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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.

Happy Birthday wishes to Bill Cash on February 21st and Monte Irvin on the 25th. Both will celebrate their 75th.

Due to shifts in Earth's orbit Jim Overmyer can be found in the same house but with a new number; 7 Fairview Ave, Lenox, MA 01240.

This newsletter reflects the worthy contributions of the following: Todd Bolton, Rich Bozzone, Bob Browning, Pete Cava, Ed Cesarone, Lou Dials, Phil Dixon, Morris Eckhouse, Leslie Heaphy, Dr Bob Hieronimus, Larry Hogan, Bob Hole, Larry Lester, Jerry Malloy, Andy McCue, Sammy Miller, Jim Overmyer, David Pietrusza, Jim Riley, Tweed Webb, Mike Welsh, and Bill Williamson.

NEGRO LEAGUERS AND THE HALL OF FAME

Let us hope the April Newsletter will herald the selection of a Negro Leaguer to The National Baseball Hall of Fame. I will stay off of the soap box this issue. An interesting article from USA TODAY BASEBALL WEEKLY December 15-28, 1993, "Too much talent could split Veterans' vote." **2pp

** 1pg article from the November, 1993, THE BALTIMORE CHRONICLE, "Negro League Legend Leon Day Honored in Puerto Rico, Not US," is quite enlightening.

SPECIAL EVENTS

On December 5th and 6th Leon Day was the subject of a tribute, honoring his recent induction into the Puerto Rican Hall of Fame. A reception was held in Baltimore prior to a special performance of FENCES by August Wilson. A Leon Day honoring was held the next day at the ballpark. Special thanks to Todd Bolton for passing along the program booklet, photocopies are available. ** 10pp. Sorry I missed it.

Jim Overmyer and Rob Ruck are scheduled to make presentations at the Wahoo Winterfest in Cleveland the weekend of Feb. 5th and 6th. Contact either for info, if attending. I hope to make it but the Tigers are having their first winter event ever on the 5th.

On Monday June 20th the Detroit Tigers will honor Negro Leaguers at Tiger Stadium. Other events are planned for the week and the NLC is involved. Watch for future announcements.

Jerry Malloy will be presenting a paper on Sol White at the Missouri Valley Historical Conference on March 11th. Also look for Jerry at this year's Cooperstown Symposium with a paper on the 25th Infantry Baseball Team and their experiences. Contact Jerry for details.

The Negro League Baseball Exhibit will be at The Museum of Our National Heritage in Lexington, MA from January 30th to April 24, 1994. **2pp press release available. This is a fantastic display and well worth the travel to see. Future sights are Memphis, Savannah and Madison, Wisconsin.

Our condolences to Gene Benson upon the recent passing of his wife on January 5th.

The following have passed on. Doc Connors, Nov. 13th in Collinsville, IL; Harry Barnes, December 1st in Birmingham, AL; Tom Alston, December 30th in Winston-Salem, N.C. **1pg. Robert Lee Herron, January 17th in Wichita Falls, TX; two **1page articles available. We also have two **1 page obits on Marlin Carter who died in Memphis on December 20th.

The Negro Leagues Baseball Museum Yearbook is seeking contributions for the 1994 edition. This year's theme is greatest teams. Write to PO Box 411312, Kansas City, MO 64141-1512, if interested.

The Ken Burns 19 hour epic on baseball is scheduled for the Fall. The Negro Leagues will be featured during the 5th inning. The current USA TODAY BASEBALL WEEKLY has a long piece on the movie.

The rededication of Pop Lloyd Field is scheduled for October 8th. Plan to attend, more details in upcoming SPECIAL EVENTS section.

My sincere thanks to Dr. Bob and Zoh Hieronimus and Laura Cortner for passing along to the NLC a video of all the events which honored Negro Leaguers during the All-Star festivities in Baltimore, July 10-14th. It really warmed up a below 0 day. Another radio show on the Negro Leagues is scheduled for February 6th.

The Karamu Performing Arts Theatre in Cleveland will present the play FOR THE LOVE OF THE GAME by Margaret Ford-Taylor from January 28th to February 27, 1994. The Jack Graney chapter of SABR will be attending on Feb. 11th. Contact me or Morris Eckhouse for additional details.

NEGRO LEAGUE RELATED ARTICLES

LOS ANGELES TIMES 12-9-93, Ross Newhan column discussing Delino DeShields. **1pg also 12-8-93 wire story "Delino DeShields brings knowledge of past into future." **2pp

12-30-93 AP wire story from Philadelphia on Negro League veterans including Bill Cash. **1pg

INDIANAPOLIS NEWS 12-27-93, "Man, 92, hits the TV for diploma," (Bill Owens). **1pg

SCD 1-14-94 plug for NLBM Newsletter Silhouettes. **2pp

"Player of The Year," (Gene Richardson) from EBONY 9-1-46. **1pg

CHICAGO SUN-TIMES, 12-31-93 **1pg; USA TODAY **1pg; KANSAS CITY STAR 12-31-93 **1pg; DETROIT NEWS, 1-10-94 **1pg; USA TODAY BASEBALL WEEKLY Jan. 12-25, 1994 **1pg. All on the Alfred Henry situation. We should be so lucky to get this much coverage on an upbeat occasion or for an honoring of players. The best story is the 1-9-94 LOS ANGELES TIMES **2pp "Ex-player trumpets Negro Leagues, but Feds cry foul."

