

# The SABR Bulletin

NEWSLETTER OF THE SOCIETY FOR AMERICAN BASEBALL RESEARCH

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THE SABR SURVEY OF FOREIGN-BORN PLAYERS is nearly complete. It looks like there will be reasonably close races in two categories. If any member has forgotten to send in his ballot and can do this in the next week, the results still can be counted. In spite of the assurances in the last Bulletin that Jim McCormick was born in Scotland and not in New Jersey as some sources indicate, this question was still raised by some voters. We will carry the final results in the Journal along with a full report on the contribution of foreign-born players.

A SURVEY OF THE BEST PLAYERS FROM INDIVIDUAL STATES of this country seems to be in order based on the interest shown in the above balloting. Some of you will probably have some strong personal feelings about who should represent "your" state. And there will be closer races than in the foreign-born survey. For example, what about California, with Joe DiMaggio and Ted Williams for starters? SABR members Tom Hufford and Lyle Spatz have drawn up a list of names of the more prominent players from each state. We will get out a ballot probably on the first of these with the next Bulletin.

ON THE SURVEY OF HALL OF FAME CANDIDATES who made a valuable contribution to baseball outside of playing, an interim count of the results was made necessary in order to get a letter off to the Veterans Committee before they began their balloting. Because the Veterans Committee will make known its selections about the end of January, it would be timely for SABR Bulletin readers to see the survey results at this time. As you recall, Society members were asked to vote for five or fewer in order of rank. Five points were awarded to the person receiving a first-place vote, four points for second, etc. Fifty-nine ballots were submitted and 29 different managers, executives, umpires, and other baseball personalities received at least one vote. Here are the top dozen vote-getters.

1. Al Lopez	105	7. Bill McGowan	42
2. Tom Yawkey	91	8. Warren Giles	37
3. Leo Durocher	74	9. Frank Selee	33
4. William Hulbert	70	10. Jimmy Dykes	32
5. Ned Hanlon	60	11. Barney Dreyfuss	29
6. Bucky Harris	56	12. Charlie Grimm	23

Now, whether the Veterans Committee will select one of the above candidates will be interesting to see. The pressures on the committee are great and probably result in part from some of the selections they have made in recent years. There are highly organized campaigns this year for living players, most notably Earl Averill and Joe Wood, and there probably are many other names being suggested to the committee by individuals and organizations.

THE HALL OF FAME SELECTIONS FOR THE NEGRO LEAGUES will be coming up soon. Merl Kleinknecht, SABR chairman of the Negro League Committee, reports that in the 1973 balloting when Monte Irvin was selected with six votes, these former stars also received votes: Cool Papa Bell (3), Judy Johnson (3), Martin Dihigo (2), Ray Dandridge (1), and Willie Foster (1). Merl feels there are many worthy candidates to choose from, although they are not well known by the general public. In fact, he can offer a whole team of candidates, as follows:

1B - Jud Wilson	OF - Oscar Charleston	C - Biz Mackey
2B - Bingo DeMoss	OF - Cool Papa Bell	RHP - Joe Williams
3B - Ray Dandridge	OF - Martin Dihigo	LHP - Willie Foster
SS - John Lloyd		Mgr - Rube Foster

IF ANY MEMBER WHO HAS RENEWED MEMBERSHIP FOR 1973-74 has not received his new membership card, please inform Stan Grosshandler. Incidentally, Stan reports that about 20 of the 175 members of last year have not (yet) renewed.

RESEARCH EXCHANGE -- Research Information being made available this month:

Art Ahrens, 1851 W. Waveland Ave, Chicago, Ill. 60613, the SABR authority on baseball attendance figures, has a list of the 25 top crowds attending baseball games prior to 1900.

Ron Liebman, 146-28 Booth Memorial Ave, Flushing NY 11355, has a list of the leading teammate home run duos by year and league since 1920 -- Examples: 1920 NL Phil. Williams 15 & E. Meusel 14; 1925 AL N.Y. R. Meusel 33 & Ruth 25.

Vern Luse, 4222 West 167th St. Lawndale, Calif. 90260, has final standings of all minor leagues 1877-1900. Runs 40 pages, but no reproduction cost for SABR; will be sent 4th class.

If any SABR member is interested in obtaining any of the above research information, please contact the person making it available.

ANYONE KNOW WHO WERE THE NL COACHES ASSISTING JOHN McGraw in the 1933 All-Star game? If so, please contact Richard Juline, 8220 Briarwood, Stanton, Calif. 90680. Dick is writing a book on the All-Star games. The AL coaches for Connie Mack that year were Eddie Collins and Art Fletcher.

ANY MEMBERS INTERESTED IN PURCHASING 18 years of Sporting News (1956-73) should contact John Pardon, 77 Morningside Drive, Croton-on-Hudson, N.Y. 10520.

BILL GUSTAFSON OF SAN JOSE, a member of the Demographic Research Committee, recently spent a week at the Genealogical Library of the Mormon Church in Salt Lake City. Bill, who has been active for some years in tracking down the birth and death records of forgotten ball players, feels it has the largest collection of genealogical records in the world. Maybe we can get him to make a more detailed report for the next newsletter.

BILL BORST DID A NICE REVIEW IN THE ST. LOUIS GLOBE-DEMOCRAT of the Karst-Jones book, Who's Who in Professional Baseball. Bill even got in a plug about SABR -- "The authors, both members of the Society for American Baseball Research, have concentrated on the immortals, the near greats and good ones, the zany . . . the overnight heroes, the can't miss, and the spring training flashes. Yet they have not limited themselves to merely the players." And he goes on from there. Dr. Borst, a recent SABR recruit, teaches social science at Maryville College.

THE 1973 PROCEEDINGS OF THE NORTH AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR SPORTS HISTORY contain abstracts of speeches made at their national meeting by David Voigt, who spoke on Baseball and American Culture, and Gene Murdock, who spoke on The Tragedy of Ban Johnson. The names of six other SABR members are listed among the membership of NASSH.

IN REGARD TO THE QUESTION ABOUT BATTERS BEING BLANKED THE FEWEST TIMES in a season, which was posed by Stan Kuminski in the last issue, we have a little feedback which may be of interest. From various sources comes the information that Sisler had 23 hitless games out of 154 in 1920; Ted Williams was hitless in 30 games in 1941, but he was a pinch hitter in 10 games; Joe DiMaggio was hitless in 25 games out of 139 in 1941; Joe Torre was hitless in 28 of 161 games in 1971; and Willie Keeler reportedly was hitless in 11 of 128 games in 1897. It appears that some qualification would have to be made about whether the batter played the full game, or was a pinch hitter, etc.

NEW MEMBERS INCLUDE: Leslie J. Boone, 65 Carson St. Phoenixville, Penna. 19460.  
Jay Stockman, 19½ North Porter, Waynesburg, Penna. 15370.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS: John Holway, 14698 Colchester Rd. #8, Woodbridge, Va. 22191  
E. Vern Luse, 4222 West 167th St. Lawndale, Calif. 90260  
Ted Patterson, 522 Anneslie Rd, Baltimore, Md. 21212

THERE HAS BEEN A LOT OF TALK ABOUT REGIONAL SABR MEETINGS, but no action as yet. Maybe the gas shortage will give this proposal the nudge it needs. We are referring to informal gatherings of 5-10 people, more social than anything else. Vern Luse and Bob Hoie are trying to get a few members together in California. The membership is not large enough to plan a full Society meeting out there.

## PROFILES



- ★ Willie George is the owner of a supermarket in West Virginia, where he was born in 1919. He has collected annual major and minor league player averages for many years, with primary concentration in the period 1909-40. He has thousands of career profiles in his collection. Much of his data was secured through direct visits to league offices. He is married with two children.
- ★ Raymond Gonzalez, 50, was born and raised in Havana, Cuba. He came to the U.S. in 1954 and now lives at Woodside, Long Island, where he is an accountant. He is an authority on triple plays, hit by pitch, and has detailed records on Yankee stars such as Gehrig, Dickey, and Ruth. He knows the history of Cuban baseball and Havana in the International League, and admires Dolf Luque.
- ★ Charlie Horne, 41, lives in Portland, Maine. A former banker, he is now the office manager of a heating and air-conditioning service company. His main baseball interests include the World Series and compilation of questions and answers relating to baseball trivia. He has published a book on the subject. He also prepares an annual World Series crossword puzzle.
- ★ James G. Kelly was born in Cincinnati in 1929 but has had plenty of exposure to other parts of the country. He got his PhD at the University of Texas and has taught at the University of Michigan and is now at the University of Oregon, at Eugene, where he is professor of psychology. His interests include social and historical aspects of baseball, especially broadcasting and fan attitudes.

## AVAILABILITY OF BASEBALL MATERIAL ON MICROFILM

BILL LOUGHMAN, A SABR AUTHORITY ON BASEBALL MICROFILM, has conducted a survey of what is available around the country in various libraries and other places. He has been involved with the University of Notre Dame in a microfilming effort that includes various baseball guides and publications. Most of the material is of the 19th Century which heretofore has been largely neglected. Here is a listing of the baseball microfilm now available at the University of Notre Dame. For further information about it, write to Bill at 380 South York, Elmhurst, Illinois 60126.

Sporting Life: 1883 thru 1917 (complete, 29 reels)

Sporting News: June 1916 thru 1937

New York Clipper: April 1857 - April 1859

April 1861 - April 1866

April 1867 - April 1868

Feb. 1878 - Dec. 1878

March 1881 - Dec. 1884

New York Mercury: Oct. 1875 - Dec. 1880

Weekly Baseball Guide: April thru October 1925

Official Baseball Record: July thru October 1885

April thru October 1886

The Ball Player's Chronicle: June 6, 1867 thru July 23, 1868

(This weekly was called American Chronicle of Sports & Pastimes in 1868)

New England Baseballist (weekly): Aug. 6, 1868 thru Dec. 31, 1868

National Chronicle Journal of American Sports and Pastimes (weekly):

Jan. 9, 1869 thru June 18, 1870.

Two reels of scrapbooks including Rankin's 3 volumes of box scores from 1853 thru 1883; Murnane's scrapbooks covering 1875 thru 1882; Mear's scrapbook with the Clipper box scores from 1874 thru 1880; Rankin's scrapbook of Clipper articles from 1904-08 and 1911-12.

Work pending includes Cleveland Plain Dealer sports pages 1900 thru 1962  
Spalding and Reach Guides 1900 thru 1940; Who's Who in Baseball, and  
Baseball Magazine.

The New York Public Library Photoduplication Service, 42nd St. and Fifth Ave, New York, N.Y. 10017 (attention: microfilm section) has the following baseball materials on microfilm.

New York Sunday Mercury: April 10, 1859 thru Nov. 13, 1870  
June 18, 1876 thru Feb. 14, 1892

DeWitt Baseball Guide: 1869 - 1885

Beadle Dime Baseball Player: 1860 thru 1862; 1864 thru 1881

National League Constitution & Rules: 1876-1890; 1895-1900

Reach Guide: 1883 - 1900; Spalding Guide 1878 - 1900

Spirit of the Times: Feb. 20, 1836 thru June 22, 1861

New York Clipper: May 7, 1853 thru Dec. 31, 1854

April 20, 1856 thru July 12, 1924

Who's Who in Baseball: 1912 thru 1930; Harper's Weekly 1857-1916

The National Game by Spink

Bell & Howell, Old Mansfield Road, Wooster, Ohio 44691, has the following:

Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper: 1855 thru 1922

Spirit of the Times: 1859-1902; Harper's Weekly: 1857-1916

Many guides of baseball published prior to 1900.

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THE 1974 ANNUAL MEETING OF SABR WILL BE HELD IN PHILADELPHIA on June 21 - 23. Earlier plans to hold the national gathering in the Newark, New Jersey area did not work out and the decision was made to shift about 100 miles south, to the Holiday Inn Midtown, 1311 Walnut Street, in Philly. It is not far from the train station and there is public transportation from the airport. Ben Weiser and Dick Cramer are handling arrangements. Efforts are already under way to get Jimmy Dykes as one of the speakers. The Mets will be in town to play the Phils on Saturday, June 22, and SABR members can take that in if they desire.

Keep open those dates: June 21-23. A separate notice will be sent out to the membership in April with more details and calling for reservations. Again we encourage you to bring along your wives (one to each member, that is), and make a family outing of this trip to historic Philadelphia. One other reminder, members who want to make brief (15 minutes or less) presentations at the annual meeting of some aspect of their research work, should notify Dick Cramer at 221 Sykes Lane, Wallingford, Penna. 19086.

THE 1974 BASEBALL RESEARCH JOURNAL WAS PUBLISHED on March 15 and was mailed in the next week. Even at 4th class book rate, copies should have reached most members by this time. As in the past, the policy is for each member to receive one copy free. If he wants up to three extra, he will pay \$1 each. After that it is the regular rate of \$3. Ads will be appearing in the Sporting News, the Baseball Digest, and Trader Speaks. In addition, a flyer was sent to a mailing list of non-members. If there are other appropriate outlets, please inform the editor.

An effort is made to recover most of the cost of publishing thru sales. Cost of publishing this year (525 copies) was about \$630. Of course, when you tack on advertising and mailing costs, that figure inflates like an MVP on the banquet circuit. Maybe, with more funds in the treasury next year, the Society can go to a more professional looking typeset publication with justified margins, etc. Of course, the cost then goes up to more than \$1200.

DAVID NEFT'S BASEBALL ENCYCLOPEDIA IS NOW AVAILABLE, and a flyer is enclosed explaining the contents and how members can order this new book. There is a special incentive for members to order on the enclosed form, because a certain amount from each order will go into the SABR treasury. Some of the older members will recall that when Dr. Neft was preparing for this publication in 1972, he paid the Society \$600 for player demographic data and other information supplied to him. Both paperback and hardback books are available. If you are interested in this book, this is a good way to get your copy.

THE 1974 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY OF THE SOCIETY is now being prepared by Bob McConnell and will be available for distribution at the annual meeting. If members who have joined since the 1973 directory was published want to change any of the information supplied on your questionnaires, you should so advise Mr. McConnell. This also goes for the older members who may want to update your information. No more than five interests can be listed for any member. Please send your corrections or additions directly to Bob at 11 Ridgewood Circle, Wilmington, Delaware 19809.

WE WILL START THE STATE SURVEY OF BASEBALL PLAYERS with this issue. On the enclosed sheet there are listed on both sides the outstanding players born in some of the States. We cannot carry all of them on one sheet, so will go with about the first two-thirds, alphabetically speaking. Lyle Spatz and Tom Hufford have helped work up these lists. For some States there is a sizeable listing. Rather than pull out one or two big names for these States, we decided to leave it pretty wide open. It should give you a good idea of the State's contribution and also should help you select an all-star team from some of the leading individual States. If we have missed any prominent players, write in your own nominee. Please circle one name from each State and send in your ballot.

**HELP!** Irv Haag is writing a book on the Chicago Cubs and would like any member who has unusual anecdotes, facts, or events about the club to contact him at 122 N. Regency Drive East, Arlington Hts, Ill. 60004.

Ron Liebman, 146-28 Booth Memorial Ave, Flushing, N.Y. 11355, is looking for pitchers who gave up only one hit in nine innings, but blew it in extra frames.

Randy Linthurst recalls that there was a player on a major league roster for a full season in the early 1950s but did not play in a game. If you recall who this was, could you contact him at 325 W. Upper Ferry Road, West Trenton, N.J. 08628.

### BASEBALL RESEARCH EXCHANGE

Stan Grosshandler has a list of all fathers and sons (by year and team) who played in the majors thru 1973. Runs about 7 pages.

Ron Liebman has a one-page run-down of the record 14 games in which Ty Cobb collected five or more hits.

Bob McConnell has a list of the foreign-born players and those who were born in U.S. possessions who played in the majors. Runs about 10 pages.

Any member interested in the above material, please contact the person offering the material. SABR will pay reproduction and mailing costs.

THE SABR EXECUTIVE BOARD HAS AUTHORIZED THE PURCHASE of microfilm of the complete run of Sporting Life, 1883 to 1917, in order to begin a lending library among members. Bill Loughman will handle the arrangements for purchase and for distribution of the film. Members interested in borrowing this film should contact Bill at 380 South York, Elmhurst, Illinois 60126.

ROBERT HENDERSON'S BOOK BALL, BAT & BISHOP, published in 1947, has been reprinted and published by the Gale Research Company, Book Tower, Detroit, Mich. 48226. This book, which deals with the origins of baseball and the debunking of the Doubleday-Cooperstown myth, is available from the publisher for \$14. Mr. Henderson is a recent member who lives in White Plains, N.Y.

## MERL KLEINKNECHT REPORTS ON FORGOTTEN STARS OF NEGRO LEAGUES

Satchel Paige, Monte Irvin, and Roy Campanella are examples of veteran Negro League stars who also left their mark in the majors. This brief report is about three other veterans of the Negro Leagues who starred later in the O.B. minors. They are Willard Brown, James "Buzz" Clarkson, and Ray Dandridge.

Brown began playing with the powerful Negro League Kansas City Monarchs in 1935. He joined the St. Louis Browns of the AL in that eventful summer of 1947. His stay was brief; he played in only 21 games and was able to hit only .179. The next year he returned to the Monarchs and led the Negro American League in home runs with 18, while batting .374 in 66 games. Brown never returned to the majors, but he did spend four productive seasons in the Texas League, 1953-56. His best year was 1954 with Dallas and Houston, when he hit 35 homers and knocked in 120 runs.

Brown's efforts that year were eclipsed by another former Negro Leaguer, Buzz Clarkson, who hit 42 homers to lead the Texas League, and also drove in 135 runs and batted .324. This was Clarkson's best year in the minors, although he batted .313 over an 8-year period in four leagues. He launched his Negro League career back in 1937, and had a brief fling in the majors with the Boston Braves in 1952. He batted .200 in only 14 games. He was then in his mid-thirties.

Ray Dandridge never made it to the majors, although he had great talent. He played from 1933 to 1949 in the Negro National League and the Mexican League. He was recognized as one of black baseball's premier third basemen. Finally, at the age of 36, he became a farmhand of the New York Giants at Minneapolis. Joining the team in mid-season of 1949, he batted .362 in 99 games. The next year, he was the MVP in the American Association. But he was too old to make the majors and he closed out his O.B. career in the Pacific Coast League in 1953.

## PROFILES



- RICHARD CRAMER, 32, was born in Wilmington, Delaware, but now lives in a suburb of Philly, where he works in R&D management. He attended Harvard and has a Ph.D. in organic chemistry from MIT. Dick likes the Phils and Red Sox. His major baseball research is in computer modeling of player performance, such as the Batter's Run Average. He's also a good Dixieland musician.
- JOHN P. KELLY was born in Massachusetts in 1945, and received an M.S. in Labor Relations from Purdue. Prior to his recent move to Texas, he was serving as Manager of Employee Relations for Mobil Pipe Line Co. in Wichita, Kansas. He is interested primarily in the top minor leagues and has been preparing a history of professional baseball in Wichita.
- RANDY LINTHURST is Director of Public Information at Trenton State College in New Jersey, where he was born in 1932. He was graduated from the U. of Bridgeport in Connecticut. A former sportswriter, he is interested in 19th century baseball; Mike Tiernan, one of the forgotten stars of that era; in baseball poetry; and he is an authority on the great Newark Bears of the 1930s.
- ROBERT SODERMAN was born in Chicago where his childhood hero was Hack Wilson. He has nearly completed a detailed story of Wilson's career and is pushing him for the Hall of Fame. Bob studied journalism at Northwestern and is now advertising director of James Beam Distilling Co. in Chicago. His ads, carried in various publications, are oriented to unusual baseball happenings.

