

@ SABR - NEGRO LEAGUES COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER  
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We have gone from the height of elation to the depths of depression, from the election of Leon Day to The Hall of Fame on March 7th to his death on March 13th. This has been a most trying time for all, especially Geraldine Day and the rest of the family. I have decided to separate our regular business from the expressions of our grief over Leon's death. Please refer to page 7 for our coverage on this most sad topic.

#### CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

It has been a very eventful two month period and there are many terrific events upcoming.

We welcome long-time SABR member Ray Schmidt to the NLC. He is most knowledgeable on Semi-pro black ball and Midwest minor league baseball. Ray's address is 13848 W. Rockbluff Way Lockport, IL 60441 (708) 301-4798.

Our newsletter depends on the contributions of members and readers like the following people who submitted material: Luis Alvelo, Jim Bailey, Paul Bauer, Gary Bedingfield, Mike Bergantino, Todd Bolton, Bill Carle, Merritt Clifton, Laura Cortner, Kit Crissey, Paul Debono, Bob Eisen, Larry Epke, Michael Foster, Tony George, John Haddock, Leslie Heaphy, Dr. Bob Hieronimus, Larry Hogan, Bob Hoie, John Holway, Mikhail Horowitz, Lou Hunsinger, Neil Lancot, Larry Lester, Jerry Malloy, Gary Maurer, Andy McCue, Sammy Miller, Rick Morris, Rob Nelson, Jim Overmyer, Jim Passannante, Bob Peterson, Dave Pietrusza, Bill Plott, Mark Pollak, Bob Potts, Rich Puff, Jim Riley, Tito Rondon, Dan Ross, Ray Schmidt, David Skinner, Ronda Smalley, Brad Sullivan, Gregg Truitt, Charles Weaver Jr. Lyle Wilson, Tweed Webb, and John Zajc.

#### NEGRO LEAGUERS AND THE HALL OF FAME

The new system worked this year as the Veterans Committee heeded the words of Monte Irvin and Buck O'Neil along with the hundreds of people who wrote to support the selection of Leon Day to The Hall of Fame. Leon's death only emphasizes to us all that time is running out to honor these men in their lifetime.

We have the \*\* 1pg press release of 1-25-95, which covers the rules amendment. Also, a \*\* 1pg list of Negro League Veterans in The National Baseball Hall of Fame. There are now 17 players who played in the Negro Leagues in the Hall (12 from Veterans Committee elections.)

We must continue to go forward as leaders in Negro Leagues education. The NLC will present a unified front for upcoming elections. We will vote for our choices for election to the Hall of Fame. Everyone reading this newsletter can vote. All SABR Board members and SABR committee chairs are welcomed to cast their votes but not required to. I EXPECT everyone else to pass along their voting order right away. We should have complete results by the June Newsletter. Only 13 names can be voted on. When the original Negro League advisory committee was begun in the '70's 25 names were put on a list for consideration by the Veterans Committee. Although there are numerous reasons to argue about the make up of the list and the absence of many Hall of Fame players and executives, this is the list the Veterans Committee have worked with all this time. Please rank these men 1 thru 13 (the other 12 people are in The Hall). If you have additional

choices you may list them and pass along any supporting rationale or writings. For the time being however, the NLC will only back the top vote getters in the survey. Remember; members of this committee are required to vote. The players in alphabetical order are CHET BREWER, RAY BROWN, WILLI FOSTER, SAMMY T. HUGHES, DICK LUNDY, BIZ MACKEY, DICK REDDING, BULLET JOE ROGAN, LOUIS SANTOP, TURKEY STEARNES, MULE SUTTLES, WILLIE WELLS, AND SMOKEY JOE WILLIAMS. The results of our vote will go to the Hall of Fame, The Veterans Committee and the SABR advisory group.

# NEGRO LEAGUES COMMITTEE PUBLICATION

The limited edition of THE NEGRO LEAGUES BOOK is now available, leather bound in a handsome illustrated gift box with 10 players' autographs. Cost is \$150. Unsigned hardcover is \$49.95. Call 800 457-9599 or write to Inland 140 Commerce St. East-Haven, Ct 06512.

