the Baseball Writers Association of America for a least 10 years to decide on him.

Just last season the Writers committee added Joe DiMaggio, defensive outfielder and star for the Yankees to Cooperstown gallery. He made it in 20 years. He had 10 service years with the Bombers.

I pay high tribute to Joe DiMaggio as the greatest all around player since Ty Cobb, Tris Speaker and Babe Ruth, however, my money Willie Mays tops them all when it comes to field. Being no accidents and a little lady luck, Willie could make a centerfielding, plus his arm with the best in baseball. Mays failed to hit in his debut with the Giants. But Lippy Leo kept him in the line up, because before coming to the Polo Grounds the young fly chaser enjoyed one of the most productive two weeks at bat ever experienced in O.G. during his last Minneapolis season.

In 14 games the Miller really lagged opposing pitchers for 10 hits in 56 times at bat for a .179 pace Mays drove in 13 runs during the span and 13 of his bases were for extra bases, eight doubles, one triple and four home runs. Manager Theodore...



1964
BI-STATE CHAMPIONS! Manager Richard Fowler (right) led his St. Louis Orioles to a 17-4 mark and the Bi-State Championship. It marked another in a series of "first" for Fowler's aggregation. They became the first Negro team to win Ban Johnson and Mury League titles. The BiState Championship culminates a first year effort. Coach Roy Payne is at the left. Photo by Willie McKinney

1941 SPEED BALL DEMON DAVEY BARNSHILL

look very impressive, physically, along side of some of these more-powerfully-built Negro national league pitchers, weighing, as he does, around 150 pounds and measuring 5 feet 5 inches in height, but this little fellow has something-on-the-ball. As a result, he is being given serious consideration out East to appear in the East All Star lineup. By the way, the Negro All Star game will be played at Chicago, July 27. Davey Barnshill is a member of the famed Cuban Stars of Cuba, he is known as "Skinny" in some parts of the country. However, around this smokey town it's "IMPO". This season his first in the Negro National League, Davey Barnshill has proved the 1941 pitching sensation. "Skinny" is the smallest but throws the fastest ball in the loop. Barnshill is a strong young man, but his small appearance makes him look like a high school boy. That, incidentally, is one thing

he has to watch—his weight. The National League fans want to see pitcher in the National league, him burn the old apple over the plate, but they're also interested in seeing his poundage go up. The Negro National League at present is having one of its hottest races for the pennant. In the Eastern Loop are Homestead Grays, Newark Eagles, Baltimore Elite Giants, Cuban Stars, New York Black Yanks and Philadelphia Stars. At present the Pittsburgh Homestead Grays are lead-



SPECIAL Teannie Cincinnati Reds Baseball Scout—Former well known manager Frank "Teannie" Edwards of 5245 Northland, known for his activity in sandlot and semi-pro baseball, including 1 years at Tandy Park, is now big league baseball scout for the Cincinnati Reds, working the Greater St. Louis area and some parts of Illinois. In baseball over 48 years, he spent several seasons of pro ball in the Negro league. Teannie was a catcher and infielder. He has times with such other local stars as "Cool Papa" Charles Zomphier, Abe Dump, Sam Bennett, Gler Dixon and Doc Bracken. Teannie organized numerous amateur base ball leagues and was proud of major leagues such as Elston Howard, Luke Easter and Sam Jet ro, who got their start on his farms.

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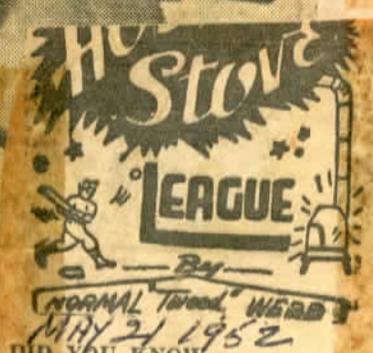
Dear Friend Webb:

Well the reason I am just writing you is that I am now just able to rest a little from my battle of New York. I keep up with the doings of my friends back home through the columns of the Argus and I must say you are carrying on well.

I was especially glad to see the announcement of the East-West game. Sammy Jethroe and I were discussing it the other day and he said without a doubt, it certainly served him as a stepping stone to the big leagues.

By the way, I am writing an exclusive story on Jethroe as told by him. What I would like for you to do is to look through your scrap book and jot down what notes you have on him in East St. Louis and mail them to me as soon as possible.

Yours Sincerely



SAN ANTONIO WANTS TOP BALL PLAYERS

From the wide open spaces San Antonio, Texas, Negro baseball leaders are making preparation for the opening of their season in April, are in full swing as officials and players seek the key to a successful year. Secretary Sercy Flowers stated last week in a letter that Greer All Star baseball club is in the market for outstanding local baseball players and also good bookings. From all reports semi-pro baseball in the lone star state is due for a definite boom this year. Here is part of the letter this office received. Mr. Webb:

This is to inform you that we have received a copy of the St. Louis Argus, and we would like to congratulate the sports page on its edition. We are writing and when I say we, I mean that Mr. Lonnie Greer, owner; Sherman Shaw playing manager (we know); Sercy Flowers, secretary, would appreciate it highly if you would give San Antonio its first semi-pro Negro baseball club, and would appreciate any help you can give us by having various clubs around St. Louis write us at the below address. If you know of any good players available and would like to play with us, please have them write us at once. Thanking you in advance for your cooperation.

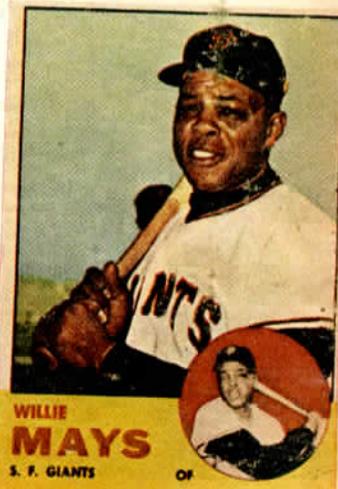
Cordially yours,
Sercy Flowers, Secy.
Greer All Star Baseball Club

There is apt to be some argument on the subject, but at the University of California at Los Angeles, they were saying around 1941 that Jackie Robinson was a pretty good boxer. Some close observers are inclined to doubt that Jackie's background in college boxing circles was tops. It was in the fall of 1941 that this column wrote about Jackie Robinson when his name meant nothing to baseball fans. Here is a reprint that appeared 12 years ago by this writer.

"Jackie Robinson, fleet-footed 120 pound Negro half back, with the University of California, Los Angeles, Calif., is touted as a successor to Joe Louis—if the grid star would turn to the boxing game. Jackie is said to show all of the natural qualifications of a fighter in gymnasium workouts. He has other plans, however."

Write or call Normal Webb, P.O. 6304—4574 Enright.

1963



WILLIE MAYS
S. F. GIANTS

Greatest Catcher

LAKE FOREST, ILL. (AP)—Hall of Famer Mickey Cochrane, a competitor of the Ty Cobb mold and perhaps the greatest catcher in baseball history, died Thursday after a long illness.

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caught Schoolboy Rowe through a record equaling 16 straight victories and batted .320 as the Tigers won their first pennant in 25 years. Cochrane was selected as the American League's most valuable player.

Detroit lost the world series to Dizzy Dean and the St. Louis Cardinals' Gashouse Gang. But the next year, Cochrane again guided the Tigers to a pennant. This time they beat the Chicago Cubs for the world championship.

Cochrane's death, ironically, followed by about a year the deaths of Cobb and Rowe.

Black Mike, as Gordon Stanley Cochrane was often called, played 13 seasons in the majors with the Athletics and Tigers. He had a .320 lifetime batting average and it was said he had no equal as a mechanical catcher.

His playing career was cut short by a skull fracture sustained in a game with the Athletics in 1927.

The dispute in the Cotton States league over the use of Negro players by the Hot Springs team emphasizes again that some backward states will still rate the color of an individual's skin over ability.

The New York Giants out of Monte Irvin, Willie Mays, Hank Thompson was the first Negro out field ever to see on on a major league team. Though Doby, Simpson and Negro were on the Cleveland team at the same time.

MICKEY COCHRANE

manager's skull. For many days Cochrane was close to death. But he recovered and guided the Tigers as a non-playing pitcher.

Jack Kravick, who played for the Detroit Tigers, said he had no equal as a mechanical catcher. He said that Cochrane was the best catcher he ever saw.

Kansas City's Vic Powers and Elston Howard are still starting in the American Association. Howard started his baseball career at Grand and Market on Annie Edwards' St. Louis Blue

Toothpick Jones's No-Hitter First for Cubs in 40 Years

CHICAGO, May 13 (UP)—Toothpick Sam Jones, the first no-hit hurler in major league history, believed today he will move his family to Chicago because his job pitching for the Cubs might last for the full 1955 season.

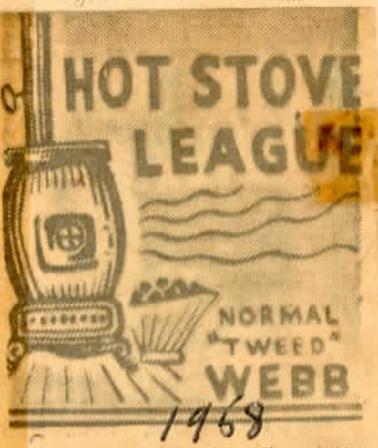
Jones's morale, and sense of security, got its boost yesterday when he threw the first no-hit no-run game for the Cubs in nearly 40 years, ending the Pittsburgh Pirate 4-0 on a sizzling and dramatic 11th-inning finish.

Jones walked the first three batters in the ninth and twice Manager Stan Hack went to the mound to tell him to "get the ball over the plate."

Then he settled down and struck out Dick Groat on three called strikes. Bob Clement took two strikes, fouled off two pitches and then swung and missed a curve ball. The last batter, Frank Thomas, missed two pitches, took a ball, and then broke his swing on the next pitch, a curve, and was called out on strikes to end the game.

"I didn't know I had a chance at a no-hitter until Thomas came up there," Jones said. "Then the crowd yelled so loud when I threw the first pitch to him, I knew there must be something. So I looked around and they hadn't got any hits yet."

Three in Semi-Pros. "It was the best game I ever pitched," he said. "I had three no hitters in semi-pro ball in Rochester, and a one-hitter in the minors, but none of them were very good. I was better than in that two-hitter against



Before receiving a fine letter from the National Umpires Association which was sent to this writer, I had a lead for this week's column turning over in mind I desire to express my deep appreciation of Mr. Charles Zomphier, commissioner of Umpires, kind courtesy, as I thoroughly enjoy reading about their doings and failure to hear from this fine organization, annually, seemed like a distinct loss.

Let's salute this week, Charles Zomphier, National Umpire Association for a job well done down through the years, 1940-1960. This umpiring staff has compiled an unsurpassed record of service in semi-pro and sandlot baseball.

Zomphier has been a great aid in the success of developing young umpires around these parts.

Charles Zomphier, classed as one of the best second basemen to play in or around St. Louis, has played every sport in the field of athletics: doing them all well. He played with the St. Louis Stars, Detroit Stars, Cuban Stars and the Cleveland Elite Giants. Some of the others with whom he has played are: Scullin's Steel, Royal Giants, Pyramids, and the East St. Louis Giants. He was a good hitter; his lifetime batting average is around .340.

Besides playing baseball and umpiring, Charles has been a big wheel in Basketball, Softball and in 1950 he helped to organize the old time players and fans association, which is now a memory.



Those Barber Shop Baseball Arguments and Betting Gets More Reporters in Trouble Than Perhaps Any Sport.

Time and again some one writes a letter asking is this person or that team the "first to do this or that and before the ink is good and dry there are telephone calls coming to this desk saying the story errs as this or that person did thus or so "years and years ago."

This week let's clear up a few things that happen a few years ago in local baseball, that have put this writer on the spot. However, I think that I have got all the answers this week for my fan mail. First on the list we will clear up the Argus Annual East-West game debate. Since 1932 our East-West All-star game has been No. 1 attraction for local fans. So far the East ends dominate nine games to seven; however the West side boys have won in the last three years.

After the disbanding of the St. Louis famous Negro National League Champions in 1931 amateur baseball got its first real chance to take the front ranks. It was in the year of 1932 over 5000 yelling fans crowded around Compton park to witness the best amateur game ever played in this city between the Pullmans and Compton Hill Cubs. In the ninth, hits by Louis Stone and Lefty Vincent gave the Pullmans a 1-0 victory. Here's another, Sportsman Park lifted its Jim Crow section seats in 1944 during the war years. In 1946 Luke Easter played with the Cincinnati Crescents, where he hit 59 home runs in 126 games. He hit a home run last week in spring training for the Cleveland Indians. Tuesday night, July 2, 1946, over 20,000 fans saw the Homestead Grays trounce the Cleveland Buckeyes 12-2 here. That was the night the game was held up for one hour and 38 minutes due to the heavy down-pour of rain. The late Josh Gibson's 420-foot homer featured the contest.

Here is a hot one for the old Grand-Market fans: In 1940 Lemuel Graham, Eagles' speeding centerfielder stole 35 bases in the Dust Bowl-league. Graham was known as Flash and in the year of 1931 the former Vashon High football and track star once ran the 100 yards in 9.8. This lad was a fine ball player.

In the 1940 All-Star game here Jammy Jethroe led the onslaught on West pitchers with a homer, two doubles and a single. The ex-East St. Louis Colts' star was a catcher then. Willard Brown and Henry Thompson signed their Brownie contracts on Thursday, July 17, 1947. When Thompson

Yankees Sign Slugger From Prison Team

McALESTER, Okla., June 3 (UP)—Negro convict Billy Joe Moore was embarked on a 60-day trial period today which, if successful, can win him his freedom from the Oklahoma state prison and a spot with the New York Yankees.

The Oklahoma pardon and parole board granted the 220-pound slugger, who has been batting .405, a 60-day leave from a five-year burglary sentence.

Yankee Scout Tom Greenwade, who helped Moore get the release, said the 24-year-old first baseman is headed straight for the big leagues.

Moore boarded a train here yesterday for an undisclosed C club in the Yankee organization. Greenwade said the team's name will be kept secret so fans will not know, for the present, at least, of Moore's past. He said Moore may play under an assumed name.

Greenwade, the same scout who signed Yankee Outfielder Mickey Mantle, said he expected Moore to reach the Class AAA field next year.

Prison Warden Jerome Waters said Moore's 60-day leave is expected to be extended, if all goes well, until Moore's scheduled release from prison May 25, 1955.

Moore, who also has starred in boxing, basketball and football since his arrival at the Oklahoma prison, drew Yankee attention by his batting performance with the prison team.

In 22 games this year, the six-foot-two Clinton, Okla., Negro has clubbed 11 homers, batted in 34 runs and built up a .405 average.

Prison coaches describe him as a clean-living youth who doesn't smoke or drink and always is in good condition.

Greenwade said Moore was signed for \$250 per month and has been promised an off-season job.

Negro League Still Producing Top Players

1952

CHICAGO (ANP)—Some great shortstops have been developed in Negro baseball over the past years, including such outstanding guardians of that position as John Henry Lloyd, considered by many as the peer; Dick Lundy, Jake Stevens, Dick Wallace, Billy Wells, Doble Moore, Magnum Clark, Pudgy Hutchinson, Bobby Williams, Arvil Riggins and Gerard Williams.

In the past 15 years such top shortstops as Tommy Butts, formerly with the Baltimore Elite Giants; Jess (Hoss) Walker, Elite Giants; Artie Wilson, Birmingham Black Barons; Frankie Austin, Philadelphia Stars; Jackie Robinson, Ernie Banks, and Gene Baker, Kansas City Monarchs, have won the accolades of baseball fans.

Robinson is now playing left field for the Brooklyn Dodgers, and Banks and Baker are with the Chicago Cubs, forming the only Negro second base combination in the major leagues.

The Indianapolis Clowns uncovered Henry Aaron two years ago, developed him into a good shortstop, and then sold him to the Milwaukee Braves, where he's now playing right field.