ROBERT HOIE REPORTS ON THE 1906 PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE STANDINGS

The devastating earthquake which took place in San Francisco on April 18, 1906, obviously had a disrupting effect on PCL play that spring. No official standings were published until August, when President E.F. Bert of the PCL stated that he had been able to reconstruct the "official" standings on the basis of reports from the six team managers. Unfortunately, these standings bore very little relationship to the actual field results as announced in the box scores published in the various newspapers. Nor did they resemble the matrix later published in the guides, nor in the PCL record book compiled by Bill Schroeder, now Director of the Citizens Savings Hall of Fame in Los Angeles. Based on the actual box scores of all the games, the corrected 1906 PCL standings are carried below. In "parens" at right are the earlier so-called "official" standings.

	<u>Po</u>	<u>Se</u>	<u>SF</u>	<u>LA</u>	<u>Oa</u>	<u>Fr</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>
Portland	--	17	22	23	24	28	114	59	(115	60)
Seattle	8	--	19	21	22	27	97	83	(99	83)
San Francisco	17	22	--	16	19	19	93	81	(91	84)
Los Angeles	10	16	16	--	29	22	93	91	(95	87)
Oakland	11	14	13	17	--	23	78	106	(77	110)
Fresno	13	14	11	14	12	--	64	119	(64	117)

NEW MEMBERS:

James B. Carothers, 3116 Wescoe Hall, U. of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas 66045

James T. Gallagher, Baseball Commissioner's Office, 15 W. 51st St. NY, NY 10019

Russ M. Dille, 3045 NE 185th Street, Seattle, Washington 98155

John K. Eichmann, Box 12834, Seattle, Washington 98111

Stephen L. Mitchell, 3220 22nd Avenue, West, Seattle, Washington 98199

Joseph H. MacKay, 7 Kenneth Lane, North Babylon, New York, N.Y. 11703

Harold Wolf, 2605 Mission Avenue, Carmichael, California 95608

CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

Tom Hufford, 1829 Riggs Place, NW, Washington, D.C. 20009

Martin T. Jones, 4446 N. Bartlett Avenue, Shorewood, Wisconsin 53211

John P. Kelly, 820 Evergreen, Beaumont, Texas (no zip provided)

Vern Luse, 7600 Highmeadow, # 198, Houston, Texas 77042

A LITTLE ELABORATION ON THE ABOVE -- The trio of new members from Seattle are executive staff members of Sports Scoop, a publication for collectors and historians. All three have done interesting articles on baseball figures of the past. They have recently made a major push for selection of Earl Averill to the Hall of Fame. On the Changes of address, yes, you're right, that's the same Vern Luse who used to live in New Jersey, California (twice), and Arizona. Now the Bobo Newsom of SABR is in Texas. The explanation is that he is a "Mission Impossible" type physicist-engineer for Bechtel Corporation and goes around handling temporary assignments. He usually doesn't object too much because it gives him a chance to do minor league research around the country. (Maybe he hasn't heard that Houston is now in the Big Leagues!) In regard to Tom Hufford, the young man from SW Virginia just completed his year with VISTA in the Washington inner city. He has accepted a job with a local architect-engineering firm and will continue in the Capital City.

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PLANS ARE GOING FORWARD ON THE ANNUAL MEETING OF SABR in Philadelphia June 21-23. About 20 reservations have been made thus far; others are urged to send in the reservation card provided you last month. The meeting is only about five weeks away. The location is Holiday Inn Midtown, at Walnut east of Broad. You ought to arrive by late afternoon with the social to start about 7 p.m. The Saturday business meeting will start at 9 a.m. Saturday afternoon will be used for some mini-presentations (about 10 minutes) of member activities. We could use a few more of those, so don't hold back if you want to tell the group what you are doing. Dick Cramer, 221 Sykes Lane, Wallingford, Pa. 19086 is handling that part of the program and he will reserve time for you. Also, contact Dick if you want to reserve a ticket for the Phil-Mets twinighter. Do this promptly so he can reserve bloc seating.

ANYONE WITH AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING SHOULD CONTACT STAN GROSSHANDLER as soon as possible. There will be two constitutional amendments proposed. One concerns splitting the duties of the Secretary-Treasurer. When SABR was formed in 1971 it was envisioned as a cozy research group of 40-50 members, not the nearly 200 now enrolled. The workload on the Sec-Treas has been very heavy, and that is the primary reason for the bifurcation (OK, split!). The second change, for related reasons, concerns the establishment of a board of directors to provide continuity for the organization, now incorporated, and to advise the executive board. An ad hoc advisory group has been functioning for the past year pending the constitutional amendment. It is anticipated that the board of directors will help stabilize the society as the officers rotate from year to year. These two proposed changes are included in the copy of the constitution which is enclosed with this Bulletin. Look over the proposed changes, provide the Secretary with comments if you have any, and we will vote at the annual meeting.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN ARE REMINDED THAT AN ORAL REPORT is expected at the annual meeting. If you cannot be there, please designate an alternate for this task.

THE SECOND PART OF THE STATE SURVEY OF BEST PLAYERS is included with this newsletter. It concludes with a selection of the one State with the best all-star team. Sorry about that mistake of carrying Art Fletcher with Delaware instead of Illinois. He most likely would not have been included in the large Illinois delegation, but he did get some votes in Delaware. Therefore, we will have a re-run on Delaware with this issue. About 60 ballots have been returned thus far. We hope Part II will remind some members that they forgot Part I. There was some interesting marginalia on the returned ballots. One member thought Joe Garagiola ought to be included with the Missouri delegation, just to liven it up. Another wanted to cast a grand national vote for marvelous Marv Throneberry! He was joking -- I think. Another asked how you could compare Cap Anson and Bob Feller? "Carefully" would probably be the best answer.

ALVIN K. PETERJOHN, 50, died of a heart attack at his home in Columbus, Ohio, on March 20. For the past two years he was Finance Director of the city, highlighting a progressive career in budget and finance which started in 1948. He was a native of Ohio, having been born in Lakewood on July 26, 1923. Mr. Peterjohn, or "Pete" as he was called, was a prime example of a busy public official who maintained an active interest in baseball history. He had done considerable research work on major and minor league teams of his native state. He had an article in the 1973 Baseball Research Journal on baseball in Akron in 1879-81, and had a long-term project on history of baseball in Columbus 1866-1910 under way when he died. Mr. Peterjohn, who received his higher education at Western Reserve and Wayne State Universities, leaves as survivors his parents, his wife and four children. The Society regrets the passing of this fine gentleman, cut down at the height of his career.

TWO MEMBERS HAVE RECENTLY COMPLETED BOOKS which may be of interest to others.

Richard Juline is offering for sale his Mid-Summer Classic Record Book, a history of the baseball all-star games since 1933. It is an illustrated edition which includes records of 611 participating players. If you are interested in a copy, send \$3.25 to Diamond Bar Publications, P.O. Box 446, Dept. A, Standon, Calif. 90680.

Harold Wolf has for sale a book on Inside Baseball, written specifically to aid baseball and athletic coaches in teaching the game to baseball aspirants. During his college coaching career, Hal won six Far Western Conference baseball championships. Send \$8.50 to Exposition Press, 50 Jericho Turnpike, Jericho, N.Y. 11753.

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□ Bill Gustafson, 5502 Begonia Drive, San Jose, Calif. 95124, has available his third issue of "Among the Missing." This compilation includes more than 900 players debuting 1900-15 for whom questionnaires have not been obtained by the Hall of Fame Library.

□ Ron Liebman, 146-28 Booth Memorial Ave, Flushing, N.Y. 11355, has a one-page list of major league players hitting 15 or more homers in one calendar month (5 in NL, 17 in AL).

□ Robert Potts, 0-68 Blue Hill Ave, Fairlawn, N.J. 07410, will provide 7-page reprint of article from Passaic County Historical Society about Scottish-born, Jersey-reared Jim McCormick. This article about the colorful oldtime hurler was written several years ago by historian Alfred Cappio.

Any member interested in the above material, please contact the person making the offer. SABR will pay reproduction and mailing costs.

**HELP!** BOB McCONNELL, ART SCHOTT, and other members are working up a list of minor league players who hit 4 home runs in a regulation game. Please supply info to Bob at 11 Ridgewood Circle, Wilmington, Del. 19809.

RANDY LINTHURST, 325 W. Upper Ferry Road, F-2, West Trenton, N.J. 08628, would like to communicate with SABR members who have information, photos, and other memorabilia of the Newark Bears of 1932-38. Current addresses of former Bears would also be appreciated. Randy has received a grant from the New Jersey Historical Commission for a research project on the Bears -- "New Jersey's Finest Team."

# CONSTITUTION OF THE SOCIETY FOR AMERICAN BASEBALL RESEARCH

## ARTICLE I -- NAME

- A. The organization shall be known as the Society for American Baseball Research and shall hereinafter be referred to as the society.

## ARTICLE II -- OBJECTIVES

- A. To foster the study of baseball as a significant American social and athletic institution.
- B. To establish an accurate historical account of baseball through the years.
- C. To facilitate the dissemination of baseball research information.
- D. To stimulate the best interests of baseball as our national pastime.
- E. To cooperate in safeguarding proprietary interests of individual research efforts of members of the society.

## ARTICLE III -- MEMBERSHIP

- A. Membership shall be open to those who have an interest in baseball research, statistics, or history.
- B. Members shall be accorded all privileges to which membership shall normally entitle them, including bulletins, annual publications, and any other benefits the society shall obtain or provide.
- C. Any member who fails to abide by the objectives or any other provision of this constitution shall be subject to expulsion by a majority vote of those voting at the annual meeting.

## ARTICLE IV -- FINANCES

- A. Dues shall be \$10 annually. They shall be payable by September 30 of each year. A 50¢ assessment shall be added for each month thereafter for late payment.
- B. All moneys received by the society shall go directly into the society's treasury and shall be used to defray the cost of the annual publication, bulletins, and any other expenses incurred by the society.

## ARTICLE V -- OFFICERS

- A. The officers shall include a president, a vice-president, ~~and a secretary-treasurer.~~ [a secretary, and a treasurer.] They shall take office at the conclusion of the annual meeting and hold office until the conclusion of the next annual meeting.
- B. Election of officers shall be by a majority vote of those voting at the annual meeting.
- C. The officers shall constitute the society's executive board and be responsible for handling any business which cannot be transacted at the annual meeting.
- D. In the event of the death, incapacitation or resignation of the president, the vice-president shall assume the office of president. In the event of the death, incapacitation, or resignation of ~~the secretary-treasurer, his duties shall be assumed by the vice-president or another member designated by the executive board.~~ [another officer, his duties will be assumed by another member designated by the executive board.]
- E. [In addition to the administrative officers above, there shall be a board of directors to provide functional continuity for the society and to advise the executive board on administrative policy. There shall be four members serving staggered terms, to be elected at the annual meeting.]

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## ARTICLE VI -- COMMITTEES

- A. The president shall appoint the following permanent committees within ten days after the annual meeting, and the committee members so named shall serve until the next annual meeting:
  1. Publications Committee -- It shall be the responsibility of this body to supervise the gathering and editing of material for the annual publication of the society and for special publications, and to administer the printing and distribution of these books.
  2. Bulletin Committee -- It shall be the responsibility of this body to issue bulletins when sufficient information is available.
  3. Auditing Committee -- It shall be the responsibility of this body to audit the treasurer's report to the annual meeting.
  4. Nominating Committee -- It shall be the responsibility of this body to ascertain the willingness of members to serve as officers and to recommend officers for the coming year.
- B. The president shall have the power to appoint an annual meeting committee and any other functional committees deemed necessary to the operation of the society.

## ARTICLE VII -- MEETINGS

- A. There shall be an annual meeting, the general site of which shall be selected at the previous annual meeting. The meeting shall not be held in the same city in successive years.
- B. The membership shall elect officers for the coming term, receive a treasurer's report and reports from all committees, and conduct any other business which may come before it at the annual meeting.
- C. Members eligible to vote shall be those present at the annual meeting and those who have furnished a written proxy. Proxies shall be mailed to the membership at least one month before the date of the meeting.
- D. The outgoing and incoming officers shall hold a meeting immediately following the conclusion of the annual meeting.

## ARTICLE VIII -- AMENDMENTS

- A. This constitution may be amended by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of those eligible to vote at the annual meeting, provided that any proposed amendment must be submitted to the membership in writing at least one month prior to the date of the annual meeting.

## ARTICLE IX -- PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

- A. The proceedings of the society's annual meeting and all executive board meetings shall be governed and conducted according to the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order.

MEMBERS WHO HAVE NOT RESPONDED TO GENE MURDOCK'S Hall of Fame Questionnaire are urged to get in their response by June 1. Gene is chairman of the ad hoc committee to recommend improved selection procedures for Hall of Fame members. His questionnaire went to a sampling of SABR members, not the full list.

SABR MEMBERS SHOULD CONDUCT IN-DEPTH INTERVIEWS of oldtime players who live in their areas. So says Gene Murdock, who teaches at Marietta College in SE Ohio, and who has interviewed several former players. He recently talked to Paddy Livingston, 94, a catcher who broke in with Cleveland in 1901. Gene found him very alert and easy to interview. Luke Sewell was also a gold mine of information. Some SABR members like Bill Gustafson and Marshall Smelser have been doing this for years. Others are urged to try it while the opportunity is present.

JOE OVERFIELD HAD A NICE FEATURE ARTICLE on early Buffalo baseball in the March 23 Buffalo Evening News. Joe, an authority on 19th Century baseball in the Buffalo area, helped get Pud Galvin in the Hall of Fame, and is now pushing for Deacon White, a great player and a real gentleman in that rough-and-tumble era of baseball.

THE NORTH AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR SPORTS HISTORY held its 1974 convention at London, Ontario May 10-12. Several SABR members made featured presentations, including David Voigt, Gene Murdock, Ron Smith, and Stan Grosshandler. Stan's speech was on the difficulty of comparing sports records of different eras (Aaron-Ruth, for example). Anyone interested in a copy of his prepared remarks, contact him.

## PROFILES



- DALE COYLE of LaGrange Park, Illinois is one of our senior members at 77. He was employed for many years with the Illinois Dept. of Labor. He also worked for the Howe News Bureau and prepared "Pitchers Hardest to Hit" on an annual basis for Baseball Digest. Dale has box scores of the nearly 1200 games he has seen in the majors since 1915. Likes fielding statistics best.
- JOHN EICHMANN, 42, was born in Montgomery, Alabama, but now lives in Seattle. Has a degree in history, and works as a public relations and business consultant. Publisher of Sports Scoop, he is also biographer and historian of Washington State Sports Hall of Fame. John is an authority on area oldtimers like George Burns, Jeff Heath, Earl Torgeson, and Earl Averill.
- BILL NICHOLSON is a teacher/administrator at the Taft School in Watertown, Conn. Born in Massachusetts in 1935, he gained degrees at Brown and Ohio State. His baseball area of concentration is the 1940s, particularly the WWII years. Bill has written a number of articles and has prepared a biography of Pete Gray which is now being considered for publication.
- ERIC SIMONSEN, 28, was born in Buffalo, and received degrees in accounting and economics at Lehigh U. in Pennsylvania. He is now a public accountant with Price Waterhouse in Boston. He has a broad interest in baseball statistics and history, but his special interest is in the financial aspects of baseball, such as depreciation methods, cash flows, etc., involved in team operation.
- DAVID VOIGT was born in Reading, Pa. in 1926 and lives there still. He is professor of sociology and anthropology at Albright College. Dave, who received his PhD at Syracuse University, is primarily interested in the sociological aspects of baseball. He has published two volumes of serious history of baseball and is now working on the third, which covers the period 1950-70.

AS THE NEW MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY WILL BE OUT NEXT MONTH, we will not list the new members and changes of address in this issue of the newsletter. More than 15 new members have joined in the last six weeks, the annual upsurge resulting primarily from Journal advertising and sales. An article which Stan Grosshandler wrote for Sports Scoop also stimulated many inquiries. The new directory will be distributed at the annual meeting; those not attending will receive theirs in the mail. Remember, if there are any last-minute address changes, send them promptly to Bob McConnell, who is compiling the directory.

ST. LOUIS MEMBER BILL BORST was on the NBC Today Show May 9 to talk about the accredited course in baseball history which he teaches at Maryville College. Bill is also starting a syndicated newspaper column on the historian's outlook on sports -- "telling it like it was," you might say.

JACK KAVANAGH OF RHODE ISLAND says he is bringing some old guides to the Philly meeting which he would like to exchange with other members. He realizes this is not a collectors convention, but feels this is an appropriate exercise for researchers and hopes that others will do the same. Jack has an extra copy of Lanigan's Baseball Cyclopedia and is seeking a copy of Frank Rankin's baseball history published in 1914.

IN RESPONSE TO RANDY LINTHURST'S QUESTION last issue about the player on a major league roster a full season who did not appear in a game, Jack Kavanagh suggests it might have been Tom Casagrande, the \$40,000 bonus baby from Fordham. He apparently was the only member of the 1953 bonus crop who did not get into the line-up.

#### RON LIEBMAN REPORTS ON 11-WALK INNING

The New York Yankees set a major league record by drawing 11 bases on balls in the third inning of the first game of a September 11, 1949 twinbill with Washington. This is how the inning went:

With Paul Calvert pitching for Washington, Phil Rizzuto led off with a walk (1). Cliff Mapes walked (2). Bobby Brown doubled down the rightfield line, scoring Rizzuto and Mapes. Joe DiMaggio grounded to third baseman Eddie Yost, whose throw bounded off DiMag's shoulder into rightfield for a three-base error, Brown scoring. Yogi Berra looped a double into center, DiMaggio scoring. Dick Welteroth came in to pitch and walked Charlie Keller (3). Joe Collins walked (4), filling the bases. Gerry Coleman walked (5), Berra scoring. Allie Reynolds singled to left, scoring Keller and Collins, with Coleman stopping at second. (Leftfielder Eddie Stewart and shortstop Sam Dente collided chasing Reynolds' hit and both were forced to leave the game.) Coleman was picked off second and caught in a rundown, catcher Jake Early to shortstop Mark Christman, to third baseman Eddie Yost. Reynolds took second on the play. Rizzuto singled Reynolds to third. Mapes walked (6), filling the bases. Enrique Gonzalez replaced Welteroth as the Senator's pitcher and walked Brown (7), Reynolds scoring. DiMaggio flied to leftfielder Clyde Vollmer, Rizzuto scoring after the catch and Mapes moving to third. Berra walked (8), filling the bases. Keller walked (9), Mapes scoring; and Brown scored when Collins walked (10). Buzz Dozier was the new Washington pitcher and he walked Coleman (11) with Berra scoring the 12th run of the inning. Reynolds popped to first baseman Eddie Robinson for the third out.

There were 12 runs, 4 hits, 11 walks, 1 error, and 3 left on in the wild third inning. The Yankees went on to win 20 to 5.

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NEWSLETTER OF THE SOCIETY FOR AMERICAN BASEBALL RESEARCH

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THE 1974 ANNUAL MEETING OF SABR WAS HELD IN PHILADELPHIA JUNE 22-24. There were 40 members present plus several other family members and guests. Some of the meeting activities and results are summed up below.

