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CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

With February being Black History Month please pay extra attention to your local area's events and newspaper articles for sharing with other newsletter readers.

Special birthday wishes to Bill Cash on February 21st and Monte Irvin on the 25th. Both will celebrate their 76th.

We welcome Ed Cesarone to the NLC. He has been a contributor for many years. His address is 13645 NE 100th St. Kirkland, WA 98033-5232 (206) 822-9692.

A new area code for Rick Morris is 610.

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This newsletter reflects the worthy contributions of the following:

Todd Bolton, Ed Cesarone, Kit Crissey, Paul Debono, James Delaney Jr., Jeff Eastland, Tom Garrett, Larry Gerlach, Dr Bob & Zoh Hieronimus, Larry Hogan, Bob Hoie, John Holway, Merl Kleinknecht, Larry Lester, Jerry Malloy, Bill McNeil, Sammy Miller, Rick Morris, Tom Owens, Jim Passannante, Gregory Peterson, Bill Plott, Mark Pollack, Richard Puff, Dave Quinn, Jim Riley, Dave Ryba, Fred Schuld, Ronda Smalley, Gregg Truitt, Eduardo Valero, Tweed Webb, and Bill Williamson.

NEGRO LEAGUERS AND THE HALL OF FAME

This section is back because we have some wonderful news to unofficially report. According to reliable sources the Hall of Fame has decided to add special Negro League and 19th Century voting to the Veterans Committee vote which is to take place on March 7th. 70% of the members must vote for a candidate for election but this would mean no more competition with anyone but Negro Leaguers. The voices of Monte Irvin and Buck O'Neil therefore should be heard. I would certainly expect a Negro Leaguer to be selected, hopefully someone who can still speak to the history of the period. At last something positive is happening with the Veterans Committee. We thank the Board at the Hall for taking these steps.

NEGRO LEAGUES COMMITTEE PUBLICATION

We finally got a review, "A boffo Negro Leagues tome from SABR," 1-20-95, SPORTS COLLECTORS DIGEST (SCD) **1pg Willie Harris, Nap Hairston, and Ed Martin are new players who have been located. Anyone interested in helping the editors in compiling WWI, WWII service lists please contact me.

Thanks to James R. Delaney Jr. for passing along a bibliography entry from BASEBALL RESEARCH JOURNAL, 1982, "The 1887 Binghamton Bingos," **4pp. **1pg listing of addition/corrections to OB Records section done by Bob Hoie is available.

Remember "errors" is an incorrect term to use in pointing out differences in various works.

SPECIAL EVENTS

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BEFORE YOU CAN SAY JACKIE ROBINSON: BLACK BASEBALL IN AMERICA IN THE ERA OF THE COLOR LINE: 1885-1950 (Larry Hogan's terrific exhibit) is at the Thomas J. Walsh Art Gallery/Quick Center for the Arts, Fairfield University in Fairfield, Ct. **5pp brochure. 10 veterans were part of opening day festivities on January 18th. Gene Benson, Bill Cash, Leon Day, Mal Duckett, Rodolpho Fernandez, Wilmer Fields, Stan Glenn, Max Manning, Ray Noble, and Armando Vasquez participated and it was a smashing success. The exhibit continues until February 19th.

Upcoming events include:

Salisbury State University in Maryland will have an exhibit on running from February 10th to March 5th. The Visible Side of the Invisible Man: Black Professional Baseball in the Era of the Color Line, will combine parts of Larry Hogan's exhibit and a new exhibit put together by Todd Bolton. On February 20th four veterans Russell Awkard, Leon Day, Toots Ferrell, and Charlie Rivera will be on hand for a seminar on Black Pro ball in Maryland and the Latin influence on the Negro Leagues.

The Negro Leagues Museum Exhibit DISCOVER GREATNESS is in Birmingham, AL, February 5th through March 19th. **1pg.