Our book is part of a SABR membership enrollment drive.(\$58.50 for a 1-year membership and the book). Call SABR 216 575-0500.

Another 10-15 players have been located. Larry Lester has compiled an 8 page list of "Living Negro League Veterans" done like the register, with 265 players.

Bob Hoie and Bill Weiss were able to verify that long-time semi-pro great, Art Demery did play with the Baltimore Elite Giants in 1941. Ray Schmidt passed along 1903, 1905, and 1906 Chicago Union Giants rosters and Jerry Malloy provided a 1884 Chicago Gordons roster. Brad Sullivan came up with a slew of info on the 1920 and 1921 Cleveland Tate Stars. Merritt Clifton was able to solve a 15 year dilemma on Fred Wilson of the 30's Quebec League. Lou Hunsinger passed along some Williamsport, PA photo copies from 1904. Here are a couple changes to the "Bibliography" section on page 357 under Mexican League second Kyle Crichton article it should read 6-29-1946; On page 343 under Lou Dials, Horowitz entry, correct paper is THE DAILY FREEMAN.

Larry Lester has compiled an updated Negro Baseball League Reference Books listing \*\*3pp.

Finally, we congratulate Mike Bergantino on his tremendous research. He passed along material from San Francisco and Oakland papers on The West Coast Baseball Association of 1946. He is continuing with other cities' papers but has compiled a five page register of the players of 1946. A truly superb job, Mike.

# SPECIAL EVENTS

Before You Can Say Jackie Robinson: Black Baseball in Maryland in The Era of the Color Line 1885-1950 was a huge success at Salisbury State University from February 11th to March 3rd. Todd Bolton, Tom Garrett, Bob Hieronimus, and Larry Hogan joined Russell Awkard, Leon Day, Rodolfo Fernandez, Toots Ferrell, and former Ren John Isaacs for a reception on February 20th. It was reported that the "lies" were flying. Earlier Todd and Larry spoke to the Sports History Class. \*\*2pp program and \*\*1pg invitation are available.

Buck O'Neil was honored in his former hometown of Sarasota, Florida. During the week long events Twin Lakes Park in Sarasota was renamed Buck O'Neil Baseball Complex 3/8/95. On Thursday, the 9th, "An Evening With Buck O'Neil" was held. On Friday he received his high school diploma from Sarasota High School and a varsity letter in baseball. Also, on Friday evening, Buck was chosen "Person of the Week" by ABC News with Peter Jennings. These are high honors for an extraordinary human being. We have many articles about the events. 2-25-95, THE TAMPA TRIBUNE, "Touching All Bases" \*\*1pg. There are a number of articles from the SARASOTA HERALD-TRIBUNE: 2-26-95, "O'Neil to Receive Diploma," \*\*1pg, 3-2-95 "Sarasota will fete its unsung baseball star," \*\*1pg, 3-5-95, "Heading for home,"

\*\*3pp. "Buck generates emotion," \*\*2pp & "Baseball's Buck O'Neil is honored," \*\*2pp, 3-11-95, "A 69-year dream comes true, O'Neil receives Sarasota High diploma," \*\*1pg. "Buck graduates," \*\*1pg. From the TOLEDO BLADE: 3-11-95, "Negro League star still a hit," \*\*1pg. From the WALL STREET JOURNAL: 3-17-95, "Thanks to TV a Negro League Star is honored," \*\*1pg. SPORTS ILLUSTRATED \*\*1pg.

Buck O'Neil was the featured speaker on March 30, 1995 in Denver at the inaugural luncheon of the Blake Street Baseball Club.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

Leslie Heaphy will be at the Ohio Academy of History at Oberlin College on April 22th. She will present a paper on Toledo's tie to the Negro Leagues. William Kimak will give a paper on black baseball in upstate New York from 1900-1950.

