BUCS SEEK ONE MAN, ONE MOVE UP LADDER

SECOND-PLACE PIRATES COUNT ON LUCAS TO BRIDGE GAP

Second Base Only Position of Uncertain Status at This Time; Gibson's Job Virtually Depends on Title



TTSBURGH, Pa.—If the Pirates of 1934 made one collective resolution on New Year's Day—and that resolution was to do better than their 1933 predecessors -then they have done all that their followers could ask, for the Buccos of 1933 landed in the runner-up position in the National League race, and an accomplishment better

than that means a pennant. As Pittsburgh fans look ahead, right now, they see a fine future and the opinion is fairly general that the outfit which will represent this city in the next pennant fight will be a bit stronger in at least one important department than was the team which finished second to the Giants last season.

The 1934 personnel is still a trifle indefinite, for it is admitted at headquarters that the powers-that-be still are dickering for additional talent, and before the bunch is mobilized for spring training, one or two important changes may be noted in the roster.

However, with the exception of second base, the Pirate line-up is pretty well settled. Gus Suhr doubtless will be back at first base, Floyd Vaughan at shortstop and Captain Pie Traynor at the off-corner. Who will play the middle bag is undecided, although there are at least four aspirants.

Tommy Thevenow seems to have first call as the starter, provided no other deals are put through this winter. Manager George Gibson has President Bill Benswanger's permission to go the limit to land a seasoned infielder for that important position, but there is no assurance at this writing that such a performer will be obtained. The Pirates, as they stand, present such a formidable-appearing front that no rival club owner or manager is eager to add to their strength by assisting them in definitely eliminating the only possible weak spot in their combination.

Can Use 'Em In Relays. It may be, therefore, that Gibson will have to depend upon the talent he owns at present, so far as filling the second sack is concerned. In that case, he, doubtless, will start with Thevenow, and use him as long as his underpinning will stand up under the strain. He has Floyd Young, Harry Lavagetto and Bill Brubaker to fall back on in emergencies, and the training session probably will serve to show which one of these three is the most dependable. It is not likely that all three of them will be carried after the season gets under way. Those not retained may find places at Little Rock, the relations between the Travelers and the Freebooters being such that any men placed with Little Rock can be recalled on short notice, if necessity should

time, that Suhr might figure in a winter deal, but no strength has been given such reports at Pirate headquarters, and it is taken for granted here that the lanky Coast lad again will be found at his old station, where his defensive ability in the past has left nothing to be desired. Arky Vaughan should be a better short-

stop in 1034 than he has been in the past, for every season's experience has helped him, and while he ranks today with the cleverest in the business, he still is improving wif he gets the chance to work alongside a first-class keystone sack guardian the coming season, he should exhibit his true 4.58 worth more consistently than he was able to do last year. As for third base, Pittsburgh fans are

counting on Captain Traynor to display the same stellar ability which has made him the outstanding off-corner guardian of the major leagues. Pie is at the very zenith of his career, and word received from him recently conveys the information that he is enjoying fine health, and is eagerly awaiting the call to return to action. With the two Waner boys and Freddy Lindstrom on deck, there is nothing to worry about so far as the outfield is concerned, even though Lloyd Waner last season failed to come up to expectations. The reason for the falling off in his work is known. It was beyond his control, but

it was nothing permanent, and both Waner and his employers are confident that he will show just as much ability next season as he did in any year up to 1933, since he became a Buccaneer. Capable Reserves for Outfield.

In addition to the regular outer garden

trio, Manager Gibson has Forrest (Woody) Jensen, Walter Roettger, Leo Nonnenkamp and Nicholas Etten. Jensen is likely to be first assistant, with Roettger filling pinchhitting roles, if he is retained.

The acquisition since the close of the

past season, of Charles F. (Red) Lucas in the deal that sent Tony Piet and Adam Comorosky to Cincinnati, is believed to have added considerable strength to the pitching staff, the one department which failed to come up to expectations last year. Lucas is unquestionably one of the best the size of the park. To be sure, that thousands of other fans that supported the twirlers in the league. He has never had behind him a team of such ability as the Buccaneers, a fact which should lend encouragement to Red, and cause him to exert himself to the limit all the way.

Manager Gibson is counting on Lucas to turn in close to a score of victories, a goal which is not impossible of attainment for a man of Red's caliber, with a bunch of swatters behind him to give him some

With Larry French, Ralph Birkofer, Hal Smith, Bill Swift, Leon Chagnon, Heine Meine. Steve Swetonic, Waite Hoyt, Bill Harris and a trio of recruits. Gibson has a staff that, on paper, looks impressive. In fact, it is numerically so strong that some assets with ability will have to be sacrificed when the time comes to cut the roster down to mid-season figures. The club will not carry more than nine pitchers, at the most, and the staff may not number more than eight when the final pruning is done, so it looks as if at least one of the lads who were with the team throughout the past season will have to go, to make room for Lucas.