When Trenton Baseball Roared Like Thunder, will be held at the Trenton, NJ museum from April 9 to May 28, 1995. A baseball exhibit with a state wide focus will take place. Jim Overmyer will be a speaker at the symposium. Jerry Malloy, speaking on the Cuban Giants, may also be a participant.

On April 29, 1995, in Atlantic City, NJ, a Pop Lloyd birthday celebration, will take place at Pop Lloyd Field with a bunch of activities planned.

There are two other events with no specific dates yet: The Indianapolis Indians will be celebrating the "Sunset Season" of Owen Bush Stadium. Plans include a honoring of the Indianapolis Clowns, the Indianapolis ABCs, Oscar Charleston and also have educational programs on the Negro Leagues in grade schools. The Cleveland Indians will officially honor the 1945 champion Cleveland Buckeyes and the 50th anniversary.

We plan to have more details in the April Newsletter.

COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are very saddened to pass along the news of Dewitt "Woody" Smallwood death, at 61 on January 27, 1995. Woody was President of the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum. He had a heart attack and his passing is a true loss.

We also sadly pass along the news of the death of long-time Negro League enthusiast and SABR member Ken Russo on December 16, 1994, at 46, in Lawrenceville, NJ. **1pg obit. I had communicated with Ken over the years and we had exchanged information. It is a loss for everyone. We wish the family all our best. He had requested memorial contributions to be made to the NLBM. Larry Lester reports over \$1000 so far received.

We were disappointed that Jim Riley's BIOGRAPHICAL ENCYCLOPEDIA OF THE NEGRO BASEBALL LEAGUES did not win the 1994 CASEY AWARD. The winner was John Helyar's LORDS OF THE REALM. Personally I think they overlooked a monumental effort and a first of its kind in Jim's work. 2 articles available are SCD 2-10-95 "Lords of the Realm wins 1994 CASEY AWARD," **2pp and USA TODAY BASEBALL WEEKLY Jan 25-Feb 7, 1995 **1pg.

As part of Black History Month six one hour programs PASSING IT ON: VOICES FROM BLACK AMERICA'S PAST will be airing. Included is The Negro Leaguers with Buck O'Neil, Woody Smallwood, Connie Johnson, and the Reverend Henry Mason and moderated by Larry Lester. **2pp brochure.

Rich Puff informs us of a new publication AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MAGAZINE. Perhaps a new outlet for Negro Leagues material. Address is Cowles History Group, 6405 Flank Dr., Harrisburg, PA 17112. (717) 657-9555

Buck O'Neil will be in Stratford, CT on March 5th **1pg AD and at The 4th Chicago Classic Feb. 10-12th at The Ramanda O'Hare Hotel. **1pg AD.

NLC member Sammy Miller will be attending the SABR Convention in Pittsburgh as a representative of Pomegranate Publications which puts out the BLACK BALL: THE NEGRO BASEBALL LEAGUES calendars. Anyone with ideas concerning ways to improve the calendar, names of players that they would like to see interviewed, or pictures they have that they would be interested in having used, needs to be sure to get in touch with Sammy during the convention.

Tom Owens is reviewing books for the sports memorabilia magazine PAKRAT'S. He writes a monthly review so pass along copies to him at 1001 West Boone St., Marshalltown, IA 50158-2412

The 1995 APBA Game Players Convention will be in Lancaster, PA July 7-9. Jim Riley will be there. **1pg article.

Thanks to Bill Williamson for passing along photos of the Negro Leagues Hall of Fame players. **5pp

Jerry Malloy reported excellent attendance in Mundelein, IL, Jan. 13-15th where area Negro Leaguers were autographing.

The office of President, Treasurer, and Director will be up for spring election in SABR. The deadline for candidates to submit a statement is February 15, 1995. Send them to Bob Bluthardt.

The current Latin America Committee Newsletter **2pp has a listing of Negro Leaguers in Puerto Rico between 1917 and 1937.

