

The SABR Bulletin

NEWSLETTER OF THE SOCIETY FOR AMERICAN BASEBALL RESEARCH

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A MIDDLE ATLANTIC REGIONAL MEETING will be held on Saturday, April 26, in Reading, Pa. It will be at the Reading Holiday Inn, starting at 10, with 10-minute presentations by SABR members. There will be a luncheon at 1, followed by two panels of former players. At 7 there will be a ball game between Reading and Schenectady. For those staying over, rooms are \$26 and \$35. Other information is in a flyer going out to all area members. Those from outside the region are also invited. You should contact meeting coordinators Frank Phelps, Al Del Rossi, or Kit Crissey, the latter having relocated to 238 Summit Road, Springfield, Pa. 19064. Keep in mind that the National Convention is on the West Coast this year, and those living in the East who cannot make that one should certainly consider taking in the session in Reading.

THE DECISION WAS MADE to hold the 1980 National Convention at the Travelodge International Hotel at the Los Angeles Airport. The dates are July 11-13. The discount rates are \$36 for a single and \$40 for a double and the hotel will extend these rates for a few extra days if individual members so desire. We will get a flyer out with all the details with the April Bulletin and you can sign up at that time. The information request on the 1980 renewal sheet indicates that about 65 members plan to attend and another 20 are maybe's.

ABOUT TWO-THIRDS OF THE MEMBERS have renewed for 1980 as of early February. This is a sizeable number considering that the editor made a regrettable error of omission by not including a return address on the renewal sheet. He suffered the consequences as nearly 100 renewals came to him for processing rather than to SABR, P.O. Box 323, Cooperstown, N.Y. 13326 as intended. With this mailing, those who have renewed will receive a membership card, and those who have not will receive a second renewal notice. Obviously, some renewals will be coming in as we send notices out, so please take that into account. Each member should check his/her mailing label and if there is a correction to be made, please get it off to the Cooperstown address.

THE FIELDING SURVEY for the decade 1970-79 is moving along nicely. Ed Winkler reports that more than 350 ballots have come in as of early February. It is a compliment to the Society that so many members are that interested in defensive play. Ed says the most hotly contested positions are AL 1B and 2B, and NL 3B. We will carry the full results in the 1980 Research Journal along with the earlier decade choices. They were published in the 1973 Journal, which is now out of print, and which many of our current members never saw.

THE WRITERS' SELECTION OF AL KALINE AND DUKE SNIDER for the Hall of Fame was pretty well received. There was a little surprise about Kaline going in on the first try, but there didnt seem to be any criticism. The same goes for Snider, who grew a good crop of gray hair waiting. It is a little disturbing, however, to see the names of some of those eliminated from further consideration because they did not get five percent of the vote. Take, for example, Ron Santo, Norm Cash, Felipe Alou, and Don McMahon. The latter was a consistently effective relief pitcher who worked in 874 games, fourth on the all-time list, and compiled a career ERA of 2.96. Alou, Cash, and Santo played throughout the 1960s when batting averages were unusually low, but Cash had 377 homers. Santo hit 342 home runs and was NL Golden Glove third baseman for five years. No other third sacker ever had such a slugging-fielding combination. To eliminate such a player from further consideration while Don Larsen continues on the list seems like an incongruity of the first order. Now, we await the results of the Veterans Committee deliberations which will be announced March 12.

SPEAKING OF HALL OF FAME SELECTIONS, Bill Mead recently sent off an article on that subject to Scene magazine of Republic Airlines. Since most of you will not be riding on that airline, you might be interested in a synopsis of his article. Briefly, it had to do with picking active players who he felt would make it to Cooperstown. Limiting his selection to those stars who played in 1979 and who had 10 years of service, he put them in the following categories:

<u>Sure Thing</u>	<u>Quite Likely</u>	<u>More Than Even Chance</u>	<u>Darkhorse</u>
Johnny Bench	Reggie Jackson	Steve Carlton - Sparky Lyle	Tommy John
Lou Brock	Catfish Hunter	George Foster - Steve Garvey	Tony Perez
Rod Carew	Thurman Munson	Rollie Fingers - Jim Kaat	Ken Singleton
Will McCovey	Nolan Ryan	Mike Marshall - Phil Niekro	Luis Tiant
Jim Palmer	Will Stargell	Mickey Lolich - Joe Morgan	
Gaylord Perry		Fergie Jenkins - Don Sutton	
Pete Rose			
Tom Seaver			
C. Yastrzemski			

GLENN WRIGHT, former Pittsburgh and Brooklyn shortstop, was so delighted to receive a copy of the 1979 Research Journal from Gene Murdock that he ordered several additional copies for his children and grandchildren in California and Kansas. The Journal, as you will recall, carried an article by Prof. Murdock on the 1925 All-Star shortstop, now 79, who lives in Fresno, California.

QUICK QUIZ: What former third baseman will celebrate his 14th birthday later this month? Yes, his 14th. Oh, I see, it's a trick question, some one born on February 29, and that comes only every fourth year. Third baseman, hmmm, it must be Pepper Martin. He was born February 29, 1904, so that would make him -- let's see. No, it would be his 19th birthday, and he isnt living now anyway. Give up? It was Al Rosen, born February 29, 1924. Those were the only two baseball notables born on February 29. Incidentally, you could come up with a pretty good team of players born in February. How about Hal Chase 1B, Red Schoendienst 2B, Ron Santo 3B, Honus Wagner SS, Henry Aaron, Babe Ruth and Sam Rice OF, Elston Howard or Johnny Kling C, Grover Alexander RHP, Herb Pennock LHP (or Tony Mullane pitching both ways). You could extend that aggregation to include Manny Mota PH, Connie Mack, Manager, Bill Klem, Umpire, Larry MacPhail, President, Joe Garagiola, broadcaster, etc. Pretty good overall representation considering that February is the shortest month of the year.

February 6, 1980

Dear SABR member,

You are cordially invited to a SABR regional meeting, coupled with a ballplayers' reunion, in Reading, Pa., on Saturday, April 26. Last year, a similar affair attracted over forty SABR members, eighteen former ballplayers and several other guests. We eagerly anticipate another great time this year. If you choose to come, please complete the enclosed form and mail it and your check or money order payable to "SABR Baseball Reunion" to H.E. Crissey, Jr., 238 Summit Rd., Springfield, Pa. 19064, so as to arrive by April 19 to allow dinner arrangements to be completed. The affair is being held at the Reading Holiday Inn, immediately south of the intersection of U.S. Routes 422 and 222 near the Reading ballpark.

The events scheduled are:

10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. - Ten-minute talks by SABR members about current research. A maximum of ten talks will be given. The planning committee reserves the right to choose the list of speakers. If there is an excess, we will try to put aside more time late in the afternoon for that purpose.

10 a.m. - Trip to Vanity Fair, a famous outlet store, via car caravan for any interested persons. Donna Del Rossi, wife of committee member Al Del Rossi, will be the host. Anyone wishing to go should meet in the banquet room at 10 a.m..

1:00 p.m. - Dinner (hot meal). The cost of the meal is \$9.00 pre-paid (players free). One dollar of the \$9 charge will go toward partial payment for the players' meals. After we eat, the players will be introduced; two panel discussions will be held (topics dependent on player attendance), and historical films will be shown.

7:00 p.m. - A game at Reading Stadium between the Reading Phillies and Schenectady, a White Sox farm. Tickets are \$2.50 for box seats and \$2.00 for general admission, and will be bought individually at the park that evening. (Players will be admitted free.). You have your choice of seat location. The players will be introduced in street clothes along the foul lines before the game. Note: Reading also has a home game the night before (4/25).

Transportation: To offer or receive aid in 'doubling up' with somebody from your area, call Frank Phelps (215-265-1622) or Al Del Rossi (215-935-0422).

Lodging: At your expense. The number of the Holiday Inn is 215-929-4741. Singles are \$25.95, doubles (one or two beds) \$34.95. Make your own reservations and mention SABR when you do because there will be a \$3 discount on the room rates if more than 10 rooms are reserved.

Sponsorship: In an effort to attract more players, we wish to offer you a chance to pay for a player's transportation expenses (and lodging, if necessary). Should you do this, you will be the player's host for the day. The player will eat at your table. You may sponsor a favorite of yours or leave your offer 'open' and have the coordinators of the meeting pick one for you. Just let Kit Crissey know how much you wish to contribute and whom you wish to invite.

Guests: Guests of SABR members are welcome. Their attendance costs are the same as those of members.

Name _____ Address _____
Home phone _____ Bus. Phone _____

_____ I will attend the dinner and meeting with _____ (no.) of guests.

_____ I'll drive and am willing to bring passengers.

_____ I need transportation and am explaining my problem in a separate note.

_____ I wish to give a 10-minute speech. Topic _____

REMEMBER: DO NOT SEND MONEY FOR BALLGAME TICKETS, JUST THE DINNER.

Kit Crissey
Kit Crissey, for SABR

SINCE "THIS DATE IN BASEBALL HISTORY" was published by SABR in 1976, a number of books in this general format have been published or are planned dealing with a specific team. Those which immediately come to mind include the Boston Red Sox, Chicago Cubs, Philadelphia Phils, and Pittsburgh Pirates, most of which have been researched by SABR members. Now John Hawkins, 525 Brighton Road, Wilmington, Del. 19809, tells us he is preparing one on the Detroit Tigers, to be issued by Stein & Day in April 1981. He is interested in locating some photos of the early days of Tiger history. He also could use some anecdotes about former players. If you want to share your material with John, get in touch with him at the above address.

A NUMBER OF OTHER BOOKS BY SABR MEMBERS are going to be published by Stein & Day about the time the 1980 playing season opens. Lee Lowenfish and Tony Lupien are joint authors of "The Imperfect Diamond," the story of labor relations in baseball since 1876. Robert Obojski has authored "All-Star Baseball," the play-by-play account of every All-Star game ever played. Ed Walton is coming out with his second volume of Boston Red Sox history entitled: "Red Sox Triumphs and Tragedies." Richard Marazzi has completed "The Rules and Lore of Baseball," the study of baseball's rules and how each of them has been broken. We hope to have more on these books in the April Bulletin.

GREAT HITTING PITCHERS, the second SABR publication for 1979, was sent out and all members should have received it by late January. If you have not, inform the editor at 4424 Chesapeake St. NW, Washington, D.C. 20016.

Profiles

- HAYFORD PEIRCE lives in Tahiti, French Polynesia, where he is engaged in science fiction writing and investments. Armed with the latest encyclopedias, he is researching effects of strikeouts on batting average and the variation in statistics in different source books. Born in Maine in 1942, he received a BA from Harvard University in 1964.
- JIM PRICE is a broadcaster and PR Director for the Spokane Indians in the PCL. Born in Los Angeles in 1938, he is a journalism graduate of Stanford. He researches baseball history and statistics as background for his broadcast duties, but also for his own interest in West Coast minor league franchises. He also does statistical analysis of player defensive capabilities.
- BART RIPP, 29, is a sports writer for the Albuquerque Journal. A native of Pittsburgh and a graduate of the University of Iowa, he has covered the Albuquerque Dukes, the Dodgers' AAA club, for the last six years. Special fields of interest are the PCL and the Pittsburgh Pirates. He has done interview articles on Roberto Clemente and minor league slugger Joe Bauman.
- ERNEST A USETED III was born in Greenwich, Conn. in 1950. He is now a Branch Manager for Blazer Financial Services in Rock Hill, S.C. His interests include major league player stats of all eras, player profiles, team histories, Negro League information, and unusual features such as Tris Speaker converting from right to lefthanded after a teenage rodeo accident.
- GEORGE WALDEN, born in St. Louis in 1928, still lives in the area where he is a free lance writer and part-time baseball scout. As publicity writer for the St. Louis Browns in the early 1950s, he wrote and edited their yearbooks and news releases. His three primary interests are St. Louis baseball, especially the Browns, baseball scouting, and statistics.

THE SOCIETY HAS BEEN CONSIDERING purchase of some additional microfilm, including that of The Sporting News. Individual members also have raised questions about buying selected materials for themselves. Bill Loughman, our expert in this field, began preliminary negotiations with Frank Clark about parts of the Notre Dame microfilm collection. Unfortunately, Mr. Clark died suddenly in late 1979 and this activity is now being held in abeyance. At present the Society has only the full run of Sporting Life, 1883-1917, on microfilm. If members want to order a reel, they should specify the year and send \$2 to cover mailing and insurance to Bill Loughman, Box 474, Elmhurst, Ill. 60126.

THE BOSTON RED SOX must be the most researched club in the majors. There are multiple books on the team -- by Henry Berry, Ellery Clark, and Ed Walton. Bob Lindsay has done wide-ranging research and so has Bill Gavin. Frank Williams has done consecutive game streaks; Paul Doherty has done inside the park home runs. Now Ben Ells is doing the old Red Sox player uniform numbers. He has made considerable progress, but has a gap in the 1931-33 period. Any help? Ben lives at 19 Cottage Street, East Weymouth, Mass. 02189.

THE 1979 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY was analyzed by Ron Gabriel of Chevy Chase, Md. to determine major league team interest. Morton Bloomberg had done this with the 1977 Directory and found that 14 members indicated interest in the Red Sox as a team; 12 in the Yankees; 11 in the Brooklyn Dodgers; and 10 each in the Cubs and White Sox. Ron found in the 1979 Directory that 19 cited the Brooklyn Dodgers; 18 the Yankees; and 16 the Red Sox. Then it drops off to 8 for the Orioles, Cubs, and Tigers; and 7 for the Phils, Mets, and Los Angeles Dodgers. Note that the two Dodger teams come up with a pretty good total. (Considering that Ron is a rabid Dodger fan -- primarily Brooklyn -- an audit of his findings might be in order.) Sixteen different minor league teams also were cited, with the Montreal Royals having two boosters.

MINOR LEAGUE BUFFS might be interested in acquiring Bobby Dews book on the Georgia-Florida League, 1935-58. Dews was a catcher in that league back in the 1930s, as well as playing in a number of other minor leagues before launching a 20-year military career. The book is primarily a compilation of league averages from the guides but also has commentary and pictures interspersed throughout the 147 pages. If you are interested in a copy, send \$7 to cover cost and postage to Box 302, Edison, Ga. 31746.

ANOTHER MINOR LEAGUE ITEM: Jim Laughlin, former sports writer for the Erie, Pa. Times, is making available his booklet of records and rosters of Erie O.B. teams from 1890 to 1954, with an insert covering the years to 1963. There are many recognizable names: George Bamberger was a prize rookie pitcher for Erie in 1946. It is a small format booklet with 65 pages. Jim is asking only 65¢. Order from him at 797 Ohio Ave, East Liverpool, Ohio 43920.

EMIL ROTHE of Chicago and DICK JULINE of Stanton, Calif. both underwent open heart surgery at the end of November. Both are recovering very nicely from very serious operations. Congratulations to BOB POTTS of Fairlawn, N.J. and JOHN HICKMAN of Wilmington, Del. for victorious seasons in different fast-paced semipro baseball leagues. John is a manager and Bob a GM.

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A RESERVATION FORM IS ENCLOSED for the 1980 ANNUAL CONVENTION in LOS ANGELES on July 11-13. This may seem a little early for making reservations, but June would be a little late. To assist the convention committee in its planning, everyone aiming to attend is urged to fill out the Reservation Form in its entirety and to send it in as soon as possible. The committee, headed by SABR Secretary Bob Hoie, already has completed most of the major arrangements, and another outstanding three-day session is in prospect.

The convention will be held at the Travelodge International Hotel, located just a few blocks from the Los Angeles Airport. For those flying from the East, most major airlines recently offered a special Supersaver fare of \$298 roundtrip from New York to Los Angeles. Similarly reduced fares may be available from some other cities. This is worth checking into quickly as air fares continue to go up.

The convention will follow much the same format as in past years. On Friday evening, July 11, there will be an opportunity to meet fellow members and to hear an interesting panel of former players, managers, or umpires (some of the candidates include Del Rice, Joe L. Brown, Ed Roebuck, Rod Dedeaux, Jigger Statz and Babe Herman; unfortunately, Emmett Ashford passed away recently). Saturday morning will be devoted to the annual business meeting. The banquet, featuring a prominent guest speaker, will be held Saturday afternoon, and that evening the membership will attend the A's-Angels game at Anaheim. The Sunday morning program will consist of a presentation/workshop seminar. They will be limited to ten minutes each. Any member interested in making a research presentation (on a particular subject) or a workshop presentation (describing the various techniques involved in a research effort) should so indicate on the bottom of the enclosed reservation form. To sharpen the focus of the seminar, the committee will be obliged to screen the entries.

ABOUT TEN PERCENT OF THE MEMBERSHIP has not renewed thus far for 1980. In the event you are in that group, a final renewal notice is enclosed with this Bulletin, and you are urged to forward your dues promptly. Otherwise your name will not be included in the new Membership Directory and you will not receive future mailings. Normally we would cut off all non-renewals after two notices, but we are leaning over backwards this year to try to accommodate those 1979 members who joined last fall and are experiencing a rather "short year." Even so, those members still received essentially all the annual benefits -- newsletters, membership directory, Baseball Research Journal, and Great Hitting Pitchers. If any members have questions about this matter, kindly direct them to SABR, P.O. Box 323, Cooperstown, N.Y. 13326.

A GOOD-SIZED CROWD IS EXPECTED for the Regional Meeting in Reading, Pa. April 26. Flyers have gone out to several hundred members in the Middle Atlantic States. Kit Crissey announces a couple of changes: the ball game is between Reading and Lynn, rather than Schenectady; and Luther Knerr, AL pitcher 1945-47, who was one of the scheduled participants, died of a heart attack in Reading in late March. Kit also has asked that the additional driving directions be provided as follows: The Reading Holiday Inn is at the city's north boundary on N. 5th St. (Route 222), so if driving west towards Reading, don't leave Route 422 at the first exit signs for Route 222, but continue on for some 5½ miles more as 422 merges into the Warren St. Bypass, then go by the River Road and Route 61 exits, then off on 222 North, left at the first light, and left again a few yards further into the Inn. There may be some road construction in the area so stay alert. A note for the ladies re the trip to Vanity Fair at 10 a.m.—Sorry, no credit cards honored. A sign of the times, I guess.

PREPARATION OF THE 1980 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY is now underway. Arrangements have been made to computerize the information and thus eliminate the increasingly huge typing job each year. Nevertheless, the work involved in preparing the 1980 Directory will be immense. Bob McConnell is currently preparing and/or revising the listings in accordance with data supplied by the members. This information then will have to be punched into the computer, proofread, and corrected before it is ready for the printer. We hoped to get the Directory out a little earlier this year, but it looks like it will probably be in June.

THE SABR MINOR LEAGUE COMMITTEE several months ago submitted a proposal to the Baseball Hall of Fame for establishment of a Minor League Honor Roll in connection with the Cooperstown museum's new display on the minors. Committee chairman Bob Hoie received a reply on February 15 from Edward Stack, president of the Hall of Fame (and himself a SABR member), advising as follows: "Our Board of Directors recently considered the SABR proposal for a Minor League Honor Roll, and after considerable discussion it was decided to give the matter further study and to reconsider it again at our next meeting, which is scheduled for August 2 at Cooperstown."

Dedication of the enlarged and revamped Hall of Fame Museum is scheduled for Saturday, May 10, with ceremonies to begin at 11 a.m. Commissioner Bowie Kuhn and other dignitaries will participate. Area members may want to keep that date in mind. The Museum has undergone a remarkably spectacular transformation.

SPRING'S HERE — AL KERMISCH IS IN TRAINING CAMP. That was the headline in the Washington Star on March 5. It was a report from the Orioles' spring training site in Miami, Florida, where Al, the Baltimore-Washington baseball researcher, has been making an annual visit for the last 29 years. Greeting the retired Army Colonel, Orioles General Manager Hank Peters said: "Good to see you Al, this makes spring training official."

SEVERAL MEMBERS IN LOUISIANA have organized the Evangeline Baseball League Research Society, Nicholls State University, Box 3222 University Station, Thibodaux, La. 70301. The group has been set up to gather information about the old Evangeline League that operated between 1934 and 1957 in central and southwest Louisiana (that's where Minor League pitching great Bill Thomas won 35 games in 1946). Any member interested in the League's players, managers, owners, umpires, fans, etc, or who simply would like more information, should contact Carroll Chauvin or Henrietta Jeansonne in care of the above address.

THE ELECTION OF CHUCK KLEIN AND TOM YAWKEY to the Hall of Fame last month must have been satisfying to many SABR members. They were the ranking vote getters among people not yet in the Hall, based on SABR surveys in 1971 and 1974. A total of 51 former players, managers, umpires and executives, including nine from the old Negro Leagues, received votes in the recent Veterans Committee balloting. Finishing next to Klein and Yawkey in the voting (in alphabetical order) were Walter Alston, Jimmy Dykes, Charlie Grimm, Johnny Mize, Vic Willis and Glenn Wright. Others who received votes were Babe Adams, John T. Brush, Happy Chandler, Bill Dahlen, Ray Dandridge, Jake Daubert, Barney Dreyfuss, Wes Ferrell, Fred Fitzsimmons, Lew Fonseca, Rube Foster, Heinie Groh, Babe Herman, William Hulbert, Travis Jackson, Joe Judge, Tony Lazzeri, Sam Leever, Duffy Lewis, Biz Mackey, Marty Marion, Carl Mays, Bill McGowan, Stuffy McInnis, Hank O'Day, Lefty O'Doul, Walter O'Malley, Beans Reardon, Dick Redding, Allie Reynolds, Louis Santop, Bob Shawkey, Urban Shocker, Hilton Smith, Harry Stovey, Turkey Stearnes, Fred Tenney, Johnny Tobin, Willie Wells, Fred Williams, Ken Williams, Smoky Joe Williams, and Jimmy Wilson. That's quite a list. Hmmmam, dont see Leo Durocher's name there. Must be too controversial.

RED LUCAS WAS PRESENTED A COPY OF GREAT HITTING PITCHERS by Allen Quimby, one of our Tennessee members. The former hurler of the Reds and Pirates, who was prominently mentioned in the book, is now 78 and living in Nashville. He liked the book so well he ordered a second copy for his children. He suffered a mild heart attack last November but Allen says he seems to be in fine shape now and has detailed recollections of his long career in both the majors and minors.