Those boys made names for themselves with their fiery fielding and timely hitting. But if expert opinion means anything, then the finest crop of young shortstops ever to cavort at the position are now in training with teams in the Negro American League.

Take the case of the Kansas City Monarchs, a club that has developed more top shortstops in the past 20 years than any other team has come up with another youngster, and Manager Buck O'Neil, who developed Baker and Banks, is singing his praise. The youngster is Vic Thompson, 20-year-old Chicagoan.

Thompson has been sensational with his fielding and hitting in spring training and the exhibition games. This youngster, who hits the scales at 178 and stands six feet in height, has definitely caused O'Neil to believe the Monarchs have found a player to fill the shoes of Banks who was sold last summer.

Wells, manager of the Birmingham Black Barons, was riled up when he was playing with the St. Louis Stars and Newark Eagles. In the early days of the ring training at Nashville Wells kept his eyes focused on the Daniel who has been hitting and hitting in a manner reminiscent of the hey days of Baron pilot.

Manager Oscar Charleston of Indianapolis Clowns should have a good shortstop when he signs one. Oscar has been watching them for 40 years. Right now he is shouting the praise of Orlando Lugo, a flashy little Cuban who definitely reminds the man-



HATS OFF TO BOB TRICE

Mark down the name of Bob Trice, he may be the Bobby Feller of the future. Trice, a 25-year old, and first Negro player to perform for a Philadelphia team, startled the baseball world last week when he shut out the mighty New York Yankees 1-0. Yes, he handcuffed the Bronx Bombers.

The 6-foot, three-inch right-hander was a top star in the international league last year owning a record of 21 victories and 10 losses. He was named the most valuable player.

In 1950 he signed a class C ball contract and in 1952 he was traded to St. Hyacinthe, the Athletics' far team and last year with Ottawa triple A ball. However, he started in baseball with the Homestead Grays and at one time was a roommate of our own Luke Easter.

Trice's appearance should be a boost for the box office in a city with a large Negro population. As of now whenever Bob pitches among the cash customers of whom about one-half was colored.

Here is a run-down on Trice for the many local Negro fans who were surprised to find out Bob is colored: Age 25, 190 pounds, bats and throws right handed; born in Newton, Georgia, now makes his home near Cumberland, West Virginia, and attended high school at nearby Weirton.

Write or call FO. 7-6304-4574 Enright—Normal Webb.

LETTER TO
BUCKNER 1963

... of John D. Buckner's
... on to the Tandy Athletic
... on is certainly a shock
... local baseball players I
... o, this week, let's read
... lar demand, an open let-
... by Police Captain Thom-
... Brooks to Mr. Buckner.

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... to a few other sports of-

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... started working together, or
... er serving youth together. I
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... and especially the juvenile
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... d curb juvenile delinquency
... stop the teen age gang war.

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... mable demonstration of what
... the person who devotes himself
... enthusiastically to an ideal can
... accomplish within a short span of
... years. Your name John Buckner
... is indelibly written in the hearts
... of men as a savior of them when
... they were boys, in your class
... room and on the athletic field.

... I can safely say that although
... many men contributed to the bet-
... terment of under privileged youth,
... that you more than any one per-
... son have made the greatest out-
... standing contribution. Now the
... time has come when you are pass-
... ing the working tools into other
... hands and I for one regret that
... you have made this decision.

... You have blazed a path for
... others to follow, you have given
... the standards to which others
... must aspire, you have given a
... demonstration of devotion, zeal,
... energy and consecration to a
... great cause.

... John as you make this decision,
... you take with you the affection-
... ate regards of all of those with
... whom you have associated in the
... Tandy Athletic Association, and
... the admiration and esteem of
... many, hundreds of citizens
... around Tandy Park. More than
... that, you take with you a remem-
... brance of service rendered to
... youth of this city which is be-
... yond my power to express in this
... letter.

... May your life continue to be
... filled with happiness, and may
... you continue to enjoy the bless-
... ings which flow as the reward
... from a life of service and devo-
... tion.

Thomas E. Brooks

Maris



'Greatest Day Of My Life,' Says Slugger

NEW YORK, (AP)—Roger Maris
hit his sixty-first home run in
the New York Yankees' last
game Sunday, setting a major
league record for a 162-game
season and clinching a 1-0 vic-
tory over Boston.

Under an edict of commis-
sioner Ford Frick, Babe Ruth's
record of 60, set in 1927, still
stands as the high for a 154-
game season.

When Maris slammed a 2-0
fourth-inning pitch by Boston
rookie Tracy Stallard into the
lower stands in right field, about
360 feet from the plate, a Yankee
stadium crowd of 23,154 broke
into a frenzied ovation. After he
tipped his hat and ducked into
the dugout, Maris was pushed
out on the field by his team-
mates to take the first

... IRVING VINCENT, was a
... pitcher. As an all-round
... player, power hitter and in-
... tional fielder he went down
... Tandy baseball as the best
... pitcher of all time. Not even
... old timers will dispute
... claim.

... Beginning with his short-pa-
... diamond days on the sidewalks
... the West End and ending with
... his peak years as a left hand
... pitcher of a Pullman team, which
... many critics call the greatest
... Colored Munny Team of all time,
... your author apparently includes
... every available noteworthy in-
... cident in the meteoric career of
... the gentleman known as IRVING.

... The late lefty Norfolk, a sen-
... sation with Compton Hill Cubs in
... 1932, hooked up in a great duel
... with lefty IRVING VINCENT and
... lost 1 to 0. A masterpiece that has
... never been duplicated developed
... in that birth of the true home
... town "EAST-WEST CLASSIC"
... saw the mighty Pullmans win.
... Vincent had the hairline edge of
... 13 strikeouts to 14—allowing only
... one hit.

... Among my records I find it
... was Vincent playing the one-man
... show in the winning run. Not
... show that delivered the hit which
... drove in the winning run. Not
... once but twice, did Vincent win
... that game for he had to bat over
... and do it again. The first blow
... scooted so close to the first base
... line that umpires could not be sure
... whether it was fair or foul. They
... decided the heated dispute be-
... tween the opponents by making
... Vincent bat over, and let us re-
... view the game on his second time
... at bat. Let us go back some
... years ago.

... Remember it's the 7th inning
... with a scoreless tie, 0 to 0. Lefty
... Norfoks on the mound is wind-
... ing up Vincent, watching the

Vic Powers Wins Plenty Of Praise From Pilots In American Association

KANSAS CITY — American As-
sociation baseball managers,
most of them former Negro
leaguers, are tossing bouquets at
Vic Power, the 21-year-old in-
fielder-outfielder of the Kansas City
Blues

Power, the first Negro to wear
a Kansas City uniform in history,
will be one of several Negro
players in the AA not only bid-
ding for a major league job but
right now with three weeks of
the campaign in the record books
he appears to be a contender for
"rookie of the year" laurels.

CURED OF INJURIES
Completely cured of injuries
which struck him last season at
Syracuse, Power is hitting in the
cleanup spot for Manager George
Selkirk's crew. The former New
York Yankee outfielder likes what
he sees in Power who hits a
long ball, can throw and run.

Selkirk's main problem is pick-
ing the right spot on the diamond

Negro to wear a Yankee uniform.
He's toiling at third base at pre-
sent, but can move to the out-
field or first base and be right
at home.

Power hails from Arecibo,
Puerto Rico where he broke into
baseball. For the last two years
he's been one of the stars in the
Puerto league. At 17 he was ready
to step into a regular job as a
first baseman in the Canadian
league where he hit over .300
each season. The Blues purchased
him from Drummondville in 1950
after he hit .334 and drove in
105 runs, and optioned him to
Syracuse for the 1951 season. He
hit .296 for Syracuse.

Power admits he couldn't speak
English until he entered high
school. He appears to have con-
fidence in his ability and has
taken a liking to the hot corner
spot. Selkirk first tried him in
the outfield to solve a problem,
then when he needed a third
sacker he moved Power into the

Power has responded with a
.326 batting average and leads in
the league in RBI's with 22. He's
in a two-way tie for the most
number of base hits—30—and is
tied for the lead in triples with
four.

Lula Marquez, who rode the
bench for the Boston Braves,
leads the league in hitting as a
Milwaukee Brewer. Marquez is
hitting .379

Five Negro aces are batting
over the 300 mark and Edmundo
Amoros, the St. Paul fly chaser,
is just under the mark. Ray Dan-
dridge is hitting .326 for Minnea-
polis and Bob Wilson, St. Paul
third baseman rests at .325 Willie

Willie
infield
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**CALLED OUT BY
THE GREAT UMPIRE**
Drape the flag of baseball to
half mast, another ex-player was
called out by The Great Umpire.

The sudden death of PAT
HARRISON, who in the early
Twenties was one of Tandy Park's
hustling third sackers and a
house-painter by trade, was a
shock to us all. It had been my
pleasure to see him in front of his
home (4948 St. Louis Ave.), about
a month ago and we talked about
the old Simmons school days
baseball. Final rites were held
Sunday from Herman J. Smith's
Funeral Home, 4247 West Laba-
die avenue.

Pat, who with the St. Louis
Black Sox, was a 1923-24 team-
mate of such youngsters as John
Brown, (Blood) Smith, Eddie
Walls and yours truly, was
noted for his clutch hitting.

Harrison was a good-natured
person. He came from a baseball
pitching family. There were three
brothers: Earl "Rattler," sensa-
tional with the old East St. Louis
Giants and Uncle Tony, spit-ball
artist. Both righthanders died
years ago.

Gone, but not forgotten, and
such people as Pat will always
parade through this column.
Many other brilliant local base-
ball players have passed as we
turn back the pages of yester-
year: Joe Hewitt, Dan Kennard,
Heine Howard, Jessie "Blaylock,"
Dean Terry, Pete Fields, Bud Ter-
ry, Voris Dickerson, Put Cannon,
Jerome Henderson, Richard Ed-
wards, Buddy Nunn, Joe Eseen,
John Moss, Chas. Walker and so
many more have faded from the
sports world into oblivion.

Volumes can't tell the full story
of those e-greats, but some-
times a brief column can bring
back to the old fans the thrills
of long-gone days and the greats
who played on the sandlot or the
old St. Louis Stars' park.

Well, the old ball games must
go on, so The Great Umpire can
brush off some plates for the next
hitter—batter-up!

For local baseball, write to—
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Normal (Tweed) Webb.

able to play real base. All time
and again they have competed
against white major league play-
ers advantageously. I have heard
of Negro ball clubs playing
against white teams composed of
one or two major league play-
ers, but it is not possible to get
a very accurate estimation of
the comparative abilities of white
and colored players under such
conditions.

Some years ago I had the
privilege and pleasure of play-
ing an entire major league club
against Negro players. It was in
Washington. I played the entire
Washington club under the name
of "Joe Judge All Stars" against
a colored major league club (The
Brooklyn Royal Giants), booking
the game as "The World Series."

SERIES ENDED IN DEADLOCK

Washington had a cracker-jack
club that year. The following
year they won the American
League pennant. The teams were
scheduled to play five games
but only four games were play-
ed. The scores were close and
each team won two games.

The colored club was ahead
in the fourth inning of the final
game. Their pitcher was going
well and indications were that
they would win the series. But
... (Brover) couldn't take it and
started a fight with the umpire
when called out on a close play,
and the game was called off.
That was the first, last and only
time that I recall when white
and colored major league teams
competed, but that one time was
sufficient to disprove the state-
ment of Mr. Zeller.

Finally, Mr. Zeller has the
right to his opinion. I have the
right to mine. No doubt the pub-
lic, too, is divided in its opinion.
This gives us an excellent oppor-
tunity to clarify the matter. The
Tigers will scarcely win the pen-
nant in the American League
this year.

Consequently, they will be
available for a post-season game
against a colored club that I
will produce.

To make the matter interest-
ing to the players it may be ar-
ranged for the white players to
be paid, but the Negro players
and I as promoter will get a cut
for the USO or for any other
cause that the Detroit daily
newspapers might suggest. Let
us have this post-season game
for the benefit of the USO or
any other worthy cause.

Very truly yours,
John R. Williams, Editor
Detroit Edition
Pittsburgh Courier.

What A Difference Ten Years Makes 1963

A Davy Crockett "Coonskin"
cap salesman might have had a
profitless afternoon, but major
league baseball talent scouts,
looking for another good, slug-
ging pitcher like Big Don New-
combe, would have considered
their time well spent, watching
last Sunday's Chicago's East
West Classic which has been a
proving ground for Negro league
players who have advanced into
organized baseball, including our
own New York Yankees', Elston
Howard.

Cardinal Scout Quincy Troupe
predicts a few of the performers
in this year's classic will follow
in the footsteps of Jackie Robin-
son, and Roy Campanella. It was
ten years ago that these two
stars were just two real good
Negro ball players and many
fans around the country heard
or seen very little of them. They
played in the East West game
and returned to their respective
teams in the Negro loop. No one
in that crowd of 36,000 fans
who saw them play at Comiskey
park in 1945 ever thought Jackie
or Roy would ever be in organ-
ized baseball and have a chance
to crash the Major leagues. Nor
did the players themselves.

Campanella banged out two
lusty hits in five trips to the
plate for the East. Robinson
played shortstop for the West.
Although he failed to get a hit
in five times he did a great job
in the field, however with the
Kansas City Monarchs he wasn't
considered a regular. The next
year Jackie was the sensation of
the international league and was
known by millions of fans.

The Jackie Robinson story will
be told even 110 years from to-
day. Baseball today has no poli-
tics in playing. There's no dis-
crimination against anyone, Cu-
ban, Porta Rican or Negro. Eith-
er you have it or you don't
these players have the ability
they will make the grade.

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Old Timers Hold First Meeting

The Old Timers Baseball Players and Fans Association, held their annual re-organization and election meeting last week at the home of Sylvester Mitchell. The association is planning a busy season which will be capped by their annual Old Timers' ball game and picnic on the third Sunday of July. The officers elected were: Charles Zomphier, president; Alonzo Hereford, vice president; Dean Terry, secretary; Sam Brown, treasurer; W. Terry, C. Zomphier, A. Hereford, W. Boswell, Sam Brown; 2nd row, D. Bordeaux, Charleston, T. Butler; back row, C. Twine, H. Belgier, W. Coker, C. Foster, and



Time Players and Fans Association members, reading left to right on front row, W. Terry, C. Zomphier, A. Hereford, W. Boswell, Sam Brown; 2nd row, D. Bordeaux, Charleston, T. Butler; back row, C. Twine, H. Belgier, W. Coker, C. Foster, and



By Normal "Tweed" Webb

In the heat of the Red-Hot world series, at this writing the championship play is going into it's fifth game. Maybe by the time this reaches your eyes the hands of fate or percentage will have caught up with my Dodgers, led by the most underrated Charlie Neal.

However, I am pulling for my boy Alphonse Smith for a great world series, win or lose. All together now, fans: C'mon, Al Smith-beat 'em Dodgers. Look's like I am pulling for both sides. Very frequently during the world series there arrives at this corner many questions about the Chicago White Sox's Al Smith's sandlot days. Indeed for versatility and adaptability Kirkwood has never had an athlete like the former Douglass High School flash.

"Tweed, when did Al Smith play in the Tandy League and what team?"

15 yrs. ago when Al Smith played for manager McDuff McCrary's Scullin Steel Mules in the Tandy League he was a shortstopper. He played soft ball in his early teens around greater St. Louis. Other star Scullin players were John Brown, Red Gonder, "Butch" Thurman, William Boswell, Lefty Pollard and Dickey. This was during the last year of world war II that Scullin featured this line up.

Most fans around St. Louis have known of Al coming up in the minors but relatively few Tandy fans can recognize the name in the old ville ball yard. It was during the war only that he had a brief Tandy League record.

The 31 year old outfielder was the youngest of 12 children born to Mrs. Inez Smith who died at the age of 83 in Kirkwood in 1958. His father died when he was just six. The Smith's are Kirkwood's most famous family these fall days.

