NAL picture not as dark as feared

Barons, Clowns, etc., still provide good living

By SAM LACY

The picture of Negro American League baseball is not as dark as it would seem.

It is true that the crowds are smaller and the work is harder than was the case, say, ten years ago, or before the advent of Jackie Robinson, et al, into organized baseball.

But, for the most part, there have been no big cuts in salaries to the players, nor any great loss in revenue to the owners.

List Several Reasons

This is due to several factors: (1) The ability to sell promising players to major league affiliations; (2) employment of young ball players whose salary demands are not as great as the established stars of yesteryear; (3) use of sideline attractions as box-office "pulls" and (4) acceptance of "farmed out" prospects as members of their rosters.

Full schedules are being played by the league teams, which include such known aggregations as the Indianapolis Clowns, Kansas City Monarchs, Birmingham Barons and Memphis Red Sox, and the newcomers, Louisville and Detroit.

Harder Work Today

"But it's much harder to play today's schedule," says Henry Kimbro, the outfield veteran of more than 15 years. Now serving as road secretary of the Barons, Kimbro declares:

"In the old days, for example, we had to make long hops for games. But they were not nearly as frequent as they are now. Whereas there was the time when we'd jump, say, from a town like Youngstown, Ohio, to New York overnight, eight or ten years ago that kind of trip happened just once or twice in a season.

Rule, Not Exception

"Today, in order to make ends meet for everybody, we do that kind of traveling as the rule rather than as the exception.

"Not long ago," Kimbro continued, "we played a game in Huntsville, Ala., jumped in the bus and rode to Grand Rapids, Mich., for our next stop. After playing a few games in that area, we packed up at Saginaw, Mich., on a Thursday night and headed for Birmingham for a Saturday contest.

"I'm getting the same salary I was getting before the league started feeling the pressure of the majors, but the money comes much harder. For instance, when the season began, I was filling three jobs.

Had Three Jobs

"They had me handling the road secretary's business and driving the bus, as well as filling-in in the outfield whenever there was a need for an extra hand."

Jesse (Hoks) Walker, who only last week replaced Willie Wells as manager of the Barons, put in with:

"To give you an idea of what Kimbro's talking about, take this trip now. We came here to Baltimore from New Orleans. You can see," Walker mused, "what kind of ride we took for this one."

Owner Making Nothing

Both Walker and Kimbro agreed that nobody had suffered too greatly in the matter of finances. The teams, they stated, carry the same number of players on their rosters and the salaries being paid are comparable to those of the old days.

"Neither of us is in a position," said Kimbro, "to say what the operators of the other clubs are doing. But our man, W. S. Bridgeforth, of Nashville, isn't making any money.

"If he's able to break even, he's lucky, everything considered. But we're lucky to have a fellow like Bridgeforth. He loves baseball, just loves it. Result is that he is satisfied to pay expenses."

Barons' Payroll High

It is the guess of Walker and Kimbro that the Barons boast one of the higher payrolls in the loop. They explain this by pointing out that their club has more veteran players than the others in the circuit.

In the cases of the Clowns and Monarchs, particularly, the two Birmingham men aver, there have been certain factors that have helped keep their owners in the black.

These two outfits have sold, and still are selling, talent to major league clubs. And now that there is a legitimate working agreement between the big league owners and the NAL, they have no fear of a repetition of the "Jackie Robinson affair."

Have Sold Many Stars

Robinson, it will be remembered was picked up by Branch Rickey, of the Brooklyn Dodgers, with no remuneration to his old Kansas City bosses. The latter apparently had no just cause to complain because they held no binding contract on Jackie's services.

Since then the Monarchs, Clowns, Barons and Red Sox have received monies for the contracts of a large number of players.

Robinson, Roy Campanella, Larry Doby, Monte Irvin, Minnie Minoso, Willie Mays, Hank Thompson, Bob Trice, Artie Wilson, Luke Easter, Sam Jethroe, Elston Howard, Junior Gilliam, Joe Black and Don Newcombe are only a few of the outstanding stars of today who were purchased, at one time or another, from a team in colored baseball.