REMEMBER BERT SHEPARD, the Air Force fighter pilot in World War II who was shot down in France and lost a leg but who still pitched a game for Washington in 1945? He now lives in Southern California but was recently in the Nation's Capital to seek Government support for an ankle support device he developed. While in Washington, the 59-year-old former minor league manager and player was entertained by Bob Muhlbach, a retired Air Force Colonel.

BILL HUMBER REPORTS FROM TORONTO that a dozen SABR members were among the 50 students registered for his baseball studies course at Seneca College this past winter. As part of this course, ten students were scheduled to go to Florida in late March to study baseball on site. Looking toward summer, Bill says a tentative date of August 9 is being considered for a regional meeting in Toronto.

DAN RAPPOPORT, 14 Craven Lane, #7, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648, is analyzing the voting for MVP and Cy Young Award winners from the beginning of those awards to the present. He has the data since 1965 but could use some help on the number of votes contenders received in earlier years. If any one has done work in this area and could help Dan, get in touch with him at the above address.

SCOTT HALL HOSTS A PUBLIC RADIO SPORTS PROGRAM in Minnesota and welcomes any tapes or written material that fellow members might provide for his show. Any such material could be sent to him care of KAXE, Route 3, Grand Rapids, Minn. 55744.

JOHN ASTOLFI is compiling lists of all Blacks who served as major league coaches (he has 30 on the list thus far) and minor league managers. Any one willing to share information of this type, which ultimately might become an article in the Baseball Research Journal, should contact John at Radio Station WSLB, Box 239, Ogdensburg, N.Y. 13669. He is program director there.

BOOKS, BOOKS, AND MORE BOOKS

BOB BROEG'S BUOYANT BIOGRAPHY OF FRANK FRISCH, "The Pilot Light and the Gas House Gant," is off the presses. The emphasis is on Frisch's playing and managing career with the Cardinals, but it also covers his days with the Giants and his relationship with McGraw, Stengel, Hornsby and many others. Frisch was not only a multitalented player but a very colorful personality, according to the many anecdotes. The book has 176 pages and 55 pictures. If you want to order a copy thru the mail, send a check for \$11.70 to Bethany Press, Box 179, St. Louis, Mo. 63166.

ERNIE HARWELL AND FRED SMITH have published a sequel to their Tiger Trivia book which came out in 1978. This one is called "Son of Tiger Trivia" and contains hundreds of questions and answers about the Detroit club. If you want a copy, send a check for \$3.50 to Son of Tiger Trivia, P.O. Box 120, Lathrup Village, Mich. 48076

THE ULTIMATE BASEBALL BOOK, edited by SABR member Daniel Okrent and Harris Levine, sold out its first printing of 30,000 copies, but another 10,000 are now off the presses and available in bookstores. This book, published by Houghton Mifflin, is rather expensive, but it has more than 75,000 words of text by ten distinguished writers, has more than 800 black and white and 250 color pictures, and is a large size, attractive publication. Give it a perusal in your bookstore.

STEIN AND DAY PUBLISHERS is/are offering a 25 percent discount on three books by SABR members scheduled to come out this month (April). We talked about them in the February Bulletin and will give just brief capsules here with the reduced price, which includes mailing costs:

Lee Lowenfish and Tony Lupien are joint authors of "The Imperfect Diamond," the story of labor relations in baseball since 1876. (\$10.71)

Richard Marazzi is the author of "The Rules and Lore of Baseball," the study of baseball's rules and how each of them has been broken. (\$6.96)

Ed Walton's second volume of Boston Red Sox history is entitled "Red Sox Triumphs and Tragedies." (\$9.21)

If you are interested in any or all of these books, send the appropriate amount to Stein and Day Publishers, Scarborough House, Briarcliff Manor, N.Y. 10510, Attention: Art Ballant. Art, a SABR member, is Sales Manager. He indicates that Bob Obojski's book on the All-Star Games will not be out until June.

RONALD LEWIS is making available his two 1980 publications to SABR members for one-half price. The annual Pitcher Performance Handbook (\$3.50) and the Batter Performance Handbook (\$3.50), which give performance analyses in many different categories for the 1979 season, will both be available for the price of one. If interested, send a check for \$3.50 to Research Analysis Publications, SABR Desk, P.O. Box 49213, Los Angeles, CA 90049.

HARVEY FROMMER'S NEWEST BOOK: NEW YORK CITY BASEBALL, The Last Golden Age, 1947-1957, has been published by Macmillan. This is a nostalgic look at the Big Apple's triple dynasty of the diamond, the Giants, Dodgers and Yankees. It has 256 pages. Ten percent discount for SABR members. Harvey will autograph if desired. Send a check for \$10.95 to Harvey at 791 Oakleigh Road, North Woodmere, N.Y. 11581.

SPORTS ILLUSTRATED for April 21 is scheduled to carry an article on Ellery Clark, former Naval Academy history professor, track coach, and author of Red Sox books.

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WALLY BERGER, JIGGER STATZ, AND FORMER UMPIRE JOSEPH RUE have been lined up as panelists for the Friday night mixer at the July 11-13 National Convention in Los Angeles. The former Pirate GM, Joe L. Brown, has been invited to be the banquet speaker on Saturday, but this has not been firmed up. Most of the other preparations have been made for the annual meeting, thanks largely to Bob Hoie, Secretary of SABR, who heads the organizing committee.

For those who have not yet sent in their reservation form, it is time for a commitment to be made. If any one who wants to attend has misplaced his form, give Bob Davids a call on 202/362-6889 and he will get one to you by return mail. Just a quick review: The convention runs from 7 pm Friday to noon on Sunday and includes a Friday night social, a Saturday morning business meeting, an afternoon banquet, a ball game at Anaheim with the Angels and the Martinized A's, and Sunday morning research presentations. The convention will be held at the Travelodge International, right next to the Los Angeles airport. There is free courtesy bus service to the Travelodge, just pick up a phone at the airport and dial. Take advantage of this convenience. Let's have a good turnout for our first convention west of St. Louis.

MARTY APPEL HAS SUGGESTED A SABR SURVEY to select rookies of the year in each league from 1901 thru World War II, or prior to the adoption of this responsibility by other organizations. We had considered such a retroactive selection of the most valuable player for those years when no selections were made, but much prefer the concept of "outstanding player" rather than "most valuable player" which favors personnel on pennant-winning teams. We have no such hang up on rookie of the year and plan to go forward with a serious analysis. The first step would be to have a few members of SABR draw up a list of candidates for each league and year. Say, for example, 1929 AL: Dale Alexander, Earl Averill, Wes Ferrell, Roy Johnson. A committee could screen these names and draw up a ballot for the final vote by members of the Society. Arthur Schott, 459 Jewel St, New Orleans, LA 70124, has accepted responsibility for Phase 1. If you want to help select candidates for a grouping of years between 1901 and 1946, get in touch with him. He will give you the ground rules.

ONTARIO'S FIRST REGIONAL MEETING will be held at the Toronto Press Club, 74 Richmond St, West, in Toronto on Saturday, August 9 from 9:30 to 4. Several presentations are planned. Area members are asked to pre-register by writing to Bill Humber, 15 Beech Ave, Bowmanville, Ont. L1C 3A1. You should indicate if you want to attend the luncheon and/or attend the Blue Jays' game that night.

Baseball writer and historian Fred Lieb died in a Houston nursing home June 3 at age 92. He had moved last year from his long-time residence in St. Petersburg, Fla. Born March 5, 1888, in Philadelphia, Fred launched an exceptionally long and fruitful writing career with an article in Baseball Magazine in 1909. Two years later he became baseball editor of the New York Press. As this was the leading baseball paper in the city at that time, he automatically became, at 23, the official scorer for the American League in New York.

In the next 20 years he became a top notch writer and a recognized baseball authority. He took a team of major league all-stars on a playing tour of Japan in 1931. In the mid-1930s he branched out on his own to author nine books on baseball, most of them the anecdotal history of major league franchises. He spent four years with The Sporting News in World War II and continued to write special features after that. In 1965 he was named a member of the Veterans Committee of the Hall of Fame.

When SABR was established in 1971, Fred was a little uncertain about joining. He had all the obvious credentials, but he was 83 and his career was all behind him, so he said. But he joined and wrote an article for the first Baseball Research Journal. He repeated the next year, and again in 1976. He also was a featured speaker at the National Convention in Philadelphia in 1975. There he said for the record that SABR was a fine organization, something baseball could have used a half century before; and that he was proud to be a member. We were proud to have him for nearly nine years. He gave the Society a good measure of respectability.

NINETY PERSONS ATTENDED the Middle Atlantic Regional Meeting in Reading, Pa. on April 26. This included 46 SABR members, four former Negro League players (Gene Benson, Gene McClain, Cy Morton, Al Woodard), one old-time minor league player (Nelson Greene) closely associated with past Reading teams, nine former major leaguers (Whitey Kurowski, Tommy Holmes, Roy Hughes, Jesse Levan, Russ Van Atta, Hal Bamberger, Sam Lowry, Ed Walczak, and Joe Buzas, now president of the Reading club. Kit Crissey moderated panels in the afternoon which included most of these players. In addition, special presentations were made

by:

- Frank Phelps -- The United States League of 1912-13
- Bill Akin -- 19th Century Shortstop Jack Glasscock
- Dick Cramer -- Relative Batting Skill
- Ed Doyle -- Chuck Klein and Baker Bowl
- Dave Smith -- Performances on artificial vs natural turf in NL 1971-75
- Tom Evans -- Baltimore's Memorial Stadium as a Pitcher's Park
- Carl Lundquist -- Scoring Baseball Games (Some Past Experiences)
- Tommy Holmes -- The New York Mets
- John Holway -- The 50th Anniversary of Night Baseball

Mr. Buzas very generously invited the attendees to take in for free the night game between Lynn and Reading. The former players were introduced before the game. Kudos go to the organizing committee for a well-rounded function: Frank Phelps, Al Del Rossi, Burt Penn, Bill Akin, and Kit Crissey.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ERNIE INFIELD, who will be inducted into the Wayne County Sports Hall of Fame in Wooster, Ohio, on June 28. Ernie is a sports organizer who also writes a column for the Daily Record of Wooster. A real team player, he deserves the recognition.

GUIDELINES FOR SABR MEMBERS

The Society for American Baseball Research (SABR) is a nonprofit association of persons who, in accordance with the objectives of the Society, engage in the collection, organization and dissemination of information about baseball. A membership directory, distributed annually, encourages members to exchange information and assist each other in research projects. SABR recommends that in such communication and in the preparation and use of research products, members exercise accuracy, thoroughness and ethical integrity.

Ethical integrity herein means respecting the rights and feelings of other members and outside sources, organizations and individuals. While common sense, thoughtfulness, consideration and courtesy should suffice as general guidelines to ethical integrity, a few illustrative examples may be cited:

- (1) Papers, books, periodicals, etc., that are borrowed from or used in libraries, private collections, etc., should be handled with utmost care and in strict compliance with the rules prescribed for their use and should be returned promptly and safely.
- (2) The works of others, published or unpublished, should not be used in full or in part except with permission of the originators or owners or with appropriate credit. Copyright laws and other legal requirements should be understood and observed.
- (3) Transcripts or summaries of original interviews should be published only when they accurately reflect statements of fact and of the intent of the persons interviewed -- and only with their advance approval.
- (4) Identification as a member of SABR should be for informational purposes only and should not be used to attempt to obtain special privilege or other advantage.

Regarding our relations with the baseball world and with the general public, please note that only the president or the executive board may speak for SABR or authorize the use of its membership list for commercial purposes, and only a committee chairman or his appointed delegate may speak for a SABR committee.

Observance of these guidelines will assure good relations among members and with outside organizations and individuals, will further SABR objectives and will maintain the fine reputation of our Society.

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THE 1980 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY should be available for distribution by the time of the National Convention in mid-July. We want to prepare you ahead of time to a substantially revised format. As stated before, the information is being computerized and the printout will be the body of the publication. Information will be consolidated and numerous abbreviations will be used to save lines. The all-caps type will be smaller and there will be two columns to a page. If you have provided a long list of interests, it is possible that some have been arbitrarily eliminated or abbreviated. In cases like that Bob McConnell does not want it known that he was responsible for the dastardly deletions. We hope that members will note any changes they wish to have made on their entries in next year's directory when sending in the membership renewal form next time. In the meantime, when you send in your address change to SABR, P.O. Box 323, Cooperstown, N.Y. 13326, please indicate if there is a telephone number change.

ESSENTIALLY ALL THE MATERIAL is in for the 1980 Baseball Research Journal. This year we will include an interim report on inside-the-park home runs, based on a project initiated by SABR about 4 years ago. Included will be the names of those players who hit the most IPH since 1900. Also included will be available information (not necessarily complete) on IPH hit by the leading sluggers like Ruth, Foxx, Ott, et al. We know, for example, that Harmon Killebrew and Ted Williams only hit one IPH in their careers. Research thus far has uncovered seven for Willie Mays, but ironically, none for Henry Aaron, Frank Robinson, Ernie Banks, and Willie McCovey. Surely Aaron must have hit a few. Does any member have any knowledge of any IPH for these four sluggers? If you have, send a note to Mil Chipp, 771 Blackthorne Avenue, El Cajon, CA 92020. He is collecting this information in hopes of rounding out the article.

AT THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING in Reading on April 26, the Board approved a proposal to arrange for a fidelity bond for \$20,000 to cover officers, directors, and the executive secretary at an annual cost of \$120. Because the amount of money in the treasury has increased substantially and large sums are used to cover expenses, it was decided to bond those who have responsibility for these funds and transactions.

DRAFT SABR GUIDELINES for members are enclosed with this mailing. We will vote on these guidelines at the annual meeting in Los Angeles. This is a revised version of the Code of Behavior discussed at the 1979 Convention. It has been shortened, simplified, and softened in some sense to meet the objections raised last year. If any member has real problems with these guidelines, please get in touch with Cliff Kachline, c/o SABR, P.O. Box 323, Cooperstown, NY 13326.

TWO MINOR CHANGES IN THE SABR BY-LAWS have been proposed by the Board and will be voted on at the annual meeting. They are as follows:

In Article 3 -- Officers and Functions, the board recommends adding under sections a, b, c and d (covering positions of the four officers) the following: "Must have been a member of the Society for two years before being eligible for election to this office." The By-Laws already contain such a requirement for the directors, but not for the president and other officers.

In Article 4 -- Committees, the board proposes a clarification in section c to read: "Auditing Committee. Shall be responsible for having the treasurer's report audited at least once a year by a qualified Certified Public Accountant."

Any one who wants to send a proxy vote on these changes may do so by writing to Secretary Robert Hoie, 2210 Roanoke Road, San Marino, CA 91108.

THE SOCIETY HAS PURCHASED 100 copies of "The Men in Blue" from the publisher, Viking Penguin, Inc. of New York City for a reduced figure which will be passed on to SABR members. This is Larry Gerlach's book dealing with conversations with umpires, including Beans Reardon, Ernie Stewart, Emmett Ashford, and many others. He discussed the interviews at last year's national meeting. It sells for \$13 in bookstores and will be available from SABR for \$10.50. If you are interested in a copy send a check made out to SABR to John Pardon, Box 728, Crugers, N.Y. 10521. John, who already has the books on hand, is handling the transaction.

500 BASEBALL QUESTIONS YOUR FRIENDS CAN'T ANSWER has been authored by John Kingston and published by Walker & Co. We probably should add that the "answers" are also included in this book of 133 pages which can "give you an authoritative knowledge of the game's history and personalities." If you are interested in a paperback edition, send a check for \$6.95 to Walker & Co., 720 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10019. The hardcover is \$10.95.

SPARTAN SEASONS - How Baseball Survived the Second World War - has been published by Macmillan. The author is Richard Goldstein of the NY Times Sports Department. The 320-page book includes 100 photos and hundreds of colorful anecdotes which resulted from his interviews of the men who played in that unusual period. It sells for \$12.95 at your local bookstore.

BASEBALL THROUGH A KNOTHOLE is a book by Bill Borst which relives 100 years of St. Louis legend and lore. There are verbal portraits of Brock, Breadon, Busch, Britton (the Matron Magnate), Comiskey, Diz, The Man, Gibson and many others. There are 19 illustrations. A copy can be secured by sending a check for \$5.75 to Krank Enterprises, P.O. Box 16271, St. Louis, Mo. 63105.

THE 1980 DODGERS BLUE BOOK, compiled by Tot Holmes, carries the complete Brooklyn-L.A. records of all Dodger players since 1890. The 100-page booklet includes a feature article on Dixie Walker, season and career leaders in many different categories, a number of unusual items and many pictures. A copy can be obtained by sending a \$4 check to Tot Holmes, Box 11, Gothenburg, Neb. 69138.

IN HIS 4TH ANNUAL BASEBALL ABSTRACT, author Bill James gives the name "Sabrmetrics" to his mathematical and statistical analysis of baseball records -- the first part to honor the Society and the second part to indicate measurement. Baseball Abstract is a 200-page compilation of unusual narrative and statistical interpretation that sells for \$12. Bill will make copies available to SABR members for \$9. If interested, send a check to Bill James, P.O. Box 2150, Lawrence, Kan. 66044.

BULLPEN, THE CANADIAN BASEBALL REVIEW, is available for order. It is a quarterly in tabloid format and deals with the Expos, Blue Jays, Canadian baseball history, and includes book reviews, a baseball quiz and a crossword puzzle. It sells for \$1.25 a copy but you can get five issues for \$5 if you order now from Bullpen, 131 Davenport Road, Toronto, Ont. M5R 1H8.

ONE PENNSYLVANIA MEMBER who did not attend the Regional meeting in Reading was Bob Lindsay, a retired professor at Penn State. The reason: he was participating in a scholarship awards program at the University named in his honor. It is the Robert W. Lindsay Award in Metallurgy. The first recipient is Mike Schmidt, but Bob assures us it is not the same guy who plays third for the Phils.

BRIAN BEEBE, 225 Aldine Bender #1214, Houston, Texas 77060, is doing research on all minor league teams which have been affiliated with the Detroit Tigers. He is putting together team histories and player rosters and welcomes views and comments.

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NEW OFFICERS ELECTED at the National SABR Convention in Los Angeles July 11-13 include Kit Crissey of Philadelphia, President; Jerry Gregory of Annandale, Va., Vice President; and Vern Luse of Kansas City, Mo., Secretary. Frank Phelps of King of Prussia, Pa., was re-elected Treasurer, and outgoing President Cliff Kachline was named to fill the vacancy on the Board of Directors. President Crissey is well known in the East because of his organization and conduct of numerous regional meetings/oldtime player reunions in the Philadelphia area. Jerry Gregory joined SABR at the National Meeting in Arlington, Va., in 1972 and has been one of the hard-working members responsible for distribution of SABR Bulletins and Journals for several years. Vern Luse is a well-traveled engineer who continues to pursue early minor league research wherever he is assigned.

THE FIRST NATIONAL MEETING on the West Coast brought together 62 members and about 20 guests. Secretary Bob Hoie and other members of the organizing committee did a great job putting the meeting together and the occasion was especially enjoyable for the 33 who had never participated in a National Meeting before. An analysis of the attendance is carried in another section.

PANELISTS AT THE FRIDAY NIGHT FUNCTION included Wally Berger, great home run hitter in the 1930s; Quincy Troupe, catcher in the Negro Leagues for some 20 years prior to breaking in with the Cleveland Indians in 1952; Bert Shepard, who lost a leg in WWII, but returned to pitch briefly for the Washington Senators and to play and manage in the minors; and Joseph Rue, AL umpire 1938-47. The latter was autographing Larry Gerlach's book "The Men in Blue," which was being sold at the convention, and Quincy, looking ten years younger than his 67 seasons, was signing his book about his playing days. The panel members were amazed at the in-depth knowledge of the audience. Berger, for example, was startled to find out that of his 242 homers in the majors, 121 were hit at home and 121 on the road. Bill Schroeder moderated the panel and also contributed insights from his own rich baseball background as a historian and minor league executive. Bill Gustafson closed out the Friday night activities with a slide and audio show of baseball highlights since 1900.

THE BANQUET SPEAKER on Saturday afternoon was Roy Smalley, NL shortstop 1948-58, and now a successful businessman in the L.A. area. He is the father of Roy Smalley, SS of the Twins, and the brother-in-law of Twins manager Gene Mauch. Several of the questions zeroed in on these relationships and he "fielded" them nicely. He encouraged his son to become a switch hitter at age 14-15.

THE ANAHEIM STADIUM ACTIVITIES on Saturday night were a real delight. An added feature was the Angels' oldtimers game, marking their 20th year of play in the AL (Can it be that long?). Many of their old players, coaches and managers were back, including Bill Rigney, Bob Lemon, Bo Belinsky, Eddie Yost and, standing side-by-side, Ted Kluszewski and Albie Pearson. We saw more of Manager Jim Fregosi in the oldtimers game than in the regular contest won by the A's. Fregosi was sent to the showers in the first inning when he kicked Don Baylor's helmet into centerfield. No, Baylor was not wearing it at the time; it had come off when he slid into second on a close play. Anaheim Stadium is nicely constructed with seating close to the action. We had excellent seats, courtesy of the Angels' management, for which we express our appreciation.

BUSINESS MEETING REPORT

Cliff Kachline, President, stated that there were 1145 members at latest count. He gave the treasury balance as \$26,544, but added that upcoming publication costs would reduce that figure to about \$10,000 by the end of this year. While dues are the primary means of revenue, funds are also received thru the sale of SABR publications, interest earnings, and the sale of biographical data. He also indicated that officers and directors of SABR have been bonded and SABR is covered by liability insurance at a cost of \$190 per year. Cliff read Eric Simonsen's auditing committee report and indicated in response to its recommendations that excess cash funds have been deposited in a daily income fund, an annual budget has been prepared, a pro bono CPA audit has been carried out, and available publications (Journals, etc.) would be inventoried.

THE REPORT OF BILL GUSTAFSON'S Public Relations Committee included a summary of the Washington Regional Meeting in October 1979 (51 members) and the Reading Regional Meeting in April 1980 (46 members) and the need for additional gatherings around the country. They don't have to be of such magnitude. A good start is to call up the other members in your immediate area and invite them over for a Saturday morning cup of coffee. Just go around the table and talk about your baseball interests. If it catches on you can expand from there.

IN STATISTICAL ANALYSIS, Chairman Pete Palmer said the committee is chiefly involved in computerized play-by-play analysis. The committee circulates among its members some articles which may be a little technical for broader distribution. Committee members will have two articles in the upcoming Research Journal. Dick Trueman indicated he had obtained 1969-70 play-by-play data which could be made available to other interested researchers.