Last week, Monroe Harrison, former heavy-weight and Joe Louis', sparemate and Pine St. YMCA boxing instructor told this writer that when Smith was 14 he started boxing and later won the 160 pound title in the golden gloves and the Ozark tournament, but that failed to lure him into pro-boxing. Harrison then said it was a good thing he turned down boxing. He also had bids to play pro-basketball and football in the late 40's.

After playing in the two world series and being a 4th ant nitter in the clutch, it's a figure

Baseball's Who's Who, we find the members were active in various ways with certain baseball teams. Charles Zomphier, classed as one of the best second basemen to play in or around St. Louis, played with the St. Louis Royal Giants, St. Louis American Giants, St. Louis Pyramids, East St. Louis Giants, Grand Rapids Brownie Oilers, Peoples Burial league, Pullmans, Cleveland Elites, Detroit Stars, St. Louis Stars, Scullin Steel and Cuban Stars. It is believed that his life time batting average was somewhere around .340, as he was a good hitter.

Zomphier is now commissioner of the National Umpires association, and president of the Old Timers. In the past he set up and ran the WPA softball league and worked with young players all his life.

Dean Terry, whom most people refer to when they have a hard baseball problem, is the walking Baseball Dictionary. He played ball with Union Electric, 20th Ward Democrats, Harper Potter Roofers, Denver White Elephants, Scullin Steel, and others. Terry recently won \$100 on a baseball quiz program. He was a first baseman and pitcher of note and is believed to have a life time batting average of over .320.

Terry Butler, better known as "Stock," was a good third baseman around Tandy park in the days gone by. He played with Union Electric and the 20th Ward Democrats. His son is now pitching with Scullin Steel in the Sunday league and is a brilliant prospect. Terry is believed to have had a life time batting mark of .240.

Alonzo Hereford, better known as Blinky, was one of the better catchers around the Tandy loop as he played with Union Electric, H. P. Roofers, Berg's Market, Powell Grocery, Mo Alligators, and Sumner High. Blinky is believed to have finished with a life time batting mark of .235.

Richmond Smith, a classy infielder, played with Sumner High, St. Louis Grays, St. Louis Brown Stars, St. Louis Red Sox, Peoples Burial league, St. Louis Macks, St. Louis Cubs and Smith All-Stars. Smith is believed to have a life time batting mark of .260.

Luther "Chip" Lane, one of the top hitters ever to pull on a uni-

form around Tandy park, played with the Pullmans and Sumner. His life time batting mark is believed to be around .350.

Fred Burton was a good hurler in the days gone by and was associated with such teams as Union Electric, Sumner Stars and St. Louis Red Sox.

William "Ducky" Boswell, who is now the manager of Scullin Steel baseball team in the Tandy league, is employed in the Athletic Department at Scullin, member of the Pine Street "Y" physical board and a big help to all youngsters in the juvenile and junior leagues. Boswell was one of the brilliant catchers around St. Louis and played with such teams as Sumner High, Sumner Stars, Broomer Tailors, Pullman, East St. Louis Giants, Memphis Red Sox, All Nations Malvern Iowa, East St. Lou. Colts, H. P. Roofers, Scullin Steel and others.

Sam Brown was formerly a catcher with H. P. Roofers, St. Louis Macks, Pullmans, and others. Brown was one of the better hitting catchers and always on his toes. His life time batting mark is believed to be around .310.

Caftler Foster and Ambrose Charleston were among the good fans and played a little baseball around the old dust bowl at Tandy park.

Willie Coker is known as the number one fan around Tandy park and only sickness would keep Willie away from a ball game at the Old Ville ball yard. If you are ever around Tandy attending one of the games and hear a heavy voice break through the silent air riding one of the players, you can bet that Willie Coker is the person that sent it. A good natured person, Willie gets a thrill out of every play made and his teaching players is only to help them obtain the most valuable of all their baseball knowledge, sportsmanship. Willie has seen thousands of players come and go in the old Tandy loop and all of them have become his friends.

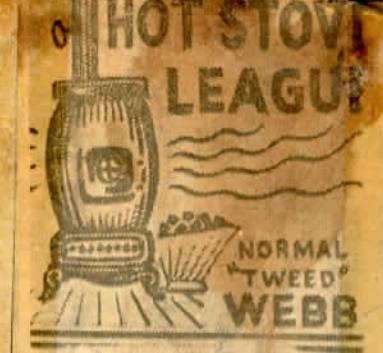
Don't forget, the Old Timers will have a big day July 16 at Tandy—plan to bring the family out and meet these greats of yesteryear.

NEXT WEEK: How the Old Timers helped a polio victim overcome his handicaps and play ball.

Mike Jones Beaten

The undefeated Garrison Chiefs scored five runs in four innings against Mike Jones last night and went on to defeat the Art's Leopards team, 7-5, in a baseball exhibition at Ballwin. Jones, 15-year-old who has been pitching exhibitions for the benefit of major league scouts, was touched for two hits, including a double, struck out three and walked three. He also committed two balks.

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DRAPE THE FLAG OF LOCAL BASEBALL

The death of THEODES LYLES was a blow to the Tandy League last week. His passing marked another era in the colorful fascinating history of local sandlot baseball. It's a game that will live as long as this great nation survives but none of them will work any harder to build a ball club during the cold winter months than he did.

Mr. Lyles was born March 15, 1912 in Altheimer, Ark., and on July 17, 1964, he was united in marriage to Sarah Reeves. To this wedlock was born a son, Thomas and an acceptance of a stepson, Lionel McMorris. During his childhood, he was always fond of sports, mainly baseball. After serving in the United States Army during World War II in the South Pacific as technical sergeant. He enrolled in Missouri Valley Trade Veterans School and in 1949, Lyles entered a young team in the Tandy League known as the MVVTS Dodgers with Coach James Williams.

The rise of the Dodgers in 12 years at the Old Ville ball-yard and in the Metropolitan League during the last three years, reads like a fairy tale for the energetic sponsor and manager. It is one of the Cinderella stories that makes for good reading.

During the first year, the Dodgers lost one-sided 14 games and 6 more in 1950 before winning their first game on July 4, defeating Manager Gibbie Meeks' Giants, 17-9.

He guided his Tandy teams to three pennants and won the championship in the Metropolitan loop last year. Up to date, his record in the Tandy League is 100 wins and 64 defeats.

Down through the years Lyles had to hustle baseball equipment during the old winter days and trying to round up a little sponsorship. He has spent a lot of his own money trying to help youngsters in sandlot ball.

The story of his rise from dusty sandlots, in Poplar Bluff, Mo., to the ownership to one of the greatest teams in Muny baseball reads like a saga penned by a writer whose sense of imagination surpassed his logic.

Theodes Lyles, during the last years, played part-time as an outfielder and pinch hitter. He played the game for keeps. He gave no quarter and asked no quarter. His ball club, the Dodgers, came first. Everything else was secondary. That's probably why he was able to build a great team.

Down through the years, between 1953 and '60, the Tandy fans would line up the sidelines to watch the traditional rivalry between the Dodgers and Manager Teannie Edwards' Braves.

May his soul rest in peace, and all the fans look to the Dodgers to march onward with the same spirit and optimism that dominated the life of their late leader.



1948 By NORMAL WEBB

Those barber shop basebatters and bettings get reporters in trouble than pe any other sport. Time and some one writes a letter as is this person or that tear "First" to do this or that before the ink is good and dry are telephone calls coming this desk sayin gthe story er this or that person did thus on "years ago."

First on the list we will c up the Luke Easter argument a popular Leffingwell avenue ber shop. The 1946, big Luke Easter did hit 59 home runs in se pro baseball with the Cincinnati Crescents in 126 games this the great Babe Ruth's home record.

Next week this column feature Easter's rise to big lea stardom from the old Grand Market "Dust Bowl" sandlot mond.

Here's a "hot one" from a say game recently at Fairgro Park; runner on third base, out, count of one strike and ball on batter. The next pitch called a ball. As catcher ma return throw, the ball hit the of the boy standing waiting tionless in the batter's box was defected along the field foul line. Runner on the scored the winning run as the fensive team protested. thought the ball was dead a the runner could not advan What is the ruling? — Fran E. Smith.

You stated the player was tionless in the batter's box, as the rule book said that as lo as there was no interference part of the batter the ball wo be in play and the runner co advance at his own risk. The fore, the run would count. It's tough way to lose a ball ga Francis.

For local baseball news write 4574 Enright or call FO. 7- Normal "Tweed" Webb.

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WILLIE MAYS
outfield NEW YORK GIANTS



Willie Mays

Jim Pendleton's Scores Grammas, Sends Braves After Umpires

By HARRY MITAUER

The third Cardinal-Milwaukee marathon game came to a sudden but stormy end yesterday at Busch Stadium as the Birds tripped the Braves, 7 to 6, in 12 innings when Left Fielder Jim Pendleton dropped Red Schoendienst's easy fly ball.



The boot came with three men on base and two out and enabled Alex Grammas to come home with the winning run.

There was a moment of confusion at the time Pendleton dropped the ball. The Red Bird froze in their tracks and the Braves started to trot off the field, but Umpire Al Barlick finally signaled "safe" and the action started.

Grammas made his dash for home and Umpires Augie Donatelli, Lee Ballanfant, Barlick and Lon Warneke were rushed to angry Braves.

16,684 PLEASED FANS

The Braves contended that Pendleton had held the ball long enough to make a legal catch, and had dropped it as he started a throw on his way to the bench. But the umpires, as usual, ruled the last word. They ruled Pendleton didn't hold the ball long enough. And their ruling no doubt pleased 16,684 cash customers who were on hand to see the Birds claim their fifth victory in 10 games.



FOWLER, MANAGER OF THE YEAR

Team spirit is one of the big factors in the molding of a successful baseball team. Because of its manager, Richard Fowler, the St. Louis Orioles of the St. Louis Muny Association, is looked on as one of the outstanding teams in the city.

The Orioles have won the championship during the last two seasons. However, it isn't because of any individual star or stars that the Orioles are placed among the best in the city. It's because the club, led by Fowler, called the manager of the year by this writer—has been powered by a spirited drive to win.

The Orioles' roster: Harry Jackson, Terry Davis, Ray Tollner, Jim Johnson, Bob Adams, Herbert Wells, Paul Wright, Syl Caldwell, Roy Payne, Joe Lewis, Tom Hamilton, Gilbert Wayne, Leroy Townsend, Clarence Cook, Bob Gipsson, Tom Hamilton, Jeff Ross, Adolphus Eddington, and Coach Sam Watson. The bat boy is Leon Watson.

Ezell Carter, one of the most versatile baseball players developed in the Tandy League in some years, has many big league scouts on his trail.

The Knights' classy short stop, pitcher and catcher, is in line for the Most Valuable Player of 1964 in the 42-year-old loop.

Beaumont high school has attracted national attention with a number of its players in organized baseball. During the past 20

Sports Writer Grantland Rice Dies; Coiner of Famous Phrases

NEW YORK, July 14 (AP)—"Outlined against the Blue-Gray October sky, the Four Horsemen rode again."

Perhaps there will be better leads written on sports stories, but there probably will never be a more widely known one. It was written almost three decades ago in describing the Army-Notre Dame football game of 1924 by Grantland Rice, the dean of American sports writers, who died of a stroke last night at 73. He was born in Murfreesboro, Tenn. on Nov. 1, 1890.

Notre Dame went on to win the game on that murky day and the famous backfield of Elmer Layden, Harry Stuhldreher, Jim Crowley and Don Miller became a legend.

Rice was a perfectionist of his profession and many is the youngster who tried to pattern himself after this veteran of more than half a century in sports.

Granny, as he was known in the trade, was one of the most erudite of sports writers. When he started, after his graduation from Vanderbilt University with a Phi Beta Kappa key, sports departments as they are known today were non-existent.

In fact, his first job with the Nashville News in 1901 combined covering sports with the state capital, county court house and customs office—at \$5 a week.

From the start, his flair for



—Associated Press Wirephoto. GRANTLAND RICE.

World War I and was commissioned a first lieutenant. He was sent to France and was transferred to the Army newspaper, Stars and Stripes, then was made a liaison officer.

Rice's opinions were widely sought and he never could decide whether Babe Ruth or Ty Cobb was the greatest athlete he ever watched. He was certain that his greatest thrill was watching Ruth point to the flagpole in Wrigley Field, then hitting the ball to that spot for a home run, during the 1932 world series.

He said the Dempsey-Firpo fight of 1923 was the greatest fight he ever watched and that Bobby Jones's grand slam of 1930 was his biggest golf thrill. Jones, who was one of Rice's closest friends, said "his death is the worst news I have heard in years."

In addition to the Nashville News, Rice worked on Forester Magazine, the Atlanta Journal, the Cleveland News, the Nashville Tennessean, the New York Evening Mail, the New York Herald and the Bell Syndicate which distributed his column at the time of his death.

He is survived by his widow, Katherine, whom he married in 1906, and a daughter, Mrs. Fred Butler of Venice, Calif. Professionally she is Florence Rice of the movies and stage.

verse manifested itself and almost anybody can quote his most famous lines:

"When the great scorer comes
"To mark against your name
"He'll write not 'won' and 'lost'
"But how you played the game."

He had several books of verse published including one on the first world war in collaboration with Brig. Gen. Theodore Roosevelt Jr.

He served in the Army during

by Twins Set Record

JULY 18, 1962
Allison, 'Killer' Connect, Help Crush Indians

MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL (AP)—A major league record—two grand-slam home runs—featured an 11-run first inning for Minnesota as the Twins unleashed a 15-hit attack Wednesday to maul the Cleveland Indians, 14-3.

Bob Allison and Harmon Killebrew slammed the bases-loaded homers in the explosion that enabled lefthander Dick Stigman, making his first start for the twins after 25 relief appearances, to coast to victory.

The Twins sent 14 batters to the plate and seven of them collected hits, including home runs by Allison, Killebrew and Earl Battey.

Sports Prove Sports In Tackling Naval Air Wings

JULY 9, 1963
The St. Louis Sports might as well have picked out the New York Yankees or the Kansas City Monarchs to play, as what they had to buck up against Sunday. The Naval Air wings from Lambert Field, replaced the Prison Team at the minute. Anyone passing the way would have thought they were playing the "Anvil Chorus" or that someone was horribing North St. Louis the way balls were knocked out of the park for home-runs.

Too Much Power
The Wings, who previously had the Monarchs 3-0 or one-hit the St. Louis All-Stars 7-1 in one-hit in their string of 21 victories in 23 games, drubbed the game but far outclassed the 24-0. Five home runs were lashed out of the bandbox by the big-leaguers, two bases full. Circuit wallpapers were Fisher, Sisler, Sheffing, Kiefer and Kush, who pitched one of the five innings and allowed but one hit. Martin and King each got three hits. Crowd of about 800 fans were good-naturedly.

The Sports team, which was made up of players from Grand-Market and Tandy Park, had trouble getting together. They dropped many hot drives and played dishearteningly after Denny Blackmon who had just pitched a nine-inning game the day before was driven from the mound in the second frame. Then followed a parade of pitchers. Quincy Smith got the only hit off the Wings, while Purcell, Paul Sanders, Pete Felds, John Benton, Palm and Twine, and Spider turned in what few moments of rooting the Sports' supporters had. Little Wright was the only hurler able to hold the Wings scoreless for an inning.

Bill Brames, Oil Station proprietor, is to be praised for his effort not to disappoint the public, after being informed by telegram that the prison team could not come due to transportation difficulties. He secured the Naval Wings, the only team he could get at the late date. Navy Wings—2 11 5 6 0—24 17 0 Sports—0 0 0 0 0—0 1 4 Kush, Olson and Shepard; Blackmon, Abel, Roach Wright and Palm, Twine.

Dodgers Sign Bonus Rookie

BY BOB TATE

BERKELEY, Calif. (AP)—University of California's Earl Robinson has been signed by the Los Angeles Dodgers for an estimated sum of \$50,000, the highest ever paid a Negro rookie. The team, admittedly in need of power, is very happy about the addition.

The star baseball and basketball player was not available for comment but a university spokesman said the contract was in "excess of \$50,000. The terms of the contract were also not disclosed. The 21-year-old infielder-outfielder was also captain of the Bear cage team which recently lost in overtime to Seattle 66-62 in a NCAA thriller.