Use Youngsters Freely

"The Clowns and Monarchs," said Walker, "are also retrenching by their free use of young ball players. These kids are not able to demand the salaries the teams had to pay the older fellows of years back.

"Another thing that has helped all of the NAL clubs," he continued "is the 'added attraction' angle. The Flying Neblits and the Two Earls, who toured with us last year, did pretty well for us. And the Clowns and Monarchs have used those girl players (Toni Stone and Connie Morgan)."

Kimbro, however, differs with respect to the value of the girl players. "I think for the one year, the novelty might have been all right. But I can't see it as a permanent thing."

Use Farmhands

The outspoken ex-Baltimore Elite centerfielder went on: "There is something else, though, that I'm sure must have been a big help to our owners. That is the ability to use some of the kids the major league teams want to farm out.

"We've got a couple on our club, Kelly Searcy, the pitcher, and the little third baseman, Ralph Crosby, are both property of the New York Giants. As such, they draw their pay from that team."

According to Walker and Kimbro, the average crowds of today are slightly under 1,000. Which means expenses are barely met. Weekend games net between 1,800 and 2,000, which helps to provide an operational margin.

Salaries? They average around $375 a month for Barons players, perhaps a little less on teams which employ a large number of younger, less experienced performers.

It is a bad living? No. Work's hard, maybe a little harder than a little while back. But the pay's still good.

TOP AFRO NEWS CARRIERS in the Northwest area for the month of April were front row, left to right, Leroy Tony, Norman Miller, Heist Barnes; back row, Kiah Carter, district manager; Reginald Washington and George Carter. Other carriers who received awards were Leroy Ragland, Jasper Richburg, Randolph Wilson, Doris Glenn, Bernard Barnes, Larry Reid, Donald Spence, Willie Winch, Leonard Thomas, Jan Murray, Milton Owens, Michael Broom and George Walters.

THAT'S FAST COMPANY—Congenial Willie Mays accommodates news photographers and poses looking at pictures of home-run champions of the past: Jimmy Foxx (top left), Hank Greenberg (top right), Ralph Kiner (bottom left), Hack Wilson (bottom right) and Babe Ruth. The New York Giants centerfielder was being compared to the great clouters after he took the major league lead last week. But Willie just humphs and says, "That's fast company."

Stranger sends $2 to carrier

A neatly typed letter was delivered to Capt. Millard Horton of the Northwestern district on Thursday morning. Inside the envelope was a brief note and $2.

Where is the story in that? Simply this. The money was for a news carrier who had been robbed of $2.30 by two thugs on Monday night, after he had worked all afternoon selling papers.

Morris H. Hayes, 11, of 331 Presstman St., will receive the money today (Friday) when he appears in Northwestern police court to testify against a suspect who has been arrested in connection with the theft.

Asked For Change

Morris was robbed in the 1900 block of Eutaw Pl., when a man and a teen ager walked up to him and asked for change for a $1 bill. As Morris went into his pocket to get the change, the older man drew a knife and forced the boy to turn over his day's earnings.

The note that accompanied the $2 was unsigned. It merely said the sender had heard of Morris' loss and wanted to do something to help.

Captain Horton read the letter and smiled:

"It shows that people still care."

Carlin's may change admittance policies

A report that Carlin's Amusement Park had decided to junk a 35-year-old policy of discrimination against colored persons was denied on Tuesday by one of the park's trustees.

In denying the report, Frederick J. Green Jr., local attorney, said present plans do not call for any change in the admittance policies at Carlin's.

He added, however, that in view of the decision to integrate Baltimore schools in the fall and the fact that Carlin's serves as the site for a number of school outings, the park operators will eventually have to come face to face with the "problem" of whether to admit colored patrons.

