

**The Concord Sunset baseball league**

**The oldest after supper baseball league**

**In the United States**

**THE HISTORY OF THE CONCORD**

**SUNSET BASEBALL LEAGUE**

**FROM 1950-1992**

**WHEN EDSON (RED) EASTMAN**

**WAS PRESIDENT OF THE LEAGUE**

**Organized by his son**

**Paul R. Eastman**

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**ABOUT (RED) EASTMAN**

# The Sunset League

Concord, NH

1950-1992

The Sunset Baseball League went by the name [The Sunset League] My father [Red Eastman] was the president of the League during this period of time, which was for 42 years. My name is Paul Eastman.

During this period of time [The Sunset League] was an important part of Concord's history as it was one of the few sources of entertainment for Concord's citizens at this time.

It is therefore my desire to tell for posterity all about the Sunset League and the part my father played in running the League during these years.

My source of this information is from all the records, yearly programs, and newspaper articles my dad kept relating to the The Sunset League during these years.

I would like all this information to be kept as part of Concord's history by the Concord Library and or by the Concord Historical Society. From these yearly programs I have printed out the following: prize donors, prize winners, and the programs dedications.

# In 1909, after-supper baseball

## Sunset League drew hundreds of spectators to White Park

The game was tied, 1-1. Dramatic fielding plays on both sides — astounding catches, sterling stops in the infield — had fended off other scores. Even so, Frank Scappetuolo scratched and scrambled his way to third base late in this tense Sunset League baseball contest at White Park. With 400 other fans, my grandfather and I looked on, wondering, what next?

As George Messier of the Boutwell's team faced the Murphy Diamonds' pitcher, the crowd standing or sitting near home plate and enconced in their cars by the outfield fell silent.

Tall Scappetuolo took a conservative lead off third as the first pitch was thrown. Messier backed away. Next pitch, Messier squared around to bunt. Few had noticed Scap's long lead. Now the crowd roared as the pitched ball and Scap, each from different origins, streaked toward the plate.

The ball was bunted perfectly. An instant after ball left bat, Scap slid over the plate with the lead score, dust hovering there. The fans burst into loud cheers and applause, many men in straw hats, women in middle blouses. The cars exploded with lengthy appreciative honks.

Thus was executed one of baseball's classic, thrilling plays — the suicide squeeze. Had the bat missed the ball, the runner would have been tagged out. "Gorry," exclaimed my grandfather Ben White. For once, at 13, I was speechless. It was May, 1934, far from the first or the last thrill handed the fans here.

About 65 years after a crude version of baseball came to Concord, the Sunset League was founded in 1909. Henry McFarland told of contests in the State House yard in the 1840s — "a favorite game." In 1869 the games became



formed here to play outfits from nearby cities. Today's National Guard fields made one spot for games, with others in Fosterville and near the Merrimack River.

"Notable games were played in 1885-6 with Manchester," the Lyford history said, "2,000 witnessed some, and the players, when they won, were honored with parades, fireworks and banquets." The Wonolancet Club was in the 1890s "a fast group of good fellows." Successors included the YMCA, Carnations, Resolutes and Hub Killers.

In 1908 an informal schedule was played by teams of four neighborhoods. Sunset, the first after-supper league in the country, was formed the next year. Games started two weeks ago for its 84th chase for the pennant.

The *Patriot* on June 22, 1909, reported that first contest: "The Sunset League is now launched successfully with four clubs (White Park, Old Timers, Sluggers, Haymakers). Every evening at 6:15 except Saturday a game is played. As these are late in starting, 5 innings is the limit, but as 400-500 who nightly attend these contests express it, 'you get your money's worth.'

"Last night the White Parks gave the Old Timers a bad beating, but the score of 14-0 is not typical, as scores of 2-1 or 3-2 are not uncommon. Features last night outside of pitching by young Dunn were contributed by Hannaford with a catch of a red-hot liner, and

a hard grounder. Favor also helped keep the goose-egg column of the Old Timers by capture of a couple of long flies. Tonight, against the Haymakers, Old Timers have a chance to win back their laurels." The late Robert W. Upton, later a U.S. Senator, was umpire.

Most of this history was related by Edson Red Eastman, retiring this spring as president and organizer extraordinaire after 42 years. "I bent down to tie my shoe" at a meeting, he said, "and when I looked up I was elected." Sons Paul and Bill were players.

Two additional players had major league tryouts: Paul Knee and Jack Burke. Among many others Red mentioned was Ole Bill Thompson (1874-1960), a strapping, immensely respected black man. For several decades he was an awesome hitter and talented catcher. Playing for league and other teams, "he had such a strong arm he could rifle the ball to second base without standing up out of his crouch.

"By all reports, he had been told by John McGraw, manager of the New York Giants, 'If you weren't black, you'd play for me' " (The color ban wasn't broken until 1946.)

One story Thompson told Eastman: Roy Fraser, a second baseman with exceptionally quick hands, couldn't get the catcher's high peg but seized a swallow that happened along and tagged out a runner attempting to steal second. It being a late inning and the visibility dim, the distant umpire signaled out after the bird tag. Fraser pocketed the creature and strode toward his bench.

# became a tradition



The White Park team won the first game ever played in the Sunset League, in 1909. Front row, from left: Bill Watkins, 'Delly' Callahan, Nick Faretra, Al Dunn, and Eddie Rushlow. Middle row: 'Chuck' Hannaford, Dan Favor, Tim O'Brien, Harry 'Gramp' Angwin, Herb Trenoweth, Don 'Shammy' Angwin. Back row: League secretary George Dunn, director William Kennedy and president William Ahern Sr.

Ruel Colby, *Monitor* sports editor for 50 years, covered the games (also, somehow, following five other leagues and three schoolboy teams). He penned, among others, these bons mots:

"There was a hit to right, the fielder bungled it, the ball rolling its unexpected way in the general direction of the pond for a home run."

"A whirlwind double killing ended the scoring for the nonce."

"The fleet Guy Mann had the

opposition in uproar when the catcher dropped the third strike and he ran, waving his arms wildly like a whirling dervish. The catcher's throw struck him in the head and he fled to second. A moment later he was out in a rundown, though opponents claimed he kicked the ball."

"The foremen had little to recommend themselves but their pretty new uniforms."

On Saturday, May 30 I visited White Park again. A Little League game boiled along opposite the adult diamond. There, a young father showed his tot how to throw the ball. The succession is assured.

# The Sunset League was prime-time

About this time of year more than 60 years ago, knots of people, or singles, usually men and boys, walked by our house on Pine Street before 6 in the evening, headed for White Park. A yellow West End trolley rocked along Pleasant Street, often loaded to the gunnels. Just north of the park, Franklin Street trolleys, from the North End, disgorged a brimming load of passengers.

They were, of course, headed for the White Park baseball diamond, which consisted of a backstop, home plate, infield and some seats backed up to the north fence on Beacon Street. Gents favored dark clothes and skimmer straw hats; many puffed cigars.

A few ladies, mostly friends of players, came in the longish dresses of the day. Boys chased about, as did a variety of dogs. A clot of fans lined up at the gastronomic concession, obtaining ice cream,



**At The River's Bend**  
Stephen Winship

Whistle soda and hot dogs from a local figure, Dan the Ice Cream Man.

Along the outfield borders an auto show appeared as other aficionados parked to watch from their car seats. (A good play or a timely score brought a joyful din of honks.)

The grandest-looking fan, Ole Bill, was the snappiest dresser, a tall black man in derby hat, jacket, tie with stickpin and spats.

Above the buzz of conversation could be heard the thwock, thwock of thrown ball caught by leather

glove in practice, or the whack of a wooden bat. Now the fielders were in place, brave in their bright uniforms, the pitcher pawing the dust with a toe, the catcher in his squat. The umpire, a big man in gray and bulging chest pad, consulted his pocket watch, stepped up and brushed the plate with his little whisk broom, then roared, "Play Ball!" The first batter marched to the plate, giving the pitcher a hard look, his bat waving like the tail of a wary cat.

Such has been the scene, with few variations, as Sunset League baseball teams have begun their contests every spring/summer for 84 years. Founded in 1909, for those from age 16 into their 40s, it's believed to be the oldest after-school amateur baseball league in the U.S. The same sequence, save for trolleys and autos, and with backstop and diamond turned around to be near the park pond, unfolded as

the league opened last week. Right down to brushing the plate.

It had rained, delaying Thursday's contest by 18 minutes, but the ump signaled the start in time-honored fashion. (Always, at any level up to the World Series, the umpire turns his back to the diamond while brushing the plate — positioned thus, legend has it, so the crowd won't see a chance split in his trousers.)

The sun came out, the green outfield glowed, watchers in the mini-grandstand, afoot and in portable seats, settled back. The first batter for Craigue & Son stepped up, confronting the Ferns Ollers' pitcher. Teammates shouted encouragement from their benches.

From these ranks have sprung youths who made local and regional sports history. Bob "Red" Rolfe, after playing here (following preparation with Penacook's Bog Pirates) and at Dartmouth, became

# entertainment

the New York Yankees' all-time third baseman. Joey Lefebvre played outfield for the Yankees and Phillies. Ray McLean was an outstanding college player. Ralph Cutting and Bill Ingham played in the top (AAA) minor pro leagues. At least three men, Eugene Del Callahan, Harland Johnson and Stan Kubicki, had major league tryouts.

Memories of these and many others are entwined with their feats: a tingling, last-second leaping outfield catch; the high-tension suicide squeeze; a sparkling double play; a bases-loaded hit searing out to the outfield like a white rope; the hush and the human electricity attendant on the pitcher-batter duel with men on bases at a crucial moment (sometimes a pinch-hitter changed everything).

There have been many other memorable players, as recalled with Edson "Red" Eastman, president of the league for 42 years be-

fore turning over to Steve DeStefano recently. Among them, Tony Diversi, Jit Ford and Ken Osgood; the Aherns, the Slatterys, the Kallecheys, Ceriellos, Michaels, Knees and Hardimans; Shammy Angwin, Joe Shields, Fat Simpson, John Butler, Dan Cornell, Jim Stewart, Cuddy Murphy, Paddy O'Brien and Ole Bill - Thompson.

Such players and their colleagues began to magnetize me in the late 1920s after initial encouragement from my grandfather, Ben White. We went to the games together - no accident, since he'd been shortstop and manager of the fast Wonolancet team in the 1890s. Now, the people walking by had diminished; the clock hands stretched to 6.

"C'mon, Grandpa, Cables are playing Rumford Press - we have to leave!"

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"What's all this talk about White Park?" inquired the distinguished, white-haired gentleman sitting on the other side of the table.

The gentleman was none other than Red Smith of the New York Times. Sitting in another chair at the table was Peter Falk of television fame, and also somewhat mystified by the talk of White Park.

With the writer was Cedric Tallis, assistant to George Steinbrenner of the New York Yankees, another gentleman, and this one qualified to speak of the glories of White Park.

What is more, Tallis did speak of White Park, answering the queries somewhat thusly:

"White Park, for your information, gentlemen, is where baseball started - after-supper baseball, and it is where some outstanding players had their start - including the Yankees' very own Red Rolfe."

"Oh," replied Falk. "Very interesting," observed Smith. "Something like the Mound in St. Louis, perhaps?"

"Something like that," Tallis agreed.

As noted, Tallis could speak on White Park. He played there in an early day, along with Rolfe and many others who might have made the majors had they been so inclined. Tallis told of the good times at the park, the almost nightly fistic-verbal duels between Shammy Angwin and Delly Callahan that never failed to draw a crowd. The subject was always baseball, of course, and thus a magnet for everyone.

All that, sadly, is now in an era departed. In those early days of Sunset League baseball, the White Park diamond faced in the opposite direction, with sluggers like Jess McIsaac, later the city's police chief, aiming their blows for the distant woods. Beyond, by some distance, lay the park pond with its regal swans, but no slugger, at least of the Sunset variety, ever disturbed them with a tape-measure job. Babe Ruth himself couldn't have touched them.

Today, batters hit toward Beacon and Charles Streets, and it is just as well. In the other day, there were often broken windows, and a venting of home-owners' ire.

Our own introduction to Sunset League was, perhaps, in the late Twenties, when such as Paddy O'Brien and Hi Welch and Dutch Leavitt and Red Calkins and yes, Robert Abial (Red) Rolfe, held sway. Red then was known as Bobby Rolfe, by the way, not Red Rolfe. That came later, very likely from the New York press searching ever for the alliterative phrase.

Those were the names then. Now, the scene changes and so, too, the names, and even scenery, and one looks at a whole new kaleidoscope, of players and backdrop. Today, most of the games are played at Concord's wondrous sports complex at Memorial Field, although the opener for the 1983 season, on Wednesday, June 1, will be played at ancient White Park, for Auld Lang Syne. It matches New Hampshire Distributors vs. Ford Mustangs, and action commences at 6 p.m. The other two teams in the league this season are the Haymakers (Haggett's Sports Shop) and Fern's Oilers. Concord wanted to cling to at least one of the old names, so they went for the Haymakers (of Delly's and Shammy's day.)

This year, Concord's Sunset, oldest active after-supper baseball league in America, is observing its Diamond Jubilee. For you purists, the first game was actually played on June 22, 1909, when White Park devastated the Old Timers, 14-0.

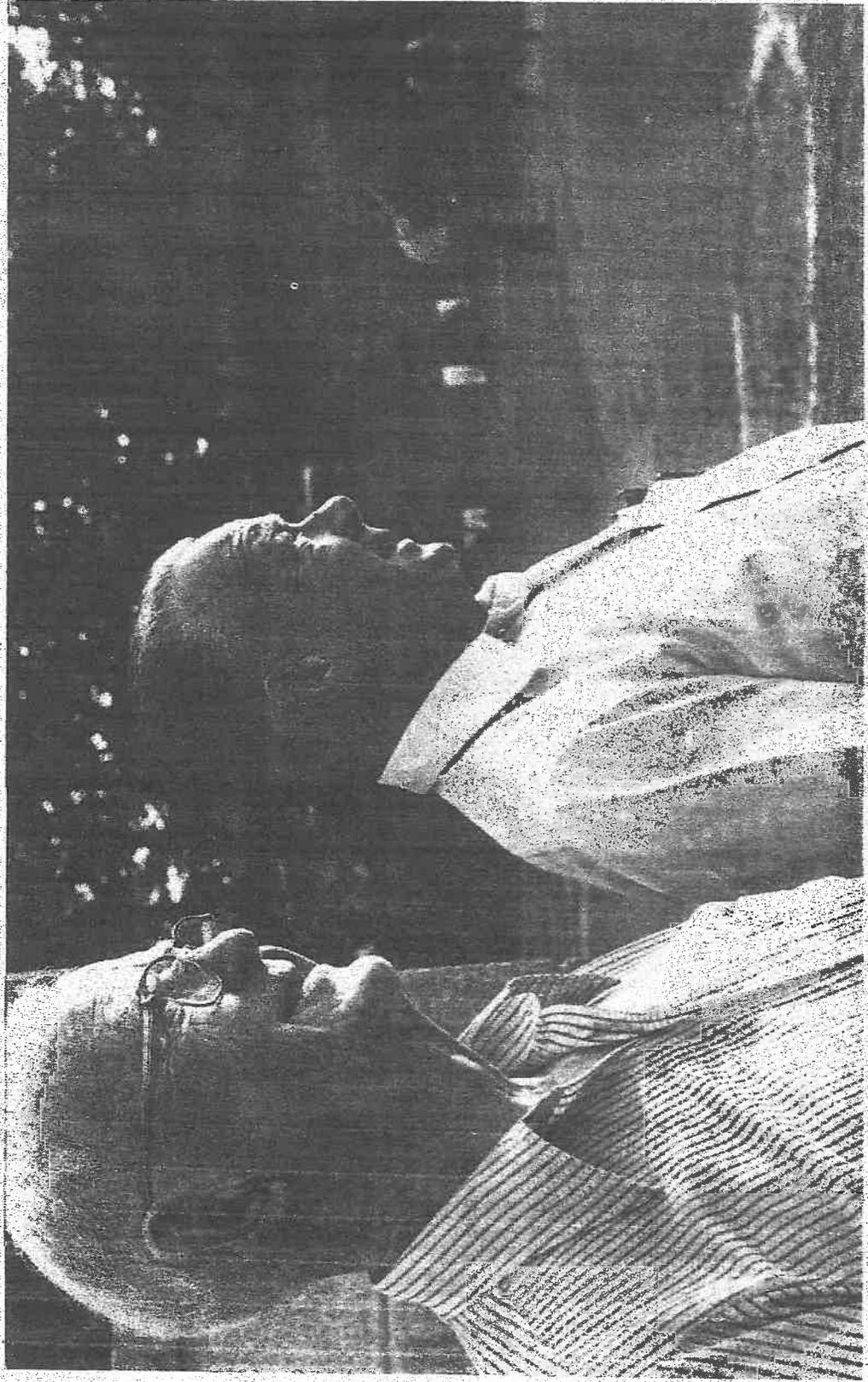
Through the long years, the Sunset League has continued the grand old game, and in the grand manner. Edson F. (Red) Eastman, the long-time president, keeps the lamp of tradition burning brightly, with help from many sources.

The Sunset is today just a few years away from going into its second century of baseball, and Red Eastman wants to make sure it succeeds.

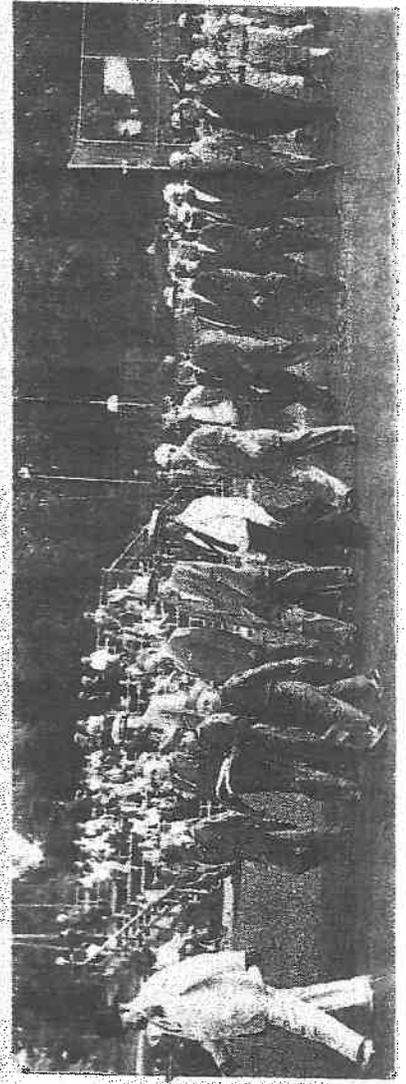
One of the highlights of the current season will be the collegiate battle between the University of New Hampshire and Plymouth State College, scheduled for Memorial Field on Thursday, May 12, at 7 p.m.

That will be the nugget in the diamond jubilee.





Red Eastman (left) has been strolling the sidelines and organizing the action as president of the Concord Sunset League for 38 years.



# Red Still Savors A Sunset

Another distinguished alumnus of the league was Ray "Scooter" McLean, an intense competitor and a base runner of such speed and daring that he drove opposing pitchers to the brink of distraction when he was on the base paths. "He'd get on third base, and he'd start making moves as if he was going to steal home," says Eastman. "The pitchers wouldn't know what to do with him. They'd try to stall him and hold him close but, often as not, as soon as they'd throw the pitch, he'd be off and he'd steal home."

McLean, who competed in the Sunset League during the 1930s, became a star football player at St. Anselm's College in Manchester, later playing football professionally for the Chicago Bears and coaching the Green Bay Packers.

While all these ballplayers earned distinction during Sunset League competition, none of them played exclusively in the Sunset League. "In those days, they'd play the Sunset League games during the week, and then they'd play other games on weekends," Eastman remembers. "Every town had a team then, and on weekends you'd get on the train

Indeed, most of Eastman's passion for the sport of baseball has been experienced vicariously. It was not until about 1950, when his two sons became outstanding high school and Sunset League ballplayers, that Eastman started to take an active role in the league's affairs. But, with the ardor of a convert, Eastman has enjoyed, ever since, the league together as it suffers under growing economic and social strains.

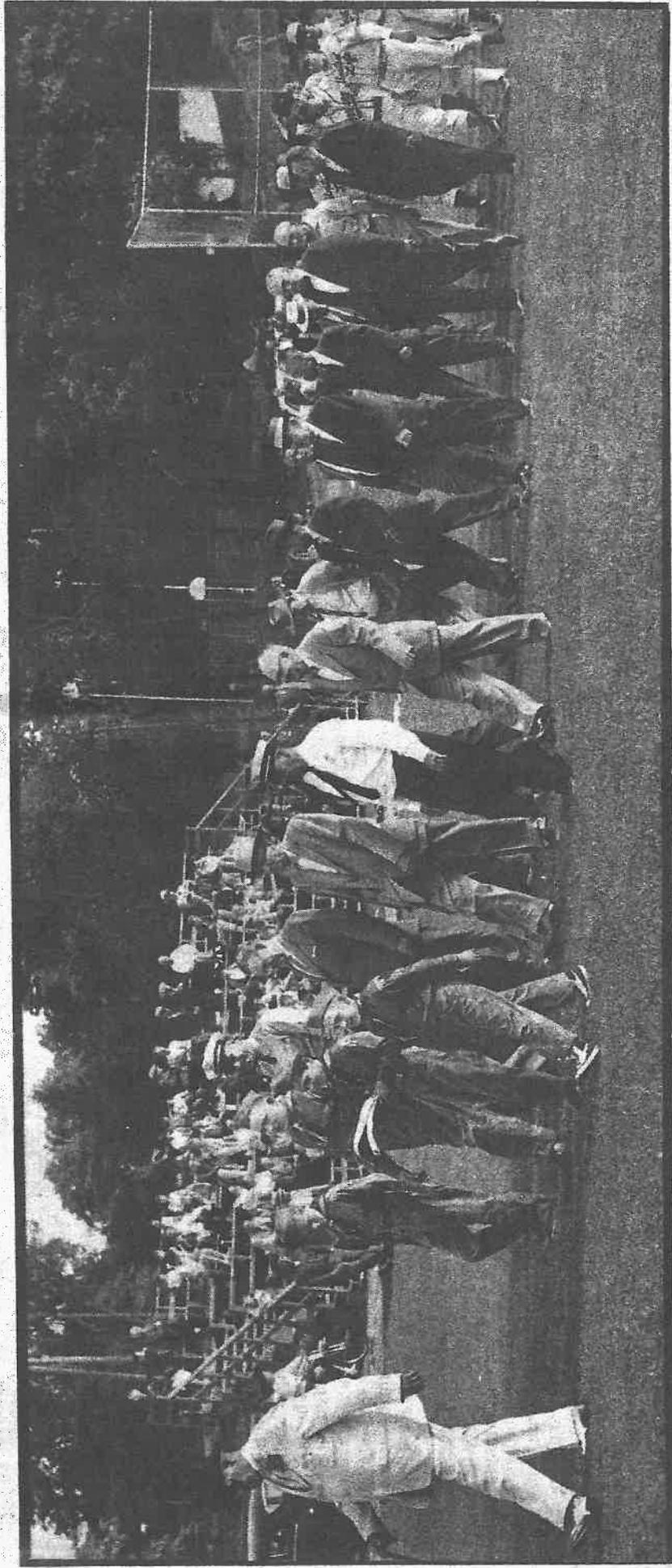
Along with a few other old-timers, Eastman guards the distinctions of the league against occasional raids from other baseball organizations. "Every once in a while, some sportswriter in Boston will write that the Park League baseball is the oldest after-supper baseball league in the United States," Eastman says. "Every time that happens, someone from up here will write a letter and remind them that the Sunset League was started earlier."