BOB McCONNELL reported on the computerization of the Membership Directory and the difficulty of getting a satisfactory printout from the contractor in Philadelphia. The Directory has always been available for distribution at the annual meeting and its absence this year was a disappointment to attendees. The final copy is still not available as this Bulletin goes to press.

ON PUBLICATIONS, Bob Davids indicated that all Research Journal articles were on hand and were being edited and the publication would be issued in the fall. Earlier publications continue to be sold and SABR book sales to the public have brought in about \$2600 so far this year. Preliminary work has been performed on the best articles of the first three Journals, now out of print, but this book will not be ready until the end of the year. There was a discussion of possible second publications in future years. One subject area mentioned was a history of the American Association of 1882-91.

ANALYSIS OF CONVENTION ATTENDANCE

Of the 62 members who attended the Annual Convention in Los Angeles July 11-13, 27 were from the host state of California and the others were from 21 other States and Japan. Masaru Ikei and Ted Kurihara were there from the Land of the Rising Sun and this denied Bostonians Paul Doherty and Pete Palmer the prize for the longest commute. This is actually the second National Meeting for Professor Ikei who also participated in the Philadelphia Meeting in 1974. This summer he is touring various U.S. cities to interview American players who had played in Japan. At the A's-Angels game on July 12, Massy was down on the field interviewing Clete Boyer, A's Coach, who played in Japan a few years ago. Ted Kurihara, an excellent photographer, was recording it on film.

Most of the Californians were among the 33 members attending their first Annual Convention, which makes geographical sense. Nevertheless, Golden Staters Bill Gustafson, who was attending his fourth meeting, and Bob Hoie and Dan Keller, who racked up No. 3, had that deja vu feeling. The States of Arizona, Montana, and Tennessee were represented at National Conventions for the first time. Here is a list of members who attended the Los Angeles Meeting, their home State and the number of Conventions they have attended since Cooperstown in 1971.

Dave Anderson, Cal. 1	Robert Hoie, Cal. 3	Rick Naftaly, Cal. 1
Bob Badami, Cal. 1	Al Hoover, Conn. 1	Lowell Noonan, Cal. 1
Dick Beverage, Cal. 1	Masaru Ikei, Japan 2	Bill Ohler, Cal. 1
Clarence Blasco, Cal. 1	Richard Juline, Cal. 1	Pete Palmer, Mass. 4
Edgar Braun, Ind. 2	Cliff Kachline, NY 10	John Pardon, NY 6
Chuck Carey, Cal. 1	Jim Kearney, Ariz. 1	Fred Rodgers, Cal. 1
Bill Carle, Mo. 2	Dan Keller, Cal. 3	Allan Roth, Cal. 1
Pat Casey, Cal. 1	Tom Knight, NY 2	Ted Roumann, Cal. 1
Everett Cope, Mont. 1	Steve Kotz, Cal. 1	Bill Schroeder, Cal. 1
D. Coughenour, Kan. 1	Ted Kurihara, Japan 1	Joe Simenic, Ohio 5
Bob Davids, DC 10	George Land, Cal. 1	D. Shoebottom, Nev. 2
Tom Diedrich, Ohio 1	Chris Landels, Nev. 2	Bob Soderman, Ill. 2
Ted DiTullio, Ill. 4	Ron Liebman, NY 8	Frank Speltz, Cal. 1
Paul Doherty, Mass. 6	Bob Lindsay, Pa. 4	Mel Stiefel, Cal. 1
Greg Erion, Cal. 1	Laur. Lippmann, Cal. 1	Dick Symons, Cal. 1
Cappy Gagnon, Cal. 2	Vern Luse, Mo. 3	Tony Tortorici, La. 2
Ed Goldstein, Cal. 1	Bob McConnell, Del. 9	Dick Trueman, Cal. 1
John Guinozzo, Tenn. 1	Victor Meyer, NJ 6	Edsel Ward, Colo. 2
Bill Gustafson, Cal. 4	Elias Milonas, Mich. 1	Paul White, Texas 1
Al Gwinnell, Ariz. 1	Lamb. Milonas, Mich. 1	Tom Zocco, Conn. 7
Tom Halleran, Cal. 1	Bob Muhlback, Va. 7	

AT THE SEMINAR SESSIONS ON SUNDAY, a broad spectrum of interesting baseball topics were dealt with as follows:

- Pat "Hotso" Casey — Composing Baseball Music
- Dick Trueman — Computer Analysis Based on Play-by-Play Data
- Masaru Ikei — American Ballplayers in Japan
- Dick Juline — Background and Highlights of the All-Star Games
- Ted DiTullio — Statistical Concerns
- Vic Meyer — Sins of Hall of Fame Selection
- Vern Luse — Pre-1900 Minor League Career Records
- Allan Roth — Historical and Statistical Support for Broadcasting
- Joe Simenic & Bill Gustafson — Biographical Research Techniques
- John Pardon — Use of the Newspaper Microfilm Directory
- Bob Hoie — Tracking Minor Leaguers from One Club to Another

JOHN HOLWAY PROVIDED a written report on the Negro League Committee's work, which indicated that statistics have been compiled for three seasons of the Eastern Colored League in the 1920s, and four for the Negro National League. Terry Baxter is working on the 1922 NNL season. Pitching records and extra-base hits are still needed. Assistance is being sought in compiling stats for Cuban and California Winter Leagues where integrated play provides some Black-OB comparisons. Tweed Webb continues to publish historical data on St. Louis Black baseball. John Holway continues to push for opening the Hall of Fame to more Negro Leaguers and has submitted data on 40 such candidates.

FOR THE MINOR LEAGUE COMMITTEE, Bob Hoie reported progress on developing a complete list of all pro leagues, their standings, clubs, nicknames, managers, etc. Jerry Jackson, in addition to completing his microfilm directory, has generated a great volume of data over the past year. Ray Nemecek, Vern Luse, and Eves Raja (of Canada) have compiled averages for nine leagues not listed in the guides. This increases the number of such leagues located or researched by committee members to 115. A complete set of this information has been given to the HOF Library. Work has progressed on compiling career records for inclusion in a second volume of Minor League Stars. Ed Leonard has compiled career "top tens" in all batting and pitching categories for the NYP-Eastern League. Other members are encouraged to do the same for other leagues. David Chrisman has developed a lengthy manuscript for publication on the history of the International League.

THE BASEBALL RECORDS COMMITTEE report (Bob Davids for Mil Chipp) indicated that the 1980 Research Journal would carry an article on inside-the-park home runs since 1900 and another on batters hitting for the cycle since 1876. Other work of the committee deals with compiling lists of batters with four doubles in a game, three triples (Ken Landreaux and Doug Flynn recently did it), and four long hits. Another project is to break down games played in the outfield into three positions, such as for Pete Rose: 643 LF, 69 CF, and 560 RF, and to compile a list of versatile stars who played all nine positions in their careers, including the three outfield positions.

IN BIOGRAPHICAL RESEARCH, Cliff Kachline noted that of the 12,800 players who have appeared in a major league game, questionnaires are still needed for nearly 3000, most of them born before 1900. Last year about 400 corrections were made on players, such as for full name, height, weight, etc., but new questionnaires are received at a rate of only some 60 per year. The committee could use help.

TWO MINOR CHANGES IN THE BY-LAWS were approved: (1) adding a requirement that a person must be a member for two years before being eligible for office, and (2) that the Auditing Committee have the Treasurer's report audited by a CPA. After a brief discussion, the Guidelines for Members, as circulated with the June Bulletin, were unanimously adopted. The President reminded the group that permission must be secured from the Executive Board to use the SABR mailing list (six have been granted, one denied).

THE 1981 CONVENTION SITE was discussed with indications that on the 10th anniversary of SABR, the Society would go international and meet in Toronto, which is still not very far from its 1971 birth site in Cooperstown, N.Y. The decision will be held up pending the outcome of the regional meeting to be held there on August 9. It was noted that Baltimore continues to stand ready to host the convention, and one member strongly advocated meeting in Atlanta in 1981. Some other possible sites to consider down the road include Boston, Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Milwaukee, and Kansas City.

William C. Oatis, 54, died at his home in Toledo June 11 after a long illness. He was vice president of Oatis Machinery Company, with which he had served since his graduation from Case Institute in 1949. He had been a SABR member since 1978 and had been researching with fellow member Ralph Lin Weber the biographical data and career records of Toledo-born players with at least one game in the majors. He was happy to find the record of Merlin Kopp in Minor League Stars, a book which sparked his interest. Mr. Oatis is survived by his wife and four children.

THE SABR COMMITTEES are being reorganized for the next year and members serving on those committees will be announced in the October Bulletin. If you are interested in serving on a committee, such as Baseball Records, Publications, Biographical Research, Minor Leagues, Negro Leagues, or Statistical Analysis, indicate your preference to President Kit Crissey, 1806 Benton Ave, #1, Phila, Pa. 19152. His phone number is 215/745-8503.

A COMMEMORATIVE STAMP with a baseball theme has been suggested by Joe King of Lubbock, Texas. You may not know that it takes several years to mount a stamp campaign with the U.S. Postal Service. The one Joe has in mind is the 50th anniversary of the selection of the five original HOF Members in 1936. Can you visualize a Mt. Rushmore-like assemblage of Cobb, Wagner, Ruth, Mathewson and Johnson? Or how about a stamp series with one for each? Sounds worth pursuing with sustained vigor to 1986.

SABR MEMBER DAN OKRENT and his firm, Eisenberg, McCall & Okrent, Inc., are looking for researchers to take part in the collection of material for The Biographical Encyclopedia of Baseball, which is planned for publication in 1985. It will include non-statistical, biographical information on nearly 3000 baseball players, managers, umpires and executives. The editors are also recruiting a small group of writers to put the assembled material together. SABR members who would like to participate in any phase of this project, and for which they will be compensated, should write to Daniel Okrent, Eisenberg, McCall & Okrent, Inc., Box 417, Worthington, Mass. 01098. Those interested in writing parts of the volume should enclose writing samples; those interested in research should indicate areas of specialty, and newspaper files or microfilm collections to which they have access. The Executive Board discussed this project in Los Angeles and encourages members to contact Dan on an individual basis to work out their own arrangements.

THE ONTARIO REGIONAL MEETING was held at the Press Club in Toronto August 9 with 20 members present. This included three from "South of the Border" — Treasurer Frank Phelps and Board Members John Pardon and Cliff Kachline. Dave Crichton and Bill Humber conducted the meeting which included a detailed discussion of plans to host the 1981 National Convention in Toronto. Research presentations were made by: Allen Tait on Relief Pitching Measures; Dan Chalmers on Lack of Oriental Players in OB; Peter Watson on a Duke Snider Interview; Bill Humber on Baseball Resource Material in Canada; and Neil MacCarl on the old Toronto Maple Leafs.

ART SCHOTT reports that 16 members have volunteered to research rookie of the year candidates for the years 1900 to 1945 so that the Society may vote on the annual selections. The work is already under way and we will give you a progress report in a few months. It looks like Joe Jackson just qualifies as a rookie in 1911 under modern interpretation. He hit .408 that season.

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THE SEMIANNUAL MEETING of the Executive Board will take place in Washington, D.C. on Saturday, October 25. All of the four officers and the four board members plan to attend. One of the matters to be dealt with is the selection of the site for the 1981 National Convention. A member of the Toronto delegation will be present to support their proposal to host the convention. The board meeting will be held right after the Seventh Annual Baltimore-Washington Regional Meeting in Camp Springs, Md., that afternoon. We will report on the regional gathering in the next Bulletin.

THE 1980 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY is out at last! It was bulk mailed the first week in October and should reach its 1200+ locations in the second and third weeks. A word of explanation about the long delay: The Philadelphia contractor which was computerizing the information had some problems midway into the project. After an interminable delay the company threw up its corporate hands in resignation. We had to take the project back and put it in the format of prior years. Gregg Dubbs did much of the work at his home in Lancaster, Pa., where the material was typeset. It was printed in Washington and distributed there (here) as in the past. We apologize for the delay and will try to do a better job next year.

ON THE 1980 RESEARCH JOURNAL, most of the articles have been typeset and now need to be proofed and arranged with illustrations in an appropriate layout. Barring any catastrophe, the Journal should be out in November. It may be slightly larger than last year, but even so we must hold out several articles that we planned to include. One of the articles withdrawn is that of the editor. It is hoped that such a stance will help soothe the feelings of the several who expected to see their masterpieces in this volume. Fortunately, most of these articles are fully historical and will be just as good in the 1981 Journal.

JERRY GREGORY, the new vice president and head of the public relations committee, is taking his duties seriously. The ink was hardly dry on his commission when he organized with fellow-member Charlie Owen a tour of the Northeast which took in major and minor league games in the company of SABR members along the way. From suburban Washington they went first to Philadelphia where they saw the Phils with President Kit Crissey, Treasurer Frank Phelps, and Al Del Rossi. Then on to NY for a Mets' game and a visit with John Pardon to Babe Ruth's burialsite in Gate of Heaven Cemetery; then on to a minor league game in Waterbury, Conn., with Tom Zocco, and another game in Pawtucket, RI, with Bill George and Richard Courtens. They journeyed next to Boston to see the Crimson Hose with Paul Doherty and Pete Palmer. Next to Holyoke to see Tom Kayser, VP & GM of the Millers; then to Cooperstown, NY to see Paul Henrici and Cliff Kachline. Quite a tour, you guys! You couldn't have had better company.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS for the next year have been made by President Crissey. He asks that chairmen report to him at year's end and midyear 1981 on the activities of their groups. Members not listed below who want to become more involved in specific work of the Society should contact one of the chairmen, listed in caps below.

AUDITING: SIMONSEN, Gonzalez, O'Malley

BASEBALL RECORDS: JOZWIK, Liebman, DiTullio, Laberge, Luse, Selko, Chipp, Latannzi

BIOGRAPHICAL RESEARCH: KACHLINE, Simenic, Haber, Gustafson, Hufford, Shea, Malatzky, Winnie, MacAlister, Carter, Raja, Linthurst, Tholkes, Lindsay, Carroll, Carle, McGraw, Borst, Dubbs

EDITORIAL: DAVIDS, Kermisch, Rothe, McConnell, Selzer, Dubbs, Winkler

MINOR LEAGUES: HOIE, Jackson, Pardon, Luse, Nemeck, Brooks, Selko, K.Green, Raja, Laughlin, Van Atta, Lindsay

NEGRO LEAGUES: HOLWAY, Kleinknecht, Malarcher, Webb, Doherty

NOMINATING: MURDOCK, McConnell, Grosshandler, Meyer, Schott

PUBLIC RELATIONS: GREGORY, Grosshandler, Hugo, Harper, Harville, Bortstein, B.Herbert, Del Rossi

STATISTICAL ANALYSIS: PALMER, Cramer, Schwartz, D.Smith, Trueman, Savage, Meyer, D.Adams, Pankin, James, Carle, Ivins.

REMEMBER THOSE DAYS when Raymond Gonzalez, the New York accountant who is an authority on triple plays and the Yankees, was our only Hispanic member? Well, it's true that Ray was born in Cuba, but now we have several members in the Caribbean area: Gustavo Agrait in Puerto Rico; Carlos Garcia in Nicaragua; Alfredo Franceschi and Eugene Maduro in Panama; and Jose Jimenez in the Dominican Republic. Incidentally, Dr. Jimenez recently sent the editor a copy of his book on all the Latin American players who have appeared in the majors. It's in Spanish, but when he says that Adolfo Luque played with los Gigantes de Nuevo York, you're pretty sure he doesn't mean the Pittsburgh Pirates.

BASEBALL RESEARCH EXCHANGE

Bob Davids, 4424 Chesapeake St, NW, Wash. DC 20016, has updated his list of quadrennial leaders in each batting category patterned along the lines of the four-year Presidential Administration. For the period 1977-80, for example, Rod Carew won a second term as batting champion, and Omar Moreno headed the Stolen Base Department. The four-year leaders are traced back to 1901-04 when Nap Lajoie was the leading batter and Sam Crawford led in triples, Two pages.

Tom Hufford, 3056 Rita Way, SE, Smyrna, Ga. 30080, has updated his listing of former players who lived to be 90 or more. This list now runs to some 120 names, including some of the living stars such as Stan Coveleski and Smoky Joe Wood. Managers are also included on the list. Four pages.

Ted DiTullio, 2051 LeClaire Ave, N, Chicago, Ill. 60639 has the correct, up-to-date list of 17 four-decade players, including two who "played" in five. There was great confusion this past year among modern sportswriters who gave numbers ranging from 7 to 14. The correct number is 17 and Ted will provide the list with years and teams. Members may order any of the above items from the donor without charge. SABR will pay reproduction and mailing costs for those making these items available.

THERE ARE STILL some copies left of Larry Gerlach's book "The Men in Blue," which is being provided to SABR members for a discount. The book, dealing with conversations with umpires Beans Reardon, Ernie Stewart, Emmett Ashford and many others, has been getting good reviews. If you are interested in a copy, send a check made out to SABR to John Pardon, Box 728, Crugers, N.Y. 10521. The amount is \$10.50. John is handling the transaction.

THE MICROFILM DIRECTORY compiled by Jerry Jackson is available for purchase. It is about 100 pages and lists some 350 libraries and other facilities which have newspapers on microfilm available for loan. These are newspapers of minor league cities primarily but some of the Big Leagues are included. It is a good research tool if you want, for example, to check out something that happened in Little Rock during the 1910 season. If you are interested in a copy of the Microfilm Directory, send a check for \$3.75 made out to Vern Luse, 5103 Hickory Road, #8, Kansas City, Mo. 64129. Vern is handling this transaction.

BASEBALL WRITER JERRY HOLTZMAN has gone into the publishing business. His first major offering is a deluxe 10-volume Sports Classics Collection, an assemblage of some of the best non-fiction books on sports. Six of the ten books are on baseball: The Long Season (Brosnan), The Boys of Summer (Kahn), Veeck as in Wreck (Veeck & Linn), Babe (Creamer), Eight Men Out (Asinof), and The Glory of Their Times (Ritter). Also in the collection are Paper Lion, Instant Replay, Farewell to Sport, and The Sweet Science. The books are fancy head-gilded, with a leather spine, and are autographed. In republishing these classics, Jerry wrote an introduction to each book. He has reduced the price to SABR members by more than 25 percent. Members interested in this large collection should send a check for \$120.50 to Holtzman Press, Inc. 1225 Forest Avenue, Evanston, Ill. 60202. If you have questions, ask for a detailed flyer.

RANDY LINTHURST's first book on the Newark Bears (1932-38) has been reprinted and copies are available for those who earlier requested this publication. It has 95 pages and five photos and covers those years when Newark was considered good enough to play in the majors. Randy has knocked 50¢ off the price so if you want a copy send a check for \$5 to Randy Linthurst, 325 West Upper Ferry Road, #B2, West Trenton, NJ 08628.

FRED STEIN still has copies left of his 1978 book about the 1932-48 NY Giants, Under Coogan's Bluff. In fact, he is dropping the price to SABR members from \$6.50 to \$3.95. The story of Terry, Ott, Hubbell and Co. is covered from a fan's point of view. Six photos and 145 pages. If you want a copy send a check for \$3.95 to Fred Stein, 6333 Beryl Road, Alexandria, Va. 22312.

AARON TO ZUVERINK, A Nostalgic Look at Baseball in the Fifties. That's the title of a book being researched by Rich Marazzi and Len Fiorito and which will be published by Stein and Day next Spring. The more than 1500 actives in that decade will be listed with the current status of those former players (Sorry, Jim Kaat -- didn't mean to refer to you as a former player). The authors are interested in post-playing occupations of the 1950-59 stars and would appreciate any information members could provide. If you have this type of information write to Len Fiorito, 2905 SW 109th, Seattle, Wash. 98146.

HOWARD ELSON is researching the life of Casey Stengel with the idea of writing a one character play about him. Dr. Elson is a dentist and Stengel also had that affiliation so the tie-in is broader than baseball. If any member has any records, tapes, photos, movies, anecdotes, etc., you would be willing to share, contact Dr. Elson at 332 Fifth Ave, Suite 309, McKeesport, Pa. 15132.

SOME UNUSUAL AND INTERESTING HAPPENINGS IN THE MAJORS IN 1980

1. Pete Rose, 39 years old, played the full schedule of games for the eighth season of his career. He now has played the most games at five different positions: 643 LF, 560 RF, 631 3B, 629 2B, and 327 1B. Steve Garvey ran his consecutive game streak to 835, sixth best in major league history.
2. George Brett's .390 batting mark was the highest for a third baseman in this century. He surpassed Freddie Lindstrom's .379 figure for the Giants in 1930. Brett also had 118 RBIs in 117 games, best average since Walt Dropo drove in 144 runs in 136 games for the 1950 Red Sox. In this superlative year for third basemen, Mike Schmidt passed Eddie Mathews' 1953 record of 47 homers with a new major league record of 48.
3. Jim Kaat, Tim McCarver and Willie McCovey joined the list of veterans who have played in four decades. McCarver did it when he was only 38 years old. Minnie Minoso, 57, became the second five-decade player.
4. Jim Kaat, 41, became the oldest pitcher to steal a base (June 23 in St. Louis) since Cy Young, 42, in 1909. Kaat also hit a homer (off Joe Niekro) on August 27, and on June 4 pitched a 1-0 win over the Mets in 10 innings. Phil Niekro, 41, and Gaylord Perry, who turned 42 in September, also pitched complete game shutouts. This marked the first season that three hurlers over 40 joined the whitewash department in the same year.
5. The Oakland A's had four pitchers who went the distance in 14-inning games, which is by far the longest effort by any hurlers this season. Matt Keough won a 14-inning game on May 17; Mike Norris on June 11, Rick Langford on July 20, and Steve McCatty lost one on August 10. The Oakland mound staff completed 94 of their starts this season, the highest figure since the 1941 White Sox completed 106. Langford completed 22 games in a row.
6. Sparky Lyle set a new career record for games pitched by a lefthander with 806. He passed Darold Knowles at 765, who passed Warren Spahn at 750. All of Lyle's games have been in relief, a record for consecutive rescue jobs.
7. It was a wild base stealing season. Ricky Henderson of Oakland swiped an even 100, and Ron LeFlore, inserted as a pinch runner on the last game of the season for Montreal, steals two bases to beat out Omar Moreno of the Pirates 97 to 96. LeFlore and Rodney Scott of the Expos set a record for two teammates by stealing 160 bases between them, and Scott probably set a record for stealing third in the process (final data not available). The Padres had three players with more than 50 thefts: Gene Richards 61, Ozzie Smith 57, and Jerry Mumphrey 52. Willie Wilson, runner-up with 79 in the AL, was not thrown out in his last 32 attempts.
8. Mike Squires of the White Sox became one of the very few left-handed catchers in this century when he appeared behind the plate on May 4 and 7. His normal position was at first base where he did a fine fielding job.
9. Manny Mota of the Dodgers reached the 150-mark in career pinch hits with Oct. 5 RBI single. With 502 at bats, this gave him a nifty .299 career PH mark.
10. Willie Wilson set a new record with 705 at bats; tied Garry Templeton's switch hit mark with 100 hits batting right and 130 batting left, and tied Pete Rose's 230 hits as a switch hitter. He also hit 184 singles, an AL record.
11. Johnny Bench passed Yogi Berra's record of 313 home runs exclusively as a catcher and wound up with 323. This puts him on the all-time home run team by position with 1B Gehrig, 493; 2B Hornsby, 289; 3B Mathews, 485; SS Banks, 293; OF Ruth 692, Aaron 661, Mays 643; and P, Ferrell 37. No PH homers are included, or those hit while playing other positions.