Mr. Green would not set a time for such a showdown and said he was unawake of what course of action would be the result—whether the park would lower its bars or remain for white only.

Outing Set

Queries on the park's policies were prompted by the scheduling of outings on July 16, 17, and 18 by the Cloverland Dairy for its customers.

Tickets were distributed throughout the city and a number of them were handed to the dairy's colored customers, despite the racial ban at Carlin's which made the tickets worthless to them.

Mr. Green confirmed the fact that colored customers of the dairy will not be admitted to the park, even though they appear with tickets.

The president of the dairy, Maynard Kemp, termed the incident "regrettable" and said that at the time he planned the affair he did not realize the colored customers would be unable to attend.

"I was only thinking about it as an advertising for Cloverland. To my regret there is nothing I can do," Mr. Kemp said. He added a promise that his company would not schedule similiar outings.

The Cloverland Co. was the first milk company in the city to employ colored drivers and is regarded as one of the fairiest employers in the local milk business.

Boys win gloves in Schmidt contest

John Broadway, 11, of 2005 Guilford Ave., and Leroy Bess, 10, of 1129 Division St. were two of the winners of the Schmidt's Blue Ribbon Bread All-Star Game Contest.

Both of the boys, chosen as winners in the city-wide contest won Rawlings big-league professional gloves which were given as the sixth to tenth prizes.

The first and second prize winners won all-expense paid round trips to Cleveland to see the All-Star game.

John and Leroy were presented their gloves on Wednesday by Edward Fincke, local sales manager of the Schmidt Baking Co. and the former center on the 1952 University of Maryland football team which played in the Sugar Bowl.

Leroy Bess, a southpaw, plays ball at the McCullob Project while John Broadway plays with a team in a lot at Polytechnic High.

Trice battered

PHILADELPHIA (ANP) — Rookie Bob Trice of the Philadelphia Athletics was battered unmercifully Sunday in the first game of a doubleheader in which the Boston Red Sox blasted the home team, 18-0. The Red Sox also won the second game 11-1.

In 3-1-3 innings, Trice succumbed to 10 enemy hits and 9 runs, walked three men and fanned nobody. He now has 7-8 record for the season.

Althea Gibson cops N.Y. state tennis

PELHAM MANOR, N.Y. — Althea Gibson, perennial American Tennis Association Champion, captured the New York State women's singles crown here Sunday.

Miss Gibson, during the winter, is a teacher of physical education at Missouri Lincoln University, defeated the defending champion, Isabel Troccole, of the Bronx, 10-8, 6-3.

Miss Troccole, however, turned the tables on her rival from Harlem by teaming with Mrs. Norma Laidlow, also of the Bronx, to win the doubles title. The Troccole - Laidlow duo downed Miss Gibson and Joan Piken, of South Orange, N.J., 6-0, 2-6, 6-1.

As in singles, Miss Troccole was defending the doubles championship she won with Mrs. Laidlow last year.

Winner of the Eastern Clay Courts Crown last week, she tried to outmaneuver Miss Gibson without the use of power, she resorted to placements and alternating medium and high lobs.

These soft shots produced a succession of long exchanges and Miss Gibson played cautiously so as not to hit out.

ALTHEA GIBSON

With her experience the telling factor, Miss Gibson managed to win many of these lengthy duels for vital points, particularly in the extended first set.

Following her matches, Miss Gibson departed for Chicago for the Women's National Clay Courts Championship Tournament.

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Campy's Barnstormers sound like Who's Who'

NEW YORK (ANP)—Catcher Roy Campanella of the Brooklyn Dodgers last week announced personnel for his all-star barnstorming team which will tour the country this fall in exhibition games.

Sounding like a "who's who" in baseball, the unit will feature the speedy, ball-hawking trio of Orestes (Minnie) Minoso of the Chicago White Sox, Larry Doby of the Cleveland Indians and the fabulous Willie Mays of the New York Giants in the outfield.