For the young men who played baseball in the initial years of the century, nothing could dampen their ardor and enthusiasm for the game. "They had Blue Laws during some of that time, I'm not exactly sure when," Eastman says. "Under the Blue Laws

knew he was a hell of a baseball player.

"He was a catcher," Eastman says. "And he had such a strong arm, he could rifle it down to second base without even standing up out of his crouch. By all reports, he had been told by John McGraw, the great manager of the New York Giants, 'If you weren't black, you'd be playing for me.'"

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The opening of the Sunset League season, 1958

Red Eastman, the 81-year-old curator of the Sunset League's lush 80-year-old baseball tradition, accepts the inevitability of change. In his 38 years as league president, he has seen hardball's popularity among players diminish at the hands of softball and a myriad of other summertime activities. He's seen crowds at the twilight games dwindle from hundreds to a handful.

Sports Editor



**Tom Connelly**

Recreation, he knows as well as anyone, is a priceless thing no matter how it's packaged. Like an art collector whose tastes run a little north or south of the mainstream, he does not need to see the old Franklin Street trolley spill its contents into White Park to know the teams that still play there are of enduring value.

"You're not going to get the crowds you used to get," Eastman said this week. "Baseball has become a nucleus of family, special friends and fellows who are diehard baseball players."

"But it used to be that it was the only thing to

do in town. Down at the Boston and Maine shops you had 800, 1,000 people and they talked baseball all day long. Rumford Press was the same thing. People used to walk over from East Concord to watch the game. How many would do that today?"

It's against this backdrop that the league that bills itself as the "oldest after-supper league in the United States" opens its 80th season Tuesday at White Park. Game time is a civilized 6 p.m. There won't be a parade or a flag-raising ceremony, as there have been in some years. And passing the hat won't net the windfall it once did. It will simply be the Budmen, last year's regular-season champions, against the Ford Truckers, who won the league playoffs and went on to beat Luigi's Pizza of Manchester for the intercity championship. But most important, it will be baseball.

Good baseball is what the four-team Sunset League is about. It's also about college players keeping their arms loose in the offseason, and men in their 30s who want to feel in their hands what you and I can only hear when a bat and ball meet. And it's about Big Bill Thompson, Red Rolfe and Joe Lefebvre.

Eastman is a slight, friendly man who manages to take in most of the 41 regular-season games and who does virtually all the organizing for the league. A descendant of Concord's first resident, Col. Ebenezer Eastman, he never played in the league. He got involved in 1950 when his sons were stars. He speaks softly and without animation about what has become an increasingly burdensome job, but things liven up when the subject turns to the players, past and present.

"That Ford team last year was a good one," Eastman said. "They were reminiscent of some of the better teams of the past. They were strong at every position. They had good arms, boys who could hold their own with a lead."

"Success has a lot to do with the aggressiveness of the manager to go out and get players. Peter Haley from Ford's is like that. Managers do tend to be optimistic in the spring, but I'm happy to report that one team that was a little weaker than the others last year has gone out and picked up some good ballplayers."

Recruiting has long been a staple of what has

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always been a four-team league. During the Depression, Eastman said, the State Hospital sponsored a team and often gave jobs, as well as room and board, to its players. And men like catcher Bill Thompson were coveted not only by Sunset League teams, but also by the many independent town teams throughout the area. Many a manager dug deeply into his pocket to get Thompson into uniform for a Sunday afternoon game in Andover or Warner.

Thompson, a black man, was said to be able to throw out runners without leaving the crouch. It was also said that John McGraw, the great manager of the New York Giants, had told Thompson that "if you were white you'd be playing for me."

With no color line in the Sunset League, Thompson displayed his talents several nights a week.

"Everybody knew him and he knew everyone, but I can't tell you much about him," Eastman said. "I'm sure there were those who

could tell you where he was from, and I wish I had found out more about him. But he was quite a character. He called all the girls Rosie and all the boys Chuckie. He called me Mr. President."

Thompson was one of the league's biggest supporters and best players. He died in 1960 at age 84. Chiseled onto his gravestone on Blossom Hill is one of the game's most familiar symbols: two bats crossed over a ball.

Rolfe, of course, is best known as the great third baseman for the New York Yankees, a teammate of Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig. Raised in Penacook, he played shortstop in the Sunset League in the 1920s, then went to Dartmouth and played 10 years in the big leagues. Grantland Rice, the famous sports writer, once wrote after Rolfe beat out three bunt hits in a

game that a Rolfe bunt was one of the "beautiful things in baseball."

Eastman got Rolfe to return to Concord in 1988 to manage a team for the league's 50th anniversary game.

"No one thought he'd come until I showed them the letter," Eastman said. "He was smart, dedicated, clean as a whistle and always tried to improve. Two or three times during his career he gave the Sunset League generous credit for his development."

The most recent Sunset League alumnus to make it to the big leagues is Joe Lefebvre, who played with the Yankees, San Diego Padres and Philadelphia Phillies before a knee injury ended his career in 1985. Lefebvre, who now coaches for the Phillies' Class AAA minor league team in Portland, Maine, played only

one year of Sunset ball but left his imprint with a home run in his last plate appearance. "He doesn't remember it, but I do," Eastman said.

Fond memories aside, Eastman said the purpose of the league never has been to groom stars, no matter how many of them honed their skill in the long summer shadows of White Park. It is there for the average athlete who loves baseball. That perhaps, is why it will turn 80 Tuesday.

Through its history, many people have gone to great lengths to keep the Sunset League afloat. During World War II, for example, many most of Concord's able-bodied men were fighting overseas. Rundlett students Bob Lauze and Bud DeAngelis turned it into a youth league. For three years it was called the Sunset Sandlot League. "They used

same team names," Eastman said. "It was like a Little League before there was Little League."

The Sunset League experienced a resurgence in the years right after the war, but gradually people began discovering other ways to occupy their time. Today, almost everything has been peeled away from the Sunset League but the serious baseball player. In some ways, Eastman said, the baseball is better, if not as popular.

But it is popular enough. More than 100 area businesses and organizations look out ads in this year's program. And Eastman has gotten calls from players as far away as Laconia and New Hampton hoping to latch on with a team. He said the Manchester Sunset League made a comeback several years ago because so many players were coming to

Concord to play.

It's the men who'll play Tuesday Eastman said, who keep him reserving fields, lining up sponsors, hiring umpires and printing programs.

"You can't live on history," he said. "Some days it wouldn't be so hard to say hell with it, but last year was a very satisfying season for me because the league presented some excellent baseball throughout the season."

And whether he acknowledges or not, Eastman is really preserving the Sunset League not only for the 70 or so men who will play this year, but for the thousands who have played since 1909.

No doubt churning somewhere in the back of his mind is the last sentence of Rolfe's letter to the league on its 50th anniversary: "Keep it going."

"During the '30s, there was a bunch of these young men, full-grown and strong. They didn't have jobs, because jobs were so hard to find. So they had nothing to do but practice playing ball all day, and lay at night. They had no jobs.

"Some of the companies would hear of a good allplayer, and they'd bring him in and give him a job. They didn't pay him that much, but if they knew they had a weakness, they might be able to go out and get somebody a job and he could help them out."

It probably was during the '20s and '30s that the level of competition in the Sunset League reached its peak, and it was during that period that the league provided the backdrop for the exploits of its finest reformer, Robert "Red" Rolfe. A native of the 'enacook section of Concord, Rolfe was a local legend well before he played his first Sunset League game. As a youth, Rolfe simply overpowered other allplayers of his age, and a neighborhood team in 'enacook soon formed around him.

The team called itself the Bog Pirates, and even though its players were too young to participate in Sunset League competition, they issued brazen challenges to teams composed of older players. Rolfe, a big, strong young man with a square jaw and catlike reflexes, clearly was superior to any other Concord area ballplayer of this era, or any other era for that matter. Using the old-style flat glove, with practically no padding and without the basket-like shape of today's gloves, Rolfe nevertheless was able to devour very ground ball, line drive and pop-up that strayed anywhere in the general direction of his shortstop position.

There was no question that Rolfe was destined for greater things than the Sunset League games he played in the late 1920s. He went on to dazzle the Ivy League for Dartmouth, and became the finest third baseman in the history of the New York Yankees. Illness curtailed his major league playing career, but Rolfe later became manager of the Detroit Tigers and athletic director at Dartmouth.

Rolfe played 10 years with the Yankees, finishing his career as a player in 1942. Grantland Rice, the famous sportswriter, once wrote that one of the beautiful things in baseball was watching Rolfe lay down a bunt, and Rolfe was unsurpassed as a defensive craftsman. To Ed Barrow, a former major league baseball executive, Rolfe was "the best third sacker the Yankees ever had."

"He was our most famous graduate," Eastman says. But Rolfe was far from the only outstanding ballplayer to compete in the Sunset League.

Another distinguished alumnus of the league was Ray "Scooter" McLean, an intense competitor

and go up to Warner or out to Henniker or to some other town and you'd play against the local team. Now Rolfe, for instance, would play most of his summer baseball in the Sunset League, but sometimes someone from Laconia or someplace would give him \$25 to come up and play. A good ballplayer could get around a lot, and could do pretty well in that time. When he was at Dartmouth, Rolfe's phone was ringing all the time, I'm told."

**I**t might seem ironic that Eastman, who has gathered about him much of the national and local history that the Sunset League has created, never played a single game of Sunset League baseball. While he was going to high school and to

you weren't allowed to play baseball on Sundays. Boys will be boys, of course, so these fellows would always find some place to play a game on Sunday. I understand one of the places they used to play was out in Contocook, where Camp Merrimack is. They had a field out there that was out of the way, and they could usually get a game in.

"Well, it seems that some of the more fundamentalist people who lived out that way got a little bit suspicious one time, when they'd keep seeing all these young men passing by their house. They'd see the traffic and they'd suspicion that there must be something going on.

"I guess they called in the police. But somehow the boys got tipped off, and they switched the game to another field, up on Diamond Hill, and I guess it crossed these people up."



The White Park team of 1909

**O**ne famous ballplayer who played at one time or another for just about every team that was organized in New Hampshire was a tall, strapping black man named Bill Thompson. No one knew exactly where he came from, but everyone knew he was a hell of a baseball player.

the University of New Hampshire in the '20s, he had to spend his summers working long hours on an East Concord farm. While other young men of his generation were able to spend their evenings at White Park, most of Eastman's evenings were spent in the cow barn or at other farming chores.

Indeed, most of Eastman's passion for the sport

## DOWN THROUGH THE YEARS

### *Pennant Winners*

1909-11	Haymakers	1961	Rumford Press
1912	Sluggers	1962	Ford Falcons
1913-14	Haymakers	1963	United Life
1919-20	Durgin	1964	Ferns Oilers
1921	White Park	1965-67	Rumford Press
1922	Boston & Maine	1968	Ferns Oilers
1923-24	K. of C.	1969	Ford Falcons
1925	Elks	1970	Rumford Press
1926	Rumford Press	1971	United Life
1927	Penacook	1972	F. O. of Eagles
1928-29	White Park	1973	Ferns Oilers
1930	N. E. Cable	1974-75	United Life
1931	White Park	1976	F. O. of Eagles
1932	N. E. Cable	1977	Ferns Oilers
1933	White Park	1978	F. O. of Eagles
1934-35	Boutwell Fill. Sta.	1979	Ferns Oilers
1936	Rodd's Roofers	1980-82	United Life
1937	State Hospital	1983	Budmen
1938	Boutwell Fill Sta.	1984	Budmen
1939-41	Rumford Press	1985	Budmen
1942	Page Belting Co.	1986	Budmen
1946	Concord Volunteers	1987	Ford Truckers
1947	White Park	1988	Ford Truckers
1948-50	Dodgers	1989	Ferns Oilers
1951	Indians	1990	Ferns Oilers
1952	United Life	1991	Budmen
1953	Rumford Press	1992	Ferns Oilers
1954-57	United Life	1993	Budmen
1958-59	Rumford Press	1994	Ferns Oilers
1960	Hooz's Red Sox	1995	Craigie & Sons

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Robert E. Sullivan- Our Secretary

If you wanted to brush up on the history of the Concord Sunset League, Bob Sullivan would be an excellent person to talk with, as he grew up in the house on the corner of Beacon and Charles streets. In that era of the Sunset League, home plate was located opposite Bob's front door and the windows of the house had to be covered for protection from foul balls.

Bob played football and baseball at Concord High School and graduated in 1933. He caught American Legion baseball for Shammy Angwin and also for Boutwell's team in the Sunset League. At UNH he lettered in basketball and baseball, and was the only basketball player at UNH to letter, that came from a high school that did not have a basketball team. Bob graduated from UNH in 1937 and from 1943 to 1946 he was in the Naval Air Corps. He then returned to The State Parks and Recreation Department, and for thirty five years was the chief engineer for the Department, and retired in 1981. He was called back to the Department to supervise the installation of new chair lifts at both Cannon and Sunapee mountain ski areas.

For fifteen years Bob assisted Ken Jones in Penacook's Little League program and they produced many championship teams. Bob and wife Madeline have a son Bob, who was an excellent 1st. Baseman in Little League, High School, and American Legion baseball. A most superlative situation exists in Bob's family, as his mother is 100 years old and lives with Bob's sister in Mass., where she does all of the cooking.

Bob serves as the financial officer of American Legion Post #31 and also has served nine years on the Merrimack Board of Education. For 1989 Bob has been honored as being the most outstanding School Board Member in New Hampshire. Bob was asked to be the "Clerk of the Works" for the recently completed new Merrimack Valley Middle School. Whether it was skill or luck, Bob was the proud recipient of a plaque from Beaver Meadow Golf Course which honored his "HOLE IN ONE" dated Oct. 2, 1988.

Robert Sullivan's family and his community can certainly be proud of him, and appreciative of his outstanding record of community service in the past, and his continued service to his community now and in the future. To Bob we say "Thanks" many times over.

# To A Man 90 Years Young . . .

By Ruel N. Colby



From the little town of Warner, in the verdant New Hampshire countryside, to the midwest metropolis of Milwaukee, Wis., is a long jump.

But Ralph S. Cutting made it, in the long ago; and thereby hangs a tale whose strands are interwoven with the legends of Granite State sports history.

A left-handed pitcher of great talent, whose career in professional baseball led him to the threshold of the game's major league realm, Cutting progressed from the rustic sandlots of "Home Country" to become a stellar member of Double-A championship teams — just a step away from baseball's "Big Time."

In a few days the Roosevelt Avenue resident will observe his 90th birthday; a feat comparable to hurling a no-hitter under World Series stress. To mark this occasion the Galley's rover — who has known the ex-"Warner Wonder" from oldtime fishing days — would add a postscript to commemorate the record of a spirited competitor and gallant gentleman.

Ralph learned early — many decades ago — the waters of Warner river where the trout lurk in the amber shadows. He has fished that river, off and on, through a vigorous and richly rewarding lifetime. He and other anglers, descended from generations of pioneers, have walked the banks of the meandering stream, listening perhaps to the music of the swirling current and basking in the quietude of the pools betwixt the rocks, the while they dipped their rods in the still waters.

And at age 89 he still goes fishing, and works in his garden off Clinton Street. . . Until last year he was, also, a regular patron of the Beaver Meadow golf course — oldest member of a noted foursome of "Old-Timers" still going strong.

On golfing junkets with him — long after his diamond exploits had become a part of Milwaukee's minor league annals — he'd drive homeward from the links in Sunapee, along the bumpy road that followed the contours of his beloved river —



and never was a roller coaster ride at Salisbury or Revere more hair-raising.

It was only a matter of stature — a few inches on his stalwart frame — that kept him from making that final stride to the big leagues. He was an outstanding pitcher for Milwaukee teams that won two American Association pennants during the five years he was with the AA club.

To prepare for that stint in the minor leagues' top echelon he tolled as a hurler of distinction with Brockton in the old New England League. . . He has been so modest over the years that he has never mentioned the steps of his progress in the diamond sport. But his contemporaries — now gone — told us in other years, of his devotion and self-discipline, of his rigorous training habits and his repudiation of the

entrancing lures that beckoned the heroes of the professional sports sphere. . .

Born in Sutton on July 6, 1886, he began his baseball career as a pitcher for the Simonds High School nine of Warner. From there he went to Concord's Sunset League in the year of its founding (1909), and for three years the team he hurled for won three consecutive championships.

Brockton recruited him from the local loop and he did so well for that N.E. League franchise that he quickly graduated to Milwaukee. There he pitched a couple of no-hitters for the Brewers, and in the course of his five-year stay won not only the admiration but the affection of the fans.

One of his granddaughters brought to our home the other day (unbeknownst to him) some treasured albums and photographs from his baseball playing years.

In the Louisville (Ky.) Herald of May 1, 1913, there appeared a picture of Cutting, under the caption: "That No-Hit Hero." It was after he'd registered the feat against the Kentucky Colonels — 63 years ago! The midwest sports scribes called him "the Codfish Ball Expert" in those days.

In the years of his Senior Citizenship, the old diamond warrior has enjoyed most of all — more than his fishing and gardening — watching his grandchildren participate in sports. . . A year ago he looked on proudly as his grandson Russell Cutting played ball for Concord High. A year earlier his grandson was heralded as one of New Hampshire's fastest schoolboy runners, winning his event in the State Meet at Durham.

Among his nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren there may be some distinguished athletes in the making; whether they'll attain the heights in pro sports that "Grandpa" did is a matter in the hands of the sporting Fates.

His granddaughter Sandra who brought us his treasure trove of memories said it all, when, as we pored through the scrapbooks together she remarked: Grandfather is a warm, compassionate man, loved by all who know him."

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"The Original"

# Sunset Baseball League 1909-1958

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## OFFICERS

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William Arthur Stevens    Ernest A. Boutwell

\* Deceased  
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## 1957 PRIZE WINNERS

### TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

#### UNITED LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY TEAM

Top Batting Average ..... George Toutain, Penacook  
Most Runs Batted In ..... Joe Shields, United Life  
Extra Base Hits ..... Joe Shields, United Life  
Best Fielding Ave. 2B, SS, 3B ..... Don Randall, Penacook  
Best Fielding Ave. 1st B,—C ..... Joe Shields, United Life  
Most Stolen Bases (tie) ..... Don Addario, Jack Nicholas, Red Sox  
Pitcher Winning Most Games ..... Don Soderstrom, United Life

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### PENNANT WINNERS

1909-11	Haymakers	1933	White Park
1912	Sluggers	1934-35	Boutwell Fill. Sta.
1913-14	Haymakers	1936	Rodd's Roofers
1919-20	Durgin	1937	State Hospital
1921	White Park	1938	Boutwell Fill. Sta.
1922	Boston & Maine	1939-41	Rumford Press
1923-24	K. of C.	1942	Page Belting Co.
1925	Elks	1946	Concord Volunteers
1926	Rumford Press	1947	White Park
1927	Penacook	1948-50	Dodgers
1928-29	White Park	1951	Indians
1930	N. E. Cable	1952	United Life
1931	White Park	1953	Rumford Press
1932	N. E. Cable	1954-57	United Life

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## Golden Anniversary

The baseball field at White Park was provided about 1900, and many games were played at that time by the West End Resolutes, White Parks, B & M R. R. Shops, and Hub Killers. From 1902 through 1905, the New England League played its games at the Concord Fair Grounds and Rumford Field on Hall Street.

The Sunset League has now reached its Fiftieth Anniversary. In 1908 informal games were played, and led to the establishment of a championship league with a full schedule in 1909. On June 21st of that year the White Parks and Old Timers met in a game which was the beginning of a successful period of fifty years for the league. It is believed that this is the original after supper baseball league in the country.

The following account of the First Official League game was copied from the Concord Daily Patriot of June 22, 1909:

### THE SUNSET LEAGUE

#### WHITE PARKS WIELD WHITEWASH BRUSH ON OLD TIMERS

The Sunset League is now launched successfully on the second season of its existence, with a circuit of four clubs representing different parts of the city. Every evening at 6:15 o'clock except Saturday, the weather permitting, a game is played. As these games are late in starting, five innings is the limit, but as the four or five hundred fans who nightly attend these contests express it, 'you get your moneys worth'.

Last night the White Parks gave the Old Timers a bad beating, but the score of 14 to 0 is not typical of these games, as scores of 2 to 1 and 3 to 2 are not uncommon. The features last night, outside of pitching by young Dunn were contributed by Hannaford with a catch of a red hot liner and by Callahan with a difficult stop of a

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grounder. Favor also helped to keep the goose egg column of the Old Timers intact by the capture of a couple of long flies. Tonight, stacked up against the Haymakers, the Old Timers will have a chance to win back their laurels. The score:

**WHITE PARKS**

	ab	r	lb	tb	po	a	e
Callahan ss	2	4	1	1	3	0	0
Favor cf	4	2	1	1	2	0	0
Hannaford 3b	1	1	1	1	1	0	0
H. Angwin c	3	1	1	1	5	0	1
O'Brien lb	4	1	1	1	3	0	0
Watkins rf	4	1	1	1	0	0	0
D. Angwin 2b	3	1	1	1	0	1	0
Rushlow lf	3	1	1	1	0	0	0
Dunn p	3	2	0	0	1	1	0

**OLD TIMERS**

	ab	r	lb	tb	po	a	e
J. M. Ahern lf	3	0	0	0	2	0	2
Taylor lf	2	0	0	0	0	1	0
Wm. Ahern 3b	2	0	1	1	0	3	0
Kerslake 2b	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Conway ss	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Kennedy lb	2	0	0	0	4	0	1
Dee rf	1	0	1	1	0	0	1
Cote cf	2	0	1	1	1	0	0
Halpin c	2	0	0	0	5	0	0
Beauchene p	2	0	0	0	0	0	0

Totals

28	14	8	8	15	2	1
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Totals

18	0	3	3	12	4	7
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Innings	1	2	3	4	5
White Parks	2	4	7	1	
Old Timers	0	0	0	0	0

-14  
-0

Passed ball, Halpin, wild pitch, Beauchene  
 Base on balls off Dunn, off Beauchene 2  
 Hit by pitched ball, Hannaford. Struck out by Dunn 5, by Beauchene 5.  
 Time of game one hour. Umpire, Robert W. Upton.

The final standing for 1909 was:

	Won	Lost	Percent
Haymakers	11	7	611
Old Timers	10	8	556
White Parks	9	9	500
Sluggers	6	12	333

Space will not permit listing all the players of the early years, but the names of a few may bring back memories of those days. The fans will remember many more players just as outstanding, and those of more recent years have been listed in Ruel Colby's complete coverage sports columns from time to time.