He played the outfield as well as first base and shortstop when the Bear won the NCAA baseball championship last season. In 1957 he batted .333 and in 1956 .338 so the young rookie has plate power

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HOT STOVE LEAGUE



NORMAL 'TWEED' WEBB

1960

Mike Jones, the 15 year old hurler who has attracted national attention, and The St. Louis Orioles' Bob Gibson both recently signed baseball contracts and Rogers Robinson, who signed with the Redbirds 3 years ago, teamed up last week with Manager Richard Fowlers Orioles of the Ban Johnson League. They played in Creve Coeur and Baldwin.

Outfielder Robinson, who hopes to play at Busch Stadium someday along with young Mike Jones, finished the season with Winston-Salem batting near 300 with 155 hits, 2 doubles, 4 triples, 16 homeruns, and 85 RBIs.

If good weather is on tap this Sun. baseball fans in St. Louis and surrounding territory will journey to Brooklyn Illinois to see the Orioles tangle with the Robins and by the way, leave Tandy Park at 12 Neale.

Howev boy Alph se who wanted to know whether "Barnes, the former pitcher of the St. Louis Stars is still living and where.

Barnes lives at 3341 Delmar and his phone number is OL 2-7525.

For local baseball call or write 574 Enright, EQ 7-6304.

Sidney Brooks Old Time Bay Player Dies

Sidney Brooks of 382 1/2 avenue, a remnant of the famous St. Louis Giants baseball team, died Tuesday at Homer G. Phillips hospital, following a paralytic stroke.

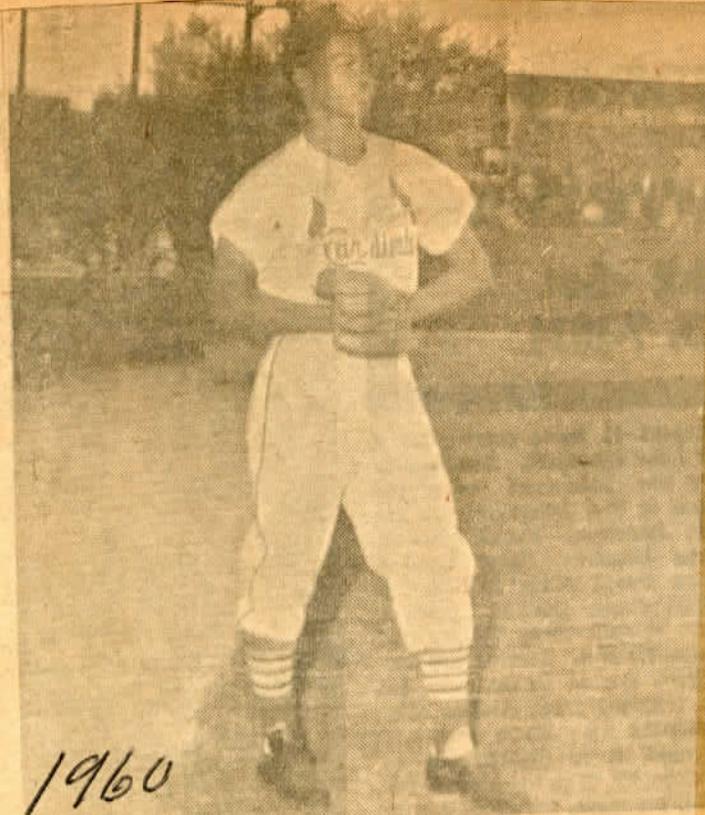
A native of Galveston, Tex., Brooks came to St. Louis in 1918 at the request of the late Charles Mills, owner of the Giants at that time. Brooks played on the team as a utility man, when the invincible pitcher, John Finner was the Giants' ace hurler.

Until his death, Brooks was an employe of the Biederman Furniture Co., where he was engaged for 21 years. He was a veteran of World War I.

Remains of the deceased lay in state Thursday night (Feb. 3) at Love's Funeral Home, 3120 Washington boulevard. Burial Friday morning, with military honors at



By Bob Broeg
Patch Sports Editor



MIKE JONES warms up in outfield after signing contract with the St. Louis Cardinals. Young Mike, at 15, thus joins Rogers Robinson as being one of the brightest future stars in the Redbird chain. Rogers is a first-class pasture parader with Winston-Salem of the Carolina League.



ROGERS ROBINSON Ex-Kinloch Star Now At .400 Mark

Rogers Robinson, former Stockham Post and Kinloch Giants star, is batting .400 in the Saint Louis Cardinal Appalachian Rookie League, at Wytheville, Virginia.

Robinson, an outfielder, was sent to the Cardinal farm team last month after being scouted by Quincy Troupe. Robinson was the most valuable player on the Stockham Post American Legion team last year. He was also a star half-back on the Central High School football team.

Kenneth Clark, infielder from St. Charles, is batting .357 with the team and Frank Williams also of St. Charles is hitting .333. Williams is also an infielder.

Curtiss Priest is batting .222 with the Baltimore Orioles farm team in Kingsport, Tennessee.

Earl Taborn hit .312 with the Mexican League, in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico.



You've read how 18 year old Roger Robinson helped spark Stockham Post to the National Junior American League baseball championship, last year. Now hear the inside story of how the little, 160-pound lefthander pitcher-outfielder made his debut at the Cardinal's Wytheville team in the Class D Appalachian League.

Robinson is a former Central High School standout who hit .481 and was voted on the all-star public high school team. He also played briefly in the Vashon League and more recently with Kinloch Giants in the Ban Johnson loop. He never did play in the Tandy League. However, Robinson played in the local east-west game at Tandy last year. He came in to pitch for the East in the eighth and fanned three Tandy all-stars.

Like many a young American, Robinson's big ambition is to play in the big leagues. With about 3 or four years of minor league ball and a little more weight Robinson could be a redbird by 1960. Last week in two games he got five hits and stole two bases.

The Cincinnati Redlegs can win the National League pennant this year "if we can get the pitching," Frank Robinson declared here, on July 6 to this writer in an interview before the game with the Cardinals. It shouldn't take much additional playing strength to put a team like the Redlegs of 1956 on the top as 1957 pennant winners, and there is a growing belief that Brooks (The Bull) Lawrence and Hal Jeffcoat with a little more help could do it. Despite stars like Robinson, Post, Bailey, Temple, Hoak, Crowe and Bell, pitching is still over 75 percent of a team's success.

If you have any news or baseball questions write or call Normal "Tweed" Webb, 4574 Enright - EQ. 7-6304.



QUINCY TROUPE

PLAYER
The Major league record of Quincy Troupe take up only a few lines of small type in the official Encyclopedia of Baseball, but behind those few lines lies the story of the St. Louis Cardinals baseball scout. As you know in 1952 he played six games with the Cleveland Indians before being sent to Indianapolis of the American Association.

There is a complete listing of every player who ever played in the Major leagues even if the appearance was limited to one game, an inning, or a single time at bat. This wonderful book will almost answer any questions many local fans have been asking about Troupe. Some fans said he played in from one to 20 games in the majors. However the former veteran catchers with 25 years experience in professional baseball began his pro ball in 1931 with the famous St. Louis Stars and later played with the Kansas City Monarchs, the Detroit Stars, the Carta Blancas and the Mexican City Red Legs of the South of the border league, and the Drummondville, Canada team.

Catcher Troupe was player manager for the Cleveland Buckeyes, the Chicago American Giants and Guadalajara of Mexico. Scout Quincy attended Vashon high and Lincoln university where he played football, basketball, baseball and was a Golden Gloves heavyweight champion. He once played with Bill Donaldson's Tom Powell Post No. 77 legion team. In 1930 he ended his sandlot days with the strong Compton Hill Cuba before going to the Stars.

The well traveled baseball player has played in eight different countries and is still traveling all over the country now as a Cardinal Scout.

Write or Call Normal Webb - EQ. 7-6304-4574 Enright.



STRICTLY BASEBALL NEWS

The Opening of the 1953 season is now only 39 short days away, but Hot Stove league fans never get tired of talking about their favorite pastime. They may play or see it seven months in the year, they think, argue and dream it the whole twelve, I am sorry if you are not a baseball fan because this column wouldn't be of interest to you.

One of my readers recently wrote a letter for me to give him a plug about his business. He is self employed and a great baseball fan. Then also a note from a well known ex-ball player, who is in business, suggest that I should commercialize some times on different former players who are now in business.

Sorry no go! It is our policy to stick strictly to baseball news and in no way commercialize on different businesses. The only plug business. The only plug we give them is mentioning their names a different sponsors of ball teams. So far as going on to sell their product is out of my line.

One thing that keeps the old fire of hope burning in the heart of the Riverfront baseball fan is the many promising young players there. This will be the second season for the interracial league known as the Inter City American League or in short the ICA league.

Thanks to such young teams as the Giants, Trotters, Bills, Cobras, Monarch and Pirates, Yes, the harvest of young stars is heavy again. Monroe Vincent manager of the Championship Giants believes his team will repeat again this season. In winning the flag last year and featuring a strike out pitcher in Perry Rourke, the Giants were sensational. However there is a rumor that their ace will be with Scullin Steel in the Tandy league this season.

Last year, Manager Vincent stated: "Our league has a number of promising young players as well as the usual reliable stars. We have a number of boys I am sure could play in the Tandy League now."

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Normal "Tweed" Webb, veteran league statistician and official scorer, announced plans several weeks ago to release and "all-Tandy League" team but indicated that official batting marks are not forthcoming because of the organization's inability to provide official scorers at each of its far-flung outings. League games were contested at Fairgrounds Park #1, Tandy Park, Barrett Field, Alton, E. St. Louis, Webster Groves, and Brooklyn. The loop play included night games on Friday and Saturday and all slate on Sundays including, usually, doubleheaders at Barr (Goodfellow at St. Louis) and Tandy. During the course of the season, THE DEFENDER learned that the league plans to operate a smaller league next season.

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OUTFIELD WILLIE MAYS

FIRST OF RACE TO PLAY IN MAJOR LEAGUES IN ST. LOUISIS SIGNING UP

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to right—Front, Henry 2b; Bill Dewitt, vice- of the St. Louis Brown ard Brown, cf. Rear—R. n, Sports Editor of the Argus. W. H. J. "Pops" Summer High Physical and Medallion Medalist from Springfield Y. College and Jack Fournier, Browns Scout at the signing of the two Kansas City Monarch stars Thursday afternoon in the Browns' business office. The two players flew here from Madison, Wisconsin where Brown hit three homers in a game in Madison. Both were scheduled to play with the Browns immediately. Their contracts were purchased from Tom Baird of the Monarchs to help strengthen the Browns. (Ocie Mitchell-crous captr)

Kirkwood's Smith expected to Give Box Extra Punch

By Neal Russo
Of the Post-Dispatch Staff
CHICAGO, Oct. 1—Kirkwood's Al Smith, who scored 13 touchdowns in a high school game and was a boxing protege of Archie Moore, hit just .237 for the American League champion White Sox. "I don't let that fool you, Manager Al Lopez warned today as the World Series began at Comiskey Park. That was the best .237 I ever saw."



AL SMITH

"In four of the first seven winning games we played this season, Smitty hit safely to lead in the winning run. He has a good arm and has made some dandy throws to the plate. This year the fans booed him because he was one of the best favorites." Don Gutteridge pointed out that one of Smith's 17 home runs launched the pennant for the White Sox. It came off Cleveland's Mudeat Grant with the leadoff homer off Johnny Sowell in the 1954 series as his most thrilling. "Another thing, in that pen- ciling game, Smitty hit out Minnie Minoso at the plate," Gutteridge added. One of 12 Children Smith, youngest of 12 children of Kirkwood school janitor who was when Al was just six, was when he started boxing for Joe Harrison at the Pine Street Y.M.C.A. Harrison, a former heavyweight, who was Joe's sparmate, still is active coaching St. Louis boxers. Archie Moore's first wife lived near my mother's house. Archie showed me a lot about boxing," Smith said. "I won a 160-pound title in the Garden Gloves and the Ozark Tournament, but couldn't make a trip to Chicago because of a per- sistent leg. I had scarlet

feet offers, especially from the E. Ten. Instead, he joined the Cleveland Buckeyes, a professional baseball team that included Sam Jones and Sam Jethroe. Jones didn't have his wicked curve ball then, but he was a lot faster—and wild.

In the winter Smith played guard on the Sioux City All-Stars, a pro basketball squad. In 1948 a friend, Fullback Marion Motley of the Cleveland Browns, tried to lure Smith into pro football, but Al decided to accept an offer from Hank Greenberg, then the Indians' general manager.

Smith, who played with the Indians at Sportsman's Park several times in 1953, finally moved to the White Sox, along with Early Wynn, in 1958.

Alphonse Eugene Smith hasn't regretted giving up boxing. He's happy he turned down the pro football bid, too.

Why not? He has a big extra payday coming with the huge Coliseum as one of this year's World Series playing fields. Besides, as a pull-hitter, he would like to take aim at the short Chinese screen there.

Monarchs Defeat Clowns Twice Here

The Kansas City Monarchs of the Negro American League defeated the Indianapolis Clowns, 9-5 and 9-2 in a double-header last night at Sportsman's Park. A crowd estimated at 7,000 saw the twin-bill.

Pitch Ford Smith hit a homer with two on in the second inning of the opener and went on to pitch the Monarchs to victory. Earl Taborn, St. Louis, led the Monarchs with three singles in the first game.

Elston Howard, recent graduate of Vashon High here signed last month by the Monarchs, collected three singles in the second game. Cliff Johnson was the winning pitcher, scattering seven Indianapolis hits.

The Big Hand To-



The Cleveland Press

Luke Easter
TUES. SEPT 9-1952

BECAUSE he accepted banishment to Indianapolis on July 1 with quiet dignity and no trace of rancor.
BECAUSE he came back from that exile and embarked on one of the most remarkable slugging streaks baseball has known.
BECAUSE he accomplished these things despite the pain and handicaps imposed upon him by a pair of gimpy knees.
BECAUSE he has a fighting, unselfish heart as big as his body, which makes it the biggest heart in baseball.
The Press today is pleased to give its 24th award for outstanding performance—The Big Hand—to Luke Easter.

Luke Comes Back From Salt Mines to Spark Tribe Race

They called Luke Easter on the carpet on July 1 and he was told to pack his gear and head for the salt mines of Indianapolis in the American Assn.

"Yes, sir," said Luke, whose real first name is Luscius. "I'll do the best I can and I'll be back."

The announced reason that Luke was going back to the minors was to "regain his confidence." He knew that there was more disgust in the decision than hope. He was hitting .208 and his fielding had been confused.

"I didn't think I was doin' so bad," Easter said later. "But the man wanted me to go, and I coulda been wrong."

There was a certain measure of relief among the Indians, particularly among the pitchers, when the decision was announced. Luke was popular, but the feeling had grown that he couldn't cut it any more. Too old and too infirm.

Worked Hard at Indianapolis

Easter didn't dog it at Indianapolis. He smashed the ball for an average well above .300. He hustled. He kept grinning. He waited for word from the man.

On July 13, they finally realized it was a mistake and that Large Luke was as indispensable to the Indians as bats and gloves. They wired him to come home, all was forgiven. Luke forgave them, too, and kept this in mind: This attitude is the key to the big man's character.

"Everybody treated me fine in Indianapolis," was all he had to say when he rejoined the Indians in New York. "Do I play to night?"

Now there was a new threat to go with the knees that buckled. Bill Glynn, an ambitious and able young fellow, had been purchased from Sacramento.

Smiles and Slugs Ever Since

In his first game, however, Easter hit a home run. He has been smiling and slugging ever since.

Since his return, 48 games ago, the big man has hit 17 home runs for a total of 28.

He has batted in 53 runs for a total of 86.

His batting average for those 48 games is .329. In that time, Al Rosen and Larry Doby have blazed through sensational slugging streaks. But the big man has been and will be the St. Louis boy his family named Luscius. Maybe he will break down in the relatively few games left on

THE LITTLE OLD GAME

Reflecting over the eight East-West games that have been played here is a pleasant reminiscence. It gives one a chain of memories which carry many fond recollections.