Five Candidates for Jobs as Catchers.

The catching staff is considerably like the pitching corps-it is overloaded right now. Five receivers are on the list, and certainly one, and probably two, of them will be sent elsewhere. It would not be Chris Von der Ahe, had control of the surprising if Earl Grace, Hal Finney and St. Louis club, it was still called the Browns, Art Veltman were found on the list after the paring process is completed, although Tommy Padden is not likely to be allowed to get away without strings attached. George Gibson will go to the wire next

spring fully realizing the burden upon him. Undoubtedly, he was told when he signed his 1934 contract that he was expected to tion magnates, the name still was the classic during one period, Heilbroner was acting say "fought" we don't mean perhaps. A come through with a winner this year. There was considerable doubt in the minds of many fans whether he would be retained. President Benswanger and his colleagues

considered every angle of the situation before they arrived at their final decision. They finally agreed that Gibson was entitled to one more chance. This probably means that, unless the Buccos come through with a flag this year, they will be in charge of another pilot for the 1935 race. Gibson understands the feeling on the part of his Willie McHale, then a reporter for the St.

employers. They have gone the limit to Louis Post-Dispatch, the uniforms were give him the necessary playing talent, and changed and the name of the outfit became lactics, was horrifying. figure it is up to him to produce A-1 results this season. Under the circumstances, it is not likely

that Gibson will be an easy master. He will demand 100 per cent loyalty and co-operation from every man on the roster, from the inauguration of training activities right lot of the players of the new Cardinals. down to the finish.

Last season one or two of the boys did not perform all the time with the proper spirit. Gibson was lenient with them, but It is likely there will be a somewhat dif- him in 1901. He was a mite of a man. Powell started to stuff Louie into the big to look after the Robisons' traction interferent policy in 1934. RALPH DAVIS. | Unless he carried overweight he hardly ever | safe, but changed his mind when the little ests.



ERNEST NATALI (SCHNOZZLE) LOMBARDI

Catcher, Cincinnati Reds. Born, April 6, 1908, Oakland, Cal. Bats and throws righthanded. Weight, 212 pounds. Height, six feet three inches. Single. Home address, 1411 Thirteenth street, Oakland, Cal.



DIG, GOOD-NATURED and popular with players, they call Ernie Lombardi "Schnozzle." Sometimes it is shortened to Schnoz. Nickname comes from generously proportioned nose, which rivals that of Jimmy Durante. Once had picture taken with famous comedian, who bears same nickname. Ernie is towering giant, standing six feet three inches, who weighed in at 195 pounds before coming up to majors. Now grosses 212 with very little lard hanging on massive frame.

Both parents were born in Italy and married there. Oldest of Ernie's three sisters born over there. He is only boy. Father, Dominic Lombardi, operates grocery in Oakland, Mother died Ernie attended Cole grade school, Tenth and Union streets.

Oakland, and had ambition when a boy to be big leaguer. Played as catcher with Rivoli Meat Market team when going to school. Ernic Lombardi About 14 when he started. After graduating, got job in plumbing shop, but two weeks later father bought present grocery business and Ernie ducked wrenches to go with dad as clerk and delivery boy. Played ball during spare time. Was with crack Piggly-Wiggly team in summer months and Calatone Water Company team in

Was with Piggly-Wiggly outfit when his playing first began to attract interest. Bob Carter was manager and several players, including Mervyn Shea, had developed on outfit. Carter recommended Lombardi to Ivan Howard, then manager of Oakland team of Pacific Coast League. That was late in 1926 and big youngster was taken on as bull pen catcher. Only 18 then, he did not see any actual service.

Went to Ogden of Utah-Idaho League on option in 1927, batted .398 and was called back in August. Appeared in 16 games with Oaks while propping for regular service in 1928. Quickly became one of leading batters of Coast circuit, soaring to .377 first full season; .366 in 1929 and .370 in 1930. Hit two home runs in one inning in Los Angeles in 1929. This was year he had 24

circuit blows. Joe Becker, while scouting for Brooklyn, recommended purchase during 1930 season and National League club is said to have paid something like \$30,000 for him. Appeared in 73 games with Dodgers in 1931, but was used chiefly as pinch-hitter. Batted three points shy of .300 mark.