- Ψ AT THE WELCOME-SOCIAL FRIDAY NIGHT, Gene Kelley, former baseball broadcaster for the Phils and Reds, spoke and showed slides, many of which dealt with Philadelphia baseball personalities of the last 60 years. He had some unusual shots and made an interesting presentation. The second speaker was Ted Page, who reminisced about his career in the Negro Leagues in the 1920s and 1930s. He spoke of Satchel Paige and Josh Gibson in the context of contemporaries who were as good or better, but not as well known. Oscar Charleston was the greatest player he ever saw. As an adjunct to this presentation, the SABR Negro League Committee helped arrange a meeting Saturday afternoon at the hotel of a dozen former players, including Mr. Page, Judy Johnson, and other Negro League stars. It was a good barnstorming session.
- Ψ FRED LIEB, DEAN OF BASEBALL WRITERS AND HISTORIANS, and SABR's oldest member (86), spoke to the group on Saturday afternoon. He had many interesting stories to tell about how baseball was played some 65 years ago when he was first covering the game. He also discussed some of his most crucial decisions as an official scorer. One was the debatable one-hitter by Howard Ehmke in September 1923 which, if it had been scored a no-hitter, would have meant two in a row for the Boston hurler. Mr. Lieb also related his part in the controversy over Ty Cobb's .401 batting average in 1922.
- Ψ AT THE SATURDAY BUSINESS MEETING, Sec-Treas Stan Grosshandler presided in the absence of the President and Vice President. Stan gave the Treasurer's report, which indicated assets of \$733 as of June 20. Legal advisor Bill Shlensky reported he has written IRS asking exemption from filing a tax return but has not yet received an answer. David Neft turned over a check to the Society for \$226, representing a percentage from sales of the Grosset & Dunlap Sports Encyclopedia: Baseball which were sold to SABR members via the flyer with the March Bulletin. As of June 17, these orders were broken down as follows:
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| Soft cover issue - 68 books @ \$2 to SABR = | \$136     |
| Hard cover issue - 18 books @ \$5 to SABR = | <u>90</u> |
|   | \$226     |
- Ψ COMMITTEE REPORTS: Merl Kleinknecht spoke about Negro League activities of members John Holway, Ric Roberts, and Paul Doherty in uncovering sources of information in this fruitful field of baseball research. It is interesting to note how the work of this committee sometimes ties in with work of the minor league committee re the presence of early Negro stars in the OB minors prior to 1900 and more recent Black players in the minors after WWII. There is also a tie-in with the Biographical Research Committee in that birth and death data are being sought on many Negro League players. Further information Merl's report can be obtained through BASEBALL RESEARCH EXCHANGE.

REGARDING BIOGRAPHICAL RESEARCH, Cliff Kachline reported on progress but also some frustrating problems which occur in trying to obtain data on the players of the past as well as players of the recent era who do not respond to questionnaires. A good and immediate record is made of all the 150 or more players who debut in the majors each year on a current basis, so that many of these problems will not crop up in the future.

VERN LUSE'S MINOR LEAGUE COMMITTEE REPORT, because of his eleventh hour cancellation, was summarized briefly by Bob Davids. Progress continues to be made on the draft list of minor league cities and leagues. Vern now has available the minor league standings of 1911-20, similar to the earlier periods which he has made available. In addition, Robert Hoie and others have been working diligently to complete player records of minor league stars. A draft list has now been compiled of the top ten career leaders in games played, runs, hits, doubles, triples, homers, RBIs, batting, slugging, and games pitched, won, and lost.

THE PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE indicated that two special publications are now under consideration, but that efforts should be made to publish commercially first; if that is not successful, then SABR might pursue these projects. One is a short biography of Hack Wilson. The other is a longer manuscript on the St. Louis Browns, which is now being edited and rewritten. The market for the latter work is questionable at this time; however, there never has been a history of the Browns, the only club of the 1903-53 period in the majors which was so neglected. Bob Davids expressed hope that the 1975 Baseball Research Journal could be published by letter press printing, which is more expensive but more professional looking. In the past he has been preparing the copy himself for offset reproduction. He also gave a summary of Journal publication and sales as of June 20:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Pages</u>	<u>Copies</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Sales</u>
1972	80	500	\$500	\$708
1973	104	475	\$540	\$641
1974	108	525	\$615	\$465

GEME MURDOCK REPORTED ON THE WORK OF THE HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE, established last fall to see if improvements could be made in the selection process, particularly for those players selected by the Veterans Committee and the Negro League Committee of the Hall of Fame. The SABR committee, which included George Hilton, Ron Liebman, and Pete Palmer, made several recommendations. One was that players be selected by eras, such as 1870-1900, 1901-1919; 1920-45, etc. It was noted that the period 1920-45 had far more players enshrined than any other. They suggested that more reliance be placed on statistical standards by era with enough flexibility to allow for fielding and certain intangible factors. The full report of the committee may be obtained through BASEBALL RESEARCH EXCHANGE. It is a good report and the membership requested that the committee's work continue.

TWO CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS WERE ADOPTED, both resulting from the enlarged membership which is now more than 200. First, the Secretary-Treasurer was split into two positions, and second, a four-man board of directors was established. To initiate the staggered four-year terms, Bob Davids was elected for a 1-year term, Stan Grosshandler for 2, Bob McConnell for 3, and Cliff Kachline for a 4-year term. The primary function of this board would be to advise the executive board of officers and to provide administrative continuity for the Society.

## GUIDE TO ATTENDANCE AT SABR ANNUAL MEETINGS

### 1971 Meeting Cooperstown

Campbell, Ont.  
 Davids, DC  
 Dischley, NY  
 Frisz, Ind.  
 Ginsburg, Pa.  
 Gonzalez, NY  
 Gustafson, Cal.  
 Haber, NY  
 Hufford, Va.  
 Kachline, NY  
 McConnell, Del.  
 McDonough, NJ  
 Nemec, Ill.  
 Pardon, NC  
 Seminic, Ohio  
 Shea, Mass.  
 Sutton, Pa.

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### 1972 Meeting Arlington, Va.

R.Allen, NY  
 Davids, DC  
 Ahrens, Ill.  
 Frisz, Ind.  
 Craig, Mass.  
 Bready, Md.  
 Cramer, Pa.  
 Grosshandler, Wis.  
 Hilton, Calif.  
 Kachline, NY  
 McConnell, Del.  
 Grobani, Md.  
 Gregory, Va.  
 Holway, Va.  
 Luse, N.J.  
 Muhlbach, Va.  
 Menchine, Md.  
 Murdock, W.Va  
 Neft, N.Y.  
 Roberts, DC  
 Shlensky, Ill.  
 Tattersall, Pa.  
 Watkins, Calif.

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### 1973 Meeting Chicago, Ill.

R. Allen, NY<sup>2</sup>  
 Davids, DC  
 Ahrens, Ill.<sup>2</sup>  
 Frisz, Ind.  
 Craig, Mass.  
 Gonzalez, NY  
 E.Budnick, Ill.  
 Grosshandler, Wis.  
 Hilton, Calif.<sup>2</sup>  
 Kachline, NY  
 McConnell, Del.  
 Kleinknecht, Ohio  
 Nemec, Ill.<sup>2</sup>  
 Jackson, Ill.  
 Liebman, NY  
 Horne, Maine  
 Loughman, Ill.  
 Murdock, W.Va  
 Neel, Georgia  
 Meyer, N.J.  
 Shlensky, Ill.  
 Jim Kelly, Ore.  
 Rice, Ind.  
 Rowe, Ill.  
 R.Roach, Ill.  
 Steinbach, Ill.

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### 1974 Meeting Philadelphia

Adesman, NY  
 Davids, DC<sup>4</sup>  
 Begley, NY  
 Frisz, Ind.<sup>4</sup>  
 Craig, Mass.<sup>3</sup>  
 Gonzalez, NY<sup>3</sup>  
 Cramer, Pa.<sup>2</sup>  
 Grosshandler, Wis.<sup>3</sup>  
 Hufford, DC<sup>2</sup>  
 Kachline, NY<sup>4</sup>  
 McConnell, Del.<sup>4</sup>  
 Kleinknecht, Ohio<sup>2</sup>  
 Gregory, Va.<sup>2</sup>  
 Holway, Va.<sup>2</sup>  
 Liebman, NY<sup>2</sup>  
 Horne, Maine<sup>2</sup>  
 Boone, Pa.  
 Murdock, W.Va.<sup>3</sup>  
 Neft, N.Y.<sup>2</sup>  
 J.Budnick, NJ  
 Shlensky, Ill.<sup>3</sup>  
 Tattersall, Pa.<sup>2</sup>  
 Crissey, Pa.  
 Elstein, Md.  
 Gabriel, Md.  
 Haron, N.J.  
 Ikei, NY (Japan)  
 Kavanagh, RI  
 Lieb, Fla.  
 Linthurst, NJ  
 Lavelle, N.Y.  
 O'Malley, NY  
 Palmer, Mass.  
 F.Phelps, Pa.  
 Rothe, Ill.  
 Rappoport, NJ  
 Simonsen, Mass.  
 Voigt, Penna.  
 Weiser, Penna.  
 Zocco, Conn.

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It is no surprise to note that SABR members generally limit themselves to attendance at meetings in their part of the country. There have been some exceptions. The Philadelphia meeting drew no one from a distance of more than 1200 miles - Chicago and Milwaukee (A Houston member cancelled at the last minute.) About 30 of the 40 traveled fewer than 200 miles. The inference to be drawn is that the meetings should be held where there is some guarantee of substantial metropolitan or regional attendance. Ron Gabriel has gone thru the directory and has identified major metropolitan areas where three or more members reside. This is how they break down:

New York City	33	Boston	9	Baltimore	4
Chicago	18	San Fran.	5	St. Louis	4
Philadelphia	13	Los Angeles	5	Detroit	3
Washington	10	Seattle	5	Milwaukee	3

NEW OFFICERS ELECTED FOR THE 1974-75 SEASON: President David Voigt, baseball historian and professor of sociology and anthropology at Albright College, Reading, Penna; Vice President Richard Cramer, a specialist in scientific R&D management for a Philadelphia firm, who pursues statistical analysis in player performance; Secretary Bill Shlensky, a lawyer from Chicago who has been serving as legal advisor to SABR; and Treasurer Eric Simonsen, a financial expert who works with Price Waterhouse in Boston. The addresses of these officers are included in the new directory which you should have received in the last few weeks. If you have not received a directory, get in touch with Bill Shlensky at his summer address: 100 West Monroe, Room 1901, Chicago, Ill. 60603, or by phone at 414 763-2427.

THE 1975 ANNUAL MEETING SITE WAS DISCUSSED with considerable sentiment for Boston. Of course, New York City would guarantee a good turn-out with its large number of members in that metropolitan area, but the majority feel that a regional shift should be made each year if possible. Concern was expressed about our West Coast members, who are in small number. The question was posed at the meeting, "how many of you would go to a meeting on the West Coast?" Of the three dozen or so then present, only about three hands went up. Of course, most of those present were from the East Coast. Would many members from the Middle West go to a meeting in San Francisco? It is hard to say. Is a meeting in Chicago, St. Louis, or Milwaukee the best compromise we can make with Pacific Coast colleagues? Wherever the meeting is to be held, there must be a competent committee making the arrangements. Dick Cramer and Ben Weiser did a tremendous job in Philly. Thanks also go to the others who helped out with transportation and other arrangements. If the Society can get a similar "take-charge" group for next year's meeting, the site may be of secondary importance. It might be good to survey the Bulletin insert about past meetings and indicate on the renewal form your feelings about future meetings.

YES, IT'S TIME TO SIGN UP AGAIN FOR NEXT SEASON. Your current contract expires in September. If you don't come to terms by that time and agree to the \$10 annual fee, we may have to take your case to arbitration, like they do in the Bigs, or something. A renewal form is enclosed to be returned to the new Treasurer, Eric Simonsen. Get it in as soon as you can.

DICK CRAMER IS FORMING A NEW SABR COMMITTEE ON STATISTICAL ANALYSIS and is interested in comments and suggestions from SABR members who might be interested in working with this committee. The type of work it would do is probably best illustrated by the article on B.R.A. in the 1974 Journal by Dick and Pete Palmer. If you lean toward this type of baseball research, contact Dick.

A NEW SABR PUBLICATION which would be directed to a larger audience than the Society was proposed by Ben Weiser. As presently envisioned, this would be a 16-page tabloid with feature articles, book reviews, interviews, letters to the editor, current baseball news, etc. It would not duplicate the SABR Bulletin or the Journal. Members interested in contributing to such a publication, or helping Ben put it together should contact him at 415 Cotswold Lane, Wynnewood, Penna. 19096. The publications committee plans to meet with the executive board sometime in August to discuss this proposal and it would be good to have member comments and suggestions when that meeting takes place. Financial, format, and distribution aspects must be worked out. For example, what should it be called? Should it be issued every other month or during the seven months of the baseball season? Should it go free to SABR members and be sold for 50¢ or 75¢ to non-members. Should it have selective advertising or none at all? Those are just a few of the matters to consider. Send your comments to Ben.

AN ARRANGEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED WITH DAVID NEFT for SABR members to supply updated information and corrections for the Grosset & Dunlap Encyclopedia of Baseball. This is essentially a continuation of the material supplied to Dr. Neft in the period 1971-73. David has agreed to pay to the SABR treasury an annual fee of \$120 for this service. If other organizations are interested in this or similar service, arrangements could be worked out on a commensurate financial basis. You may recall that Bill Haber served as the repository of corrections on Phase I. He has since moved to Wisconsin, so Cliff Kachline will serve as the channel this time. Therefore, send your demographic info on rookies, your corrections, and your new information to Cliff Kachline, National Baseball Hall of Fame, Cooperstown, N.Y. 13326. The most interesting correction that I am going to send him is on page 209 on the Dodger 1938 roster where Rita Hayworth is listed as a substitute catcher. However, the statistics following the name are not those usually associated with Rita, so we assume it should be Ray Hayworth.

THE SABR MICROFILM LIBRARY HAS NOW BEEN ESTABLISHED at Bill Loughman's home. Members interested in borrowing reels of the Sporting Life, 1883-1917, should contact him. A member can order two reels at a time for one month, with the possibility of an extension. Keep in mind that the first reels are April 1883 to Oct. 1885; Oct. 1885 to April 1889; and April 1889 to March 1891. After that they are annual reels starting in March of each year. You must provide your own viewing machine, at the local library or elsewhere. For each reel, send Bill \$1 to cover third class mailing, special handling, and insurance for \$15. Bill will send the reel in a special mailing package. When you return the film, you should use the same package, mailing, and insurance arrangements. We will do this on a trial basis to see how it works. Mail your orders to Baseball, Box 474, Elmhurst, Illinois 60126.

## BASEBALL RESEARCH EXCHANGE

☒ MERL KLEINKNECHT, 526 Grove, Galion, Ohio 44833, has detailed summaries of the 1924-27 Negro world series; the minor league records of Willard Brown, Buzz Clarkson, and Ray Dandridge; and a one-page summary of great Negro League players by position who are not in the Hall of Fame.

☒ GENE MURDOCK, 415 Columbia Ave, Williamstown, W.Va. 26187, has available the 4-page report of the SABR Hall of Fame committee.

☒ CLYDE PARTIN (new member) of 2881 Faraday Court, Decatur, Georgia 30033, has a 50-page biography of Babe Ruth which was prepared for a recent NASSH meeting.

Any member interested in the above material, please contact the person offering it. SABR will pay reproduction and mailing costs.

WHEN ALVIN PETERJOHN DIED IN MARCH, he had essentially completed a 165-page history of baseball in Columbus, Ohio, 1866-1910. Mrs. Peterjohn has taken care of some loose ends and has typed the final manuscript. We are happy to hear that the Ohio Historical Society has agreed to publish the study which Mr. Peterjohn worked on for so many years.

THE BASEBALL QUIZ AT THE ANNUAL MEETING WAS WON BY RON LIEBMAN of New York. The prize was a copy of the Grosset & Dunlap Baseball Encyclopedia. Appropriately, Ron had not yet ordered his copy thru SABR. Dick Cramer had worked up the quiz questions, and some of them were pretty tough. Example: Who was the only person (1) to play for the same city in four different major leagues? and also (2) to drive in more than 100 runs without a single homer?

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THE STATE SURVEY OF BEST PLAYERS was completed in late July and the results were summarized in press release form and submitted to a Washington Associated Press sports reporter. He subsequently placed it on the AP wire and it went around the country. It has been picked up by several newspapers — the Los Angeles Times, St. Louis Post Dispatch, etc., but the full number and extent of their coverage is not known at this time. The survey results are not deadline material and could be used in the next month or two. Bob Broeg has provided nice coverage for Sporting News readers and he did a nice tie-in with Roger Connor in another column. Here's hoping the Veterans Committee see that.

NUMEROUS INQUIRIES ABOUT THE SOCIETY HAVE BEEN GENERATED by recent articles in the popular press. Larry Merchant had a sports column about the three Baseball Research Journals in the July 30 New York Post. It included some lefthand compliments about "baseball nuts" or words to that effect that aroused the curiosity of readers and resulted in numerous Journal sales. Rich Freeman had a front-page feature article on the Society in the Wall Street Journal on Friday the 13th of September. He made several calls around the country getting comments from various members. The resulting article was reasonably interesting to the layman. At least it stirred up many telephone inquiries and at least one radio interview resulted. Another article about the Society is being prepared by the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin.

WE ARE INCLUDING WITH THIS BULLETIN A SURVEY BALLOT on 1974 major league player performance. It will provide space for your selection of the Most Valuable Players in each league, the outstanding pitchers (Cy Young Awards), and the outstanding rookie players. We will use the same selection and rating criteria as the writers in order to establish a basis of comparability. This is not meant in any way as a challenge to the writers. It is rather an internal SABR exercise to determine if the Society is on the same wavelength with the BBWAA. The directions are on the ballot. One qualifier: World Series and play-off performances are not considered in this selection. Therefore, there is a short fuse on this survey. Ballots should be completed by October 2 and mailed in promptly. They should be sent in to Dan Rappoport, who proposed the survey. The results will be carried in the next Bulletin.

REQUESTS FOR MICROFILM REELS OF THE SPORTING LIFE have been far and few between, according to Bill Loughman. Remember, if you have any interest in looking at copies of the Sporting Life 1883-1917, contact Bill at Box 474, Elmhurst, Ill. 60126. Additional information on the microfilm is in the July 1974 Bulletin.

WORK IS PROGRESSING WITH THE PROPOSED NEW SABR PUBLICATION, the National Pastime. Ben Weiser, who would edit this 16 or 24 page bimonthly or quarterly, already has enough material for the first issue, which would go out early in 1975. He has some 3-4 feature stories, an interview with Fred Lieb, book reviews, and will probably incorporate Baseball Briefs, a separate 4-page newsletter which has been published by Bob Davids for the last 4 years. Members should keep in mind the editorial needs of the National Pastime, and be ready to supply Ben with appropriate copy.

The question which begs itself, then, is what is the relationship of Pastime and the Baseball Research Journal? Will they contain the same type of material? Members are familiar with the content of the Journal. It is primarily historical and statistical and has feature articles which may run 7-8 pages. The NP would deal primarily with present or recent happenings, and would be limited to short punchy articles which might stir up a reaction or a letter to the editor. It would carry up-to-date book reviews or general surveys of the latest baseball literature. It might carry cartoons (if we can find a SABR cartoonist), it might carry a crossword puzzle. The NP would be a SABR publication and would probably go free to members, but it would be aimed at a larger audience, which may or may not be the same non-SABR audience of more than 200 who buy the BRJ. The Bulletin, an in-house organ, will continue essentially in the present mode.

SOME 8-9 ARTICLES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED THUS FAR FOR THE 1975 RESEARCH JOURNAL. We should have 8-9 more. We need good scholarly material which has not been used before. The length can range from two to ten double-spaced typed pages. Send them in by December 1 to Bob Davids, the editor.

Speaking of possible SABR articles, has any member done any work on major league players who had post-playing careers as college coaches? Jack Coombs at Duke, Bill Coughlin at Lafayette, and Joe Judge at Georgetown are a few who come to mind. With the present emphasis on colleges as training grounds for the majors, such a Journal article would have special appeal. If any member has worked on this or is interested in putting something together, will you so inform the editor? Maybe we can get several people to cooperate in compiling a list of long-time coaches. Obviously, we could not list every coffee-cup player who coached one semester at Podunk Junior College, for the number would run to several hundred. Maybe we should limit it to those former major leaguers who coached 10 years of college ball.

