FANS SHARE PAY-OFF FROM CINCY LIGHTS

ATTENDANCE RISE BRINGS BETTER ADVANCE SALE ARRANGEMENT

New Downtown Ticket Facilities to Be Set Up in Club's Larger Office Space; McCormick Signs for Two Years



NCINNATI, O.—Taking step that was welcomed by followers of the Reds, the Cincinnati club last week signed a lease for larger office space, which will permit the club to conduct its downtown ticket sales with greater convenience to its patrons. It is our In Post-Season Games

With Int 'Wonder' Club

Young Slugger Developed His

Milking Cows on Farm

By CHARLES SEGAR

Of the New York Mirror,

Keller was a member of the Newark's

Columbus club, facing -what was recog-

To Keller, that remarkable reversal of

the Junior World's Series.

"Rabbit's Foot and Right Timing"

bit's foot was working overtime."

and make good, not only for his coach

thrill to his pulsating performances in the

christened Charles Ernest, Jr.

represented bases were their tools.

Began as Catcher in College,

he lost no time in going out for the

ler was a natural. He was every bit the

and each time he would send a report

the writings of a Broadway press agent.

Finally, McCann acted. He approached

Keller and, learning he was a minor, he

discussed the matter with Charlie's father.

ference was arranged.

to which club he wanted to join.

never complained.

become his wife.

Keller's Explanation of Success

HERO in the first World's Series he ever saw! That's the

fiction-like role in which Char-

Powerful Shoulders, Strong

belief that this progressive move, as well as the pennant won by the Reds in 1939, both stem from the fact that Larry Mac-Phail, while general manager of the Cincinnati club, talked the National League club owners into permitting him to install lights and play seven night games a year at Crosley Field. This permission was granted at the December meeting in New York in 1934.

Five years later, MacPhail's successor, Warren Giles, signed the lease for more office space-and we believe the lights were responsible. Here's why: Installation of the lights added lots of paid admissions to the Reds' home attendance in 1935, 1936 and 1937, money which made it possible for the club's bosses to add players who improved the game.

Two deals, which made champions of the Reds in 1939 were those by which highly successful diamond change.

it possible for the club's bosses to add players who improved the game.

Two deals, which made champions of the Reds in 1939, were those by which Bucky Walters was obtained from the Phillies in June, 1938, and Bill Werber Phillies in March, 1939. Close from the Athletics in March, 1939. Close to \$75,000 in cash passed from Cincinnati to \$75,000 in cash passed from Cincinnati to the two Philadelphia clubs to put those in 1937. two players in Redleg togs and that money came principally from the extra admis- so-called "wonder team" that season. The sions drawn by the night games.

Because the night profits made it pos- nized as one of the mightiest of minor sible to add Walters and Werber to Cin- league teams, astounded fans by beating cinnati's otherwise good team, business the Bears three straight in Newark before was so good for the Reds last season that the series shifted to Columbus. Giles decided something must be done But the Bears then made one of the most before the start of another year to make spectacular comebacks the game ever has it easier than in the past for the club's seen, winning the next four games and patrons to purchase their tickets.

Fans Get 'Em While They're Hot. This happens to be a great "advance form represented as big a thrill as he got sale" town when the Reds are playing out of the series with the Reds. the sort of ball the fans want to see. Cigar Store, Sixth and Walnut streets, average of .438; top both teams in homers, where that firm's clerks, especially Otto with three; lead both clubs in driving in Roelker, did everything possible to han- runs and in total bases, will be hard to dle the ticket business to everyone's sat- convince. For Keller's brilliant performisfaction. But the store is small and only ance in the 1939 classic gave everyone, two ticket patrons could be waited on who saw or read about his feats a thrill at once. It was a common sight last sum- that few players participating in their first graph office and wired Barrow: mer to see a line of fans extending half World's Series ever produced. way around the block leading into the Straus store,

Giles decided that should not happen 3,400 square feet of street level floor space | TELLER himself attempts to minimize again, so last week signed a lease for in the Union Central Building Annex, in which the Reds' offices will be located by March 1, and in which the ticket office will be housed, with space for seven ticket sellers to operate at the same time. location at 307 Vine street, slight? than a square south of Fourth street, is

but speedier handling of the ticket sales uniform. When he got his first crack as He batted .353 to win the batting chamwill make up for that. All Ladies' Day the new location, and it will be possible upon the return of Joe DiMaggio after major league team that might have had in the new offices to place the tickets for many games in the racks at once and handle several sales simultaneously, instead of only one at a time.

Since the lights were installed at Cros-703,192, or an average of slightly more than 20,000. It's not exaggerating to say that this average is fully 15,000 above what the same games would have drawn He was determined to get back in there with the Yankees.

Only three night games here have drawn less than 11,000 paid admissions and all were played on rainy nights.

With the Reds dashing toward the pennant last season, the seven night games dre. 184,959 paid admissions and now, with the seating capacity of the park increased by approximately 3,000, a total est towns in the country. He was born on He Started Season on Bench night game attendance of more than a 140-acre dairy farm outside of Middle-200,000 is likely for 1940.

At this writing the Reds are as sound, financially, as any team in the business, They are not the richest, but they have all the money necessary with which to entered the University of Maryland, looperate and have plenty of cash in the cated 60 miles from his home, Keller asreserve fund with which to purchase any players who figure to improve the club farm. and keep it atop the league. And this prosperity dates from the installation of in milking cows, chopping wood and dothe lights, with the continued use of the ing a good lick each day at plowing, he mazdas adding to the financial stability of the organization.

Besides making Frank McCormick a proved so invaluable in his meteoric rise

Christmas present of a two-year contract in the game, Long Island winter residence, Giles added Pitcher Red Barrett to the list of Reds usually were composed of under contract for this year and busied six boys to a team and sometimes, if they Impatient to get back, Keller one day with getting ready for 1940.

Moran May Stick as Pinch-Hitter. Cyril (Butch) Moran, slugging first baseman, was added to the Red roster, being taken up from Birmingham of the Southern Association, to which club Pitcher Henry Johnson was returned. This kept the Reds' roster stationary at 37 players. Moran, a husky righthander from San Francisco where he was born less than 22 years ago, has done some real clouting in his two years as a professional. No But Soon Shifted to Outfield one connected with the Reds has any idea W N HIGH SCHOOL, Keller made the the will take the first base job away from team easily. He always could hit and McCormick and he is considered strictly | when he entered Maryland University, a first baseman. But he's been such a capable hitter that Manager Bill McKech- ball team. During his first season in colnie wants him in the Tampa training lege, Keller was a catcher, but he showed camp next spring for a look. And the such a powerful throwing arm and was so boy has a chance to stick around as a fast afoot that during his second season pinch-hitter. His first year out saw Mo- with the University team, Coach Burton

hit 22 homers, drove in 114 runs and scor- It was during that season that Scout Gene ed 107 in 105 games. Butch moved up to the Class C Mus- University, strolled upon the scene. He kogee team in the Western Assocattion had heard of the amazing hitting of a lad last season and hit at a 341 pace, socking named Keller and decided that it was 26 homers, driving in the league's top time to take a look for himself. total of 146 runs and scoring 115 in 129 McCann couldn't believe his eyes. Kel-

Class D Arkansas-Missouri League. He and assigned him to the outfield.

With Moran and McCormick on their hitter they said he was and was as fast roster, the Reds will go into training with as lightning. McCann kept on Keller's two first sackers who led their leagues trail. He watched him week after week, in timely hitting last year, because Mc-Cormick was No. 1 in the National League into the Yankees' office that sounded like in that respect, driving in 128. He likewise was the No. 1 fielder among the National League's first basemen and set a new league record by participating in 153

double plays. So it's no wonder Giles gave Frank a two-year contract. And it must have been at liberal terms to bring an immediate acceptance.

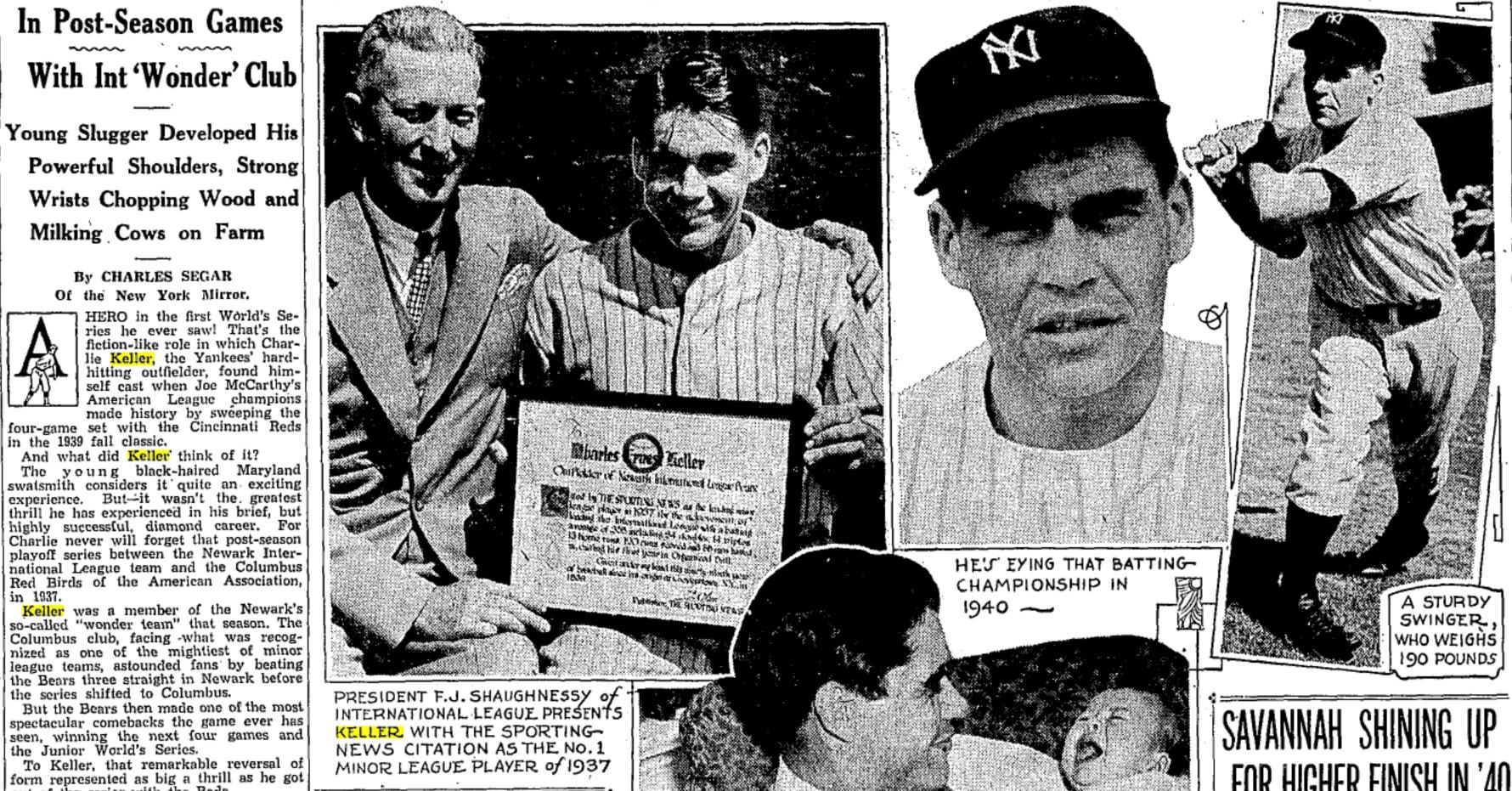
Other late National League figures add this bit of evidence to the claim that the 'Reds were not fluke champions but | the genuine article: They compiled the