Irvin On Infield

On the infield will be Monte Irvin of the Giants at first, Junior Gilliam of the Brooklyn Dodgers at second, Jim Pendleton of the Milwaukee Braves at short and Henry Thompson of the Giants at third.

Helping Campy behind the plate will be either Chas. White of the Braves or Elston Howard of the New York Yankees farm system. Doing the pitching will be Don Newcombe of the Dodgers, Bob Trice of the Philadelphia Athletics and Dave Hoskins of the Indians.

Also on the team will be pitchers Brooks Lawrence of the St. Louis Cardinals and Joe Black of the Montreal Royals, Tom Alston of Rochester, and Bill Bruton of the Braves.

Clifton Park field house available year-round

The $75,000 field house constructed by the Department of Education at Clifton Park for the benefit of Dunbar High School is now available for year-round use.

Placed in operation the latter part of April, the modern one-story brick structure has dressing room facilities for boys and girls, and outside features a 220-yard straightaway track for practice sprints.

The installation, according to Dr. Elmon Verenier, director of health and physical education, is available for interscholastic outdoor programs and for after school athletic activities.

The field house is constructed on Department of Parks property, is also available to the Department of Recreation.

Willie Mays gets raise

NEW YORK—(ANP)—Rumors persist that the New York Giants' head man, Charley Stoneham, is so pleased with the performance of amazing Willie Mays, he gave the Alabama comet a voluntary $5,000 raise last week.

Meanwhile, Columbia Records announced plans for a record by Willie, called " Hey."

What with all these added incomes, Willie (who had several fat TV appearances recently) soon will be able to buy that home for his parents and send all of his brothers and sisters to college. Right now, Willie is doing okay financially.

Cherry Hill girls in softball league

The Cherry Hill Junior Girls have organized a softball league for the first time, composed of four teams. They are the Cherrettes, Dominoes, Excelrettes and CAG's.

Games are played each Tuesday and Wednesday at the Cherry Hill Community Center, 2700 Spelman Rd. Girls participating are from each of the Cherry Hill Centers.

In the first game the Dominoes defeated the Cherrettes, 15-11. In the second game the CAG's bested the Excelrettes, 17-14.

Majors not sure Texas ready for big time ball

NEW YORK (ANP) — Rumors that Dallas, Tex., is preparing to bid for a major league baseball team brings to mind the unhappy fate of the major league football team that Dallas tried to support a couple of years ago.

Long before the New York franchise was sold, Texans were whooping it up in customary style over their ability to support big time pro sports. But when they got the team, it was altogether different.

This experience makes baseball moguls leery of making the shift to the Lone Star state, unless the cash is on the barrelhead, and lots of it in the barrel as well.

Assault on girl laid to teenager

Alvin R. McDaniels, 16, of the 400 block N. Carrollton Ave., was held for grand jury action without bail on Tuesday on a charge of criminally assaulting a 15-year-old girl.

Magistrate Howard T. Aaron ordered the youth held following a hearing in Southwestern police court during which the girl charged the boy forced her to submit to his advances by twisting her arm.

—Dr. Bunche

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American diplomat who is one of the top officials of the United Nations, when he gave the main speech at the windup mass meeting of the NAACP in Dallas.

"Yet, despite Dr. Bunche's ability, achievements and eminence, there are many hotels in Dallas, in which any person of no character whatever may go, as long as he has white skin and the money, but which would not admit Dr. Bunche.

"This is true throughout the south generally. I submit that such a situation is un-Christian."

Why It Met In Dallas

Normally, the NAACP would not hold its annual gatherings in cities where public accommodations are not available to all citizens alike.

Regularly, however, it accepts invitations to meet in the far south to expose public discrimination based on color alone.

Colored persons whose race is not plainly evident often put up at the Lord Baltimore, the AFRO was told. Two such persons were there last week.

Met With Governor

Mr. Busick was among the three-man hotel committee which discussed the matter with Governor McKeldin and members of his Commission on Race Relations on April 7.