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| Rolfe, Bobby (Red)                         | Thompson, Bill                     |
| Callahan, Eugene (Delly)                   | Ceriello, Alphonse (still playing) |
| Slattery, Bill                             | Kubicki, Stan                      |
| Angwin, Don (Shammy)                       | Kiley, Jim                         |
| Cutting, Ralph                             | Girard, Hector                     |
| Putnam, Frank                              | Parker, John                       |
| McLean, Ray (Head coach Green Bay Packers) | O'Brien, Frank                     |
| Murphy, Cuddy                              | McIsaac, Jess                      |
| Fraser, Roy                                | Sullivan, Sub                      |



THE WHITE PARK TEAM OF 1909

Front Row: Bill Watkins, p. and of; "Delly" Callahan, ss; Nick Foretra, lb; Al Dunn, p; Eddie Rushlow, lf. Second Row: "Chuck" Hannaford, 3b; Dan Foster, cf; Tim O'Brien, lb; Harry "Gramp" Angwin, c; Herb Tronoweth, of; Don "Shammy" Angwin, 2b. Back Row: George Dunn, Secretary; William Carey, Director; William Ahern, Sr., President.

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A list of the families having three or more members connected with the league are given here. This list is subject to amendment.

Kennedys	Murphys	Wheelers
Callahans	Knees	Michaels
Messiers	Jones	Aherns
Kallecheys	Reardons	McDonalds
Angwins	Johnsons	Hardimans
Eastmans	Cuttings	Clevelands
Slatterys	Ceriellos	Johnsons

The players of the 1909 season now living to the best of our knowledge are:

WHITE PARKS:

Callahan, Eugene (Delly)  
Hannaford, Charles  
Angwin, Donald (Shammy)  
Rushlow, Edward

HAYMAKERS:

Kennedy, Carl  
Hyland, Dan  
Donovan, Tom

OLD TIMERS:

Morrison, Howard  
Conway, Tom  
Ahern, Bill  
Flanders, Harold  
Morrison, Amos (Stub)  
Gale, Philroy  
Wilson, Morrill

SLUGGERS:

Kerslake, Victor  
Opie, Harry  
O'Brien, John (Steve)  
Morrison, Archie  
Lugg, John  
Hutchison, Harry  
Reardon, Timothy (Mike)

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## 1958 SPONSORS

Mayor C. P. Johnson	"Red" Boutwell	Louis Cano
Dr. J. Dunbar Shields	C. L. Deering	Robert Johnson
Dr. Pierre A. Boucher	Harold Bridges	Marion Hoffman
Mary Louise Hancock	Jim Ceriello	Bob O'Brien
Winnifred P. Johnson	Victor McFaul	Emery LaPierre
Raymond Wiseman	Winston Fogg	Tom Hardiman
Lennart Swenson	John Fraser	Robert Datson
Samuel Schneider	John McIntyre	Nick Georges
Clarence McCauley	Walter Kennedy	Earl Spooner
"Chokey" Ianuzzo	Reed Gourley	Lawrence Braley
Basil French, Jr.	Win Merrill	Elmer Howe
Harlan Johnson	Pat O'Brien	Guy Frost
Richard H. Horan	G. Tilton	Winfred Davis
Harley Thompson	Ralph R. Price	Francis Grant
Robert W. Prowse	Chet Hoadley	Clyde Fairbanks
Leroy F. Johnson	Edward Dame	Gus Crovo
Raymond Provost	Roland Foy	Herm Ham
Reginald Tibbetts	Dick Callahan	William Bowler
John Brock	Bill Glavin	Milton Duprey
Clifton Smith	Jim Smith	Leon Misuna
Paul Eastman	Richard Peale	George Supry
"Pete" LaFlamme	Richard Smith	Philip Spiegel
"Delly" Callahan	Albert Page	Julius Kopel
Ernest Boutwell	Winfield Phillips	James Adams
Joe Shields	James Nelson	David Small
Bill Eastman	John Maynard	Morris Cohen
Jim Bell	Albert Shaw	Robert Jewell
Paul Knee	Abbott Clark	John Glennon
Don Woods	Joe Cronin	George McNeff
Billy Moran	Harold Langley	Paul Jobin
Howard Nelson	F. F. Hargraves	Robert Ling
"Red" Eastman	John V. Hanna	Samuel Spiegel
George Ford	Alfred Champney	George Glazer
Ken Jones	J. Harold Johnson	Dana Bogart
Dick Callahan	Frederick Johnson	Ralph Cutting
F. Edward Rushlow	William J. Ahern	
Harold J. Simpson	Richard F. Ahern	

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In addition to recognizing, players and League directors, all are grateful for the generous support of many individuals, business houses and industries that have sponsored teams and helped in many ways with the finances.

The League's record shows that it is deserving of our support. It is a fine, practical school for ball players. Every year since the short after supper hours and the dead ball, play has been improved and the boys are doing a great job today. Lets back them!

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We thought it most appropriate to ask William J. Ahern to write the preceding historical sketch. This family to the best of our knowledge is the only family where three generations have been active in the League. Wm. J. Ahern, Sr. was the first president of the League. William J. our historian played in the first official game of the League and later himself served as president and his son Bill is playing at the present time. E.F.E.



## ROSTER OF THE FOUR ORIGINAL TEAMS

### OLD TIMERS

McAuley  
Prowse  
Flanders  
Chase  
Conway  
Cote  
W. Ahern  
Gale  
Beauchesne  
J. M. Ahern  
Morrison (Amos)  
Morrison (Howard)  
Wilson  
Colburn  
Perry  
Stevens  
Hayford  
Taylor  
Berry

### WHITE PARK

Favor  
Callahan  
Hannaford  
H. Angwin  
N. Sullivan  
D. Angwin  
O'Brien  
Rushlow  
Trenoweth  
Dunn  
Watkins

### KERSLAKE SLUGGERS

Murphy  
C. Kennedy  
Fifield  
Burrough  
Reardon  
Stohrer  
Kerslake  
Cook  
Hargan  
Rolfe  
Morrison (Archie)  
Martin  
Grant  
Hutchinson  
Opie (F)  
Opie (H.)  
Robinson  
Lugg

### HAYMAKERS

Kiley  
Galfetti  
Craigie  
Farrell (J)  
Drew  
Sullivan  
Casey  
Welch  
Steele  
Donovan  
Hyland  
Farrell (A)  
Knuckey  
Dennan  
Fraser

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## 1959 PRIZE WINNERS

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### Team Championship

#### RUMFORD PRESS EMPLOYEES

Top Batting Average .....	James Stewart
Most Runs Batted In .....	Joe Johnson, P. West, Den McDonald
Extra Base Hits .....	R. Renaud
Best Fielding Ave. 2B, SS, 3B .....	A. Ansaldo
Best Fielding Ave. 1st B.—C .....	Larry West
Most Stolen Bases .....	“Rocky” Vezina
Pitcher Winning Most Games .....	“Bob” Batchelder
Best Outfield Ave. ....	P. Angwin

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### Pennant Winners

1909-11 Haymakers	1933 White Park
1912 Sluggers	1934-35 Boutwell Fill. Sta.
1913-14 Haymakers	1936 Rodd's Roofers
1919-20 Durgin	1937 State Hospital
1921 White Park	1938 Boutwell Fill. Sta.
1922 Boston & Maine	1939-41 Rumford Press
1923-24 K. of C.	1942 Page Belting Co.
1925 Elks	1946 Concord Volunteers
1926 Rumford Press	1947 White Park
1927 Penacook	1948-50 Dodgers
1928-29 White Park	1951 Indians
1930 N. E. Cable	1952 United Life
1931 White Park	1953 Rumford Press
1932 N. E. Cable	1954-57 United Life
	1958-59 Rumford Press

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## 1960 PRIZE WINNERS

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### Team Championship

#### HOOZ'S RED SOX

Top Batting Average .....	(.471)	Den McDonald
Most Runs Batted In .....	(14)	Larry West
Extra Base Hits .....	(9)	Den McDonald
Best Fielding Ave., 2B, SS, 3B .....	(.938)	Don Randall
Best Fielding Ave., 1st. B - C .....	(1.000)	Tom Hardiman
Best Outfield Ave. ....	(1.000)	Chaput
Most Stolen Bases .....	(8)	Larry West
Pitcher Winning Most Games .....	(5)	Floyd Bernier
Winner of Dash Race .....		Don Pope
Most Bases on Balls .....	(17)	John Grappone

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### Pennant Winners

1909-11 Haymakers	1934-35 Boutwell Fill. Sta.
1912 Sluggers	1936 Rodd's Roofers
1913-14 Haymakers	1937 State Hospital
1919-20 Durgin	1938 Boutwell Fill. Sta.
1921 White Park	1939-41 Rumford Press
1922 Boston & Maine	1942 Page Belting Co.
1923-24 K. of C.	1946 Concord Volunteers
1925 Elks	1947 White Park
1926 Rumford Press	1948-50 Dodgers
1927 Penacook	1951 Indians
1928-29 White Park	1952 United Life
1930 N. E. Cable	1953 Rumford Press
1931 White Park	1954-57 United Life
1932 N. E. Cable	1958-59 Rumford Press
1933 White Park	1960 Hooz's Red Sox

## 1961 PRIZE WINNERS

### Team Championship

#### RUMFORD PRESS

Top Batting Average .....	(.462)	Denney McDonald (RP)
Most Runs Batted In .....	(15)	Denny McDonald (RP)
Extra Base Hits .....	(8)	Denny McDonald (RP)
Stolen Bases .....	(9)	Bob Ross (RP)
Most Walks .....	(12)	Floyd Bernier (F), Bob Pope (UL)
Fielding (I.F.) .....	(.954)	Don Addario (RS)
Fielding (O.F.) .....	(1.000)	Bill Grady (UL)
Fielding (1B-C) .....	(1.000)	Alvah Longley (RP)
Pitcher (Winning Most Games) .....	(6)	Bobby Hurst (RP)

### Pennant Winners

1909-11 Haymakers	1936 Rodd's Roofers
1912 Sluggers	1937 State Hospital
1913-14 Haymakers	1938 Boutwell Fill. Sta.
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1921 White Park	1942 Page Belting Co.
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1926 Rumford Press	1951 Indians
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1930 N. E. Cable	1954-57 United Life
1931 White Park	1958-59 Rumford Press
1932 N. E. Cable	1960 Hooz's Red Sox
1933 White Park	1961 Rumford Press
1934-35 Boutwell Fill. Sta.	

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## 1962 PRIZE WINNERS

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### Team Championship

#### FORD FALCONS

Batting .....	(444)	Tom Hardiman	(FF)
Runs Batted in .....	(12)	Tom Hardiman	(FF)
Extra Base Hits .....	(6)	Tom Hardiman	(FF)
Stolen Bases .....	(13)	Andy Ansaldo	(UL)
Most Walks .....	(14)	Andy Ansaldo	(UL)
Fielding (I.F.) .....	(1.000)	(33-33) Roby Gaudreau	(FO)
Fielding (O.F.) .....	(1.000)	(23-23) George Towle	(UL)
Fielding (IB-C) .....	(.986)	(74-75) Dave Foster	(UL)
Pitcher (Winning Most Games) .....		Tom Adams	(FF)
Foot-race Winner .....		Bob Grappone	(FF)

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### Pennant Winners

1909-11	Haymakers	1936	Rodd's Roofers
1912	Sluggers	1937	State Hospital
1913-14	Haymakers	1938	Boutwell Fill. Sta.
1919-20	Durgin	1939-41	Rumford Press
1921	White Park	1942	Page Belting Co.
1922	Boston & Maine	1946	Concord Volunteers
1923-24	K. of C.	1947	White Park
1925	Elks	1948-50	Dodgers
1926	Rumford Press	1951	Indians
1927	Penacook	1952	United Life
1928-29	White Park	1953	Rumford Press
1930	N. E. Cable	1954-57	United Life
1931	White Park	1958-59	Rumford Press
1932	N. E. Cable	1960	Hooz's Red Sox
1933	White Park	1961	Rumford Press
1934-35	Boutwell Fill. Sta.	1962	Ford Falcons

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## 1963 PRIZE WINNERS

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### Team Championship

#### UNITED LIFE

Batting .....	(.375)	Dave Foster
Runs Batted In .....	(7)	Gary Nelder, (7) Dave Foster
Extra Base Hits .....	(4)	Gary Nelder, (4) Jack Jackson
Stolen Bases .....	(9)	Dennis Pope
Most Walks .....	(10)	Harvey Smith, (10) Rocky Vezina
Fielding (I.F.) .....	(1000)	(32-32) Ed Amrol
Fielding (O.F.) .....	(1000)	(15-15) Jerry Babson
Fielding (IB-C) .....	(.973)	(36-37) Tom Johnson
Pitcher (Best Record) .....	(4-1)	Dick Anderson
Footrace Winner .....		Tom Johnson

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### Pennant Winners

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1931 White Park	1960 Hooz's Red Sox
1932 N. E. Cable	1961 Rumford Press
1933 White Park	1962 Ford Falcons
1934-35 Boutwell Fill. Sta.	1963 United Life
1936 Rodd's Roofers	

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## 1964 PRIZE WINNERS

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### Team Championship

#### FERNS OILERS

Batting—Dick Savoy .....	.361
Runs Batted In—Dave Foster .....	10
Extra Base Hits—T. Bourassa .....	6
Stolen Bases—Bob Sullivan .....	7
Most Walks—George Towle .....	16
Fielding (I.F.)—George Towle (34-36) .....	.944
Fielding (O.F.)—Norm Higgins (12-12) .....	1000
Fielding (C. IB)—Bob Sullivan (59-59) .....	1000
Pitcher—Dick Anderson (4-0)	
Footrace Winner—George Towle	

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### Pennant Winners

1909-11 Haymakers	1937 State Hospital
1912 Sluggers	1938 Bontwell Fill. Sta.
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1923-24 K. of C.	1948-50 Dodgers
1925 Elks	1951 Indians
1926 Rumford Press	1952 United Life
1927 Penacook	1953 Rumford Press
1928-29 White Park	1954-57 United Life
1930 N. E. Cable	1958-59 Rumford Press
1931 White Park	1960 Hooz's Red Sox
1932 N. E. Cable	1961 Rumford Press
1933 White Park	1962 Ford Falcons
1934-35 Bontwell Fill. Sta.	1963 United Life
1936 Rodd's Roofers	1964 Ferns Oilers

1965 PRIZE WINNERS

TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

RUMFORD PRESS

Pitching—Dick Anderson .....	5-0
Batting—Dick Anderson .....	.438
Runs Batted In—Dick Anderson .....	13
Extra Base Hits—Carl Colby .....	4
Stolen Bases—Bob Ross .....	12
Fielding (Infield)—Al Edelstein (18-0) .....	1000
Fielding (Outfield)—George Towle (11-0) .....	1000
Fielding (Catcher & Firstbase)—Dan Parr (72-0) .....	1000
Most Walks—Bob Sullivan .....	16
Footrace Winner—Mike Blake	

1966 PRIZES AND DONORS

Team Championship—Trophy—Scott Jewelers
Pitching—\$10.00 in Merchandise—Stop & Shop
Batting—\$10.00 in Gasoline—Swain & Whiteman Gulf Oil Co.
Runs Batted In—\$10.95 Sweater—Rosens
Extra Base Hits—Goodrich Sneakers—Thorne Shoe Co.
Stolen Bases—Electric Clock—Concord Electric Co.
Fielding (Infield)—\$10.00 in Merchandise—French's Radio Shop
Fielding (Outfield)—Fielder's Glove—Haggett's Sport Shop
Fielding (Catcher & First)—Fruit Basket—L. Diversi & Co.
Most Walks—Fisherman's Barometer—Tenney Fuels
Footrace Winner—Saddle Shoes—King's Shoe Shoppe

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## 1966 PRIZE WINNERS

### TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

#### RUMFORD PRESS

Pitching—Robert Hurst .....	5-0
Batting—John Kirby .....	444
Runs Batted In—Dan Parr .....	11
Extra Base Hits—Dan Parr .....	5
Stolen Bases—George Towle .....	9
Most Walks—Richard J. Walsh .....	11
Fielding (Infield)—Russ Allard (19-1) .....	950
Fielding (C.&1B.)—Tom Tarr (31-0) .....	1000
Fielding (O.F.)—Bob Sullivan (7-0) .....	1000
Footrace—David Lindquist	

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### 1967 PRIZES AND DONORS

Team Championship—Trophy—Scott Jewelers
Pitching—3,000 T.V. Stamps—Super-Duper Market
Batting—\$10.00 in Gasoline—Swain & Whiteman Gulf Oil Co.
Runs Batted In—\$10.95 Sweater—Rosens
Extra Base Hits—Goodrich Sneakers—Thorne Shoe Co.
Stolen Bases—Electric Clock—Concord Electric Co.
Fielding (Infield)—\$10.00 in Merchandise—French's Radio Shop
Fielding (Outfield)—Fielder's Glove—Haggett's Sport Shop
Fielding (Catcher & First)—Fruit Basket—L. Diversi & Co.
Most Walks—Auto Compass—Tenney Fuels
Footrace Winner—Saddle Shoes—King's Shoe Shoppe

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## 1967 PRIZE WINNERS

### TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

#### RUMFORD PRESS

Pitching—J. Weatherbee R.P. ....	6-0
Batting—M. Blake F.F. ....	.448
RBI's—Den McDonald R.P. ....	12
Extra B. Hits—Al Edelstein F.O. ....	4
Stolen B.—A. Ansaldo R.P. ....	7
Most Walks—J. Cross F.O. ....	13
Fielding:	
Catcher—1st B.—R. Sullivan F.O. (56-0) .....	1.000
Infielder—Leo Martin F.F. (31-2) .....	.939
Outfield—James Boissy A.L. (8-0) .....	1.000
Footrace—James Boissy A.L.	

## 1968 PRIZES AND DONORS

Team Championship—Trophy—Scott Jewelers  
Pitching—\$10.00 in Merchandise—I.G.A. Foodliner  
Batting—\$10.00 in Gasoline—Swain & Whiteman Gulf Oil Co.  
Runs Batted In—\$10.95 Sweater—Rosens  
Most Base Hits—\$10.00 in Memory of Harold D. Merrill  
Extra Base Hits—Goodrich Sneakers—Thorne Shoe Co.  
Stolen Bases—Electric Clock—Concord Electric Co.  
Fielding (Infield)—\$10.00 in Merchandise—French's Radio Shop  
Fielding (Outfield)—Fielder's Glove—Haggett's Sport Shop  
Fielding (Catcher & First)—Fruit Basket—L. Diversi & Co.  
Most Walks—Auto Compass—Tenney Fuels  
Footrace Winner—Saddle Shoes—King's Shoe Shoppe

AWARDS TO BE MADE AT "FAMILY OUTING"  
SPRUCE POND—SUNDAY, AUGUST 25, 1968

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## 1968 PRIZE WINNERS

### TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

#### FERNS OILERS

Pitching—Jim Shaw Rumford Press .....	4-0
Batting—Jim Weatherbee Rumford Press .....	.391
RBI's—Mike Blake Ford Falcons .....	12
Most Base Hits—	
Tie: Bob Sullivan Ferns Oilers .....	11
Bob Grappone Ford Falcons .....	11
Extra B. Hits—Mike Blake Ford Falcons .....	7
Stolen Bases—Dick Savoy Rumford Press .....	8
Most Walks—	
John Cross Ferns Oilers .....	7
Tie: Floyd Bernier Ferns Oilers .....	7
Mike Tarr American Legion .....	7
B.A. Infielder: Andy Ansaldo—Rumford Press 27/2 .....	.925
B.A. Outfielder: Bill Inman—United Life 23/0 .....	1.000
B.A. Catcher—1st B. Joe Raycraft—Rumford Press 83/0 .....	1.000
Footrace—Pete Parent—United Life	

### 1969 PRIZES AND DONORS

Team Championship—Trophy—Scott Jewelers
Pitching—\$10.00 in Merchandise—I.G.A. Foodliner
Batting—\$10.00 in Gasoline—Swain & Whiteman Gulf Oil Co.
Runs Batted in—\$10.95 Sweater—Rosens
Most Base Hits—\$10.00 in Memory of Harold D. Merrill
Extra Base Hits—Goodrich Sneakers—Thorne Shoe Co.
Stolen Bases—\$10.00 in Gasoline—Art's Texaco
Fielding (Infield)—\$10.00 in Merchandise—French's Radio Shop
Fielding (Outfield)—Fielder's Glove—Haggett's Sport Shop
Fielding (Catcher & First)—Fruit Basket—L. Diversi & Co.
Most Walks—Taylor Instrument—Tenney Fuels
Footrace Winner—Saddle Shoes—King's Shoe Shoppe

### AWARDS TO BE MADE AT "FAMILY OUTING" SPRUCE POND—SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 1969

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1970 PRIZE WINNERS  
TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP  
RUMFORD PRESS

Pitching—Dan Chick—Ford Falcons .....	4-2
Batting—Dick Anderson—Rumford Press (13-25) .....	.520
RBI's—Den McDonald—Fumford Press .....	7
Pete Riel—Ford Falcons .....	7
Jack Amrol—Ford Falcons .....	7
Most Base Hits—Dick Anderson—Rumford Press ... 13 for 16 bases	
Extra Base Hits—Den McDonald—Rumford Press ... 3 for 9 bases	
Stolen Bases—	
Pete Samaha—Rumford Press .....	4
Bruce Ravidou—United Life .....	4
Ron Hodge—Ford Falcons .....	4
Most Walks—Tom Brochu—United Life .....	9
Fielding:	
Infield—Bill Clafin—United Life—11/8/1 .....	.950
Outfield—Bob Peacock—Rumford Press—9/1/0 .....	1.000
Catcher & First—Pete Riel—Ford Falcons 40/0/0 .....	1.000
Footrace—Dave Anderson—Rumford Press	

1971 PRIZES AND DONORS

Team Championship—Trophy—Scott Jewelers  
 Pitching—\$10.00—Tenney Fuels Co.  
 Batting—\$10.00 in gasoline—Swain & Whitman Gulf  
 Runs Batted In—\$10.00 in merchandise—I.G.A. Foodliner  
 Most Base Hits—\$10.00 in memory of Harold D. Merrill by Mrs.  
     Merrill  
 Extra Base Hits—\$10.00 in merchandise—Giant Store  
 Stolen Bases—Goodrich Sneakers—Thorne Shoe Co.  
 Fielding (Infield)—Fielder's Glove—Haggett's Sport Shop  
 Fielding (Outfield)—\$10.00 in merchandise—French's Radio Shop  
 Fielding (Catcher & First)—Sweater—Rosens  
 Most Walks—Fruit Basket—L. Diversi & Co.  
 Footrace Winner—Saddle Shoes—King's Shoe Shoppe

AWARDS TO BE MADE AT "FAMILY OUTING"  
 SPRUCE POND—SUNDAY, AUGUST 29, 1971

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1971 PRIZE WINNERS  
TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

UNITED LIFE

Pitching—Don Hout—Rumford Press .....	4-0
Batting—Tim Hanagan—Rumford Press .....	.451
RBI's—Tim Hanagan—Rumford Press .....	9
Most Base Hits—Tim Hanagan—Rumford Press .....	14
Extra Base Hits—Bill Birks—Ford Falcons .....	5 for 11 bases
Stolen Bases—Bob Peacock—Rumford Press .....	7
Most Walks—Dick Anderson—Rumford Press .....	12
Fielding:	
Infield—Joe Raycraft—United Life 7/8/0 .....	1000
Catcher—1st Peter Riel—Ford Falcons 37/6/0 .....	1000
Outfield—Fred Hooper—Ford Falcons 6/1/0 .....	1000
Footrace—Andy Karwocki—United Life.	