Two changes have been made in the modate Detroit's Tigers. Instead of playing the Tigers at Lakeland, March 15,
and at Tampa, March 13, they will play Cann, if you give me the right to select Maryland woods hunting rabbits, ducks them at Lakeland, Merch 19 and at the minor league team I will sign with," and pheasants. But his hunting expedi-Tamps, March 29, with March 15 an open Keller said, the night of the conference. tions were shorter this fall, for near the date.

McCann never took the time out to wire close of the season he became the father

Keller, Hero in the First World's Series He Ever Saw, Happy to Be Yankee--but Still Likes'37 Newark Bears

Gained Greatest Thrill FAIR COUNTRY HITTER : FROM DOWN ON THE FARM



Perhaps in Charlie's book that is so, to Ed Barrow, in charge of the Yankees, For years, the club's downtown sale But those who watched Keller lead all the or to George Weiss, the Yankees' chief of has been conducted at the Henry Straus regulars in the last series with a batting farm operations. He granted the request. "I would like to play with Newark,"

> McCann whipped out a contract and Papa Keller signed for Charlie. When Papa Keller put his John Hancock on that document, McCann dashed to the nearest tele-

"I have just signed the greatest prospect I ever have seen.' In the spring of 1937, Keller strolled into the Bears' training camp at Sebring, Fla., and began a professonal career that his own contribution to the Yankees' promises to justify everything that Mc-

achievements against the Reds. "I Cann wrote back to his main office. He just was lucky," he told us, after the lived up to everything that had been said about his hitting in college, when he piled series. "My timing was right and the rabup averages of .470, .506 and .494 in his You would expect such a statement varsity years, from Keller, for he is one of the most In that first campaign with the Bears, of a boy and he puts in most of his time Derringer is quite a pitcher. He showed modest lads ever to wear a big league Keller startled everyone, except McCann. at home a regular with the Yankees, he took it pionship that year and, while he would in stride. When he was benched later have been given a trial by any other

Keller didn't complain. He realized that weakness, it's just too bad. The fielding is ler, Seeds, McQuinn, Hershberger, Rich-"It's all in the game, I guess," he remarked as he was dashing into the Yan- the Yankees had plenty of outfield ma- better, too. kees' dressing room to change his shirt terial. He knew that another season in after a workout. "I'll be back in that line- the minors would be to his advantage and der them to a total paid attendance of up soon. And when I get back in there, he carried on with the same enthusiasm as they're not going to take me out again." he did the year before. In 1938, he his Charlie wasn't popping off that day, .365, finishing second for the batting title

> Other major league clubs bid for Keller There were reports that as much as \$100,000 back in Maryland University and for Gene McCann, the Yankees' scout who signed had been offered. The Yankees, how-'him, but for the school chum who had ever, had a "not for sale" sign on the Maryland Mauler and refused to consider Keller, who made America's biggest city any of the offers.

World's Series, came from one of the small- | Handicapped by Injured Thigh,

town, Md., on September 12, 1916, and was | UT there was a time last spring when the Yankees may have thought that they pulled a boncr in refusing those From the time he reached the age of 7 attractive offers, Charlie hurt his until he graduated from high school and thigh in the South, but decided not to make the injury public. He had his chance with the Yankees and he wasn't going to sisted his father with the chores on the kick it away. So in the spring exhibition games he continued to play and the more Charlie never will regret that work, for games he played, the worse he looked. He didn't hit the size of his hat and he began to look like one of the biggest flops in the history of the club. Finally, Manager McCarthy asked him

what was troubling him. Keller then confor 1940 and 1941, which that capable first Before he went to high school, Keller's fessed that his thigh was bothering him baseman signed upon receipt and prompt-ly shipped back to Cincinnati from his enough boys around to make up two

himself with other matters connected were fortunate, they could muster up seven informed McCarthy that he was ready lads to a side. Mended bats, balls that again. But he had not fully recovered from were taped, a few gloves, and rocks that the injury and aggravated it. He was though he is the oldest man in the Naout of the lineup again. .The season start- tional League in point of service. He was But Keller's love for the game came to ed and Charlie was on the bench. When an office boy when he signed his first him as naturally as pitching hay and Joe DiMaggio pulled up with an injury, Philly contract. James Potter was club Keller got another chance. But this time president and Bill Shettsline was the office wheat. He played every chance he got. He read about baseball in the papers that he was taking too many third strikes staff. Today, Hagan is 53 years old and came from Washington, just 40 miles and when DiMag returned to action, Keller looks 40. again found himself riding the pine.

> In the early part of August, Keller was assigned to the right field post and Tommy Henrich, who was having difficulties at bat, was benched. Keller never again relinquished his job as a regular. He started pounding the ball and at one time he them win their only pennant in 1915- Hagan can tell a story with the dead pan was clouting at a .360 gait. Charlie wound up the season with a aye, sir; many's the time.

kees. He hit 11 homers, all but four of country estate and rings for Jeeves, his stories and we wished the distance was them going into the left field stands. He man, to bring him another Scotch-and- greater. hit two homers into the left field stands Schuylkill, his mind often turns back to ran clouting a neat 392 for Rogers in the Shipley removed him from behind the plate in the Yankee Stadium, an unusually long far-off things and battles long ago. He clout for a left-handed hitter. He walloped 21 doubles and six triples and drove in 83 Sherwood Magee, Otto Knabe, Gavvy that a short time before Hagan expected runs in the 111 games be played. Cravath, Mike Doolan, Grover Cleveland to become a father, William F. Baker, then McCann, whose territory takes in Maryland runs in the 111 games he played. After he had been reinstated as a regu-

lar and was in the midst of a successful Pat Moran and many others come and go. hitting spree, McCarthy remarked one day: "Keller is sure to lead this league in hitting. I think he's the rookie of the year." Perhaps the Boston folks will give Mc-Carthy an argument on the last part of that statement, as they mention their Ted Williams, but there's no doubt that whether he ever leads the league in hitting or not, Keller is destined to become one of the

greatest hitters the game has seen. Keller was 23 years old last September. He is five feet, 10½ inches tall and weighs 190. He has a bachelor of science degree. Keller's dad refused to do any business His strongest drink is tea and he hasn't with McCann without Charlie himself made up his mind whether he prefers a making a decision on the matter. A con- pipe to cigars. Likes an occasional movie, but he doesn't have any movie idols.

Eut before that took place, other scouts In that respect, neither did he have any and heard of Keller's prowess and were idol in baseball before he signed a conwearing out the grass that led to the tract to play professional ball. Babe Ruth Keller farmhouse. They received the same was just the same to him as any other best winning percentage of any team in answer from Keller's dad as did McCann, player. Living near Washington, he rootthe league on the road, as well as at Charlie was to make up his own mind as ed for the Senators and while he admits that he liked to watch Goose Goslin hit There never was any doubt in Charlie's the ball, he insists Goslin was no more Cincinnati club's spring dates to accom- mind where he wanted to go. He wanted an idol to him than Ruth or any of the

BAWL ONE! CHARLIE AND HIS NEW SON

son in the majors? "There is a difference between the ma- grand bunch of fellows. jors and minors, all right," he answered.

And what about the Reds? "They were a good team. We were had trials. That was some ball team. And lucky. I was lucky, you know. That Paul so are the Yankees.

me plenty of stuff. How about the Yankees?

"Boy, they are a great team and a "But, I can't help thinking of that team the latter recovered from an injury, Keller title to him, he was left in Newark for "The pitching is smarter in the majors. we had in 1937, when we beat Columbus. They work on you and if they find a Gordon, Dahlgren, Sundra, Rosar, Chandardson, Gleeson and Donald. All of these have come up to the majors. Others have

Braggadocio isn't in this lad's make-up. He was determined to get back in there with the Yankees. Other major league sluke hid for Mallar. Other major league sluke hid for Mallar. Hagan, Traveling Secretary, Fixture With Phillies Since '03

Jimmy Started as Office Boy Goes Far in One Spot for Quaker Club; Has Lots of Stories and Can Tell 'Em in Entertaining Manner

EDITOR'S NOTE-This is the fourth of a series of stories about the traveling secretaries of major league clubs. Another article will appear in an early

By JAMES C. ISAMINGER Of the Philadelphia Inquirer.

Jimmy has been a good rider since he

Alexander, Bill Killefer, Fred Luderus,

He was an eye-witness of Magee's quick

remembers the black vest, black coat, black

derby and black iron watch chain that

John Titus wore on the hottest day in

Room for A's Hitters

Connie Mack's Philadelphia Ath-

letic hitsmiths will get plenty of

long-distance batting practice when

they move into La Palma Stadium,

Anaheim, Cal., for their spring train-

Constructed last year at a cost

of \$165,000, the park compares fa-

vorably with numerous major league

ball yards, measuring 440 feet from

home plate to center field, 361 feet to

The stadium is built of concrete,

complete with all facilities and is

located in the center of a 20-acre

park, redundant with towering red-

The field is currently being used

by the Anaheim Athletics of the Southern California Winter League.