Making a strong plea for changing the policy as to colored guests, the governor and members of the commission told the hotel representatives at that time that "hotel discrimination is out of step with community thinking."

They emphasized that Baltimore is the only city in the major league baseball circuit where the players on mixed teams are segregated because of the hotel policy.

Other Representatives

Other hotel representatives at this meeting included Charles D. Harris, attorney, who acted as spokesman; Otis G. Clements, manager of the Emerson; and George Scharf, the manager of the New Howard Hotel. This week Kenneth E. Roberts was named manager of the New Howard.

These men also represented the Maryland Hotel Association which is headed by W. P. Cosley Jr.

After hearing the arguments against discrimination, the hotel representatives promised to consider the matter at its meeting on May 3.

However, on Thursday, Mr. Busick said that the situation remains "status quo."

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Player and Club	G	AB	R	H	2LB	3B	HR	RBI	SB	PCT
Willie Mays, Giants	50	207	68	99	14	6	30	71	4	.333
Jackie Robinson, Dodgers	63	207	32	68	12	3	9	30	6	.329
Minnie Minoso, White Sox	62	307	66	96	13	8	13	66	11	.313
Henry Aaron, Braves	72	281	39	89	18	2	11	42	1	.283
Al Smith, Indians	57	206	48	57	13	2	6	25	1	.265
Larry Doby, Indians	79	298	54	84	8	2	15	61	3	.282
Junior Gilliam, Dodgers	76	328	58	91	13	6	9	32	4	.277
Hank Thompson, Giants	60	235	43	66	10	3	11	41	2	.281
Bill Bruton, Braves	66	249	35	68	10	1	7	16	18	.272
Ernie Banks, Cubs	76	296	33	80	9	3	12	39	2	.270
Gene Baker, Cubs	60	238	35	61	12	0	7	30	0	.256
Monte Irvin, Giants	77	256	41	65	3	3	14	41	1	.254
Dave Pope, Indians	22	20	4	5	0	0	1	3	0	.250
Vic Power, Athletics	55	202	15	47	9	1	3	25	0	.233
Chuck Harmon, Reds	43	103	18	24	4	2	0	9	0	.233
Curt Roberts, Pirates	72	270	17	60	6	4	1	25	2	.222
Roy Campanella, Dodgers	53	209	21	43	6	0	12	33	1	.206
Jim Pendleton, Braves	40	103	7	19	2	1	1	12	1	.184

PITCHING

Pitcher and Club	G	IP	H	BB	SO	G.C.	SB.	G.W.	L.	PCT.
Ruben Gomez, Giants	11	110	86	53	80	5	2	8	3	.727
Don Newcombe, Dodger	15	79	85	25	52	5	0	5	4	.556
Bobby Trice, Athletics	18	116	136	45	22	2	1	5	4	.556
Brooks Lawrence, Cardinals	6	31	30	12	15	2	0	2	2	.500
Dave Hoskins, Indians	6	16	16	5	7	0	0	0	1	.000

Major League schedule

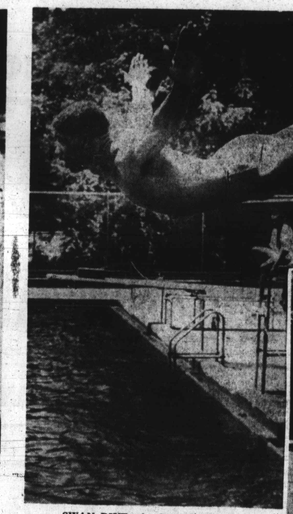
NATIONAL LEAGUE
Sunday thru Tuesday
DODGERS at CUBS
Phillies at CARDINALS
PIRATES at BRAVES
GIANTS at REDS
AMERICAN LEAGUE
Tuesday thru Saturday
WHITE SOX at Senators
INDIANS at ATHLETICS

CEMENT FINISHER—Leroy Ellis chipping away cracked cement on his front walk at 2331 Montebello Terrace, Morgan Park, in order to make repairs. He also cemented his driveway. Wife, Mrs. Margaret Ellis, is a city health nurse, serving at the Druid Health Center. He explained that the cement cracked because he spread it too thin when he built the walk three years ago.