It started back in 1932 when the passing of the well nigh invincible St. Louis Stars left baseball-loving St. Louisans dependant upon semi-pros.

The Independent League blossomed forth on the lot that the Stars Park had enclosed and from it developed the champion Compton Hill Cubs. In the West, at Tandy Park, was the powerful Pullman Shops team, which had everything. These prides of the East side and West side were brought together.

A masterpiece that has never been duplicated developed in that birth of the true home town classic. A 1-0 pitchers duel between two of the greatest left-handers ever developed here saw the late Norfolk finally bow to the mighty



RICHARD FOWLER
Cheerful Richard Fowler, who lost his left arm in a conveyor while working at Ferro Processing Co. (Steel Mill) on September 30 hasn't hung up his baseball spikes after all. Here is tribute to one of the best liked and respected men in Kinloch baseball history. Fowler recently said he would still remain manager of the Kinloch Giants in the Ban Johnson League next spring.

Although disappointed because of his accident last fall, this writer found Richard in a jovial mood. The former thirdsacker hasn't soured on the East Side Steel Mill or the idea of giving up baseball. He is now looking for a sponsor these cold winter days.

Known best for his hitting and team play at the old Kinloch Giants park, Fowler has had 16 years of baseball experience including three years in the Tandy park league as a player and the last two years managing his fine young team in the Ban Johnson League. In 1949, he was voted the most valuable player in the Tandy league and led in RBIs with 32.

In 1945-46, he played with Chink McDonald's St. Louis Black Yankees. However, in 1950, Fowler went back to the Kinloch Giants Fowler, who lives at 6024 Suburban St. in Wellston led the Kinloch Giants to a 18-13 record last season.

In his playing days, Richard was known as a hustler on the diamond and in 1947 with Kinloch Giants against Teannie Edwards Blue Sox, he played in a 12-inning game which still stands as one of the best games ever witnessed at Kinloch. Of course, the Giants won 5-4 with such stars as Norman Young, Tip Neil, Arthur Johnson, Lefty Whitlock, Miller, Jackson, Paul Sanders, Farrel and Moore.

In the 1947 East-West game at Fairground Park in a losing cause Fowler hit a homer double and single to spark the East's 12-hit attack. His home run went over the 50-foot mark.

Sound town were of his mishap? I am at is my type of Kinloch's great-grand fellow ball news, write or call Normal FO. 7-6304.

Irving Vincent. Vincent had the hairline edge of five hits to four and 15 strikeouts to 14. It was also the since faded arms of Vincent, (which his medical dad took personal charge of keeping in condition) that delivered the hit which drove in the winning run. Not once, but twice, did Vincent win that game for he had to bat over and do it again. The first blow scooted so close to the first base line that umpires couldn't be sure whether it was fair or foul. They decided the heated dispute between the opponents by calling Vincent back to bat over, and he did.

A second game was played at Tandy Park that year, but Pullman walked off with the decision.

In 1932 the West won another when big Quincy Troupe, catching, threw the ball over the third baseman's head in the ninth inning. It rolled into centerfield to let in the run that gave the West a 7-6 triumph.

With the Pullman team went the West's luck for they disbanded in 1933, and but for the tie game in 1935, the West's representatives have not won since.

The all star selection started in 1934 and the limiting of the first three pitchers to not more than three innings in 1937.

There have been many players and great plays in annual classic of classics, which have become the height of baseball players' ambition. Some of them would require a considerable amount of space.

The secret behind the game seems to be in its own spirit which causes each to strive with everything in honor (and the State Laborer Cotton, Austria)



LEMUEL W. GRAHAM
Eagle centerfielder, who is staging a great fight in an effort to win a position on the East-West team. This is Graham's second year on the lot and he is trying to make the team for the second consecutive time. "Flash," as he is known on the field, gained that name back in 1931 when participating in track and football for Vashon, once running the 100-yard dash in 9.8 seconds, but due to an error in the measurement, was not recorded. Flash has stolen 30 bases, including home three time already this year and is hitting



FROM BUSCH STADIUM DUGOUT

Too bad you missed the big ball game last Friday. Just think of it only a scant 925 one of the smallest Negro pro ball crowds on record here turned out to witness what developed into one of the best games played here in years. Plus two jumping bands and you could sit anywhere in the grandstand for only \$1.25.

Shades of shortstop Willie Wells, catcher Josh Gibson and the 1929 Satchel Paige. Performances of those great immortal stars on former Negro pro teams were on display last Friday at Busch Stadium, we saw Kansas City Monarchs and Birmingham Barons play sensational ball. Excuse me old Satchel is still pitching.

During pre game warm up this writer interviewed such promising young stars as Barons' catcher Otha Bailey and pitcher Fred Jackson. Old Satchel Paige didn't have much to say but sat out the first six innings in the left field corner of the dugout. All by himself and came in to pitch the last three innings of good baseball.

Old Satchel got the biggest cheers but the Birmingham infield sparked throughout the 3-1 victory. Busch Stadium was asleep before and after the Negro pro game but, only a few minutes drive away the bat racks were busy last Sunday and the old Villa ball yard fans were noisy. Tom Brooks, vice president of Tandy AA stated that final details for the local East - West all star game have been worked out in all details except for the players to be featured.

Write or Call FO. 7-6304 - Normal Webb - 4574 Enright.

Dear TWEED:

I feel it is about time I give you something about the Colored Industrial League. It was born April 15, 1932 at Spalding Sporting goods store with Gus Wernhoff being its first president. We started playing in May with four teams including Scullin's, managed by Art Wright, Missouri Press, by H. Vaughn, Mississippi Valley Tanning Co. by Lonnie Gray and Union Electric by yours truly, Wm. Bradford. I had such stars as Ratler Harrison, Tony Harrison, Bud Terry, Dash Terry, Terry Butler, Bill Waters, Leroy Hunt, Joe Essen, our Hawkins, Leo Johnson, Wilson, and the Moss Brothers, Charlie and Bee. I feel we've started something through our efforts and have sent a few boys to the big leagues. I hope you will find time to run this in your hot stove league column soon.

Yours Truly,
William T. Bradford
4049 Enright

Normal Webb - FO. 7-6304

Luke Easter Top Pay In
Ex-Cleveland Indian first baseman earned an estimated \$12,000 last year. National League's Buffalo Bisons, signed after Gen. Mgr. Don Labruzzo agreed league's highest salary. Labruzzo decided the exact amount, but said it was probably in the minors. Easter, 38, is

Monarch NATIONAL Pennant

KANSAS CITY, - In both the first and second pennants in the Negro American League, the amazing Kansas City Monarchs have compiled a 79 won, 24-loss mark. This is almost an 800 average.

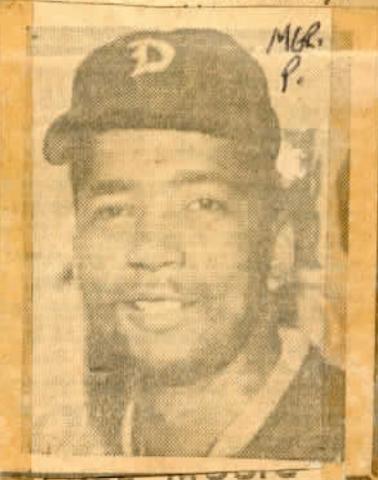
Leading the Monarchs hurlers to this fine percentage is John Jackson, 25-year-old right hander who has won 19 and lost only two games for one of best records of any hurler in organized baseball.

Jackson's two losses were by a total of only three runs. He dropped a 0-2 decision and then was turned back 4-3.

Jackson has 6 shutouts to his credit which indicates how effective the Southern college graduate has been so far this season. The school teacher is very smart on the slab and always comes through with a fine pitched contest.

Ernie Johnson and Ernest Banks are having a battle for team home run honors. Johnson, the 6-3 inch heavy hitting outfielder has smacked sixteen so far, while Banks, the 6-1 shortstop, has a total of fourteen. These two have a total of 30 homers. Johnson is the leading home run hitter in the Negro American league.

Johnson, Banks and Jackson have gained the attention of major league scouts. Johnson hits from the left side, while Banks, a highly regarded prospect bats righthanded. Banks has a fine pair of hands, which is quite an asset for an infielder to have.



Ray Tolliver, Pitcher

Mays Nails Cox at Plate With Sensational Throw

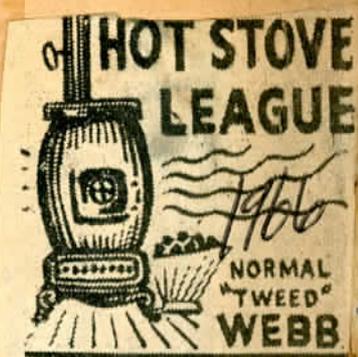
NEW YORK, N. Y. - One of the greatest throws in Polo Grounds history was uncorked by Willie Mays, August 15.

With the score 1 to 1, Bill Cox on third base and one out in the eighth inning, Carl Furillo raised a fly to Mays in normal center field. Cox tagged up and ran home. It looked like an automatic run.

Mays bagged the fly, spun completely around and hauled off with a throw home. The ball landed in Wes Westrum's glove on the fly and the catcher had no difficulty tagging out the surprised Cox.

Secretary Eddie Brannick, usually a calm observer, declared it the greatest play of its kind he ever saw and Eddie has been around the Polo Grounds since 1908.

Mays explained that he planned his throw as he prepared to make the catch, pivoting his body into throwing position and letting fly at First Baseman Whitey Lockman who lined up the direction to the plate.



LESLIE "CHIN" GREEN

Who was the greatest centerfielder in the Tandy League of all time? This question has been shot at me from old and young fans a good many times. It seems a single question that could be answered in a name or two. But it leads to naming the best all around player fielding, hitting, throwing and speed. You just can't answer that question by naming only one player.

First you will have to screen such centerfielders as Leslie Green, Bimoss, Hubert "Dickey" Ballentine, Les Pearson, Carl Whitney and Rich Edwards. However, of these six players, four are sluggers and two great defensive centerfielders. As a result, I would have to pick Green over the other five.

One of the most colorful centerfielders ever to play in the Tandy League was Leslie "Chin" Green, better known as "Chin". He is a salesman for Pioneer Liquor Co. and a brother of John "The Great" Green.

The former Sumner High star was a real speed demon and his speed won him many medals in track while running the 100 yd. dash.

He attended Bishop College, Tennessee State and LeMoyne College where he was an outstanding basketball player on the Mad Magicians and made the all American

team in football.

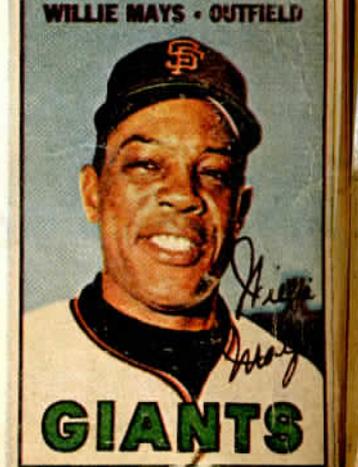
After leaving college "Chin" turned to Negro pro-ball and later starred in the Mexican League for over ten years playing sensational ball across the border line. Before he hit the "big time" Chin played with the Mounds, Ill. Blues, a fast semi-pro nine.

In the Tandy loop, he played with such teams as: Union Electric Cosmopolitans, 20th Ward Democrats, Eddie Wall's Salt and Pepper Shakers and Stars.

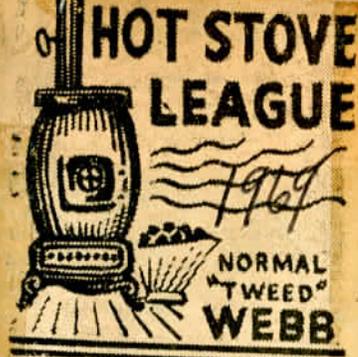
There were times that "Chin" and his brother John were called Big and Little Poison on the Mounds, Ill. Blues and 20th Ward Democrats batting their and fourth in the line up.

For local baseball write to 4574 Enright or call FO. 7-6304. Normal "Tweed" Webb.

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WILLIE MAYS - OUTFIELD
GIANTS



CLEVELAND WINS 2 VICTORIES OVER RED SOX -1943-

CLEVELAND. — The Cleveland Buckeyes took both ends of a doubleheader from the Memphis Red Sox here this week, winning the first game 7-1 as Alonzo Boone outpitched Ralph Key. The abbreviated nightcap went to the Buckeyes 1-0 on Eugene Bremmer's one-hit hurling.

In the first contest the Buckeyes scored enough runs to win in the initial inning after two were out. Dukes Cleveland was safe on an error and he promptly stole second. Johnny Lee Hundley singled to center scoring Cleveland and went to second on the throw to the plate. Archie Ware who managed the team in the absence of Parnell Woods, doubled scoring Hundley. Marshall Riddles walked and when the ball got away from the catcher Ware scored and Riddles went to third. That ended the scoring and the Buckeyes added three more in the third that they didn't need as Boone held the Red Sox helpless.

Eugene Bremmer hurled his second straight shutout and the only hit off his delivery was a double by Sharpe in the fifth inning. Hutchinson was the victim of an unearned run in the last of the fifth. Riddles singled and went to third as a low pitch got away from the catcher. With one out Shorty Grimes bounced to R. Evans in short and Riddles slid home safe with the winning run. Archie Ware and Marshall Riddles led the Buckeyes' attack.

	Second Game	R	H	E
Memphis	000 000 0-0	1	0	0
Cleveland	000 010 x-1	3	0	0

Batteries: Hutchinson and Jones; Bremmer and Hundley.

Memphis					Cleveland				
AB	R	H	P	OA	AB	R	H	P	OA
Wilson, cf	4	1	0	0	Telford, 3b	4	0	1	2
Mathis, 1b	4	0	11	0	Horne, ss	3	0	4	3
McDuff, 3b	4	0	1	1	Level, cf	3	0	2	0
Rodgers, rf	4	0	2	0	Hundley, c	4	1	5	1
Jones, p	4	1	2	0	Ware, 1b	4	2	10	0
Shayne, lf	2	2	5	0	Riddle, 2b	3	2	3	4
Evans, ss	2	0	0	3	Grace, cf	4	0	1	0
Hutchinson	0	0	0	0	Grimes, rf	4	2	1	0
Keyes, p	3	0	1	3	Boone, p	4	1	0	2
Lee, 2b	2	0	2	3					
Totals	29	4	24	10	Totals	33	8	27	14

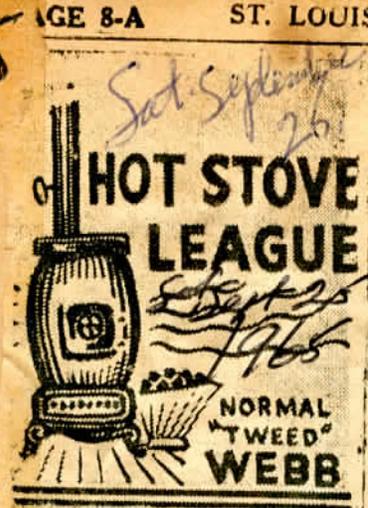
*Batted for Hutchinson in 1st.

Paige Flashes Old Form But Athletics Lose

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Sept. 25 (UPI)—Ageless Leroy (Satchel) Paige pitched scoreless baseball for three innings for Kansas City, but the Boston Red Sox used late-inning home runs by Lee Thomas and Tony Conigliaro to defeat the Athletics tonight, 5-2.