USA TODAY BASEBALL WEEKLY Jan 26-Feb 8, 1994, **1pg "Negro Leagues expert becomes 'Baseball' star," (O'Neil).

CURRENT AND FUTURE INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS

Lou Dials will be doing card shows in Oakland, CA in February; San Francisco in March; Anaheim in July; and The National in Houston in August. Check with Lou for other show dates.

Phil Dixon will be making appearances in February on the 1st in Los Angeles at a seminar at the Amateur Athletic Foundation. February 3rd at a high school in Topeka, KS. Feb. 8th at Jacento Community College in Pasadena, TX; Feb. 10th in Sherman, TX at Austin College; and Feb. 23rd at Westfield State College, Westfield, MA. Happy Trails to you, Phil.

Anyone with any information on former player Dail Foye please contact me.

Bob Hoie is seeking information on why so many Negro Leaguers appeared with the 1953 Danville club of the MOV League. Lonnie Davis, Lloyd Davenport, Willie Hutchinson, Rayford Finch, Alvin Spearman, Othello Strong, and Jim Zapp, were all there. The NLC would also like to know the answer to this most interesting situation. Contact Bob or me.

THE MARKETPLACE

The December SABR BULLETIN had a 20% discount on Jim Overmyer's EFFA MANLEY AND THE NEWARK EAGLES. Just \$23.60, order from Scarecrow Press PO Box 4167, Metuchen, NJ 08840 or call 1-800-537-7107. A terrific addition to Negro League History.

The January SABR BULLETIN had a special on Rob Ruck's video KINGS ON THE HILL for only \$18.60 postpaid. Order from SABR PO Box 93183, Cleveland, OH 44101. I just got mine and now know why everyone was raving about it. Bravo! Rob.

The 1994 edition of PUBLISHER'S WEEKLY highlights Carroll & Graf Publishers' new books. Jim Riley's THE BIOGRAPHICAL ENCYCLOPEDIA OF THE NEGRO BASEBALL LEAGUES is featured. Set for April release and about 1000 pages. It will sell for \$47.50. Look for a \$37.50 special in a future SABR BULLETIN (I'm hoping). It will be a landmark work. **1pg release.

Speaking of Jim, I just got my set of APBA cards of the top 20 Negro League teams. Great work by Jim. What a terrific feeling to have game cards for Negro Leaguers. **2pp listing of teams and lineups. The cards and game can be ordered from APBA Game Company, Inc. 1001 Millersville Road, Lancaster, PA 17603-6122, or phone (717) 872-6567.

Arthur Ashe's three volume history A HARD ROAD TO GLORY has been reissued by sport, ie: boxing, football, basketball, and of course, baseball. Separate books for each, look for it in stores.

According to a USA TODAY BASEBALL WEEKLY article on baseball films, one is due on the Negro Leagues, THE WALLS CAME TUMBLING DOWN, with Denzel Washington as Satchel Paige.

For a peek at the 1995 Black Ball calendar and the monthly featured pictures send for a **1pg listing.

Other books to check out (not yet seen by me) THE NEGRO LEAGUES: THE STORY OF BLACK BASEBALL by Jacob Margolies (Juvenile). Also, PERSPECTIVES: A MULTICULTURAL PORTRAIT OF PROFESSIONAL SPORTS by David Press, issued by Marshall Cavendish Corp.

An excellent explanation of the new agreement for Major League Baseball Properties to market Negro League apparel can be found in the Winter, 1993 NLBM Newsletter, SILHOUETTES, (an excellent publication). Contact the NLBM to subscribe.

I got good response on the exchanging of the Ted Williams Card Set cards. Contact me, for some swapping I've got extras of many cards, not just the Negro Leaguers.

INTERCOMMITTEE NEWS

Re: Bibliography Committee

The committee's BASEBALL ONLINE project is a comprehensive electronic bibliography of materials of interest to the baseball researcher. They seek volunteers from our committee to help with different phases of the gathering and entering of material regarding the Negro Leagues. Obviously the NLC publication will help a great deal but more help is needed. Please contact Andy McCue at 4025 Beechwood Pl., Riverside, CA 92506, (909) 787-4954. Imagine a data base for easy access to all baseball materials. Please help out.

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FINAL REMARKS

Let us all give fervent hope that a Negro Leaguer will join Baseball's Hall of Fame.

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

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