1972 PRIZES AND DONORS

Team Championship—Trophy—Scott Jewelers
Pitching—\$10.00—Tenney Fuels Co.
Batting—\$10.00 Nicholas C. Georges, Sr.
Runs Batted In—\$10.00 in merchandise—I.G.A. Foodliner
Most Base Hits—\$10.00 in memory of Harold D. Merrill by Mrs. Merrill
Extra Base Hits—\$10.00 in merchandise—Giant Store
Stolen Bases—Goodrich Sneakers—Thorne Shoe Co.
Fielding (Infield)—Fielder's Glove—Haggett's Sport Shop
Fielding (Outfield)—\$10.00 in merchandise—French's Radio Shop
Fielding (Catcher & First)—Sweater—Rosens
Most Walks—Fruit Basket—L. Diversi & Co.
Footrace Winner—Saddle Shoes—King's Shoe Shoppe

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SPRUCE POND—SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 1972

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1972 PRIZE WINNERS  
TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP  
EAGLES

Pitching—Mike Breen—United Life	
Batting—Barry Lewis—Ford Falcons .....	.428
RBI's—Dick Anderson—Eagles .....	9
Bill Birks—Ford Falcons .....	9
Most Base Hits—Ray Cushman—Ferns Oilers .....	13
Extra Bas Hits—Don Lauze—United Life .....	6 for 14 bases
Stolen Bases—John Hardiman—United Life .....	4
Most Walks—Jim Nolan—Eagles .....	10
Fielding:	
Infield—Wm. Clafin—United Life 17/16/1 .....	970
Outfield—Jim Hokans—Ford Falcons 17/1/0 .....	1000
Tim Hanegan—Eagles 18/0/0 .....	1000
Catcher/First Base—Dave Olson—Ferns Oilers 30/0/0 .....	1000
Footrace: Jim St. Onge—Ford Falcons	

1973 PRIZES AND DONORS

Team Championship—Trophy—Scott Jewelers
Pitching—\$10.00—Tenney Fuels Co.
Batting—\$10.00—Nicholas C. Georges
Runs Batted In—\$10.00 in Merchandise—IGA Foodliner
Most Base Hits—\$10.00—In Memory of Harold D. Merrill by Mrs. Merrill
Extra Base Hits—\$10.00 in Merchandise—Bridge St. Service Station
Stolen Bases—Goodrich Sneakers—Thorne Shoe Co.
Fielding (Infield)—Fielder's Glove—Haggett's Sport Shop
Fielding (Outfield)—\$10.00 in Merchandise—French's Radio Shop
Fielding (Catcher & First)—Sweater—Rosens
Most Walks—Fruit Basket—L. Diversi & Co.
Footrace Winner—Saddle Shocs—King's Shoe Shoppe
Most Valuable Player—Watch—Fickett Jewelers

AWARDS TO BE MADE AT "FAMILY OUTING"  
SPRUCE POND — SUNDAY, AUGUST 19, 1973

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1973 PRIZE WINNERS  
TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP  
FERNS OILERS

Pitching—Bob Boyle—Ford Falcons .....	5-0
Most Strike Outs—Dan Chick—Ford Falcons .....	40
Batting—Rick Cochran—Ford Falcons (7-20) .....	.350
RBI's: Tie	
Mark Champagne—Ford Falcons	
Ray Cushman—Ferns Oilers .....	6
Fred Hooper—Eagles	
Most Base Hits—Joe Bleczinski .....	10
Extra Base Hits—Mark Fontaine—Ferns Oilers .....	4 for 10
Stolen Bases:	
Mike Walsh—Ferns Oilers .....	5
Jim Nolin—Eagles .....	5
Fielding:	
Infield—Jeff Chillingworth—Eagles 14/10/1— .....	.960
Outfield—Jim Nolin—Eagles 21/0/0 .....	1.000
Catcher/1st Base—Dave Anderson Ferns Oilers 33/0/0 .....	1.000
Most Walks—Duncan Matthews—Ford Falcons .....	9
Footrace—Bob Mulligan—Eagles	
Most Valuable Player—Dan Chick—Ford Falcons	

1974 PRIZES AND DONORS

Team Championship—Trophy—Scott Jewelers
Pitching—\$10.00—Tenney Fuels Co.
Batting—\$10.00—Nicholas C. Georges
Runs Batted In—\$10.00 in Merchandise—IGA Foodliner
Most Base Hits—\$10.00—In Memory of Harold D. Merrill by Mrs. Merrill
Extra Base Hits—\$10.00 in Merchandise—Bridge St. Service Station
Stolen Bases—Goodrich Sneakers—Thorne Shoe Co.
Fielding (Infield)—Fielder's Glove—Haggett's Sport Shop
Fielding (Outfield)—\$10.00 in Merchandise—French's Radio Shop
Fielding (Catcher & First)—Sweater—Rosens
Most Walks—Fruit Basket—L. Diversi & Co.
Footrace Winner—Pro Keds—King's Shoe Shoppe
Most Valuable Player—Watch—Fickett Jewelers

AWARDS TO BE MADE AT "FAMILY OUTING"

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1974 PRIZE WINERS  
TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP  
UNITED LIFE

Pitching—Dana Smith—United Life .....	5-1
Batting—Don Steenbeke—Ferns Oilers (17-35) .....	.486
R.B.I.'s—Don Steenbeke—Ferns Oilers .....	10
Most Base Hits—Don Steenbeke—Ferns Oilers .....	17
Extra Base Hits—Russ Bartlett—Eagles .....	5
Stolen Bases—TIE	
Jim Nolin—Eagles	
Don Proulx—Eagles .....	7
Fielding:	
Infield—Russ Barrett—Eagles 21/22/3 .....	.930
Outfield—Duncan Matthews—Grappone Ford 21/0/0 .....	1.000
Catcher/1st Base—Dave Anderson—Ferns Oilers .....	1.000
Most Walks—Ralph Curd—Grappone Ford .....	9
Footrace—George Stohrer—United Life	

1975 PRIZES AND DONORS

- Team Championship—Trophy—Scott Jewelers
- Pitching—\$10.00—Tenney Fuels Co.
- Batting—\$10.00—Nicholas C. Georges
- Runs Batted In—\$10.00 in Merchandise—IGA Foodliner
- Most Base Hits—\$10.00—In Memory of Harold D. Merrill by Mrs. Merrill
- Extra Base Hits—\$10.00 in Merchandise—Bridge St. Service Station
- Stolen Bases—Goodrich Sneakers—Thorne Shoe Co.
- Fielding (Infield)—Fielder's Glove—Haggett's Sport Shop
- Fielding (Outfield)—\$10.00 in Merchandise—French's Radio Shop
- Fielding (Catcher & First)—Sweater—Rosens
- Most Walks—Fruit Basket—L. Diversi & Co.
- Footrace Winner—Pro Keds—King's Shoe Shoppe

AWARDS TO BE MADE AT "FAMILY OUTING"

TOM JOHNSON RETIRES

For the first time in 22 years (that is going back to the 1953 season) Tom Johnson's name will not be in the box score of the league. He has retired from active participation as a player and as a manager. In '72 he managed the Eagles entry to the championship. He has promised his continued interest in our program.

Thank you, Tom, for your wonderful contribution of leadership and sportsmanship to Sunset League.

1975 PRIZE WINNERS  
TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP  
UNITED LIFE

Pitching—Tom Welch—Ferns Oilers .....	5-1
Batting—Rick Flanders—United Life (11-25) .....	.440
R.B.I.'s—Mark Fontaine—Ferns Oilers .....	13
Most Base Hits—Don Steenbeke—Ferns Oilers .....	15
Carl Russell—Ferns Oilers .....	15
Most Extra Base Hits—Mark Fontaine—Ferns Oilers .....	5
Carl Russell—Ferns Oilers .....	5
Stolen Bases—Mark Fontaine—Ferns Oilers .....	7
Andy Karwocki—United Life .....	7
Jim Nolin—Eagles .....	7
Fielding:	
Infield—Don Steenbeke—Ferns Oilers 8/18/1 .....	.963
Outfield—Mark Fontaine—Ferns Oilers 25/0/0 .....	1.000
Catcher/First Base—Joe Bleczinski—United Life 34/0/0 .....	1.000
Most Walks—Jim Nolin—Eagles .....	16
Footrace—Phil Fernald—Ford Mustangs	

1976 PRIZES AND DONORS

Team Championship—Trophy—Scott Jewelers  
Pitching—\$10.00—Tenney Fuels Co.  
Batting—\$10.00—Nicholas C. Georges  
Runs Batted In—\$10.00 in Merchandise—IGA Foodliner  
Most Base Hits—\$10.00—Mrs. Harold Merrill  
Extra Base Hits—\$10.00 in Merchandise—Bridge St. Service Station  
Stolen Bases—\$10.00 in Merchandise—Freese's Exxon Service  
    Station  
Fielding (Infield)—Fielder's Glove—Haggett's Sport Shop  
Fielding (Outfield)—\$10.00 in Merchandise—French's Radio Shop  
Fielding (Catcher & First)—Sweater—Rosens  
Most Walks—Fruit Basket—L. Diversi & Co.  
Footrace Winner—Pro Keds—King's Shoe Shoppe

AWARDS TO BE MADE AT FINAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

1976 PRIZE WINNERS  
TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP  
FRATERNAL ORDER OF EAGLES

Pitching—Tom Welch—Ferns Oilers .....	4-2
Batting—Greg Clodfelter—Eagles (11-29) .....	.379
R.B.I.'s—Mark Fontaine—Ferns Oilers .....	9
Most Hits—Bob Mulligan—Eagles .....	13
Most Extra Base Hits—Pat Morris—Ford Mustangs .....	5
Stolen Bases—Don Proulx—Eagles .....	9
Fielding:	
Infield—Bob Mulligan—Eagles—12/22/0 .....	1.000
Outfield—Mike Mounsey—Ford Mustangs—10/2/0 .....	1.000
Catcher/Firstbase—Mark Fontaine—Ferns Oilers—50/7/0 .....	1.000
Most Walks—Mark Fontaine—Ferns Oilers .....	11
Footrace—Mike Mounsey—Ford Mustangs	

1977 PRIZES AND DONORS

- Team Championship—Trophy—Scott Jewelers
- Pitching—\$10.00—Tenney Fuels Co.
- Batting—\$10.00—Nicholas C. Georges
- Runs Batted In—\$10.00 in Merchandise—IGA Foodliner
- Most Base Hits—\$10.00—Mrs. Harold Merrill
- Extra Base Hits—\$10.00 in Merchandise—Bridge St. Service Station
- Stolen Bases—\$10.00 in Merchandise—Freese's Exxon Service Station
- Fielding (Infield)—Fielder's Glove—Haggett's Sport Shop
- Fielding (Outfield)—\$10.00 in Merchandise—French's Radio Shop
- Fielding (Catcher & First)—Sweater—Rosens
- Most Walks—Fruit Basket—L. Diversi & Co.
- Footrace Winner—Pro Keds—King's Shoe Shoppe

AWARDS TO BE MADE AT FINAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

1977 PRIZE WINNERS  
TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP  
FRATERNAL ORDER OF EAGLES

Pitching—Tom Welch—Ferns Oilers .....	5-1
Batting—Mark Fontaine—Ferns Oilers (29-14) .....	.483
R.B.I.'s—Steve Johnston—Ferns Oilers .....	11
Most Hits—Mark Fontaine—Ferns Oilers .....	14
Most Extra Base Hits—Mark Fontaine .....	6
Stolen Bases—Tom Painchaud—Ford Mustangs .....	6
Fielding:	
Infield—Bob Mulligan—Eagles—8/18/1 .....	.963
Outfield—Mark Fontaine—Ferns Oilers—12/0/0 .....	1.000
Catcher-Firstbase—Jim Nolin—Eagles—30/2/0 .....	1.000
Most Walks—Mark Fontaine—Ferns Oilers .....	13
Footrace—Brooks Seified—Ford Mustangs	

1978 PRIZES AND DONORS

- Team Championship—Trophy—Scott Jewelers
- Pitching—\$10.00—Tenney Fuels Co.
- Batting—\$10.00—Nicholas C. Georges
- Runs Batted In—\$10.00 in Merchandise—IGA Foodliner
- Most Base Hits—\$10.00—Mrs. Harold Merrill
- Extra Base Hits—\$10.00 in Merchandise—Bridge St. Service Station
- Stolen Bases—\$10.00 in Merchandise—Freese's Exxon Service Station
- Fielding (Infield)—Fielder's Glove—Haggett's Sport Shop
- Fielding (Outfield)—\$10.00 in Merchandise—French's Radio Shop
- Fielding (Catcher & First)—Sweater—Rosens
- Most Walks—Fruit Basket—L. Diversi & Co.
- Footrace Winner—Pro Keds—King's Shoe Shoppe

AWARDS TO BE MADE AT FINAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

1978 PRIZE WINNERS  
 TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP  
 FRATERNAL ORDER OF EAGLES

Pitching—Peter Serard—Eagles .....	4-0
Batting—Hayden McLaughlin—Mustangs (17-31) .....	.548
R.B.I.'s—Mike Daugherty—Eagles .....	10
Most Base Hits—Mike Daugherty—Eagles .....	17
Hayden McLaughlin—Mustangs .....	17
Most Extra Base Hits.....	(7 for 19)
Stolen Bases—Mike Daugherty—Eagles .....	8
Fielding:	
Infield—Bud Larrabec—Mustangs (6-18-1) .....	1.000
Outfield—Mark Fontaine—Ferns (15-0-0) .....	1.000
Catcher—First Base—Dave Anderson—Ferns (62-4-9) .....	1.000
Most Walks—Mark Fontaine—Ferns .....	12
Footrace Winner—Brad Dunbar—United Life	

1979 PRIZES AND DONORS

- Team Championship—Trophy—Scott Jewelers
- Pitching—\$10.00—Tenney Fuels Co.
- Batting—\$10.00—Nicholas C. Georges
- Runs Batted In—\$10.00 in Merchandise—IGA Foodliner
- Most Base Hits—\$10.00—Mrs. Harold Merrill
- Extra Base Hits—\$10.00 in Merchandise—Bridge St. Service Station
- Stolen Bases—\$10.00 in Merchandise—Freese's Exxon Service Station
- Fielding (Infield)—Fielder's Glove—Haggett's Sport Shop
- Fielding (Outfield)—\$10.00 in Merchandise—French's Radio Shop
- Fielding (Catcher & First) — \$10.00 in Merchandise —Hooz's
- Most Walks—Fruit Basket—L. Diversi & Co.
- Footrace Winner—Pro Keds—King's Shoe Shoppe

AWARDS TO BE MADE AT FINAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

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**1979 PRIZE WINNERS**  
**TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**FERNS OILERS**

Pitching—Steve DeStefano—Eagles .....	4-1
Batting—Carl Russell—Ferns Oilers (15-37) .....	.405
R.B.I.'s—Mark Fontaine—Ferns Oilers .....	14
Most Base Hits—Carl Russell—Ferns Oilers .....	13
Most Extra Base Hits—Mike Daugherty—Eagles .....	6
Stolen Bases—John Dunbar—Eagles .....	6
Fielding:	
Infield—Lee Blossom—United Life (26-26) .....	1.000
Outfield—Mark Fontaine—Ferns Oilers (20-21) .....	.952
Catcher-First Base—Joe Bleczynski) (60-60) .....	1.000
Most Walks—Mark Fontaine—Ferns Oilers .....	18
Footrace Winner—Mark Burdick—Ferns Oilers	

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**1980 PRIZES AND DONORS**

**Team Championship—Trophy—Scott Jewelers**  
**Pitching—\$10.00—Tenney Fuels Co.**  
**Batting—\$10.00—Nicholas C. Georges**  
**Runs Batted In—\$10.00 in Merchandise—Swain & Whiteman Gulf Service**  
**Most Base Hits—\$10.00—Mrs. Harold Merrill**  
**Extra Base Hits—\$10.00 in Merchandise—Bridge St. Service Station**  
**Stolen Bases—\$10.00 in Merchandise—Freese's Exxon Service Station**  
**Fielding (Infield)—Fielder's Glove—Haggett's Sport Shop**  
**Fielding (Outfield)—\$10.00 in Merchandise—French's Radio Shop**  
**Fielding (Catcher & First) — \$10.00 in Merchandise —Hooz's**  
**Most Walks—Fruit Basket—L. Diversi & Co.**  
**Footrace Winner—Pro Keds—King's Shoe Shoppe**

**AWARDS TO BE MADE AT FINAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**  
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1980 PRIZE WINNERS

TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

UNITED LIFE

Pitching—Tom Welch—Ferns Oilers .....	6-0
Batting—Bob Mulligan—Eagles (16-42) .....	.381
R.B.I.'s—Don Steenebek—Ferns Oilers .....	14
Most Base Hits—Tom Considine—Ford Mustangs .....	19
Most Extra Base Hits—Dale Emerson—United Life .....	8
Most Stolen Bases:	
Brian Smith—United Life .....	
Bill Sistare—United Life .....	
Mark Burdick—United Life .....	
Bob Mulligan—Eagles .....	
Most Walks—Mark Fontaine—Ferns Oilers .....	16
Fielding:	
Infield—Ray Cushman—Ferns Oilers (21-0-0) .....	1.000
Outfield—Alan Paige—Eagles (15-2-0) .....	1.000
Catcher—Ray Bailey—Ferns Oilers (6-4-0) .....	1.000
Footrace Winner—Richard Love—Ford Mustangs	

1981 PRIZES AND DONORS

- Team Championship—Trophy—Scott Jewelers
- Pitching—\$10.00—Tenney Fuels Co.
- Batting—\$25.00—in Merchandise—Haggett's Sport Shop
- Runs Batted In—\$10.00 in Merchandise—Swain & Whiteman Gulf Service
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- Fielding (Catcher & First) — \$10.00 in Merchandise —Hooz's
- Most Walks—Fruit Basket—L. Diversi & Co.
- Footrace Winner—Pro Keds—King's Shoe Shoppe

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**1982 PRIZES AND DONORS**

- Team Championship — Trophy — Scott's Jewellery  
 Pitching — Pair Purma-Courts — Joe King's Shoe Shoppe  
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**1981 PRIZE WINNERS**

**TEAM CHAMPION — UNITED LIFE**

Pitching — Curt Colby — United Life .....	6-0
Batting — Steve Stohrer — United Life .....	.425
Runs Batted In — John Colburn — United Life .....	15
Extra Base Hits — Shawn Morin — Ferns Oilers .....	6
Most Base Hits — Carl Russell — Ferns Oilers .....	19
Stolen Bases — Brian Smith — United Life .....	8
Fielding (Infield) — Peteer Haley — Ford Mustangs	
(Outfield) — Mark Fontaine — Ferns Oilers	
(Catcher-Lb) — Carl Russell — Ferns Oilers	
Most Walks — Tie — Dan Noonan, Haymakers; Mark Fontaine, Ferns Oilers; Dave Belandofrd, Ferns Oilers; Dave Tillotson, United Life (9 each)	
Foot Race — Winner — Showan Morin — Ferns Oilers	





### 1987 PRIZES AND DONORS

Team Championship – Trophy – D. McLeod, Inc.  
Pitching – \$25.00 in Merchandise – Fassetts Bakery  
Batting – \$25.00 in Merchandise – Milanos Brothers Pizza  
Runs Bated In – \$25.00 in Merchandise – Thirty Pines  
Most Extra Base Hits – \$25.00 Merchandise – Pizzarelli's  
Extra Base Hits – \$20.00 in Merchandise – Mike's IGA  
Fielding (Infield) – \$20.00 in Merchandise – Cross Roads Video Club  
Fielding (Outfield) – \$20.00 in Merchandise – French's Radio Shop  
Fielding (First Base) – \$20.00 – Tenney Fuels Co.  
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Station  
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Tenth Players Award – \$25.00 in Merchandise – Haggett's All Sports

### 1986 AWARD WINNERS LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP – BUDMEN

Pitching – John Gilbert – Ferns ..... 5-0  
Batting – Bernie Cornell – Budmen ..... 481  
Runs Batted In – Bernie Cornell – Budmen ..... 23  
Most Base Hits – Bernie Cornell – Budmen ..... 16  
Most Extra Base Hits – Bernie Cornell – Budmen ..... 9  
Fielding Averages  
Infield – Jeff Larabee – Ferns  
First Base – Glen Heath – Ford  
Outfield – Mike Stoddard – Burney  
Catcher – Ray Baily – Ferns  
Most Stolen Bases – Bruce Addison – Ferns. .... 14  
Most Walks – Ray Bailey – Ferns. .... 16

### 1988 PRIZES AND DONORS

Team Championship – Trophy – D. McLeod, Inc.  
Pitching – \$25.00 in Merchandise – Fassetts Bakery  
Batting – \$25.00 – Tenny Fuels Company  
Runs Batted In – \$25.00 Merchandise – Thirty Pines  
Most Base Hits – \$25.00 – Cross Roads Video Club  
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Most Walks – \$15.00 – Merchandise Granite State Candy Shoppe

### AWARDS TO BE MADE AT FINAL CONCORD CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Tenth Players Award – \$25.00 in Merchandise – Haggett's All Sports

### 1987 SUNSET LEAGUE WINING AWARDS

Pitching – John Butler – Ford Truckers.....5-1  
Batting – Dan Cornell – Ford Truckers .....479  
Runs Batted In – George Smith – Budmen .....19  
Most Base Hits – George Smith – Budmen.....24  
Most Extra Base Hits – George Smith – Budmen, Hugh Canon  
– Budmen, John Butler– Ford Truckers – all with 7  
Butler had 5 Homeruns  
Most Stolen Bases – Hugh Canon – Budmen .....12  
Most Walks – Jeff Stohrer – Budmen.....12  
Fielding Average: Infield – John Butler – Ford Truckers  
Outfield – High Cannon, 1B – Glen Heath – Ford Truckers  
Catcher – Dan Cornell – Ford Truckers; 10th Player Award  
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Batting – \$25.00 – Tenny Fuels Company  
Runs Batted In – \$25.00 Merchandise – Thirty Pines  
Most Base Hits – \$25.00 – Cross Roads Video Club  
Most Extra Base Hits – \$20.00 Merchandise Mike's IGA  
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### AWARDS TO BE MADE AT FINAL CONCORD CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Tenth Players Award – \$25.00 in Merchandise – Haggett's All Sports

### 1988 SUNSET LEAGUE WINNING AWARDS

Pitching — Steve DeSteafano — Fern Oilers ..... 5-0  
Batting — Dan Cornell — Fern Oilers ..... .459  
Most Runs Batted In — Dave Tilton — Burney Sports ..... 15  
Most Base Hits — Dan Cornell — Ford Truckers ..... 17  
Most Extra Base Hits — Dave Tilton — Burney Sports ..... 7  
Most Stolen Bases — Bruce Addison — Ferns Oilers ..... 8  
Most Walks — Rich Lassonde — Ferns Oilers ..... 11  
Tenth Player Award — Dave Tilton — Burney Sports

CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY — FORD TRUCKERS



**1991 PRIZES AND DONORS**

Team Championship --- Trophy --- *D. McLeod, Inc.*  
Pitching --- \$25.00 in Merchandise --- *Fassetts Bakery*  
Batting --- \$25.00 --- *Johnson & Dix Fuel Corp.*  
Runs Batted In --- \$25.00 Merchandise --- *Thirty Pines*  
Most Base Hits --- \$15.00 --- *Cross Roads Convenience*  
Most Extra Base Hits --- \$20.00 Merchandise --- *Farm Fare*  
Most Stolen Bases --- \$20.00 Merchandise --- *French's Radio Shop*  
Most Walks --- \$15.00 Merchandise --- *Granite State Candy Shoppe*

**AWARDS TO BE MADE AT FINAL  
CONCORD CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

**1990 SUNSET LEAGUE WINNING AWARDS**

Pitching --- John Gilbert --- *Ferns Oilers* ..... 5-1  
Batting --- Dan Cornell --- *Grappone Truckers* ..... 488  
Most Runs Batted In --- Adam Fournier --- *Burney Sports* ..... 13  
Most Base Hits --- Adam Fournier --- *Burney Sports* ..... 21  
Most Extra Base Hits --- Darren Sabeau --- *Budmen* ..... 8  
Most Stolen Bases --- Chris Raudelunas --- *Ferns Oilers* ..... 15  
Most Walks --- Keith Rogers --- *Budmen* ..... 18

**CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY --- FERNS OILERS**

### 1991 PRIZES AND DONORS

- Team Championship — Trophy — *D. McLeod, Inc.*
- Pitching — \$25.00 Dinner — *Vercelli's Restaurant*
- Batting — \$25.00 Dinner — *The Pasta House*
- Runs Batted In — \$25.00 Gift — *Johnson & Dix Fuel Corp.*
- Most Base Hits — \$25.00 — *CrossRoads Convenience*
- Most Extra Base Hits — \$20.00 Merchandise — *Farm Fare*
- Most Stolen Bases — \$20.00 Merchandise — *French's Radio Shop*
- Most Walks — \$15.00 Merchandise — *The Book Mill*



### 1991 SUNSET LEAGUE WINNING AWARDS

Pitching — Tom Otto .....	4-1
Skip Clark .....	4-1
Batting — Chris Raudelunas .....	500
Runs Batted In — Carl Russell .....	16
Most Base Hits — Chris Raudelunas .....	19
Most Extra Base Hits — Rich Lassoude .....	8
Most Stolen Bases — Chris Raudelunas .....	8
Most Walks — Chris Raudelunas .....	20

1991 Championship Trophy — Budmen

### 1993 PRIZES AND DONORS

- Team Championship — Trophy — *D. McLeod, Inc.*  
Pitching — \$25.00 Dinner — *Vercelli's Restaurant*  
Batting — \$25.00 Dinner — *The Pasta House*  
Runs Batted In — \$25.00 Gift — *Johnson & Dix Fuel Corp.*  
Most Base Hits — \$25.00 — *CrossRoads Convenience*  
Most Extra Base Hits — \$20.00 Merchandise — *Farm Fare*  
Most Stolen Bases — \$20.00 Merchandise — *French's Radio Shop*  
Most Walks — \$15.00 Merchandise — *The Book Mill*



### 1992 SUNSET LEAGUE WINNING AWARDS

Pitching — Skip Clark .....	5-0
Batting — Rich Lassonde .....	.543
Runs Batted In — Jeff Hastings .....	21
Extra Base Hits — Jeff Hastings .....	9
Stolen Bases — Jeff Hastings .....	14
Most Walks — Bruce Addison .....	15

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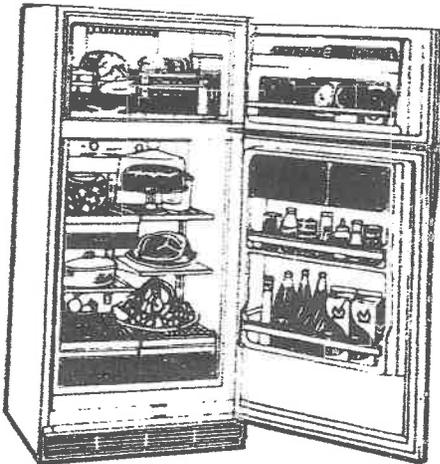


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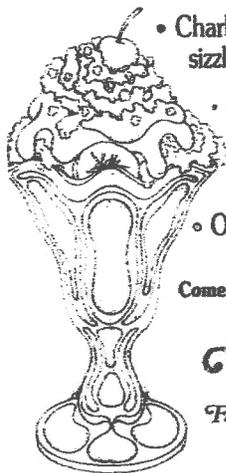
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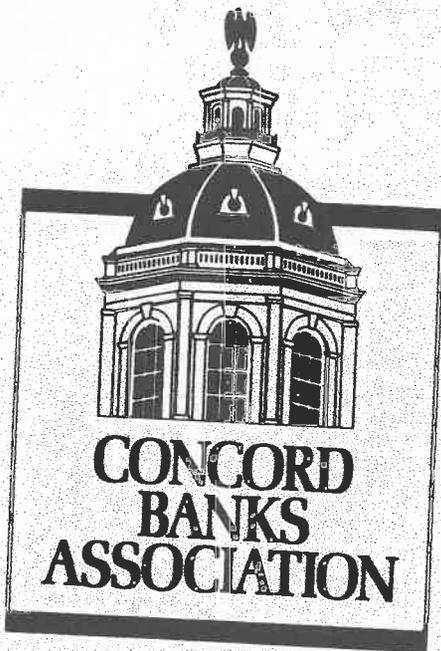
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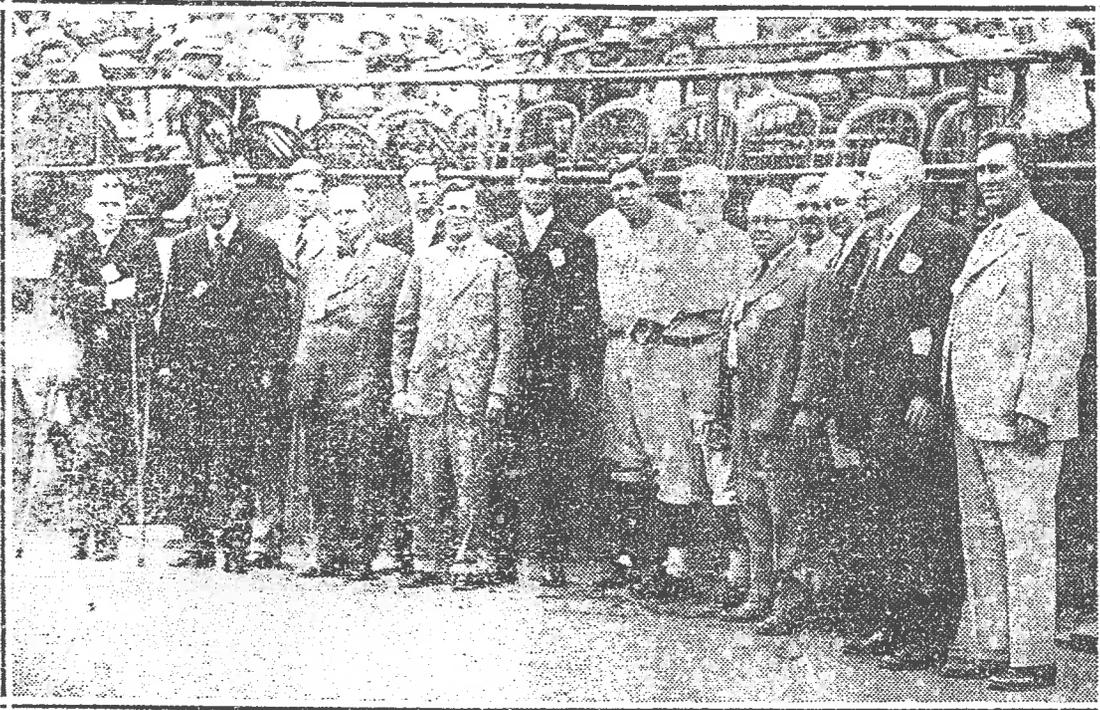
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# CONCORD PLAYERS MEET RUTH

Group From Granddaddy Sunset League on Outing Guests Of Bob Quinn at Fenway Park



CONCORD, N. H. VISITORS AT FENWAY PARK

Left to Right—Howard Jones, W. C. Green, R. A. Rolfe, Mayor O. N. Chase, Roy Buzzell, Eugene Callahan, Arthur "Jess" McIsaac, "Babe" Ruth, Bill Carrigan, B. F. MacNamee, J. M. Ahern, D. Angwin, R. McDonald, Alderman W. W. Kennedy, N. Faretra.

Babe Ruth often plays host to and entertains youngsters. He likes to and the kids enjoy it.

Yesterday afternoon, while helping his Yankee mates trim the Red Sox again, the Bambino went a bit out of his way and was the center of attraction for some big "kids." They were the 60-odd players of the Concord, N. H., Sunset League, officials, bat boys and leading citizens of New Hampshire's capital city to the grand total of 100. They were guests at Fenway Park of Bob Quinn, Sox owner, and Babe was their patron saint of the afternoon.

The Granite State visitors, a majority of whom experienced their initial big league game yesterday, represented the granddaddy Sunset League of the world. At least that is their claim, and is has never been contested.

As told by oDonald "Shammy" Angwin, manager of the White Park team, one of the four nines in the circuit that next week ends its 19th year of existence, all other Sunset Leagues and Twilight loops have originated

from the oConcord organization, founded in 1909 and successfully operated each year since then with the exception of a slight break during the World War.

Angwin was one of those that formed the after supper loop. This season, although having seen more than 49 years roll by, the majority of them as a ball player, Shammy has been hitting at a .310 clip and helped his slugging outfit pace the circuit. Also in yesterday's party was Eugene "Welly" Callahan, high school athletic coach, the only other man who has played continually in the league since its inception.

The up-country delegation sat in the first base pavilion and were rooting for the Grand Slammer to pole out a homer. He didn't do it—incidentally causing regret among thousands of his other admirers of the day, but he cavorted around enough to give them plenty to talk about when they reached home. At least that was indicated later, as Fenway Park, the incomparable Babe and activities of his mates were the chief topic of discussion at the Hotel Kenmore, where group sub-

sequently went to partake of a banquet.

Yesterday was "Annual Outing" day for the Concordites. Each year the players are given an outing as recompense for their services during the 12 weeks' life of the loop. Thanks to Bob Quinn, yesterday was voted the most successful outing the organization ever boasted of.

It was interesting to hear that, with but four games of the regular schedule remaining to be played, three of the teams still have a chance of copping the current championship. Angwin and his White Park troupe ar pacing th N. E. Cabiers and Penacook club by one game and a half and both of the last-named nines have a chance to nose the leaders out. Rumford Press, pennant holder in 1926, is in the cellar.

Mayor Olin H. Chase, Robert J. Merrill, president of the Chamber of Commerce; J. Mitchell Ahern, president of the league and one of its original founders, wer also in the party.

At the conclusion of the baseball season there was an outing which varied down through the years.

From 1950 to 1959 the outing was going to a Red Sox game.

From 1959 to 1973 the outing was at Bear Brook State Reservation put on by the Sunset League officers and directors at the Spruce Pond facility that had a building which could hold inside gatherings. It was here that all the ball players and their families would gather on a late August Sunday afternoon for a barbeque feast. These barbeque feasts for each year have been included in these writings. The Spruce Pond facility provided areas for playing softball, horseshoes, swimming and boating. At the conclusion of the meal the president (Red Eastman) would present the season's prize winners to the ball players that won each baseball category.

The chickens were supplied by one of the large stores and were cooked by Angelo's restaurant. Some of the contributors' were the Coca Cola Bottling Co, Concord Dairy, First National Stores, A&P Super Market, and Eastman's Dairy.

For this outing each officer and director of the League was in charge of a specific part of the program to ensure the program's success.

1959 1st ANNIVERSARY 1908

SUNSET LEAGUE OUTING

Spruce Pond, Bear Brook Reservation

Sunday, September 13, 1959

1:30 P. M.

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 Arthur D. Lockwood  
 George E. McNeill  
 Edward York

Banquet..... 1:30 P.M.

CHAMPS -

Presentation of Prizes

Batting - Stewart (RP)..... .379  
 Runs Batted In - P. West (UL),  
     Johnson (UL), Den McDonald (RP)    11  
 Extra Base Hits - Renard (RS)..... 5  
 Stolen Bases - Vezina (RP)..... 9  
 Fielding (IF) - Ansaldo (RP)..... .952  
 Fielding (OF) - Angwin (RS)..... 1.000  
 Fielding (1B-C) - P. West (UL)..... .981  
 Pitcher Winning Most Games -  
     Batchelder (RS).. 5

Sports

Swimming & Boating - Dave Dean  
 Baseball - Bill Thompson  
 Horseshoes - Delly Callahan

DONORS

Angelo's  
 A & P Super Market  
 Coca Cola Bottling Co.  
 Eastman's Dairy  
 First National Stores  
 Harold Merrill

COMMITTEES

Attendance  
 Glavin - Dean & Eastman

Arrangement  
 Phillips & Eastman

Menu  
 Gagne & Phillips

Kitchen Crew  
 Glavin - Gagne & Phillips

Dining Room  
 Johnson, Lockwood & Callahan

Sports  
 Den - Eastman & York

Programs  
 Phillips

Donations  
 Gagne, Phillips & Wheeler

BANQUET MENU

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 Tomato Juice Cocktail  
 Chicken (Barbecued)  
 Sweet Pickles                      Olives  
 Sweet Corn                          Potato Chips  
 Rolls & Butter  
 Ice Cream                              Cookies  
 Coffee

Donations.....Gagne, Phillips, York  
 Programs.....Phillips  
 Sports.....Dean, DeAngelis, Glavin  
 Lockwood, York  
 Dining Room.....Johnson, Callahan,  
 Glavin, DeAngelis  
 Kitchen Crew.....Gagne, Champagne  
 Glavin, DeAngelis  
 Menu.....Gagne, Phillips, Glavin  
 Arrangement.....Phillips, Eastman, Gagne  
 Attendance.....Eastman, Fournier, Dean

COMMITTEES

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 A & P Super Market  
 Coca-Cola Bottling Co.  
 Eastman's Dairy  
 First National Stores  
 Champagne's

DONORS

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 Treasurer.....William Dave Dean

OFFICERS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1962

SPRUCE POND, BEAR BROOK RESERVATION

SUNSET LEAGUE OUTING

1962 54TH ANNIVERSARY

PROGRAM

Banquet..... 1:30 P.M.

CHAMPS - FORD FALCONS

PRESENTATION OF PRIZES

Batting - Tom Hardiman (FF)..... 444  
 Runs Batted in - Tom Hardiman (FF)... 12  
 Extra Base Hits - Tom Hardiman (FF).. 6  
 Stolen Bases - Andy Ansaldo (UL)..... 13  
 Most Walks - Andy Ansaldo (UL)..... 14  
 Fielding (I.F.) -  
     Roby Gaudreau (FO) (33-33)..... 1.000  
 Fielding (O.F.) -  
     George Towle (UL) (23-23)..... 1.000  
 Fielding (IB-C) -  
     Dave Foster (UL) (74-75)..... 986  
 Pitcher (Winning Most Games) -  
     Tom Adams (FF)..... 4  
 Foot-race Winner - Bob Grappone (FF)

SPORTS

Baseball..... Bill Glavin  
 Horseshoes..... Edwin DeAngelis  
 Swimming & Boating..... Dave Dean

**\*\* BANQUET MENU \*\***

Tomato Juice Cocktail  
 Chicken (Barbecued)  
 Sweet Pickles  
 Sweet Corn  
 Ice Cream  
 Coffee  
 Olives  
 Potato Chips  
 Rolls & Butter  
 Cookies



John F. Callahan  
 Paul Champagne  
 Edward A. Dame  
 Harold Fournier  
 Newton Sweet, Jr.  
 Charles Smith  
 Raymond L. Gagne  
 William F. Glavin  
 Arthur D. Lockwood  
 Daniel Nyhan  
 Irving Edelstein

DIRECTORS

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 Treasurer... William Dave Dean

OFFICERS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1964  
 SPRUCE POND, BEAR BROOK RESERVATION

SUNSET LEAGUE OUTING

1964 56TH ANNIVERSARY 1908

PROGRAM

Banquet..... 1:30 P. M.

CHAMPS - Ferns Oiler's

PRESENTATION OF PRIZES

Batting - Dic Savoy..... .361  
 Runs Batted In - Dave Foster..... 10  
 Extra Base Hits - T. Bourassa..... 6  
 Stolen Bases - Bob Sullivan..... 7  
 Most Walks - Geo. Towle..... 16  
 Fielding (I.F.) Geo. Towle (34-36) .944  
 Fielding (O.F.) -  
     Norm Higgins (12-12).. 1000  
 Fielding - (C. IB) -  
     Bob Sullivan (59-59).. 1000  
 Pitcher - Dick Anderson (4-0)  
 Footrace Winner - Geo. Towle

1965 PLANS

SPORTS

Baseball                      Swimming  
 Horseshoes                  Boating

Donations..... Gagne, Phillips, Dean, Nyhan  
 Programs..... Phillips  
 Sports..... Dean, Glavin, Callahan  
 Dining Room  
 Kitchen Crew &..... Gagne, Champagne, Phillips, Nyhan  
 Menu..... Gagne, Phillips  
 Arrangement..... Nyhan, Phillips, Gagne  
 Attendance..... Dean & Callahan

COMMITTEES

Angelo's  
 A & P Super Market  
 Coca-Cola Bottling Co.  
 Concord Dairy  
 First National Stores  
 Champagne's  
 Stop & Shop

DONORS

\*\* BANQUET MENU \*\*

Tomato Juice Cocktail

Chicken (Barbecued)

Sweet Pickles                      Olives

Sweet Corn                      Potato Chips

Rolls & Butter

Ice Cream                      Cookies

Coffee

John P. Callahan  
 Raymond L. Gagne  
 William F. Glavin  
 Harold Fournier  
 Paul Champagne  
 Daniel Nyhan  
 Jeremiah C. Buckley

William D. Norton  
 Thomas A. Curtis  
 Albert A. Roy, Jr.  
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OFFICERS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28, 1966

SPRUCE POND, BEAR BROOK RESERVATION

SUNSET LEAGUE OUTING

1908 58TH ANNIVERSARY 1966

PROGRAM

Banquet.....1:30 P.M.

PRESENTATION OF PRIZES

Batting - John Kirby..... 444  
 Runs Batted In - Dan Parr..... 11  
 Extra Base Hits - Dan Parr..... 5  
 Stolen Bases - George Towle..... 9  
 Most Walks - Richard J. Walsh..... 11  
 Fielding (I.F.) Russ Allard (19-1) 950  
 " (C.IB) Tom Tarr (31-0) 1000  
 " (O.F.) Bob Sullivan (7-0) 5-0  
 Pitcher - Robert Hurst  
 Footrace - David Lindquist

SPORTS

Baseball Swimming  
 Horseshoes Boating

Donations.....Gagne, Phillips,  
 Dean, Nyhan  
 Programs.....Phillips  
 Sports.....Dean, Glavin,  
 Callahan  
 Dining Room.....Gagne, Champagne,  
 Phillips, Nyhan,  
 Kitchen Crew &  
 Menu.....Gagne, Phillips,  
 Gagne  
 Arrangement.....Nyhan, Phillips,  
 Gagne  
 Attendance.....Dean & Callahan

COMMITTEES

Angelo's  
 Coca-Cola Bottling Co.  
 Concord Dairy  
 Champagne's

DONORS

\*\*BANQUET MENU\*\*

Tomato Juice Cocktail

Chicken (Barbecued)  
 Sweet Pickles Olives  
 Sweet Corn Potato Chips

Rolls & Butter

Ice Cream Cookies

Coffee

Robert E. Sullivan  
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SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 1967

SPRUCE POND, BEAR BROOK RESERVATION

SUNSET LEAGUE OUTING

1967 59TH ANNIVERSARY 1967

Attendance.....Dean & Callahan  
 Arrangement.....Nyhan, Phillips, Gagne  
 Menu.....Gagne, Phillips  
 Kitchen Crew & Dining Room.....Gagne, Nyhan, Phillips  
 Sports.....Dean, Glavin, Callahan  
 Programs.....Phillips  
 Donations.....Gagne, Phillips, Dean, Nyhan

COMMITTEES

Angelo's  
 Coca-Cola Bottling Co.  
 Concord Dairy  
 Champagne's

DONORS

PROGRAM

Banquet.....1:30 PM

PRESENTATION OF 1967 PRIZES

Pitching - J. Weatherbee	R.P.	6-0
Batting - M. Blake	F.F.	.448
RBI's - Den McDonald	R.P.	12
Extra B. Hits-Al Edelstein	F.O.	4
Stolen B. - A. Ansaldo	R.P.	7
Most Walks - J. Cross	F.O.	13
Fielding: -		
Catcher-1st B.-R. Sullivan	F.O.	
	(56-0)	1.000
Infielder-Leo Martin	F.F.	
	(31-2)	.939
Outfield-James Boissy	A.L.	
	(8-0)	1.000
Footrace-James Boissy	A.L.	

SPORTS

Softball  
 Horseshoes  
 Swimming  
 Boating

\*\*BANQUET MENU\*\*

Tomato Juice Cocktail  
 Chicken (Barbecued)  
 Sweet Pickles Olives  
 Sweet Corn Potato Chips  
 Rolls & Butter  
 Ice Cream Cookies  
 Coffee





William F. Glavin  
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SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 1970

SPRUCE POND, BEAR BROOK RESERVATION

SUNSET LEAGUE OUTING

1970 62ND ANNIVERSARY 1908

PROGRAM

Banquet..... 1:30 PM

PRESENTATION OF 1970 PRIZES

Pitching - Dan Chick	F.F.	4-2
Batting - Dick Anderson	R.P.	.520 (13-25)
RBI's - Den McDonald	R.P.	7
Pete Riel	F.F.	7
Jack Amrol	F.F.	7
Most Base Hits -		
Dick Anderson	R.P.	13 for 16 bases
Extra Base Hits -		
Den McDonald	R.P.	3 for 9 bases
Stolen Bases - Pete Samaha	R.P.	4
Bruce Rabidou	U.L.	4
Ron Hodge	F.F.	4
Most Walks - Tom Brochu	U.L.	9
Fielding:		
Infield - Bill Clafin	U.L.	11/8/1 .950
Outfield - Bob Peacock	R.P.	9/1/0 1.000
Catcher-1st Pete Riel	F.F.	40/0/0 1.000
Footrace - Dave Anderson	R.P.	