During training season of 1932 figured in big deal with Cincinnati. Was .303 performer with bat for Reds in 1932, but fell off some during 1933. Is probably only man in majors to use interlocking grip on bat. Several years ago while in Coast league injuries on his team made it imperative that he catch regularly despite blister on underside of index finger of his left hand. He couldn't grip bat in regular way without encountering severe pain, so slipped left index finger between last two fingers of right hand, same as some golfers do. He hit so well with

new grip he has retained it ever since. Ernie rammed index finger of right hand into ball in his second championship game with Reds in 1932 and didn't return to lineup until May 5, when he started-one of the greatest batting sprees ever seen in Cincinnati's big park. In 17 games on that stretch, Lombardi made 33 hits in 70 swings, getting eight doubles, four triples and three homers, driving in 18 runs and scoring 13. But slump got him and down went

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The Voice of the Fan

(other than first basemen) of the American League clubs for the past season. They show the number of chances accepted per game, and will doubtless be of some inter-Melillo, St. Louis, 6.25; Hayes, Chicago, 6.09; Gehringer, Detroit, 5.81; Bishop, Philadelphia, 5.42; Lazzeri, New York, 5.40. Third basemen-Scharein, St. Louis, 3.40; Cleveland, 2.85; Dykes, Chicago, 2.83; Higgins, Philadelphia, 2.82; Owen, Detroit, 2.71; McManus, Boston, 2.66; Sewell. New York, 2.65; Bluege, Washington, 2.49. Shortstops—Appling, Chicago, 5.62; Rogell, Detroit, 5.50; Cronin, Washington, 5.43; Wil-

Cleveland, 4.80; Crosetti, New York, ranking of third sackers. There are, of course, many hidden errors in these fig- can call themselves a first-place club. The weaker hitters often will play their opportunity to accept more chances. And strong hitters, temporarily out of the game when they serve as a pinch-hitter, without any opportunity to accept any figures actually approximate the average hose who play in large parks, because an the outfielder would already have chalked Much depends, too, on the type of pitching a club gets. If a team has a num- always the team I rooted for to win the will pull far more balls to the left side of I saw the first ers. Even so, the figures are interesting. prising, but that of Scharein in a fair- the game started, and I saw many of sized park and that of Appling in a very the games previous to that time, at the old arge one are something to wonder about. The famous Bluege of Washington saves were the star battery. New York from having a trio of last places. but there is a lot of room in the Yankee than 12 years and am still a rooter for Con-

many putouts to the catchers on strikeouts, which gave the infielders that much more of a chance. CHARLES E. CHAPMAN, Orinda, Cal.

white sox pitching stall was not handing

the league, all things considered, was the

CALLS MACK'S MOVE WISE ONE. Editor of THE SPORTING NEWS: Well, Connie Mack, the great old man of baseball, has about sent his entire team to many different parts of this country and Boston, Mass., which is about the best move | Canada, so I feel that it is permissable for

that city the best that can be had in base-

to older age and his family for the future. No manager has done any more for the upthroughout the world rate him baseball's Van Camp. Louisville. greatest manager. He seems to know a player the day he is born and has developed more stars than any other manager in baseball or any manager ever will produce in the modern game.

He has a nice young club right now and won't be far from the top next fall when the season is over, having about the best young third baseman in the game, the best on, so look out for him again in 1935. Detroit will make a grand showing now, since they have made the Cochrane trade. It's been years since they have had such Chicago will make a lot of trouble for the others, but still they need some one who can play first base as it should the

lams, Philadelphia, 5,262; Levey, St. Louis, 5,260; Warstler, Boston, 4.89; Knickerbock-Cleveland has a nice young team, and with this man Hayes from Chicago at second base, the team will go places. Look out for them.

Boston, with all the stars from Philadelwould normally be second in the phia, will make trouble, but they need New York will show the public-just what a young team can do, in the replacements Washington is about as it was last year, but it will not go to the top this year.

> FORD THOMAS, Cleveland, O. DOESN'T LIKE CONNIE'S SALES.

It will be a close race.

Just a few lines concerning the recent "sell-out" by Connie Mack of the Phila-I was born in the Quaker city and as a a small one, leaving the infielders a chance kid always looked up to Connic Mack as

a "bigger" man than the President of the United States. Somehow I never got over that worship, and Connie and the A's were

field on the sod not many steps behind Hale's record, in a small park, is not sur- Amos Strunk, center fielder of the A's, when park in the days when Waddell and Schreck I have lived in Chicago now for more

Stadium-except in the direction Babe Ruth nie Mack and always sat behind the A's hits. On the other hand, the best trio in dugout and my cheers were for them. rarely-praised White Sox group, whose rec-ord is all the more remarkable because of was the end of the rainbow for myself and As long as Connie Mack manages a Philadelphia team, I, for one, will stay away

from the park when they are in Chicago. Of course, my price of admission will not be missed, but perhaps there are many more fans that feel the same way. I have read The Sporting News for 20 years and have subscribed for it from that could be made for the good of base- me to send you the personal reaction of ball and Philadelphia, Pa. He has given one fan's thoughts concerning this deal. H. L. LEWIS, Chicago, 111.