20 Negro Leaguers plus Hall of Famers, Monte Irvin and Buck Leonard, are scheduled for the NLBPA Card & Autograph Show in Eldersburg, MD, April 22 & 23, 1995. \*\*1pg AD.

From April 27 to the 29th, at Hofstra University there will be a "Baseball and The Sultan of Swat" conference. This represents a huge undertaking as evidenced by the 40 page registration program. Among the dozens of SABR members involved will be Buck O'Neil, Robert Peterson, John Holway, Kaz Sayama, and moderator Lloyd Johnson discussing "Babe Ruth and The Negro Leagues," on Panel III-C from 10 to noon on Friday, the 28th.

On Saturday April 29th the Pop Lloyd birthday celebration will be held in Atlantic City, at the restored John Henry Lloyd Field. This will be the official opening of the stadium. Besides the opening program, there will be many festivities, a baseball clinic for youth and an All-Star softball game. Check with Larry Hogan at 908 889-4361.

The Indianapolis Indians have teamed with the city public school system to create an educational program highlighting Negro Leagues history in Indianapolis. The Indians will wear replica 1954 Clowns uniforms on June 4th, July 2nd and July 15th. Replica Clowns caps will go to the first 2500 fans on June 4th, replica uniform T-shirts July 2nd and team pictures on July 15th. Sounds great! \*\*2pp press release from 2-27-95. \*\*1pg overview and 2-28-95 INDIANAPOLIS STAR, "IPS, Indians will give Negro League some of its due," \*\*1pg and INDIANAPOLIS RECORDER, 3-4-95, "Negro League Clowns legacy to be revived at Bush Stadium," \*\*1pg.

The SABR National Convention will be June 15-18, 1995 in Pittsburgh. Our NLC Meeting is tentatively scheduled for 7 AM, Saturday morning. Among the events during the convention is a "Tribute to Black Baseball in Pittsburgh". There has been a suggestion from Lou Hunsinger for a possible get-together at the Crawford Grill #2. A great time will be had!

On July 20, 1995 Jim Riley will moderate a panel of Wilmer Fields, James Cohen, and Monte Irvin. The subject will be, "A Long Bus Ride For a Short Pay Check," This will take place at the Smithsonian in Washington D.C.

#### COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy Birthday greetings to Cowan Hyde (85 on April 10th), Jim Zapp (71 on April 18th), Nath McClinic (71 on the April 26th), Bill Beverly (65 on May 5th), and Art Pennington (72 on May 18th).

We have a \*\*1pg obituary and \*\*5pg funeral program for Woody Smallwood

The NLC is saddened that long-time NLC member and SABRite, Tom Heitz is no longer with The National Baseball Library. We wish Tom all the best and thank him for all his input over the years. Tim Wiles is the new Public Service Librarian. Tom's shoes will be most hard to fill. With Tom gone, on top of Bob Browning's departure last summer, the NLC will have to put in extra work to continue our successful relationships with the Library that has supported our quest for Negro League research materials.

Connie Morgan will be inducted into the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame. The ceremonies will be held April 6, 1995 in Philadelphia. We'll try to get a souvenir program for future distribution.

The Negro Leagues were featured on the NBC Nightly News on Thursday March 9th.

Monte Irvin will be at the "Hall of Fame Weekend" in Baltimore on Saturday May 20th. \*\*1pg AD.

Nice \*\*1pg overview of February 18th Philadelphia Star Card Show.

My apologies to Sammy Miller! I failed to credit him for passing along the audio tapes of Cash, Pearson, Johnson, Haywood, Zapp, and Mamie Johnson.

Red Moore, Willie Lee, Nath McClinic, and Buck O'Neil were signees at a March 18-19th show in Atlanta. Buck was also in Stratford, CT on March 5th.

Many thanks to Bob Eisen who helped answer the Sherwin-Williams sign question and passed along valuable info on WWI players. John Zajc also sent info on Sherwin-Williams signs and said that former player Jimmy Dean along with Spike Lee had recently joined SABR.