Donations.....Phillips, Dean,  
 Glavin  
 Programs.....Phillips  
 Sports.....Dean  
 Dining Room.....Murphy  
 Kitchen Crew & Phillips, Champagne,  
 Menu.....Phillips  
 Arrangement.....R. E. Sullivan  
 Attendance.....Dean & Curtis

COMMITTEES

Angelo's  
 Coca-Cola Bottling Co.  
 Concord Dairy  
 Champagne's  
 DONORS

\*\*\*\*\* BANQUET

MENU \*\*\*\*\*

Tomato Juice Cocktail  
 Chicken (Barbecued)  
 Sweet Pickles                      Olives  
 Sweet Corn                      Potato Chips  
 Rolls & Butter  
 Ice Cream                      Cookies  
 Coffee  
SPORTS  
 Softball                      Swimming  
 Horseshoes                      Boating  
 Badminton

William F. Glavin Harold Fournier  
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SUNDAY, AUGUST 29, 1971

SPRUCE POND, BEAR BROOK RESERVATION

SUNSET LEAGUE OUTING

1908 63rd ANNIVERSARY 1971

Donations.....Glavin  
 Programs.....Eastman  
 Sports.....Bob Wheeler  
 Dining Room.....Phillips, Curtis,  
 Murphy

Kitchen Crew &  
 Menu.....Phillips  
 Arrangements.....R. E. Sullivan  
 Attendance.....Dean & Curtis

COMMITTEES

Angelo's  
 Coca-Cola Bottling Co.  
 Weeks-Concord Dairy  
 Champagne's

DONORS

PROGRAM

Banquet.....1:30 p.m.

PRESENTATION OF 1971 PRIZES

Pitching - Don Hout	R.P.	4-0
Batting - Tim Hanagan	R.P.	.451
RBI's - Tim Hanagan	R.P.	9
Most Base Hits - Tim Hanagan	R.P.	14
Extra Base Hits - Bill Birks	F.F.	5 for 11 bases
Stolen Bases - Bob Peacock	R.P.	7
Most Walks - Dick Anderson	R.P.	12
Fielding: Infield - Joe Raycraft	U.L.	7/8/0 1000
Outfield - Fred Hooper	F.F.	6/1/0 1000
Catcher - 1st Peter Riel	F.F.	37/6/0 1000
Footrace - Andy Karwocki	U.L.	

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BANQUET MENU

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Tomato Juice Cocktail

Chicken (Barbequed)

Sweet Pickles Olives

Sweet Corn Potato Chips

Rolls & Butter

Ice Cream Cookies

Coffee

SPORTS

Softball Swimming  
 Horseshoes Boating

Badminton

Arthur V. Brochu William F. Glavin  
 Paul Champagne James Jeanotte  
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 W. David Dean Floyd L. Lewis  
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SUNSET LEAGUE OUTING  
 BEAR HILL, BEAR BROOK RESERVATION  
 SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 1972

1909 64th ANNIVERSARY 1972

Donations.....Glavin  
 Programs.....Eastman  
 Sports.....Jeff Botallico  
 Dining Room.....Gagne, Curtis,  
 Murphy, Glavin  
 Kitchen Crew &  
 Menu.....Phillips  
 Arrangements.....R. E. Sullivan  
 Attendance.....Callahan & Curtis

COMMITTEES

Highway Hotel  
 Coca-Cola Bottling Co.  
 Weeks-Concord Dairy  
 Champagne's

DONORS

PROGRAM

Banquet.....1:30 p.m.

PRESENTATION OF 1972 PRIZES

Pitching:  
 Mike Breen U.L.  
 Batting:  
 Barry Lewis F.F. .428  
 RBIs:  
 Dick Anderson Eagles 9  
 Bill Birks F.F. 9  
 Most Base Hits:  
 Ray Cushman F.O. 13  
 Extra Base Hits:  
 Don Lauze U.L. 6 for 14  
 bases  
 Stolen Bases:  
 John Hardiman U.L. 4  
 Most Walks:  
 Jim Nolin Eagles 10  
 Fielding:  
 Infield-Wm. Clafin U.L. 17/16/1 970  
 Outfield-Jim Hokans F.F. 17/1/0 1000  
 Tim Hanegan Eagles 18/0/0 1000  
 Catcher/First Base: F.O.  
 Dave Olson 30/0/0 1000

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BANQUET MENU

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Tomato Juice Cocktail

Chicken (Barbequed)

Sweet Pickles Olives

Sweet Corn Potato Chips

Rolls & Butter

Ice Cream Cookies

Coffee

SPORTS

Softball Swimming

Horseshoes Boating

Badminton

Footrace:

Jim St. Onge F.F.



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To Former Players & Friends of Concord Sunset League:

This is the 50th season since baseball was first played at White Park in a formal league. It has recessed twice for World Wars but it still plays a major roll in the recreation and entertainment life of the community. The number of men who have played on the various teams, served in the league family and business men who have given financial support are legion.

For all the above plus our many fans and friends, the present League Family has planned a big "Home Coming", Sunday afternoon, June 29th, at White Park, Concord. (In case of rain a program has been planned at the Armory, back of City Hall.)

Starting right after dinner about 1:30, there will be an

Old Timers Game between

Penacook, led by Red Rolfe of N. Y. Yankee Fame

vs.

Concord, led by Ray McLean, now Head Coach of the Green Bay Packers

Following this game, our present All Stars will play against the Malden, Mass., City Club.

Most important of all there will be the opportunity to visit again with old friends. Twenty one or more players of the first season are hale, hardy and we hope to have them all with us on this date.

We are asking your help to pass this word to others, for it is impossible for the committee to complete contacts with every one we should.

If you live away, include this date and event in a return visit to Concord and help us with your presence to make this 50th Anniversary Home Coming a great success.

Looking forward to seeing you,

Your Golden Anniversary Committee  
Concord Sunset League

June 1958



1956

### Red Rolfe says "KEEP IT GOING"

Congratulations on the start of another Sunset League campaign. The fans and business firms of Concord are to be commended on their continued support of one of the few remaining amateur leagues in the nation.

No one realizes better than those of us who are working in the amateur athletic field how valuable the Concord Sunset League is to college athletics. Our rules of amateurism are strict and the boy who seeks to play baseball has few opportunities to further his development. The Sunset League is a perfect developing ground for the high school player who longs to play baseball in college, and perhaps make a name for himself in professional baseball.

My own professional career would have been impossible without Sunset League training. Young men of today would find a Major League career even more difficult without the benefit of this fine league. The town team as I knew it no longer exists. Therefore, the continuance of your fine league will give our local boys a tremendous advantage over many sections of the country where baseball is practically non-existent during the summer months.

I strongly urge the players to meet their responsibilities to the fans by playing a hard, clean, hustling game of baseball. The game must be made interesting. The league is for the benefit of the boys and only by such play can the support of the fans be expected. Keep in going!

Robert A. Rolfe, Director of Athletics, Dartmouth College

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THE SPORTS DESK by Bob Hilliard

It's the Diamond Anniversary

WHERE BEACON AND CHARLES Streets meet in Concord, there may have been more broken windows, in the mid-Thirties, than in all the city combined.

And why was this, pray tell.

Simply this: The homes at Beacon and Charles Streets were in direct line for whistling foul balls in Sunset League games, in addition to other action on the White Park diamond, and as a consequence, suffered much punishment.

Hardly an evening went by without the sound of crashing glass, and a cry of anguish from within.

Whether this was the motivating factor, one may only guess, but eventually the White Park diamond was moved directly about, with the plate switched to right-center field, where it is set today. Now the foul tips are no problem, and hitters slam the ball toward distant Beacon and Charles, with hardly a chance of putting one through a window. That would be a Herculean task, even for a Mickey Mantle.

At any rate, this is a season for memories at White Park, and at Memorial Field, where many of the Sunset League games are played, with the help of arcs, for this is the year of the Diamond Anniversary of the after-supper circuit, the oldest, still-active such in the United States today.

**THE FIRST GAME** was played at White Park on June 21, 1909, and the Park team completely annihilated the Old Timers, 14-0, according to records. Major League baseball was being played in Boston that year, 1909, but Fenway Park was still just a gleam on the architect's drawing board. It did not open for business until 1912, and one may check that out on a summer's evening at Fenway by glancing at the facade. The year is there for all to see, making it one of the oldest, still active parks in the major leagues. Prior to Fenway Park, Boston baseball was played at the old Huntington Avenue grounds.

Back to the Sunset.

This season is the 75th in the long history of Concord baseball, and that means Capital City fans have seen styles come and go, among them in the very pattern of the game itself, in the design of the uniforms, in the style of the equipment. Catchers' mitts have changed, infielders' gloves, outfielders' gloves, even the bases. They are today not more than two or three inches high at most. The game,

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one might say, had been refined from those primitive days, although the moderns have maintained the distances in the infield, from mound to plate, around the bases, and in that sense, not too much has changed.

The late Robert Abial (Red) Rolfe played in the Sunset League as a member of the Penacook team, and there were such other stalwarts as pitchers Ralph Cutting, Red Calkins, Dutch Leavitt, Hi Welch, Freak Cleveland, Loyd Carter, Denzil Rowe, home run hitting Jess McIsaac, smooth-fielding Frank Putnam, the Ceriello brothers, Bill and Rich Slattery, Ray McLean, who later played pro football after St. Anselm, and, of course, Shammy and Delly.

**SHAMMY ANGWIN** was a fiery catcher, and it is said he would let a foul pop drop rather than rip his mask and cap in an effort to catch it, since that would show his receding hairline. That story may not be absolutely true, for this writer has seen Shammy make some miraculous catches, many of them just inches away from the back-stop. He could have been a major league manager, and so, too, Delly Callahan, whom John McGraw himself wanted as an infielder with the New York Giants. Delly, instead, went to war. And the war continued when he returned to civilian life and the Sunset League, as he and Shammy would meet almost nightly to discuss the game that had just been played, and that is a most polite word. The discussions oftentimes ended in swinging melees as one disputed the other.

Shammy and Delly were high in baseball knowledge, in fact taught Red Rolfe much of the basics. They knew the Sunset League in its very first days, saw it grow to maturity, and flourish in the Thirties. It was a different life then, and without television and two or three cars to a family, the attention turned to after-supper baseball. Shammy even worked in bunting situations, where the step to first, by a left-handed batter, was taken almost before the bat tapped the ball, and that called for precision and speed. The guys would do it by rote. "What do you do with the bat after bunting the ball?" Shammy would ask young players. "You toss it near the catcher's knees so he has to play the bat, too," he would tell his startled listeners.

**ANOTHER PLAYER** in the Thirties is today the assistant to George Steinbrenner of the New York Yankees, Cedric Tallis. The writer remembers Cedric as an infielder, but he played other positions, too, as most players did then. Cedric was also a good basketball coach, at Concord Business School, and was groomed for a life of baseball by his tutor, Red Rolfe. He made it big, and today is recognized as one of the keenest minds in the game.

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WHITE PARKS

OLD TIMERS

	ab	r	lb	tb	po	a	e		ab	r	lb	tb	po	a	e
Callahan ss	2	4	1	1	3	0	0	J. M. Ahern lf	3	0	0	0	2	0	2
Favor cf	4	2	1	1	2	0	0	Taylor lf	2	0	0	0	0	1	0
Hannaford 3b	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	Wm. Ahern 3b	2	0	1	1	0	3	0
H. Angwin c	3	1	1	1	5	0	1	Kerslake 2b	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
O'Brien lf	4	1	1	1	3	0	0	Conway ss	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Watkins rf	4	1	1	1	0	0	0	Kennedy lf	2	0	0	0	4	0	1
D. Angwin 2b	3	1	1	1	0	1	0	Dec rf	1	0	1	1	0	0	1
Rushlow lf	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	Cote cf	2	0	1	1	1	0	0
Dunn p	3	2	0	0	1	1	0	Halpin c	2	0	0	0	5	0	0
								Beauchene p	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	28	14	8	8	15	2	1	Totals	18	0	3	3	12	4	7
Innings						1									
White Parks						2									
Old Timers						0									

Passed ball, Halpin, wild pitch, Beauchene  
 Base on balls off Dunn, off Beauchene 2  
 Hit by pitched ball, Hannaford. Struck out by Dunn 5, by Beauchene 5.  
 Time of game one hour. Umpire, Robert W. Upton.

The final Standing for 1909 was:

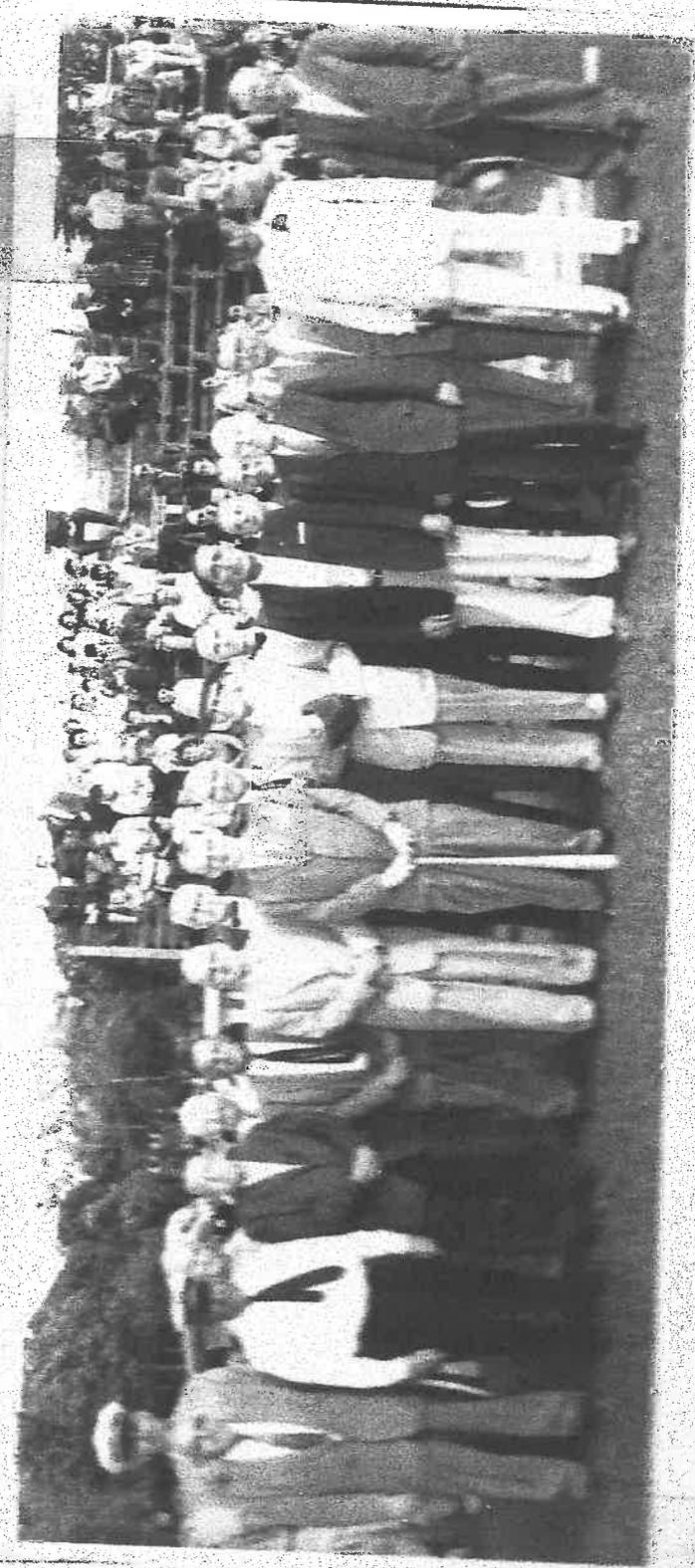
	Won	Lost	Percent
Haymakers	11	7	611
Old Timers	10	8	556
White Parks	9	9	500
Sluggers	6	12	333

Space will not permit listing all the players of the early years, but the names of a few may bring back memories of those days. The fans will remember many more players just as outstanding, and those of more recent years have been listed in Ruel Colby's complete coverage sports columns from time to time.

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| Rolfe, Bobby (Red)                         | Thompson Bill                      |
| Callahan, Eugene (Delly)                   | Ceriello, Alphonse (still playing) |
| Slattery, Bill                             | Kubicki, Stan                      |
| Angwin, Don (Shammy)                       | Kiley, Jim                         |
| Cutting, Ralph                             | Girard, Hector                     |
| Putnam, Frank                              | Parker, John                       |
| McLean, Ray (Head coach Green Bay Packers) | O'Brien, Frank                     |
| Murphy, Cuddy                              | McIsaac, Jess                      |
| Fraser, Roy                                | Sullivan, Sub                      |

# GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

1958



75th  
Year

# *Diamond Jubilee*

75th  
Year

The baseball field at White Park was provided about 1900, and many games were played at that time by the West End Resolutes, White Parks, B & M R. R. Shops, and Hub Killers. From 1902 through 1905, the New England League played its games at the Concord Fair Grounds and Rumford Field on Hall Street.

The Sunset League has now reached its Diamond Jubilee. In 1908 informal games were played, and led to the establishment of a championship league with a full schedule in 1909. On June 1st of that year the White Parks and Old Timers met in a game which was the beginning of a successful period of seventy-five years for the league. It is believed that this is the original after supper baseball league in the country.

The following account of the First Official League game was copied from the Concord Daily Patriot of June 22, 1909:

## THE SUNSET LEAGUE

### WHITE PARKS WIELD WHITEWASH BRUSH ON OLD TIMERS

The Sunset League is now launched successfully on the second season of its existence, with a circuit of four clubs representing different parts of the city. Every evening at 6:15 o'clock except Saturday, the weather permitting, a game is played. As these games are late in starting, five innings is the limit, but as the four or five hundred fans who nightly attend these contests express it, 'you get your moneys worth'.

Last night the White Parks gave the Old Timers a bad beating, but the score of 14 to 0 is not typical of these games, as scores of 2 to 1 and 3 to 2 are not uncommon. The features last night, outside of pitching by young Dunn were contributed by Hannaford with a catch of a red hot liner and by Callahan with a difficult stop of a grounder. Favor also helped to keep the goose egg column of the Old Timers intact by the capture of a couple of long flies. Tonight, stacked up against the Haymakers, the Old Timers will have a chance to win back their laurels. The score:

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Winnifred P. Johnson	Victor McFaul	Emery LaPierre
Raymond Wiseman	Winston Fogg	Tom Hardiman
Lennart Swenson	John Fraser	Robert Datson
Samuel Schneider	John McIntyre	Nick Georges
Clarence McCauley	Walter Kennedy	Earl Spooner
"Chokey" Iauuzzo	Reed Gourley	Lawrence Braley
Basil French, Jr.	Win Merrill	Elmer Howe
Harlan Johnson	Pat O'Brien	Guy Frost
Richard H. Horan	G. Tilton	Winfred Davis
Harley Thompson	Ralph R. Price	Francis Grant
Robert W. Prowse	Chet Hoadley	Clyde Fairbanks
Leroy F. Johnson	Edward Dame	Gus Crovo
Raymond Provost	Roland Foy	Herm Ham
Reginald Tibbetts	Dick Callahan	William Bowler
John Brock	Bill Glavin	Milton Duprey
Clifton Smith	Jim Smith	Leon Misuna
Paul Eastman	Richard Peale	George Supry
"Pete" LaFlamme	Richard Smith	Philip Speigel
"Delly" Callahan	Albert Page	Julius Kopel
Ernest Boutwell	Winfield Phillips	James Adams
Joe Shields	James Nelson	David Small
Bill Eastman	John Maynard	Morris Cohen
Jim Bell	Albert Shaw	Robert Jewell
Paul Knee	Abbott Clark	John Glennon
Don Woods	Joe Cronin	George McNeff
Billy Moran	Harold Langley	Paul Jobin
Howard Nelson	F. F. Hargraves	Robert Ling
"Red" Eastman	John V. Hanna	Samuel Speigel
George Ford	Alfred Champney	George Glazer
Ken Jones	J. Harold Johnson	Dana Bogart
Dick Callahan	Frederick Johnson	Ralph Cutting
F. Edward Rushlow	William J. Ahern	
Harold J. Simpson	Richard F. Ahern	

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## HAPPY 75TH ANNIVERSARY

Jim Jeannotte, Sports Director WKXL

Whether you're a new fan to Sunset League baseball, or you've been a follower for many of the past 75 years, there's one conclusion you each can reach . . . there's always a great night of entertainment at the White Park and Memorial Field diamonds.

Space does not allow us to relive all the many glorious moments Sunset League athletes have produced since 1909. However, as you watch tonight's game, take a minute, and in your own mind, recapture some of your favorite contests.

My association with the Sunset League began as a 15 year old scorer back in the mid 50s. What a thrill it was to sit on the hill and watch the Tom Hardimans of the day line a few shots to all areas of the park.

Following a bike ride home, there was the task of writing the game story so it could be at the Concord Monitor and on to Ruel Colby's desk bright and early the next morning.

There were a few remarks from players when they were charged with errors they knew they didn't commit, but it was all part of the job of being a teenaged official scorer.

In these times, there are so many activities around us that one of the toughest jobs for league officials is finding a scorer of any age. And that leads us to the sad facts of life: there's competition for players with a growing softball league . . . the crowds are not as large as they used to be . . . the media coverage is now shared with everything from rugby to soccer.

Despite all this, the grand old game continues to strut its stuff in the year of 1983. The baseball play is as good as ever.

You've made the effort to make it to the ball park this evening. Why not make that same effort at least once a week throughout the summer. As I said earlier, you'll be sure of a great night of entertainment. Your attendance in the stands tonight, and throughout the season, is the best way you can say Happy 75th birthday Concord Sunset League.



PROGRAMS DEDICATED TO  
A PERSON EACH YEAR

- 1960 Bill Thompson  
1961 Harold D Merrill  
~~1962~~ 1st Championship Game 1961  
1963 William J FHERN  
1964 Harold W Jones  
1965 Something new  
1966 A Good Thing continued  
1967 William F. Slattery  
1968 Sunset League by Jim Tennotte  
1969 Sunset League 61 years old  
1970 Red Rolfe  
1971 Mrs Pearson's Letter  
1972 Paul Phillips, Sgt. Billy Pearson  
1973 Sammy Anewin, Dolly Callahan  
1974 D. Murphy, A. Morrison, W. Phillips  
1975 William Glavin  
1976 Bicentennial Message  
1977 Ruel W Colby  
1978 White Park Team of 1928  
1979 Bill Thompson Tomb Stone  
1980 Rudy Michael  
1981 White Park Championship Team <sup>50 YEARS AGO</sup>  
1982  
1983 75th Anniversary  
1984 Bob Lauze  
1985

- 1986 Tom Curtis  
1987 William J Ahern  
1988 The Kallechey Brothers  
1989 Robert E. Sullivan  
1990 Joe Champagne  
1991 Paul A Champagne  
1992 Edson F Eastman "Red"  
1993 Walter A Smith

# William Penn Thompson

By RUEL N. COLBY

## "HI, NEIGHBOR!"

No one who ever knew Bill Thompson—and that means just about everybody in Our Town—will forget that cheery salutation with which the old-time ball player invariably greeted his friends.

Whether the day was sunny or gray Bill had the rare gift of making it brighter. . . . For here was a man of warmth and gentle humor and an abiding affection for people, young and old.

Long before Bill died in a Boston nursing home this week, he had become a legend in Concord—a truly great athlete of the old school who lived so full and long a span that tales of his deeds on the diamond had been passed down from generation to generation, like a bit of folklore.

No one knew, at least we never met a person who was sure, just how old Bill was. But sports accounts in the yellowed files of the Monitor prove he was playing baseball for town teams in this neighborhood for several years before the turn of the century.

In those times he made many junkets to far away places with ball clubs of varied description.