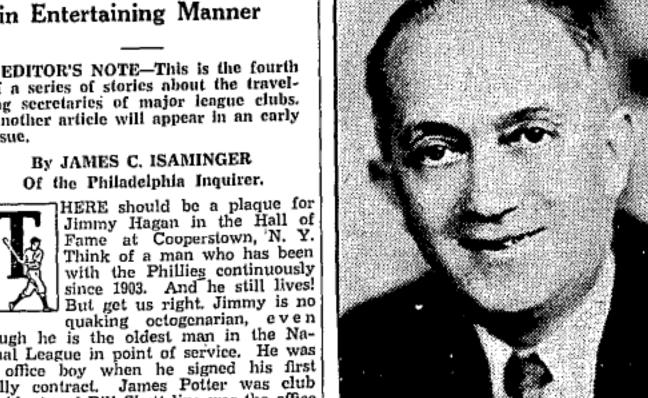
Connie Mack is sponsoring that

woods, palm trees and plants.

ing drills, February 15.

right and 376 feet to left.

joined the Phillies and he cannot count



Jimmy Hagan

the Philly club presidents shot from under August. He also recalls that Titus would him-they've been so numerous. In his never cash an April pay check until career, he has seen the Phillies run the September, thus clogging the bookkeeping who was bought from the Reds-Columbia gamut of the percentage chart. He saw bases.

and did he ever see them finish last? Aye, of Willie Collier, and tell it just as well, Elmer Nowak, Charley Atwater, George of Willie Collier, and tell it just as well, Elmer Nowak, Charles and Art for he once was an amateur actor. Once Lee, Bill Strickland, Jim Gravin and Art Pullman, he told us 300 miles of Patchin.

Managing Asheville Tourists mark of .334, the second best on the Yan- As Hagan sits in the library of his in a Pullman, he told us 300 miles of Patchin. Hagan is the proud father of three

daughters and a son. One is named Phyllis. has seen such players as Charley Dooin, in honor of the Phils. The story is told to become a father, William F. Baker, then president of the club, called him into the office, and said: "Jimmy, if it is a boy call it Phil, if a girl Phyllis." K. O. over Umpire Finneran. Jimmy well

It was a girl, so Jimmy named her Phyllis, and received a fat check from The other girls are Althea and Margaret and then there's also James J. Hagan, Jr.

Clarksdale Likely to Renew

CLARKSDALE, Miss.-President M. G. and has successfully gone along on his grind gets going.

has announced that he has high hopes of Coast region in search of a pilot to suc- of 1939 are the names of the key performrenewing a working agreement with the ceed Ralph Brandon, who retired at the ers and it'll be up to Tommy and Rice-Little Rock Travelers in the Southern and of the 1939 season.

The local prexy reports that in the event

Sale of Leslie Dunkle, lefthand pitcher, to Scranton recently, leaves the local club with only Stanley Pintarell, shortstop; Russ Fisher, catcher; Thurman Tucker, outfielder; Jack Grantham, outfielder; Otis than his share of difficulties. pitcher, and L. L. (Cowboy) Jones, out- Sioux City, Ia.; Norfolk, Neb., and Sioux as Hank Gornicki, Moose Fralick, Jim Brannon, second baseman; Slim Cassibry,

DIZ' NAME BOBS UP IN CARDS' DIVIDEND

PART OF DEAN SALE PRICE BELIEVED TOSSED INTO \$101,520 POOL

Melon Cutting on 411,000 Attendance at Home Nets \$10 Share; Stockholders of Browns Meet January 9



T. LOUIS, Mo.—Although it was chronicled exclusively in The Sporting News some weeks ago that the Cardinals would declare a dividend on a home attendance of 411,000 in attendance_ of 411,000 in 1939, the magnitude of the "split" was much more

dend amounted to \$101,520, which is equivalent to \$10 a share. Out of this sum, President Sam Breadon, who controls approximately 80 per cent of the stock, re-ceived about \$80,000. Breadon had earlier told the writer that he expected the directors would declare a "small dividend." On the basis of last season's home attendance, one deduction is that the once majestic name of Dizzy Dean entered the melon slicing. While it was necessary for the club to dip into the \$185,000 the Cards received for Dizzy in April, 1938, because of a home draw of only 292,000 that year, there was a substantial piece of that sale dough left and it is suspected that this was thrown into the dividend pool.

At any rate, the action of the St. Louis club made the stockholders extremely happy and in view of the fact that the dividend was declared December 27, it will go against 1939 income in the taxes. This is significant, because there is some speculation whether the U. S. levy will go up in the higher brackets this year. This was the first dividend declared by the directors in two years.

The Cards seemingly were in for a huge deficit in 1939 until Ray Blades picked the team up by the shoestrings late in the campaign and all but caught the Reds in the final week of the race. As a result of the upswing during September, crowds flocked to Sportsman's Park to bring the gate up to the 411,000 figure. On the road, the Cards were a fine attraction, playing to 700,000, only the Reds outdrawing them in enemy parks.

At the same time the dividend was announced, a deal was completed with the Chicago Cubs. This transaction sent Ken Raffensberger, 22-year-old southpaw, to the Bruins in exchange for Pitcher Gene Lillard, Shortstop Steve Mesner and an undisclosed amount of cash. Mesner already had been optioned to San Diego in the Pacific Coast League by the Cubs and he will be permitted to remain there in

Raffensberger, a likely prospect, won 15 and lost ten with Rochester in the Intersacrifice in power, Savannah's national League in 1938 and was taken Indians, who suffered from south by the Cards last spring. He was returned to Rochester on option and in 1939 had a 15 and 15 record.

Lillard Made Snappy Start in '30. Lillard, a righthander, broke in as a fense. Jerry Tieman, veteran third baseman, but turned to pitching for South Atlantic League first baseman who Los Angeles in 1937. He was brought up played for Savannah last year after com- by the Cubs last spring and after a snappy ing from Macon, will be joined this year game or two as a starter early in the seaby a former buddy, Joe Dobbins, a sec- son, fell off and was used chiefly in relief. ond baseman, and another veteran, Hal His Cub record was three wins and five

Mesner, only 22 years old, has shown fine promise as a hitter. He was brought up by the Chicago club from Los Angeles in 1938 and optioned to Indianapolis, where Dothan, Ala. To further complicate things, he averaged .331. With Milwaukee last season on option, he had a mark of 324 tarily retired list, may be reinstated and in 85 games. Steve also got into 17 games report here in the spring in an effort to with the Cubs, batting .279. Rickey has Mesner down as a Cardinal

fixture of the future. Another deal involving the Cardinal farm club at Columbus and Cubs was made about the same time. This sent Shortstop Bob Sturgeon to Chicago supposedly for cash. Sturgeon was highly regarded by Cardinal observers. He is only 19 years old and a big kid who batted just three points under .300. If there was any rela-tionship between this transfer and the Raffensberger - for - Lillard - and - Mesner transaction, it was not revealed.

Aside from these developments, Cardinal fans absorbed the official slugging records of the National League with keen interest. Johnny Mize's name rested atop the list. The burly first baseman, who also won the batting title, had 353 total bases and natted in 108 runs. The No. 4 man in the table was big Don Padgett and in eighth place ripe for faster company as one of Savancame Joe Medwick. But Medwick had no reason to hang his head, for he batted in Farrar, a fion-class man from the Georgia-Florida loop. Dean Evans from the same 117 tallies. Only Frank McCormick, who league and Jack Barnes will be other can-didates. husky Farmer Herb Crompton, who did

A surprising revelation was the fact that Ray Blades' checkerboard pitching staff had more shutouts than any other corps last season. One of the youngsters who will try to cut in is Fred Walker from in the league. Conversely, the Birds were blanked only three times, low in that re-

President Donald L. Barnes of the

thorities, also will get a chance in spring Browns has called the annual meeting of the stockholders in the club for January 9. At that time the board of directors of in solving its pitching problem, but the Crackers will wait until spring training to given on the corporation. Since the resigdecide which men will be turned over to the directorate has consisted of ten memthe Indians. Autry expects to get five bers, the vacancy not having been filled. hurlers out of a group composed of Char-General Manager William O. DeWitt has not yet completed the spring schedwho was claimed by Atlanta under terms ule of the Browns, who again will train of a working agreement; Onnie Robinson, in San Antonio, Tex., but hopes to have Pete Stein, Emile Lochbaum, Bob Chipthe chart ready in a short time. He is man, Lewis Carpenter and a seventh man, scheduling a number of games with the Rene Cortez, who is supposed to be "an-other Bob Feller." Lochbaum gave the In-Toledo Mud Hens, who will condition at New Braunfels, Tex., not far from Santone, and with various Texas League clubs. Savannah will have Ray Chamberlain, especially Tulsa. The working agreement between the Browns and Toledo still is

to Be No Joy Ride for West

ASHEVILLE, N. C .- Fan interest showed a slight rise in temperature here upon the arrival of Bobby Rice, business manager of the Asheville Tourists, who immediately went to work putting the Tourist house in order for the 1940 season. Rice said he had not had any corre-SIOUX FALLS, S. D.-Who is going to spondence with Tommy West, new playing pilot of the club, but that he expected

to get in touch with the Pritchard, Ala., Fans here are asking that question as resident soon and go over a number of West, who was named manager of the

his release, so he could sign as boss of the many ramifications of farm systems tough proposition when the Piedmont

Gone from the pennant-winning roster While here recently, Branch Rickey,

bership of six has been the subject of much general manager of the St. Louis Carbaseman, to complete the infield, and Mitchell, S. D.; Worthington, Minn.; pitchers to take the places of such flingers Mooney and George Munger. PAUL JONES.

Agreement With Little Rock

Red Sox here.

fielder and manager, CHARLES M. HILLS,

for His Sioux Falls Canaries

Veterans on Infield Expected to Tighten

Loose Defense of Last Year; Atlanta

to Send Any Other Help Needed

Willett, will be stationed at third.

Into this picture at short will fit Charley

Brewster, man of all jobs last season; Sin-

do Valle, who fielded .929 for Waycross

last year, or Jim Cox, who hails from

Mack Myers, who has been on the volun-

Both Valle and Cox have played second

base, as well as short. This, thinks Man-

ager Chick Autry, will make it easy to

juggle things around in case the original

Two veterans are available for the out-

field. Eddie Rose, who wound up close

to the league batting title by hitting .353, is a standout. The Indians got Eddie from

Atlanta last season and he clicked with

the fans, players and scribes from the

start. Harry Hughes, who went to town

during a rally that all but carried the

Tribe to the pennant last season, was

acquired from the Southeastern League

Three Recruits to Be Bidding.