BOSTON					KANSAS CITY				
AB	R	H	P	OA	AB	R	H	P	OA
Gosker, cf	4	1	1	1	C'p'n's, ss	4	0	0	0
Jones, 3b	3	0	0	0	T'bull, cf	4	1	2	0
Mize, ph-3b	1	0	0	0	Causey, 3b	3	0	0	0
Yastrzemski, lf	4	1	2	0	Bryan, c	4	1	2	0
Yastrzemski, rf	3	2	2	0	Green, 2b	4	0	2	0
Congilio, cf	3	2	2	0	Rosario, 1b	4	0	1	0
Thomas, 1b	3	1	1	1	W'sh'r, rf	3	0	0	0
Mantilla, 2b	3	1	1	1	Reynolds, lf	3	0	0	0
Bresoud, ss	4	0	1	1	Paige, p	1	0	0	0
Ryan, c	4	0	0	0	Segui, p	1	0	0	0
Munquut, p	4	0	0	0	Stall, ph	1	0	0	0
Totals	34	5	7	7	Totals	32	3	7	7

Boston — 000 000 230-5
Kansas City — 100 001 000-2
RBI—Congigliaro, Thomas, Bryan, Green, E—Rosario, DP—Boston 1, Left—Boston 4, Kansas City 5.
2B—Yastrzemski, Bryan, HR—Thomas (21), Congigliaro (31).
IP, R, B, ER, BB, SO.
Monbouquette (W, 10-18) 9 7 2 2 1 4 6
Paige 3 1 0 0 0 1 4
Segui 4 3 2 2 1 4 4
Moss (L, 5-7) 4 1 1 1 1 0 1
Wyatt 3 2 2 2 2 0 1
Akers 1 0 0 0 0 0 1
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SATCHEL FLASHES OLD FORM

Kansas City, Mo.—Saturday Night past greats of Kansas City Monarchs back to 1919, stirred up golden memories before the Kansas City Athletics and Boston Red Sox game, which drew 9,289 fans.

More than 30 former members of the old Monarchs were present to pay tribute to the greatest pitcher in baseball over the period of years, including our James "Cool Papa" Bell of 3034 Dickson and Big Bill "Plunk" Drake of 3817 Finney, who journeyed from St. Louis last Friday night to attend Satchel Paige's come back to the big league.

As a wave of nostalgia gripped the night air, some of yesteryears' greatest stars were on hand such as: Frank Duncan, John Donaldson, Bullett Rogan, Buck O'Neil, Newt Allen, Connie Johnson, George Giles, "Jail Bird" Ray and many more were given the key to the city.

Veteran Paige proved two things, he can still pitch and he can still throw the famous "hesitation pitch". Living up to his promise to prove that he is still a pitcher, Satch pitched scoreless baseball for three innings, but relief pitcher Sequi gave up 5 runs and the Red

WILLIE MAYS

Speaking of Willie Mays, the congratulations he received from National League President Warren Giles the other day for his part in controlling the fracas in Pittsburgh a week ago yesterday were well earned.

Willie, who weighs about 30 pounds less than Orlando Cepeda, threw a flying tackle on his teammate when the first baseman grabbed a bat and started looking for trouble. . . . Like so many other great athletes, Willie has the knack of instinctively doing the right thing.

He deserved the congratulatory telegram from Giles and it was a nice gesture on Warren's part.

21,312 See East Score 3-1 Upset in Negro All-Star Tilt

By RUSS J. COWANS
CHICAGO, Ill.

The West was the pre-game favorite before the nineteenth annual East-West game of the American Negro League in Comiskey Park, August 12, but the East won the contest, 3 to 1, before 21,312. The victory was the East's eighth in the 19 games.

The East scored two runs in the sixth off Vibert Clarke (Memphis) to take the lead. Ed Steele (Birmingham) tripled to score Ray Neill (Indianapolis), who had singled. Steele tallied on a double by Norman Robinson (Birmingham).

The East added another run in the ninth off Jehosie Heard (New Orleans), when Robinson doubled and Pinch-Hitter Ben Little (Philadelphia) tripled.

The West, after being held to three hits in the first five innings by Leander Turgerson (Indianapolis) and Kelly Searcy (Baltimore), scored a run in the sixth on a hit, walk and error. Robinson was the hitting star of the game with two safeties, including a double, in four trips to the plate. Kelly Searcy (Baltimore) was credited with the victory, while the loss was pinned on Clarke.

Sox defeated Kansas City, 5-2; Satch gave up only one hit.

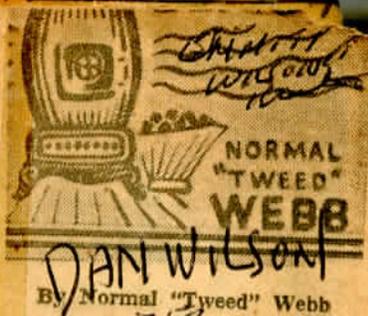
One of our greatest Negro stars was James "Cool Papa" Bell, a wing footed centerfielder. He was born 20 years too soon along with Oscar Charleston, Josh Gibson and David Wells. He was best in the days long before Jackie Robinson broke the color bar in organized baseball.

Bill Veeck rated Bell as a fielder with ability equal to that of Tris Speaker, Joe Dimaggio and Willie Mays.

At the age of 16, "Cool Papa" started his career with the Compton Hill Cubs and in order to play with the following pro-teams, St. Louis Stars, Homestead Grays, Pittsburgh Crawfords and Monarchs. He also played baseball with teams in Canada, Caribbean, Mexico and the Dominican Republic.

Big Bill "Plunk" Drake was born in Sedalia, Mo. He pitched three no-hit games during his long career, which has seen him pitch for many big league Negro teams all over the country, such as St. Louis Giants, Donaldson's Stars, St. Louis Stars, Detroit Stars, Indianapolis A.B.C.'s, Los Angeles White Sox, Monarchs and he also managed the Tulsa Black Oilers. During his colorful career he defeated such teams as the St. Louis Cardinals, Indianapolis Mudhens and the Kansas City Blues of the American Assn. and several all-star major league barnstorming teams.

Drake thinks the greatest ball game he pitched was in 1922, when he pitched a no-hit perfect game to beat Sioux Falls (strong white team) 4-0. He thinks the St. Louis Giants of 1921 had the strongest line up of all the old Giant teams. Do you remember? Hewett, ss; McAdoo, 1b; Charleston, cf; Blackwell, rf; Dudley, lf; Kennard and Bennett, c; Scales, 3b; and Holt 2b. For local baseball write to 4574



DAN WILSON

When mentioning the names of outstanding home town ex-baseball products, one could hardly overlook that of Dan Wilson, the graceful outfielder hero of many sensational Negro big league tussles. Who now lives in East St. Louis, at 318 Illinois avenue dreaming of the past after 17 years of big time baseball. When often speaking of such great old timers as "Cool Papa" Bell, Quincy Troupe, Eugene Smith, Doc Bracken, Fireball Smith and Luke (still playing) Easter cannot be mentioned without some association with Dan Wilson, for he has barnstormed with them during their most triumphant ventures all over the country.

Perhaps it is because of Wilson's modesty, that he has not been advertised but certainly he does not lack popularity and prominence. He has had an interesting pro-baseball career since he came up in the old "dust bowl at Grand and Market."

After leaving the sandlot he played with a semi-pro nine named the Claybrook Tigers of Arkansas in 1935. The next three years he played with the strong Pittsburgh Crawfords in 1939 and 1940 he was with the St. Louis Stars and in '41, '42 and '43 he played with New York Black Yankees. He went to strong Harrisburg Giants in 1944 and played baseball in the Army in 1945. In 1946 he returned to the Negro pro-league and served two seasons with the world champion homestead Grays. In 1948 Wilson starred with the newly Philadelphia Stars. In '49 and '50 he played with the New Orleans Stars. Dan's pro-ball career came to an end in 1952 when he played in Canada.

However, Wilson's love for baseball after '52 saw him in action at Tandy Park for about four years of Muny Ball with such teams as Gibbie Meeks Giants, Teannie Edwards Braves and The-dis Lyles Dodgers.

For local baseball news write to 4574 Enright or call F'orest 7 6304 Normal "Tweed" Webb

Only Negro In Majors Ump Ashford Retires at 56

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Flamboyant Emmett Ashford, only Negro umpire in major league history, reluctantly announced his retirement Thursday after five American League seasons. Ashford, 56, cracked the color barrier for umpires in 1966 when he was hired by American League President Joe Cronin. His free-wheeling style while calling the plays, quickly endeared him to the fans.

He stepped down two months after working his first World Series. "It is with a great deal of re-

luctance that I close a 20-year career of conscientious, dedicated enthusiasm to the umpiring profession and baseball in general," Ashford said in a prepared statement which he handed out to newsmen covering the winter meetings. "However, I realize such things in life come to us all and must be faced with the same honesty and forthrightness that umpires use on the field." Ashford, a native of Los Angeles, said he hopes to remain in baseball in some capacity.

REMEMBER ST. LOUIS GIANTS As this column observes its 32nd anniversary and the coming new year, it is a time when one who has been associated in the field of local baseball history among Negroes for some 47 years can reflect.

The question is, however, what does one reflect upon...Should it be in terms of personalities before the Jackie Robinson days. Down through the years this city has provided some colorful talent and while many of them withing the past 35 years have been known to us personally, many were in the good old days.

In the days BCMP (before Compton-Market Park) originally known as the St. Louis Giants, a team which was organized by Charley Mills around 1909, which played most of its games at Kuebler's Park on North Broadway, when the late Dick Kent and several friends bought the Giants' franchise so they could enter a club in the Negro National League formed by Rube Foster.

Rube Foster was the mastermind of Negro baseball. He was one of the most brilliant figures the great national sport has ever produced. Rube knew every technicality of the game, how to play it and how to make his men play it. It was the old Giants park we kids used to chase balls hit outside of

the park to get in, and when Rube Foster's Chicago American Giants hit town the park was packed. The

famous Chicago nine featured such super stars as Frank Duncan, Jelly Gardner, Oscar Charleston, Jim Taylor, Bruce Petway, Torrienti, John Henry Lloyd, John Green, Jimmy Lyons, Bingo DeMoss, Joe Mendez, Bobby Williams and many others.

Anyone who saw the St. Louis stars in 1922 perform at State Park located at Compton Ave. and Market St., will remember such stars as "Cool Papa" Bell, Mule Suttles Willie Wells, Branch Russell, Bill Drake, Charles Zomphier, A.D. Young, Wilson Redus, Roosevelt Davis, Eggie Hensley, Creacy, Bobo, Quincy Troupe, George Goles and Elmer Wilson to name a few. The Stars disbanded in 1931 after 10 years at Compton Market.

While such teams as E, St. Louis Giants, Compton Hill Cubs, Pullmans and Union Electric put as much sparkle in semi-pro ball as any big league team today or at least the hundreds who followed them every Sunday to see them play thought so.

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Services for Guy C. were held at the O'Bea chapel, 5039 S. Indiana Ave., with the Rev. Walter Miller officiating.

Ousley, who was 52 at the time of his death, died in his home at 5053 S. Parkway. He was formerly a professional basketball and baseball player with the Indianapolis Clowns, American Clowns and the Harlem Globetrotters.

He is survived by a sister, Mrs. Nellie Farabee, and a brother, John and his step-Mrs. Clara Ousley.

Bradford, Organizer of Tandy League, Dead

The passing of William Turner Bradford, last month, marked another era in the turbulent, fascinating history of Tandy League baseball. Men will come and go around the old ville ball yard, but none of them will ever be able to be the daddy of the first Negro Mundy League of this city like Mr. Bradford. The story of his rise from one of the league's organizers to the management of one of the greatest local teams, reads like a saga penned by a writer whose sense of imagination surpassed his logic.

Mr. Bradford, who was 80 years old, died of complications at Firmin DesLoge hospital, Sunday, December 13. He was a former maintenance supervisor of the Union Electric Company, retiring in 1945. He was a Spanish War veteran, lived at 4049 Enright and a member of St. Ann's Catholic church, 4144 Page bldg.

In the days when semi-pro competition was strong, around 1918 the Union Electric Company sponsored a team and Bradford was selected to take the role of manager. During the period of four years, the Union Electric had one of the greatest teams around these parts. Those were the days when such teams as Compton Hill Cubs, East St. Louis Giants and St. Louis Giants also took the spotlight.

In the winter of 1922, Mr. Bradford, along with Andrew Wright, Tankins and Robinson knew that the interest would be great for Negro Mundy baseball, sounded a "Call of Arms" and in the Spring the Tandy League was born with such teams as Union Electric, Scullin Steel, Mississippi Valley Company and Missouri Press Brick.

Yes! 36 years ago, manager William Bradford's Union Electric nine won the first Tandy League Championship and set a pattern for succeeding teams that has been followed religiously ever since. Numbered among the outstanding stars who left their imprints on Tandy's baseball diamond of time while wearing Union Electric uniforms were: Bud Terry, Dean Terry, John Moss, Leroy Hunt, Stalon Joe Essen, Charlie Moss, Heinie Howards, Percy James, Les Pearson, Terry Butler, Ratler Harrison, Arthur Hawkins, B. Moss, Gilbert Edwards and many others.

William Bradford was a man who knew inside baseball and a stormy petrel who was out to win. He asked very few favors but was rather inclined to seek results on the merits of operation and competition. He prided himself on never being a good loser because, as he once said to this writer, "Good losers are seldom winners." Old time Tandy fans still talk about his spirit of competition and the contribution he has made at Tandy Park. I will always respect his memory.

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1963
Wille Mays the Greatest; Robinson Spark Reds Move

By William (Sheep) Jackson

There is no doubt that the San Francisco Giants' center-fielder is the greatest baseball player in a decade and that includes Mickey Mantle and Joe DiMaggio of the New York and Ted Williams of the Boston Red Sox.

Willie is the greatest fielder of the three, can throw farther and more accurate than the trio and as home run hitter will



FRANKIE ROBINSON--

surpass the trio and he still has at least two more years of top flight baseball left in his bones.

To date he has smacked out 48 home runs and will at least hit 50 before the end of the year. Williams ended his glorious career with 521 homers, Jimmy Foxx with 534 and Mel Ott with 511.

Leo Durocher predicted when he came up with Giants as a Rookie as the coming baseball player of all time. Willie has lived up to Leo's prediction.

At the same time with the closeness of the National League race we cannot forget Frank Robinson of the Cincinnati Reds who is the teams, Willie Mays.

Right now it looks as though Robinson is ready to duel the great Mays for the remaining weeks, with the pennant as the prize.

Manager Dick Sisler of the Reds said:

"If Robinson could just stay hot, and swing up to his capabilities, he would pick up the whole club."

Robinson had grown flaming

New York. On that memorial evening the Reds' slugger clouted out two homers and a double for five "ribbys", and now he was to take aim at Jack Fisher.

"You need a big man like Robinson down the stretch, said Sisler. "Just what like Mays is doing for the Giants."

In the same breath Sisler said "That Willie Mays is really something."

"He belongs in a league by himself, he and Koufax, and one or two others."

It is Sisler's contention that when Robinson is whole, he can carry the same payload a Willie Mays carries. "That trouble with Robinson most of his season is that he has been nursing a sore hand. Bats Flying out of his grip when he would swing. I tried to rest him a couple of days at a time to help him heal it, but it has been a slow process."

"If Robinson, Vada Pinson and Deron Johnson keep up their present pace we could catch the Giants and that might just happen," said Sisler.

1959
Branch Russell Honored With Testimonial Dinner

Many friends and former co-workers honored Branch Russell at a testimonial dinner held in the Peacock Alley in the Midland Hotel.

Mr. Russell was lauded by community leaders. Mrs. Nathaniel Jordan, president of the Mound City Youth Association, spoke of his work with the association's baseball program where he even did more than was expected. Mr. John D. Buckner, executive secretary of the Tandy Athletic Association, called his concern for the community "peculiar" in that Mr. Russell was personally concerned and felt a deep responsibility to help better conditions.

Mr. Robert E. Reed, manager of the Webster Groves Chamber of Commerce, traced his career as a baseball player who could have played on any of the major league clubs, from a janitor to a recreation supervisor in

the Department of Parks and Recreation. Mr. Reed told of his concern in placing workers in recreation centers, where they could be more effective leaders.

Mr. James E. Heath, superintendent of recreation, the principal speaker, called upon those present to continue to stress the ideals that Branch Russell stands for. He spoke of the effectiveness of Russell as the first Negro to hold the job of a supervisor with city-wide authority. Mr. Heath called on others to become aware of tremendous strides being taken in a field, and called on them to face the many charges in our way of life, the same dedicated way that Branch Russell has.