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NEWSLETTER OF THE SOCIETY FOR AMERICAN BASEBALL RESEARCH

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IT IS TIME TO RENEW MEMBERSHIP FOR 1981. A revised renewal form is enclosed with this mailing. Cliff Kachline and Gregg Dubbs have come up with a new form which should facilitate compilation of the Membership Directory. Gregg will be in charge of that project in 1981 and he would like to have a card-file arrangement of the 1200+ membership renewals. This form probably will be extended to the new memberships in 1981 as well. Please fill out the form as best you can -- check the various blocks and send your \$15 check made out to SABR with the renewal card to SABR, P.O. Box 323, Cooperstown, NY 13326. Prompt action on the renewal is requested. Late renewals are awkward to handle because, having taken you off the mailing list, we then have to put you back on, and this can result in omissions, duplicate entries, etc.

SOME INCONSISTENCIES have been noticed between the addresses in the Membership Directory and the mailing labels. Some of this may result from having an office address in one case and a home address in the other, or the four-month delay in getting out the Directory. Obviously, some of the addresses became outdated. Please keep us up to date on your address changes because bulk mail is not forwarded. Send changes to the Cooperstown address noted above. You also may note on your renewal form a change in address or telephone number.

THE 1981 NATIONAL SABR CONVENTION will be held in Toronto in late July or early August. The SABR Executive Board made this decision at its semiannual meeting in Washington in October. Gavin MacKenzie of Toronto was on hand to respond directly to questions about facilities, expenses, activities for family members, etc. One date under consideration is August 7-9, which is very close to the tenth anniversary of the Society (August 10, 1971 was the organization meeting). The Yankees play the Blue Jays that weekend. The other date is July 24-26 and the Baltimore Orioles are in town at that time.

VP JERRY GREGORY, Head of the Public Relations Committee, has pulled together address labels for members in 15 different metropolitan areas and has dispatched this information to key contacts in those areas. The idea is to encourage a keyperson, or a substitute, to use the address labels to initiate regional SABR gatherings. Identifying members in a particular area is the initial step in such an undertaking and having the labels ready to slap on envelopes with a flyer inside should make the organizing task easier. Getting a leader or a core of members to take charge is the crucial factor. Let's hope that Jerry's effort will stimulate some activity in different parts of the country. If any person -- even in an area of few members -- wants to initiate a meeting, Jerry can provide you the names and addresses of those people in your vicinity. We realize it is pretty tedious to wade through the alphabetical listing in the Directory to find your neighbors.

THE 1980 RESEARCH JOURNAL was delivered to the bulk mailer for distribution on December 5. Most members should have received their copy by this time, in spite of the Christmas crunch. If authors or other members want extra copies, they may receive up to three for \$2 apiece. The regular price is \$5.

The first batch of articles for the reprinting of the best of the first three Journals (now out of print) have gone to the typesetter. That book should be rounding into shape in the first quarter of 1981. Some of the articles have to be updated and we'll have to come up with a book title and a cover photo. Maybe the cover shot should be of some modern era player since the Journal cover is usually used to display the centennial celebrity.

IT IS NOW TIME TO INVITE articles for the 1981 Journal. Some 4-5 articles meant for the 1980 number will be used in the upcoming issue. Regarding new material, use the 1980 Journal as a guide to content and length (3-10 double-spaced typewritten pages). Again we call for previously unpublished material, or new angles or new approaches to little known happenings. While reviewing the 1980 Journal material a few weeks ago, President Kit Crissey raised the question with the editor about "how long could we continue to come up with previously unpublished information?" Or, put another way, "how much is still 'out there' waiting to be uncovered?" The answer is that there is still plenty out there. Look, for example, at what Al Kermisch comes up each year for the Journal. Or those interviews with forgotten ball players, etc. So keep those articles coming in. Be sure they are well researched. The editor spent considerable time in 1980 checking "facts." Send to Bob Davids, 4424 Chesapeake St. NW, Washington, DC 20016.

FORMER PITCHER DICK BOSMAN was the main speaker at the Seventh Annual Baltimore-Washington Regional Meeting October 25 in Camp Springs, Md. He made a very nice presentation and was articulate and candid in a lengthy question/answer session. He really would like to get back into baseball as a pitching coach with a major league team. Research presentations by members included:

- Larry Amman --- Historical Analysis of the Detroit Tigers, 1901-80
- James Bostain --- Some Interesting Batter and Pitcher Graphs
- John Holway --- The Longest Home Run Hit in Yankee Stadium
- Bob Kingsley --- Home Run Analysis of Various Major League Parks
- Don Nelson --- Amazing Career Parallels of Hack Wilson and Roger Maris
- Robert Stearns --- Use of the Sacrifice Bunt in the World Series

There were 40 members present and 11 guests. SABR Secretary Vern Luse came the greatest distance --- from Kansas City. Further even than Gavin MacKenzie, who came down from Toronto to see how SABR operates south of the St. Lawrence. Books by members were available for sale or review. Charlie Owen, who worked with Jerry Gregory to put the meeting together, had copies of Ethel Berg's book on her brother, Moe Berg, which is an interesting compilation.

INADVERTENT OMISSIONS: The names of two of our original members were left out of the history section of the 1980 Membership Directory. The Cooperstown Sixteen was somehow reduced to fourteen when the line with the names of Bill Gustafson of San Jose, Calif., and Bill Haber of Brooklyn was skipped. In the body of the Directory, the name of a member in good standing suffered the same fate. Missing is Ed Pavlick, 2469 North Maryland Avenue, Milwaukee, Wis. 53211. In the list of committee members in the October Bulletin, the name of Charlie Owen, Marlow Hts, Md., was omitted from the Public Relations Committee.

OUR INTELLIGENCE NETWORK reveals — actually it was a message on the back of a Christmas card — that resourceful Richard Cramer achieved a coup with his player performance evaluation methods. The breakthrough came when Dick, a co-founder of SABR's statistical analysis function, and partner Steve Mann met last July with Houston management — Tal Smith, Bill Virdon and assistants — to evaluate Astro player performance. One player whose fielding they downgraded has since been dispatched, but Dick says it might have been a coincidence. Now Dick and Steve have negotiations under way with the Oakland A's to do a similar evaluation. Watch out for No. 1, you guys.

THE HALL OF FAME BALLOTING by the writers is interesting this year because of the initial influx of several heavyweights who may dominate the balloting. The reference is to Bob Gibson, Juan Marichal, Harmon Killebrew, and Thurman Munson, as well as Dave McNally, Vada Pinson and Jim Perry. Munson is eligible because of a rule adopted after the death of Roberto Clemente in 1972 which says that a ten-year player who dies while still active can be considered six months after his death. Munson, who died in August 1979, was not eligible a year ago. Is he Hall of Fame caliber? How will voters react to Killebrew's .256 lifetime batting average, compiled primarily in the pitchers' era of the 1960s? The career ERAs of Marichal (2.89) and Gibson (2.91) are excellent, but what about Hoyt Wilhelm, who not only pitched more games than any other hurler (1070), but had the best ERA in the last 60 years (2.52)? Do today's writers have a better appreciation of fielding and base stealing? What then about the slick-fielding speedster, Luis Aparicio, who holds the record for most career games at short?

Let's stir up a little controversy and give one member's view of how the HOF balloting should go:

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| 1. Bob Gibson | 6. Gil Hodges |
| 2. Hoyt Wilhelm | 7. Don Drysdale |
| 3. Juan Marichal | 8. Jim Bunning |
| 4. Harm. Killebrew | 9. Nelson Fox |
| 5. Luis Aparicio | 10. Wills/Munson |

Listen, it's hard to cut off right at ten. Even an expert has to hedge a bit. What about the Veterans Committee? They can select only two and one has to be a former player. For players we would say Johnny Mize, Vic Willis, an 8-time 20-game winner, and Smoky Joe Williams of the Negro Leagues. For execs, ump, managers, etc., we suggest Rube Foster (Negro League combination), Charlie Grimm (combination), and Bill McGowan, ump. How's that for balance and merit?

FRANK KEETZ is preparing a series of five booklets on the history of professional baseball in Schenectady, NY. The first is a 24-pager on Schenectady's first complete season in O.B. (1899). He describes how the team got started in the NY State League that season under player-manager Lew Whistler. Fourteen illustrations. If you want a copy send a check for \$2.50 to Frank Keetz, 1426 Valencia Road, Schenectady, NY 12309.

ED DOYLE says he has a package of four of his publications which can be purchased for \$9. They include Forty Years a Fan, a personal reminiscence; The Only One (Babe Ruth); Al Simmons, the Best (100 pages); and The Forgotten Ones (Klein and Joe Sewell). The latter booklet was written before their recent elevation to the Hall of Fame. If you are interested in this package, send a check for \$9 to E.F. Doyle, 5936 Roosevelt Blvd, Phila, Pa. 19149. Sorry we couldn't get Ed's article on Baker Bowl in the 1980 Research Journal. We will try again next year.

Robert H. Kingsley, 65, died of acute leukemia in Rockville, Md., December 22. He had been ill only a short time; in fact, he had made a vigorous presentation at the Baltimore-Washington Regional Meeting on October 25. His primary baseball interest was the home run analysis of major league ball parks, and he had an article on this subject in the 1980 Research Journal. Born in Itaska, NY in 1915, he graduated from Syracuse University with an engineering degree. He served with the Department of Defense, concluding his career as a cartographic specialist in 1972. Bob joined the Society in 1976 and attended the Regional Meeting in Rockville that year with his good friend and golfing partner Bose Berger, former AL infielder. Bob's home run analysis work was highlighted in The Sporting News and Sports Illustrated and he provided periodic reports to some 50 SABR members. He leaves his wife Anne, two daughters and two sons.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN should remember to submit their semiannual report on what their committees are doing to Kit Crissey, 1806 Benton St. #1, Phila. Pa. 19152. A brief written report in early January is required.

BASEBALL RESEARCH EXCHANGE -- John McClain, 90 Bliss Road, Newport, RI 02840, is working on a book of baseball lists and has three items available to SABR members upon request. They are: Batters with more RBI than games played in a season; batters with more season home runs than strikeouts; and batters with 20 or more home runs and stolen bases in the same season. Contact John at the above address if you are interested.

MEMBERS ARE AGAIN REMINDED that if they are considering using the SABR mailing list for some commercial purpose in 1981, please clear it first with President Kit Crissey at the address above. Likewise, if any member is being solicited thru the mailing list for non-SABR purposes, the President also should be informed of that.

ORANGE BASEBALLS: Does any member have any practical or research knowledge about baseballs the color of Rusty Staub's hair? Dennis Piano, RD 2, Box 235A, Locktown Road, Flemington, NJ, 08822, operates a baseball league and has to decide this issue before Spring training. Didn't Charlie Finley try orange baseballs in the exhibition season one year? Were there any drawbacks? If you know, contact Dennis. Just think, if orange baseballs catch on Robert Peterson may have to write a sequel with a different title.

JAMIE SELKO, 1095 W. 22nd, Eugene, Ore. 92405, is researching the Far West League and would like to be in contact with any member who has photos of former players or other research material about the League.

KARL GREEN, 1940 Woodland Hills Ave, NW, Atlanta, Ga. 30318, is researching the early phases of intercollegiate baseball in different parts of the U.S. He says it started in the Southeast in 1892. That seems a little late considering that it started with Harvard, Princeton and Yale in 1868. Does any one know when it started in the Midwest, Southwest, and Far West?

CONGRATULATIONS TO DICK CASE, former head of Babe Ruth Baseball, who was named the first executive director of the U.S. Baseball Federation. This is the umbrella organization for amateur baseball. Congratulations to John Hickman of Wilmington, Del., for managing his Parkway team to the Eastern U.S. Semipro Invitational Baseball Championship in Bridgeton, N.J.

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THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY NATIONAL MEETING and the first International Convention will be held in Toronto, Ontario, the weekend of July 24-26, 1981. The site will be the Brindale Campus of the University of Toronto, where dormitory lodging and dining facilities will be available at a reduced rate. Members are encouraged to bring along family members to take advantage of these cost-saving factors. Transportation will be provided to the Saturday game between the Blue Jays and the Orioles, which should be a real delight for birdwatchers as well as fans. Further meeting plans are not pinned down at this time. The format should be similar to earlier meetings, but we may take advantage of the academic atmosphere to set up research panel discussions in separate classrooms. A meeting reservation form will be included with the April Bulletin spelling out costs, directions, schedules, etc. In the meantime, keep those dates in mind — July 24-26. It will be a good vacation time.

THE PHILADELPHIA REGIONAL MEETING and Ballplayers' Reunion is scheduled for Saturday, May 2, at the Airport Quality Inn. The sessions will run from 10 to 5 and will be followed by a game between the hometown Phils and Frank Robinson's SF Giants. The schedule includes SABR presentations, lunch, and panel discussions, including one on the mysterious Moe Berg. A flyer is being sent to regional members; if anyone else from a greater distance wishes to attend, contact Kit Crissey, 1806 Benton St. #1, Phila. Pa. 19152.

MAY 2 ALSO IS THE DATE for the first regional meeting in the Detroit area. It will be held at the Walter Reuther Research Library, Wayne State University. A panel discussion will be conducted and members will make research presentations. This is the first effort of this kind in the Michigan area so let's give it the old college try. Membership in the area is not large so full cooperation is needed. The Milonas father-son team is putting it together. Area members will receive a notice, but if you have questions, contact Elias Milonas at 23161 Middlesex, St. Clair Shores, Mich. 48080. Telephone 313/771-1602.

OTHER REGIONAL GATHERINGS are tentatively planned in the Houston, San Francisco, and Los Angeles areas in response to the overtures of VP Jerry Gregory. It is assumed that the Los Angeles meeting, when it takes place, will set a new mark for member attendance. Cappy Gagnon has agreed to organize that gathering. He was formerly employed by the National Police Foundation in Washington and now is with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. It is very possible that Cappy will send out meeting notices in Office envelopes from the Hall of Justice saying something like "You are hereby ordered to report . . ."

George Wanhainen, 55, died January 14 in a Houston hospital where he was being treated for cancer. His home was in Tell City, Indiana, where he was vice-president of an insurance agency. He had been ill for almost a year, but in spite of the debilitating effects, he and his wife did take in the Phillies-Astros playoff games in the Astrodome last October. Over the last ten years they have attended a number of all-star, championship and World Series games, usually with Bud Braun and his wife. Bud wrote a nice column in the Tell City News about George's great interest in sports and his courage in the last year. George joined SABR in 1978 and attended the St. Louis National Convention in 1979. He is survived by his wife, two sons and two daughters, and a host of friends.

BILL LOUGHMAN is pursuing information on Italian-American athletes. He is aware of the obvious Italian baseball stars such as DiMaggio, Lazzeri, and Lombardi, but feels he is missing a number because they have non-Italian last names, such as Tommy Brown and Joe Ferguson. Bill would appreciate any help the membership can give on this subject. He also would like to verify that Ed Abbaticchio was the first Italian-American to play in the majors in 1897. Contact Bill at Box 474, Elmhurst, Ill. 60126.

CONRAD HORN thinks its just great that Jim Kaat is going to become one of the few major leaguers to play in four decades. What do you mean "become?" He made the list last year with McCarver and McCovey. But Conrad is one of those purists who believe that decades run from one to ten rather than 0 to 9. This is not a new theory; in fact, 40 years ago Conrad's father stumped John Kieran, Franklin P. Adams and other experts on the radio show "Information Please" by naming the first day of the fourth decade as January 1, 1931. According to this concept, all those players who completed their tenure in a "ten" year, such as O'Connor, E.Collins, Vernon, T. Williams, and the two McC's, would come off the list. What new players would go on the list? Apparently only Cy Young and Elmer Valo. Decades are ten-year periods, of course, but how can you consider Valo, for example, a player of the 1930s when he started in 1940?

A WEST GERMAN NEWSPAPER had a field day with the report that President Carter's farewell address on January 15 interrupted a network TV showing of the unforgettable film "The Winning Team" (die siegreichi mannschaft) in which Ronald Reagan portrayed the immortal Grover Cleveland Alexander. So reports Alden Mead from Aachen, where he is on sabbatical leave from his U-Minn teaching post. The paper went on to philosophize about how ballplayers are more popular in the U.S. than Presidents (Well, I would hope so!) and if the President would interrupt the immortal strikeout of Lazzeri, he should be impeached, even at this late date. So there!

IN RESPONSE TO A LETTER IN THE SPORTING NEWS, President Kit Crissey has written the British Amateur Baseball and Softball Federation saying SABR is interested in their efforts to further the growth of baseball in England. We expect that our four members in England should support that overture; at least we dont expect then to say "that's not quite cricket."

FOR OUR NEW MEMBERS WE SAY one more time that Larry Gerlach's book "The Men in Blue" is being provided for a discount. It deals with conversations with umpires Beans Reardon, Ernie Stewart, Emmett Ashford and others, and can be obtained from John Pardon, Box 728, Crugers, NY 10521. The amount is \$10.50. Make your check out to SABR.

SURVEY BALLOT FOR CENTENNIAL CELEBRITIES

Each year the Society selects the person born 100 years ago who made the greatest contribution to baseball. This contribution can be made in many different ways, such as serving as a player, manager, umpire, executive, etc. In 1979 the selection was Miller Huggins; in 1980 it was Christy Mathewson. In this survey we will make selections for both 1981 and 1982. Lists of candidates born in 1881 and 1882 are carried below. Please select up to three candidates by order of rank for each year. Just write in 1, 2, 3, opposite your selections at left and return your ballot as directed.

1881 - 1981

Rank

- Howie Camnitz, 20-game winner three times
- Cliff Cravath, NL home run leader; manager
- Johnny Evers, second baseman; manager
- Will Harridge, longtime AL president
- Hans Lobert, third baseman, coach, manager
- Orval Overall, NL shutout hurler for short career
- Dode Paskert, NL outfielder; base stealer
- Branch Rickey, player, manager, executive ✓
- Terry Turner, versatile infielder
- Ed Walsh, iron-man hurler ✓

1882 - 1982

Rank

- Babe Adams, longtime hurler; control artist ✓
- Leon "Red" Ames, starter and early relief hurler
- Jack Coombs, hurler and longtime college coach
- Solly Hoffman, infielder-outfielder
- Ed Reulbach, percentage leader; double shutout hurler ✓
- Frank Schulte, NL long-ball hitter
- Gabby Street, catcher and manager; broadcaster

NAME

Pat Palmer

DATE

24 Feb 81

Return this ballot to: Charles Owen, Jr.
4649 Dallas Pl. #202
Marlow Hts, Md. 20031

Hi Clark

February 8, 1981

Dear SABR member,

You are cordially invited to a SABR regional meeting, coupled with a ballplayers' reunion, in Philadelphia, Pa., on Saturday, May 2. Last year, a similar affair attracted approximately fifty SABR members, fourteen ex-ballplayers and several other guests. We eagerly anticipate another great time this year. If you choose to come, please complete the enclosed form and mail it and your check or money order payable to "SABR Baseball Reunion" to H.E. Crissey, Jr., 1806 Benton St., #1, Philadelphia, Pa. 19152, so as to arrive by April 25 to allow dinner arrangements to be completed. The affair is being held at the Quality Inn (Airport), 2001 Penrose Ave., (Penrose Ave. and 20th St.) in South Philadelphia, about ten blocks from Veterans Stadium.

The events scheduled are:

10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. - Ten-minute talks by SABR members about current research. A maximum of ten talks will be given. The planning committee reserves the right to choose the list of speakers. If there is an excess, we will try to put aside more time late in the afternoon for that purpose.

1:00 p.m. - Dinner (hot meal). The cost of the meal is \$10.00 pre-paid (players free). One dollar of the \$10 charge will go toward partial payment for the players' meals. After we eat, the players will be introduced; a seminar on the legendary Moe Berg will be held; a panel discussion will ensue (topic dependent on player attendance) and historical films will be shown. Recommended reading for the Berg seminar includes Moe Berg: Athlete, Scholar, Spy, by Kaufman, Fitzgerald and Sewell (Little, Brown, 1974) and My Brother Morris Berg, The Real Moe, Ethel Berg (published privately, 1976).

7:00 p.m. - A game at Veterans Stadium between the Philadelphia Phillies and San Francisco Giants. Tickets are \$5.00 (600 level) pre-paid. If you wish to sit in a more or less expensive seat, please make your own arrangements. (Players will be admitted free.). Note: Philadelphia is at home against San Francisco the night before (5/1/81).

Transportation: To offer or receive aid in 'doubling up' with somebody from your area, call Frank Phelps (215-265-1622) or Al Del Rossi (215-948-0441).

Lodging: At your expense. The number of the Quality Inn is 215-755-6500. Singles are \$37, doubles \$43, plus 6% sales tax. Rooms are approximately \$10 cheaper at the nearby Martinique Motor Inn, Penrose Ave. & 24th St. (215-336-2400). Make your own reservations. If you choose to stay at the Quality Inn, mention SABR because there will be a \$3 discount on room rates if more than 10 rooms are reserved.