TREASURER ERIC SIMONSEN REPORTS THAT only little more than 50% of the SABR members have renewed thus far for next year. The other 50% are urged to sign up quickly. The Society year ends on September 30. Get in your \$10 checks and your comments about the next meeting sites as soon as possible. If you need another renewal sheet, contact the editor. A report on the site survey for the 1975 and 1976 meetings will be withheld until more members have commented.

**HELP!** Two requests for help come from outside the Society. Bob Santino of 2570 Paducah, Flint, Mich. 48504, wants stats from every Nolan Ryan game 1968 thru 1972. He will pay any member who has this information. Another request has come from the University of Illinois which wants the names of major league players, past and present, who attended or graduated from the University. Bill Gustafson, who forwarded the request, and Stan Grosshandler have come up with the names of Boyd Bartley, Fred Beebe, Ethan Blackaby, Lou Boudreau, Hoot Evers, George Halas (yes, he played a little football, too), Howie Judson, Bob Klaus, Carl Lundgren, Herb Plews, Marv Rotblatt, and Dick Reichle. If you have other names of Illini, send them to Charles Elston, Asst. University Archivist, University of Illinois Library, Urbana, Illinois 61801.

THE COMMITTEE ON NEGRO LEAGUES is anxious to enlist help of members for material for a possible Encyclopedia of Black Baseball. Many annual batting averages have been discovered for the years 1921-47, but many other years are blank. The committee is attempting to fill in the blanks by compiling averages from box scores. The Negro leagues played about 50 games a year in two six-team loops, so the job is manageable. The required tools are access to such papers as the Pittsburgh Courier, Chicago Defender, Philadelphia Tribune, or New York Age. In addition, there is a need for help in confirming certain games between blacks and white big leaguers. They may be found in white papers in Philadelphia, New York, San Diego, Los Angeles, and other cities. Anyone interested in assisting in this project, please contact Merl Kleinknecht or John Holway for specific instructions. You'll find it an exciting voyage of discovery into a little known but fascinating part of American baseball history.

## PROFILES



◇ Bill Borat, 31, was born in New York City and was educated at Holy Cross, St. Johns, and St. Louis U, where he received his PhD. He now lives near St. Louis and teaches history at Maryville College. One of his courses is in baseball history. He has written several articles on baseball, and now writes a sports column called Krank's Korner.

◇ Robert Potts is a native of New Jersey where he serves as a pressman for the Paterson News. He is very active in local sports activities and serves as a part-time scout for the Phillies. Bob is the historian for the Greater Paterson Sports Hall of Fame and has baseball interests in the minor and Negro leagues, and the heavy semipro teams such as the Bushwicks, Silk Sox, etc.

◇ Dave Ross, 38, was born in Des Moines and graduated from Iowa State. He now lives in Omaha, where he works as assistant advertising director for Inland Manufacturing. He is interested in baseball broadcasting and career stats, but he devotes much of his research time to minor leagues, including post-playing careers of major leaguers.

◇ George Wiley was born in Ohio and now teaches at Indiana University in Pennsylvania, where he is the associate dean of the graduate school. He received his own education at Oberlin and Western Reserve. His main interests include history of the Cleveland Indians, box score analysis, and baseball in the World War II period. He is now 47.

NEW SABR MEMBERS SINCE THE DIRECTORY CAME OUT IN JUNE include the following:

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## GEORGE HILTON REPORTS ON THE MORMON GENEALOGICAL FACILITY

The editor asked me to describe my recent visit to the Mormon Genealogical Facility in Salt Lake City, and I thought I could do it best in the framework of my project to identify by years of birth and death each "real person" who is mentioned in the baseball stories of Ring Lardner, 1914-19, as distinct from his fictional characters. All of the players Lardner mentioned made the majors except two. One was Martin Walsh, and he was not difficult to identify because he was the youngest brother of Ed Walsh. The other, not mentioned by name, was described as the leading pitcher of Evansville of the Central League in 1914 and "a big spitter . . . who didn't have no more action than a soft drink." This had to be one Jake Fromholtz, who hurled professionally from 1910 to 1921, never rising above Class B ball.

There was very little information about Jake, and I found myself pursuing some false leads in Evansville and some other vague newspaper references which indicated that he had an Indiana background. On a trip back to California, I found it convenient to stop over in Salt Lake City where I decided to check birth records for Jake at the Mormon Genealogical Facility. It is housed in the central office building of the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints. By application of the Mormon principle that they owe to non-members the same freedoms which they expect, the archive is open to all. Of course, most of the research done there is by Mormons, especially recent converts to the Church, who seek to identify their ancestors so as to baptize them vicariously in the Mormon Church. Thus, the purpose of the archive is to preserve the record of anybody whose existence can be documented, without regard to time and place.

This is the largest genealogical facility in the world, with the equivalent of 3,600,000 volumes of records of births, marriages, deaths, and other vital data which is preserved primarily on microfilm. The archive serves about 6500 searchers per day. It is a huge operation, but is well organized and is staffed by efficient personnel. If there is one drawback, it is that there are less data for the period after about WWI. The apparent reason is that the more recent records are usually available elsewhere. My research was in an earlier era, and it took me only about 40 minutes to locate the birth records of Jake Fromholtz, who was born in Lawrenceburg, Indiana, in 1886.

With this basic information, I proceeded in August 1974 to Lawrenceburg, where I sought to complete the biographical picture. I was able to do this by visiting various offices, a funeral director, and a cemetery. I found that Jake had died in Indianapolis in 1952, but was buried in Lawrenceburg in an unmarked grave. He had never married and his family had vacated the area. He reportedly had a drinking problem, like so many players of his day. He really was an obscure figure, but I felt some personal satisfaction in the effort, particularly in the sense that there once proved to be somebody who cared enough to seek out his grave. Of course, the Fromholtz box score would not be complete without listing the assist from the Mormon Genealogical Facility.

- ◇ JIM BREADY REPORTS FROM BALTIMORE THAT THE BABE RUTH Birthplace Shrine and Museum, which was opened to the public in July, remains most receptive to Ruth items. Any SABR member willing to donate anything from autographed balls on up will be certified as an Internal Revenue Service-style benefactor. The address is 216 Emory Street, Baltimore, Md. 21230.
- ◇ BOB DuVALL REPORTS FROM INDIANA that he will have to put aside his baseball research for much of the next year as he is on sabbatical leave from Indiana U. to prepare a reference book for professional educators and to take over editorship of the Educators Index to Free Materials.

# The SABR Bulletin

NEWSLETTER OF THE SOCIETY FOR AMERICAN BASEBALL RESEARCH

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COMMENTS ON THE 1975 RENEWAL FORM INDICATE A DECIDED PREFERENCE FOR BOSTON as the site for the 1975 SABR Annual Meeting. Boston received 47 votes, Chicago 16, San Francisco 10, New York City 8, St. Louis 6, and several others with 5 and below. Suggestions for 1976 were rather evenly divided among Chicago, Cooperstown, St. Louis, and NYC. The executive board will make a decision on Boston very shortly. It will depend upon getting a couple of organizers to make arrangements for the meeting and also obtaining appropriate accommodations in an area which will be marking the 200th anniversary of the beginning of the American Revolution.

Treasurer Eric Simonsen, who lives in the Sudbury suburb, asks that Boston area members interested in organizing the meeting or helping in that effort should contact him on (617) 443-2048.

THE FIRST SABR REGIONAL MEETING was held in the Washington suburb of Chevy Chase, Md. on Nov. 9. Bob Davids and Ron Gabriel hosted the gathering at Ron's home. Twelve members attended including Gerry Gregory, Al Kermisch, and Bob Muhlback from suburban Virginia; Tom Hufford from DC; Lyle Spatz, Hal Piercy, and Conrad Horn from suburban Maryland; Jim Bready and Bob Ellis from Baltimore; and Bob McConnell from Wilmington. It was a social gathering. Some members brought various baseball materials for review and Ron displayed his "Cooperstown South" collection of mementos, including a couple of seats from Ebbets Field.

The following week in Philadelphia, three SABR members -- VP Dick Cramer, Kit Crissey, and Jack Allen -- visited Paul Hill, who has a very large baseball collection at suburban Southampton. Walter Huntzinger, NL pitcher 1923-26, was on hand to talk about the old days at this get-together.

We hope these initial regional gatherings will stimulate other area meetings. They can be as small or as large as you want to make them. All it takes is one or two people to get it started. One calls up the other and says you provide the place and I'll provide the refreshments, or vice versa. Pick a date, prepare a flyer with a map locator, and send it to the members in your area. Invite baseball friends and include a speaker if you like. If you get half the members in your area, it is worthwhile, it is a success.

SEVERAL MEMBERS HAVE EXPRESSED A DESIRE to update or revise their areas of interest as carried in the annual SABR Directory. If there are others who want to do this, please get the new information to Bob McConnell, 11 Ridgewood Circle, Wilmington, Del. 19809. He compiles the directory and will make these changes for the next edition, to be issued about June 1975.



WE ARE STILL GETTING FEEDBACK FROM THE WALL STREET JOURNAL ARTICLE of Sep.13; in fact, there is even some "foreign fallout." Bob Hoie, who was identified in the article as a SABR member who specializes in baseball scandals, received a letter from Rome, Italy, where Rev. Robert Graham, S.J., had read the article, which had been reprinted in the Daily American. Rev. Graham, the son of Charles Graham, former owner of the San Francisco Seals, remembered from his boyhood in the early 1920s when two Seal pitchers, Indian Smith and Tom Seaton, were apparently suspected of throwing games and were released. He said this incident caused quite an uproar in the Pacific Coast League at that time.

BECAUSE OF THE JOURNAL ARTICLE AND OTHER PUBLICITY, the Society membership is now up around 230. Some 25 new members are listed in another part of this Bulletin. We have added members from two new States -- Arizona and Nevada. Also New Hampshire because George Hilton from UCLA is teaching this year at Dartmouth, where he received an undergraduate degree some years ago.

MEMBERSHIP MAY AGAIN DIP BELOW 200 because a sizeable number have not yet signed up for the current year. Please get your 1974-75 renewal form in as soon as you can. If you have not renewed by Dec. 31, we will have to take you off the mailing list. This, of course, does not apply to new members who have joined within the last few months. The membership year runs from September to September.

## PROFILES



■ VIC FROLUND was born in Youngstown, Ohio, in 1900. He worked in the steel mills and is now retired. In 1911-12, Vic served as batboy for the Youngstown team in the Ohio-Penn League, where players like Everett Scott and Howard Shanks imbedded in him a love for baseball. He became a baseball authority and sports historian for the City of Youngstown, where he lives.

■ STEPHEN GREYSER, 39, was born in Boston and still resides there. He was educated at Harvard and is now a professor of marketing in the Business School. His baseball interests include unusual statistics, management aspects, and broadcasting. Steve was the producer of a baseball quiz program and also has done some play-by-play broadcasting.

■ STANLEY KUMINSKI was born in Brooklyn in 1915 and stayed there even though the Dodgers left. He is a storekeeper for Consolidated Edison. He is interested in baseball stats and has compiled the annual leaders in singles, etc. He evaluates the great offensive players by positions. His personal selection has Cobb, Williams, and Aaron in the OF with Ruth on the mound.

■ RIC ROBERTS, 63, was born and raised in Florida, where in the early 1920s he served as spring training batboy for the Giants and Phils. A star athlete at Clark College in Atlanta, he pursued a career in journalism. He spent 20 years on the Pittsburgh Courier, serving as sports editor 1965-70. An authority on Black baseball, He is now PR Director at Howard U, Wash.DC.

■ GURDEEP SINGH was born in India in 1950. He joined SABR when he was a student at the University of Waterloo in Ontario, where he received a degree in electrical engineering. He is now a graduate student at the U. of Wash. in Seattle. His interests include Black and Latin players and mathematical analysis methods for evaluating player performance.

SUPPLEMENTAL LIST OF NEW MEMBERS AS OF NOV. 20, 1974

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WE HOPED TO HAVE A MORE DEFINITIVE REPORT ON THE NATIONAL PASTIME, the proposed new SABR publication, but we were unable to establish telephone contact with Ben Weiser, who is back at Brown University. Work is progressing, but the date of the first issue has not yet been established.

SABR PRESIDENT DAVID VOIGT has a new book coming out shortly. This one is a short paperback entitled A Little League Journal, published by Bowling Green University. Dave teaches at Albright College, Reading, Pa., where he is active in the Little League program.

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED HOW MANY PLAYERS in the majors throw and bat right, or left, or both? Stan Grosshandler ran a check in mid-season of 1974 and found that of the total 617 players then active, 78% threw right, and 22% left. Of the 238 pitchers it was 68% right and 32% left. Here is a breakdown on the 379 non-pitchers:

229 righthand throwers bat right	54 lefthand throwers bat left
63 righthand throwers bat left	2 lefthand throwers bat right
31 righthand throwers bat both	0 lefthand throwers bat both

### BASEBALL RESEARCH EXCHANGE

- Bob Davids has a one-page summary of Babe Ruth's batting record as a pitcher, a breakout of those games when he was hurling as well as playing 1B and the OF.
- Tom Hufford of 1829 Riggs Place NW, Wash. DC 20009, has a 2-page chronological listing of all known major league players who lived to be 90 years and older.
- Ron Liebman of 146-28 Booth Memorial Ave, Flushing NY 11355, has a 2-page listing of players hitting homers in 9 parks in an 8-team league; in 11 parks in a 10-team league; and in 13 parks in a 12-team loop.

If any members are interested in any of the above research items, please contact the appropriate person.

THANKS TO THAT NEW SABR MEMBER who donated \$100 to the Society for appropriate needs. An "appropriate need" would be more members like you! We appreciate it.

ON THE SABR SAMPLE SURVEY OF 1974 PLAYER PERFORMANCE, there were no radical differences with the BBWAA voting on MVP and Cy Young Awards. As of this writing, the Rookie of the Year winners have not been announced. The Society selected Hargrove and McBride. For the AL Cy Young winner, SABR selected Jenkins over Hunter (the writers' selection), but it was by a very close vote. Similarly, SABR chose Brock over Garvey (the writer's choice) by a very close vote. So it wasn't a matter of the writers going off in one direction and SABR in another.

An armchair analysis of the MVP vote would indicate that the writers probably place more emphasis on candidates from pennant-winning teams (Garvey, Marshall, Wynn, and Rudi, Bando, Jackson, Hunter). SABR members probably think more in terms of "outstanding player in the league" rather than "most valuable player to a team." There were 82 ballots for SABR compared to 24 for the writers, so there is no comparability on total points. It is easier to compare the rank or vote position of each player. You might note, for example, that the writers placed Bando 3rd and SABR put him in 12th spot, one rung below Dick Allen. The latter was ranked 23rd by the writers, his home run and slugging crowns notwithstanding. On the other hand, note that the 12 top NL selections by the writers involved the same 12 players chosen by SABR although in slightly different positions. Thanks to Dan Rappoport for tabulating the survey results, carried on the next page.

AMERICAN LEAGUE M.V.P.

NATIONAL LEAGUE M.V.P.

<u>BBWAA (24 ballots)</u>	<u>SABR (82 ballots)</u>
Burroughs 248	Burroughs 896
Rudi 161½	Jackson 565
Bando 143½	Rudi 365
Jackson 119	Carew 334
Jenkins 118	Grich 226
Hunter 107	Yastrzemski 213
Carew 70	Jenkins 204
Maddox 59	Maddox 185½
Grich 49	B.Robinson 185
Cuellar 42	Hunter 167
Tiant 41	D.Allen 159
B.Robinson 30	Bando 155
Blair 27	G. Perry 89
Ryan 24	Ryan 88
Campaneris 23	Henderson 82
Fingers 21	T. Davis 78
G. Perry 18	Campaneris 76
Yastrzemski 14	McCrae 75
Henderson 12	Orta 73
Hiller 11	Piniella 67
Murcer 10	Blair 59
Randle 10	Tiant 47
D.Allen 8	Hargrove 43
Piniella 8	Murcer 36
Lyle 7	Money 34
Munson 7	Munson 25
T.Davis 6	Hiller 23
Belanger 6	Scott 21
Money 5	Cuellar 18
McCrae 3	Harrar 18
T.Murphy 3	Randle 11
Busby 3	North 11
Scott 2	Tenace 9½
Dobson 1	Rivers 9

<u>BBWAA (24 ballots)</u>	<u>SABR (82 ballots)</u>
Garvey 270	Brock 704
Brock 233	Garvey 695
Marshall 146	Schmidt 460
Bench 141	Wynn 456
Wynn 137	Bench 418
Schmidt 131	Marshall 300
Oliver 81	Morgan 288
Morgan 72	Zisk 226
Zisk 54	Oliver 218
Stargell 43	R. Smith 192
R. Smith 39	Stargell 182
Garr 11	Garr 156
Simmons 7	Messersmh 54
Cash 6	Cash 53
Concepcion 5	Concepcion 38
Billingham 4	Buckner 36
Messersmith 4	McBride 26
Cedeno 4	Simmons 22½
Hrabosky 4	Cey 22
Capra 3	Cedeno 17
McBride 2	Rose 17
Hebner 2	T. Perez 16
Stennet 2	Bowa 15
McGlothen 2	Madlock 11
Buckner 1	Hebner 8
Aaron 1	Aaron 8

SABR VOTES -- ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

NL - McBride 51½	Gross 25,
Madlock 6	Blair ½
AL - Hargrove 64½	Burleson 7
Yount 4	G.Brett 2
Tanana 1½	Dent 1
Solaita 1	Sundberg 1

H. Washington 1

NATIONAL LEAGUE CY YOUNG AWARD

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<u>BBWAA Ballot</u>	<u>SABR Ballot</u>
Marshall 96	Marshall 311
Messersmith 66	Messersmith 206
Niekro 15	Niekro 40½
Sutton 12	Billingham 39
Hrabosky 9	Capra 34½
Billingham 8	McGlothen 19
Gullett 5	Sutton 18
C.Carroll 2	Matlack 8
Capra 1	Gullett 7
McGlothen 1	Hrabosky 1
Guisti 1	Carlton 1
	Lonborg 1
	Barr 1
	John 1

<u>BBWAA Ballot</u>	<u>SABR Ballot</u>
Hunter 90	Jenkins 269½
Jenkins 75	Hunter 249½
Ryan 28	Ryan 103
G.Perry 8	G.Perry 59½
Tiant 8	Tiant 25
Cuellar 6	Hiller 12½
Hiller 1	Cuellar 10
	Medich 3
	Blyleven 1½
	Grimsley 1
	Kaat 1
	Busby ½

# The SABR Bulletin

NEWSLETTER OF THE SOCIETY FOR AMERICAN BASEBALL RESEARCH

VOLUME 5, NUMBER 1, FEBRUARY 1975

THE SOCIETY'S ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE HELD IN BOSTON JULY 11-13. This Bulletin was delayed until the specific dates could be pinned down. Three facilities are being surveyed — two downtown hotels near the ballpark, and one motel in the suburbs which is located at the end of the subway line. Room rates and general convenience will be controlling factors in the final selection. The Red Sox will be home playing the Rangers in a 2 P.M. game Saturday July 12. The Red Sox management, through Public Relations Director Bill Crowley, has made the very generous offer of having the SABR members as guests at this game. Treasurer Eric Simonsen and area members Harvey Soolman, Jack Kavanagh, and Ben Weiser met with Mr. Crowley to work out details. The latter has also been very helpful in suggesting the names of possible speakers. Jumpin' Joe Dugan, thirdsacker on the 1927 Yankees, is one possibility, and John Kieran, former baseball writer and official scorer and later an Information Please radio personality, is another.