Waycross has an outfielder who seems

nah's outfield musketeers. He is Charley

The standout in the catching corps is

most of the backstopping for the Tribe

Jackson in the Kitty League. C. C. Mob-

ley, a semi-pro from Vivian, La., recom-

mended by a couple of competent au-

Savannah is looking to Atlanta for help

ley Burgess, sensational pitcher of 1939,

chain system; Frank Bennett, Ed Clement,

Jack Embler, Jim Mertz, Pete Petrosky,

Clement, Strickland and Gravin also

were valuable members of the Indian

W. D. McMILLAN.

dians fine service last year.

mound corps last season.

oust the other shortstop candidates.

combination doesn't click.

and will be back.

AVANNAH, Ga.—At a possible

spotty infielding last year,

should be stronger next sea-

son, with three veterans man-

ning positions in the inner de-

manage this city's Western League Canar-

they look ahead to a new season, but they 'pre-season plans. have yet to gain a suggestion of an answer from Owner Rex Stucker. That is club soon after Hal Anderson was given because Stucker doesn't know. The Canary boss, who long ago shunned the New Orleans Pelicans, will face a

(Jimmy) McCain of the Clarksdale club own, is currently combing the Pacific Possible expansion of the Class D cir- expected to be the No. 1 problem. cuit to eight clubs from its present mem-

Rock, L. L. (Cowboy) Jones, last year's talk, but there has been no great effort dinals' farm club system, intimated that skipper, again will manage the Little in this direction as yet. Canary fans Asheville would have another winner, favor Austin and Mankato, Minn., for provided, of course, the fellows ticketed as franchises, if there are to be any addi- 1940 Tourists come up to expectations. tions. It is also rumored that Beatrice, Newcomers to the lineup will include one Neb., may return to the league, replacing outfielder to team with Harry Pletersek Lincoln, where Pug Griffin has had more and Milt Bocek, a third sacker and a first

Falls are all definitely set.

being held up by Commissioner Landis, DICK FARRINGTON.

TRIBE RECEIVES BIDS ON STAR RECEIVERS

SLAPNICKA REPORTS SEVERAL CLUBS WANT HEMSLEY AND PYTLAK

Indian Chief Willing to Part With One, but Will Insist on Getting Top-Notch Moundsman in Return



LEVELAND, O.—The odds
still are heavily against
the proposition that the
Cleveland Indians will
complete a major trade
during next month's meetings in Cincinnati, but
Vice-President C. C. Slapnicka has permitted some
slight inkling of the Redmind to penetrate the pubskin frame of mind to penetrate the public prints. In the most significant statement yet issued by an Indian official in connection with trade prospects, Slapnicka admitted early this week that he has received covered offers for both his

has received several offers for both his top-rank catchers, Rollie Hemsley and Frankie Pytlak. He also stated that he would consider trading one of them—but on one tough condition. In exchange, he would accept nothing but a pitcher, and a good one.

Slapnicka rates Hemsley and Pytlak just about on a par, and tied for second place among the American League's receivers, right behind Bill Dickey. He isn't apprious to give up either of them. isn't anxious to give up either of them, but the importance of additional pitching strength would swing him toward a deal,

if an attractive one were offered.

But Siapnicka himself is first to admit that the possibility of such a transaction is most remote-largely because the clubs which need catchers also are the clubs which need pitchers, even worse than

the Indians need them. The Indians' front office chief knows that the Boston Red Sox, for example, would be happy to deal for one of his catchers, but the Sox obviously are in no position to give up a talented pitcher. Besides, Slapnicka probably would demand a better flinger for the Sox than REDERICK, Md .- "You ought to see ton Senators, for he would realize that in

Jimmy Dykes, it will be remembered, offered Johnny Whitehead for Hemsley at the meeting last winter. But it is diffithe meeting last winter. But it is diffiMd., they attended the local high school cult to see from this distance what pitcher and then went to College Park for their the White Sox pilot might feel able to sheepskins. spare. In the case of Washington, the

matter how great its need for protection of the average big league park. behind the plate, will give up a really valuable pitcher to solve the problem, and, encounter last spring, but participated Keller Honored by 100 Fans on this basis, Slapnicka agrees it is most in every game thereafter, making two improbable that a deal will be forthcom- or more hits in each contest to bat far ing. The Indians themselves got along over the .400 mark. for years without what they considered top-notch catching, but never in their backer of Hugh, wrote this about the efforts to land a ranking receiver would younger member of the Keller clan; they have parted with one of their better

Hemsley or Pytlak, the move, in one be little to choose between the twosense, would be a relief to Manager Charlie and Hugh. Oscar Vitt, who had some unhappy moments last spring because each of his like James Emory Foxx, Hank Greenmaskmen believed that he was good enough berg, Joe DiMaggio and such, we never

just what it would do if the other were running a dead heat to meet the smack." hurt, for except for the aging Luke Sewell, the Indians have no one who can be of injury. It is believed here that if Sewell could settle down in a secure spot on the active list. Old Luke is an asset to any pitching staff and, if he's somewhat slower than George Washington but possesses the same steek, trim too pounds of muscle. Both are bull-throated and strong of arm.

There is no doubt that Hugh is his brother's fielding equal. He roams the Case, he at least retains enough of the old mechanical skill to justify retention as a

leaguers were interested in last week's publication of The Sporting News of the Southern Association averages. The Incorporate to drive the horsehide past third base—or over the left field barrier. dians late last summer announced the Bill Hauver, the sage of Myersville, Bunn Hearn, Sr., baseball coach at the purchase of Pitcher Don Pulford, Out- who started Charlie on his way at Mid- University of North Carolina, who man-

that Pulford should be a consistent win- lucky disposition than Charlie."

but since he is a lefthanded batter, it is pretty obvious that the Indians are counting on him for future rather than for immediate service. With Jeff Heath, Roy Weatherly and Bruce Campbell—all offside swingers—making up three-fourths of the swingers—making up three-fourths of the current outfield corps it is unlikely that the swingers—was in the prospect, league ivory hunters are already on his retary of the State Jaycees and well-known radio sports announcer; Bill Herknown radio s current outfield corps, it is unlikely that bonus, but with no results.

a few years ago, will be inspected care-fully by his new owners, but with the Old Fox thus far. fully by his new owners, but with the Indian infield situation as it now stands, New York first grabbed Charlie Keller On Receiving End Year Ago, it is difficult to see where the boy might break into action. ED McAULEY. ed Shortstop Eddie Johnson, son of Wal-

Sure, Charlie Keller's Good, but--'You Ought to See His Brother'

Hugh, Senior at Maryland University, Also Slugging Outfielder; Sought by Yankees and Nats



By WARREN BORNSCHEUER,

Keller's name is mentioned out

Charlie bats lefthanded, has a smooth, Indians would be willing to gamble on even swing and sends out hot liners. either Joe Krakauskas or Ken Chase, Hugh stands up there like a righthanded but no one has suggested that Clark Grif- Goose Goslin and takes his whang at the for interested parties to keep an open fith would be willing to part with either ball as if he means it. Hugh gets more young southpaw for Pytlak or Hemsley. loft into his drives than Charlie does, McQuillen, Brownie outfielder. Now a

"We believe Hugh Keller will attain his full powers of maturity a couple of If the Indians did trade away either years hence, and when he does, there'll

"Sorting out a few elegant swingers might. His club seems to bend like a On the other hand, the club would have wand at the point of impact and his heft, to consider, before trading either man, wrist, arms, legs and body seem to be

> Both Sturdily Built, Strong of Arm. Leaning somewhat to the farmerish short of matching Charlie's 5-10 frame,

outer pastures as if he were in his own class. While the Yankees are endeavoring The more studious of this town's stove- to make a pull hitter of Charlie, Hugh al-

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Now a senior at the University of Mary- stop going to the Cub offices. In fact, land and a star ball player for that the mailman and telegraph messengers school, Hugh Keller is following closely are reported to have been falling over in the footsteps of his illustrious older each other delivering applications for sending a catcher to Boston he would be strengthening directly a first division rival, and he would want to be absolutely certain that the Indians were equally strengthened at the same time.

Besides Boston and Washington, Chicago

> ter Johnson, who went to Easton, Md., of the Eastern Shore League Foxy Clark Griffith signed his nephew, Sherry Robertson, who was sent to Or-

lando of the Florida State League. Now they are trying for the services of Hugh Keller, but it might be wise A Good Trick—If You Can Do It. and many of the younger Keller's knocks sophomore, he's a fancy-fielding, hard-

at Kinston, His "Alma Mater"

KINSTON, N. C .- More than 100 fans honored Charlie Keller, New York Yankee freshman who starred in the 1939

Keller played semi-pro ball for Kin-ston's Eagles in 1935-1936. In his first year maskmen believed that he was good enough to rate day-after-day service. Pytlak's have beheld a prettier figure of a bat-succession of finger injuries kept this wielder in the big leagues. Standing ond to Chubby Dean, who played with an Greenville that season and led with an order with the season and led with th as Hemsley's wounds had done the pre- as he lunges into the ball with all his average of .378. In 1936, Keller led with an average of .468.

Charlie hit .853 with Newark in the International League in 1937 and .365 in 1938. With the Yanks this year, his average was .332.

Ernest Smith, president of the Junior regarded as adequate protection in case side, like his brother, Hugh is one inch Chamber of Commerce, sponsor of the banquet, and Edwin Dunn, president of either Pytlak or Hemsley should be traded, but possesses the same sleek, trim 185 Sewell could settle down in a secure pounds of muscle. Both are bull-throatpanied him.

J. Gaskill McDaniel, former Coastal Plain brother's fielding equal. He roams the League statistician, and R. A. (Red) Thompson, president of the Kinston club, back yard, and is a ball hawk of the first when Keller played here, paid tribute to

Keller spoke briefly. He said he would

fielder Clarence (Soup) Campbell and In- dletown High School, is just as enthusi- aged the Eagles in 1934 and 1935, also

land resident who manages the Pels, says arm and, better still, a more happy-go- boro; George Susce of Kinston, former major league catcher; Wisner Chamblee, ner if he can master control of a very Although Hugh will not finish his col- president of the North Carolina Junior be easier to arrange than usual. campbell is considered a fine prospect, league ivory hunters are already on his retary of the State Jaycees and well-

the Tribe would consider carrying another lefthand-hitting gardener.