MINNEAPOLIS HOME-RUN KING ALSO DREW MOST PASSES, 138

Cullop Fanned Oftenest, Going Down on Strikes 131 Times; Koehler, Cronin Most Difficult to Whiff



ficial batting table of the American Association show that Joe Hauser, home run thumper of the Minneapolis club, belted 182 runs across the plate in 153 not reach the all-time record for the A. A.,

this being held by Bunny Brief, who sent 191 over the counter in 1921. Hauser also drew the most bases on balls, strolling 138 times, while Nick Cullop, Coon only 16 occasions in 155 games, and Jim Cronin, Kansas City, took the long trip to the water bucket only 15 times in 123

As a club, Minneapolis batted in a total of 925 runs, to far outdistance all rivals, while Kansas City, at the bottom, was the poorest producer, having only 628. Toledo players fanned oftenest, 612 times. Here are the additional records as pro-

vided by Irwin M. Howe: TEAM RECORDS.

	BB.	HB.	SO.	RBI.						
finneapolis	604	23	579	925						
olumbus	513	33	579	832						
t. Paul	405	26	553	774						
ndianapolis	386	31	536	734						
oledo	499	30	612	725						
filwaukee	577	36	541	722						
ouisville	449	23	487	721						
ansas City	485	28	552	628						
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Mowry, Minneapolis Turgeon, Toledo Fothergill, Minneapolis Kansas Indianapolis Heise, Columbus Teachout. Columbus Wanninger, Louisville 68 Bachman, Toledo Treadaway, Kansas City.... Lee. Columbus

Koster, St. Paul. Monohan, Kansas City...... Pearson, Toledo Shores, Kansas Munns, St. Paul. Petty. Minneapolis

AUGHT ON THE FLY

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CONFER ON UNIFORM BALL. OHN HEYDLER, president of the National League, and William Harridge, head of the American League, who are charged with reaching an agreement on a ball of uniform specifications for both circuits, are expected to meet with Tom Shibe, head of the A. J. Reach Company, at Philadelphia, January 5, to confer on what should be done to get a uniform agate. It is considered possible that both presidents will concede a little, although the American League club owners voted unanimously in favor of the ball they used the past season. Although neither Harridge or Heydler has intimated what their agreeiscellaneous records not ment is likely to be, it is believed that the carried in the regular ofused on the National League ball and that the latter will agree on the cover the American found most suitable.

President Clark C. Griffith of the Washington Nationals, was a guest speaker over Station WOL, Washington, D. C., December games during the 1933 sea- 28. He dwelt on the Washington club's son. However, this excep- prospects for 1934 and discussed the recent tional production mark did American League player swaps.

Baseball business was the main topic and deer hunting a sideline activity on a visit of Earl Mann, newly appointed business manager of the Atlanta club, to the Dover Hall, Ga., home of Wilbert Robinson, Cracklumbus, whissed the most times, 131. Pip Koehler, Milwaukee, went down swinging baseball coach at the University of Georgia, and now Cracker scout; Nap Rucker, Brooklyn scout, and Hugh Casey, young Atlanta pitcher, accompanied Mann on the trip.,

> A split in the Southern Association race during 1934 now appears unlikely. Tom Watkins of Memphis is slated to lead the fight against a halved season at the schedule meeting in New Orleans, February 12.

> Phillip Turner, a 19-year-old shortstop who was a member of the Springfield Mississippi Valley League club last season, has been optioned by Columbus of the American Association to the Springfield Western Association club. It is expected he will succeed Johnny Keane, who is now a member of the Columbus Red Birds.

Benny Frey, pitcher of the Cincinnati Reds, expects to place a lot of reliance on a newly-developed knuckle ball next season. Benny only learned the delivery last season and declares he needs plenty of practice before he can be certain of gaining good results, although he is confident its use will make him a much better pitcher. Frey recently returned to his home in Jackson, Miss., after a hunting trip in Tennessee, and is in good physical condi-

Stanley Green, a right-handed pitcher for he Skrzycki club in the Detroit, Mich. Baseball Federation for the past three years, has been signed by the Beaumont Texas League club., Green won 18 games and lost two during the past season. He weighs 182 pounds and is six feet tall.

Nick Altrock, coach of the Washington Senators, has proved to the satisfaction of a number of links enthusiasts that he can do tricks with a golf ball as well as with a baseball. Nick went out last week and won the Rock Creek Golf Club tourney at

Wilkes-Barre and Williamsport manager in at Hahnemann Hospital that the shattered burden, will be virtually the same as last much more lucrative than baseball that he Florida in a short time to await the arrival ers last year was tagged by Terry as one is not likely to give up his new job when of his old Cardinal mates, spring comes around. However, it is understood that he has a verbal agreement to return to manage the Williamsport club.