MAN WITH THE RAKE is B. L. King, 22, of 1615 Rosedale St., a machine operator at a local copper plant. He is married to Mrs. Minnie King. Mr. King served in Germany with an Army unit and was discharged in March of last year. He attended a local veterans' trade school for barbers. His favorite sport is basketball.

SEEING-EYE DOG, a beautiful collie, four-year-old Laddie, gets an affectionate pat from his master, George R. Payne, of 2403 W. Lafayette Ave. Blind for six years, Mr. Payne got his companion from the Leader Dog League of Rochester, Mich. Keeping their company are Miss Maureen King, left, niece of Mr. Payne, and a next door neighbor, Miss Hattie Waddell.

IN A HURRY—Hastening to board a streetcar is Miss Phyllis McKinney of 2729 W. Mosher St.



SWAN DIVE—As head guard at the Druid Hill Park pool, Cecil Cooper, 1838 McCulloh St., has had time to perfect the fine art of diving. Mr. Cooper is one of ten men on life guard duty at the pool five days a week.

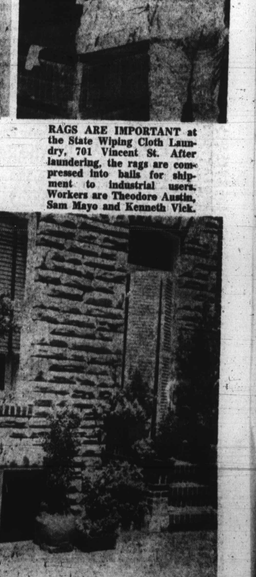
KILLING TIME—With but one month to go before entering the Marine Corps for two years, Robert Williams, 1721 McKean Ave., polishes off a game of tennis at Druid Hill Park. He's a June graduate of Douglass.

NEWLYWEDS—Married on July 1, Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Tucker of 424 N. Wolfe St. were taking a stroll oblivious to almost everything except the stars in each other's eyes, even behind the sunglasses. Bride is former Virginia Clemmons.

RAGS ARE IMPORTANT at the State Wiping Cloth Laundry, 701 Vincent St. After laundering, the rags are compressed into bales for shipment to industrial users. Workers are Theodore Austin, Sam Mayo and Kenneth Vick.

BACKYARD CHAT—Mrs. Rosalie Robinson, of 4536 St. Georges Ave., Wilson Park and her neighbor, Mrs. Florence Combes, discuss the electrical storm which struck their community on July 5. Mrs. Robinson is the wife of M. H. Robinson, Morgan State College comptroller. They have two sons, Eugene, 12; and Donald, 9, now at summer camp. Mrs. Combes, wife of Ramon Combes, is a nurse at St. Agnes Hospital. She holds six-month-old Larry, who has a three-year-old brother, Robbie.

NOW HEAR THIS—Last minute instructions to a survey crew are given by Roland Wheatley of 2305 Arunah Ave., a supervisor with the Hauswald's Bakery. Purpose of the survey is to learn the bread-buying habits of Baltimoreans. With Mr. Wheatley are: Miss Bessie Jones, 404 E. Biddle St.; Miss Joyce Wheatley; Mrs. Dorothy Jones, 2306 Poplar Grove St.; Mrs. Julia Martin, 1609 Madison Ave.



A TOUCH OF NATURE—This is the home of Mr. and Mrs. Preston Campbell of 1828 Ashland Ave., regarded as one of the beauty spots in East Baltimore. Mr. Campbell has been raising flowers for 20 years and finds that it is a relaxing hobby. Every summer he decorates the front of his home. His wife, Mrs. Mary Campbell, helps him in raising the flowers.