Double Duty Radcliffe's All-Time team \*\*1pg.

Please be sure to vote for your favorite people in the upcoming SABR elections.

Tito Rondon mentioned that Rachel Robinson was guest of honor during recent ceremonies for the Nicaraguan Sports Hall of Fame and the opening of the World Amateur Baseball Championship, throwing out the first pitch. A new baseball field at the Institute of Youth and Sports complex was named Jackie Robinson Stadium.

#### NEGRO LEAGUES RELATED ARTICLES

ATHLON BASEBALL 1995 has Jim Riley's "For Love and Money: Buck O'Neil on Baseball." \*\*4pp

"Remembering the Negro Leagues," (Radcliffe & Lockett) from 8-7-94 \*\*1pg

THE NEW YORK TIMES 2-12-95, "Survivors of Negro League reaping the benefits," (royalties) \*\*1pg. 2-24-95 SCD "Good News Indeed," \*\*1pg.

PIEDMONT BALLPARK NEWS Vol 2 Issue 1 March, 1994, "Tom Alston: The Baseball Pioneer Who Paid The Price," \*\*3pp with his real birth date.

2-5-95 THE BIRMINGHAM NEWS by Bill Plott, "Black Baron now preaches faith," (William Greason) \*\*1pg.

THE BIRMINGHAM NEWS, 2-5-95, "For the love of the game," \*\*2pp

THE BIRMINGHAM NEWS, 2-10-95, "One last bow before their fans," \*\*2pp

BIRMINGHAM POST-HERALD, 2-14-95 "Negro Leaguers still know the game," \*\*1pg.

THE NEWARK STAR-LEDGER, 2-28-95, "Rounding history's bases," (New Jersey exhibit) \*\*2pp.

USA TODAY BASEBALL WEEKLY, March 29-April 4, 1995, "Indians 'Gentle Giant' has late great start," (Easter) \*\*1pg.

THE DAILY HERALD 2-18-95 \*\*1pg "Athletes tell it like it was in segregated ball."

USA TODAY BASEBALL WEEKLY, February 22-28, 1995, "Life among the cinders" (Jethroe). \*\*1pg.

THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER, 2-19-95 \*\*2pp "Negro League players gather for another first,"

THE SPORTING NEWS, 2-7-46, "John Wright, new addition to Royals," \*\*1pg

THE DAILY FREEMAN, (Kingston, NY) 2-22-87, "Catskill native touted for Hall," (Edsall Walker) \*\*1pg

"Bolton Changing Negro League perception," DAILY TIMES of Salisbury, MD, \*\*1pg.

CHICAGO TRIBUNE, 2-24-95, "The good life of 'Double Duty'," \*\*2pp

I strongly urge everyone to contact the Chicago Historical Society at 312 642-4600 to order CHICAGO HISTORY Fall & Winter 1994-95 Volume XXIII Number 3. It contains a 17 page story "Chicago's Negro Leagues" on early 1900's Chicago teams with terrific pictures. Cost is \$3.50 + P&H.

#### CURRENT AND FUTURE INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS

Larry Hogan will again be doing an Elderhostel at The Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, Sunday October 22th through Friday the 27th. It is sponsored by Hartwick College. This will include a session on James Fenimore Cooper and the legend of Cooperstown as well as, a behind the scenes look at the museums of Cooperstown. Contact Larry at 908 889-4361 for additional details.

Jim Passannante reports school district approval for use of Negro Leagues books in his middle school class. He uses the Negro League pins (from Tony George) as tie tacks that elicit positive questions and answers from his students. Great Job Jim!

Mark Pollak reports good coverage of the 1945 Negro Southern League in THE ATLANTA DAILY WORLD. Mark still needs help on 1920 and 1926 NSL champs or half champs. Bill Plott provided a great deal on missing stadia.

Lyle Wilson, 15704 Mill Creek Blvd. Suite #7 Mill Creek, WA 98012 is seeking information about the Washington Browns, an all black team from Yakima, WA, circa 1938.

