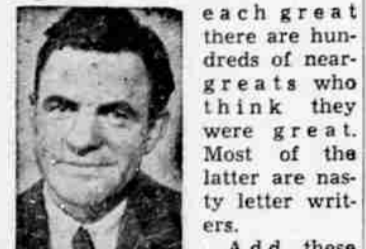


They'll Do It Every Time By Jimmy Hatlo



A Nichol's Worth of . . . Comment On This and That
By HARMAN W. NICHOLS
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Washington — (U.P.) — Trouble with picking all-time greats in organized baseball is that for each great there are hundreds of near-greats who think they were great. Most of the latter are nasty letter writers.



Add these Harman Nichols notes to the mail from fans of the almost-made-its and you have a pretty big bundle. My friend, Ira L. Smith, has been taking abuse in this matter for several years. He is in the middle of a series of books on famous diamond stars. First there were pitchers. Then outfielders. The most current volume is "Baseball's Famous First Basemen."

Ira Bucks Up
But Ira, who has one of the finest collections of baseball anecdotes anywhere, backs up and plods along. He says he isn't as bogged down as Liberace on the way to the bank, but he likes his work, nonetheless. His treatment of first basemen, as do the preceding books, runs the gamut by periods.

In the 1871-1899 era, there is an interesting chapter on Adrian Constantine (Cap) Anson. Cap once got mad with people who said he was too old at 39 to play baseball and borrowed a set of chin whiskers and wore them on the field. Cap finally quit at 45.

Frank Leroy Chance of the era through 1917 is well known as a member of the famed Tinkers-to-Evers-to-Chance double-play combination of the old Chicago Cubs. But you may not know that in 1913 he batted for two other players in the same inning.

Chance Hitter
Chance was managing the Yankees at the time. Things were bad one day and he put

himself in as a pinch hitter, grounding out. But the rest of his Yanks went wild. With New York populating second and third, Chance grabbed a bat for the second time and drove in both runs with a pinch-hit single. There was a protest, but the umpire ruled it was not registered in the required length of time.

There were many great first basemen in the era between 1918 and 1940. Fellows like Sunny Jim Bottomley, Bill Terry, Jimmy Foxx, and the immortal Lou Gehrig, the old-time Iron Man.

In the period from '41 to the present, Ira has concentrated on the likes of Johnny Mize, Rudy York, Phil Cavarretta among others. Smith, never a big-leaguer, has been saving information on ball players since he was a kid. His good wife wishes to thunder he would clean some of those loaded trunks full of clippings out of her attic.

Here are some facts you might not know about first basemen. More than 8500 players have been in the majors, and about 1000 of them at one time or another have perched on first base—from one game to 22 seasons. All but 188 of them also have appeared in other positions.

Most of the great players who caught the fans' fancy at other positions, had short trips to the initial sack. To name a few: Ty Cobb, Ed Delahanty, Pie Traynor, Wilbert Robinson, Christie Mathewson, Joe DiMaggio, Rogers Hornsby.

And of course, Stan (The Man) Musial who has played a great deal at first with the Cardinals. Even though he throws from starboard, he has done a creditable job.

Nine men who have been on the rosters of big league teams as first basemen played only one game in the majors. One of these was Walter Alston, now manager of the Brooklyn Dodgers.

Prospect Man Files \$25,000 Lawsuit

A lawsuit asking \$25,000 has been filed by Homer J. Johnson, Prospect, against William Morris, Prospect, for damages that Johnson claims to have received Nov. 6, 1955 in a Prospect cafe.

He declares in his complaint that Morris grabbed him, threw him to the floor, twisted his leg and finally ordered him out of the cafe.

In his complaint, Johnson said his right leg was fractured as a direct result of Morris' actions, when he said he intended to show Johnson some judo holds.

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Rail Company Man Feted on Retirement After Long Service

Fred Morris, who has retired after 43 years as freight and passenger agent for Southern Pacific company, was honored guest Monday night at a banquet for company officials and their wives in the Jackson hotel.

Railroad officials from Dunsuir, Portland and Eugene, as well as 100 other of Morris' association, were in attendance. George M. Joyce, Medford, trainmaster, was master of ceremonies.

Highlight of the program was presentation of a gift to Morris from the company. Well wishes were extended by Superintendent A. W. Kilborn, Dunsuir, the master of ceremonies and Bob Holmes, district freight and passenger agent.

B. W. Bishop, Portland, assistant superintendent of the SP company, read a poem by Tom Milne describing Morris' experience as agent, and a railroad quartet sang two numbers. Quartet members are Bert Havard, Chicago Northwestern Railroad; John Stromberg, Union Pacific; Bob Burnett, Denver and Rio Grande Western and Bob Holmes of SP. David B. Crosby was pianist.

Morris worked for five years for the Denver and Rio Grande Western company before taking his SP position and is retiring with a total of 48 years of service. A. E. Dussault has been appointed temporary agent to succeed him.

Church Arranges Arrival of Polish Family in Medford

First Methodist church congregation has arranged for the arrival of a Polish displaced family in Medford, it was disclosed today through church officers. They are Mr. and Mrs. Jersey Muller and two grade school children. Date of their arrival here has not been determined.

The Mullers are said to have been interned in a Russian concentration camp but made their escape. Though the church is sponsoring the family in coming to this country, members of the church's Suzanna Wesleyan service guild will assist in rehabilitation expenses of the family until they become self-supporting. Mrs. Gerry Sherman, president-elect of the guild announced today.

To raise funds members of the guild have volunteered to offer their services in baby sitting, ironing and light housework for the next two weeks. They have set a nominal hourly fee for their endeavors.

Anyone in the vicinity who wants to share in their project by hiring members for any of the tasks may call Mrs. Sherman, telephone 2-4022.

Change Announced In Polling Places

Changes of polling places in two of Jackson county's 94 precincts have been announced by the county clerk's office.

The Jacksonville Community hall will be the voting place for Precinct 65, it was reported. It formerly was at the old U.S. Hotel, which has been condemned for public use.

The other change is in Precinct 84, from Little Applegate School to the old West place, located on the Applegate Rd., the office reported.

A complete list of the polling places in the county will be printed again in the Mail Tribune before the May 18 primary election.

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The complaint accused Morris of being intoxicated, not using reasonable care, having no knowledge of judo, being unable to defend himself and not calling a doctor for Johnson. Johnson, who is being represented by Attorney Bruce J. Manley, asks \$20,000 general damages and \$5,000 special damages.

Pinball Machines Seized at Coos Bay

Coos Bay —(U.P.)— Four pinball machines were seized, smashed and burned in raids conducted Saturday night by sheriff's officers and state police.

Charles Strawn, Coos county sheriff, said three machines were seized at a tavern in North Bend and one at a tavern in Coquille. No arrests were made at the time. Strawn said deputies in plain clothes had been working since Friday night looking for evidence of paying off on the machines. "Once a payoff is made the pinball machine is nothing more than a slot machine and that is why I immediately destroyed the equipment," Strawn said.

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