SABR MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO WRITE Eric Simonsen, 29 Country Village Lane, Sudbury, Mass. 01776, to indicate what type of meeting program is desired. Or put another way, what didn't you like about past meetings? Do you want 10-minute presentations by members describing their projects? Do you want technical presentations? Something different? Let Eric know. And keep those dates open!

THE FIRST ISSUE OF THE NATIONAL PASTIME, a 24-page quarterly publication of the Society will be mailed out later this month. Ben Weiser, the editor, is handling last-minute details. It will go free to members, but we are hoping for a substantial sale to non-members to defray costs. If you have names of acquaintances who might be interested, so inform Ben who can be reached at Box 3604, Brown University, Providence, R.I. 02912. Also, once you have seen a copy of the National Pastime, you will have a better idea of what kind of material Ben can use in future issues. Publication costs are high, so items of special interest would be appreciated.

THE 1975 BASEBALL RESEARCH JOURNAL will be mailed out some time in March. There are some publishing complications and it will take a little while to iron them out. We had more articles than we could use this year, and it is always painful to report back to a member who has submitted an article that for one reason or another it cannot be used this year. The editor tries his best to get a good cross-section of articles that will have a broad appeal. This year we plan to run off about 1000 copies of the Journal. In the past it has been about 500. The growing membership makes the additional copies necessary, plus the potential of expanded public sales. The 1973 Journal is now completely sold out, and the number of 1972 and 1974 Journals remaining is quite small. We continue to receive requests for back issues. Most of the articles have some historical perspective and do not become dated material.

HOWARD A. LAVELLE of Oceanside N.Y. passed away June 25, 1974. He had attended the SABR annual meeting in Philadelphia just a few days before and died suddenly upon his return home. However, the Society did not receive these sad tidings until December. Howard was 67, having been born in New York City August 23, 1906. He was a supervisor with the NYC Transportation Administration. Howard had published baseball articles in Sports Quarterly, Ebony, and Baseball Digest. His primary interests revolved around home runs -- "both major and minor, foreign and domestic." He was planning the publication of a detailed account on that subject when he died. Among his survivors is a daughter, Mrs. Kathy Fisher, who has offered to donate his baseball materials to the Society. She extends her thanks to the Society "for helping to make my father's favorite hobby, baseball, more interesting." We thank Mr. Lavelle for his contributions.

THE BASEBALL PERSONALITY BORN 100 YEARS AGO who has made the greatest contribution to the sport has been cited on an annual basis in the Research Journal. In 1973, for example, it was John McGraw, born in 1873, and last year it was Honus Wagner, born in 1874. This year it is Nap Lajoie, born in 1875. This selection was made in full awareness that Eddie Plank was also born in 1875. We feel that the Society will support that selection, one criterion being that Lajoie was elected to the Hall of Fame in 1937, the sixth selection to that body that now has more than 100. Plank was elected in 1946. Now, for next year, the choice will not be that easy, and we will let the Society decide whether Mordecai Brown, Rube Waddell, Vic Willis, or some one else born in 1876 made the greatest contribution to baseball. Watch for an upcoming survey, maybe with the April Bulletin.

REMEMBER THAT SABR HALL OF FAME SURVEY BY PLAYING POSITION which was conducted by Stan Grosshandler in 1973. It was open across the board to oldtimers and those of recent years who were eligible. Leading vote-getters by position were: 1B Johnny Mize 42; 2B Billy Herman 27; 3B George Kell 20; SS Arky Vaughan 44; OF Chuck Klein 48, Earl Averill 30, Hack Wilson 28; C Ernie Lombardi 56; LHP Whitey Ford; RHP Robin Roberts. Well, Whitey Ford went in last year, and this year Billy Herman and Earl Averill were selected. Robin Roberts was expected to make it this year, and didn't, and the same goes for Roger Connor, the 19th century slugger. In the SABR survey of Hall of Fame candidates who made valuable contributions to baseball outside of playing, which was conducted in 1973, Bucky Harris finished sixth with 57 votes. He trailed Al Lopez 114, Tom Yawkey 96, Leo Durocher 79, William Hulbert 71, and Ned Hanlon 64.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL HAS HAD ITS DiMaggios, Boyers, and Alous, but SABR also has three members from one family. There is Arnold Soolman from Needham, Mass., brother Harvey from Brookline, and now their younger sister Roberta has joined the Society. She is in her senior year at the University of Massachusetts.

THE SABR MICROFILM LENDING LIBRARY is picking up in activity. After a very slow start last summer, more requests are coming in. Even baseball historian Harold Seymour, who lives in Ireland, sent in for a couple of reels. If any members are interested in borrowing a section of the Sporting Life 1883-1917, contact Bill Loughman at Box 474, Elmhurst, Illinois 60126.

ABOUT 20 MEMBERS HAVE FAILED TO SIGN UP FOR THE CURRENT YEAR. That is a fairly typical attrition rate for some 235 members, although the number may be enhanced somewhat this year because of the economic recession.

NEW SABR MEMBERS SINCE NOVEMBER BULLETIN WAS ISSUED

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Roberta Soolman, 37 Brittany Manor Drive, Amherst, Mass. 01002  
Normal "Tweed" Webb, 4574 Enright Avenue, St. Louis, Mo. 63108

## PROFILES



- ◆ **WIRT GAMMON** was born in Bristol, Tennessee in 1905. He was educated at the University of Virginia and served many years as sports columnist for the Chattanooga Times. He has done a history of the Chattanooga club and has researched the old Appalachian League. He is a collector, publishes a score card newsletter, and is interested in sports poetry.
- ◆ **EDDIE GOLD**, 42, was born in Green Bay, Wis., but found himself following the Cubs more than the Packers. He attended the Univ. of Illinois and is now a sports writer for the Chicago Sun-Times. He is interested in baseball stats, features, and poetry (he had a poem in the 1974 Journal). He has records of more than 1100 former Cub players.
- ◆ **WILLIAM GUY** lives in Kenosha, Wis., where he was born in 1949. He attended the Univ. of Wisconsin at Parkside and is now pursuing a career as a musician. His baseball interests include identifying superior achievements in various batting categories, compiling biographical data, and information on ball parks. He is also trying to reconcile various player record discrepancies.
- ◆ **THOMAS L. HANSON** was born in Johnstown, Pa., in 1935. He was graduated from Syracuse University in 1957 and General Theological Seminary in NYC in 1960. He has served as an Episcopal priest in several church positions in New York State, and now in Rochester. He is interested in the cultural aspects of baseball in a changing America; also the management of baseball franchises.
- ◆ **TED PATTERSON**, 30, was born in Mansfield, Ohio, and received a degree in broadcast-journalism at Dayton and an M.A. in speech at Miami U. of Ohio. He served as broadcast assistant to Curt Gowdy and is now sports director of WBAL, Baltimore. He is interested in the Cleveland Indians and has written a history of baseball broadcasting which is now out for publication.

SUPPLEMENTING CARL HUBBELL'S MINOR LEAGUE RECORD -- By Eugene Wood

Hall of Fame hurler Carl Hubbell did not make it to the majors until he was 25 years old. He spent most of six years in the minors, and not much has been recorded about his 1923-24 seasons when he was with Cushing of the Oklahoma State League, and Ardmore of the Western Association. I recently was able to pin down his brief stint with Ardmore in 1924, based on information in the Daily Ardmoreite. Hubbell started two games with Ardmore. On July 22 against Springfield he was knocked out in the 4th inning, but was not charged with the loss. On July 24 he again pitched against Springfield and won a complete game 6-4. He was in no other games and the July 30 newspaper reported that he had been "released" to Oklahoma City of the Western League. Here is King Carl's full record for Ardmore -- probably one reason he didn't make it to the majors until 1928.

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PETE PALMER WATCHED EVERY PITCH OF THE 1974 WORLD SERIES on television. What's so unusual about that you say, for an avid baseball fan. Well, Pete kept close account of what happened on each pitch so he could analyze the situation as it developed in each of the five games. What he found from that small sampling was that if the first pitch was a strike, the batter does 20% worse than average; if the first pitch is a ball, the batter does 30% better than average -- quite a difference for one pitch. The batters' run average for the full series was .100 (BRA being the on base average x slugging average). Batters with a 2-0 count, for example, had a BRA of .241; for batters with a 1-1 count it was .063; and 0-2 was way down at .024. So, based on this limited sample, getting the first pitch over was very important for the hurler. What Pete needs now is further support for this analysis. He needs not just play-by-play accounts, but pitch-by-pitch accounts of other series games, or regular season games. If any members have such records, please get in touch with Pete at 12 Farmcrest Ave, Lexington, Mass. 02173.

### BASEBALL RESEARCH EXCHANGE

- ◇ Arthur Ahrens, 1851 West Waveland, Chicago, Ill., has compiled Bill Dahlen's 42-game hitting streak of 1894 and the 28-game streak which immediately followed the interruption (this is backup for Art's article on Dahlen in the 1975 Journal).
- ◇ John J. O'Malley, 116 Pinehurst Ave, New York, N.Y. 10033, has tabulated the dates of all of Kid Nichols' 361 major league victories (backup for his article on Nichols in the 1975 Journal).
- ◇ Pete Palmer -- see article above -- has a one-page analytical chart showing pitch-by-pitch result of 1974 World Series (maybe a little complicated for the layman).

Any one interested in any of the above research items, please feel free to contact the member making the offer. SABR will pay postage and repro costs.

TOO BAD ABOUT SPORTS SCOOP FOLDING. This was the historical and collecting publication put out by several SABR members in Seattle. It had some interesting articles and pictures on baseball, but production costs were escalating. Ironically, Earl Averill, the player the magazine was pushing so hard to get into the Hall of Fame, finally made it. That was one accomplishment, anyway.

# The SABR Bulletin

NEWSLETTER OF THE SOCIETY FOR AMERICAN BASEBALL RESEARCH

VOLUME 5, NUMBER 2, APRIL 1975

THE NATIONAL PASTIME MET A MIXED REACTION when it was distributed to members in March. Some thought it added a new dimension to the Society, but others had some problems with the content, the layout, typos, etc., and felt it needed a more specific editorial policy. At a meeting in Philadelphia April 5, the executive board discussed the new publication at length with Ben Weiser, the editor. The result was a decision to go ahead and put out three more quarterly issues this year and then assess the situation again. At this time what we need to do is to get more members to contribute articles and ideas to Ben and also to help him in the mechanics of publication and distribution. Efforts must be made to upgrade the publication and give it greater appeal outside of the membership in order to defray some of the costs. The public sale price is 75¢ a copy or \$3 for a year's subscription. It goes free to members. Let's all pitch in. Send your material to Ben Weiser, Box 3604, Brown University, Providence, R.I. 02912. The next issue will be in June.

THE 1975 BASEBALL RESEARCH JOURNAL was distributed in mid-April. All members should have received their copies by this time, even though all 230 copies were sent 4th class book rate. Tom Hufford, Ron Gabriel, and Alex Haas (from California) assisted in the dispersal operation. A full 1000 copies were run off this year. It was an expensive operation, but public sales have been building up each year, and the current issue is selling well. Our policy on extra copies for members is the same as in past years. The first copy is free and if you want extras, they are \$1 apiece for the next three. It is the regular sale price of \$3 thereafter.

TWO NEW COMMITTEES WERE APPROVED by the executive board at the April 5 meeting. One is on statistical analysis, dealing with various performance evaluation techniques. Pete Palmer is head of this committee and is ably supported by Dick Cramer. Other members will be added shortly. The other committee is on baseball records and is headed by Bob McConnell. Ron Liebman is one of the members and others will soon be added. The charter for this group is still being worked out but deals primarily with establishing an accurate set of playing records for both majors and minors. This will inevitably get into the matter of reconciling figures in different record books, which may be an impossible task. Therefore, some practical guidelines will have to be made.

With this responsibility, Bob McConnell will give up his duties on the publications committee. Ben Weiser has been added to that group. Dave Malarcher and Tweed Webb, two fairly new members (and former players in the Negro Leagues), have been added to the Negro League committee headed by Merl Kleinknecht. There will be other changes in the various committees and the full line-up will be carried in the SABR Directory when it is published in July.

THE LATE HOWARD LAVELLE LEFT TO THE SOCIETY about a dozen boxes of clippings, draft articles, and publications. Bob McConnell has agreed to be custodian of this material and he will try to organize the clippings and research data in such a way that it can be loaned to members if they are interested. Most of the data deals with home runs, which was Mr. Lavelle's specialty. Bob has also received a shipment of research material from the widow of the late Al Peterjohn. This information deals primarily with baseball in Ohio, both major and minor. It may be a little early to tell, but these "etchings" may provide the basis for establishing a kind of SABR research library.

ERIC SIMONSEN IS WORKING ON THE BOSTON MEETING in July with all the dedication and purpose that Samuel Adams used to get the American Revolution under way in the same area exactly 200 years ago. Eric's tentative schedule goes like this:

July 11 Friday P.M. 7:00-8:00 Welcome-social with light refreshments  
8:00-8:30 State of the Society by Pres. Dave Voigt  
8:30-9:30 Guest speaker (not yet selected)  
9:30-11:00 Members present brief topics

July 12 Saturday 7:30-8:30 Buffet breakfast  
8:30-noon Business meeting and light lunch  
1:00-4:00 Fenway Park for ball game  
6:30-9:00 Society banquet and speaker  
9:00-11:00 Business if necessary; otherwise social

July 13 Sunday A.M. 9:00-10:00 Unorganized breakfast  
10:00-noon Films, special projects, social, etc.

The ball park is within walking distance of the Children's Inn, the site of the meeting. Red Sox management is generously paying admission to the game with the Rangers for SABR members. The Society is paying for special meeting accommodations, the social on Friday night, coffee and doughnuts, etc. Members attending will pay for their Saturday breakfast and the banquet that evening. Eric may request a commitment on the banquet in advance. He has already made a membership survey to determine attendance and room reservations. He also requests that those members who want to make 10-minute presentations about some aspect of their research work should notify him so he can schedule the time and topic. Also, feel free to volunteer comments and suggestions about the meeting to him. Be clear and concise, however, as the Simonsen's recently became parents of a baby girl, and Eric has not been getting enough sleep.

ANYONE DRIVING TO THE BOSTON MEETING FROM OHIO? Roland Villard is handicapped in getting around and would like to catch a ride. He lives in Orrville, which is about 50 miles south of Cleveland.

WHO WAS THE MOST COLORFUL PLAYER OR OTHER PERFORMER in baseball history? What do you mean "colorful?" Do you mean cocky like King Kelly? Do you mean a "character" like Casey Stengel? A clown like Nick Altrock? A showboat like Bobo Newson? Flamboyant like Babe Ruth? Controversial like Hal Chase? Aggressive like Pete Rose? Exciting like Jackie Robinson? Well, you come up with your own definition and fill out the survey sheet which is enclosed.

DICK CRAMER IS SEEKING INFORMATION ABOUT REPRODUCED GUIDES. Where are they available? What is the market for them? Are any SABR members interested in acquiring copies? As you know, original Spalding or Reach guides are difficult and expensive to acquire. If you have information on reproduced copies, contact Dick at 221 Sykes Lane, Wallingford, Pa. 19086.

## SURVEY OF BASEBALL'S MOST COLORFUL PERFORMERS

One of the amazing things about baseball is the number of people drawn to ball parks to see the game year in and year out. One of the reasons baseball has continued to draw crowds over the years is the performance of certain players, umpires, coaches, and managers. They are what we call "colorful" and that description may take the form of being flamboyant, flashy, cocky, a clown, a character, aggressive, abusive, controversial, dynamic, exciting, etc. The most appropriate definition we can give of colorful is "generating crowd reaction." There are about 75 names listed on the borders of this page and they should give some indication of being colorful. You may have your own interpretation and you may come up with some other names. What we are trying to do is to identify some of the field performers (that identification is used to include coaches, managers, and umpires as well as players) who have contributed in a special way to fan interest in baseball over the last 100 years. Please select in order of precedence those ten performers who you feel have been most colorful.

Dick Allen  
 Nick Altrock  
 Cap Anson  
 Bo Belinsky  
 Yogi Berra  
 Zeke Bonura  
 Bobby Bragan  
 Roger Bresnahan  
 Bill "Lord" Byron  
 (Singing Umpire)  
 Frenchy Bordagaray  
 Hal Chase  
 Ty Cobb  
 Dizzy Dean  
 Jimmie Dykes  
 Roy Campanella  
 Leo Durocher  
 Mike Donlin  
 Kid Elberfeld  
 Johnny Evers  
 Jimmy Foxx  
 Frank Frisch  
 Jim Galvin  
 Lefty Gomez  
 Goose Goslin  
 Pete Gray  
 Charlie Grimm  
 Ken Harrelson  
 Gabby Hartnett  
 Babe Herman  
 Shanty Hogan  
 Frank Howard  
 Dummy Hoy  
 Reggie Jackson  
 Hugh Jennings  
 Willie Keeler

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Return this form to:  
 Mr. Reno Roy  
 41 Gorwin Drive  
 Medway, Mass. 02053

King Kelly                      Arlie Latham  
 Nap Lajoie                      Ernie Lombardi

Rabbit Maranville  
 Pat Malone  
 Pepper Martin  
 Billy Martin  
 Walter Mails  
 Mickey Mantle  
 Geo. Magerkurth  
 Willie Mays  
 Carl Mays  
 John McGraw  
 Denny McLain  
 Joe Medwick  
 Tony Mullane  
 Minnie Minoso  
 Van Mungo  
 Bobo Newsom  
 Lou Novikoff  
 Satchel Paige  
 Jimmy Piersall  
 Phil Rizzuto  
 Jackie Robinson  
 Wilbert Robinson  
 Pete Rose  
 Amos Rusie  
 Babe Ruth  
 Al Schacht  
 Germany Schaefer  
 Rip Sewell  
 Art Shires  
 Casey Stengel  
 Eddie Stanky  
 Ossee Schreck  
 Dizzy Trout  
 Rube Waddell  
 Ted Williams  
 Hack Wilson

THE BOOK BUSINESS IS PICKING UP FOR SABR MEMBERS. Anton Grobani's long-awaited "Guide to Baseball Literature" published by Gale Research Company, is now out. It appears to have a listing of everything ever published about baseball, and is broken down into 33 categories. We hope to have a full review of this book in the next issue of National Pastime. Marshall Smelser's book on the life of Babe Ruth will be published in August. Marshall has sent to the membership a summary article on the Babe from the Spring number of The American Scholar. We will also run a review of this book when it becomes available.

PAUL FRISZ, MR. BASEBALL HISTORY OF INDIANA, threw out the first ball at the AA opener in Indianapolis on April 16 between the Indians and Oklahoma City. Paul also had a big spread in the Indianapolis Sunday Star magazine on March 30. His famous baseball collection was well displayed in the feature article, which also gave a good rundown on Paul's listing of great Hoosier players.

GEORGE HILTON WONDERS IF HE HOLDS THE SABR RECORD for most major league ball parks visited as a paying customer (he feels he cannot compete with press people like Fred Lieb and Bob Broeg). Professor Hilton has paid admission at 36 parks and he counts a park only once even though it might have been used in different leagues. Those he has missed (it's a shorter list) include Braves Field in Boston, League Park in Cleveland, Colt Stadium in Houston, Roosevelt Field in Jersey City, and Wrigley Field in Los Angeles. Happily, he did see the Seattle Pilots in Sick Stadium in 1969. Any challengers? We'll put it in the next Bulletin. The editor is embarrassed to note that he has seen games in only nine different ML parks.

HARVEY SOOLMAN REPORTS ON THE FIRST REGIONAL MEETING in the Boston area, which took place at the Boston Public Library on February 11. Attending were his brother Arnold Soolman, Paul Doherty, Steve Greyser, Pete Palmer, Reno Roy, and Don Schmidt. The group met with library assistant director Francis Moloney and reviewed the library's baseball materials, including the collections of former sportswriter Jerry Nason, and the late Howell Stevens and Al Hirshberg. The Boston group discussed cooperative efforts with the library, which is now building up its sports collection and wants to hire a full-time curator.