Branch Russell was presented with a book of testimonial letters from friends and former co-workers. Mrs. Mildred Franklin, founder of the Franklin School of Dancing, made the presentation, a silver tray lined with

twenty-five silver dollars and inscribed, "to Branch Lowell Russell for Twenty-five Years of Dedicated Service to the Community."

Rev. Daniel Hughes, pastor of the Mt. Olive Baptist Church, St. Charles, Mo., gave invocation. The testimonials were arranged by members of Rho Tau Mu Recreational Fraternity.

Highlights of Branch Russell's career: Member of armed forces track team, 1920; St. Louis Stars baseball club, 1922-30 (outfielder and team's captain). Also a member of Negro baseball organization. Parks and Recreation Department, City of St. Louis, 1941-58; first Negro with city-wide supervisory duties; vice-president of Mound City Youth Association; organizer of Mound City baseball leagues for boys, ages 13-15, 15-18. He was awarded outstanding volunteer citation by the National Recreation Association, 1950.

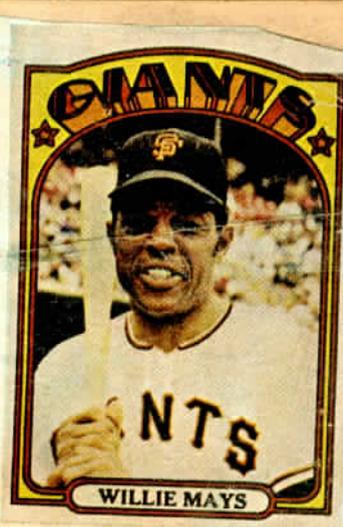
1948
West Coast League To Start Season On May 12

OAKLAND—In a meeting held here at the High Marine Social Club, the newly-organized West Coast Negro Baseball League got off to a rousing start with the drawing up of a constitution, posting of franchise fees and preparation of a schedule. The league will open May 12.

A. M. Saperstein of Chicago and W. S. Welch, former manager of the Birmingham Black Barons, two men who have contributed a great deal to the advancement of Negro major league baseball throughout the country, were in

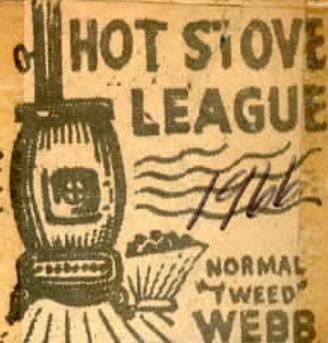
attendance, Saperstein presiding as president of the circuit.

PRESENT AT THE two-day meeting were Bruce Rowell and Bob Frazier, Seattle; Jesse Owens, Portland; Roy Parker and Valley group, representing Fresno; Ed Harris, Oakland; the old "Yellowhorse" Morris, San Francisco, and Carlisle Perry, Los Angeles. Owens is first vice-president, Rowell second vice-president, and D. A. Portlock of Oakland, secretary of the league. Fresno has replaced San Diego in organization of the loop.



WILLIE MAYS

1972



HOT STOVE LEAGUE
Since I announced my retirement after 44 years of affiliation with the Tandy Baseball League last month, I have received quite a few phone calls and nice letters from fans. Many of them are from ball players who wrote to thank me for some nice things that I said about them and families of deceased players.

Recently I am in receipt of two fine letters which I am filing away among my most valuable possessions, one is from Mr. Richard A. Jackson, former St. Louis ARGUS Sports Editor and now living in Brooklyn, N.Y.; and the other one is from the publisher of a small county newspaper.

Dear Tweed: Congratulations on your retirement and best of good wishes for your future happiness.

Your record of long contributions to the youth of St. Louis in its way ranks along with the inspiration given by the late William "Pop" Beckett and Rev. James E. Cook.

You shall be remembered long after your retirement. Your former associate, Richard A. Jackson 322 Marion Street Brooklyn, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Webb: I am sorry to learn of your retirement as official scorer of the Tandy Baseball League. Our mutual friend, Robert "Bob" Palm, manager of the East St. Louis Colt 45's tells me that you have done a wonderful job over the years in various capacities, and I am sure your interest and good work has helped many a young person develop into a good citizen. This should be most gratifying to you and your family. You will recall that Bob Palm introduced me to you this past summer while we were attending a night game at Fair ground Park and you were the official scorekeeper. You and I had a nice chat and I was impressed with your intelligence and ability to know inside baseball and with you as a man. I hope the years are kind to you.

Sincerely,
Carl F. Baum *DIZZY*
BEAT
CONNIE MACK

1922
MUKES AND TS PIRATES
I. Taylor, one of the three illustrious Taylor brothers of Negro league baseball fame, operated a team known as the "Indianapolis" around 1922. A pitcher of tremendous class toiled for Taylor, known as "Dizzy" Dismukes, as such a lefty as Mendez was a right-hander. All brother Dismukes did that year was to face the regular Pittsburgh Pirates team with their ace twirler, Howard Cannitz, known far and near as the "Kentucky Rosebud" in the box, and shelled out a 10-inning defeat to the amazement of baseball scribes who attended the contest in droves. Connie Mack and his son Earl slithered back in 1929 when Jud Wilson (greatest clutch-hitter in Negro baseball) watched incomparable "Lefty Grove" breeze two strikes across only to park the next Grove pitch out of the ball park to win a 1-0 pitchers' battle for the South Homestead Grays of Cum-

RS PLAY AMATEUR BALL HERE

1950



—By Post-Dispatch Staff Photographers
WILBERT EASTER, 20, third baseman for the Scullins of the Tandy League, with big brother LUKE, 30, Indians' first baseman.

New baseball loop
JUNE 6 1973
opens here tonight

A new baseball league — the Major Tom Brooks League — for players from 18 to 21 will make its debut Wednesday night.

Major Tom Brooks, an assistant inspector in the St. Louis Police Department, will throw out the first ball when the Giants and the Angels meet at 7 p.m. at Fairground No. 1.

The league sponsored by Matthews-Dickey Boys' Club and named in honor of Major Brooks, who is known for his work with youth, has four teams — the Angels, Cubs, Giants and Knights.

The players are products of the Matthews-Dickey Boys'

Wilbert Easter, 20, played third base and batted cleanup for the Scullins in the Tandy League here. However, just a season ago, Wilbert was St. Louis Browns' property and performing well at Vincennes in the Mississippi-Ohio Valley League. Then an old knee injury suffered in a football game came back to haunt young Easter.

"I was the passer and kicker for Vashon and we were playing Summer of Kansas City in our second game of the season," Wilbert recalled. "While kicking off, I was clipped and that's when my knee went bad. I was afraid to tell the coach about it

because I thought he'd keep me out the rest of the season. So I 'wrapped' the knee myself."

Wilbert, 10 years younger than Luke, who always liked to warm up with the kid brother, stands 5-9 but weighs 195. Big Luscious Luke is 6-4, weighs 232.

When the Indians are here, Luke stays with the Easter family at 1812A Cora avenue. "We spend a lot of time talking baseball and play a lot of canasta," Luke said, "and at canasta I'm the family champ." Bill Veeck flew to Puerto Rico to sign Luke to a Cleveland contract.

Hank, one of five baseball-playing Arfcs, is the only brother who bats or throws left-handed.

Brothers Norm, Clarence and Herbert all played in the County League—Herb was a first-sacker, too. Norm was a pitcher in the Browns' system until he developed a sore arm.

"Herb helped teach me how to play first," Hank said, "but I'd say the man who helped me most was Ed Loehr, who managed the Manchester club when I played for the team in the County at the age of 16."

Hank, who lives in Ballwin, had a big night when he broke into the majors at Sportsman's Park. In his first game, he hit a triple off Tommy Byrne (then of the Yankees) and a home run off Frank Hiller (now a Cub



By NORMAL "TWEED" WEBB
DOC BRACKEN

It is tragic to note that the long and sensational career of Herbert "Doc" Bracken ended last Friday, July 10 in the operating room at St. Mary's hospital. However, at press time, the veteran right hander is slowing making a comeback for dear old life.

Known as "Mr. Pitcher," a brilliant performer born 20 years too soon, of high character on and off the diamond, "Doc" left a magnificent record of achievement on the sandlot, Negro pro league and organized ball. His record speaks for itself. He was one of the greatest pitchers ever developed around these parts.

In his prime Bracken saw no future in Negro pro ball. However, he did pitch week-ends with many outstanding teams of the country. Before the war "Doc" could have been a sensational in the majors — Born 20 years too soon. Down through the years he had a number of opportunities to sign "year-round" contracts but he preferred staying with his good job at the Monsanto Chemical Company where he worked to support his family.

Tandy League fans who witnessed the Braves Dodgers game on June 14, saw the great one pitch his last game for manager Teannie's Braves — we at that time didn't know that was the end of St. Louis' most favorite star.

This writer had the pleasure to go overseas with Bracken during the war in the Navy, I saw him pitch against the star-studded Great Lakes Nine managed by Mickey Cokrane and fanned such sluggers as Don Padgett, Johnny Lucadello, Frank Baumholtz and Joe Grace. Larry Deb was his teammate and played second base for all-star Negro-Nation.

Old
1941
White Muny
Team Plays
The Roofers

Members of old Pullman
To Face Ex-Old St.
Louis Giants

The 1941 baseball season will end at Tandy Park Sunday at 2 p. m. when the Gas House Gang Roofers will play a strong white team, made up of leading Muny leaguers, known as the 24th Ward Imp. Assn. Club.

A fast, interesting and colorful contest is promised and "Jelly Stone" will have several new stars in his lineup for the strong white nine.

Old-time stars of other years have been invited to attend the first annual "Old Timer Day" sponsored by Tandy Colored Industrial League officials.

Joe Essen, former great outfielder and star announcer has been asked round up Joe Hewitt, Bill Drake, A. D. Young, Sam Kennard, Rattler Harrison, Hennie Howard, Herman Belger, Rock Wilson, Hurley Johnson, Charles Zomphier, Terry Butler, Bill Waters and many more.

If enough of them are able, the old Pullmans will play them a three-inning game before the main game.

Noble Johnson will round up the old Pullman boys such as Lefty Pollard, Normal "Tweed" Webb, John Brown, Tom Brooks, Rich Edwards, Stone, Boswell, Spec Williams, Candy Smith, Luther Lane, Rock Wilson, Freeman Graves, Earl Cook, John Johns, Eddie Wall and Irving Vincent and John Green.

And to top off the day with plenty of color, three of the greatest old-time former umpires will give their services, such as Chief Cooper, Bill Donaldson and Harry Hollands.

Come on out and meet the Old Timers on our first annual "Old Timers Day." ROOFERS vs WHITE STARS at 3:00 p. m. MARSHALL "CANDY" SMITH will umpire the main game.

Breadon Averted Card Strike
Over Robinson's Playing

NEW YORK, May 8 (AP).—Ford Frick, National League president, said tonight a threatened strike by the St. Louis Cardinals against the presence of Negro First Baseman Jackie Robinson in a Brooklyn Dodger uniform has been averted.

Frick said that Sam Breadon, owner of the Cardinals came to New York last week and informed him that he understood there was a movement among the Cardinals to strike in protest during their just concluded series with the Dodgers if Robinson was in the lineup.

"I didn't have to talk to the players myself. Mr. Breadon did the talking to them. From what Breadon told me afterward the trouble was smoothed over. I didn't know what he said to them, who the ringleader was, or any other details," Frick said.

Asked if he intended to take any action, Frick said he would have to investigate further before he could make any decision.

The National League president said he had not conferred with Baseball Commissioner A. B. (Happy) Chandler concerning the matter.

Sam Breadon, owner of the Cardinals, last night denied the report that his team had threatened to strike if Jackie Robinson, Negro star, was in the Brooklyn lineup. Breadon branded the report as "ridiculous."

Breadon said that he went to New York recently to see what could be done to help the ball club, and said that he was told by a local newspaperman traveling with the club that there was some dissatisfaction among National League players—but not the Cardinals, about playing against Robinson.

"They're always starting something about us," Breadon said. He said that the Cardinals are a club that minds its own business.



RUBE WADDELL

ans Treated At Olu Timers
Day; Roofers Beat Muny '9'

By NORMAL "TWEED" WEBB

The first annual Old Timers Day is history and the old pullmans put over five runs in the first inning to lead the game. One thousand spectators saw the game, which was full of fun. It was, indeed, a great sight to see some of the greatest players ever played around this smokey town come back after years of retirement.

Tom Stone, Smith, Meeks, Jerry Stoned Candy scored the old time starts runs. Bill Donaldson gave the crowd its biggest kick when he worked the "Hidden ball" trick on Noble Johnson, to catch him napping at third base. The other old-timers who took part in the game were John Johns, Hurley Johnson, Rattler Harrison, Banks, Charles Johnson, Richmond Smith, Orlan Staten,

Herman Belger, Hennie Howards, Sylvester Mitchell, Dean Terry and many more.

Among those present of the Old Timers in the stands were Umpire Chief Cooper, Old Union Electric Manager William Bradford, Bud Terry, one of the best old time catchers around the early 20's; Nathan Knight ex-St. Louis Giant star pitcher and some of the old time rooters were on hand such as Mr. Jones, Harold Macklin, Son Larkins, Jackson.

Smith Brothers Star

Big Ben Smith, master of the fast ball, crackling curve and a good change of pace outpitched Golish (white pitcher) in one of the best hurling duels witnessed this season.

Smith gave up two hits in beating the white Muny League

pitcher, whose loose pitching in the second frame handed the game to the Harper-Potter Roofers. However, after the second Golish pitched, shut out ball.

In the second inning, Q. Smith singled to center and stole second base. Carter singled scoring Q. Smith. Carter scored on Charlie Coc's single and L. Smith followed with a single to score Coc with the third run of the inning. Ben Smith whiffed 12 batters. The 24th Ward white boys infield played brilliant ball in the infield.

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Batteries—Golish, p and Tharp, c; Ben Smith, p and Coc, c. Umpires—M. Smith, and Donaldson.

1970

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Cardinals could replace Mets in World Series

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS

A happy Richie Allen should fill the batting void and a healthy Bob Gibson should provide the pitching power for the St. Louis Cardinals to return to the glory road of 1967 and 1968 when they made back-to-back pilgrimages to the World Series. The Cardinals traded off a couple of prize players in outfielder Curt Flood (who is suing baseball to let him trade himself) and catcher Tim McCarver, both former All-League selections. Of the players they got, many believe Richie Allen alone is an even bargain in spite of his controversial image. Dick Farrell, Allen's former teammate, explains: "Crash (Allen) is a good guy. The press caused a lot of his trouble by stirring things up. But Red Schoendienst seems like the right manager. If they leave him alone, he'll hit 80 home runs." When Allen walked into the Cardinal training camp with his big 40-ounce bat on his shoulder, Schoendienst couldn't help but grin. "We're

glad to have him," he said. "He's got the big bat we need." Allen responded by unloading five homers in his first four exhibition games, serving sure notice that the "big bat" indeed had arrived. Cookie Rojas, Lou Brock, Steve Carlton, Jose Cardenal, Mike Torrez and Leron Lee provide the necessary balance to make St. Louis the team most likely to succeed in October. At the start of the regular season, Jose Cardenal—obtained in a trade with the Cleveland Indians—had secured Curt Flood's outfield position and not only was catching as well as Flood could, but was hitting even better. For the first 20 games, he was batting .400. "We haven't missed Flood at all," said a St. Louis spokesman. Pitchers, Carlton (17-11 last season), Torrez (10-4), Nelson Briles (15-13) and another trade-in, George Culver (5-7), will team with Gibson this year to mow down the opposing team batters.