Michael Foster is researching the Winston-Salem Pawn Giants who recently celebrated their 78th anniversary. Contact me with info.

Jim Bailey is looking for information on Lizzie Murphy, a Rhode Island semi-pro player. He is seeking confirmation that she played for the Cleveland Colored Indians, circa 1929. Any information you can provide would be appreciated; contact Jim at 225 Leah St. Providence, RI 02908.

Gary Bedingfield, 42 Ferndale Road Enfield Middlesex England EN3 6DJ is trying to compile reports on the fund-raising games played by the US Armed Forces in Britain during WWII. He is mainly interested in Negro players.

#### THE MARKETPLACE

\*\*1pg review from 1-29-95 CHICAGO SUN-TIMES on Buck Leonard: The Black Lou Gehrig by Jim Riley. The book is available in most book stores. With 272pp 17 photos and at \$21 from Carroll & Graf, it is a must read! It's easy to read and to follow Buck's career. Buck shares his thoughts on teams, teammates and rivals throughout his career. You'll feel like you're in Buck's den listening to him tell his life story. Jim leads Buck into many important subjects for his unique perspective. Riley has done a great job of writing and organizing this class act work.

I certainly recommend the DISCOVER GREATNESS NEGRO LEAGUES BASEBALL MUSEUM 1994 YEARBOOK. It features stories on 9 great teams plus much more done by Bolton, Holway, Kleinknecht, Lester, Riley, and others. It is edited by Larry Lester and is a must have publication. Contact the NLBM at (816) 221-1920 or fax them at (816) 221-8424 to get yours.

There is a new CD-ROM produced by Computerized Educational Resources Ltd. in cooperation with the NLBM. THE NEGRO LEAGUE DREAM TEAMS will be available soon, call (800) 948-1237 for details.

#### New Books Coming

INVISIBLE MEN: LIFE IN BASEBALL'S NEGRO LEAGUES by Donn Rogosin will be reprinted in paperback \$14.

SPORT IN CUBA: THE DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH, Univ. of Pittsburgh Press.

I WAS RIGHT ON TIME, by Buck O'Neil and Steve Wuff, \$22, July release.

A COMPLETE HISTORY OF THE NEGRO LEAGUES 1884-1955 by Mark Ribowsky \$24.95 This is certainly a qualified person to write this book. By the

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way, the same publishers have signed me to write a history of rocket science. Look for lots of borrowing from legitimate sources.

From University of Nebraska Press, a reprint of IT'S GOOD TO BE ALIVE by Roy Campanella, 320pp 19 photos, \$10.95 paper.

FLEET WALKER'S DIVIDED HEART: THE LIFE OF BASEBALL'S FIRST BLACK MAJOR LEAGUER by David Zang. 200pp, 13 photos, \$21.50 cloth. Sounds good.

I'm really looking forward to SOL WHITE'S HISTORY OF COLORED BASEBALL: WITH OTHER DOCUMENTS ON THE EARLY BLACK GAME 1886-1936, with a new introduction by Jerry Malloy. This should be out any time. 192pp 16 documents, 74 illustrations from original (all clear to see) plus 17 new ones, \$26 cloth. There are SABR discounts and P&H costs, call 800 755-1105.

Jim Riley's review of TURKEY STEARNES AND THE DETROIT STARS appears in the latest issue of NINE. \*\*2pp.

I hope you all took advantage of the SABR BULLETIN deal on the JUDY JOHNSON book by Ellen Rendle, just \$22.95 postpaid. Order this from SABR PO Box 93183 Cleveland, OH 44101. I omitted a word from my short description in February's Newsletter. This book is a first RATE production.

\*\*1pg book review from 2-12-95 DETROIT FREE PRESS on A GREAT TIME COMING, the new Jackie Robinson book by David Falkner, 369pp \$24. Additional reviews include CHICAGO SUN-TIMES, 2-19-95, \*\*1pg & CHICAGO TRIBUNE, 2-26-95 \*\*1pg.