Rogers who had a trial with the Dodgers | Christian College, Wilson, during the off-

Seattle Must Now Shell Out

Hutchinson deal, will be relegated to the it will in California next March... background at the coming winter sessions. with the purchasing department receiv-ing the bulk of attention.

Four "musts" are on Jack Lelivelt's list of requirements before the club is ready to take to the trail in pursuit of its second straight pennant. An experienced shortstop to replace Alan Strange, drafted by the Browns, is the No. 1 item, with a hard-hitting second sacker, a righthanded outfielder who can swat for distance, and a winning pitcher likewise needed.

Through the sending of Hutchinson to Tyler, Also a New Team of Tyler, Also a New Team of Tyler, Tex.—Manager Bobby Goff, with only three players left from his 1939 edition of the Tyler Trojans, will go to the Cincinnati meeting of the minor leagues early next month with his eye cocked for a new major working agree-

Through the sending of Hutchinson to Detroit, Seattle was able to plug two important gaps at first base and in the outfield last year. Emil Sick's crisp greenbacks will have to do the job this year. Lelivelt's announcement that Outfielder Mike Hunt had played his last season with Lelivelt's announcement that Outfielder Mike Hunt had played his last season with Seattle was received by local fans with no great surprise, although the absence of the slugger with the bulging jaw of cut plug. slugger with the bulging jaw of cut plug, the sloppy trousers, will be like losing a city landmark.

Hunt started his career here like an Alger hero. Released by San Francisco in 1934, Mike caught on with Seattle and almost immediately became the idol of the bleacherites. Aided and abetted by the 290-foot left field wall at the Civic Field, Hunt, 149 round trippers, his peak year being 1937, when he hit 39. He finished well

GABBY TOLD TO QUIT LONE-WOLFING CUBS

WRIGLEY, REAPPOINTING MANAGER, ASKS 'CLOSE CO-OPERATION'

Owner Asserts Hartnett 'Is Willing to Go Along on My Basis;' Chisox to Take Fewer Rookies to Camp



HICAGO, Ill.—Owner-President P. K. Wrigley definitely has made it known that Gabby Hartnett will start next season as manager of the Cubs. The announcement was a mere formality, for, several days earlier, it had been made known that Gabby had been authorized to name a successor to

now manager-elect of the Tulsa Texas League club. Since it is not customary for managers about to be fired to hire coaches for their successors, Wrigley's actual statement that Hartnett will get a chance to do some more Cub managing, was no more revealing

than the earlier statement, discussed in

Roy Johnson, five years a Cub coach and

these columns last week. these columns last week.

In the absence of surprise elements, however, the Cub prexy supplied some interesting observations. He said, for instance, that if Gabby is to continue indefinitely, he will have to quit being a lone wolf. In amplifying this statement, the big boss reviewed some of the grievances frequently aired after the city series when it seemed certain Gabby was doomed to get the grand bounce. Wrigley concluded with: "He's willing to go along now on my basis. I am willing to wait long enough to determine if close co-operation can get to determine if close co-operation can get results."

The Wrigley announcement anent the supposed end of Hartnett's lone-wolfing and his consequent further tenancy as manager, slowed up the deluge of fan letters relative to whether Gabby should or should not be retained. But the mail man did not

Besides Boston and Washington, Chicago is believed to be the club likeliest to be interested in one of the Cleveland catchers.

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It is believed the Cubs are making no special effort to get a coach who has a way with rookies. While this was one of Johnson's greatest assets, and a talent which got him his Tulsa job, there has been a change of attitude about taking players from lower than Class A to spring training with the Cubs.

There is a big movement for youth on the Cubs, all right. But "B" and "C" players, and quite a few from "A" leagues, will have to win their spurs.in the minors before they can hope to visit Catalina's shores with the Cubs.

This is a real departure from past Cub policy. Spring after spring, there has been World's Series, at a banquet here, No- a sizable detachment of rookies from the vember 6. Keller stopped en route to lowest classifications, with a few boys right Camp Bryan, near the coast, for a week off the campus mixed in. While this gave of deer hunting. A turkey dinner was a lot of pleasant young men delightful spring outings, it never resulted in any miracle pickups. In fact, the result usually was that youngsters lost valuable time and instruction they might have been receiving in minor league camps.

It has been rumored that the White Sox also will concentrate on players from high classifications with a view to a more concentrated training period at Pasadena. Nevertheless, Manager Jimmy Dykes, who paused in Chicago the other day, en route from a vacation in California to his home in Philadelphia, opined that ere the winter meetings are over next month, he will have on his list about 45 or 50 who will be thinking they would like the March climate in Pasadena.

Sox' Minor Family Growing. The Sox aren't going to ship nearly that many to the Far West, but the fact many of the lads probably won't ever shove their feet under a table in the Green Hotel in Pasadena, doesn't mean they'll be sunk without trace.

The Sox minor league affiliations are growing more extensive and Dykes will place many lads without going through the expense and futility of carrying them to California as heretofore.

It is reported work still is going on relfielder Stanley Rogers from the Pelicans.
Pulford's record of six victories and 12
defeats hardly suggests that he'll crowd
Bob Feller for leadership of the Tribal
hill staff. Roger Peckinpaugh, the Cleveland resident who manages the Pels says ative to the booking of the spring exern California next spring, it had been supposed that booking exhibitions would

> El Paso. From El Paso, the Cubs would go to San Antonio to join up with the Browns, while the Pirates and White Sox continued the trek eastward and northward after the Sox parted company with

San Antonio is a nice place to drop off SEATTLE, Wash.—The sales department of Emil Sick & Company, which was very active last winter because of the Freddie brighter at Philadelphia in October than

for Tyler, Also a New Team The directors voted to drop the nick-name of Elks or Elkhorns and henceforth call the club the Norfolk Yankees. Nor-

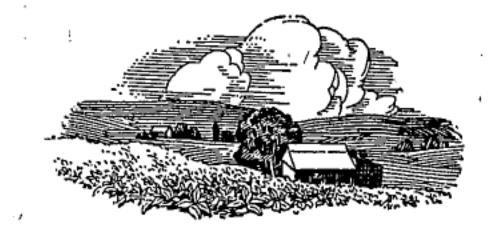
Goff, who is a part owner of the East Texas League club here, severed connections with the Cleveland farm system-via Wilkes-Barre—before the close of the past connections with the Cleveland farm system-via Wilkes-Barre—before the close of the close of

Baseman Freddie Knoll. Pitcher Jim Bratcher was purchased from Birmingham in the Southern Association some time

The Tyler club will be forced to make extensive park improvements, as well as team improvements for next season, although the city is building a fine new stadium at the East Texas Fair Grounds. a righthanded pull hitter, became Seattle's The new native rock stadium, however, home run king. In six seasons he slammed probably won't be ready until next fall. Skipper Goff has promised the fans a winner next year and enthusiasm, which over .300 each year until 1938, when he dropped to the .290 circle, and as a part time performer the past season, he fell to .260.

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folk is a farm of the New York Amer-

All officers have been re-elected for the 1940 season, namely, F. L. Abel, president; cocked for a new major working agreement, possibly with the Yankees.

Goff, who is a part owner of the minor Jones, secretary-treasurer. New directors are: Clarence Kuhn, J. Ralph Watteyne and Art Jochum. Carl Munson Williams





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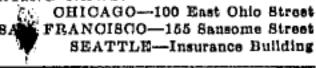
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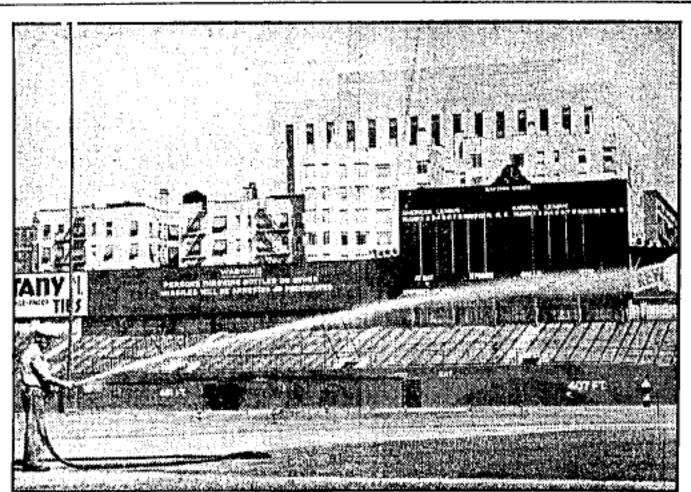
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SPRING NOTE-The players are busy in the South and the clubs' front five scribes talking with Durocher, and offices are busy preparing for advertising signs and painting of their at least five players ditto, and the Dodgparks. A good example in using the outer wall space was set last year by ers also has the best sunburns in the state. President Ed Barrow of the Yankees, in a move to prevent a repetition of |On account of the cloudy, cool days, ball the turbulent scene that marred a game at the Stadium near the end of players with sunburns down here this the season, when the Bombers were playing the Detroit Tigers. Bottles spring is as rare as millionaire boosters were tossed on the field during the disturbance and Landlord Barrow for Roosevelt. posted a stern warning that throwers of glass and other missiles will Hank, I am down here in Florida, on he arrested and prosecuted henceforth. Occupying a large section of the bleacher fence adjoining the scoreboard, the sign is plainly visible from all parts of the Stadium and is a constant reminder that acts of rowdyism will not be tolerated. The sign reads: "Warning: Persons throwing I hear around here that MacPhail wants bottles or other missiles will be arrested and prosecuted."-and it's a to trade Babe Phelps, the big catcher, text that should be put before fans in all parks by the time opening which is something of a mystery man,

ONE BENEFIT RETAINED-WAY TO ANOTHER OPENED

HROUGHOUT the 20 years the majors and minors have been operating under the regime of Commissioner K. M. Landis, there has been why Dixie Walker sits on the benches frequent disagreement with his decisions-violent disagreement, at collecting splinters and barnacles and old times-and considerable gossip has been heard about the possibility man Waner gets the job. The saying is of breaking away from his jurisdiction, modifying his powers and making that Walker is not as gooda golfer as test cases of some of his rulings. On the surface, it would seem that many Paul, and that hereafter the Dodgers go were only waiting the chance to get out from under his authority, or to tie to golf schools during the off-season to his hands so that he would merely be a front-if anyone can conceive of protect they're jobs. However, I think giving up desserts. Landis serving in that capacity.