NASHVILLE SIGNS PAUL O'MALLEY.

ATCHER PAUL O'MALLEY, who played part of last season with Durham of the Piedmont League, has been signed by the Nashville Southern Associa-O'Malley broke in with Shamokin in 1926 and subsequently played with Binghamton, from which club Pittsburgh bought him in 1927 for a trial and sent him to Wichita. He later was a member of the Columbia Scranton, Baltimore Alollywood Pitcher Bob Brown and Catcher Francis Hogan of the Boston Braves will take a ne worked in a few contests toward the end of the schedule, while Hogan is hopeful of

A number of exhibition games have been arranged by the Columbus American Association club at Avon Park, Fla., to top off ts training schedule there. The games are: March 19, Philadelphia Nationals; March 28, Detroit; March 29, St. Louis Cardinals; March 31, Cincinnati; April 7, 8 and 9, Buf-

Paul Derringer, pitcher of the Cin-

taking off a lot of surplus poundage at the

cinnati Reds, believes in giving pracgifts even delivered itself. He sent a bird dog to Dick Dixon, a friend at Sarasota, Fla. Before delivering the dog, following its arrival at Sarasota, the expressman took the animal from the crate to feed it, but it broke away. After searching the town, the expressman found the dog at Dixon's filling station half a mile away. Dixon was surprised to hear that the dog actually was intended for him and signed the

Charley Hostetler, outfielder of the Tulsa rity, December 21. The bride won a bathing beauty contest sponsored by a newspaper there two years ago and became acquainted with Hostetler when he was playing with Wichita in the Western League.

of the Philadelphia Athletics no longer has any financial interest in the Portland Pacific Coast League club, his stock having been bought by Tom Turner, the A's will continue to have a working agreement with the Beavers, it has been announced. At present no members of the Portland club

was released as pilot of the Newark International League club at the end of the past season, will retire from the game instead of seeking another connection, as it had been reported. Mamaux now has a job as head of the liquor department of a New York City drug concern and plans to move to Gotham from Brooklyn and possibly operate a semi-pro club next summer.

at Tanforan racetrack in California. Ossie Slade also has been a patron of the track.

Cleveland, Boston Red Sox and Coast league

quiz of ten questions, covering various phases of it? With a view to helping readers ascertain the extent of their knowledge. The Sporting News, from time to time, will print ten questions on one page and give the answers on another. Without looking for the answers first, write down your own and then compare them with the correct ones. Answers to this week's questions appear on Page 8. Here are the ques-1. On how many different occasions has if he goes back to the minors, the Angels have filed a claim with the St. Louis Browns

What two pitchers on the pennantwinning Pirates of 1927 wore glasses? How long has Fred Fitzsimmons been with the Giants?

5. With what major league clubs did Hal his son was going to a club formerly man-Carlson serve?

Whom did the White Sox trade to the 7. What major league team did Stuffy

Counts on Comeback

Charley Gelbert

FITHIS picture of Gelbert, who was shot

was taken when the shortstop of the Car-

pitcher, December 3. The infant girl now

weighs one pound 15 ounces and is gaining

John D. Martin, president of the South-

ern Association, was elected to the board

of trustees of the University of Tennessee

NEWARK CLUB PROMOTES CAMPBELL.

R office manager and auditor for the Newark club has been promoted to businessimanager of the Bears, replac-

in Wilbur Crelin 2 It weexpected that Ray Kennedy, who handled the business end of the Binghamton club last year, will become

road secretary of the Newark outfit. 30 150 160

have made offers in the past few months.

Jack Ogden, business manager of the Ori-

for Melton next fall, after the youngster

has had another year of experience. Ogden

was considerably pleased with Melton's

appearance weighing 195 pounds, having

added nearly 20 pounds to his six-foot-four

frame since last season. Melton has been

putting in the winter hunting and walk-ing at his home in the North Carolina

Connie Mack and Ira Thomas, veter-

an scout of the Athletics, should get

together on their stories, for shortly

after the Philadelphia leader revealed it

was not the banks but the inability to

pay the high salaries demanded that

caused him to sell several of his stars,

Ira came through with a speech at a

Kiwanis Club luncheon in Philadelphia

ing a note at a bank as the reason for

GUMBERT MAY RETURN TO INT.

at Baltimore several years ago,

ated by Pug Griffin, receiver.

Jersey City International League club.