USA TODAY had a brief mention of a MICROLEAGUE INTERACTIVE SOFTWARE to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Negro Leagues. THE NEGRO ALL-STAR LEAGUE, a disk containing 20 famous teams, is an add-on for its' MICROLEAGUE BASEBALL game. Disk is \$9.95 call (800) 334-6572.

\*\*1pg AD, each, for Negro League autographs from two sources.

"The Ted Williams Card Co. just barely hanging on" \*\*1pg

"Publishers leery of strike", \*\*1pg

\*\*1pg story, "Hot Stove set on consumers' back burner."

Negro League Lithographs AD \*\*1pg.

February, 1995 THE COLLECTOR'S ADVANTAGE, \*\*1pg, "Phone card recalls baseball's forgotten past," Buck O'Neil Phone Card.

BASEBALL AMERICA, Baseball Books For 1995. \*\*2pp & USA TODAY BASEBALL WEEKLY March 1-7, 1995 book list \*\*5pp

USA TODAY featured LEAGUES APART: THE MEN AND TIMES OF THE NEGRO BASEBALL LEAGUES by Lawrence Ritter, \$15. \*\*1pg.

#### FINAL REMARKS

Our next newsletter will be June's. Be sure to get items to me before the last week of May, particularly anything you want discussed in Pittsburgh.

Dick Clark & Larry Lester

*Dick & Larry*  
NLC Co-Chairpeople

This newsletter and the NLC have dealt with death many times over the years. This one seems to hit us especially hard. Within one week Leon Day completed a life journey to the the Promised Land of baseball and met his creator in the Promised Land that has never known a color line. We all knew Leon was a Hall-of-Famer. The loss is that the public will be cheated by not being able to meet this great person.

Leon Day was a joy to be with. Anyone who ever met him will miss him. I'm very appreciative of the time I spent with him. I'll remember his modesty, his wonderful sense of humor, his jokes, his vast knowledge of baseball, his kindness, and his friendship. Leon and Geraldine have been two of the nicest people I've have ever known. We will miss his wit in Cooperstown this summer when we meet to honor his accomplishments and life. We all wish for a longer life. Certainly we wanted Leon to be able to enjoy the accolades. He was with us for 78 joyous years. We need to celebrate that. We must give our support to Geraldine and help her through this ordeal and the life changes she faces. At this time no official Leon Day Foundation has been set up. Donations however, can be made to Geraldine Day C/O Hieronimus & Co. PO Box 648 Owings Mills, MD 21117.

The funeral was attended by over 300 mourners and 30 former players along with Senator Paul Sarbanes, Mayor Kurt Schmoke, Hall of Fame Chairman Edward Stack, and Larry Lester for the NLC and NLBM. Everything went very well. Monte Irvin, Wilmer Fields, Bob Hieronimus, and Todd Bolton were among those speaking during the ceremony. Pallbearers were Max Manning, Mal Duckett, Bob Hieronimus, Gene Benson, Toots Ferrell, and Todd Bolton. Interment was at Arbutus Memorial Park near the grave of Ben Taylor. Arbutus provided the site and future headstone without charge.

The following articles are available:

#### Pre-election

\*\*1pg from Hieronimus & Co., an overview of Leon's career.

"Will Cooperstown finally see the light of Day?" by Todd Bolton in the March, 1995 RAGTYME SPORTS, \*\*2pp.

THE BALTIMORE SUN 3-5-95, "Negro League star Leon Day waits for fame," by Brad Snyder. \*\*2pp.

NEWARK STAR-LEDGER, 3-6-95, Jerry Izenberg At Large, "Will they give Leon his day," \*\*2pp.

#### Election

NEWARK STAR-LEDGER, 3-8-95, Izenberg, "Newark Eagle Leon Day finally gains Hall," \*\*1pg.

NEW YORK POST 3-8-95, "Election to Hall makes Leon's Day," \*\*1pg.