THE NORTH AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR SPORTS HISTORY held its annual meeting in Boston earlier this month. SABR members Gene Murdock, Joanne Neel, and Dave Voigt participated in a session on "Baseball and the Academic Historian."

## BASEBALL RESEARCH EXCHANGE

- Dick Cramer, 221 Sykes Lane, Wallingford, Pa., 19086, has a 3-page list of the all-time greatest hitters by position and by 25-year era, based on his wins per plate appearance computational method.
- Paul Frisz, 25 South 25th St. Terre Haute, Ind. 47803, offers a one-page story and box score of a 1910 game between Brooklyn and Pittsburgh, where each team had the same number of players, at bats, runs, hits, bases on balls, HBP, putouts, assists, and errors.
- Stan Grosshandler, Box 38, Hales Corners, Wis. 53130, has a 5-page summary of the greatest hitting team infields and outfields (all .300 hitters) since 1900.

Any one interested in any of the above research items, please feel free to contact the member making the offer. SABR will pay postage and reproduction costs.

VERN LUSE, HEAD OF THE MINOR LEAGUE COMMITTEE, will relinquish that role as he will be on an 18-month assignment in Yugoslavia. Vern is a trouble-shooter for Bechtel Corp., and we have had to establish a change of address department just to cover his many moves. He intends to maintain his membership and is taking along copies of Sporting Life to continue his research. As soon as he gets settled over there, we will list his new address.

THE BASEBALL RESEARCH JOURNAL HAS AN ARTICLE by Art Schott about Babe Ruth's last home run(s) on May 25, 1935. That was 40 years ago, and Mil Chipp of San Diego (a mere stripling then) was there in Pittsburgh to see it. Were there any other SABR members present for that momentous occasion? Let us know about it. Incidentally, Mil has a number of press guides, registers, and baseball annuals for sale at a reasonable price. If interested, contact him at 771 Blackthorne Ave, El Cajon, Calif. 92020.

LEN FIORITO OF SEATTLE POINTS OUT that Jim Baumer, the general manager of the Brewers, played in two non-consecutive decades in the majors. What does that mean? In 1949 when he was 18, Baumer broke in with the White Sox as an infielder. He didn't play in the majors at all in the 1950s, but appeared briefly for the Reds in 1961. Do you know of any others in that category? Only one immediately comes to mind, and that was Paul Schreiber, who pitched batting practice for the Yankees some 30 years ago. Paul pitched for the Dodgers in 1922-23, and then didn't show up in a major league box score again until 1945 when he hurled briefly for the Yankees.

INTERESTING ITEM ABOUT SABR MEMBER CLYDE PARTIN in the paper the other day. A professor at Emory University in Atlanta, he was at the Braves' spring training camp in Florida learning how to be an official scorer. According to the story, he would have that assignment at the Braves' home games as the Atlanta papers will no longer permit their baseball writers to be official scorers.

LAST CALL ON CHANGES FOR THE NEW MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY. If you have an address change, or some other revisions in your occupation or baseball interests, get them in to Bob McConnell, 11 Ridgewood Circle, Wilmington, Dela. 19809.

## PROFILES



- HAROLD ESCH now lives in Orlando, Florida, but was born in Milwaukee in 1921. He is self employed as a manufacturer's representative and also does some free lance writing on baseball. He was publicity director of the 1947 Milwaukee Brewers in the AA. He is interested in major and minor league home run statistics and no-hit games, and the old American Association.
- JERRY GREGORY, 47, was born in Ohio and is now a civilian employee for the Air Force working at the Pentagon and living in Virginia. His baseball interests include research on little known or forgotten players and umpires. He has special interest in the case of Julius Solters, who went blind in 1940s.
- ROBERT HOIE was born in Los Angeles in 1941 and was graduated from USC in 1963. He is an urban planner with the L.A. county regional planning comm. Bob is an authority on baseball scandals and the life of Hal Chase. He has compiled career statistics of more than 100 top minor league players.
- TOM ZOCCO was born in Hartford in 1948 and is now a supervisor for Northeast Builders in that area. He is interested in a broad range of baseball stats, and compiles profiles of some of the more colorful major league players and outstanding minor leaguers like Joe Hauser, Ike Boone, and Smead Jolley.

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NEWSLETTER OF THE SOCIETY FOR AMERICAN BASEBALL RESEARCH

VOLUME 5, NUMBER 3, JUNE 1975

NEW MEMBERS ARE REMINDED THAT THE ANNUAL MEETING will be held in Boston on the weekend of July 11-13. For details contact Eric Simonsen, 39 Country Village Lane, Sudbury, Mass. 01776. Jumpin' Joe Dugan, Yankee thirdsacker in the 1920s, will speak at the Saturday night banquet. Other meeting activities are being arranged. If members have items they would like to take up at the business meeting, they should contact President Dave Voigt or VP Dick Cramer, who are preparing the agenda. Advance registration indicates convention attendance of some 50-70 members.

BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS! It seems every one is writing a book on baseball as we approach the NL centennial and the AL diamond jubilee. SABR has been approached by two publishing firms which have offered to pay the Society a percentage of sales to SABR members if we circulate flyers to our mailing list. This worked well with the Neft Encyclopedia of Baseball last year, and the SABR treasury could use some additional funds. There are two flyers enclosed which describe these books so brief statements will suffice here:

One book is a 75-year review of the Boston Red Sox by Bostonian Ellery Clark. A history professor and athletic coach at the Naval Academy for many years, he is a fairly recent SABR member. The 170-page book is very strong on illustrations and is very well written.

The second book is the New York Times Book of Baseball History -- the actual reproduction of NY Times baseball stories, from headlines to box scores. All the leading stories of the past century. Remember, each book you order will result in special remuneration for the Society. See the enclosed flyers.

RENO ROY REPORTS THAT THE SABR SURVEY on the Most Colorful Performer is going well with some 75-80 ballots returned thus far. About 20 stars whose names were not on the original list have receive one or more votes. That's a good sign -- shows some independent thinking. Get in your ballot by the end of June. We will cut off at that time and have a final tally to present at the annual meeting in Boston.

BEN WEISER REPORTS THAT THE SECOND ISSUE OF THE National Pastime will be out about July 1. Incidentally, his summer address is 415 Cotswold Lane, Wynnewood, Penna. 19096. Contact him there regarding articles, etc.



THE BASEBALL BOOKS, ETC., OF THE LATE HOWARD LAVELLE have been donated to the Society as mentioned in a prior Bulletin. The executive board has decided to auction the books at the annual meeting in Boston in July and turn over the proceeds to Mr. Lavelle's family. A list of these books, all in good condition, is carried on the insert page. Any member may submit a mail bid prior to the auction. If the mail bid is higher than the bid at the auction, the mail bidder gets the book. Mark your price on the enclosed list and send to Bob McConnell, 11 Ridgewood Circle, Wilmington, Delaware 19809, no later than July 8.

BILL BORST HAS COMPILED A CAPSULAR HISTORY called "Baseball in a Nutshell" It consists of 10 essays which trace the history of the game from 1846 to the present. The attractive booklet costs \$1.25 and can be obtained from Dr. Borst at P.O. Box 16271, St. Louis, Mo. 63105.

BASEBALL HOME RUN AUTHORITY JOHN TATTERSALL has put together much of his unpublished data in a xerox publication called The Home Run Handbook. Nothing fancy, but it has detailed information on the four-base wallop which is not available elsewhere. The price is \$5.25. If you want a copy, send a check to John at 4 Lexington Avenue, Havertown, Penna. 19083.

REMEMBER LAST FALL WHEN THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS asked the Society for help in naming all the major league players who attended that institution? The University archivist received several letters, including detailed listings from Tom Shea of Boston and Harvey Poris of Brooklyn. The full list ran to 50 names (see Baseball Research Exchange). Some of the Illini had very brief stays in the Big Time. However, the University put together a pretty good all-star team, as follows:

1B Jake Stahl	SS Lou Boudreau	C Tom Haller
2B Herb Plews	OF Wally Roettger	RHP Carl Lundgren
3B Ed Spezio	OF Hoot Evers	LHP Ken Holtzman
	OF Don Lenhardt	

Are there other colleges with better teams? Columbia certainly starts off well with Lou Gehrig and Eddie Collins. What about that great pitching alumni of Michigan State with Robin Roberts, Dick Radatz, Ron Perranoski, and Mike Marshall? And they have Steve Garvey, too. We'll have to check with Tom Shea. He's done a lot of research on college major leaguers.

## BASEBALL RESEARCH EXCHANGE

Randy Linthurst, 325 W. Upper Ferry Road, West Trenton, N.J. 08628, offers a 2-page published article from Trenton magazine on the great 19th century Giant outfielder "Silent" Mike Tiernan.

Arthur Schott, 459 Jewel Street, New Orleans, La., 70124, offers eight interesting and historical box scores and related stories -- 4 pages. These are reprints of columns he has done.

Bob Davids will make available the University of Illinois tabulation of alumni who played major league baseball. Gives years, teams, positions, etc. --- five pages.

If any member is interested in any of the above items, please contact the person making the offer. SABR will pay reproduction and mailing costs.

## BASEBALL BOOK AUCTION

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 Angell, Roger    The Summer Game    Popular Library    1972 (paperback)  
 Banks, Ernie & Enright, Jim    Mr. Cub    Follett Publishing Co.    1971  
 Bartlett, Arthur    Baseball and Mr. Spalding    Farrar, Straus & Young    1951  
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 Daley, Arthur    Inside Baseball    Grosset & Dunlap    1950  
 Danzig, Allison & Reichler, Joe    The History of Baseball    Prentice-Hall    1959  
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 Durso, Joseph    Yankee Stadium    Houghton Mifflin    1972  
 Graham, Frank    Lou Gehrig, A Quite Hero    G. P. Putnam's Sons    1942 (no covers)  
 Graham, Frank Jr.    Great Hitters of the Major Leagues    Random House    1969  
 Kahn, Roger    The Boys of Summer    Signet    1973 (paperback)  
 Leitner, Irving A.    Baseball, Diamond in the Rough    Criterion Books    1972  
 Meary, Tom    Baseball's Greatest Teams    A. S. Barnes    1949  
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 Meary, Tom    The Magnificent Yankees    Grosset & Dunlap    1966  
 Miers, Earl Schneck    Baseball    Grosset & Dunlap    1970  
 Paige, LeRoy    Maybe I'll Pitch Forever    Grove Press    1963 (paperback)  
 Peterson, Harold    The Man Who Invented Baseball    Charles Scribner's Sons    1973  
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 Voigt, David Q.    American Baseball, Volume I    University of Oklahoma Press    1966  
 Young, Dick    Roy Campanella    Grosset & Dunlap    1952  
 Zanger, Jack    Great Catchers of the Major Leagues    Random House    1970
- All Time Rosters of Major League Baseball Clubs    S. C. Thompson    A. S. Barnes    1967  
 World Series Records 1903 thru 1970    Leonard Gettelson    The Sporting News    1970 (pb)  
 Baseball Dope Book    The Sporting News    1971 (paperback)  
 One For The Book    Leonard Gettelson    The Sporting News    1971 (paperback)  
 Official Major League Baseball Record Book    Rutledge Books Inc.    1972 (paperback)  
 The Complete Handbook of Baseball    Zander Hollander    Lancer Books    1972 (paperback)  
 The Sports Answer Book    Bill Mayer    Grosset & Dunlap    1972 (paperback)  
 Guinness Sports Record Book    Bantam Books    1972 (paperback)  
 Baseball Record Book    Leonard Gettelson    The Sporting News    1972 (paperback)  
 The Complete Handbook of Baseball    Zander Hollander    Lancer Books    1973 (paperback)  
 Official Baseball Guide    The Sporting News    1973 (paperback)  
 Who's Who in Professional Baseball    Karst & Jones    Arlington House    1973  
 The Sports Encyclopedia: Baseball    Neft, Johnson, Cohen & Deutsch    Grosset & Dunlap    1974 (paperback)

If you are interested in bidding on any of these books, all of which are described as in good condition, list the price you are willing to pay and mail this sheet or a copy to Bob McConnell, 11 Ridgewood Circle, Wilmington, Del. 19809 by July 8.

THE SOCIETY IS GOING THRU ONE OF ITS EXPANSION PHASES AGAIN. Membership is now up around 260, with about 25 being added in the past month. After almost four years, we have annexed our first member from Minnesota. Surprised it has taken that long since we have had members from North and South Dakota and from Manitoba and Saskatchewan. Publication mailing has become a little more complicated in that we now have two members in Japan and one in Ireland, Yugoslavia, and Italy. The new directory, which will be ready by July 1, will bring you all up to date. One note of caution on use of directory information and relations in general with other members. Please use discretion in your contacts and do not impose unduly on other members, including those who may have a professional or official position in baseball.

GEORGE HILTON HAS BEEN CHALLENGED but he is still the champ when it comes to eating hot dogs in 36 different major league parks. In response to the item in the April Bulletin, quite a few members scratched their heads and made notes on the back of an envelope. John Holway of Oxon Hill, Md., recollected that he had seen games in 31 major league parks, and this is the closest to the three dozen visited by Professor Hilton.

SABR MEMBER ROBERT LEARNED of 4268 Verdugo View Drive, Los Angeles 90065, is trying to locate David Hewson, baseball researcher who formerly taught at Oregon State. Dr. Hewson has computed home and away batting averages. If you know where he now resides, please pass this info on to Mr. Learned.

## PROFILES



◆ JOHN DUXBURY was born April 1, 1937 in Hampton, Iowa. He received a degree in business administration at Central Missouri State College. John was an editor of the Sporting News Baseball Register 1966-69, and is now a sports writer for the St. Louis Post Dispatch. His interests in major league history and statistics were no doubt augmented by his editor, Bob Broeg.

◆ RICHARD JULINE, 60, was born in Warren, Pa., but migrated West. He has college degrees from the U. of Michigan and UCLA. He lives in Stanton, Calif., where he is a publications production manager. He has also served as a coach and president of the Little League. Dick is an expert on the all-star games, as reflected by his recent book on the subject.

◆ RALPH LIN WEBER was born in a Toledo suburb in 1908 and still lives in that area. As a student in high school he knew the names and positions of all major leaguers and American Association players. In 1939 he established a baseball research bureau which he still maintains. Now retired from the American Motors Corp., he is the authority on Toledo baseball history.

◆ JOANNE NEEL was born near Philadelphia and educated at nearby Bryn Mawr where she received BA, MA, and PhD degrees. A teacher and author who now lives near Atlanta, Georgia, she has special interests in Connie Mack and baseball at the turn of the century. Her special area of research is the establishment and consolidation of the American League, 1897-1904.

◆ RENO ROY was born in Madawaska, Maine in 1930. He was educated at the U. of Maine and several other colleges, and is now director of guidance at Natick High School near Boston. He is interested in old-time players, especially pitchers, who have been neglected in the Hall of Fame selections. He has special interest in Tony Mullane.

THE ONLY MAJOR LEAGUE PLAYER BORN IN CHINA By Tom Hufford

When the Cincinnati Reds recently signed the Taiwan battery of Eng-Jey Kao and Lai-Hua Lee, they were reported to be the first Chinese players ever signed to pro contracts. Bill Weiss has already noted in The Sporting News that the Giants had signed a Chinese player last year. Thinking about this, I am reminded of the SABR Survey of Foreign-Born Players and a recent interview I had with a long forgotten player. In April I took a trip to California during which I spent an afternoon with Harry Kingman, the only person ever born in China who played in the major leagues.

Kingman, first baseman for a few games with the 1914 Yankees, was born in April 1892 in Tientsin, where his father was teaching at the local university. Later his parents returned to America with their sports-minded offspring, and he enrolled at Springfield (Mass.) College. There he wrote his Master's thesis on the development of sports in China. He was distressed to note that organized sports in China seemed to be centered around "American Colonies" there, and that the Chinese people themselves did not take an interest until after 1900.

A standout player on the Springfield nine, Kingman was wooed by the Yankees but signed instead with the Senators. Yankee Manager Frank Chance was upset at the prospect of Kingman getting away from him so swung a deal with the Nats to bring him to New York. In his brief major league trial, Kingman gave it all he had, but his stay in the Big Time was short. Being well educated, he decided he had a better future in the teaching profession, which he henceforth pursued.

He is now retired from the staff of the University of California at Berkeley, where he makes his home. Kingman is an active follower of the game at age 83. He recalls fondly his brief baseball association and says his only regret is that he did not reach his full potential as a player and couldn't have given the game more of his talents. He nevertheless has that distinction of being the only person born on the vast mainland of Asia to play in the majors.

SABR MEMBER NORMAL "TWEED" WEBB AND COOL PAPA BELL will be honored by the Old Pros Club Unlimited in Chicago on June 28. Their first annual awards dinner will be held at the Stock Yard Inn. Tweed is a former Negro League player now recognized as a leading black baseball historian. He is trying to get Hall of Fame recognition for some of the real standouts such as Rube Foster, Smoky Joe Williams, Oscar Charleston, John "Pop" Floyd, and others.

THE CENTENNIAL SHOT OF NAP LAJOIE ON THE COVER OF THE 1975 JOURNAL produced a real nostalgic twinge for 87-year-old baseball devotee Lewis Slaw of Bellmawr, N.J. In a remarkably eloquent letter he tells about seeing his first game in 1894 in Philadelphia -- "I was then rather too young to realize that I was seeing the greatest hitting outfield the game of baseball ever produced. My dad was a city fireman, and of course in his uniform was admitted free to the Phillies games. And, on his days off he would always take me with him. As a very young boy the great Frenchman (Lajoie) was my baseball idol. He together with Ed Delehanty and Elmer Flick were the great triumvirate of the old Phils before the turn of the century. In 1916 I wrote an article about these three great stars for the supplement edition of the Sunday Ledger, and somewhere around here I still retain a very frayed copy of that issue." We appreciate those comments, excerpted from a long letter which tells of his friendship with that grand contemporary Fred Lieb. There aren't many around these days who can recall with such clarity what happened back in the 1890s.

# The SABR Bulletin

NEWSLETTER OF THE SOCIETY FOR AMERICAN BASEBALL RESEARCH

VOLUME 5, NUMBER 4, AUGUST 1975

THERE WERE 64 MEMBERS WHO ATTENDED THE ANNUAL MEETING in Boston July 11-13. The enhanced attendance probably resulted from the concentrated membership in the NE, the attraction of a free game at Fenway Park, and the stimulating program arranged by Treasurer Eric Simonsen, the "officer-in-charge." Members came from 15 States, but most of them were concentrated in the East. Coming the greatest distance were Stan Grosshandler from Milwaukee, Bill Shlensky from Chicago, and Mike Lamney, Newport News, Va. Here is a State breakdown:

Massachusetts	18	Vermont	3	Maryland	2
Connecticut	4	New York	14	D. C.	2
Rhode Island	1	New Jersey	5	Virginia	4
Maine	2	Pennsylvania	5	Illinois	1
New Hampshire	1	Delaware	1	Wisconsin	1

## ANNUAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS --

President David Voigt, professor of sociology and anthropology at Albright College and baseball historian, dramatized baseball as a sociological and cultural institution in an interesting talk at the Friday night function. Henry Berry, who had just completed his book for Macmillan on the Boston Red Sox, gave a lively slide-show of World Series highlights dating, not from 1903, but from the 1880s.

The books left to the Society by the late Howard Lavelle were auctioned off by Bob McConnell. This method, coupled with the letter bids which he received, brought in a total of \$134 for 51 books. A check for this amount was sent to Mr. Lavelle's daughter on Long Island. This was a well handled operation and the SABR executive board extends thanks to Mr. McConnell and the book purchasers for this cooperative effort.