If there had been any united opposition, the opportunity to assert itself was given last week at the joint meeting of the majors' and minors' committees, delegated to write a new Major-Minor Agreement. Many provisions in that agreement give the commissioner almost unlimited power No. 3 water, I hear a loud report. and there have been interpretations of others that ran counter to the personal desires of some groups. The time and place were at hand to reconstruct the administration of the game, if the men engaged in the task had Hugh Casey, Johnny Hudson, Don Ross wished to do so.

However, it was apparent that regardless of what some may think, the majority believe the commissioner has ruled for the best interests of the game and also has kept within boundaries that help to establish the legality of the baseball structure itself. In private, some have inveighed against his singleness of purpose in protecting the player on the theory that offer I chuck it right outta the winder." "the clubs could protect themselves." However, on a showdown, when So I mosey around this part of Florida, it came to putting such opposition in words on a document that will con- and here is which I find out: It seems trol the destinies of the game for many years, at least so far as the rela- Terry is sitting in the dugout, caressing tions of the majors and minors are concerned, the so-called revolt died his callouses and making fun with the

In fact, the representatives of Organized Ball at the meeting in Florida, instead of turning away from this leadership, turned toward it and many things were left undone until the reaction of the commissioner was learned, with the result the writing of the new agreement was postponed until a

The outcome was not so much a personal triumph for Landis as it was for the policies he has consistently advocated throughout the years. As an administrator, of course, he has been forced to hew to the line of and I am very eager to take his dough legislation mapped out for him, but during the past two decades he has away from him, because Hank ain't no led in shaping such legislation to meet his requirements. If a majority at gazelle, but faster than Harry the Hoss. any time wanted to write their own rules, it was within their right to so act, and he has bowed to most of their wishes. However, the commis- in the dugout and he says, "Sure I trade sioner has been adamant—to a point of stubbornness, it seemed to his op- Danning to the Dodgers, if they give me ponents-in insisting on the elimination of certain evils and the support Reiser, Casey, and so forth, and so on, of certain ideals. Yet the years have proven the wisdom of many of his without limit." policies—to such an extent, in fact, that some who have been most bitter in their denunciation of particular edicts now admit they have been bene- hear whilst I am dunking in No. 3 water ficial to the game, as a whole, Unquestionably, there is legislation now on the books that is out-

moded. Nothing stands still and baseball cannot afford to do so. The majors, apparently willing to pass back to the minors matters which concern the latter alone, are wise in relinquishing such veto power, for there are only a few points in which they conflict and in those cases there should T be an agreement or an arbiter to decide such differences. The minors have their own problems which they alone can solve, and it shouldn't be necessary for them to go to the big fellows to beg for permission to make the Gomez says, "Is it bonded or the ordinary solution. The National Association, in turn, should grant greater autonomy kind?" Painter opens the package and to its leagues and shorten the National Association Agreement, as the Ma- what do you think it is? Vitamines, Loads jor-Minor League Rules promise to be made briefer.

Above all, regardless of whether the power of the commissioner is to turn a pony into a elephant, restricted or reaffirmed, or concessions are made to the minors by the majors, or changes are effected in the rules, there should be clear definition will be sent to you.

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Commissioner tions of terms used in the agreements. Legal terminology or obscure ver- row and gives him the vitamine line so biage should be avoided. Comparatively few men in the smaller leagues strong, Barrow buys a thousand pills from are schooled in baseball administration and they should not be penalized Breadon, and puts in an order for a million and George Halpin; Ted Williams by Frank club to a pennant in one of the tightest for doing something they honestly believe to be right, simply because they more. have failed to draw the correct inference from complicated language, whose he says, "Fellers, it's orders from Barrow

Baseball law and administration should be made as simple and as easy to understand as possible. Player, manager, club and league official ought the first?" to be able to study the code and know exactly what they can or cannot "Listen, Painter, my arm is only a holdo. A fine opportunity to start this simplification is presented by the low shell of what it is when I am good," necessity of rewriting the Major-Minor League Agreement. If such sim- hollers Gomez. "I am cut down to so plification is carried out, the revisions necessary in the National As- small a salary, I don't have to pay no insocation Agreement will pave the way for similar action on that docu- come tax. But when you ask me to take ment. And when the Major League Agreement comes up within the next pills so I can pitch, I draw the line. I four years, the work of simplification can be carried still further. Then, and only then, will the game have a code of which it may be proud and Nix, nothing doing." which does not need a lot of interpreters to decide what it means, as if it

were written in numerous foreign languages.
Plain definitions of technical terms, simple language in the text and accurate guideposts of do's and don'ts should be incorporated into all of the laws of the sport. The game will be better served if everyone as I can catch a ball, I say, Nerts." knows exactly how he stands AT ALL TIMES, simply by following the Bill Dickey looks at the pills and walks regulations prepared for his use, and that code should be the law until a away. "Things is strange," he says. "Nowanew one is placed in his hands. Only in that way can the administration of days you gotta take pills so you don't have the game proceed smoothly with suspicion, distrust and uncertainty defi- to take no pills. Whose looney now? No, nitely removed.

DRAIN ON THE SMALLER MINORS

LTHOUGH the national draft is making inroads in the player ranks by inducting into the Army performers of outstanding ability, as well as mediocre athletes, there is a bigger and more serious drain coming from another direction. High wages, obtainable in national defense industries, are luring away many young men who had found a playing salary, paying around a hundred dollars a month, attractive enough to experiment with baseball as a possible career—so much so that several Yanks is blase, whatever that is. "If they leagues will not operate this season, not for want of financial support or fear of red-ink figures, but simply because there is not enough diamond He keeps reading and getting redder and

Naturally, players in a position to draw more money in private in- laugh, dustry will prefer to stay in such jobs rather than risk an uncertain future It seems the guy which writes the in the game. It is their privilege to remain out of the sport and follow piece says Joe is slipping. He wins four other pursuits, if their salary requirements cannot be met. However, it straight world championships. He finishes must be remembered there are salary limits beyond which the clubs are third, two games behind the Tigers, in unable to go. The limits are fixed and inflexible and any club owner or of- 1940. He is organizing a fine looking ball ficial who attempts to evade them is subject to the imposition of a severe club, with Gordon at first, Rizzuto at

Not all players are qualified for big pay outside the profession, kid pitchers which looks great, nor is the pot of gold to last forever. When the present emergency But the piece in the paper say passes, it may be too late to return to baseball, so a young player should weigh his chances before attempting to make his demands so high they cannot be met. Rookies or first-year players cannot expect to get rich at their present diamond pay-but for those who make good, there is a

golden path ahead which few other endeavors can match. National defense, of course, comes first, if a man is qualified to make

himself indispensable to the preparedness program. Baseball willingly will contribute anyone who can help in that direction. However, that is no reason for depleting the treasury or eliminating the game in a community simply because some players see an opportunity to ask for more than they are worth at the present time, or that clubs can afford to pay.

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WITH PITCHER SNORTER CASEY DANIEL M. DANIEL



Dodgers Parked Opposite Sannyterium

C AFETY HARBOR, Fla.—Dear Hank:—You wonder what I am doing ing a commissioner because then the National League will have two votes to the is the dot on the map where the Dodgers sleep. They get back from American League's one. Branch Rickey that dear old Cuba to finish they're training in Clearwater, but they is behind it all. He controls the minors find out the hotels is full, so they have to go six miles up the road to The National League can use its own Safety Harbor, which is on Tampa Bay. This is a very nice place for a vote and the vote they hope to get from ball club. In the first place, it is very hard to find. There is a hotel, and the minors, and outvote us. Those Naacrost the street, a sannyterium. This is a fine combination for the Dodg- tional League fellows like Rickey of St. ers, especially for Durocher, which is bound to have headaches all the Louis and MacPhail of Brooklyn are all

The big sales talk around here is some kinds water which cures what ails you. Like if you have chilblains, which is common around Florida this spring, you take tell 'em. a glass of No. 5 water, and you get prickly heat, and viva voce, as you might say. You

take a bath in No. 1, then dunk in No & 2, and soak out in No. 3, and when you gets your clothes on again, you have to add yourself up to see how much you

However, this is a nice, quiet place, and what the doctor orders for the Dodgers after the excitements of Havana and Cuba Libre. You hear more stories about Havanal However, the dope is the Dodgers plays to 28,000 paid down there, which they figure it takes Clearwater 28 years to match, so MacPhail practically tells Batista to send out the welcoming squad again next February, only that time the Dodgers reports later than this year, and moves right up home after leaving Cuba.

Blimp Phelps No Like Air

TFELL, Hank, in St. Pete, I hear all kindsa stories that Durocher is not talking to the scribes, and the players, half of them ain't talking to Leo, and what with one thing and another, and the Mungo epysode, it is a red-hot

The rumors is gross exaggerated. I see

Yankees at Jacksonville. But this is the worst spring it is my pleasure not to en-

It seems Babe ain't fond of flying, which is the big dish for the Dodgers, and is after getting hisself on some club which sticks to the Pullmans.

this is just a lotta fun, Hank,

The Big Terry Spoof

It says, Terry offers to trade Harry Danning to Dodgers for Pete Reiser, and the concession rights at Ebbets Field. I say to Leo, "Is this here report on the level?" And Leo says, "If this report is on the level, it still ain't news, because first I do not get this offer; second, I do not care to get this offer; third, if I get this writers, and one of the lads says to Bill, "Would you trade Danning to the Dodg-

Terry just gets a new load of Harry the Hoss carrying the mail in left field, and he ain't exactly what you call a pony express even if Bill does offer to bet Danning is faster than Hank Greenberg, However, where am I? Yes, Terry sits

This results in the loud report which I at Safety Harbor, Fla. It is very strange how some stories gets started in baseball,

. . . Yanks Revolt on Vitamines

AM visiting in the clubhouse of them Yankees the other day and a kid brings in a big package and hands it to Doc and loads of vitamines. Enough vitamines

for each player to choke down three of these pills every morning. Who will be

sometimes take pills, but not to pitch.

Joe DiMaggio says, "I am getting on in years, on account of in October I am a happy pappy. I never take a pill of any kind in my whole life, and if any guy tells me I have to take chemicals and drugs so

thanks. I take my vitamines in the form of steak," Well, a few of the kids swalleys the pills. But Painter sure is stocked

McCarthy a Trifle Burned Up

FIND Joe McCarthy loaded with emotion, without taking no vitamines. He is reading a piece out of a New York sporting page, which says that the redder under the ears. Then he starts to

short and Priddy at second, and a loado But the piece in the paper says, McCar-

thy is going down the skids. He ain't interested no more, because like Diogenes, he ain't got no more worlds to conquer. I says to Joe, "Well, it looks like this bird is wise to you. Better get out there and run ten times around the park."