Sponsorship: In an effort to attract more players, we wish to offer you a chance to pay for a player's transportation expenses (and lodging, if necessary). Should you do this, you will be the player's host for the day. The player will eat at your table. You may sponsor a favorite of yours or leave your offer 'open' and have the coordinators of the meeting pick one for you. Just let Kit Crissey know how much you wish to contribute and whom you wish to invite.

Guests: Guests of SABR members are welcome. Their attendance costs are the same as those of members.

Name _____ Address _____
Home Phone _____ Bus, Phone _____

- _____ I will attend the dinner and meeting with _____ (no.) of guests.
- _____ I'll drive and am willing to bring passengers.
- _____ I need transportation and am explaining my problem in a separate note.
- _____ I wish to give a 10-minute speech. Topic _____
- _____ I would like _____ at \$5 each for the Phillies-Giants game. (Payment enclosed). (tickets)

Kit Crissey
Kit Crissey, for SABR

WE DIDN'T NEED A SURVEY to determine who should be the Centennial Celebrity in 1980. It was Christy Mathewson. This year it is a little different because we have a mix of executives and players from which to choose the person born in 1881 who made the greatest contribution to baseball. While we're at it we might as well make our selection for 1982 at the same time. There are a number of evenly matched players in that grouping. Look at the records and do a little reflection about the executives and then come to some conclusion. A survey ballot is enclosed. Please return it to Charlie Owen as directed.

A QUESTION WAS RAISED RECENTLY about the possibility that the Society might have at some future time a Centennial Celebrity who is still living. We seem to be going in the other direction: Miller Huggins, honored in 1979, had died 50 years earlier; Mathewson, cited in 1980, passed away in 1925. Looking down the road, or up the road, rather, the chances of a living CC are very unlikely. About the only opportunity would be in 1989 when George Burns (of the Giants and Reds), Stan Coveleski, George Dauss, Rube Marquard, and Smoky Joe Wood will be the chief candidates. As of this writing, Coveleski and Wood are still with us, and Covey has a little better record than the other players. Moving up to 1993, we have Edd Roush and Burleigh Grimes still living, but George Sisler, born in 1893, has that year pretty well sewed up. Similarly, Bill Terry, Charlie Grimm and Joe Sewell survive from the 1898 class, but Frank Frisch might have the edge there.

A SECOND RENEWAL NOTICE is included with this Bulletin for those members who have not yet, as of February 18, signed up for 1981. We will have to cut you off after this mailing if we do not receive your card and check. The renewal form this year, in case you are confused, is a yellow card rather than a full sheet of paper which we have used in the past. Please fill out the card and return with a check for \$15 in U.S. currency to SABR P.O. Box 323, Cooperstown, N.Y. 13326.

THE BASEBALL HISTORICAL REVIEW (best articles from the first three Journals) is not yet ready to be mailed out, but when it does go out in the Spring, we would like to eliminate mailing to obsolete addresses. Be sure your address is up to date, because bulk mail is not forwarded. A number of Journals were wasted that way in December and we would like to improve our performance in the next go-around. An alternative to consider is to charge for that second publication if the first one goes to a defunct address.

THAT LIST OF PLAYERS in the 1980 Research Journal who had never played in the minor leagues was one line too long. The last player on the list, Carl Scheib, should be scratched. In spite of the information which Scheib placed in his file in Cooperstown, he is the same person who played the outfield and pitched briefly for Portland in the PCL in 1954-55. Steve Boren, member from Illinois, was kind enough to call this correction to our attention.

CHARLES ALBERT, a Washington, DC, member, was flipping through the Membership Directory a few months back and ran across the name of Grandfield White of Cambridge Springs, Pa. As a youngster some 50 years ago he had played baseball in the Washington area with a Grandfield White. That first name was pretty unusual and the Whites had bought a farm in Pennsylvania many years ago. Charles called him up and it was the same guy all right. The two retired, 70-year-old gentlemen reminisced about how they had hitch-hiked from Washington to Philadelphia for both the 1930 and 1931 World Series. They haven't seen each other in nearly half a century but plan to get together later this year.

THE FIRST REGIONAL MEETING IN NEW ORLEANS was held January 7. Art Schott gathered together almost all the SABR members in the immediate area. Those present included Walter LeConte, Gus Flattmann, Gordon Fleming, Jay Gautreaux, Tony Tortorici, and Jim LaRocca. The latter discussed his research project on the batting championship in the National League in 1931 when Hafey, Terry, and Bottomley were so closely bunched. Dr. Fleming, from the University of New Orleans English Department, discussed his forthcoming book on the 1908 NL season. This get-together shows you don't need a large area membership to have an interesting meeting. Art Schott recruited most of the New Orleans members into the Society.

GORDON FLEMING's book on the "Unforgettable Season" (1908 NL) has been published, but we have not yet received word from Holt, Rinehart and Winston of New York about how members can go about ordering it. Maybe we will have something for the April Bulletin.

SABR MEMBERS wishing to receive assistance on placing a manuscript with a publisher should consider sending subject manuscript to Art Ballant, c/o Chapter and Cask, P.O. Box 113, Glenshaw, Pa. 15116. If he can place it with a publisher the agency fee will be 5% of the proceeds the author receives from the publisher. There is no fee unless the manuscript is signed up, and also no charge if the publisher is Stein and Day, where Art continues to be employed. SABR members also will receive a 25% discount on all books purchased through Chapter and Cask, a new business set up recently by Art and partner Karen Ahearn. It's worth checking out.

JOHN HOLWAY AND FORMER NEGRO LEAGUE STAR Webster McDonald conducted a slide lecture on the old players and teams at the Free Library in Philadelphia on January 25. There was a good turnout, including several SABR members, in spite of it being Superbowl Sunday. This was part of an exhibition on the Negro Leagues which ran for one month. Incidentally, John has received some inquiries about his old book "Japan Is Big League in Thrills," which he wrote in 1955. It has been out of print for many years but he is willing to Xerox a copy for \$3 if any members are interested. Contact John at 7805 Chase Court, Manassas, Va. 22110.

IS THE PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME a little mixed up? They keep electing former major league baseball players. Now it is Morris "Red" Badgro, outfielder with the St. Louis Browns in 1929-30. Earlier they had elected Ernie Nevers, George Halas, Jim Thorpe, Paddy Driscoll, Greasy Neale, Ace Parker, and umpire Cal Hubbard. They also elected minor league stars Joe Guyon and Ken Strong.

There is a pretty close association between major league baseball and football. Our sister organization, the Professional Football Research Association, is aware of this. A couple of dozen SABR members already belong to P.F.R.A. Over the next several months, that organization will be sending a sample copy of their newsletter to our mailing list to see if there are additional two-sports researchers in the group.

ACCIDENTS, ILLNESS: Harvey Frommer, professor at City University of New York, was laid up several weeks after a serious auto accident. John "Home Run" Tattersall is ill in Delray Beach, Florida. Al Kermisch of Alexandria, Va., may miss his annual trip to Florida for Spring Training. He has had complications after surgery.

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A RESERVATION FORM IS ENCLOSED for the Tenth Anniversary SABR Convention in Toronto, Ontario, July 24-26. The format for the annual meeting will be similar to past meetings, but there will be some differences primarily because of location. The Erindale Campus of the University of Toronto offers an excellent facility in a rustic setting at a budget conscious price. It is not the usual motel/hotel arrangement and it is not in a commercial area.

The facilities include individual townhouses, with each unit consisting of three private bedrooms, a common living room and two baths. Except for families (husbands/wives and children), each person will be assigned his/her own bedroom at the very low rate of \$13.65 (U.S.) per night. "Doubles" for husbands/wives means a double bed.

In the interests of camaraderie and also because there is no public eating facility (restaurant) nearby, all those attending the convention are urged to sign up for the full arrangement of meals. This includes the Friday night reception with drinks and hors d'oeuvres, the Saturday and Sunday breakfasts, the Saturday night banquet, and the lunch at noon Sunday before people depart. The Sunday lunch is an added feature since we will not have the mad scramble to check out at noon as we have done at past conventions. There will be coffee and doughnuts during the business meeting Saturday morning, but no planned noon meal as we will be enroute to the ball park. There we can lunch on the Canadian equivalent of the hot dog, etc.

The Sunday research/workshop seminar, which has proved to be extremely interesting the past two years, will follow much the same format. Each presenter will be limited to about 10 minutes as in the past. There is a place on the reservation form to indicate your topic. The Local Committee is working on plans for entertainment of wives and children who might come. Further details will be forwarded to those who are bringing family members.

The Erindale Campus is about 20 minutes from the Toronto airport and about the same distance from bus/train stations. The Local Committee will endeavor to pick up those arriving by plane/bus/train if members advise of arrival time, flight number, etc. We will provide driving directions with the June Bulletin. There might be some inducement to consider driving from the States since gasoline prices in Ontario are considerably lower than in the U.S.

THIS IS THE LAST CHANCE for 1980 members to renew for 1981. The Baseball Historical Review (best of the first three Journals) will be mailed out in the next month and we would like to have you on the list. For those of you who cannot renew for one reason or another, we thank you for your past support.

THE SPORTING NEWS WENT PUBLIC in its April 18 edition with a story that several SABR members had been involved in for the past three years. That is the Cobb-Lajoie AL batting race in 1910, which was controversial then and apparently is becoming so again after a lengthy period of near-dormancy. Pete Palmer was the "eagle eye" who spotted the extra entry for Cobb in the official sheets for that season. Several members then got involved in tracing the game-by-game appearances of both Cobb and Lajoie throughout the 1910 season. This was necessary because of the relatively poor record-keeping of that period. The decision reached by the Commissioner not to alter the records of Cobb and Lajoie in 1910 should not discourage members from continuing their research efforts. It is not our intention to search for mistakes in the printed records, but if we see discrepancies in the course of our research, we should not ignore them. After all, one of our basic objectives, according to the SABR Constitution, is "to establish an accurate historical account of baseball through the years."

THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL MEETING, held in Pasadena on April 11, was a big success. Put together by Cappy Gagnon, with an assist from Bob Hoie, Tom Halleran and Dan Keller, the well-balanced function was enjoyed by 32 people, including 21 members. The three former players on hand, Wally Berger, Max West and Billy Schuster, were lively, witty, warm and informative. Schuster, former infielder with the Pirates, Braves and Cubs, used the occasion to correct his "baseball age." He was born August 4, 1912, rather than 1914 (Biographical Research Committee please note). Chris Landels was the member coming from the longest distance -- Fallon, Nevada. About two dozen of the participants took in the game between the Dodgers and Astros where Don Sutton lost to his former teammates. The research presentations at the meeting included:

- Bob Hoie -- Teams (cities) in the minors where future Hall of Famers played (Minneapolis had the most with 11)
- Dick Beverage -- Minor league baseball in Los Angeles, 1919-57
- Dan Keller -- Players with more homers than strikeouts in a season (20 homer minimum)
- Dick Trueman -- A statistical analysis of the 1960 World Series
- Bill Ohler -- The career and life of Carl Mays, based on an interview
- Pat "Hotso" Casey -- Sang a couple of baseball songs he had written
- Allan Roth -- The value of baseball statistics to a team and a network

TWEED WEBB WAS OVERWHELMED on March 11 when Rube Foster, Negro League hurler, manager and executive, was finally selected for enshrinement at Cooperstown. As a 12-year-old in 1917, Tweed served as batboy for Rube's team when it played a series of games in St. Louis. "It was a great thrill . . . I made a quarter per game," he recalls. John Holway, chairman of the Negro League Committee, had mixed feelings. While Foster, who died in 1930, obviously belongs in the Hall of Fame, John was hoping that living greats like Hilton Smith or Dave Malarcher would make it.

TOO BAD ABOUT THE DEATH OF BOB ELSON, 76, who died in Chicago March 10. Bob spoke to the members at the annual convention in Chicago in 1976. People used to speak about Chicago being divided between Cub and White Sox rooters, but Bob had the unusual distinction of broadcasting the home games of both teams in the years immediately before WWII. He was a major league broadcaster for about 35 years, almost all of it with the White Sox. He concluded his game broadcasts for the Oakland A's in 1970.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ERNIE HARWELL, who has been named to receive the Ford Frick Award for Baseball Broadcasting. He will receive the honor at the Hall of Fame induction ceremonies in Cooperstown on August 2. Speaking of long broadcast service, as we were with Bob Elson, Ernie is also piling up the years as a play-by-play artist of the airways.

SABR MEMBER INTERVIEWS DECEASED PLAYER! Yes, Scott Hall, a radio announcer on KAXE of Grand Rapids, Minnesota, had on his hot stove league program earlier this year William "Otie" Clark, pitcher for the Red Sox in 1945. According to the 4th edition of the Macmillan Baseball Encyclopedia, Clark is deceased. Both Hall and Clark feel that this is a considerable exaggeration, and Minnesota fans agree. It is possible that Macmillan confused Otie with another William Otis Clark who played in the majors 1895-99.

THE SUNDAY NY TIMES had articles by SABR members on February 15 and again on March 1. In the first article, Richard Goldstein discussed some of the unusual articles in the 1980 Baseball Research Journal. This resulted in a number of inquiries about the Society to the newspaper. On March 1, John Holway had a thoughtful piece about former Commissioner Happy Chandler and his almost forgotten role in the introduction of Black players to O.B. and the majors in 1946-47.

THE WASHINGTON STAR in its sports quiz on March 10 stated that Joe DiMaggio held both the major league record for hitting in 56 consecutive games and the minor league mark for hitting in 61 consecutive games for the San Francisco Seals in 1933. But Charlie Owen of Marlow Hts, Md., set them right by quoting extensively from the SABR book "Minor League Baseball Stars" which affirms that Joe Wilhoit set the minor league record with a 69-game streak for Wichita in 1919. The Star, which indicated it got its information from the Minor League Office, nevertheless ran a lengthy letter of correction with a picture of Joe D., and a sizeable headline which stated: ANYWAY, IT'S TWO GOOD JOES.

MORE THAN 50 PERCENT of the members who renewed for 1981 indicated on the renewal form that they were interested in assisting in some area of research. That is a tremendous display of cooperation and support. It is a much higher level of potential participation than expected and makes it a little burdensome for a committee chairman to contact each member interested in his area of research. Therefore, we are providing below capsule summaries of research committee activities with the name and address of the chairman. If you want to take part in the work of one of the committees listed, please make the appropriate contact.

Baseball Records -- Tom Jozwik, 4317 North 89th St, Milwaukee, Wis. 53222 --
Developing or completing lists, such as all one-hitters, cycle hitters, full-schedule players, those playing all nine positions, etc.

Biographical Research -- Cliff Kachline, 94 Fair St, Cooperstown, NY 13326 --
Developing birth and death data, height, weight and throwing status for former players where this information is missing or incomplete.

Minor Leagues -- Robert Hoie, 2210 Roanoke Road, San Marino, Calif. 91109 --
Developing career player and manager records, season records not in guides, lists of cities and standings of early O.B. leagues.

Negro Leagues -- John Holway, 7805 Chase Court, Manassas, Va. 22110 --
Developing player records of Negro Leagues, game records vs major league clubs, identifying Blacks in O.B. in 19th century, etc.

Statistical Analysis -- Pete Palmer, 12 Farmcrest Ave, Lexington, Mass. 02173 --
Player performance evaluation based on large scale data collection and review.

TOMMY HOLMES AND ROY HUGHES are two of the former players who will be out for the Regional Meeting and Players' Reunion in Philadelphia on May 2. If you want to make any eleventh hour commitment to attend, call Kit Crissey on 215/745-8503. For those attending from outside the area, these directions might help: To get to the Quality Inn get off Interstate 95 at Broad Street exit in South Philly. Go north on Broad St, past the stadiums and turn left at the third traffic light (Hartranft Road). Turn right onto 20th St. off Hartranft. Turn left onto Penrose Ave, off 20th St. The Quality Inn is the tall, circular building on your right.

TEENAGERS, GRAYBEARDS AND 4-F's is the name of Kit Crissey's first volume on major league baseball during WWII. Volume I is on the National League, as told by the participants. The book consists of first person narrative based on interviews of 40 former players of the 1943-45 period. It has 40 photos, 155 pages and sells for \$8.95 thru the mail. If you want a copy, send a check for \$8.95 to Kit Crissey, 1806 Benton St, #1, Phila., Pa. 19152.

RANDY LINTHURST is two volumes up on his Pennsylvania neighbor as he has come out with his third book on The Newark Bears, The Final Years. This volume covers the period 1945-49 and deals with such star players as Yogi Berra, Bobby Brown, Bob Porterfield, Allie Clark, and Joe Collins. Access to two private collections of photos permits this number to be lavishly illustrated. For a copy send \$6.50 to Randy at 325 West Upper Ferry Road, #B-2, West Trenton, NJ 08628.

BOB BROEG'S BOOK The Redbirds, A Century of Cardinals' Baseball has been updated and expanded and is available to SABR members for a reduced price. It covers Big League baseball in St. Louis since the 19th century. Bob doesn't go back quite that far, but he is a good baseball historian. It has 192 pages, 180 photos, and the hardback price of \$16.95 is reduced to \$13.50 for members. If interested in this colorful book, send a \$13.50 check to Bob Broeg, St. Louis Post-Dispatch, 900 N. Tucker, St. Louis, Mo. 63101. If you want your copy autographed, so state.

THE SPORTS DATE BOOK is Harvey Frommer's eighth book published by Grosset & Dunlap. It is a paperback priced at \$2.50 which focuses heavily on baseball dates. He is making it available to members for \$2. In addition, Harvey's critically acclaimed "New York City Baseball," which is available in some bookstores, is also being made available to members for a discount, with a price of \$10.60 thru the mail. These two books are available separately, or if you want the two of them you can receive them for a combined price of \$12 (NY State residents should add sales tax). Send your check to Harvey Frommer, 791 Oakleigh Road, North Woodmere, NY 11581.

THE 1980 SEASON was disappointing for Willie McCovey and Willie Stargell for reasons of age and injury. McCovey, 42, hit only one home run before retiring in mid-season, but it was enough to edge out former teammate Willie Mays as a leader among home run hitters after age 40. In that age bracket, McCovey hit 28 to 27 for Mays. Likewise, Stargell played less than half the season and hit 11 homers. This was enough to move him past Frank Robinson and into 4th spot among home run hitters in their thirties. Stargell became 40 in March. Here is a breakdown of the top home run hitters in the four logical age groupings.

<u>Teens</u>	<u>Twenties</u>	<u>Thirties</u>	<u>Forties</u>
T. Conigliaro 24	Jimmie Foxx 376	Babe Ruth 434	Stan Musial 46
Melvin Ott 19	Eddie Mathews 370	Henry Aaron 371	Ted Williams 44
P. Cavarretta 14	Mickey Mantle 361	Willie Mays 348	Henry Aaron 42
Mickey Mantle 13	Henry Aaron 342	Will Stargell 276	Will McCovey 28

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EARLY WYNN is scheduled to be the banquet speak at the National Convention of the Society in Toronto on July 25, the middle day of the three-day, 10th anniversary function. Wynn, now the color commentator for Blue Jays' games, will be joined by former relief hurler Ron Taylor, now Toronto team physician, former pitcher Phil Marchildon, who won 19 games for Connie Mack's A's in 1947, and Goody Rosen, who batted .325 for the Dodgers in 1945. Some of these former players will be at the Friday night social, which will open the convention.

As stated in earlier newsletters, the gathering will be at the Erindale Campus of the University of Toronto. This is on the western edge of the city, with easy access by car from Buffalo and Detroit. On receipt of your reservation request, copies of which were included in the April mailing, the Convention committee will send you a confirmation letter and a map of the area. The committee member to be contacted in case anyone needs to cancel or change reservations is Dave Crichton, who can be reached at his office during the day (416) 967-3725, or at home in the evenings on (416) 925-8132. Cancellation notice must be received by Dave by July 18. Should any member (with family) wish to spend a few extra days in Toronto either immediately prior to or following the SABR convention, accommodations can be made by Dave at the site if he has the necessary information about number and dates.

Room assignments for the SABR convention will be made by the host committee. Should any members want to be housed in the same unit, they should so notify the committee. Remember that each unit consists of three bedrooms (two for single occupancy, the third a "double" for husband/wife reservations) plus two baths and a common sitting/living room. Dave says that by June 15, reservations had already been made for 41 people. Dont delay getting your reservation in. If you need another form, contact Bob Davids on (202) 362-6889, and he will get one to you. The Erindale facility is excellent at a budget conscious price. People attending from the U.S. should remember that not only does your dollar have added value in Canada but the price of gasoline is considerably lower.

THE 1981 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY is being prepared by Gregg Dubbs with the intention of having it ready for distribution by the time of the convention. If you have any last minute changes in address or phone number, you should get a card off to SABR, P.O. Box 323, Cooperstown, NY 13326. Gregg is handling the main body of the directory, while John Pardon is preparing a narrative section up front which focuses on the 10th anniversary of the Society.

John C. Tattersall, the national authority on home runs hit in the majors, died in a Boca Raton, Fla., hospital May 29. He lived in nearby Delray Beach since 1977, when he moved from Philadelphia, where he was a vice president of a steamship company. He had been ill about one year. John had tabulated the specifics of every home run hit in the majors since 1876 (more than 132,000). He also published material on pinch hitting, the first National League season, and the early World Series of 1884-90.

John first gained national attention for his baseball research in 1953 when The Sporting News ran his story on the correction of Nap Lajoie's 1901 batting average from .405 to .422. He was a regular contributor to TSN from 1950 to 1965. Much of his baseball data, home runs being only a part, became a primary source of information for the Macmillan Encyclopedia of 1969. He was an early member of SABR, having joined August 25, 1971. He leaves his wife, Jessica, and two grown daughters.

BOB McCONNELL IS SEARCHING for copies of the National Association Secretary's Annual Reports for 1902 thru 1906, 1912, 1913, 1915, 1917, 1918, and 1920. The National Association headquarters and the Hall of Fame do not have copies of those reports, which were issued in booklet form. Bob is primarily interested in the listing of minor leagues and their official classifications for those years. Any member having information on any of these annual reports should write to Bob at 11 Ridgewood Circle, Wilmington, Del. 19809.