EASTERN DIVISION

THE Eastern Division of the National League is still considered the strongest division in major league baseball. Its representative last year, the New York Mets, had very little trouble capturing the world championship sweeping three straight playoff games from the Atlanta Braves, winner of the Western Division, and then demolishing the pride of the American League, the Baltimore Orioles, in four straight games after losing the World Series opener. The power returns this year

with such teams as the St. Louis Cardinals, the Chicago Cubs, the Mets and Pittsburgh Pirates led by superstars Bob Gibson, Richie Allen, Cleon Jones, Tom Seaver, Ernie Banks and Roberto Clemente. The world champion should again emerge from this division, and it should be the St. Louis Cardinals. Their power and depth of pitching and hitting are of championship proportion, but they will be pressed strongly by the Cubs, Mets and Pirates, any of which could overcome them.

NEW YORK METS

As a seven-year-old club starting last season, the world champion New York Mets had never had a winning season. Their record was a miserable 394 wins and 737 losses, and they had won the reputation of clowns for their sloppy performances. Five times they finished last in the entire League, and next to last the other two. Last year was their first winning season. But they not only won their division, they swept three games from the Atlanta Braves for the League crown and won four straight games from the Baltimore Orioles, after losing the first, to capture the

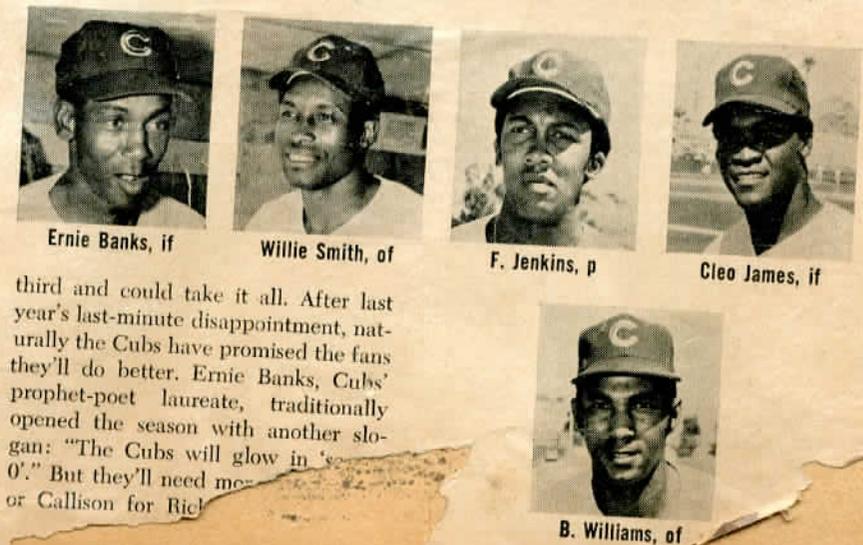
world crown. Miracle makers were outfielders Cleon Jones, Tommie Agee, Ron Swoboda and Art Shamsky; infielders Donn Clendenon, Ken Boswell and Bud Harrelson; catcher Jerry Grote and pitchers Tom Seaver, Tug McGraw, Jerry Koosman and Ron Taylor. Jones led the club in batting with .340, and Seaver led a strong pitching staff with a 25-7 record, the best in the majors. In fact, pitching is the Mets' main weapon. Only Jones and Shamsky batted .300 or more, but Seaver, Koosman, McGraw and Taylor teamed for a 60-23 pitching record. New man Joe

Foy should help the batting and pitching will still be strong. But two back-to-back miracles are too risky a prediction. Besides Foy, the other new faces are pitcher Ray Sadecki (Giants trade-in), infielder Mike Jorgensen (up from the minors) and outfielder Dave Marshall (another former Giants player). Whether compared man for man, or as a group, they do not come close to the talents of St. Louis' new players Allen, Culver, Rojas, Cardenal, Lee and catcher Carl Taylor (former Pirate). The Cardinals acquired more strength than the Mets in pre-season trades.

CHICAGO CUBS

The Chicago Cubs were supposed to have won everything last year. From the first to the last full month of the season, they were first in their division and had the best record in the National League. Pennant fever was so high in the Windy City that manager Leo Durocher took time off from coaching to go camping. Cub players started recording and selling records which gave praises of an alleged championship season in song and prose, and Cub fans started reserving tickets for the World Series. But when the season ended, the Cubs were at home plant-

ing gardens with those "Wait until next year" laments, and prophets, philosophers, historians and sportswriters were all pondering the riddle of "How the Cubs Blew It." Now that "next year" is here, people are wondering how much the Cubs actually learned from last year. But they still have tough-hitting fieldsmen like Ernie Banks, Ron Santo, Billy Williams, Randy Hundley and newcomer Johnny Callison, and good pitchers like Fergie Jenkins, Bill Hands, Phil Reagan and Ken Holtzman. They are definite contenders who should finish at least



S. Guzman, p

Richie Allen, if

Lou Brock, of

J. Cardenal, of

V. Davalillo, of

Bob Gibson, p

Leron Lee, of

J. Javier, if

M. Ramirez, if

Cookie Rojas, if

Mike Torrez, p

Tommie Agee, of

D. Clendenon, if

Joe Foy, if

Cleon Jones, of

Ernie Banks, if

Willie Smith, of

F. Jenkins, p

Cleo James, if

B. Williams, of

Tweed Rates Willie Mays The Greatest

You'll have to excuse me for my gloating, but what else can you expect of a retired writer when he calls the turn on a story as big as the Willie Mays rise to the major league - 22 years ago.

First, I would like to pay tribute to the "say hey!" kid on his birthday. Next Thursday he will be 40 years old.

Reprinted and condensed from the files of my old "Hot Stove League" column, dated July 15, 1948, under the heading "A New Star is Born."

Mays Jr., hard hitting out-fielder for the Birmingham Barons, is probably the most promising youngster to come to a Negro American League team in a long number of years. Willie was born May 6, 1931, in Westfield Alabama, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Howard Mays Sr., and attended Westfield High School where he won letters in three sports baseball, basketball and football.

He joined Manager Lorenzo (Pier) Davis Barons during the middle of the 1948 season. After a late batting slump, he rapped out 4 doubles, 3 triples and 8 home runs; had 36 RBI's plus 7 stolen bases, inside of 6 weeks. After Willie was on his way.

Today! There is no doubt that San Francisco Giant's center fielder is the greatest all-around baseball player in a decade, and that includes Babe Ruth, Jimmie Foxx and Mickey Vernon of New York Yankees, also Ted Williams of the Boston Red Sox. Willie is the greatest fielder of his era - he can throw further, more accurately than the quartet. He is the major league's second highest all-time home run hitter with 714-homer record will be to over come by Mays or Willie. However, Willie is a nonchalant Super Star. He acts just like a professional to make the grade. Black by Willie!



"SIGN OF THE YEAR" Jack Roosevelt Robinson, former U. S. Army lieutenant, former all-star athlete at University of California at Los Angeles, former Montreal Royals batting champion, and the first Negro in history to win a major league baseball berth, joyously affixes his signature to a Brooklyn Dodger contract at 11:28 a. m. April 11 (Friday) 1947, at Brooklyn Dodger offices, 215 Montague Street. Representative type of this Jackie, eh?—Chick Solomon photo.

St. Louis' Star Fleet-footed Centerfielder Is Still Going Strong. Sees Mexican League As Luring Negro Talent

Jimmy Wilson, fiery little catcher of the Cincy Reds won acclaim as the greatest comeback in the world of sports in 1940 by his stellar performance in the World Series. Wilson has nothing on our own "Jim" Bell, erstwhile, "Cool Papa" who will begin his 20th season in "big time" baseball this year.

The "Cool Papa" set the Mexican League afire last year after being bothered with leg trouble most of the earlier part of the season. Bell drove on until his ailing under-pinnings snapped back into the form that made him the fleetest man in baseball with the old Stars in the late twenties.

Last season Bell led or tied for the lead in every department of the game in the ranking Mexican league on the Tarreon Cob club. Here was his record:

Highest batting average	.437
Most hits	176
Most home runs	20
Most base hits	15
Tied Wells 2 base hits	28
Tied Bankhead	
stolen bases	30

Drove in most runs. Scored most runs.

As a result of his performance, there has been much demand for the veteran "Cool Papa" service this season. He will depart for South of the border February 15 with the Vera Cruz team, which he helped to win the league title, vying for his contract. Several weeks ago he received an urgent telegram from Porto Rico requesting him to come there for some games. He turned the offer down. He played in Cuba six weeks after the Mexican league season ended.

Lure To U. S. Players. Bell is now on a \$300 a month salary and is employed for eight months a year. He sees considerable trouble for the American Negro League in holding their monetary inducement offered them in Mexico, Cuba and Porto Rico.

a long list of well known players who performed splendidly in the Negro League "Devil" team on the old "Fireball" tactics at the hands of the Mexicans with their "Fireball" tactics.

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St. Louis Globe-Democrat

WEBB RETIRING AFTER 44 YEARS IN TANDY LEAGUE

Normal (Tweed) Webb, official scorer of the Tandy Baseball League, has announced his retirement after 44 years of affiliation with the organization. He will step down Saturday.

Webb, usually referred to as "Mr. Tandy League," started his Tandy career as a stopper for the old Black Sox team and has held positions as manager, vice-president, secretary and announcer in the loop.

A self-employed sign painter, Webb is a St. Louis authority on Negro baseball history.

LOUIS POST-DISPATCH

Webb's 44-Yr. Career With Tandy Loop Ends

Normal (Tweed) Webb, who served for 44 years as a player, manager and an official of the Tandy Baseball League, has announced his retirement Oct. 1.

Webb, an official scorer of the St. Louis Negro baseball league, was a baseball reporter for the St. Louis Argus and was publicity manager of the Tandy League. He has his own sign-painting business.

Normal 'Tweed' Webb Honored, Plans Comeback

Normal "Tweed" Webb, St. Louis Argus baseball reporter, whose baseball playing and record keeping since 1922 have gained him the nickname "Mr. Tandy League" was honored at the St. Louis Orioles Banquet as St. Louis' Foremost Authority on Negro Baseball.

"Tweed," who retired in the fall of 1965 after 44 years as official scorer and public relations director in the Tandy League, announced he will

make a comeback, and that he's good for 6 more years with the help of God.

Webb said: "Although I have no special connection with the Tandy League at present, they have expressed an interest to form a strong loop in 1968 for the organizational meeting so I will like to help build this league again and round out 50 years of service."

McGraw Passed Negro Player Off as Indian

NEW YORK, July 29 — (NANA)—The boys have been

trasting back lately for records of Negro baseball players appearing in the big leagues, or in organized baseball generally. Mostly they rely on the reports of very old oldtimers, and they do not seem to have had much luck in bringing the record up to date beyond 1905 or so.

More recently than that—the most recent case I know of—there was a colored man playing first base for John J. McGraw's high-class New York Giants. His name

was Charlie Grant. He caught the attention of the great McGraw some 23 years ago. McGraw, in deference to the prejudice that existed then and still exists against Negroes in organized baseball, off Mr. Grant as an Indian and inserted him into the lineup.

"Indian" Party in Harlem. Matters proceeded pretty much as usual until a Giant homecoming which Grant's friends seized as an opportunity to throw a party for the "Indian" first baseman. Since Grant's friends were exclusively residents of Harlem, the party had repercussions which chilled the missionary zeal of Giant management, and Grant dropped out of baseball.

As you know, the current climate and open forum on Negroes in the big leagues got its start with the Lip's most whimsical and er dearing habits, but Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis, high commissioner of baseball, ignored the retraction and seized the chance to get the truth on record: that organized baseball has absolute agreement, rule, or by-law barring the Negro.

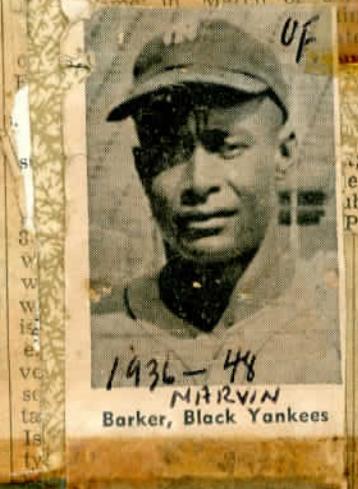
Some critics have accused the judge of hypocrisy in connection with this manifesto, but I don't agree. If I read the judge aright, he has become increasingly liberal and free of owners' influence in the last few years, and what he did on the occasion of Durocher's plain (and retractable) bleat was to throw the responsibility square on the laps of the magnates pointing out that they had no legitimate or legal excuse for segregating the colored player.

The magnates knew this ahead of course, but they did not care. I have it pointed out, with the mild exception of Bill Benswanger, Pittsburgh tycoon, who says he is giving tryouts to three Negro stars in the near future.

Pirate Manager Sulks. Pittsburgh's manager, Francis Frisch, took the news a little all right. "I'm just the manager, and I have to do what I'm told," said Frisch. That attitude is disappointing. Some of Frisch's friends, for the Pirate manager has always seemed to be a man of intelligence and guts. There is trouble and worry and a few headaches for the pioneers with Negro play in the big leagues, but there is nothing that intelligence and guts won't overcome. The first step is to make the move will be to get rid of the prejudice over on its



Among others he named were Young, Brewer, Jefferson, McHenry, Bill Harvey, Keys, Patty Dav, Matlock, Cornelius, Spec Robinson, Porter Moss, Hariston, Harvey, McDuffie, Lefty Glover, all pitchers; Ruffin, Cristo, Pepper Bussett, Josh Gibson, "Double Duty" Radcliff, all catchers; Correa, Curtis Harris, Chester Williams, Roy Williams, Strong Green, Brown, Clarkson, Diddy Barney Brown, Dandridge, Duke, Wild Bill Wild, Pat Patterson, Spearman, Hyde and Lillard, fielders.



NORMAL "TWEED" WEBB, former No. 1 Baseball writer, passed his physical examination at the barracks January 28, 1944, and was accepted for service. He will not be given a furlough, is subject to be called into service. "Tweed" has been known around the city as a baseball. In his five years with the Argus, he has groomed many a

Willard Brown Led NAL Hitters In

Willard Brown topped the Negro American League hitters with 417 in 39 games. In the final 1951 statistics, Brown went to the top of the list with 417 hits, 12 triples and 44 RBIs.

Win First Game
 Muly Negro Series

The Brames Ollers, winners of the Tandy Industrial League, walloped the Black Yankees, champions of the Grand-Market Rube Foster League, 13 to 12, yesterday at Tandy Park in the first of a best two-out-of-three series for the city Negro Muly League championship. Home runs by Manager Tom Brooks, Marshall Riddles and Carl Whitney featured the Brames attack.

Black Yankees.					Brames Ollers.						
	A	B	R	H	E		A	B	R	H	E
Carthron,lf	5	1	2	0		Adams,lf	6	3	3	1	
Stanton,2b	5	0	1	0		Meeks,ss-3b	5	2	2	1	
Bowens,ss	5	0	1	1		Rid'd's,2b-ss	5	2	1	2	
Carter,rf	6	0	0	0		Whitney,cf	5	2	2	1	
West,c	6	4	3	1		Whit'side,rf	4	0	1	0	
Merrell,3b	3	1	1	0		B-S'th,p-2b	4	2	2	1	
Wheeler,1b	4	4	3	1		Simmons,3b	2	0	0	0	
W.Smith,cf	5	0	1	0		Edwards,2b	0	0	0	0	
Cole,p	5	2	3	1		Hardy,c	3	0	0	0	
						Nelson,c	2	0	0	0	
						Evans,p	3	0	0	0	
						Butler,p	2	1	1	2	
						a-Brooks	1	1	1	0	
Totals	44	12	15	4		Totals	42	13	13	7	

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a-Batted for Simmons in ninth.

CLUB	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Black Yanks	0	1	1	3	0	3	2	0	2	0-12
Brames Ollers	1	0	4	0	1	0	4	0	2	1-13

this time it's suits for
 R. S. Simmons
 Suffers Stroke

CHICAGO (Special)—R. S. Simmons, popular business manager and secretary of the Chicago American Giants' team in the Negro American league, is fast recovering after suffering two strokes more than two months ago.

Simmons is now confined to his home here at 602 East 50th place, Chicago.

Some of his friends in the baseball world wishing to cheer him up, are soliciting a card or letter addressed to him at the National

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