Griff Scents National League Plot HE minors' attempt to gain a voice in choosing a commissioner for Organized Ball-opposed by the majors at the meeting on the Major-Minor Agreement at St. Petersburg-was a National League ruse and Branch Rickey was behind it all," President Clark Griffith of the Senators told Shirley Povich of the Washington Post.

"'Those National League people are try-ing to skinflint us,' said Griffith. 'They tied up with the minor league men. They vote anyway that Rickey and MacPhail

"Aside from his refusal to trust the motives of the National League in the thorough scouting staff in baseball. The Tigers dispute this. But New matter, Griffith does not trust the minor leagues in any matter of such importance as electing a Czar for the industry, 'They're too unstable, he says. 'They may be here today and gone tomorrow. They have too many fly-by-night clubs. It was the big leagues who held baseball together. All those minors threw up the sponge when the Federal League tried to break into baseball in 1914.

"'There were 49 minor leagues operating 30 years ago, but they didn't know how to run their own business. A few years ago, they dropped off to 11. If it had not been for the big league clubs pouring money into 'em, they'd all have quit. We've got 'em back now to where they have almost 50 leagues running."

"Griffith is very practical about the whole business. 'Why should the minors have any voice in electing the baseball commissioner?' he asked, 'They don't pay a dime of the \$65,000 salary he gets. The big league clubs pay it all. Everybody was satisfied under that arrangement until Rickey and MacPhail started giving the minors ideas. They don't want to have just a voice in electing a commissioner. They want to have the balance of power and use it as a threat over the American

"'Judge Landis knows all about this National League trick, Even if we agreed to this proposal they've made, the Judge

League Prexy Coaches Players

Frank J. Shaughnessy is one league president who is ready, willing and able to get out on the field, roll up his sleeves and coach players, observes Jack Durkin of the Syracuse (N. Y.) Herald-Journal reporting a visit by the International League head to the camp of the Syracuse Chiefs at Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

"When Shaughnessy dropped in to see practice of the Chiefs, he wasn't wearing the clothes of Fifth Avenue, New York, where his office is located, but a Panama hat, sports shirt and slack trousers," writes

"Goody Rosen of the Chiefs was in the batting cage when Shaughnessy expressed an opinion to President Clarence M. Schindler and Manager Ben Borgmann that Rosen could improve his hitting by changing his style somewhat,

"Before Shaughnessy had finished his explanation, he leaped over a fence in front of the stands, onto the field and made his way to the batting cage, calling a halt to Goody's swinging. The league hands and illustrated his point. "After Rosen had practiced batting with

a changed style, Shaughnessy watched ton and several other players. He then offered suggestions he felt would help them, too. They tried the suggestions and expressed the thought these benefited

"One player was overheard by this corthe way they want to.' they looked like the same old Deal, Has-

son & Company. Shaughnessy dropped \$200,000 ball player for this club, in on the third day, Whether it was that "You know, to be a successful

camp the fourth day of training, but came back for another visit on the fifth day. 'I sociation in 1892. Rube Robinson went to along in hitting,' he said, displaying interest in this part of the Chiefs' training, a really important part, too, because they can use all the batting ability that may

"Nobody knows better than Shaughnessy how vital it is to get every bit of possible percentage from a batting order that isn't laden with power. He remembers the Syracuse clubs he managed in old Star Park in 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924 and 1925.

"Why any ball player should believe Shag's advice would go in one ear and out the other of a teammate, is something that is hard to understand. Before he

"Our reference is to 1935 when, as man-Shellenback: Harry Danning was signed by races in the 58 years' history of the Inter-George Washington Grant, former owner of the Braves, for the New York Giants,

> Mack Learned Way to Live at 75 The remarkable health and vitality shown by Connie Mack, head of the Athgartner of the Philadelphia Inquirer to ask the Tall Tactician his secret, and the writer was surprised to learn that the veteran manager "just learned how to live

recently."

"'You'd have thought I would have known better,' mused Connie. 'But around that time I gained eight pounds in some mysterious way. . . . I was very proud of increasing my weight from 148 to 156. . . .

ed out a schedule and today I feel better R. L., TOLEDO, O.: ROY (DOC) MILLER played with Detroit A. L. in 1902; Manchester, 1903; Denver, 1904-05; Binghamton, 1906; out of game, 1907; Wilkes-Barre, 1908; Wilkes-Barre, Pueblo and San Francisco, 1909; Chicago N. L. and Boston N. L., 1910; Boston N. L., 1911; Boston and Philadelphia N. L., 1912; Philadelphia N. L., 1913; Cincinnati, 1914; Newark, 1917. Fred Miller played with Jackson in 1907-08; Cleveland, Mobile and Columbus, 1909; Chaitanooga and tout a schedule and today I feel better than I have in 15 years, . . . One half hour before breakfast . . . usually at 8 a. m. I drink a cupful of hot water—not too hot . . . then a breakfast of a baked apple, oatmeal and a cup of coffee.

"'After breakfast I read the paper, front page, then sports. . . At 12 o'clock I have lunch, consisting of a bowl of soup, tomato, chicken okra or vegetable, and a

tomato, chicken okra or vegetable, and a for 15 minutes, so I will be keen and alert for the game.

most anything-but very little of it . . . manager. meat, but no sauce or gravy . . . two vegetables . . . either lima or string beans, pears or tomatoes and tea. . . . After dinner I often go to the movies on the road. . . . At home, I stay with my family.'

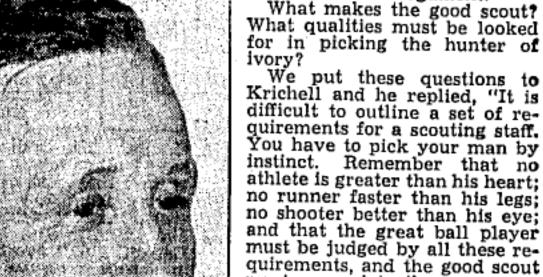
"'I haven't had anything to drink in

hree and Une Looking them over with

Scooting Along the Scouting Trail With Krichell

TEW YORK, N. Y .- At the head of the scouting system of the New York Yankees, in the West 42nd street offices in Manhattan, working under Ed Barrow and George Weiss, is Paul Krichell, one-time American League catcher and coach. Bill Essick and Joe Devine work the western end of the country. Johnny Nee is in the Southeast. Gene McCann scouts out of the home office. Steve O'Rourke and Johnny Haddock complete the regular corps, and then there are part-time scouts all over the United States. Barrow and Weiss pride themselves on having the most able and most

> York's standing in the last five years gives support to the Barrow side of the argument. What makes the good scout?



ing staff. The strength of your scouts

depends not alone on their personal abilities. They cannot go beyond the limitations placed on them by their superiors. Suppose I make an offer of \$10,000 for a player, and this is the limit set by the front office. I discover I must go to \$12,000, and quick action is needed. I feel the player is worth \$12,000. I lift the offer PAUL KRICHELL-Keeps Yanks Coming on my own initiative. Of course, you should dash for the telephone and get the okay of the club head. But if you must do things

at once, having the confidence and the support of your ball club in an emergency helps to make the scout successful. That is self-evident. "Your major league scout should be a man who once played in the big leagues. He must know from experience what big league ball demands and entails. "Your scout must know a ball player in the making. He must sense

a player when they see him in the almost-finished state. But the good scout must be able to vision a boy as he will be five years later. Easy? Just a breeze! Try it for a couple of years! "Your good scout must have good judgment not alone on talent, but in business, in relations with young men, and with older ones, too. He

to act fast and outwit the other scouts. It is a game of tough competition. "Your good scout must be a hustler. He has to become accustomed to quick jumps, discomforts, bad food, bad trains, terrible hotels, getting up at 5 in the morning.

"Your good scout must be honest, have initiative; he must show en-

must feel that all the players gathered by all the scouts go to the credit of the entire scouting staff. This teeling comes from morale. It has to be president then took the bat in his own built by the head of the ball club, who does not play one scout against another, one find against another.'

TT RICHELL sat back and smiled. "Your first-class scout must have

what we call guts. Some call it gameness, some sand. I call it guts. For example, you find a player like Earle Combs. The Louisville club set a price of \$50,000 on him. The scout who followed him weakness of arm had been written up in the papers, and whose weakness of

told him they saw a benefit in what he had yourself, as well, and be able to get over your own mistakes. "There is no doubt that we do not go into a player's background suf-

"Shaughnessy was an absentee from ficiently. But great players are so scarce, competition for talent is so Ty Cobb was not the sweetest bird who ever played ball."

The question about Rizzuto was pressed. "Well, I found Rizzuto. He had played

Stadium. It was in July and we got 56 kids together for a few days. Rizzuto was one of them. It did not take long to spot the lad because he was so small, and so peppery. I asked him if he wanted to play ball, and in 1937, sent him to Bassetts in the Bi-State League, Class D. Norfolk, 1938; Kansas City, 1939; Yankees, 1941. Quick, what?

"That's where the chain store system comes in. Years ago we would have been forced to neglect virtually all of these boys because we had no place to put them. But with a big chain, you need a lot of players. That makes the job of the scout more

exacting, for he has to see the boy as he will be after five years in the minors. It's like getting a picture of the gal you want to marry as she will be when she is as old as her

Gene McCann was sent to Kinston, N. C., where Keller was playing summer ball. McCann ran into trouble. Bill Bradley of Cleveland and three other ivory "'You know,' he said, a smile twinkling hunters were in Kinston, hot on the scent. One evening I was sitting in a hotel mingham, Selma and Gadsden, 1939; Indian- in his eyes, 'I didn't learn the proper way room in Buffalo, talking with the father of Emerson Dickman, pitching now for the to live until I was 75. Before that I used Red Sox. I had Dickman's father about sold on the Yankee proposition. If I had H. K., TOLEDO, O.: HOWARD W. WIL. to stuff myself at the dinner table, run up stuck to that job, we would have had a good pitcher.

washington and Minneapolis, 1908; Washington, Minneapolis and Sloux City, 1909; Sloux I was knocked out . . . you probably redicted and Vancouver, 1913. Addison Gumbert played with Zanesville, O., in 1888; Chicago N. L., 1890; Boston, N. L., 1890; Chicago N. L., 1891 plate heaped high with mashed potatoes phia N. L., 1893-94-95; Philadelphia N. L., 1896.

well, the telephone rang, and it was Boss Barrow, in New York. McCann was two plate heaped out You probably remed I was knocked out . . . you probably remed I was knocked out What a meal I ate that night! I can still see my plate heaped high with mashed potatoes and gravy. . . . It was my last big meal. . . . Almost my last more in the telephone rang, and it was Boss Barrow, in New York. McCann was hollering for help. He was surrounded by scouts. Barrow said, 'Drop everything. The proposed a train for Baltimore and first dropped in at the University of Maryland, College Park. There I saw Mr. Shipley, the baseball coach. I wanted him on my side. I had quite a talk with Ship, and he said he wanted to see Keller go to the New York club. With that assurance, I hit the road for the Keller farm.

to visit if I blew the ball player. "Then I went to Kinston. I arrived at 6 in the morning and awoke McCann. said, 'Gene, no one must know I am here. Just lead me to the house where Keller is I wanted to keep those extra pounds, so boarding, and then start praying for Messrs. McCann and Krichell.'