USA TODAY 3-8-95, "Veterans vote Ashburn, Day, Willis, Hulbert into Hall." \*\*1pg.

THE MORNING HERALD, 3-8-95, "Ashburn, Day among 4 elected to Hall."

WASHINGTON POST, 3-8-95, "Ashburn among four elected to Hall of Fame,"

THE JOURNAL, 3-8-95, "A place in history," \*\*1pg.

THE BALTIMORE SUN, 3-8-95, "You made it man: Day named to Hall of Fame," by Brad Snyder, \*\*1pg.

THE NEW YORK TIMES, 3-8-95, "Leon's Day in the sun, at last," \*\*1pg

#### After Death

THE BALTIMORE SUN, 3-14-95, "Day dies week after greatest honor," by Brad Snyder, \*\*1pg.

NEWARK STAR-LEDGER, 3-14-95, "Ex-Newark Eagle dies; voted to Hall last week," \*\*1pg

THE FREDERICK POST 3-14-95, "Baseball Hall of Famer Day dies," \*\*1pg

WASHINGTON POST, 3-14-95, "Day dies at 78," \*\*1pg.

AP, "Day dies week after joining baseball Hall," \*\*1pg.

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD 3-15-95, House of Representatives Tribute to Leon Day by Rep. Kweisi Mfume of Maryland. \*\*1pg...

USA TODAY BASEBALL WEEKLY, March 15-21, 1995, "Negro Leagues star d 6 days after Hall election," \*\*1pg.

THE NEW YORK TIMES, 3-15-95, Obituary Leon Day, "Selected last week for Hall of Fame is dead at 78," \*\*1pg.

CHICAGO TRIBUNE, 3-16-95, "Negro League star Leon Day 78; made Hall of Fame a week ago," \*\*1pg.

US NEWS & WORLD REPORT, March 27, 1995 (people column) \*\*1pg.

SCD 4-7-95, "Former Negro League and newest Hall of Famer Leon Day dies," \*\*1pg.

WASHINGTON POST, 3-19-95, "Day crossed a road less traveled to Cooperstown," an appreciation by John Holway. \*\*1pg.

#### Funeral

THE BALTIMORE SUN, 3-18-95, "300 plus pay last respects to Day," by Brad Snyder, \*\*1pg.

Copy of funeral program, \*\*6pp.

We close with the remarks made by Todd Bolton at the funeral service for Leon. We are most appreciative of Todd for allowing us to use them.

It's very difficult to capture in words, what Leon Day meant to those of us who loved him. He was truly, a very special human being. He loved life, and lived it to the fullest. He was a devoted family man who adored his wonderful family. He was loyal and true to his friends and always left you with a smile. And he loved that game of baseball. It was as a very young boy he decided he wanted to be a baseball player. He followed that dream and the dream came true. Not only did he become a baseball player but he became an exceptional baseball player. He became one of the all-time greats of the game. His peers have always known of his greatness. But unfortunately, others have been slow to learn. It was truly a blessing that last Tuesday, Leon was finally able to smell the roses, when he was elected to the National Baseball Hall of Fame. But it was a great tragedy that they waited so long. But even during the years that Leon was denied recognition, he was never angry, he was never bitter. Because along with being an outstanding athlete, Leon Day was an outstanding man. Anger and bitterness was never a part of this man. Leon Day was a quiet, kind, generous, and humble man. He had his own special charm and his own special wit and humor that we will always remember. That was Leon Day. He touched us all in a very special way and we will surely miss him. I would like to close with a poem that I think reflects the way Leon would want us to remember him.

#### WHEN LIFE IS DONE

I'd like the memory of me,  
to be a happy one,  
I'd like to leave an afterglow  
of smiles when life is done,  
I'd like to leave an echo  
whispering softly down the ways  
of happy times and laughing times  
and bright sunny days,  
I'd like the tears of those who grieve  
to dry before the sun,  
of happy memories that I leave  
When Life Is Done