THE PHILADELPHIA REGIONAL MEETING on May 2 was attended by 92 people, including 44 SABR members. There was a large contingent of former players present, including several from the old Negro Leagues. Monte Irvin topped the list. Ed Smith, former White Sox southpaw, talked about winning the 1941 All-Star game when Ted Williams hit that ninth-inning homer off Claude Passeau. Former ump Shag Crawford (father of NL umpire Jerry Crawford), represented that fraternity. A rainy twinbill between the Phils and Giants followed the meeting. Kit Crissey, Frank Phelps, Al Del Rossi, and Bill Akin put the large gathering together (and held it intact). Bob Muhlbach and Charlie Owen spoke at the Moe Berg seminar. The other SABR presentations moderated by Kit Crissey included:

- Johnnie Shevalla - The Lou Gehrig farewell speech; and a tribute to former Phils' broadcaster Gene Kelly (Mrs. Kelly was present)
- Ed "Dutch" Doyle - The Cobb-Lajoie 1910 batting controversy; and changes in Al Simmons' 1925 batting record
- Carl Lundquist - Scoring baseball games
- Al Del Rossi - The first collegiate baseball game
- John Holway - Who was Louie Van Zelst? (Connie Mack's lucky batboy)
- Tom Knight - Brooklyn Dodger baseball anecdotes
- William Akin - Great Fielders of the 19th Century

THE FIRST REGIONAL MEETING in Michigan took place May 2 at Wayne State University in Detroit. Reno Bertoia, noted as the most prominent major leaguer born in Italy, served on a baseball panel with Hal Middlesworth, former PR Director of the Tigers; Lewis Matlin, Assistant PR Director; and Fred Smith, baseball trivia book author. Ed Browalski, head of the Detroit baseball writers, served as moderator. Meeting organizer Elias Milonas discussed "Opening Day No-hitters," and a Tiger Highlights movie was shown. It was a good session with nine members and three guests taking part.

THE BASEBALL HISTORICAL REVIEW (best of the first three Research Journals) is now being reproduced and should be in the mail the last week in June. It runs 112 pages -- shorter than anticipated. One reason is that typeset copy is much more consolidated than typewritten copy, which was the way the first three Journals were prepared. Also, we adhered to the principle that an author could have only one article in this book, which means we may reprint in a subsequent Journal another article or two from the first three issues. The editor will now turn his attention to the 1981 Research Journal. If you are planning to submit an article for this year's publication, you should do it soon.

THE SOCIETY IS INTERESTED in having a commemorative baseball stamp issued in 1886 marking the 50th anniversary of the induction into the Hall of Fame of the original five players, Ty Cobb, Babe Ruth, Christy Mathewson, Honus Wagner, and Walter Johnson. That year also will mark the 100th anniversary of the birth of Cobb, the top vote-getter. Joe King, historian from Lubbock, Texas, has already written the Postal Service's Citizen's Stamp Advisory Committee about our interest in this matter. He has not had a reply. Meanwhile, Bob Obojski, who writes for the philatelic press, has been promoting the idea of a baseball stamp. It appears, however, that a more organized and stronger SABR effort will be necessary. Such efforts can be discussed at the upcoming annual meeting.

THE DATE FOR THE MINNESOTA Regional Meeting is Saturday, August 15. It will take place in the Twin Cities area, says organizer Scott Hall, who lives considerably north of there himself. A ball game will be included and plans are forming to have Ossie Bluege, former Washington third sacker and manager, as featured guest.

TOM JOZWIK says the Milwaukee Regional Meeting is scheduled for August 22. This first effort in Suds City will include a luncheon, research presentations, and a hot stove rap session with former NL umpire Stan Landes. That portion will be followed by a game between the Brewers and Twins. Further information may be obtained from Tom on (414) 466-5384.

This looks like the year for regional gatherings. We already have had four with firm plans for two more (above). VP Jerry Gregory, who has organized the current campaign for meetings, says several more are under consideration. We appreciate the initiative of the several individuals who have taken on these responsibilities. Having made the effort to put together that first meeting, organizers will find it much easier the next time around.

THE OFFICIAL SCORER for that fantastic 32-inning tie game between Pawtucket and Rochester April 19-20 was none other than SABR member William George of Greenville, R.I. An attorney in "real life," Mr. George compiled a neat but very busy scorecard studded with "Ks." There were 59 strikeouts in the marathon. Richard Courtens, another SABR member, assisted in the tabulation.

HONORS: A Sportsmanship Award has been named for George Wanhainen by the Tell City, Indiana, High School Athletic Association. George, who died of cancer in January, was a former college athlete, and a very active supporter of local sports activities. Larry Keefe, long-time sports information director at Seton Hall, received the McQuaid Medal for distinguished service at the University's commencement exercises in May. Larry says the Seton Hall baseball team had a good 33-11 record this Spring with even better prospects for next year.

THE 1981 REVISED EDITION of The Baseball Catalog by Dan Schlossberg is available to members at a reduced price. It has 320 pages in 8½x11 format and is lavishly illustrated. It has hundreds of pictures and cartoons which trace the game's traditions, superstitions, evolution of equipment and ball parks, history of spring training, famous fans, executives, managers, etc. The hardback copy is available to members for \$15 and the softcover for \$7.50. If interested, send a check to Dan at 77 Brook Ave, #D-13, Passaic, NJ 07055.

THE 1981 DODGER BLUE BOOK is available from its author, Tot Holmes, for \$4.00. This annual publication contains the complete Brooklyn-LA Dodger records since 1890 and also includes various feature articles on stars of the past. If you are interested in a copy, send a check for \$4.00 to Tot Holmes, Box 11, Gothenburg, Neb. 69138.

HARVEY SOOLMAN, member of SABR and the Massachusetts Baseball Umpires Association, has developed his own 1981 Baseball Rules Index which he feels makes it easier to come up with an answer to sticky problems in the heat of battle. It has 17 pages and is pocket-size. A SABR member can secure a copy for \$1.50 by writing Harvey at 171 Amory St, Brookline, MA 02146.

BASEBALL'S OLD PARKS - WHERE THE GRASS WAS REAL is a slide lecture to be presented by Bob Bluthardt at the Smithsonian's National Portrait Gallery in Washington on Saturday afternoon, June 27. Bob, a member of the Gallery's education department, has come up with some good shots of the old parks when baseball was played without lights, astroturf, fancy gimmicks, and exploding scoreboards. The presentation is part of the Gallery's summer exhibition on "Champions of American Sport."

MICHAEL FRANK is researching the origin and history of baseball knothole gangs and similar programs of professional baseball. The Brooklyn Dodgers, for example, were strong in this regard. If any member has information in this field or could suggest research channels, please get in touch with Michael at 100 Arden St, New York, NY 10040. His telephone number is (212) 567-1464.

ELSTON HOWARD FIELD was dedicated at West Milford, N.J., May 16, according to Robert Potts, a recognized semipro baseball official of Passaic County. Yankee Coach Yogi Berra spoke in support of his late teammate, who died last December. Tweed Webb of St. Louis came up with Howard's first semipro box score, May 30, 1946, when the future MVP was a 17-year-old with the St. Louis Blue Sox.

BRANCH RICKEY may not have been much of a player, or even a manager, but he is sure running away with the 1881-1981 centennial celebrity sweepstakes. Charlie Owen, who is handling the survey to name the baseball figure born in 1881 who made the greatest contribution to the game, says that Big Ed Walsh is far behind in second place. In regard to 1882-1982, Ed Reulbach is leading Jack Coombs, Babe Adams, and Gabby Street in a much closer race.

RICHARD CARLETTI of Quebec reminds us that the Expos hit three consecutive triples in the ninth inning of the May 6 game with San Diego. First Mike Gates connected (his first major league hit), then Tim Raines, and then Tim Wallach. According to Dick, this marked the first time this was accomplished in a NL game since that bizarre contest of July 16, 1920, when the NY Giants and Pirates were scoreless thru 16 frames, only to have New Yorkers Frank Frisch (with the bases loaded), George Kelly, and Ed King hit three straight threebaggers in the 17th for a 7-0 victory.

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WITH TWO STRIKES AGAINST THEM, the 1981 SABR Conventioneers swung away at their national (international) meeting in Toronto, July 24-26. They had a ball! The major league baseball strike, which had been in effect for six weeks, wiped out the Blue Jays-Orioles game and associated activities, and the Canadian postal strike, in effect for about four weeks, caused problems with mailed reservations. But the SABR-10 Organization Committee did a superlative job of rearranging, coordinating and directing a large-scale event.

There were 97 members and some 50 guests who participated in some part of the 3-day convention. This was easily the highest attendance of either members or guests in the ten-year history of the Society. Lodging and logistics for this sizeable gathering at the Erindale Campus of the University of Toronto were handled with efficiency and dispatch by Dave Crichton, Bill Humber, Gavin MacKenzie and a host of other Ontarions who played some supportive role in the operation. The modest room and board prices at this site were prime inducements for expanded attendance.

THE CONVENTION GOT OFF TO A GOOD START on Friday night with a panel discussion by four former players moderated by President Kit Crissey. Participating were Goody Rosen, who batted .325 for the Dodgers in 1945; Phil Marchildon, who won 19 games for the lowly Philadelphia A's in 1947; Roy Hughes, shortstop for the Chicago Cubs in the 1945 World Series; and Reno Bertoia, AL infielder, 1953-62, and the top major leaguer born in Italy. When the inevitable questions came up about the baseball strike, Rosen, Marchildon and Hughes spoke in varying degrees against the current player stance. Bertoia, a generation younger and a Bonus Baby with the Tigers in 1953-54, tilted slightly toward the players. The latter, now a high school history teacher, provided a good balance to the discussion. He spoke of the current use of pills and drugs while the other panelists discussed a more typical problem of their era -- booze. There were stories of salary negotiations with tightfisted owners, player relationships on and off the field, and questions about Connie Mack in his later years. Marchildon would not criticize his former manager.

THE ABSENCE OF A BASEBALL GAME between Toronto and Baltimore on Saturday was a disappointment to some, but many others enjoyed the extra time for socializing and one-on-one discussions. There was no need to rush from one session to another. Instead, people enjoyed a relaxed Saturday afternoon barbeque, followed by a SABR softball game between Canada and the U.S. Scenes to remember include catcher Bill Humber backing up throws to first base, a great running catch by outfielder Gavin MacKenzie, the smooth lefty swing of Prof. Gene Murdock, the reassuring infield play of Leo Lowenfish, etc. The game went into extra innings and Canada won 6-5 in spite of a pinch hit by Roy Hughes and a vigorous pinch running effort by Vic Meyer.

AT THE BANQUET ON SATURDAY NIGHT, the panel presentation was by four former Negro League players, Gene Benson, Buddy Burbage, Jeep McClain and Sy Morton (all SABR members from the Philadelphia area). Also on the panel was John Craig, author of the book Chappie & Me, about Craig's experience as a white playing in 1946 on the otherwise black Chappie Johnson's All-Stars in southern Canada. The bizarre situation started with Craig filling an emergency need on the team, using black shoe polish to cover his white skin to fool the fans, but then he continued the masquerade the remainder of the barnstorming tour because of his good relationship with the manager, Chappie Johnson. John Holway of the Negro League Committee moderated the discussion which ranged from playing and living conditions for black players in the 1930s to opinions about the recent movie about Satchel Paige (not an accurate reflection) and the selection of Jackie Robinson to break the O.B. color line in 1946. Gene Benson feels that the great inner tension experienced by Robinson in the 1946-47 period contributed to his early death in 1972 at age 53.

BUSINESS MEETING NOTES

AFTER THE MEETING was opened by President Kit Crissey, Treasurer Frank Phelps stated that the Society is presently in sound financial condition with about \$30,000 in the treasury. The funds result primarily from membership fees, the sale of SABR books, and interest on savings. A large upcoming bill will be for the 1981 Research Journal. Cliff Kachline noted that, in spite of the loss of some 150 non-renewals, the membership had climbed to more than 1250 at convention time.

THE MINOR LEAGUE REPORT submitted by Chairman Bob Hoie and summarized by Vern Luse indicated that the group continues to compile unpublished stats of various leagues, is developing an accurate list of cities and standings for the early pro leagues, and is developing additional player career records for the second volume of Minor League Stars. In fact Bob Hoie has resigned as chairman so he can devote more time to the planned publication. John Pardon will succeed Bob as head of this committee. One new project in the past year is the alphabetizing of all minor league players by year starting in 1900.

NEGRO LEAGUE Chairman John Holway indicated that his group has nearly completed the statistical compilation for the Eastern and Western Negro Leagues for the 1920-29 period and is moving on to the 1930s. Citing the work of others, John commended the work of Paul Doherty as outstanding this past year. He feels that the committee is now in a better position to provide a statistical record to the Hall of Fame Veterans Committee for selection of Negro League players. John also discussed briefly the third annual reunion of black players at the Hall of History in Ashland, Ky., June 23-24.

TOM JOZWIK's written report on Baseball Records indicated that work continues on breaking out outfield positions and listing players who played all nine positions; compiling inside-the-park home runs, brothers playing on the same team, and players with fewest home runs per at bat; and updating stats on consecutive game hitting streaks, four long hits in a game, and pinch grand slams. The list of players who hit three or more triples in a game appeared in the Baseball Historical Review, and the list of cycle hitters will be in the 1981 Journal. Tom is leaving this committee to join the Public Relations Committee. His place as chairman of the Baseball Records Committee will be filled by Everett Cope of Montana, who in spite of his apparent isolation, has participated in the last two SABR Conventions.

ANALYSIS OF 1981 CONVENTION ATTENDANCE

Of the 97 members who attended the Annual Convention in Toronto July 24-26, 26 were from the host Province of Ontario. This brought many researchers to their first annual meeting as only two Canadians had attended conventions before — Mike FitzGerald in Chicago in 1976, and Allen Tait in St. Louis in 1979. The other 61 members came from 24 States of the U.S.A., with New York having 13 and Pennsylvania 11 members present.

Ed Goldstein and Rick Naftaly of California came the longest distance. Others who made lengthy trips included Everett Cope of Montana, Steve Birch of Nebraska, John McCormack of Texas, Tom Hufford of Georgia, and Renwick Speer of Florida. No one would own up to being the oldest member present, but Jonathan Bolton of Philadelphia was easily the youngest at 11. He brought his father along as a guest. Lambros and Elias Milonas, who came over from Detroit, were genuine father-son members. The membership was swelled by seven who joined at the convention, and Margaret Daniels, wife of Jon, was so impressed with the proceedings, she joined in Cooperstown, a day after the meeting. Here is a list of members who attended the convention, their home State or Province, and the number of conventions they have attended since Cooperstown in 1971.

Gene Benson, Pa. 1	Tom Hanson, NY 2	David Neft, NY, 4
Steve Birch, Neb. 1	John Holway, Va. 8	C. Novogrodsky, Ont. 1
Jon. Bolton, Pa. 1	Tom Hufford, Ga. 8	J. Oppenheimer, NY, 1
E. Bud Braun, Ind. 3	Bill Hugo, Ohio 4	Pete Palmer, Mass. 5
Buddy Burbage, Pa. 1	Chas. Huisken, Ont. 1	John Pardon, NY, 7
Bill Carle, Mo. 3	Bill Humber, Ont. 1	Frank Phelps, Pa. 6
Bob Carroll, Pa. 1	Cliff Kachline, NY 11	Avrom Pozen, Ont. 1
A. Cavallaro, Conn. 1	Dennis Kluk, Ill. 1	Ed Pulaski, NY, 2
Dan Chalmers, Ont. 1	Tom Knight, NY 3	Eves Raja, Ont. 1
Bill Chalmers, Ont. 1	Ron Liebman, NY 9	Owen Ricker, Ont. 1
Tom Chase, Ind. 1	Donald Luce, Ohio 1	James Roth, Ont. 1
Dave Chrisman, Md. 1	Vern Luse, Mo. 4	Emil Rothe, Ill. 6
Dick Cohen, Conn. 2	David Landrey, NY 1	Perry Rowicki, Ont. 1
Stan Cohen, Md. 1	Lee Lowenfish, NY 2	Dan Schlossberg, NJ 1
Everett Cope, Mont. 1	Roger Mackie, Md. 1	John Schwartz, NY, 2
Al Craig, Ont. 1	Neil MacCarl, Ont. 1	Joe Simenic, Ohio 6
Art Craig, Mass. 8	Gav. MacKenzie, Ont. 1	Arnie Soolman, Mass. 2
Dick Cramer, Pa. 5	Clay Marston, Ont. 1	Renwick Speer, Fla. 1
Dave Crichton, Ont. 1	Mike Mathon, Ont. 1	John Swistak, NY, 3
Kit Crissey, Pa. 5	Wm. Maxwell, Ont. 1	Sheldon Taerk, Ont. 1
Marv Crotin, Ont. 1	James Maywar, Mich. 1	Allen Tait, Ont. 2
Jon Daniels, Ill. 1	Bob McConnell, Del. 10	John Thorn, NY, 1
Bob Davids, D.C. 11	John McCormack, Tex. 1	Richard Topp, Ill. 1
Ted DiTullio, Ill. 5	Jeep McClain, Pa. 1	Harvey Trivett, Ont. 1
Dutch Doyle, Pa. 1	Kevin McGraw, Ohio 1	Jerry Van Horn, Pa. 1
Joe Favano, Conn. 1	Vic Meyer, NJ, 7	Rich Voldimer, Ont. 1
M. FitzGerald, Ont. 2	Tom Miller, Ky. 1	Peter Watson, Ont. 1
Ron Gabriel, Md. 7	Lam. Milonas, Mich. 2	Ray Werfelmann, Ill. 1
Eddie Gold, Ill. 4	Eli. Milonas, Mich. 2	David Weiss, Ont. 1
Ed Goldstein, Cal. 2	Paul Moore, Minn. 1	Michael Wise, Ont. 1
Ray Gonzalez, NY 9	Sy Morton, Pa. 1	Don Zminda, Ill. 1
Jerry Gregory, Va. 7	Gene Murdock, W.Va. 8	Tom Zocco, Conn. 8
	Eric Naftaly, Cal. 2	

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MEMBERS WHO MADE SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS are listed below with topic title.

David Chrisman — International League History (Montreal and Toronto)
Everett Cope — Detailed Record Compilation for First Rank Players
Dutch Doyle — New Findings on Al Simmons and his Career Record
John Holway — Should Mike Schmidt Thank his Lucky Stars? (astrology)
Bill Humber — Re-evaluation of the International Association of 1877
Dennis Kluk — Major League Opening Day Records
Vic Meyer — Can the Hall of Fame be Saved? (candidate selection, etc.)
Owen Ricker — Free Agent Compensation and Performance Evaluation
Arnie Soolman — Modeling Boston Red Sox Attendance
Renwick Speers — Wartime Baseball: Better than Portrayed
John Schwartz — History of the Sacrifice Hit
Ray Werfelmann — Cuban Baseball Development in the 19th Century

JOHN THORN's article about the SABR Convention in Toronto, which appeared in The Sporting News the following week, has brought in a number of new members. We do not have space to carry all the additional names. However, we do carry below some address changes which were not included in the Membership Directory.

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Members may want to insert this page at the back of the Directory for 1981.

BIOGRAPHICAL RESEARCH COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN Cliff Kachline stated that in 1980 there were 81 questionnaires completed on former players. Corrections and additions in demographic data were made on about 360 others. Two old-time players who are not carried in any encyclopedia of baseball have been elevated to major league status because of committee research. One of these cases will be described in the 1981 Research Journal. Of the 13,000 persons who have appeared in at least one game in the majors, about 2850 are still lacking questionnaires. Most of these were born before 1900.

VP JERRY GREGORY reported on the rash of regional meetings that are taking place this year. Already recorded are those in New Orleans, Pasadena, Detroit and Philadelphia. Scheduled for August are meetings in Minnesota and Milwaukee, and plans are in the works for gatherings in Washington, Houston, Toronto and Ohio later this year. Jerry is supplying mailing labels, etc.

PETE PALMER described the work of the Statistical Analysis Committee, one aspect of which is computerized play-by-play analysis. Pete, Dick Cramer, and some other members of this committee have access to computers, which can provide a good test of player performance theories through large scale use of numbers. Several articles on this subject matter appeared in the 1980 Journal. Dick described his computer programs for the Oakland A's, which he has been conducting under contract. Pete credited former Canadian member George Lindsey with some real pioneering work in the application of statistical analysis to baseball.

BOB DAVIDS gave the status of publications as follows: The Baseball Historical Review was mailed out in late June. The Membership Directory was distributed to members at the Toronto meeting and has since been bulk mailed to others. The editor will now push hard to get the 1981 Research Journal finished in 1981.

10th Anniversary
Aug. 10, 1981

THREE OFFICERS were re-elected: President Kit Crissey; VP Jerry Gregory, and Secretary Vern Luse. Bob Soderman of Chicago was elected Treasurer. Frank Phelps was named to the vacancy on the Board of Directors left by Bob McConnell.

DISCUSSION ITEMS at the meeting included: Administrative machinery to deal with the baseball establishment; closer review of SABR surveys which may acquire some historical status (motion passed); efforts by members to assist Mrs. Tattersall in the sale of her late husband's baseball materials; development of a SABR banner for display at national and regional meetings (motion passed to pursue development of horizontal display and investigate cost of second copy); development of an index for Research Journal articles; list service years of members in the Directory and provide zip code listing to facilitate local contacts; and development of a SABR pin (marginal interest shown).

NO DECISION was made on the 1982 convention site, although Baltimore seems to be the likely choice. However, no formal proposal had been received from Birdland when the executive board met in Toronto. A Milwaukee member asked for consideration of that city in 1982 or 1983, depending on how the regional meeting there comes off this month. Houston is another possibility down the road. The executive board encourages local groups to consider siting a future national meeting, keeping in mind the hard work, a geographic concentration of members, and reasonable rates as an inducement to get a large attendance.

Ervin J. Kovacs, a member of SABR since early 1977, died in a Trenton, NJ, hospital, July 24. He was 62 and a native of Trenton who had lived there most of his life. A World War II veteran who had seen considerable action in the European Theater, he had been employed as an accountant for the New Jersey State Law Enforcement Planning Agency for the last 15 years. He was not married; a sister survives. Mr. Kovacs' primary baseball interest was in corresponding with former players. He had received a letter from Johnny Mize a few months before his death.

THE NEW SABR MICROFILM LIBRARIAN is John Schwartz of Rochester, NY. Bill Loughman of Elmhurst, Ill., had been handling this job for the past seven years and we thank him for his efforts, which included acquiring the film. At this point the microfilm library includes only the Sporting Life for its full run from 1883 to 1917. Some confusion exists in the minds of a few of our newer members who ask for The Sporting News. We do not have TSN, although we are making overtures for a set of microfilm. The Sporting Life had very good coverage for its day.