He was as well known to fans of Boston's Columbus Avenue area as he was to those in our Sunset League orchard at White Park.

Old-time ball players still in our area who remember Bill in his heyday as a catcher, have vouched for his remarkable strength and skill and agility.

In their accounts, William Penn Thompson achieved an heroic stature, fantastic as they were, that his own reminiscences never gave him. . . .

How much is fact and how much fiction in the chronicle of Bill's life we'll never know.

Widely traveled, welcomed always in the best sports company of tank towns and the big cities alike as a witty, wise and friendly soul, Bill Thompson has now "Gone to Glory," as he used to call it. Sunset League openers will never be the same without the jaunty parade marshal leading the march to the flagpole.

He was an unusual man—untutored so far as formal schooling went, but learned in the ways of humanity.

He will be long remembered in a community whose life he unwittingly enlivened and enriched in many ways.

—Reprinted from *Concord Monitor* of May 14, 1960



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**In Memoriam**

The host of Harold Merrill's friends were shocked to learn he passed away on May 30th. He went to the hospital on May 26th and the last thing he did on this day was to complete the details of this program and send it to the printer. It was typical of the deep sense of responsibility and thoroughness that were so much a part of his character. For many years he had served Concord as an alderman—his particular interest was our playgrounds. The wading pools throughout the city were constructed while he served on the Parks and Playgrounds committee. In later years his efforts have been the Community Center building in East Concord and the treasury of the Sunset League. To this last group he has given more time and effort than any other person. The pattern of his life has been interest in young people and helping the less fortunate, and the numbers that have shared his interest and help are legion. Typical of his thinking is the tribute in this program that he wrote of Bill Thompson and used in the space that Bill's ad appeared for several years.

We extend deepest sympathy to his family and assure them that the memory of a wonderful friend and co-worker that we mourn will always burn brightly within our hearts. It was a privilege to have known him.

Officers and Directors of the Sunset League

This year's program and schedule is dedicated to Harold D Merrill who passed away May 30, 1960 after a brief illness. For 26½ years he was a director and officer of the Sunset League and last year, before going to the hospital, completed the details of the 1960 program. This is no small task. Many of us were aware of it but not to the full degree until we had to take over this responsibility ourselves. At the 1958 Family Outing of the Sunset League the following Scroll was given Harold by his co-workers, that aptly expressed their feeling toward him and his efforts for the League.

### HAROLD D. MERRILL

Friend, Counsellor, Promoter 1933-1958

In recognition of your twenty five year record of continuous service as a director and officer of the Sunset League, we herewith present this scroll to you.

During the fifty years since this baseball league has been organized you have given more thought, time and effort to the details of management, finances and the adjustments necessitated by changing times than any other official.

While you have been reluctant to take the presidency, your counsel and experience have guided every major decision.

The officers, directors, players and other friends take this means of saying thank you and telling you that your efforts and contributions to the Sunset League Baseball and to good sportsmanship are recognized by all.

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Concord Sunset League provides a fine program for the experienced baseball players to continue in the game and the high school, legion and college player to gain experience that is invaluable.

We have a good following of fans, friends and families. Games are played in the beautiful setting of White's Park. Our claims are modest but our program is sound and the caliber of baseball played is good, in fact at times it is equal to high classification ball. As proof we offer the box score of the first game of the 1961 championship series which has been considered to be one of the best in this long series down through the years.

**RUMFORD PRESS EMPLOYEES**

**GRAPPONE'S FALCONS**

	ab	r	h	rbi		ab	r	h	rbi
Ross, 3rd	6	0	0	1	Wilner, 3b	6	0	1	0
Stewart, p. cf.	4	0	0	0	Keenan, cf.	5	0	0	0
McDonald, cf, lf.	5	0	0	0	Wheeler, lb.	5	0	0	0
West, c	5	0	1	0	Hardiman, lf.	5	0	2	0
Longley, 1b.	4	0	0	0	Bernier, p.	3	0	1	0
Babson, 2b	3	1	0	0	Fields, c	5	1	1	0
Soderstrom, rf.	2	0	0	0	Landry, rf.	4	0	0	0
Boucher, rf.	3	1	2	0	McCabe, ss.	5	0	2	0
Vezina, ss.	2	0	0	0	Smith, 2b.	5	0	2	1
Ham, rf.	0	0	0	0					
Hurst, lf. cf.	2	0	0	1					
Press	0	0	0	0	Falcons	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	2		0	0	0	1

1962 will produce many more fine games. We hope you will be with us often and bring some friends to support this fine Concord tradition and the only after supper league in New Hampshire.

The team called the Red Sox in '61 will be sponsored by Ferns Oil Co. this year and we are grateful for the support of this company as well as the other sponsors of teams, advertisers and friends that make it possible for us to continue the Concord Sunset League.

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## IN MEMORIAM

We shall miss visiting with one of the staunchest of Sunset League fans this summer for on November 13, 1962 William J. Ahern was called "home." He was a member of the "Old Timers" team the first year our league started in 1909. Later he served as director and president and in 1961 had the pleasure of seeing his son Bill lead the Rumford Press team as player-manager to the league Championship. The first president of the league was his father W. J. Ahern Sr., thus three generations of this family have been most active in Sunset League over a period of fifty-four years.

With this background and deep understanding and interest we all enjoyed visiting with him, for his friendly advice and wise counsel. We shall all miss William J. Ahern but we are ever grateful for his friendship and the contribution his family has made to the success of our League. To his family, we extend our deepest sympathy.

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## IN MEMORIAM

Since our last season five former players have been called by their gracious MAKER.

Howard W. Jones—Feb. 23, 1964—Considered by many as the finest high school pitcher in N. H. in the early 20's. He continued an outstanding record in our league and of late years had been a frequent spectator.

Raymond McLean—March 4, 1964. Showed great speed on the basepaths and later on the gridiron as he became a great college and professional football player, and coach. In 1958 he captained an Old Timers team against a team led by Red Rolfe in connection with our golden anniversary.

Louis Messier—March 9, 1964. An outstanding infielder who gave his pitchers great confidence with his plays at second base. Later years he contributed much to the league as an umpire.

Richard F. Lassonde Sr.—April 22, 1964—Went to work at an early age and picked up the fine art of a great receiver without the help of formal coaching. He was in demand as a catcher by many town and industrial teams over a wide area. Tough as iron behind the plate he was a friend of all when he took off his armor.

Clarence Lapierre—May 5, 1964—A fine infielder for the White's Park team in the 30's. Of late years he rarely missed a game from his favorite centerfield seat.

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Daniel Cusano—Dec. 30, 1963—We shall all miss the friendly smile and cheerful greeting from Dan who has sold ice cream and supported our league since the 20's. Dan was a friend of everybody and he loved all children. Death came suddenly after a family reunion as he played on the floor with his grandchildren. Truly a perfect ending of life.

To the families of these former players and friends we extend our deepest sympathy.

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### SOMETHING NEW

For the first time since the League started back in 1909 we will have FIVE teams instead of the usual four. With the Junior Legion unable to absorb more than five or six graduates of the growing Babe Ruth League each year, a situation has developed where summer baseball comes to an end for a number of boys with real baseball potential. This year Concord American Legion Post #21 becomes a new team sponsor in the league and their entry will be the Junior Legion team.

The United Life and Accident Insurance Co. will sponsor a team of recent Babe Ruth graduates who cannot be taken on by the Junior Legion team at this time. These boys will have an opportunity to play ball and gain much valuable experience for the years ahead. If this team needs pitching help the Junior Legion team will loan them some pitching and this in turn will allow the Legion staff regular work for all their members. Some of the adult coaches of the United Life team will be permitted to pinch hit, with these extra helps this team of youngsters will make a most creditable showing we predict. It also means that there will be games each week Monday through Friday.

### IN MEMORIAM

George Messier—June 9, 1964. After going to press last year word was received of the death of this fine second baseman of the 30's. One of four brothers that played in the League and later George and brother Louis formed an umpire team for many of our games.

Francis L. O'Brien—February 23, 1965. Known in sports circles as "Paddy" will be remembered as one of Concord's all time great athletes. First base was his favorite position but he did a lot of pitching in high school.

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### A GOOD THING CONTINUED

The United Life Insurance Co. will again sponsor a team of recent Babe Ruth graduates who cannot be added to the American Legion roster at this time. Last year we said that this experiment would take a year to see how and if it would work. The results were amazing.

The fine caliber of ball these youngsters displayed, the desire they demonstrated and the interest of the fans indicated that this was one of the most constructive moves the League has made in a long time.

So again in 1966 many boys, who would otherwise be idle, will be given the opportunity to play in 12 games and gain valuable experience at a very crucial period in their development.

### IN MEMORIAM

Charles Smith, a most active league director, died on June 10, 1965. The League greatly benefited by his interest and efforts. He derived particular pleasure in observing the progress of his grandson Jeff Smith, a Legion player for the past two years.

Returning from the 1965 Outing on September 12th we learned that Edward A. Dame, former treasurer and long time director of the Sunset League, had been called "Home". Ed Dame and the League grew up together and it was a very important part of his life, from the enjoyment of the game to his many efforts in making the League function.

On April 6, 1966, Concord suffered a great loss in the death of James D. Bell, Jr. at the age of 44. He was State Deputy Personnel Director and very prominent in musical affairs. In the late forties and early fifties, Jim played the outfield in our league and gave the fans great delight in his execution of the hit and run and run and hit plays.

To the families of these departed friends we extend our deepest sympathy.

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## IN MEMORIAM

### WILLIAM P. SLATTERY

Bill Slattery died at his home in Concord on May 17th after a period of failing health. He was one of the most outstanding players the Sunset League has ever had. In the League he played with the Durgin and Knights of Columbus teams. In the late twenties he was shortstop and captain of the Lewiston-Auburn in the New England League comparable in these times to Double-A ball.

In recent years he was interested spectator with special pride in the fine play of his grandson, Andrew Ansaldo Jr. a member of the 1965 and 66 Championship Rumford Press team.

We wish we had an accurate count of the number of men over the years that in our conversations of sports have told us of the great influence this man, as their coach, had on their lives.

To his family we extend deep sympathy.

In the Concord Daily Monitor of May 22, Ruel N. Colby wrote under the title "A Touch of Class" a fine column about Bill. The following was taken in part from this story.

"A versatile performer of rare inherent skills, to go with a fiery competitive flair, he brought distinction to the diamond and the basketball court, to the football gridiron and the cinder path.

Bill excelled in every sport he turned his hand to, providing a touch of class that today's Old-Timers still cherish in memory.

Slattery's stature as one of our finest all-around athletes—in an age when the town abounded in players of extraordinary caliber was never challenged.

A master psychologist, without benefit of academic portfolio the St. John's coach of the 1930s understood human nature—kids in particular. He got the most out of his teams giving direction and inspiration in a dimension which we have not witnessed since.

A natural leader and a man so revered by his squads that discipline was never a question, Slattery built over a 12 year span a winning tradition at Concord's Catholic School. And his was an influence for good on the boys who came under his tutelage.

His untiring efforts earned him the gratitude of the school, the parish and the town, and a lasting niche in the archives of New Hampshire sports.

We like to think that Bill got back, in his time, a little of that humaneness which he shared so generously during his long stewardship as a teammate and tutor . . . when vigor and vision marked his walk along sports' way."

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SUNSET LEAGUE

1968 is the 60th year for the Sunset League, which is proud of the title of "Oldest After Supper League In The United States." About 100 persons will be involved in this year's program . . . from the opening pitch to the final out late this Summer. This figure includes players, managers, umpires and league officials. Over the course of the League's history, it's been estimated that nearly 6,500 persons have participated in League activities in one form or another.

With such a large number of participants, it's impossible to acknowledge each and every person. Red Rolfe, of course, made the League proud when he made the long climb to stardom in the Major Leagues with the New York Yankees. A number of Sunset League Stars have been signed to Minor League contracts and dozens were college stars. The brand of baseball played by these Capital Cityans has helped bring the Sunset League into its 60th year.

The first official League Game was played June 21, 1909, with the White Park team downing the Old Timers 14-0. June 10, 1968 brings another League Opener and what is to follow is excitement nightly on the White Park Baseball Diamond.

Jim Jeannotte

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## WE ARE SIXTY-ONE YEARS OLD THIS YEAR

We will be a four team league this year. Games are scheduled for Mondays through Thursdays with make-up and tie games played on Fridays.

The 1968 Championship Series between the Rumford Press and Ferns Oilers will long be remembered as one of the "great ones". Extended to the full seven games, the last two contests were decided by 1 - 0 scores; the last game being a no-hit pitching performance by Ferns ace pitcher, Don Steenbeke.

To the fine effort and caliber of play of all the players and managers, the League directors are most appreciative.

We are pleased to report the activity of several former Sunset League players in college and professional baseball this year.

Jack Amrol	Bowdoin
Mike Blake	Baldwin Wallace
George Kallechy	University of Vermont
Barry Lewis	Nasson
Mike McGrath	Pershing
Jack Perron	Harvard
Peter Riel	University of New Hampshire
Jim Tagalakis	N. H. College of Accounting

### Professional

Tom Walsh	Greenville (Red Sox) Western Carolina-A
Jim Watson	Decatur, Ill. (San Francisco Giants)-A

We hope no one has been overlooked.

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Red Rolfe says "KEEP IT GOING"

Congratulations on the start of another Sunset League campaign. The fans and business firms of Concord are to be commended for their continued support of one of the few remaining amateur leagues in the nation.

No one realizes better than those of us who are working in the amateur athletic field how valuable the Concord Sunset League is to college athletics. Our rules of amateurism are strict and the boy who seeks to play baseball has few opportunities to further his development. The Sunset League is a perfect developing ground for the high school player who longs to play baseball in college, and perhaps make a name for himself in professional baseball.

My own professional career would have been impossible without Sunset League training. Young men of today would find a Major League career even more difficult without the benefit of this fine league. The own team as I knew it no longer exists. Therefore, the continuance of your fine league will give our local boys a tremendous advantage over many sections of the country where baseball is practically non-existent during the summer months.

I strongly urge the players to meet their responsibilities to the fans by playing a hard, clean, hustling game of baseball. The game must be made interesting. The league is for the benefit of the boys and only by such play can the support of the fans be expected. Keep it going!

Robert A. Rolfe, Director of Athletics, Dartmouth College

(We reprint this letter from our 1956 program)

Oct. 14, 1970

Dear Mr. Eastman,

I had a letter from my grandson Bob Pearson yesterday from Da Nang, Viet Nam and he wants me to thank you for the Sunset League schedule which you gave me to send. He said he more than appreciated reading it, even though the Falcons didn't win.

I have tried to get you on the phone, but guess you must be away.

Sincerely  
Mrs. Lura Pearson

The above note is brief but it says a lot to those who have supported the League with money and effort over the years.

Mrs. Pearson's maiden name was Lura Fraser and she had seven older brothers—Alfred, Bill, John, Arthur, Herbert, Frank, and Roy—all were fine ball players. Roy was a member of the "Haymakers" in the League's first season.

Mrs. Pearson remembers the first Sunset League season of 1909 and continues to attend our games regularly. It looks as if she will have good reason to continue her interest as Bob has two younger brothers with fine baseball ability. Bill, now in Viet Nam, played for the United Life team and John, a catcher, in the Babe Ruth League.

Bob was discharged from the Marines in early May and we look forward to his return to the League this season.

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**WE DEDICATE THIS PROGRAM**

To

**Commander Paul E. Phillips, U.S.N.**

And

**Sargent William R. Pearson, U. S. Air Force**

two former League players who died in the service of their country this past spring.

Paul had served nineteen years in the Naval Air Corp. At the time of his sudden death on March 19, 1972, he was Commanding Officer of Attack Squadron 215, Naval Air Station, Lemoore, California.

A graduate of Concord High School, Grinnell College, Grinnell, Iowa, and in 1954 he received his Masters degree from the University of Indiana.

He played football, basketball and baseball for Concord High School, and baseball for the American Legion and Sunset League. At Grinnell he played football. He played with a zest that was hard to equal. His coaches said he was a joy to have on any squad—always ready, able, and willing.

The pattern of his brief life was one of devotion to family, duty, and friends, and an example of leadership we shall always remember.

He is survived by his wife and four daughters, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Winfield J. Phillips, two sisters and three brothers.

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In last year's program, we printed a thank you note from Mrs. Lura Pearson and mentioned that one of her grandsons, Billy Pearson, a former member of the United Life team, was in Vietnam. On April 6, 1972, 20-year-old Sargent William R. Pearson of the U. S. Air Force was killed in a rescue mission over South Vietnam when his aircraft was shot down.

A native of Webster and a '69 graduate of Merrimack Valley Regional High School where he played baseball, Billy had served in the Air Force since March 1970. He had received his fourth medal for rescue missions.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pearson, Sr., of Webster, two sisters, three brothers, his paternal grandmother, Mrs. Lura Pearson of Concord, and his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William Bailey, Sr., of Boscawen.



WE DEDICATE THIS PROGRAM

To

Donald W. "Shammy" Angwin

12-13-72

and

Eugene M. "Delly" Callahan

5-17-73



Two men who played in the first season of the Sunset League in 1909 and the following two decades.

They actively contributed in the management and support of the League throughout their entire life. Last summer both men were in attendance at every game.

Shammy was a great catcher and later an outstanding manager and after that an umpire.

When time dictated he should be a spectator, he combined the roles of player, manager, and umpire into one. With the rule book in his hip pocket, sitting on the slope above 3rd base in beautiful White Park, those privileged to be near him were treated to a double feature.

Delly was an outstanding infielder, playing either second, short or third. After World War I he played semi-pro ball and from 1922 to 1957 was athletic director and coach at Concord High School. He also served as coach of the American Legion baseball team. When you coach baseball at one school for 35 years you instruct and influence a lot of young men. Delly was all that a coach should be and he used his position to mold character as well as baseball skills.

Bob Hilliard who played ball for both of these men recently wrote: "In a youthful Day, we looked on Shammy and Delly as the most important men in the world of baseball.

"Strangely, over the years that ideology never waned.

"Their lessons on the great American sport and how it should be played were so well taught, so ingrained, that they remain vivid to this day.

"Shammy and Delly were Abner and Doubleday to the sport of baseball.

"They gave much to the game and their students of the past era are that much richer for it all."

To Shammy and Delly we dedicate this program of the Sixty-fifth Sunset League Season.



**Dr. Paul F. Murphy**  
October 24, 1973



**Amos B. Morrison**  
November 25, 1973



**William H. O'Clair**  
February 18, 1974



**Winfield J. Phillips**  
March 30, 1974

In a six month period beginning last October, three members of the League's official family were lost by death.

League Vice President Dr. Paul F. Murphy died suddenly on October 24, 1973 while playing tennis.

Paul played football, basketball and baseball at St. John's high school and at Cushing Preparatory School. He served in the Air Force during World War II. He entered the Palmer (Iowa) College of Chiropractics, graduating in the class of 1948. Followed by two years of advanced study at Lincoln (Neb.) College of Chiropractics.

In 1969 he organized Pop Warner football in Concord and coached it for four years.

Paul loved people and particularly young people and he probably shared the confidence of more teenagers than any single person in our city.

For several years he served as Attendance Official for the public schools. He was very successful in improving attendance records because he worked far beyond the call of duty on the problems that caused poor attendance.

He is survived by his wife, a son and four daughters.

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William H. O'Clair, chief maintenance engineer at N. H. Technical Institute for nine years died suddenly at his home on February 18, 1974.

Over the years Bill put in a lot of time with Little League baseball and later as the Technical Institute athletic program developed he worked with their baseball teams and directed talent to our League. He was a most helpful director and was in regular attendance at the games enjoying the action with the "gang" on the hill above 3rd base.

He is survived by his wife, two daughters and three sons.

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Winfield J. Philips, "Windy" to all, died on March 30, 1974. He had attended League games all his life and would recall going to games as a small boy with his father. Windy started to learn the banking business after graduation and advanced to become Bank Commissioner for New Hampshire. He also served as State Treasurer. In public life he was a member of our city council for 18 years and represented his ward in the state legislature.

He believed and practiced physical fitness with special interest in tennis, swimming and volley ball. As an early member and guide of the Appalachian Mt. Club he climbed Mt. Washington over 125 times.

He was a long time vice president of the League and was looked up to as our chairman of the board.

He is survived by his wife, two daughters and three sons. His oldest son, Commander Paul E. Phillips, U. S. N. Air Corp and a former league player died in 1972.

Each of these three men had a deep interest in our program but a deeper interest in the players themselves.

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Amos B. Morrison, "Stubby" to his team mates on the "OLD TIMERS" of the League's first year, died on November 25, 1973. At the time of his death he was a resident of the N. H. Odd Fellows Home.

For 32 years he was tax collector for the city of Concord. Deacon Emeretus of the United Baptist Church and a 60 year member of White Mountain Lodge, IOOF.

He is survived by his daughter and a grand daughter.

Our deep sympathy is extended to the families of these men.

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Richard "Red" Felton died at Providence, R. I. on June 22, 1973. Red was a fine Pitcher-Outfielder for the K of C and the White Park team of the early 20's.

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### In Memoriam

Llewellyn "Red" Boutwell  
Kenneth J. Osgood  
Lewis "Chokey" Ianuzzo  
John S. Holden

January 14, 1975  
January 23, 1975  
March 24, 1975  
April 1, 1975



William "Bill" Glavin  
February 17, 1975

On February 17th William F. "Bill" Glavin, long time director and recent vice president of the League died, at the age of 77. In soliciting ads and as a member of the Kitchen Crew at the Outing he was tops. Sunset League was just one of his many interests. He was a member of the First Congregational Church and a former deacon. He served on the advisory board of the Salvation Army and was active in political organizations and senior citizen programs. Represented ward 7 in the Legislature from 68-71. Taught and coached at Warner High School for 18 years and worked for the New Hampshire Division of Vocational Rehabilitation for 22 years.

His enthusiasm for life, his interest in people, old and young, and his daily activities in community programs belied his age. He loved baseball all his life and participated as a player, coach, fan and a most active Sunset League director.

The flag that flies in right field this year was presented to his family by the American Legion at his committal service and in turn presented to Sunset League by his family, for which we are deeply grateful.

To his four daughters and their families we extend deepest sympathy and assure them that the memory of this wonderful man will always burn bright within our hearts.

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## BICENTENNIAL MESSAGE

Gardner Hill

When I was first asked to do this assignment, I couldn't figure out where to start. Then I started thinking and realized that our Bicentennial celebration and the Sunset League both have something very basic in common. That something is TRADITION. The Sunset League has been on the scene for nearly seven decades and it is steeped in tradition. Baseball is a symbol of America. It is still the Grand Old Game. The sport is as much a part of Americana as the traditional apple pie.

There is however one disturbing aspect to our Bicentennial Celebration to me. Like Christmas, it has become a commercialized venture. One can purchase just about anything in red, white and blue color combinations, including one particular brand of beer in the can. Perhaps there is no intended harm and perhaps I am over reacting, but I think it would be more meaningful if we concentrated on what the Bicentennial truly represents.