An opportunity was given for certain members to discuss their research activities in 10-minute talks. The time limit was frequently abused, creating a hardship on the captive audience. Without strict controls, this program activity could develop into a forum for compulsive talkers. An alternative method used to some extent at the Boston meeting was an informal seminar session in a separate room on selected topics such as minor leagues, statistical analysis, etc. The only problem with that procedure is that some members may like to attend most of the different sessions.

Eric Simonsen did a terrific job putting the meeting together considering that he and his family were to leave for a 2-year assignment in Stockholm, Sweden the following week. He has since departed, and there are now SABR members in five European countries.

## BUSINESS MEETING HIGHLIGHTS --

President Voigt conducted the business meeting, with Bill Shlensky as Secretary. Eric Simonsen gave the Treasurer's report, which indicated that there was more than \$1200 in the treasury as of July 1, but that this sum would be substantially altered by convention costs, etc.

Jerry Jackson reported on minor league committee activities. He stated that Robert Hoie of California is the new chairman of this group, succeeding Vern Luse, who is now covering the "Balkan League" from Yugoslavia. Jerry outlined the work of John Pardon, John Ashley, and others who are pinning down the O.B. leagues and cities; and the work of Bob Hoie, Gene Wood, and others who are working on player career records. He showed a partial listing of minor league cities which have library microfilm of local newspapers.

Paul Doherty of Boston read the Negro League committee report submitted by Merl Kleinknecht, the chairman. He told of the progress made in compiling player statistics from various box scores. John Holway supplemented this report, and it was noted that his book on black baseball is being published by Dodd & Mead in October. John also proposed a SABR resolution asking that the Hall of Fame Special Committee on the Negro Leagues not be disbanded until the full story of their contribution to baseball has been brought to public attention. This resolution was passed and a letter so stating was sent by the SABR President to the Hall of Fame Board of Directors.

Cliff Kachline, reporting on biographical research, stated that 143 questionnaires were received last year, 94 on new players. Some 3150 questionnaires on players are still needed, 85% of those dealing with players who made their debuts prior to 1920. Cliff said the search for demographic data has broadened into players of the Negro leagues and the minor leagues who never made it to the majors.

Pete Palmer outlined the early work being done by the statistical analysis committee which was recently formed. He cited the need for additional members for this group and encourages those interested in some aspect of player performance evaluation to contact him. Bob McConnell discussed possible directions for the baseball records committee, which is establishing lists of all the players hitting 3 triples in a game, 4 doubles, scoring 5 runs, etc. The committee also will try to reconcile, where feasible, discrepancies in published records.

There was a discussion about whether the SABR ad hoc Hall of Fame committee should continue its work on selection procedures, particularly as it relates to the Veterans Committee. Most everyone agreed that much improvement is needed, and that great frustration is felt because SABR, ideally qualified to render such assistance, is making little headway. There was widely varying opinion on what action the Society could or should take under the circumstances, and the President had to achieve a compromise position that the SABR ad hoc committee should continue its work in the context of a patient, balanced, and scholarly effort to make a constructive contribution to the work of the Veterans Committee.

SABR officers elected for the 1975-76 season are Bob Davids, President (he is Bulletin and Journal editor, and was president 1971-72); Emil Rothe, Vice President (he is a retired Chicago school principal who is on the publications committee); Randy Linthurst, a PR director from Trenton, N.J., who recently completed a history of the Newark Bears, who was elected Secretary; and Raymond Gonzalez, an accountant from New York City, and one of the original Cooperstown Sixteen who organized the Society, was elected Treasurer.

# SOCIETY FOR AMERICAN BASEBALL RESEARCH

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR 1975-76

Enclosed is my check for \$10 for membership in SABR for 1975-76. (Make your check out to The Society for American Baseball Research.)

Any suggestions about possible SABR projects for the Bicentennial? \_\_\_\_\_

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Any other comments or suggestions? \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Send this renewal form with your \$10 check to SABR, P.O. Box 323, Cooperstown, N. Y. 13326.

WORK IS UNDER WAY ON THE THIRD ISSUE OF National Pastime. Send your articles, pictures, book reviews, etc., to the editor, Ben Weiser, Box 3604, Brown University, Providence, R.I. 02912. The next issue should be out about October 1.

THE LAST TIME A TEAM USED THE EXACT SAME PLAYERS in both ends of a twinbill was on August 28, 1926, when Emil Levsen pitched both complete game victories for the Indians over the Red Sox. David Ross, 3300 South 42nd, Ft. Smith, Ark. 72901, calls attention to a twinbill on Sep. 6, 1971 where the Red Sox used two completely different teams while losing twice to the Yankees. His question is, was this the first (and only) time this has happened in the majors? See the contrasting line-ups below:

<u>Indians (both games)</u>		<u>Red Sox (1st game)</u>		<u>(second game)</u>	
Jamieson	LF	Kennedy	2B	Griffin	2B
Spurgeon	2B	Aparicio	SS	R. Miller	CF
Speaker	CF	Yastrzemski	LF	Lahoud	RF
G. Burns	1B	R. Smith	CF	Petrocelli	3B
J. Sewell	SS	B. Conigliaro	RF	G. Scott	1B
Summa	RF	Flore	1B	Oglivie	LF
L. Sewell	C	Gagliano	3B	Beniquez	SS
Lutzke	3B	Montgomery	C	Fisk	C
Levsen	P	Culp	P	Curtis	P
		B. Lee	P	Tiant	P

#### SUPPLEMENTAL LIST OF NEW MEMBERS AS OF AUGUST 20, 1975

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Betsy Tunis, Tressell House, New London, New Hampshire 03257

OUTGOING VP DICK CRAMER of Philadelphia was elected to a 4-year term on the Board of Directors, succeeding Bob Davids. The other Board members are Cliff Kachline, with 3 years remaining; Bob McConnell 2 years; and Stan Grosshandler 1 year.

BECAUSE OF THE EXPANDING MEMBERSHIP, and the need for a continuing centralized address for the Society, the executive board proposed that an executive secretary be designated to handle the every-day correspondence and routine financial transactions under the direction of the Secretary and the Treasurer. This proposal was first made and approved at the Chicago meeting in 1973, but was not carried through because of the inability to locate the appropriate person. Evelyn Kachline, wife of the Hall of Fame Historian, has agreed to take this compensated position (\$400 per year), giving SABR a stabilized address in a most appropriate location. This proposal was approved and details are being worked out by legal advisor Bill Shlensky. The official address of the Society is now, as of August 1:

SABR  
P.O. Box 323  
Cooperstown, N.Y. 13326

This address can be used for routine inquiries, membership applications, etc. If a friend wants some information on the Society, refer that person to the above address. Your membership renewal forms will go to that new address.

THE BUSINESS MEETING WAS RUSHED TO A CLOSE so we could be guests of the Red Sox at Fenway Park. It had rained most of the morning, but we would not be deprived. There were two rain delays but we did see the rampaging Red Sox defeat the Texas Rangers 10-4. Luis Tiant had remarkable control considering that he turns back to face second base on each delivery. We also had the rare treat of seeing an AL pitcher bat — with Tiant flying out. The tremendous fan spirit and support for the BoSox was apparent in spite of the rain.

THE SATURDAY NIGHT SPECIAL was a banquet at the hotel with Jumpin Joe Dugan the guest speaker. Employed by the Red Sox for special speaking assignments, the former Yankee third-baseman regaled the audience with tales of Ruth, Cobb, Grove, Connie Mack, and even Judge Fuchs, the German-born owner (and manager) of the Braves when Joe played with them in 1929. Still in good shape at 78, Dugan displayed a subdued but quick-witted and humorous delivery.

THERE WAS DISCUSSION ABOUT THE ANNUAL MEETING SITE FOR 1976. Chicago, with its 100 years representation in the NL, was suggested. So were St. Louis and Milwaukee. Others said Cooperstown or New York City, but that discussion was conducted by members living in the Northeast. The chair noted that a decision about the location of a national meeting could not be made by what is essentially a regional group. Other factors must necessarily be taken into account. A regional shift is important in order to get more new members involved.

IT IS TIME FOR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FOR THE 1975-76 SEASON. Renewal sheets are enclosed for your convenience. People who have joined in the last few months may say "What already, I just paid my \$10!" Well, some of those benefits are retroactive, such as the publications for 1975, and by renewing you are qualifying to receive 1976 publications. So, make your checks out to the Society and send to SABR, P.O. Box 323, Cooperstown, N.Y. This next year ought to be interesting with the various baseball anniversary activities. The country will be 200, the NL 100, the AL 75, and the Mets 14!!!!

THIS IS THE FIRST CALL FOR ARTICLES FOR THE 1976 RESEARCH JOURNAL. We want it to be an especially good centennial issue with really first class original material. If you have a good story idea, check with Bob Davids, the editor. It also would be helpful if you could type the material double spaced with lines less than five inches wide. It is easier to judge length that way. Try to keep your articles under 10 typewritten pages if you can. And if you have charts or tabulations, try to make them conform to the Journal page-size. So get those articles in; let's make it the best issue yet.

THE NEW YORK YANKEES are planning to publish a book of player and team records. Arrangements have been made for SABR to assist in this project. Any members who are interested in contributing their expertise in this field should contact Bob McConnell, 11 Ridgewood Circle, Wilmington, Delaware 19809.

THERE IS ONLY ONE ITEM IN BASEBALL RESEARCH EXCHANGE this issue, but it is a "biggie." Stanley Fleming, P.O. Box 67, Greenville, KY. 42345, has compiled the full record of every Dodger (Brooklyn and Los Angeles) player from 1877 to 1974. It includes batters, hurlers, and managers. The total runs to more than 60 pages. It would be helpful if you Dodger fans could send Stan \$1 to help defray the \$3.25 reproduction and mailing cost. SABR will cover the rest.

REID EMERSON, 709 Overbrook Road, Baltimore, Md. 21212, has a supply of Babe Ruth medals for sale. They are about the size and weight of a silver dollar, but are bronze and display his likeness on one side and his birthplace on the other. The Babe Ruth Shrine, which his birthplace has become, is not doing particularly well as a public attraction. Reid sells each medal for \$2 and that includes postage. The medal is sealed in a little plastic sack. If you are interested in acquiring one, write to Reid.

BILL GUSTAFSON IS PREPARING his fourth edition of Among the Missing, a biographical research effort covering those players who made their debuts 1900 to 1915. Members helping with this project are requested to get their information in pronto, or even sooner. Bill hopes to have copies ready, possibly for Baseball Research Exchange, when we put out the October Bulletin. Bill also wants to sell his collection of Sporting News 1957-1974. If any member is interested, please contact him at the Department of Physical Education, San Jose State University, San Jose, Calif. 95124.

A COMPLETE RUN OF BASEBALL GUIDES 1895 TO PRESENT are being put up for sale by Arnold Springer, 1707 11th St., Emmetsburg, Iowa 50536. They include Reach or Spalding to 1942 and then Sporting News. He also has an 1878 Spalding reprint. If interested, contact Arnold and he will send you a detailed sheet.

A NUMBER OF MEMBERS HAVE INQUIRED about how to acquire the Guide to Baseball Literature, compiled by Anton Grobani and published by Gale Research. An ad is planned for the next issue of National Pastime, but for those of you who cannot wait, send \$15 to Gale Research Co., Book Tower, Detroit, Mich. 48226. No discount or special arrangement to sell the book is contemplated.

BILL LOUGHMAN AND EMIL ROTHE have been coordinating a SABR effort to identify outstanding games and achievements of the last 100 years. This information will be used in some way during the centennial observances next year. At this point they would like to thank those contributing -- Messrs. Boone, Broeg, Chipp, Gabriel, Kachline, Kermisch, Middlesworth, Oppenheimer, and Smelser.

# The SABR Bulletin

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THE EXECUTIVE BOARD IS CONSIDERING the publication of a booklet dealing with memorable games in baseball history. It would have an entry for every day from April 4 to October 24, drawing interesting happenings from the last 100 years. For some days there might be 3-4 special happenings. It will represent "this day in baseball history, but not in calendar format. This material has been compiled and now needs to be put in final form. Some illustrations may be added to break up the copy. It might run 30-35 pages.

THE NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA held its second regional meeting September 27 at the home of Jerry Gregory in Annandale, Virginia. Hurricane Eloise limited attendance to 10 members and several friends, but the occasion was enhanced by the presence of George McQuinn, former first sacker of the Browns and other clubs, who entertained the group with interesting stories of his 12 years in the majors. He also talked about his years in the minors, for he was the first baseman for the Newark Bears in 1937, one of the all-time greatest minor league teams. He first came up to the majors with the Reds in 1936, but manager Chuck Dressen tried to make a pull-hitter out of him and it didn't work out. With Lou Gehrig on first for the Yanks, McQuinn went to the Browns in 1938, where he launched a 34-game hitting streak. A very personable and modest man of 65, he was pleased to hear that SABR had voted him the outstanding fielding first baseman in the AL in the 1940s.

SABR MEMBERS MAY BE INTERESTED IN KNOWING that the University of Notre Dame has purchased the Goodwin Goldfaden baseball collection for its Sports and Games Research Library. The Goldfaden collection in California reputedly was the largest in the country. Herb Juliano, Director of the Notre Dame Research Library, has expressed a desire to have a friendly and mutually beneficial relationship with SABR. Once he gets the new materials sorted out, he will be able to provide research facilities and will offer for sale duplicate copies of the baseball books which they have acquired.

SABR MEMBER ROBERT OBOJSKI published in 1975 two books which are not available in all the bookstores and which may be of interest to other members. The Rise of Japanese Baseball Power is available from Chilton Book Co., Radnor, Pa. 19089, for \$8.95. This is the first full-length study in English of the game in the Orient. It tells you about Sadaharu Oh, Japanese home run king; Katsuya Nomura, long service catcher; Masaichi Kaneda, southpaw strike-out artist; and others. Bob's book on the minor leagues, entitled Bush League, was published by The Macmillan Co., 866 Third Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10022, and sells for \$12.95. He has a good balance of records and narrative in the 99-year history of the minors. About 275,000 played in O.B. in that period, more than all the pro athletes in all other U.S. sports combined.

FORMER SABR PRESIDENT RON MENCHINE has a speaking part in the upcoming movie "All The President's Men" which stars Robert Redford and Dustin Hoffman. Ron, former broadcaster for the Washington Senators, plays the defense attorney for the Watergate Five.

A NEWSPAPER MICROFILM DIRECTORY has been compiled by Jerry Jackson. He has listed libraries in more than 600 major and minor league cities since 1871 which carry newspapers on microfilm and which participate in inter-library loan. There are only certain libraries -- public or college -- which hold and loan microfilm. Jerry lists these libraries and answers other questions about this operation in his directory. If you are interested in obtaining a copy, send \$2.00 to Jerry at 343B Lewiston Road, Topsham, Maine 04086.

MEMBERS WHO DO NOT HAVE VOLUME I of David Voigt's baseball history, have an opportunity to acquire it from the author for only \$3.50. It is entitled American Baseball: From Gentleman's Sport to the Commissioner System. The proceeds will go to the Mifflin Junior Baseball Team. If interested, send \$3.50 to Dave, c/o Sociology Dept., Albright College, Reading, Pa. 19604.

FORMER WHITE SOX HURLER URBAN "RED" FABER was interviewed at his home in Chicago recently by Bill Loughman. The Hall of Fame hurler, born in Iowa in 1888, feels the weight of his 87 years, but was very happy to have visitors. He is one of the last survivors of the 1917 champion ChiSox, for which team he won 3 Series games over the Giants. Faber did not pitch in the 1919 Series because of illness.

GEORGE LAND OF PLEASANTON, CALIFORNIA teaches a high school course on the history of American sports which is well seasoned with baseball. Several others have dealt with baseball in college teaching -- Bill Borst, Dave Voigt, Gene Murdock, and there are probably more. George would like to hear from those who have taught baseball courses in high school or college so that he can compare notes, texts, films, and other materials used in such courses. His address is 4024 Fairlands, Pleasanton, Calif. 94566.

STILL MORE BOOKS BY SOCIETY MEMBERS! This Bulletin contains two flyers on books, the purchase of which will mean a percentage of the sales costs will go to the SABR treasury. Notre Dame history professor Marshall Smelser has authored a scholarly biography of Babe Ruth entitled The Life That Ruth Built. It is published by Quadrangle/NY Times Book Co. Further details are on the flyer.

David Neft, Roland Johnson, Richard Cohen, and Jordan Deutsch, who earlier published The Sports Encyclopedia: Baseball, which is familiar to most members, have now put together The Scrapbook History of Baseball, a 100-year review of the game taken from the sports pages of American newspapers. They also are putting up for sale two more in the series of Sports Encyclopedia. Remember, if members order these books by this route, a certain percentage of the purchase price goes to SABR.

## RESEARCH EXCHANGE

Frank Robinson became 40 years old on August 31. He did not hit a home run after that date. Some 60 major leaguers have hit home runs after their 40th B-day. Bob Davids, 4424 Chesapeake St. NW, Wash. D.C. 20016, has compiled the full list, from Musial's 46 to Chief Zimmer's 1, broken down by age-year after 40.

Carlton Fisk's 12th inning homer in the recent World Series raises the question of how many others have there been in Series play -- extra-inning homers, that is? Tom Hufford, 1829 Riggs Place, NW, Wash. D.C. 20009, has put together the list. As it is short, he is tossing in the All-Star extra-inning homers as well. The pitching victims are included also.

If you are interested in either of the above research items, please contact the member making the offer. SABR will pay reproduction and mailing costs. Members should also remember that we need continuing contributions to Baseball Research Exchange to make it a viable operation.

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**ELLERY H. CLARK, Jr.**

Foreword by Thomas A. Yawkey,

President, Boston American League Baseball Company

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WHAT BASEBALL PERSONALITY BORN in 1876 made the greatest contribution to the sport? We didn't have much trouble selecting a centennial celebrity in 1973 (John McGraw), in 1974 (Honus Wagner), and 1975 (Nap Lajoie), but what about 1976? There is no shortage of candidates, but no one seems to have a special edge. And remember, this is not limited to players. It includes managers, umpires, executives, etc., whatever made the game the institution it became. Some candidates are named at left. Select three in order of precedence and list them at right. Sign your name and return the ballot to Stan Fleming.