We really appreciated recent additions to our audio tape library. Paul Debono sent along interviews with Bill Owens and Sam Seagraves; 2-60 minutes cassettes each. Dr Bob and Zoh Hieronimus sent a Negro League X-mas carol with Wilmer Fields, Leon Day, Stan Glenn, and Ron Lewis; 1-60 minute tape. Larry Lester sent interviews with Bill Cash, Frank Pearson, Connie Johnson, Buster Haywood, Jim Zapp, and Mamie Johnson; 2-60 minutes tape for all.

**1pg article-obit on long-time Negro Semi-Pro star Art Demery from the Bakersfield CALIFORNIAN.

Efforts are underway to rename Twin Lakes Baseball Complex to Buck O'Neil Baseball Complex in Sarasota, FL.

On February 25th A LEAGUE SECOND TO NONE will again air on ESPN's Outside The Lines TV show. Bud Morgan (the producer) mentioned it would be slightly different. Don't miss it.

Thank you Dr Jose Jimenez for his fine article in the recent BRJ "Alonso Perry in the Dominican Republic"; truly a dominant force.

Ken Burns has joined the Board of Directors of the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum.

Othello "Chico" Renfro and James "Red" Moore received The National Association of Black Journalist/Reebok International Sixth Annual Sports Pioneer Award.

Byron "Mex" Johnson donated a Bat to the NLBM used by Turkey Stearnes.

NEGRO LEAGUE RELATED ARTICLES

USA TODAY BASEBALL WEEKLY **1pg, "Show honors Winfield, 'BASEBALL' star O'Neil," (Negro BB Leagues Awards of November 14th)

Josh Gibson: The Heartbreak Kid, by John Holway from PENNSYLVANIA HERITAGE Fall, 1994. **8pp.

SUN SENTINEL, 3-6-94, "In a different time," (Jimmy Dean) **1pg.

THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER 8-11-94 **1pg, "Talking of a different kind by players of a different era."

NEW JERSEY DAILY RECORD, 12-8-94, "Jackie Robinson's widow seeks to erase myths, ensure legacy," **2pp Article also in THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER on 12-4-94.

THE NEW JOURNAL (Wilmington, DE) 9-22-94, "Settling an old score," **3pp (Judy Johnson).

SPORTS ILLUSTRATED 1-16-95 has a **6pp article on the Latin Winter Leagues, "A Latin Beat".

CLEVELAND PLAIN DEALER, 1-10-95, **2pp, "Jethroe still working hard at 72."

SCD 1-27-95, "Mudcat Grant loves music, baseball and baseball cards," **2pp.

"Halls again score a hit with Boston Peabody Classic XXI," **2pp from 1-20-95, SCD.

"Lacy The Dean of Sports Writers: Still Batting at 90," EVERY WEDNESDAY, 10-20-93, **4pp.

USA TODAY 12-27-94 a great shot of Buck O'Neil **1pg.

11-13-94 SKY, "Negro Leagues Baseball Museum," **1pg.

**1pg book review of SAM'S LEGACY, a 1973 novel with Negro Leagues background, by Terry Smith from the Bibliography Committee Newsletter.

"Beisbol Behind The Veil: Latin Americans in the Negro Leagues" by Todd Bolton **4pp from the January RAGTYME SPORTS.

LOS ANGELES TIMES 12-11-94 "Catching up: Negro League players reminisce at fund-raiser," **2pp. Also "Catching up with baseball history" **2pp.

BASEBALL AMERICA, December 12-25, 1994 "O'Neil's road trip to remember," **1pg.

AP wire story from PRODIGY, "Fame is calling again for Negro League star," (Joe Spencer) **2pp.

SARASOTA HERALD TRIBUNE 8-25-94, "Documentary offers historical tidbits, modern day insights," **1pg (Burns Film). 11-29-94 "Name change close to reality" **1pg also 9-10-94 "O'Neil energizes Burns' 'Baseball'" **1pg and TAMPA TRIBUNE 10-1-94 **2pp "Voice of Baseball (O'Neil)".