Pitcher Roxie Lawson, bought by De-

land Indians, who sent him to the American

Los Angeles is not going to pass up Pitch-

which specifies that the club a player is

B. Earnshaw, father of Pitcher

friend of his and he was pleased to know Point.

drafted from, shall have first refusal on him

in Montclair, N. J., is glad the hurler went

pressed himself in a recent interview, as

with the Pale Hose and pointed out that

the club—George Haas—also a resident of

Association club in 1932 and again in 1933.

in the left leg above the ankle by the

accidental discharge of his own gun

WITH OLD COMBINATION

Joe McCarthy, on Other Hand, Must Find Numerous Replacements to Re-gear Outfit for Another Race



EW YORK, N. Y.—The wise man tinkers not with a winning combination, so Bill Terry has no intention of tinkering with the Glants for the season of 1934. Joe McCarthy, on the other hand, must do considerable overhauling of the Yankees for the coming campaign. Last year, the Yan-

kees finished second and that was just one notch lower than a New York team can afford to finish at any time. The competition for favor is too keen, the demands for the best possible team too great. The Giants came up out of nowhere last season, not only to win the pennant against great odds, but to defeat the Senators inthe World's Series-against even greater

odds. Few there were who thought they could win the pennant-and just as few, or even fewer, who were ready to believethey could smash the Senators, where the Yankees and the Athletics had failed. For, remember, right up to the final victory of the Giants in the World's Series, there was practically no disposition to give them full credit for being the fine team they were. Skeptics looked at them from day to day and refused to believe what they saw. The Giants, they said, were lucky. Their luck couldn't hold out and one day they would crack up. But it wasn't just luck-though admitting that any team, however powerful, needs a little luck here and there, over the span of a pennant-winning year-and they didn't crack up. Only One Change On Giants Likely.

So Terry will put in the field again the team that wound up in a blaze of glory at Washington last October. Only one change in the line-up may be made. Johnny Vergez, the league's champion hard luck player, will be back for another shot at third base, where he played so well last year until appendicitis took him out of action late in the season. Travis Jackson, who did such a great job as emergency third baseman through the last western whirl and the World's Series, also is a candidate for the post and these two will be looked over carefully by Terry before he makes an ultimate choice. However, the chances are that Vergez will get the regular call, with Jackson, because of his ability to play third base and shortstop equally well, held in while hunting on November 17, 1932, reserve. The pitching staff, with Carl Hubbell, Hal

dinals went to Philadelphia recently for an Schumacher, Roy Parmelee and Fred Fitzexamination. He was told by the surgeons simmons again carrying the bulk of the bones were beginning to knit and that there | year. Terry sent Glenn Spencer to Cinwas hope that he could play again. Gel- cinnati and picked up Joe Bowman, but no bert feels so confident he will regain the other changes are contemplated. Gus Manuse of the lower leg that he plans to go to cuso, whose skilful handling of the pitchof the main factors in the excellent results obtained on the mound, will be the head man back of the bat again, with Paul Richards to take a turn now and then. Terry, Hughey Critz and the irrepressible Blondy Ryan will be on the job once more in the infield, and the picket line, composed of Mel Ott, George Davis and Joe Moore, will be reinforced by Frank O'Doul and

cub pitchers Johnny Salveson and Al Smith Among the older men be believes will stand out once more is cado for a united the rine leds. Cuban, who dominated that make game for the World's Series last fall.

Big Job Ahead for McCarthy. The extent of the job that McCarthy range his players for another campaign, casily is comprehensible. To begin with, there is the large Babe Ruth. The Babe wavered through a part of the 1933 season oles, believes he can get a better price and wound up playing only now and then at his own discretion, but he finished just above the .300 mark in batting and he thinks he is good for another year in the big leagues. Not that he contemplates playing 154 games. That, he admits, is a bit beyond him. But he figures he can play at least a hundred.

Another fading outfielder Joe must scrulinize carefully is Earle Combs, Earle needed relief frequently last season, but he isn't through as yet and probably can be depended upon to play about a hundred games. These being two of the first wave outfielders, the only one who can carry on unassisted is Ben Chapman. So Joe will have to do as much shunting about of his outfielders next season as he did last. Fortunate is he in having Dixic Walkcr and Sammy Byrd available for part-

The infield also will take a lot of his

attention, for the only member of it certain to play all season in a given spot is Lou-Gehrig. Tony Lazzeri will be back, but nobody knows where. If Don Heffner, purchased from Baltimore as a second basemen, holds up, Tony will be used at third base. If Don folds, Tony will be at second, season with Galveston, under option from as of old. Red Rolfe is being counted upon to play shortstop, although Frank Crosetti Saltzgaver will be looked over at second base, shortstop and third base. On the roster, also, are Lyn Lary and Eddie Farrell, and if they still are there when the team

candidates for regular jobs. Bill Dickey, who underwent an appendicitis operation recently, should be in better physical condition next season than back in the International League next he was last, when he was far from right season, despite the fact that the Balmost of the time and sorely was in need timore Orioles shipped him to Galvesof a rest he couldn't take. To assist him in ton six weeks ago. The former Oriole handling the pitchers, there will be Arndt pitcher was one of five players traded to Jorgens, a good journeyman catcher. Galveston for Shortstop Keith Molesworth, but singe then George Weiss, general man-Yanks' Pitching Needs Revivification.