### Candidates

Ginger Beaumont, Outfielder

1st. \_\_\_\_\_

Sam Breadon, Executive

2nd. \_\_\_\_\_

Mordecai Brown, Pitcher

3rd. \_\_\_\_\_

Bill Dinneen, Pitcher-Umpire

Bill Donovan, Pitcher-Manager

Elmer Flick, Outfielder

Pat Moran, Catcher-Manager

Rube Waddell, Pitcher

Joe Williams, Negro League Pitcher

My Name \_\_\_\_\_

Vic Willis, Pitcher

Other Candidates

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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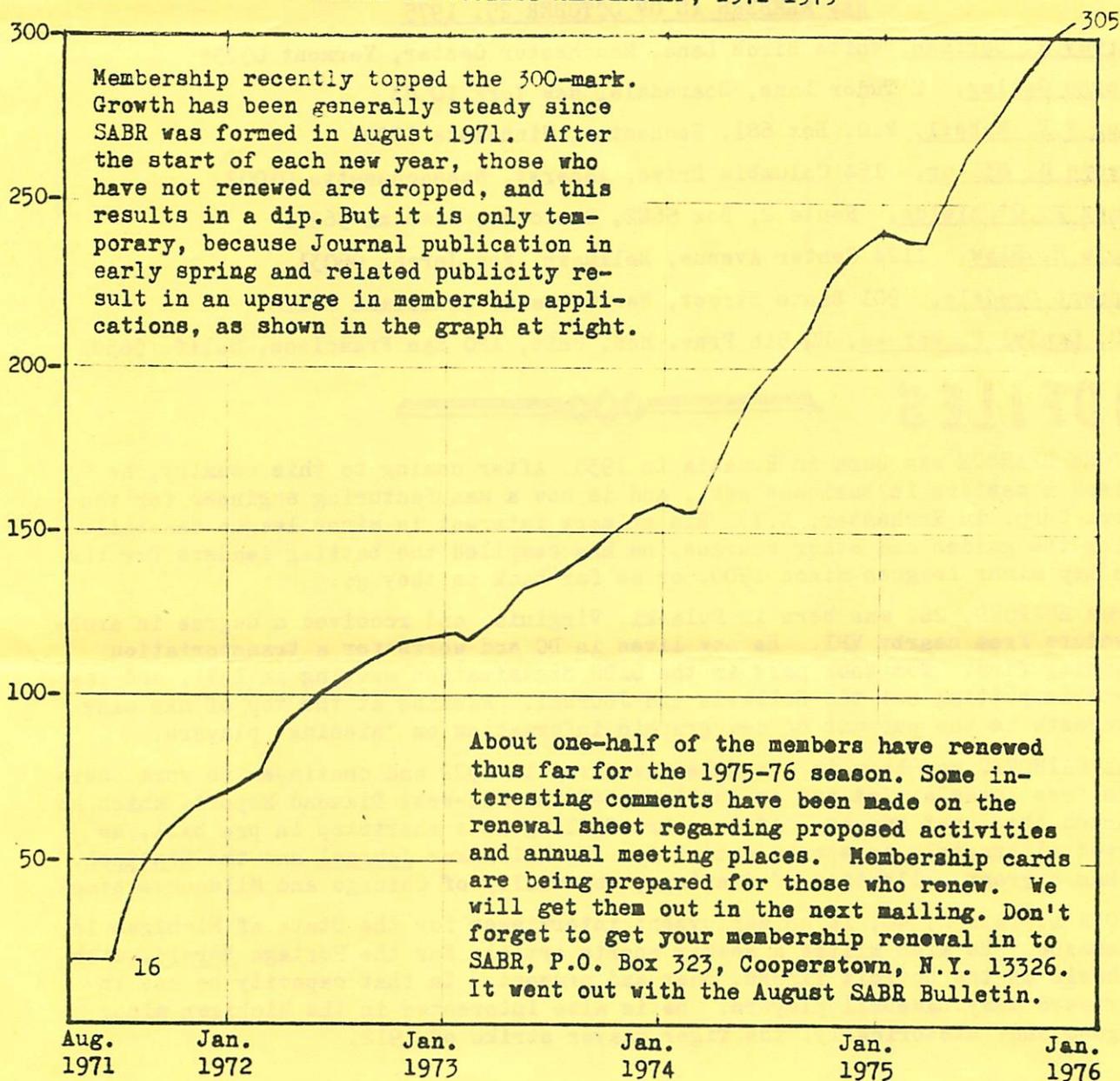
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THE BASEBALL RECORDS COMMITTEE is beginning to catalogue statistical material which SABR members have compiled or are planning to compile. We are asking all members to review their stats and provide a status report. On each project note status as follows: (1) Complete, but hope to publish commercially; (2) complete, willing to submit for SABR publication; (3) complete, willing to submit for Baseball Research Exchange; (4) not complete, may need help; (5) planning this project for future; (6) other status. This is not an effort to invade your privacy, for Article II-E of the SABR Constitution obligates us to safeguard the proprietary research interests of members. This committee will try to coordinate statistical projects in such a way as to facilitate the cross-checking of information and to prevent unnecessary duplication of work. We would like to hear from you whether you have 1 item or 50. Send your status report to Mil Chipp, 771 Blackthorne Avenue, El Cajon, Calif. 92020.

GROWTH IN SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP, 1971-1975



THERE IS A SURVEY BALLOT with this Bulletin covering the outstanding baseball personality born in 1876. The candidates are pretty closely matched so we need your help. The details are on the ballot, so we won't repeat them here.

STAN GROSSHANDLER HAS SUBMITTED AN ARTICLE on Specs Toporcer to a Minneapolis organization that does talking records for the blind. Specs, Jackie Hayes, and the late Moose Solters were three players who later went blind. Records for the Blind has asked if there were other players who later went blind. If any one knows of any, contact Stan at P.O. Box 38, Hales Corners, Wis. 53130.

ERIC SIMONSEN, who left baseball-hot Boston in mid-summer for a two-year assignment in Stockholm, Sweden, suffered severe "baseball withdrawal symptoms." There is no baseball interest there and news is hard to come by. It is terrible not knowing who is winning the World Series. Vern Luse says it is the same way in Yugoslavia.

#### NEW MEMBERS AS OF OCTOBER 25, 1975

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## PROFILES

- ◇ JOHN BENESCH was born in Rumania in 1938. After coming to this country, he gained a masters in business adm., and is now a manufacturing engineer for the Xerox Corp. in Rochester, N.Y. His primary interest is minor league baseball. Using the guides and other sources, he has compiled the batting leaders for the ten top minor leagues since 1900, or as far back as they go.
- ◇ TOM HUFFORD, 26, was born in Pulaski, Virginia, and received a degree in architecture from nearby VPI. He now lives in DC and works for a transportation planning firm. Tom took part in the SABR organization meeting in 1971, and assists in putting out the Bulletin and Journal. Ranking at the top of his many interests is the pursuit of demographic information on "missing" players.
- ◇ AL RAINOVIC was born in the Milwaukee area in 1922 and continues to work there as a free lance artist and as publisher of the Mid-West Diamond Report, which he started this past summer. After a brief fling as a shortstop in pro ball, he served alternately as sports artist for the Milwaukee Journal and the Sentinel. He has a great collection of drawings, especially of Chicago and Milwaukee stars.
- ◇ JOHN L. TAYLOR, 40, is an employment interviewer for the State of Michigan in Kalamazoo. He also writes a weekly sports article for the Portage Herald, with emphasis on the Detroit Tigers, past and present. In that capacity he has interviewed many baseball players. He is also interested in the Michigan minor leagues and, historically, the Tiger player strike of 1912.

# The SABR Bulletin

NEWSLETTER OF THE SOCIETY FOR AMERICAN BASEBALL RESEARCH

VOLUME 5, NUMBER 6, DECEMBER 1975

THE BICENTENNIAL YEAR OF 1976 is almost upon us and the Society still has some significant surveys to conduct at this important juncture in our National Pastime. SABR, with its profusion of baseball historians, has a special capability for surveying baseball contributions, not just of the last 15-20 years, but for the full stretch. We have several surveys under consideration, such as best single game performance by a pitcher and batter, the top multigame records, and the outstanding career records. With this Bulletin we supply a ballot to select the outstanding game(s) of the century. We list some of the possibilities, fully acknowledging that another dozen or so could be mentioned. We urge you to come up with other candidates, but try to keep the home-town favorites in a balanced perspective. Fred Lieb, whose lifetime spans much of the last century, plans to submit an article on outstanding games for the 1976 Journal. We'll see how close the SABR survey tallies with his selections.

THE 1976 SABR MEMBERSHIP CARDS HAVE BEEN PRINTED and they are being sent out with this Bulletin to those who have renewed. Those who have not renewed for 1976 will be removed from the mailing list after this mailing. We urge you to join up for the "bicentennial special," but if you can't make it, we understand. We will still be happy to sell you our publications if you are interested.

ANTON GROBANI IS SELLING HIS LIBRARY OF BASEBALL MATERIALS. It is primarily made up of books, and some of them are rare, dating back to 1838. But he also has other things. In fact, it runs to more than 1100 items, and that's the reason he has to ask members who are interested in the auction list to send 50¢ to Baseball, Box 726, Adelphi, Md. 20783. As you know, Dr. Grobani, recently published his bibliographies on baseball and football, and he has many of the baseball items himself.

VOICES FROM THE GREAT BLACK BASEBALL LEAGUES is the title of John Holway's book published by Dodd, Mead and Company in November. The Sunday NY Times gave it a good review on November 9. The content is probably best illustrated to SABR members by John's article in the Fall issue of National Pastime. He reviews the careers of great Black players based primarily on the many interviews he has conducted over the last several years. He includes many pictures in the book, which has some 300 pages. It is available in some bookstores, but you can order it for \$9.95 from the publisher, Dodd, Mead and Company, 79 Madison Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10016.

INTERESTING BOOK REVIEW IN THE NY TIMES recently on Bob Obojski's book on the minor leagues, called "Bush League." It was written, coincidentally, by another SABR member, Harvey Dorfman, who just joined the Society. Harvey teaches English at a seminary in Manchester Center, Vermont.

WHAT WAS THE GREATEST COLLECTION OF PLAYERS in one line-up in a game? David Markson, writing in Atlantic Monthly in August said it was the American League all-stars who played the Indians in a benefit game for the late Addie Joss on July 24, 1911. Joss had died at age 31 earlier in the season and this game was to raise money for his family. The line-up consisted of Tris Speaker CF, Eddie Collins 2B, Ty Cobb RF, Frank Baker 3B, Sam Crawford LF, Hal Chase 1B, Bobby Wallace SS, and Gabby Street C. Smokey Joe Wood was the starting hurler, and was followed by Walter Johnson. Nap Lajoie and Joe Jackson were among those playing for Cleveland, and Cy Young was their pitcher.

Dick Cramer, in a letter to the magazine in November, says No, the 1911 aggregation was not the greatest. It was instead, the AL squad in the 1934 All-Star game. That team had Gehringer 2B, Manush LF, Ruth RF, Gehrig 1B, Foxx 3B, Simmons CF, Cronin SS, Dickey C (relieved by Cochrane), and Gomez P (relieved by Ruffing). The latter group certainly looks powerful. Probably the only person not impressed was Carl Hubbell, who whiffed the heart of that batting order.

SOME OF THE RESEARCH PAPERS AND CLIPPINGS left by the late Alvin Peterjohn have been turned over to the Society and Bob McConnell has put them in order. They may be of limited interest because they pertain primarily to Ohio baseball. There are separate folders on the Reds, Indians, Jets and Mudhens of the last 15 or so years, and there is some information on Ohio minor league teams of varying periods prior to 1900. If you want to see any of these items, contact Bob McConnell at 11 Ridgewood Circle, Wilmington, Dela. 19809.

NOTE TO CANADIAN MEMBERS: Sorry we could not get the October Bulletin to you during that long postal strike. Letters went out three times and came back twice, so we assume you finally got them -- about 7 weeks late.

## PROFILES



- STAN CARLSON was born in Minneapolis in 1909. He graduated from the U. of Minnesota in that city and lives there still as President of Olympic Press. Stan is interested in baseball history, unusual performances, and biographies. He wrote books on Lou Gehrig, Baseball's Iron Man, Baseball Banter, and Diamond Humor in 1939-40, and edited a publication called "The Windup."
- BILL HABER will be 34 in January. He was born in Brooklyn, and is again living there after a short period in Wisconsin. He serves as assistant sports director for Topps Chewing Gum. Bill, who participated in SABR organizational meeting in 1971, is in active pursuit of player biographical data. A recognized card collector, he holds a rare Hans Wagner tobacco card.
- BOB HUNTER, 24, was born in Hamilton, Ohio and received a journalism degree from Ohio University in 1973. He is now a sports writer for the Columbus Dispatch. Bob is primarily interested in the Cincinnati Reds, and is now working on a history of the old Cincy Red Stockings. He also pursues research on the old American Association of 1882-91.
- ANDRE LeCLERC works as an accountant in a bank in Granby, Quebec, the Canadian province where he was born in 1949. His active interest in baseball stems from the major league beginning in Montreal in 1969. He has compiled many statistics on the Expos, including an all-time register of opposing hurlers. This led to an expanded interest, and he joined SABR in March 1975.

# SOCIETY FOR AMERICAN BASEBALL RESEARCH

## SABR SURVEY BALLOT ON THE OUTSTANDING MAJOR LEAGUE GAME (Select five in order of rank at left)

### Rank

- Aug. 17, 1882 - Providence beats Detroit 1-0 in 18 innings when Charles Radbourn, playing LF, hits homer. Monte Ward gets the victory.
- June 29, 1897 - Chicago Cubs (Colts) beat Louisville 36-7 in highest scoring win; Barry McCormick collects 6 hits, pitcher Callahan 5.
- Oct. 10, 1904 - Red Sox clinch pennant on last day of season as Jack Chesbro of New York, striving for his 42nd win, uncorks a wild pitch in 9th, allowing winning run to score from third.
- Oct. 2, 1908 - Cleveland edges White Sox 1-0 in crucial late season contest as Addie Joss pitches perfect game while Ed Walsh fans 15.
- Oct. 8, 1908 - Cubs win NL pennant when M. Brown wins over Mathewson of Giants 4-2 in playoff of disputed game where Merkle missed 2B.
- May 2, 1918 - Fred Toney of Reds and Jim Vaughn of Cubs work double 9-inning nohitter won by Reds in 10th 1-0 on Jim Thorpe's RBI.
- May 1, 1920 - Joe Oeschger of Braves and Leon Cadore of Dodgers pitch 26-inning 1-1 tie game, longest in major league history.
- Oct. 10, 1920 - Indians beat Dodgers 8-1 in fifth game of Series which saw Bill Wambsganss perform unassisted triple play, Elmer Smith hit first Series grand slam, and Jim Bagby hit first Series homer for pitcher.
- Oct. 12, 1929 - Philadelphia Athletics, trailing Cubs 8-0 in 4th game of Series, score 10 runs in 7th inning to win 10-8.
- July 10, 1934 - In All-Star game, Carl Hubbell fans Ruth, Gehrig, Foxx, Simmons, and Cronin in succession, but AL comes back to win as Mel Harder holds NL to 1 hit in last five innings.
- Sep. 28, 1938 - Cubs score ninth straight win and take over NL lead by beating Pirates 6-5 on Gabby Hartnett's 9th inning homer in dusk.
- July 8, 1941 - With AL trailing 5-4 in All-Star game, Ted Williams hits 3-run homer with two out in 9th to win 7-5.
- Oct. 3, 1951 - Bobby Thomson hits 3-run homer in 9th inning of final playoff game with Dodgers to give Giants 5-4 win and pennant.
- Oct. 8, 1956 - Don Larsen hurls perfect World Series game against Dodgers, winning for Yankees 2-0. It was only nohitter pitched in Series history.
- May 26, 1959 - Harvey Haddix pitches 12 perfect innings but loses to Braves 1-0 in 13th.
- Oct. 13, 1960 - Bill Mazeroski hits 9th-inning, Series-winning homer to give Pirates triumph over Yanks.
- July 2, 1963 - Juan Marichal beats Warren Spahn 1-0 in 16-inning duel when Willie Mays hits homer off 42-year-old southpaw.
- Other games ?? -

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Return this ballot to Ron Liebman,  
146-28 Booth Memorial Ave, Flushing,  
N.Y. 11355

GEORGE HILTON OF UCLA won the Milwaukee County Historical Society prize of \$25 for the best article carried in their publications during 1974. The article was on the charter membership of the Milwaukee franchise in the AL in 1901. This well-written historical piece was offered to the Baseball Research Journal that year but could not be used because of its considerable length. Professor Hilton has had several articles in the Journal, including one on the history of Comiskey Park. Incidentally, the Chicago White Sox recently requested permission of the Society to reprint that article in their upcoming 75th anniversary yearbook. George is quite a White Sox fan. He is talking about putting a SOX-06 license on one car, and SOX-17 on the other

THE BABE RUTH BIRTHPLACE/MUSEUM in Baltimore was recently visited by Steve Popofsky, who picked up a form for sponsoring one of Ruth's 714 major league home runs. Steve suggests that the Society consider donating \$100 to the Ruth shrine and thereby have its name placed on a plaque at the site. At this point it is not known which Ruth home runs are still "available." Staying clear of the obvious ones, the Society might consider adopting No. 323, just because that is our box number at Cooperstown. Others to consider might include:

- # 6, on June 12, 1916, his only homer as a pinch hitter
- # 12, on May 7, 1918, his first homer off Walter Johnson; Ruth at 1B
- # 22, on May 20, 1919, his only grand slam homer while pitching
- # 364, on May 11, 1927, one of two hit off football great Ernie Nevers
- # 597, on Aug. 15, 1931, his homer in 16th inning to beat Detroit
- # 686, on Oct. 1, 1933, his last homer as a pitcher
- # 709, on April 16, 1935, his first NL homer, coming off Carl Hubbell

The Society's Ruthian scholars could probably come up with some more appropriate ones. If you think the basic idea is OK and if you have any suggestions about which home run to sponsor, why don't you write Steve Popofsky, 884 Long-acre Ave, North Woodmere, N.Y. 11581. In the meantime, maybe Steve can find out which numbers are still available.

THANKS TO CLIFF KACHLINE FOR AGAIN PUTTING ON SALE this year at the Hall of Fame library certain SABR publications. About \$43 was accumulated in sales of National Pastime, with the summer issue selling particularly well. Research Journal sales netted about \$120 at the library. Other sales of the 1975 Journal amounted to \$672, for a total of \$792. Other Journal sales this year were \$111 for 1972 Journals; \$6 for 1973 Journals (sold out), and \$48 for 1974 Journals (sold out). There are about 10 copies left of the 1972 Journal. The best hindsight tells us we should have printed more than 500 copies of the first three editions, but we were a small organization then and short on funds. We printed 1000 copies of the 1975 Journal and have about 400 left.

PRENTICE-HALL WILL PUBLISH in March a children's biography of Pete Gray: One-Armed Major Leaguer by Bill Nicholson. This version comes from Bill's full-blown biography of Gray which he has been trying to market for some time. Gray, who stole 68 bases in the Southern Association in 1944, spent the 1945 season with the St. Louis Browns.

GOING THRU THE HOLIDAY SEASON, we can't help noting that the Society is pretty well covered on the religious front. We have as members the Rev. Thomas Hanson of Trinity Episcopal Church in Rochester, N.Y., Earl S. Starr, Senior Rabbi at Temple DeHirsch Sinai in Seattle, and Father Ikuo Mizuura of the Catholic Bishops Conference of Japan in Tokyo.

NEW MEMBERS AS OF DECEMBER 20, 1975

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DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS FOR NATIONAL PASTIME #4 is January 25. Send book reviews and other items to Ben Weiser, Box 3604, Brown University, Providence, R.I. 02912. If you have reviewed a book or would like to, contact Ben. New members are urged to contribute to this publication, to be out in February.

BASEBALL AS AMERICAN HISTORY is getting wide academic exposure in the current Bicentennial period. Additional courses to be taught in the coming months include one by George Wiley at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. It is part of the History Department's series in popular culture. At San Jose State in California, Bill Gustafson is teaching a special course on The Golden Age of Baseball: 1900-40. Many of Bill's personally tape-recorded interviews with baseball greats will be included, as well as play-by-play recordings of some famous moments in baseball. Bill offered his first course in baseball history in the fall of 1971, shortly after SABR was formed.

BASEBALL RESEARCH EXCHANGE

- ◆ Ron Liebman, 146-28 Booth Memorial Ave, Flushing, N.Y. 11355, has a list by game of all hurlers balking in World Series games, and a list of players who hit in 10 consecutive Series games. (For example, Roberto Clemente hit in all 7 games in 1960 and in 1971 for 14 straight.)
- ◆ Bob McConnell, 11 Ridgewood Circle, Wilmington, Dela. 19809, has a 12-page listing of the classification of each minor league 1902-75. (For example, the Pacific Coast League was Class A 1904-07, Class AA 1908-45, etc.)
- ◆ Pete Palmer, 12 Farmcrest Ave, Lexington, Mass. 02173, has a one-page analytical summary of his pitch-by-pitch analysis of the 1975 World Series. If you have interest in any of the above items, contact the pertinent person.