CURRENT AND FUTURE INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS

Can anyone shed some light on the Negro Eastern League of the '50's? We seek any information on James Royal "Skink" Browning, a catcher from the 20's and 30's. He died in 1990, we have a **1pg obit.

Wadsworth Publishing 36 Essex Rd. Suite 6 Ipswich, MA 01938 (508) 356-8866 is seeking photos for a college textbook THE SOCIOLOGY OF SPORTS. They desire early Negro Baseball Leagues shots.

Bill McNeil 5 Woodland Dr. Pittsfield, MA 01201 seeks data on the California Winter League and all its' players. Bill is also looking for photos of Turkey Stearnes, Chino Smith, Edgar Wesley, and John Beckwith for an upcoming book KING OF SWAT about the great homerun hitters in baseball history. You can call him at 800 470-6547.

Gene Noll 1612 N. Buchanan St. Arlington, VA 22207 offers his services as a Library of Congress researcher for those interested.

There is another youngster, 10 year old, Katherine Markhard who wants to communicate with players as part of her study of the Negro Leagues. Contact me for more details and short questionnaire she has.

Gregory Peterson is finishing up his research on the 1898 Celoron NY Acme Colored Giants and is seeking info on a 1895 all-black Celoron team.

Mark Pollack is looking for playing fields for the 1932 Little Rock team, all teams of the 1887 League of Colored Baseball Clubs, the 1945 USBL Philadelphia Hilldales, and Detroit Motor City Giants, and Pittsburgh Crawfords. Contact me if you can help.

Does anyone know a park where a large Sherwin-Williams Paint sign was displayed on the outfield wall?

Look for a Jerry Malloy article on Sol White in an upcoming NINE.

The Spring ATHELON will have a Buck O'Neil story by Jim Riley.

THE MARKETPLACE

BUCK LEONARD: THE BLACK LOU GEHRIG by Jim Riley is in store's (\$21) now, look for it from Carroll & Graf.

JUDY JOHNSON: DELAWARE'S INVISIBLE HERO by Ellen Rendle has just been published by Cedar Tree Press, 9 Germay Dr. Wilmington, DE 19804-1192 (302) 655-6532. A first production, it has around 90 pages with footnotes and 23 pictures, library binding and heavy paper. Very impressive \$24.95 +\$3 P&H

**1pg AD "'95 Cooperstown Collection includes Paige, Feller, Ruth" (Kenner figures)

Upper Deck distributed a 15 card set with Little Debby Snack Cakes. Cards included Jackie Robinson and Buck O'Neil. **1pg article

Tony George Negro League Pins call-(714) 589-6075

**1pg AD Negro League Baseball Bats & Autograph Sheet.

Please contact me if you are seeking Negro League autographs and I'll point out dealers.

**2pg AD for Negro League Collectibles.

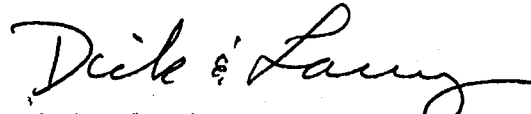
Contact McNary Publishing PO Box 62421, St. Louis Park, MN 55426 to order the Ted "Double Duty" Radcliffe bio for \$14.95 +\$3 P&H. I'm finding it an informative, entertaining book. I feel as if I'm sitting and listening to Duty spell bind me.

"Voices From the Great American Negro Leagues" is a new poster available from America Black Collectibles (ABC) \$50 postage paid. Write PO Box 1982 Pomona, CA 91769 or call (909) 620-6585. **1pg article.

FINAL REMARKS

The chances for electing a Negro Leaguer to the Hall of Fame have improved dramatically. Let us pray we will be celebrating in March.

Our next newsletter will be April's. Please get all material to me before the last week of March.



Dick Clark & Larry Lester
NLC Co-Chairpeople