ager of the Newark Bears, is reported to The pitching staff needs revivification, have offered Galveston four athletes for rather than revamping. Potentially, much Gumbert, who hurled a no-hit game last of the needed strength is there, with Verseason in the NYP League, while under option from Baltimore. Gumbert was a pro- non Gomez, Johnny Allen, Charley Ruffing tege of Weiss when the Newark boss was and Russ Van Atta up front and George Uhle heading the relief corps. Last year, Gomez, Allen and Ruffing all were below No bid being offered for the Omaha Westform and reasonably may be figured to come ern League franchise at the auction sale back lustily in 1934, while Van Atta, who of the trustee in bankruptcy last week, it had a great season for a raw hand, should has been announced that the franchise will be disposed of at a private sale later. The be even better with the coming of another club was declared bankrupt before the be- year. McCarthy's main task there is to ginning of the 1933 season and was oper- dig up a few worth-while relief pitchers. The other day, the Giants and Yankees both announced their schedule of spring C. Sanford Burk, former Brooklyn pitcher, is reported to be making headway in exhibition games. The Giants have not yet his fight against tuberculosis at Tupper set a date for reporting at Miami, but the Lake, N. Y. Burk was baseball coach at Yanks have marked March 4 as the time Brooklyn high school when illness forced for the pitchers and catchers to be in camp him into inactivity. One of his pupils was and March 11 for the others. The schedules Roger Hanlon, young left-hander of the are as follows:

GIANTS-March 9, 10 and 11, Athletics. at Miami Beach; 12 and 13, Athletics, at troit from Toledo this fall, has been re- Fort Myers; 14, Cardinals, at Bradenton; turned to the Mud Hens by the Tigers. He 15, Reds, at Tampa; 17 and 18, Cardinals, at was originally the possession of the Cleve- Miami Beach; 21 and 22, Browns, at West Palm Beach; 23, 24 and 25, Browns, at Miami Beach; 27 and 28, Buffalo, at Miami Beach: 29, Dodgers, at Orlando; 30, Nasher Buck Newsom if there is a chance to ville, at Dothan, Ala.; 31, Indians, at New get him back. In accordance with the rule, Orleans. April 1, Indians, at New Orleans; Andians, at Baton Rouge: 3, Indians, at (ackson, Miss.; 4, Indians, at Meridian, Miss.; . Indians, at Montgomery, Ala.; 6, Indians, at Nashville: 7 and 8, Memphis, at Memphis; 9, Indians, at Huntsville, Ala.; 10; Indians, at Atlanta; 11, Indians, at Char-George Earnshaw and prominent socially lotte: 12, Indians, at Asheville: 13, Indians, at Louisville: 14 and 15, Indians, at Cleveland; 16, U. S. Military Academy, at West

and 28; Braves, at St. Petersburg; 29, Newark, at Clearwater; 30, Cardinals, at Bradenton: 31. Newark, at St. Petersburg. . April . Cardinals, at St. Petersburg; 2, Baltimore, at Jacksonville; 3 and 4, Atlanta, at Atlanta; 5 and 6, Birmingham, at Birmingham; 7 and 8, Nashville, at Nashville; 9 and 10, Dusty Cooke, Red Sox outfielder; Herb Chattanooga, at Chattanooga; 11, Knoxville, Pennock and Russell Van Atta. Yankee at Knoxville: 12, Charlotte, at Charlotte; 13, Richmond, at Richmond; 14 and 15, Dodgers,

YANKEES-March 16, 17, 18, 20, 22, 25, 27

When St. Louis Browns Became Cardinals

By JOHN E. WRAY, Sports Editor of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch T MAY tax the recollection exceeded 100 pounds. He had a thin, pip-1 man confronted him with such a barrage was recorded last week.

When our old college chum, the late players still wore their old brown stockings, caps and belts. Later, when Becker, wearled with the con-

monicker which first won fame for the manager of the team as well as its ball game was a battle in the late 90's. Mound City under Charley Comiskey. When the Robisons moved to St. Louis in 1899 they brought with them the entire Cleveland "Spiders" team, which they had operated at a loss for some time. With

The combined teams had not been operating long when, following a suggestion by this day.

traction official for the Robisons in Cleve-

For three years, there was no team known as the St. Louis Browns. Then along came back up their arguments. That's what made Robert L. Hedges, who appropriated not it tough for Heilbroner. only the name of the old Browns, but a He had many a brush. On one occasion a real fight in 1902. Then Hedges and Ban And the new Browns have existed ever cause of the argument has been forgotten brightest stars.