> Shipley into the conversation, and then gradually got Charlie out of the house. I did not want Bradley and the rest to know I was around. "I started to walk Keller toward the outskirts of the town. It didn't take long.

kept right on talking. I took out a pen and a contract, and against the side of an "Getting Dusty Cooke was not quite so simple. Cooke, now with Jersey City, was

the greatest looking prospect of my experience. Injuries ruined him. Why, after we had had Dusty with St. Paul for a season, we turned down \$100,000 for him. "I spotted Cooke with Durham, N. C. So had a lot of other ivory hunters-seven

have lunch, consisting of a bowl of soup, of them, to be exact. Everybody was talking about Cooke. "A Dr. Booker was president of the Durham club, Red Rowe was the vice-president,

"'Dinner usually is at 6:30 unless the scouts tell me you are only a figurehead on this club. They tell me you have no right game has gone extra innings and I eat to sell a player, and that I have to do business with Rowe and Lew McCarty, the "'Doc, I like your way of doing business and I like you. But if you have no au-

"While in Durham I ran into Doc Atkins, who used to pitch for Baltimore, and he "Do your social engagements often force tipped me off to Bill Werber, then a freshman at Duke University. We had no spot for Bill. He certainly is proving himself with the Reds.

McCloskey Memorial

According to present plans, on one side of the stone will appear crossed bats and a baseball, with an inscription: "John J. McCloskey-Baseball Pioneer." For the reverse side, the following inscription has been suggested: "John J. McCloskey-Revered as Honest John. As Player, Manager, Club Official and League Organizer, He Devoted a Lifetime of Loyal Service to the Game He Loved. In Grateful Appreciation

each side of the monument. through a campaign, sponsored by THE SPORTING NEWS, for a suitable memorial to McCloskey. After providing for the monument, larger cemetery lot and repairs to the family home in Louisville, monthly payments are being made from the

E. W. Fries, member of the Louisville committee now administering

back soon as this nuisance is outta the Well, the piece makes conversation, and that's something. Meanwhile, I see Joe Durkin,

er day for 17 grand, and the annual holdout yarn in the camp of the Cardinals is killed. One thing about writing baseball with the Cards, you are always sure of having a holdout story. Hornsby, a dozen other birds in between -Dean, Medwick, Mize-who next?

more of Sam's dough, or he starts a doughnut foundry and quits baseball, One thing the depression does; it keeps them holdouts from announcing that if they do not get what they want, they re-

tire and start raising silver foxes or white skunks, or goes prospecting for diamonds in Arkansas. It is a funny thing about them hold-

Your Pal. SNORTER CASEY.

CONSTANT READER, MANDEVILLE Ted Sullivan organized Southern As-New Orleans from Little Rock in 1923,

tall and weighs 180 pounds. He is reserved by Portsmouth, O., for 1941. R. E. J., ST. PAUL, MINN.: FOLLOW

DR. T. D. V., ATLANTA, GA.: WE REgret that space limitations prevent publica-

FAN. CHAMPAIGN, ILL .: FRANK Mc-

BROOKLYN FAN, BROOKLYN, N. Y.: IN 1889, William (Adonis) Terry won 23 games and lost 14; Jay Hughes won ten, lost eight; Robert Caruthers won 36, lost nine; Tom Lovett won 18, lost ten. In 1890, Hughes won three, lost five; Lovett won 31,

son played with Terre Haute in 1905; Can-

Heights, Cleveland, O.: Curt Davis, 257 Melrose, Monrovia, Cal.; Van Mungo, Pageland, S. C.; Whitlow Wyatt, Buchanan, Ga.; Ed Head, Star Route, West Monroe, La.; Wes Flowers, Wynne, Ark.; Charley Gilbert, 6233 W. End boulevard, New Orleans, La.; Steve Rachunok, 13523 Hasse street, Detroit, Mich. ed out a schedule and today I feel better.

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—The body of John J. McCloskey, veteran player, manager, club official and league organizer who died in November, 1940, has been moved to a larger and more accessible location in Calvary Cemetery here, and work is progressing on a suitable monument to Honest John.

from Baseball." Evergreens will be planted on

Approximately \$1,500 was raised remaining balance to McCloskey's

the fund, reports that Mrs. McCloskey, who has been in ill health for a long time, is in a weakened condition and that grave doubts are held for her recovery.

Always a Holdout on Tap TTFELL, Hank, John Mize signs the oth-

The way this thing works, Mize holds out again in 1942. In 1943, he is sold to the Dodgers, and then some other guy starts yelling he is being gypped and must have

outs. They holler, and holler, and by April 1, they are all gone, like the snows of winter. Hoping you are the same, I am,

ARLA, LEBANON, O.: RAYMOND V. a really impossible was born in Windsor Locks, Conn., can use all the representation of the control of the cont

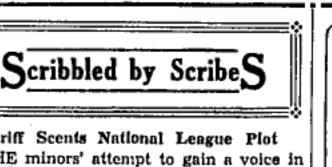
ing are home addresses requested: Rip Radcliff, 516 S. Polk street, Enid, Okla.; Larry Rosenthal, 231 Belmont street, St. Paul, Minn.; Dick Siebert, Concordia Junior College, St. Paul, Minn.

E. J. R., BLUEFIELD, W. VA.: EDWARD Martin was born April 3, 1918. He played with Washington, Pa., and Newark, 1935; Butler and Akron, 1936; Akron and Smith Falls, 1937; Auburn, 1938; Montgomery, Bir-

M. A. S., BROOKLYN, N. Y.: FOLLOWhome addresses requested: James Wasdell, 1604 S. 86th street, Cleveland, O.; Joe Vosmik, 2476 Channing road, University

Mobile and Columbus, 1909; Chattanooga and S. A. L., CINCINNATI, O.: ADDRESSES

you requested are as follows: Hank Gowdy, 399 Tibet road, Columbus, O.; Frank Mc-Cormick, 37-68 97th street, Corona, L. I., N. Y.; Linus Frey, 4605 Penrose street, St. Louis, Mo.; Lew Riggs, Mebane, N. C.; Mike Mc-Cormick, 835 W. Rose street, Stockton, Cal.; Harry Craft, 2008 W. Fourth street, Water-



What qualities must be looked

for in picking the hunter of We put these questions to Krichell and he replied, "It is difficult to outline a set of requirements for a scouting staff. You have to pick your man by instinct. Remember that no

must appreciate them. "I would say that no ball club is stronger than its scout-

a lad's ability to develop. There are hundreds of old players who know

must have tact. Yes, you might say, a little cunning, too. Often you have

"And your good scout must be a 100 per cent organization man. He

Lindsay Deal, Gene Hasson, Herman Clif- A Double-Play on Priddy and Rizzuto

around saw that Combs did not have a first-class arm. But Earle had so respondent saying: 'That'll go in one ear many other good qualities, it took guts for the scout to say, 'Okay, pay fifty and out the other. Those boys will hit grand for this man.' It took guts to spend a fortune for a player whose "So it seemed, too. The following day arm was noted by New York experts just as soon as Earle showed up on the field at New Orleans, where we trained, in 1924. Combs proved a

"You know, to be a successful scout you have to be not only a spotter they saw him coming or not, the players of actual baseball talent, but a psychologist as well. You have to be able who were given suggestions, promptly be- to look into a young man's brain. You have to be able to look into a gan practicing his theories again. They young man's heart. You have to study his disposition. You have to study

keen that you cannot afford to be as finicky as you would like to be. Then, again, you spot a player whom you know to be difficult—a screwwant to see how those fellows are coming ball, or a mean guy. But you say, "This Waddell was no ordinary man, and

Krichell paused and we asked, "Who found these new boys, Phil Rizzuto and Jerry Priddy?" "Priddy was spotted by Essick, who had his eye on the boy when he still was in ligh school," Paul replied. "Gordon also was found by Vinegar Bill. Priddy will turn

out just as great a second sacker as Gordon. at Richmond Hill High School, at Floral Park, in the Queens County Alliance. I had four letters recommending the boy, "In 1936, I induced Messrs. Barrow and Weiss to let me run a school at Yankee

"I mentioned four letters which led to our getting Rizzuto. Our organization rewe used to play. We answer every letter; if at all possible, we follow up every lead, no matter where the boy is. Out of the 2,000 leads we might get 20 kids for Class D and C clubs. That is a fair percentage.

mother. If you still like the girl-well, that's how it is in scouting."

letics, at the age of 78, moved Stan Baum- Persuaded Keller's Kin, Then He Chased Charlie

WE ASKED about Charlie Keller. Who located him? "Well, Keller was what you might call an office product. We knew about him at the University of Maryland. "Well, the telephone rang, and it was Boss Barrow, in New York. McCann was

covered there was a cousin who was a lawyer. He had to be talked to, also. By that time I was a little short of words, dry in the throat, wondering what foreign country

"McCann hopped out of bed and took me to a house some six blocks away. I found celler getting up. Introduced myself, told him how the folks felt at home, introduced

outhouse, Charles Ernest Keller signed to play ball for the Newark club.

Brooklyn, 1910: Rochester. Sioux City and Seward, Neb., 1911: Montgomery and Char- Shibe Park or on the road, I take a nap lotte, 1912; Evansville, 1913.

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> thority, I want to know it at once, so I can start working on McCarty and Rowe.' "Well, Booker got sore. White in the face. He told me Rapp had offered \$12,500. He said he would prove who had the authority. I got Cooke for \$12,500.

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