If you want a reel, specify the period, such as May-August 1908, so there is no confusion. And indicate an alternate choice in case the requested reel is already out on loan. One reel usually covers one year, although in the earlier period, more than two years went on a reel. The borrowing period is two weeks and the fee for one reel is \$2 to cover postage and handling. You are also responsible for paying the \$1.41 cost to return the reel to the librarian. Send your request to John Schwartz, 166 Danforth St., Rochester, N.Y. 14611. Instructions will be enclosed regarding packaging and insurance. If you do not have a microfilm reader, visit your local library and use their's.

BASEBALL, AMERICA'S NATIONAL GAME was featured at the Smithsonian Institution's annual mid-year celebration in Washington July 2-5. SABR members played a significant role in support of fellow member Joe Reed, who directed the broad-based production of exhibits, demonstrations and seminars for the Smithsonian. Assisting were Charlie Owen, Jerry Gregory, Ed Winkler, Bill Ivory, Dave Howell, Bill McCaffrey, Bob Fetterolf, and Art Craig, who came in from the Boston area. Historian Cliff Kachline, radio sportscaster Phil Wood, and writers Bob Broeg and Jerry Holtzman were among those participating in the programs. Some of the former players on hand were Monte Irvin, Buck Leonard, Bob Feller, Johnny Mize, Enos Slaughter, and Lou Brock. It was a great show.

A PROPOSAL HAS BEEN MADE to establish a SABR Committee on Intercollegiate Baseball. Colleges have been an important training ground for major league players for many years, and particularly so in the last 20. Many former players have served as college coaches. In fact, we have a draft list of more than 50 former major leaguers who made a career of college coaching. Tony Lupien, one of our members, graduated from Harvard and coached baseball at Dartmouth for many years. SABR has many members serving on college faculties. If you feel the Society should have such a committee and if you have some ideas about research guidelines for this group, get in touch with Alfred DelRossi, Spring St., Royersford, Pa. 19468.

FULL COVERAGE of the National Convention prevented us from carrying several items on books for sale, etc. We will try to pick up those items in October.

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THERE IS A MILD RECESSION IN THE LAND but SABR seems to be thriving. Several indicators point to this healthy state. More than 130 new members have joined the Society since the annual meeting at the end of July. The latest jump in membership resulted from an informative mention of SABR in John Duxbury's column in a recent Sporting News. So many joining this late in the membership year is unusual. Another healthful factor is the increasing number of regional meetings being held in recent months, and we will provide more details on that subject below. The third factor has to do with individual actions of two new members. Actually one was a lapsed member who had not renewed for a couple of years because he couldn't remember to pay his dues. He now has paid up through 1983. About the same time a Japanese visitor at Cooperstown, upon being told of the Society, plunked down \$100 to purchase membership through 1986 plus some back publications. We were so overwhelmed at this action we didn't have the presence of mind to ask as a condition of multiyear membership that Japan lift quota restrictions on the number of U.S. players on Japanese teams. What all this comes down to, or adds up to, is that people apparently believe that SABR will be around for a few more years.

REGIONAL MEMBERS FROM THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST met for the first time on August 8 when nine actives and two guests gathered near Seattle. Member Jim Kittilsby, assistant athletic director at Pacific Lutheran U, provided an engaging description of a bus trip he and his son took around the major leagues. Len Fiorito discussed the book "Aaron to Zuverink" which he co-authored with SABR member Rich Marazzi; and Ralph Winnie talked about his work on the SABR biographical research committee. The meeting was organized by Jim Price, sports info director at Eastern Washington U in Spokane, who was elected head of the group which plans to convene again in February in Portland.

THE MINNESOTA MEETING took place in Bloomington August 15 with 11 members and 5 guests. The group was fortunate in getting Wes Stock, pitching coach for the visiting Seattle Mariners (since resigned) to speak to the Twins-oriented audience. Also on hand was 80-year-old Ossie Bluege, who had some interesting stories to relate about his days as a third baseman and later manager of the Washington Senators. Stew Thornley made a presentation about protested games; Roger Godin about the 1922 St. Louis Browns; Glenn Gostick about a system for measuring hitting performance; and John DiMeglio showed slides of favorite baseball personalities. Scott Hall, who lives some 100 miles north of the Twin Cities, organized the function with some local assistance.

STILL ON REGIONAL MEETINGS, the Milwaukee gathering on August 22 included a buffet luncheon, research and panel discussions, and an exciting ten-inning 4-3 win by the Brewers over the Twins at County Stadium. Tickets were provided by Dick Hackett and Tom Skibosh of the Brewers. Fourteen members and 16 guests attended. Former Cleveland third baseman Ken Keltner (now a member) and former NL umpire Stan Landes provided the diamond flavor. Keltner pointed out the unsung but important role of baseball coaches who contribute to team strategy. He was very impressed with Bill McKechnie when he was with the Indians in 1947-49. Landes plugged for more umpires in the Hall of Fame (Al Barlick for example). Presentations were made by Bob Koltermann, Tom Osowski, Jack Rudolph, and Tom Jozwik, who organized the meeting.

THE CINCINNATI GROUP congregated in a Methodist Church fellowship hall on September 26 (the assumption is made that there were no off-color stories and no drinking). Thirteen members and 12 visitors were present to enjoy the reminiscences of former Reds pitcher Jim O'Toole and former infielder Roy Hughes, who is a member. Board Member John Pardon, who came from New York, and former President Gene Murdock discussed SABR beginnings and what the organization has done over the years. Research papers were given by Jack Little and Don Luce. Five states were represented at the gathering, which included a dinner.

THE BALTIMORE-WASHINGTON Regional Meeting is set for October 31 at Fairfax, Va. Renwick Speer is making preliminary plans for a meeting in Florida later this fall, but no date has been set. With all these meetings taking place, it would be appropriate at this point to state more directly than we have in the past the extent of SABR financial support for regional meetings. The board has agreed to pay organizers for direct costs such as postage and envelopes up to \$2 per member who attends the meeting. The Society encourages regional meetings and we can provide mailing labels and a publication for a guest speaker, but we cannot issue a blank check for room rentals, meals, etc. Some groups handle arrangements very efficiently; others, who are starting out, may run into some difficulties. If you need guidance on these matters, contact Jerry Gregory, who is head of the PR committee.

THE 1981 AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT is submitted for the record as follows:

1. The 1980 financial statements were reviewed by Mr. Robert Schlather, an independent CPA in Cooperstown. He had nothing on which to comment.
2. The 1980 Federal tax return (an informational return) has been filed.

The above report by Chairman Eric Simonsen was not available for the annual meeting as Mr. Schlather had not finished his review at that time.

MUCH OF THE COPY for the 1981 Research Journal has been typeset. Again there is too much material on hand and, like last year, we will have to do some shuffling to provide an appropriate balance of articles for the publication, which should be out in December.

WHENEVER A NEW MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY comes out, it is inevitable that some analysis of its contents takes place. Tom Miller, one of 11 members from Kentucky, says that SABR is truly American. What is the most common name among members? Why, Smith, of course, with 9. Other popular last names are Miller (8), Brown (6), Johnson (6), and Evans, Taylor and Thompson with 5 each. In regard to first names, he comes up with Robert or Bob (83), John (69), William or Bill (65), James or Jim (63), David (43), Richard or Dick (41), Tom (38), and Steve (36).

SABR SURVEY BALLOT FOR SELECTION OF ROOKIES OF THE YEAR

There follows a listing of the top rookie candidates for each year in the American League from 1901 to 1910 and in the NL from 1900 to 1910 for a retroactive selection of Rookies of the Year. Because the number of teams and players on a team in that period were much fewer than today, pitchers and regular players are lumped into one category selection for each league. This is consistent with the BBWAA and early Sporting News selections. A rookie is a player who had not pitched more than 45 innings or had more than 90 official at bats in any previous season(s). Basic statistics are provided for each player with an asterisk indicating leadership and with additional comments where a player might have led in a positive category such as TC/G (total chances per game) or a negative category such as errors or bases on balls for a pitcher. Members are urged to go beyond the ballot information and study the record of the candidates in various sources. Vote for an additional eligible candidate if you want. Weigh the evidence carefully when there is no clear-cut leader. Make three selections in order of rank, 1,2,3 along the left side of their name. Regular players are listed by position in the field and pitchers are listed by position of their club in the 8-team league. One final note: be very careful not to be influenced by the name of the player in terms of his later fame. Judge him only on the basis of his performance that one year. We want this survey to have some future historical significance and it cannot achieve that distinction if done carelessly.

AMERICAN LEAGUE ROOKIE SELECTION, 1901-10

Rank	Player	G	AB	HR	RBI	B.Ave	Comment
1901	Erve Beck, 2B	135	539	6	79	.289	
	Bill Coughlin, 3B	137	506	7	70	.275	Led in putouts
	③ Fred Parent, SS	138	517	4	59	.306	
	② Socks Seybold, RF	114	449	8	90	.334	.503 slg pct.
	Irv Waldron, CF	141*	598*	0	51	.311	
	<u>Pitcher</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>SO</u>	<u>ERA</u>	
	① Roscoe Miller, 3rd	332	23	-13	79	2.95	33 CG in 36 GS
	Earl Moore, 7th	251	16	-14	99	2.90	Fewest hits/G
	Case Patten, 6th	254	17	-10	109	3.93	
	Roy Patterson, 1st	312	20	-16	127	3.37	
	Eddie Plank, 4th	261	17	-13	90	3.31	
	Bill Reidy, 8th	301	16	-20	50	4.21	
	Ed Siever, 3rd	289	17	-15	85	3.24	
	George Winter, 2nd	241	16	-12	63	2.80	
1902	③ Harry Bemis, C	93	317	1	29	.312	Led in assists
	② Pat Dougherty, LF	108	438	0	34	.342	
	① Addie Joss, 5th	269	17	-13	106	2.77	Led in shutouts
	George Mullin, 7th	260	13	-16	78	3.67	
1903	② Charlie Carr, 1B	135	548	2	79	.281	Led in assists
	③ Hunter Hill, 3B	86	317	0	25	.243	
	① Charlie Moran, SS	98	373	1	24	.225	Led in assists
	Lee Tannehill, SS	138	503	2	50	.225	
	Chief Bender, 2nd	270	17	-14	127	3.07	
	Norwood Gibson, 1st	183	13	-9	76	3.19	
	Weldon Henley, 2nd	186	12	-10	86	3.91	

AMERICAN LEAGUE ROOKIE SELECTION

	Rank	Player	G	AB	HR	RBI	B.Ave	Comment
1904	③	Joe Cassidy, SS - 74	152	581	1	33	.241	Led in triples
		Gus Dundon, 2B - 60	108	373	0	36	.228	Led in F. Ave
		Terry Turner, SS - 9	111	404	1	45	.235	
		<u>Pitcher</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>SO</u>	<u>ERA</u>	
	②	Fred Glade, 6th 13	289	18	-15	156	2.27	
	①	Otto Hess, 4th 15	151	8	-7	64	1.67	
		Frank Smith, 3rd 11	202	16	-9	107	2.09	
1905	③	Hal Chase, 1B - 3	126	465	3	49	.249	Led in errors
	②	Emil Frisk, RF 10	127	429	3	36	.261	
		Ben Koehler, CF - 7	142	536	2	47	.237	Led in assists
	①	George Stone, LF 32	154	632*	7	52	.296	Led in hits
		Jim Buchanan, 8th	141	5	-10	54	3.50	
		Bill Hogg, 4th	205	9	-12	125	3.20	Led in rel. wins
1906	③	Dave Altizer, SS 2	115	433	1	27	.256	Had 37 SB
	②	Frank LaPorte, 3B 6	123	454	2	54	.264	
	①	Claude Rossman, 1B 13	118	396	1	53	.308	
		Jack Coombs, 4th	173	11	-10	90	2.50	
		Jim Dygert, 4th	214	10	-13	106	2.70	
		Charles Smith, 7th	235	9	-16	105	2.91	
1907		Joe Birmingham, CF	138	476	1	33	.235	Led in assists
	①	Simon Nicholls, SS 14	126	460	0	23	.302	
		Denny Sullivan, CF	144	551	0	25	.245	
	③	Walter Johnson, 8th 8	110	5	-8	68	1.87	
	②	Glen Liebhardt, 4th 15	280	18	-15	110	2.05	
1908		Neal Ball, SS - 4	132	446	0	38	.247	32 SB; Led in E
	③	Eddie Collins, Ut 10	102	330	1	40	.273	
		Jerry Freeman, 1B 4	154	531	1	45	.252	Led in errors
		Harry Lord, 3B 2	145	558	2	37	.260	Led in errors
	②	Amby McConnell, 2B 16	140	502	2	43	.279	31 SB; Led in E
		Ed Cicotte, 5th	207	11	-11	95	2.43	
		Joe Lake, 8th	269	9	-22*	118	3.17	
	①	Rube Manning, 8th	245	14	-16	113	2.94	
	Ed Summers, 1st 25	301	24	-12	103	1.64	2nd in wins	
1909		Jimmy Austin, 3B - 6	136	437	1	39	.231	Led in DP, TC/G
	①	Frank Baker, 3B 32	148	541	4	85	.305	Led in PO, A, E, trpls.
	②	Donie Bush, SS 24	157	532	0	33	.273	53 SB; Led in BB, A, E
		Clyde Engle, LF 19	135	492	3	71	.278	
		Bob Groom, 8th	261	7	-26*	131	2.87	Led in BB
	③	Harry Krause, 2nd 26	213	17	-8	139	1.39*	7 shutouts
		James Scott, 4th	250	13	-12	135	2.30	
		Jack Warhop, 5th	243	11	-16	95	2.40	
1910	②	Larry Gardner, 2B 17	113	413	2	36	.283	
	⑤	Duffy Lewis, LF 20	151	541	8	68	.283	2nd in homers
		Rollie Zeider, 2B	136	498	0	31	.217	49 SB
	①	Russell Ford, 2nd 10	300	26	-6	209	1.65	Fewest hits/G
		Will Mitchell, 5th	184	13	-8	102	2.60	
	James Vaughn, 2nd	222	12	-11	107	1.83		

NATIONAL LEAGUE ROOKIE SELECTION, 1900-1910

	Rank	Player	G	AB	HR	RBI	B.Ave	Comment
1900		John Ganzel, 1B -2	78	284	.4	32	.275	
	①	Billy Sullivan, C -1	72	238	.8	41	.273	
		<u>Pitcher</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>SO</u>	<u>ERA</u>	
	③	Doc Newton, 7th -12	235	9	-15	88	4.14	
	②	Ed Scott, 7th -5	323	17	-21	92	3.82	
1901		Kitty Bransfield, 1B 139	566	0		91	.295	
	②	Lefty Davis, RF 21	112	426	2	40	.291	
	③	Otto Krueger, 3B 10	142*	520	2	79	.275	Led in A, E
		Jack Harper, 4th	309	23	-12	128	3.62	2nd in wins
		Tom Hughes, 6th	308	11	-21	225	3.24	Led in SO pct.
	①	Ch. Mathewson, 7th 34	336	20	-17	221	2.41	Won 39% of team wins
		Doc White, 2nd	237	14	-13	132	3.19	
1902		George Barclay, LF 14	137	543	.3	53	.300	
		George Browne, LF 6	123	497	0	40	.286	Led in E, TC/G
	③	Rudy Hulswitt, SS 3	128	497	0	38	.272	Led in putouts
		Ed Gremminger, 3B 10	140	522	2	66	.257	Led in PO, FA
	②	Homer Smoot, CF 14	129	518	3	48	.311	Led in putouts
		Joe Tinker, SS 1	131	494	2	54	.261	Led in A, E
		Ham Iburg, 7th	236	11	-18	106	3.89	
	①	Carl Lundgren, 5th 14	160	9	-9	68	1.97	
		Mike O'Neill, 6th	270	17	-13	99	2.76	Hit pinch slam
		Pop Williams, 5th	254	12	-16	94	2.51	
	Stan Yerkes, 6th	273	11	-20*	81	3.66		
1903	③	Johnny Evers, 2B 2	124	464	0	52	.293	
		Ed Phelps, C 1	81	273	2	31	.282	
		Jimmy Sebring, RF 4	124	506	4	64	.277	Hit 13 triples
	②	Oscar Jones, 5th 12	324	20	-16	95	2.94	
		Henry Schmidt, 5th	301	21	-13	96	3.83	2nd in shutouts
	①	Jake Weimer, 3rd 30	282	21	-9	128	2.30	Fewest hits/G
1904		Jim Delahanty, 3B 14	142	499	.3	60	.285	
	②	Art Devlin, 3B 25	130	474	1	66	.281	
	①	Miller Huggins, 2B 2	140	491	2	30	.263	88 BB; 96 runs
	③	Harry Lumley, RF 25	150	577	.9*	78	.279	Led in triples
		Fred Odwell, LF 13	129	468	1	58	.284	
		Spike Shannon, RF 12	134	500	1	26	.280	Led in F.Ave
		Frank Corridon, 5th	195	11	-10	78	2.64	
		Mike Lynch, 5th	223	15	-11	95	2.71	24 GS, 24 CG
		Tom Walker, 3rd 12	217	15	-8	64	2.24	
		Hooks Wiltse, 1st	165	13	-3	105	2.84	Won 12 straight
1905	②	Mickey Doolan, SS -1	136	492	.1	48	.254	
		Del Howard, 1B 1	123	435	.2	63	.292	
		Frank Schulte, LF 7	123	493	.1	47	.274	Hit 14 triples
		Charlie Chech, 5th 4	268	14	-15	79	2.89	Relief leader
		Orval Overall, 5th 4	318	17	-22	173	2.86	Walked 147
	①	Ed Reulbach, 3rd 5	292	18	-14	152	1.42	Fewest hits/G
		Jake Thielman, 6th	242	15	-16	87	3.50	
	③	Irving Young, 7th 4	378*	20	-21	156	2.90	Led in CG with 41

NATIONAL LEAGUE ROOKIE SELECTION (Continued)

Rank	Player	G	AB	HR	RBI	B.Ave	Comment	
1906	Pug Bennett, 2B 5	153	595*	1	34	.255		
	③ Tim Jordan, 1B 26	129	450	12*	79	.262	Led in errors	
	Hans Lobert, Inf 11	79	268	0	19	.310		
	① Jim Nealon, 1B 22	154	556	3	83*	.255	Led in PO, DP	
	<u>Pitcher</u>		<u>IP</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>SO</u>	<u>ERA</u>	
	Fred Beebe, 4th	231	16	-10	171*	2.93		
	Vive Lindaman, 8th	307	12	-13	115	2.43		
	① Jack Pfiester, 1st 27	242	19	-9	153	1.56	2nd in ERA	
	Lew Riechie, 4th	206	9	-11	65	2.41		
	1907	Bobby Byrne, 3B -2	148	558	0	29	.256	Led in PO, A, E
① Otto Knabe, 2B 110		129	444	1	34	.255		
③ Mike Mitchell, RF 21		148	558	3	47	.292	Led in assists	
Mike Mowrey, 3B 3		138	448	1	44	.252		
George Bell, 5th		264	8	-16	88	2.25		
Lew Moren, 3rd		255	11	-18	98	2.54		
② Nap Rucker, 5th 12		275	15	-13	131	2.06		
1908		③ Joe Delahanty, LF 5	140	499	1	44	.255	
	Dode Paskert, LF 0	118	395	1	36	.243		
	Al Shaw, OF 4	107	367	1	19	.264		
	Owen Wilson, RF -13	144	529	3	43	.227		
	Billy Campbell, 5th	221	13	-13	73	2.60		
	Doc Crandall, 2nd	215	12	-12	77	2.93		
	② Bill Foxen, 4th 6	147	8	-7	52	1.95		
	① Geo. McQuillan, 4th 2	360	23	-17	114	1.53	2nd in ERA, CG	
	Bob Spade, 5th	249	17	-12	74	2.74		
	1909	Bill Abstein, 1B 2	137	512	1	70	.260	
③ Dick Egan, 2B 7 +		127	480	2	53	.275	Led in TC/G	
Rube Ellis, LF 11		149	575	3	46	.268	Led in TC/G	
Ed Lennox, 3B 12		126	435	2	44	.262	Led in F.Ave	
② Dots Miller, 2B 19 -		151	560	3	87	.279	13 tpls; led in A, FA	
Rebel Oakes, CF 10		120	415	3	31	.270		
① Babe Adams, 1st 21		130	13	-3	65	1.11		
Harry Gaspar, 4th 17		260	19	-11	65	2.01		
Rube Marquard, 3rd		173	6	-13	109	2.60		
Al Mattern, 8th		316	16	-20	98	2.85	Led in BB; 2nd in IP	
1910	③ Vin Campbell, OF 16	97	282	4	21	.326		
	Bill Collins, LF	151	584	3	40	.241	Led in PO, FA	
	Jake Daubert, 1B 9	144	552	8	50	.264	Hit 15 triples	
	Josh Devore, LF 15	133	490	2	27	.304	43 SB	
	Doc Miller, RF 7	131	483	3	55	.286		
	② Fred Snodgrass, CF 33	123	396	2	44			
	Cy Barger, 6th	272	15	-15	87	2.95		
	① King Cole, 1st 33	240	21	-4	114	1.80	Led in win pct	
	Louis Drucke, 2nd	215	12	-12	151	2.47	Led in SO pct	

NOTE: Return this completed ballot to Lyle Spatz, 18817 Rolling Acres Way
Olney, Md. 20832

In regard to team interest, Ron Gabriel tabulated the 280 members interested in AL clubs and the 267 in the NL teams. The leading teams were the Yankees, 70, Red Sox 51, Cubs 43, Brooklyn Dodgers 40 (and LA Dodgers 23), Tigers 29, Orioles 27 (and old Orioles 5), and Cards and NY Giants both 25.

ENCLOSED WITH THIS BULLETIN is the survey ballot for selection of Rookies of the Year for 1900 to 1910 in the NL and 1901-1910 in the AL. This is the first part of the survey which will go up to the mid-1940s when the selections were begun by TSN and BBWAA. The same criteria for rookies established by those organizations will apply here — not more than 45 innings pitched or 90 official at bats. Art Schott and his committee picked out the candidates and they were given a second screening before they went on the ballot. This has become a much bigger job than we anticipated, which is confirmed by the fact that we could cover only ten years on this 4-page ballot. We will review the results of this survey carefully before going on with the next phase. Further guidelines are on the ballot and those of you who are interested in this project are requested to study it carefully, fill it out and send it in to Lyle Spatz.