Cardinals when this " "iter first contacted Powell any more advance money.

call the time when the St. inches was ever called upon to boss in an back and looked at him. Louis Cardinals were called the important way a bunch of roughnecks Browns. But it happened, such as made up the Cardinals of that year, stronger than that, if you remember your That occurred in the day of That was a herd of hard-riding pachy- Powell. "That's the first time a shrimp the late Louis Heilbroner, for- derms. Big men, most of them were, ever made a crawfish out of me," and he mer business manager of the brought up in a fighting school. The Cleve-St. Louis National League club, whose death land team had been called the "Spiders," but the term hardly fit. They were a combination of mastiffs and bulldogs. Among them were Crab Burkett, Jack O'Connor, Pat Tebeau, Boilermaker Jack Powell, Cy players ever assembled. Even the mighty And when the franchise was bought in on Young, Cuppy McKean, Cupid Childs, Bob Muggsy-that was his name then-McGraw the courthouse steps by E. C. Becker, the Wallace, Emmet Heidrick and others of had been enrolled, against his will it is almost equal importance on the squad.

Imagine 100 pounds of humanity trying | But there he was, according to baseball to ride herd on a roughneck outfit like law, lined up with the players against stant outgo of cash, sold out to Frank De that. But Heilbroner did pretty well. It whom he had so bitterly fought as a mem-Hass and Stanley Robison, Cleveland trac- was another case of Miller Huggins for, ber of the Baltimore Orioles. And when we business manager. son brought to St. Louis. It was known as of the outfit. Instead, McGraw came here

vantage by tactics that would horrify ob- spent much of his time playing the horses them came Heilbroner, who had been a servers of our present gentle code. Only instead of baseball and the old Cardinal those who recall the Temple Cup games between the Cleveland Spiders and John Me-Graw's Baltimore Orioles will appreciate the not interested. The team lacked leaderhard-bitten type of scrappers the game of century. Their language, like their field down the list. the "Cardinals." And it has remained to It was a hard time for youth and beauty in the baseball world. And it was a hard

time for men who could not physically Baltimore, which lasted a year, he had a run-in with Big Jack Powell. 'The Johnson snatched seven of the Cardinals' through the years, but this writer broke in

of even the old guard to re- ing voice and probably no man of his of language and threats that Big Jack fell "Well, I'm a son of a gun"-maybe it was walked out and left Heilbroner holding the fort.

> When the Browns-pardon, the Cardinalsbroke in, there was a 12-club league. In 1900, St. Louis had the greatest galaxy of true.

Robison had thought that McGraw would That was a great club which Frank Robi- be the spark to ignite the fighting spirit a scrappy team, one which forced every ad- against his will, laid down on the job, machine went on the rocks,

ship-the club that should have walked baseball developed at the beginning of the home with the championship finished far McGraw jumped the team next year and was soon enlisted by Ban Johnson as the leader of an American League club in

But in the meantime the Cardinals had

recovered. Robison was expecting to make

Heilbroner still functioned for the Cards. Heilbroner was business manager for the on the drama when Louis was refusing with Pat Donovan as field manager, but was later let out and sent back to Cleveland

How Many Can You Answer?

we know about the game, but how many would score 100 per cent in a

Some of the stars faded out; others were 4. How many times did Pete Donohue to the Chicago White Sox from the Ath-win 20 or more games per season with the letics, because the late Kid Gleason was f

> aged by the Kid. The elder Earnshaw exbeing confident that George will make good Browns for Red Kress? there is another George from Montclair on the New Jersey town.

in the Detroit outfield in 1923? 9. What Yankee infielder once hit home runs in the minors? 10. Who led the American League pitchers in earned-run percentage in 1928?

the sales. Thomas declared Mack decided to place the Athletics on a sound financial footing and then try to build up another winner. on the roster of the Baltimore Orioles exis likely that a deal will be made to transfer Goldberg elsewhere. Dick played last Albany has signed William Fold, 20-yearold shortstop, from the sand-lots of Baltimore. Joe Cambria, owner of the Albany club, had Fold playing for his semi-pro team in Baltimore last summer. The youngster is five feet 11 inches tall, weighs reaches St. Petersburg, they will be eager 170 pounds and is a right-handed batter.

are the property of the Mackmen. Indications are that Albert Mamaux, who

A "doll" baby, which weighed but one pound and eight ounces at birth, was born to Mrs. Vean Gregg, wife of the former

Willie Kamm, third baseman of the Cleve-

land Indians, has been bucking the bookies

QUESTIONS

ANY of us pride ourselves on what

Mike Gonzales been with the Cardinals?

McInnis manage? 8. Whose place did Heinie Manush take

> pitchers, recently killed 280 ducks, three deer and two turkeys in a hunting trip of several days around Kingstree, S. C.

for the crack right-hander.

TERRY PLANS TO START NEW SEASON