WALT HUNTZINGER, former NL pitcher in the 1920s, who participated in several Philadelphia regional meetings and one in Washington, died in Upper Darby, Pa., August 11. He was 82. He was so modest and low key at these meetings that good friend and moderator Kit Crissey had to use some gentle persuasion to elicit some very interesting comments about John McGraw, Casey Stengel, Rogers Hornsby and Joe McCarthy, all of whom were his managers. Walt also told about his college days at Penn when he was pitching against Lou Gehrig of Columbia. A couple of nice guys, both of them.

BASEBALL RESEARCH EXCHANGE

Mike Getz, 2067 58th St, Brooklyn, NY 11204, is making available his article on Johnny Mize which was published in the Diamond Report about a year ago and in the Baseball Bulletin this spring. It is entitled "A Vote for the Big Cat" and runs three pages. If you have not seen it before, request a copy from Mike.

Bob Davids, 4424 Chesapeake St, NW, Washington, DC 20016, has compiled a summary of interesting and unusual happenings of the 1981 baseball season (such as it was), similar to what was carried in the October 1980 Bulletin. A copy is available upon request.

THE 1981 MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL SEASON, which ran only 103 to 111 games, depending on the team, had fairly respectable league-leading totals in most categories. Mike Schmidt's 31 homers looked good compared to Ralph Kiner's 23 in 1946, and his 91 RBIs were better than Hal Chase's league-leading 84 in 1916. Bill Buckner's 35 doubles were better than Henry Aaron's 34 in 1956; ditto Cecil Cooper's 35 in the AL compared to the 32 twobaggers that led the league over the 162-game schedule in 1973. Reynolds and Richards had respectable full season totals of 12 triples in the NL and even though John Castino had only 9, it was one better than Del Unser had for Washington in 1969. Rickey Henderson had 89 runs scored, and remember when Carl Yastrzemski had only 93 in 1974. Of course, the stolen base figures looked good for a full season, especially the 71 stolen by Tim Lincecum in only 88 games. In the pitching department, Fernando Valenzuela had 8 shutouts and 190 strikeouts, better than many leaders of the past. Rick Langford had 18 complete games for Oakland, better than the 15 Frank Lary had in 1960 and Dean Chance in 1964. The 28 saves by relief ace Rollie Fingers was better than the league-leading 26 by Goose Gossage in 1975.

PROFESSOR JAMES SKIPPER will have an article in the 1981 Research Journal on baseball player nicknames. He now wants to carry that study a step further by collecting accounts of how players received those nicknames, from interested members. He says it would be helpful if you could document your accounts. For example, did the player tell you about it himself? If not, who did? If you read about it in a book or magazine, please include the citation if you can. In any use of the material, he will give you credit as the source of the information unless you specify otherwise. Send your information to Dr. James K. Skipper, Dept of Sociology, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg, Va. 24061.

HARVEY FROMMER is at work on a book focused on the NY Yankee-Boston Red Sox rivalry. He would like to obtain reminiscences on this competition from both Yankee and Red Sox fans. He would like to include the fan's side of the issue and will credit in his book those who supply material that can be used. If you have such information, get in touch with Dr. Frommer at 791 Oakleigh Road, North Woodmere, NY 11581.

STEVEN REISS, history professor at Northeastern Illinois U, had completed his book: Touching Base: Professional Baseball and American Culture in the Progressive Era. In this detailed study, he used interviews and questionnaires to analyze the true nature of the fans, players and team owners in three representative cities -- New York, Chicago, and Atlanta, which fielded a minor league team in this period. The book has 272 pages and is available from Greenwood Press, 88 Post Road West, Westport, Conn. 06881, for \$22.95.

JOHN HOLWAY, Chairman of the Negro Leagues Committee, has published a short biography on Rube Foster, the Black player, manager, and executive who was inducted into the Hall of Fame in August. If you want a copy of this book, send a check for \$2.25 to John at 7805 Chase Court, Manassas, Va. 22110.

JOSE JIMENEZ has copies available of his book "Archivo de Baseball" -- the story of U.S. and Latin American baseball written in Spanish. It has 171 pages and the same number of pictures (very heavily illustrated with good shots -- from Cap Anson to Diomedes Olivo). The book also includes many statistics which are easy enough to comprehend. Remember, it is in Spanish. If you would like to have a copy, send a check for \$6 to Dr. Jose Jimenez, Maximo Gomez 34, Santiago, Dominican Republic.

LEE BALLINGER of Warren, Ohio, has written a book: "In Your Face: Sports for Love and Money." It is a critical view of how big money interests are undermining the value of sports, including baseball: "Everything is being subordinated to the drive for maximum profit. The World Series is played in a winter rainstorm." If you are interested, send a check for \$4.45 to Vanguard Books, Box 3566, Chicago, Ill. 60654.

TOM HUFFORD, a transportation consultant who now lives and works in Georgia, was surprised to note counties in that State with the following names: Appling, Baker, Banks, Barrow, Clarke, Cobb, Crawford, Evans, Harris, Johnson, and Spalding. Can any other State boast such a Hall of Fame lineup? Incidentally, Tom is one of two members -- the other being Bill Ivory of Washington, DC -- researching burial sites/memorials of outstanding or unusual baseball personalities. They report that some interesting information has been uncovered in this undertaking. If any member is interested in this sort of research, you may want to get in touch with Tom or Bill.

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NEWSLETTER OF THE SOCIETY FOR AMERICAN BASEBALL RESEARCH

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A MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL CARD for 1982 is enclosed. It also can be used as a new membership application, so check the appropriate box. The members who have already sent in their \$15 checks are asked to fill out the card and mail it in anyway (mark it paid) for directory use. Please indicate any changes from the 1981 directory or from the current address label. In response to numerous requests regarding how long members have been in SABR, we have included space for that information.

We are considering a coding system for the interests listed on the card. On a computer printout, for example, only one team will be listed, but an additional club can be included under other interests. In the back of the 1982 directory we plan to carry a one-line entry for each member in zip code order (so you can locate area members easier) and with interest code included (so you can find out quickly who shares your interests). This will make the directory about seven pages longer but should make it more useful.

Please get your membership renewal in promptly.

PLANS ARE GOING FORWARD to hold the 1982 National Convention in Baltimore. The tentative time at this juncture is June 24-26, with the Orioles hosting the Tigers that weekend. A specific site has not been agreed upon. Negotiations have been conducted with a downtown Holiday Inn, but the executive board feels the room prices there are a little high and has recommended investigating the chances of getting a college campus site similar to that used in Toronto last summer. That means we will be further from the ballpark and probably the airport as well and those factors will have to be weighed in balance with the economic factors before reaching a decision. Tom Evans is spearheading the Baltimore area site search and he invites advice and assistance in this matter. A decision should be announced in the February issue.

PRESIDENT KIT CRISSEY reminds committee chairmen to submit your semiannual reports on committee activities in the next few weeks. A report already has been received from John Pardon, new head of the Minor League Committee, and a summary of that report will be carried in this Bulletin.

THE 1981 RESEARCH JOURNAL was printed on December 14 and 1320 copies were dispatched to domestic members by the bulk mailer on December 18. Delivery should be achieved in 2-3 weeks, depending on the destination, etc.

Edward F. Dusek, who joined the Society early in 1977, died suddenly at his home in Flushing, N.Y., on July 26. He was 66 and had just retired after long service as a meat market manager. According to Mrs. Dusek, he suffered a ruptured aneurysm and died very quickly. His baseball interests included game, season and career records, statistical analysis of player performance, and Negro Leagues. He had intended to concentrate more specifically on these interests in his retirement.

MEMBERS ARE INVITED to submit new and interesting articles for the 1982 Baseball Research Journal. Please try to keep your articles below ten double-spaced typewritten pages so that we can include more of them. We receive many more articles than we can use. That probably increases the quality of the publication but does not make all the writers happy. Please get your articles in by the first of April. The editor has retired from Government service and will aim to get the publications out on a more timely basis. Send to Bob Davids, 4424 Chesapeake St. NW, Washington, DC 20016.

ESSENTIALLY ALL COPIES of This Date in Baseball History, the 60-page booklet issued in 1976, have been exhausted. We plan to update this publication and re-publish in 1982. The editor invites submissions of items, not only from the last five years, but interesting and unusual items from earlier years that have been uncovered by ongoing research. We will drop some of the old material if we can get a better item for a particular date. Keep in mind that all the entries are game oriented, which limits the period covered from early April to late October. Send to the editor at the address noted above.

PHIL BERGEN, a Boston-area research librarian, has prepared a much-needed index of the articles in the first nine Research Journals and the Historical Review issued in June 1981. He will now integrate the 1981 Journal articles and we hope to publish some time next year a completed index of some 30-35 pages. Phil is doing a very thorough job and this work should result in a useful research tool.

THE SUBJECT of Raymond Kush's proposed doctoral dissertation at the University of Minnesota is The Development of Chicago's Early Baseball Press: An Examination of Selected Chicago Newspapers' Coverage of Local Professional Baseball, 1876-1900 (that's just the title, not the text). In his proposal he cites the historical works of such SABR academics as Steven Reiss, Harold Seymour, and David Voigt. He also should interview Arthur Ahrens, probably the most authoritative historian of Chicago baseball journalism for the period in question. As Ray is just starting his research, he requests other members familiar with this topic to suggest possible sub-topics and sources to him at 821 Douglas Avenue, S., Minneapolis, MN 55403.

LYLE SPATZ says that the SABR vote for rookies of the year for 1900-1910 has gone very well. The response was larger than anticipated and showed mature judgment. There was no noticeable voting for big name players who might have had marginal rookie seasons. There were a few cases of members voting for three pitchers and three non-pitchers in the same year. It is a combined selection of three, and this will be stressed even stronger in the second phase of voting in the spring. More than 220 ballots have been returned and most of the 21 races have been decided. Only the 1907 NL is really close.

MINOR LEAGUE COMMITTEE REPORT by John Pardon

Karl Green of Marietta, GA, suggested that the committee put out a newsletter every so often to inform others of research activities. The idea is certainly a good one, and hopefully this will be the first of such reports from the Minor League Committee chairman to appear in the SABR Bulletin. This means of communicating should do two things: let minor league researchers know what others are doing, and encourage and foster interest in the field by other members. With this in mind, the following activities are noted:

1. Bob Hoie of San Marino, CA, has pulled together season record material on some 200 minor league players for the second volume of Minor League Stars. No narrative has been written and no publication date has been set.
2. Jerry Jackson of Augusta, ME, continues to work on a list of minor league managers and says that "the list has pretty well stabilized itself now." It is planned to carry the season records of managers with more than 25 years service in a separate section of Minor League Stars, II.
3. Vern Luse of Lees Summit, MO, continues work on pre-1900 history and is contemplating a book covering minor league activities from 1883 to 1891. He recently has been researching the Pacific Inter-State and Pacific Northwest leagues of 1891.
4. Bob Van Atta of Greensburg, PA, has put together a five-page piece on the 1907 Western Penn. League and now hopes to compile material on the 1896 Inter-State League. He specializes in SW Penn. minor league history.
5. Ed Brooks of Delmar, NY, is working on the Empire State League that operated in the Finger Lakes region of NY State early this century.
6. Art Cantu of Pico Rivera, CA, on a recent cross-country trip, stopped in Cooperstown to gather information on minor league players. His goal is to compile an alphabetical list of all players each season since 1900. Bob Hoie has been offering guidance in this effort.
7. Karl Green is interested in Southern Association history, and, with the 100th anniversary of the 1885 Southern League coming up, hopes to put together some material on this early circuit.
8. Walter Kuczvara of Chicago is working on individual RBI records of oldtime players. He recently completed Kansas City's record in the AA for 1911 (Ham Hyatt was the team leader with 137), and is now working on Minneapolis for 1911 where Cliff Cravath has 159 RBI with a few games left to check.
9. Bob Davids has compiled a draft list of the oldest persons to play in the minors each year since 1900. It looks like George Brunet, 46, of the Mexican League was the senior player in 1981. Bob also is checking to determine if any female ever actually played in an official game.
10. Several members, including Bob Lindsay of State College, PA, have suggested publications and projects for the future, such as a history of the minors up to 1920; a list of leagues by year; and a list of cities. In regard to the latter, John Pardon put out a cities list in 1973. Updating this is another project. Other SABR members are encouraged to participate in the above projects or to suggest some of their own choosing.

PETE PALMER has agreed to coordinate a couple of SABR research projects, only one of which will be announced at this time. That is to research the caught stealing records of American League players for the 1927 season. That is the only year where this information is missing for the AL since 1920. What Pete needs is a member in each AL city to go thru the most detailed newspaper reports of the home team. Catcher assists should give you some clue about caught stealing. This was not a big year for base stealing as George Sisler led with only 27. The review would also provide a good opportunity to pick up additional items as steals of home and inside the park homers. The editor volunteers to check Washington Senator games for 1927. Other volunteers are requested to get in touch with Pete at 12 Farmcrest Ave, Lexington, MA 02173, for specific instructions.

RICH MARAZZI is offering his recently published book on The Rules and Lore of Baseball to SABR members for reduced prices. This book includes unusual happenings such as a pitched ball getting stuck in the umpire's mask while a runner is stealing second, and a third base coach carrying an injured runner back to the bag (see book excerpts in the 1977 Research Journal). Prices are \$7.50 soft cover and \$11.50 hard cover. If interested, send a check to Rich at 105 Pulaski Highway, Ansonia, Conn. 06401.

RICHARD BEVERAGE has published his book on The Angels, A History of Los Angeles in the Pacific Coast League, 1919-57. The informal study, which goes to the end of the franchise when the Dodgers moved to L.A., has a chapter for each year and includes an appendix with the club's all-time performance records. This trade paperback has 286 pages and includes 35 photos. If interested, send a check for \$10.50 to Dick at 1244 Brian St, Placentia, CA 92670.

JOHN DAVENPORT's book on Baseball's Pennant Races, A Graphic View, is available at reduced rates for members. It features 194 full-season graphs thru the 1981 season, 52 closeups of the most exciting races, and 18 multigraphs of the best and worst starts, etc. The paperback is available for \$11.60 and the hardback for \$17.55. For purchase, send a check to John at First Impressions, P.O. Box 9073, Madison, Wis. 53715.

THE BASEBALL WINTER MEETINGS in Hollywood, Florida, brought together a number of SABR members. After one session, Bob Davids and Paul Doherty were talking with Bud Braun of Indiana when up came Arnold Soolman of Boston and Seymour Siwoff of New York; then Allan Roth and Bill Weiss of California; then Clay Marston and Harvey Trivett of Toronto, Jerry Holtzman of Chicago, Ed Williams of Oklahoma, and Charlie Owen of Maryland. Also present, but not at this particular occasion, were several others including Allan Simpson, publisher of the All-America Baseball News, Bellingham, Wash., and Marshall Adesman of the Waterloo, Iowa, club. The latter, who joined SABR when he was in his late teens, is now sporting a little gray around the temples. Baseball will do that to you -- look at Sparky Anderson.

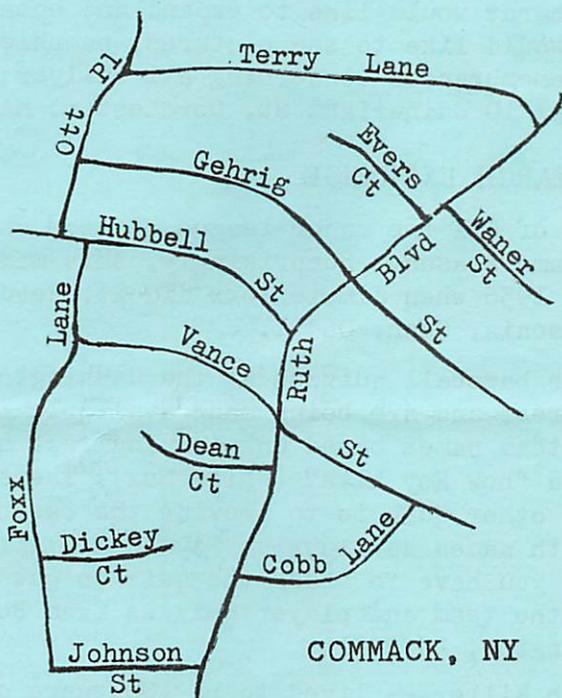
WHILE IN FLORIDA, Charlie Owen took in a Cuban League oldtimers game at Miami Stadium on December 13. Participating were Tony Taylor, who belted two home runs, Monte Irvin, Minnie Minoso, Camilo Pascual, and Al Lopez, who threw out the first ball. Pitcher Pascual, looking fit, lobbed the ball when there were no ducks on the pond, but really bore down if there was a scoring threat. The whole program was conducted in Spanish for a primarily Hispanic audience.

THE POSTAL SERVICE will issue a Jackie Robinson stamp in April. This is not specifically a baseball stamp; it is a part of the annual Black Heritage series. Ron Gabriel, a Brooklyn Dodger devotee who also used to work for the Postal Service, reports that there is much competition for the first day issue site, but that it probably will take place in Brooklyn.

THE STAMP COLLECTOR of November 30 carried an informative letter by Joe King of Lubbock, Texas, which is carried here in part: "The Society for American Baseball Research (SABR) seeks the support of sports philatelists, stamp clubs and collectors in its campaign to have the USPS issue a se-tenant set of baseball commemorative stamps in 1986. That year will mark the 50th anniversary of the election of the five original Hall of Fame members -- Babe Ruth, Ty Cobb, Honus Wagner, Walter Johnson, and Christy Mathewson. . . . We in SABR favor a se-tenant group of stamps honoring these marvelous athletes and folk heroes of an earlier day. In our opinion, the set would make a handsome addition to the sports series recently begun with the Babe Zaharias and Bobby Jones issues and would prove popular with collectors here and abroad. Collectors who agree should write the Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee, USPS, Washington, DC 20260."

FOREIGN MEMBERSHIP has shown some movement in the last few months. We now have our first member in Mexico -- Silvio Canto in Mexico City -- and in South America -- Jorge Akel in Guayaquil, Ecuador. Dallas Adams, a long-time member from Switzerland, has moved to Southern Australia. Masaru Ikei from Japan is

spending a year at the University of Michigan. U.S. diplomat Bill Schrage is back from Warsaw, Poland (just in time), and has relocated in Illinois.



SEVERAL PEOPLE responded to the challenge in the October Bulletin about Georgia having 11 counties with names of Hall of Famers. Apparently Texas also has 11 Hall of Fame names among its record 254 counties. Mark Moldowsky of Huntington Station, NY, cites a more direct application of famous baseball names in his area of Suffolk County, Long Island. There is a residential section of Commack, NY, which has streets named for 13 Hall of Fame players. Mark points out that a street map shows Fox Lane with one x, but he feels this is definitely named after Jimmie (Double-X) Foxx. He does not have any background info on when or why these streets were so named. See the map of this subdivision at left.

REGARDING THE REGIONAL GATHERING in Cincinnati in September reported in the October Bulletin, we found out belatedly that the meal served to the 25 members and guests was prepared by Isabelle Hugo, wife of the organizer, Bill Hugo. This is a very supportive contribution by Mrs. Hugo, particularly in light of the fact that some SABR wives are not very fond of the Society.

BILL HUMBER REPORTS that the Ontarions will hold a regional meeting in Toronto on February 27. At that time of year it is safe to say it will be a hot stove session. Bill also says that he will be organizing a baseball symposium as part of the 5th Canadian Symposium on the History of Sport and Physical Education at the University of Toronto, August 26-29. SABR members interested in presenting a paper on baseball with a Canadian theme should write to him at 15 Beech Avenue, Bowmanville, Ontario L1C 3A1.

THE EIGHTH ANNUAL Baltimore-Washington Regional Meeting was held at George Mason University in Fairfax, Va., October 31 with 49 members and 24 guests present. The program was divided into two parts: Bob Bluthardt, a member from Boston, presented a comprehensive slide show of the old ballparks (1900-1950) which was well done and well received. Increased attendance forced a move from classroom to gym for a panel discussion geared primarily to college baseball coaches. Participating were Walt Masterson, recently departed George Mason coach; new coach Bill Brown; Mike Toomey, former coach at George Washington and manager of the Alexandria Dukes in 1981; and Don Loun, southpaw hurler for the Senators in 1964. In the Q&A session, Masterson defended Bob Lemon's removal of Tommy John for a pinch hitter in the sixth game of the World Series. Other activities included a musical rendition of the Ballad of Shoeless Joe Jackson by singer Jeff Deitshman. Chuck Hilty won first prize in the player identification quiz (see Baseball Research Exchange), and Renwick Speer came the longest distance, from Lake Wales, Florida.

TO FOLLOW UP THE above item, Bob Bluthardt would like to expand and enhance his slide show of the old ballparks. He would like to see pictures, pamphlets and postcards and benefit from personal remembrances concerning all ballparks used from 1900 to 1950. He can be reached at 10 Wainwright St, Dorchester, MA 02124.

BASEBALL RESEARCH EXCHANGE

Robert Lazzari has a one-page listing of all the major league players who fanned and walked 100 or more times in the same season. Surprisingly, this mixed achievement was never accomplished until 1936 when Jimmie Foxx did it. Request this list from Robert at 14 Bruns Road, Ansonia, Conn. 06401.

Don Nelson and Bob Davids provided two baseball quizzes at the Washington Regional Meeting which were of some interest and are being made available here. One was to guess the 26 major league team names based only on indirect hints such as "maiden racers" (Phillies) and "how Roy hits" (White Sox). There are some real cute ones in the bunch. The other quiz is to provide the baseball names for 13 players who had such birth names as Aloysius Szymanski, Alfred Pesano and Rinaldo Paolinelli. Sorry, you have to order the quiz to get those answers. For convenience, order both the team and player quizzes from Bob Davids, 4424 Chesapeake St, NW, Washington, DC 20016.

ONLY ONE former major leaguer -- Ralph Miller -- lived to be 100 years old. But what about minor league players? On November 9, Herbert Gallagher, cited as the oldest Red Sox fan, died in Boston at age 107. In the brief obit, there was mention that he played organized baseball in Canada in the 1890s. With the help of Bob Hoie, Eves Raja of Toronto found a "Chub" Gallagher playing for Chatham in the Canadian League in 1898, Stratford in 1899 and Port Huron in the International in 1900. Is this Chub Gallagher of the 1890s the same as Herb Gallagher of the 1980s? We're not sure. The next step is to get in touch with some of Herb's relatives. The trouble is, at 107, he may have outlived all of them!