Unfortunately, it is not fashionable these days to sound too patriotic. To be called a flag-waver is interpreted by some to be an insult. However, there is certainly nothing wrong with wanting to preserve the values that made this the great nation it is. Those values were conceived by our Founding Fathers and have been molded and further developed by succeeding generations. Time is the true test of greatness and this country is about to mark 200 years of time. There is a saying, "good, better, best, never let it rest, til your good is better and your better, best." That's a pretty good guideline for all of us to improve this country. We must all strive to make it a better place daily. The best way to celebrate the Bicentennial, is to rededicate ourselves to the American ideals.

Congratulations to the Sunset League for another season of participation in the American Tradition.

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### *In Memoriam*

William "Bill" Kirby	October 13, 1975
Guy "Buddy" Strachan	January 19, 1976
Peter Kallechey	February 2, 1976
Rev. Michael Genovese	March 18, 1976
Anthony "Tony" Diversi	April 6, 1976



This year's Sunset League Program is dedicated to the memory of Ruel N. Colby, long time Sports Editor for the Concord Monitor where he worked from 1928-1971. After his retirement he continued to write a column from time to time. He had a great interest in our League and followed the development of players in college and professional baseball and into their chosen life's work.

He was beloved by his city and was widely known throughout our state, New England and beyond these borders.

Many fine and deserving tributes have been paid to this talented, kindly person. One of his friends remarked, "He never wrote anything critical of anyone."

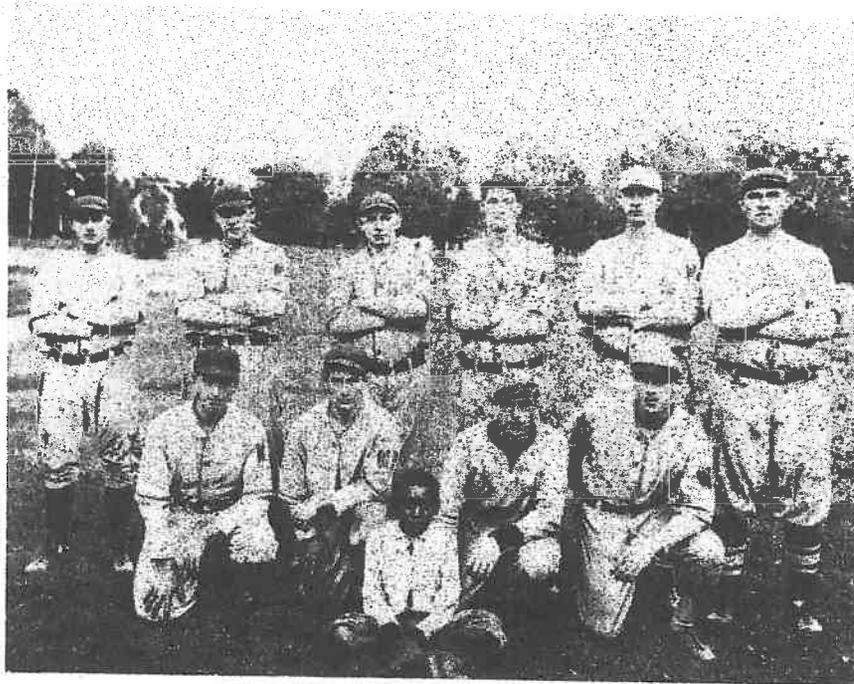
I am sure he would be pleased to know we all remember him for his tolerance that helped people to forget their errors and strive to do better in their daily endeavors, whether it be at work or play.

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### **In Memoriam**

Norman F. Hackett	June 10, 1976
Nelson A. Tucker	February 8, 1977
Paul L. Smith	February 28, 1977
Eugene "Minnow" Landry	April 23, 1977
Ruel N. Colby	May 11, 1977
Raymond V. LaPoint	May 17, 1977

SUNSET LEAGUE CHAMPIONS OF 50 YEARS AGO



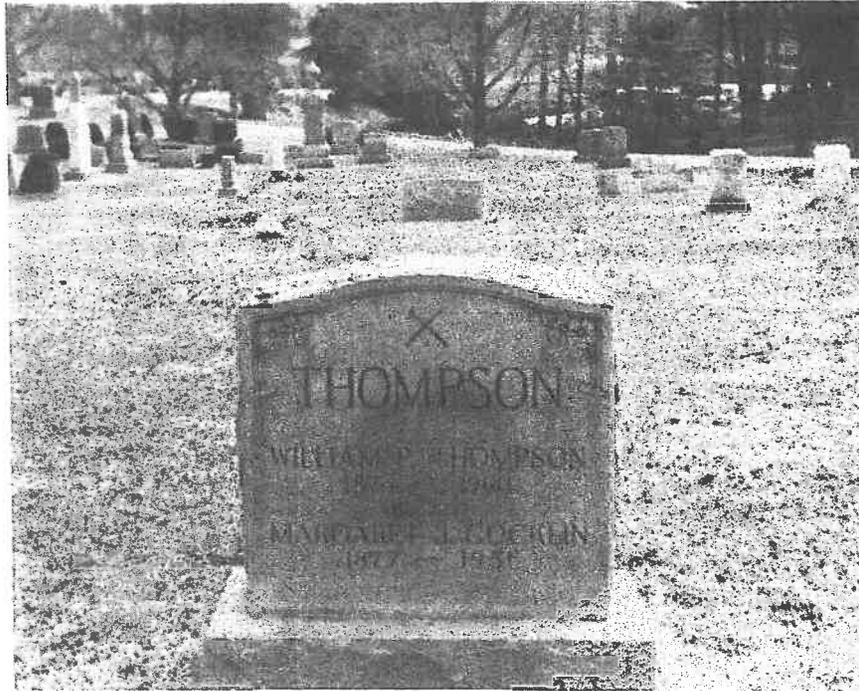
WHITE PARK TEAM OF 1928

*Back Row:* \*Mino Landry, \*George Crutchfield, \*Shammy Angwin, Paul Haskell, Pep Shepard, \*Jess Mlssac. *Front Row:* \*Red Felton, \*Louis Messer, \*Charlie Nutter, \*Sub Sullivan. *Mascot:* Sunny Hause. *Absent:* \*Rich Slattery, \*Delly Callahan, Frank Putnam.

\* Deceased

**In Memoriam**

Ralph S. Cutting	July 9, 1977
Raymond J. O'Brien	July 29, 1977
Stanton "Tick" Jones	August 10, 1977
Wilfred "Dutch" Leavitt	January 19, 1978
Kenneth W. Jones	January 26, 1978
Robert O'Brien	February 19, 1978



The White Park entry of 50 years ago were the 1929 League Champions. They were the Champions in 1928 too and last years program carried their picture.

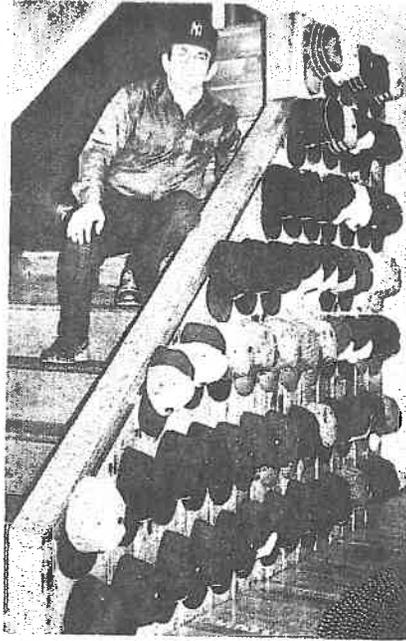
Several times a year we treat ourselves to a visit with Harold Flanders who played with the Old Timers in our first season of 1909.

Many of the players he talks about we never were priviledged to know. He often speaks of Bill Thompson though that we did know well. One day Harold said Bill Thompson has Crossed Bats on his stone in Blossom Hill Cemetery. This seemed in keeping with Bill's great interest in baseball and Andy Michael took this picture. Hawy people often wondered about Bill's age. It is right on the stone, 1874-1960. Should you want to see it sometime take the south entrance, go past the pond, you will come to a monument of a Minute Man with a rifle, it is in this area.

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### In Memoriam

Thomas P. Glennon, 2nd	September 30, 1978
James Copadis	November, 1978
Albert M. Hardy	December 15, 1978
Frank Michaels	May 7, 1979



ANDY MICHAEL

Sunset League continues its existence these days because Andy Michael, Sr., makes a super effort each spring to obtain financial support in the form of advertising for our program book.

He personifies the phrase, "A MAN WITH MANY HATS" as attested to the above picture taken in his home. Every team in the American and National leagues are represented beside many worn by individual stars of the game, also in his collection of over 100 baseballs are included ones autographed by Mrs. Babe Ruth, Red Rolfe, Joe DiMaggio, Cedric Tallis.

Andy grew up on Gladstone St. a stones throw from White Park. His connections with the League started as bat boy, helped when volunteers were responsible for getting the field ready, ran the scoreboard, and played with Irv Edelstein Hooz's entry. He presently is vice-president of the League and co-manages the United Life entry with his long time friend Phonzey Ceriello, but second only to his fund-raising efforts is his great work as an AMBASSADOR for the League 365 days a year.

A Tip of the Hat to Andy Michael!

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### In Memoriam

Lt. Col. Philip W. West

October 6, 1979

Ralph DeAngelis

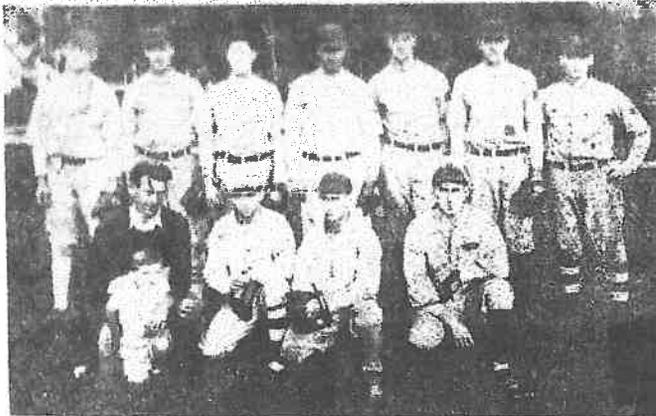
November 17, 1979

Lloyd C. Carter

December 18, 1979

Welington "Tink" Reed

March 4, 1980



### The White Park Championship Team of 50 Years Ago

Back Row—Paul Haskell, Donald McFarland, Denzil Rowe, Arthur "Jess" McIsaac, Monte Haskell, Albert Hardy, Arthur Roy.  
 Front Row—Manager Jimmy Callahan & son Eugene, Johnny King, Louis Messier, Frank Putnam.

### The Haymakers Are Back

The Haymakers were one of the original four teams in 1909. This is the name of the replacement team that has been sponsored by the Fraternal Order of Eagles in recent years.

It costs about \$1,000 to completely outfit a team these days. We found it difficult to find a sponsor who would underwrite this amount alone.

We are very pleased to tell you that ten, one hundred dollar donations have been received. These came from four former players, a service club and five firms. The response was very gratifying and greatly appreciated. The color is Blue.

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Two players that have given us great effort and been grand to work with will be missing this year. Alan Paige player-manager of the Eagles team has taken employment in Manchester and finds a schedule conflict. Dave Anderson of the Ferns Oilers and the baseball coach of Merrimack Valley High School will be working with the American Legion Post 21 team. The fact that Dave is 38 has nothing to do with his decision.

### Playing College Ball This Spring

DAVE BLANDFORD  
 KIP CERVENY  
 CURT COLBY  
 PETER HALEY  
 JEFF HOADLEY  
 DARREN SABEAN  
 BRIAN SMITH  
 JEFF STOHRER  
 STEVE STOHRER

University of Maine  
 Dartmouth  
 St. Michael's  
 St. Anselm's  
 West Point  
 New England College  
 Lowell University  
 University of N.H.  
 New England College

THE SPORTS DESK by Bob Hilliard

It's the Diamond Anniversary

WHERE BEACON AND CHARLES Streets meet in Concord, there may have been more broken windows, in the mid-Thirties, than in all the city combined.

And why was this, pray tell.

Simply this: The homes at Beacon and Charles Streets were in direct line for whistling foul balls in Sunset League games, in addition to other action on the White Park diamond, and as a consequence, suffered much punishment.

Hardly an evening went by without the sound of crashing glass, and a cry of anguish from within.

Whether this was the motivating factor, one may only guess, but eventually the White Park diamond was moved directly about, with the plate switched to right-center field, where it is set today. Now the foul tips are no problem, and hitters slam the ball toward distant Beacon and Charles, with hardly a chance of putting one through a window. That would be a Herculean task, even for a Mickey Mantle.

At any rate, this is a season for memories at White Park, and at Memorial Field, where many of the Sunset League games are played, with the help of arcs, for this is the year of the Diamond Anniversary of the after-supper circuit, the oldest, still-active such in the United States today.

**THE FIRST GAME** was played at White Park on June 21, 1909, and the Park team completely annihilated the Old Timers, 14-0, according to records. Major League baseball was being played in Boston that year, 1909, but Fenway Park was still just a gleam on the architect's drawing board. It did not open for business until 1912, and one may check that out on a summer's evening at Fenway by glancing at the facade. The year is there for all to see, making it one of the oldest, still active parks in the major leagues. Prior to Fenway Park, Boston baseball was played at the old Huntington Avenue grounds.

Back to the Sunset.

This season is the 75th in the long history of Concord baseball, and that means Capital City fans have seen styles come and go, among them in the very pattern of the game itself, in the design of the uniforms, in the style of the equipment. Catchers' mitts have changed, infielders' gloves, outfielders' gloves, even the bases. They are today not more than two or three inches high at most. The game,

one might say, has been refined from those primitive days, although the moderns have maintained the distances in the infield, from mound to plate, around the bases, and in that sense, not too much has changed.

The late Robert Abial (Red) Rolfe played in the Sunset League as a member of the Penacook team, and there were such other stalwarts as pitchers Ralph Cutting, Red Calkins, Dutch Leavitt, Hi Welch, Freak Cleveland, Loyd Carter, Denzil Rowe, home run hitting Jess McIsaac, smooth-fielding Frank Putnam, the Ceriello brothers, Bill and Rich Slattery, Ray McLean, who later played pro football after St. Anselm, and, of course, Shammy and Delly.

SHAMMY ANGWIN was a fiery catcher, and it is said he would let a foul pop drop rather than rip his mask and cap in an effort to catch it, since that would show his receding hairline. That story may not be absolutely true, for this writer has seen Shammy make some miraculous catches, many of them just inches away from the backstop. He could have been a major league manager, and so, too, Delly Callahan, whom John McGraw himself wanted as an infielder with the New York Giants. Delly, instead, went to war. And the war continued when he returned to civilian life and the Sunset League, as he and Shammy would meet almost nightly to discuss the game that had just been played, and that is a most polite word. The discussions oftentimes ended in swinging melees as one disputed the other.

Shammy and Delly were high in baseball knowledge, in fact taught Red Rolfe much of the basics. They knew the Sunset League in its very first days, saw it grow to maturity, and flourish in the Thirties. It was a different life then, and without television and two or three cars to a family, the attention turned to after-supper baseball. Shammy even worked in bunting situations, where the step to first, by a left-handed batter, was taken almost before the bat tapped the ball, and that called for precision and speed. The guys would do it by rote. "What do you do with the bat after bunting the ball?" Shammy would ask young players. "You toss it near the catcher's knees so he has to play the bat, too," he would tell his startled listeners.

ANOTHER PLAYER in the Thirties is today the assistant to George Steinbrenner of the New York Yankees, Cedric Tallis. The writer remembers Cedric as an infielder, but he played other positions, too, as most players did then. Cedric was also a good basketball coach, at Concord Business School, and was groomed for a life of baseball by his tutor, Red Rolfe. He made it big, and today is recognized as one of the keenest minds in the game.



*1928 - 1983*

In recording some Sunset League history for its 75th anniversary last year, director Bob Lauze came forth with the following information. Last year's program contained more details.

Bob was experiencing a serious health problem at the time but made the effort to record a most interesting and inovative program during World War II years 1942-44. Thank you Bob.

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The Sunset League, since its inception in 1909, has been a legend in Concord. It's competitive spirit and local participation began on boys at a young age. Two such individuals, Bud DeAngelis and Bob Lauze as Rundlett Junior High students realized in 1942 that World War II was going to force an interruption in this after-supper baseball league as more and more participants were being called into the service. Their planning resulted in the formation of the Sunset Sandlot League. A forerunner of organized Little League, for three years, local youths organized within themselves, played a full schedule. Local merchants were solicited for funds to enable the youthful players to purchase equipment. Unfortunately, some of the records have been lost but some of the clippings are being inserted in this, the 75th issue of the league program, in an effort to remind all baseball enthusiasts that the longest after-supper baseball league in America, was kept alive and has resisted any interruption over the years. In fact, it can be seen in one clipping, that by the close of the war, even the Sandlot league was sending some of its participants into the world conflict. To those who served our country away from home, to those who gave their lives so that such legends could continue on, to those who were a part of the Sandlot League, to those who in any way contributed in making this possible, thank you, so much . . . and let's PLAY BALL!

*Bob Lauze*



*William J. Ahern, 3rd Manager,  
of the 1958 and 1961 Rumford Press League Champions*

### **THE WILLIAM J. AHERN FAMILY & CONCORD SUNSET BASEBALL LEAGUE**

William J. Ahern Sr., the second president of the league, had two sons, William J. Ahern, Jr., and J. Mitchell Ahern "Duff" who played 3rd base and left field respectively for the OLD TIMERS in the first game the league played on June 21, 1909.

After their playing days, W.J. Jr. and J. Mitchell served terms as presidents of the league. For our 50th program in 1958, W.J. Jr. researched records and accounts that proved very interesting and helpful.

Now we come to our present Bill "Butch" son of W.J. Jr. A fine infielder in the league in the 50's & 60's. In 1958 and '61 Bill was the manager of the Rumford Press entry winning championships both years.

Since 1976 Bill has handled the detail duties of league treasurer, completing three generation family who have worked, played, and served in various official capacities. A great deal of Concord Sunset's leagues success has been due to the dedication from 1909 to the present to the Ahern family members.



*Peter, John, and Chris*

### **KALLECHEY BROTHERS**

Over the years The Sunset League was graced with the talents of many brothers but in its long history no family ever produced more league players than the Kallechy's.

Brothers Peter, Harry, Chris, Petro and John were prominent names in the teams lineups during the thirties, forties and the fifties.

These five brothers served their country in World War II.



**ROBERT E. SULLIVAN**  
*Our Secretary*

If you wanted to brush up on the history of the Concord Sunset League, Bob Sullivan would be an excellent person to talk with, as he grew up in the house of the corner of Beacon and Charles streets. In that era of the Sunset League, home plate was located opposite Bob's front door and the windows of the house had to be covered for protection from foul balls.

Bob played football and baseball at Concord High School and graduated in 1933. He caught American Legion baseball for Shammy Angwin and also for Boutwell's team in the Sunset League. At UNH he lettered in basketball and baseball, and was the only basketball player at UNH to letter, that came from a high school that did not have a basketball team. Bob graduated from UNH in 1937 and from 1943 to 1946 he was in the Naval Air Corps. He then returned to The State Parks and Recreation Department, and for thirty-five years was the chief engineer for the Department, and retired in 1981. He was called back to the Department to supervise the installation of new chair lifts at both Cannon and Sunapee mountain ski areas.

For fifteen years Bob assisted Ken Jones in Penacook's Little League program and they produced many championship teams. Bob and wife Madeline have a son, Bob, who was an excellent 1st. Baseman in Little League, High School, and American Legion baseball. A most superlative situation exists in Bob's family, as his mother is 100 years old and lives with Bob's sister in Mass., where she does all of the cooking.

Bob serves as the financial officer of American Legion Post #31 and also has served nine years on the Merrimack Board of Education. For 1989 Bob has been honored as being the most outstanding School Board Member in New Hampshire. Bob was asked to be the "Clerk of the Works" for the recently completed new Merrimack Valley Middle School. Whether it was skill or luck, Bob was the proud recipient of a plaque from Beaver Meadow Golf Course which honored his "HOLE IN ONE" dated Oct. 2, 1988.

Robert Sullivan's family and his community can certainly be proud of him, and appreciative of his outstanding record of community service in the past, and his continued service to his community now and in the future. To Bob we say "Thanks" many times over.

**JOE CHAMPAGNE**  
*Oldest Living Former Player*



The Concord Sunset League's oldest living ex-player is Joe Champagne, 96 years young and in good health. Joe has lived in Concord all of his life and raised a family of six children, three boys and three girls. They also have made Concord their home during their lifetimes. A son, Pete, passed away in 1985.

Joe played Sunset League baseball in the late teens and early 1920's. He was a shortstop; possessed with a good arm, and very adapted at hitting to all fields. We thank his family and friends for this scouting report. At 5'5" 125 lbs., he exemplified hustle on the field and utilized his great speed, sliding ability and knowledge of the game to the fullest. He was an outstanding ball player in his "era" and was a member of the 1921 White Park Championship Team. While serving in the Army, in France during World War I, he played on an "Army Division" Championship Team. He also became quite renowned as an Army boxer.

After his baseball playing days were over, back home he enjoyed going to Sunset League games his entire life. He himself always kept physically active during his lifetime, but had to give up golf at age 90. His family enjoyed participating in sports and this gave him great pleasure.

We salute you Joe, for the person you have always been, your life, your wonderful family, and for being the Concord Sunset Baseball League's oldest ex-player.

**PAUL CHAMPAGNE**

*"We miss you Paul"*

*"Thanks" for your many years of service.*



The Concord Sunset league will be missing a longtime friend this summer. It seems that Paul was destined to be a part of the Sunset League, as his father and brothers were before him. He spent his whole life in the White Park area; enjoying baseball games, helping at Sunset League games, and giving worthy advice to many players of all ages.

Paul served his Country during WW II, and upon returning home renewed his interest in the Sunset league and was a member of the Board of Directors for 25 years. He helped in "passing the hat" at games for years and did so as late as last summer. On an occasion he would umpire a game, but mainly enjoyed his friendship with the many players that he came to know over the years.

He enjoyed teaching and coaching youth. Paul coached the White Park Midget Football team and led them to a few championships. He went on to be an assistant coach for the Concord Pop Warner football team where he earned the title of "Vince" from the boys he coached. This nickname of affection from those he coached meant a lot to him. He spent winters in his latter years in Florida, enjoying shuffleboard in the Bradenton League, and viewing Major League spring training games.

It is with fond memories that the Sunset League remembers and honors Paul Champagne; but it is from family members who remember him as a loving husband, a wonderful father, and a special grandfather, that he receives his greatest tribute. We all thank you Paul, for a life that enriched all that knew you.

President  
1950-1991

EDSON F. EASTMAN

President  
Emeritus  
1992



"Red" is retiring as the active volunteer President of the Sunset League. As president for 42 years, he organized the League for each new season, coordinated its game day needs, and supervised the duties of League officials at games. He always appreciated the faithful persons that assisted him in League affairs, and cherished them as friends.

At ballgames, "Red" enjoyed the many good plays that were made during the course of each game, and knowing the players, their parents, and families. That the League provided an opportunity for young men to continue to play baseball after high school and military service, and during college years, was a source of great satisfaction to him. Many of these players continued to play in the League for several years providing mature "on the field leadership" to their teams.

During "Red's" Presidential years one remembers; when all games were played at White Park; the big crowds that attended games after WW II and the years that followed; the annual end of the season picnic and awards ceremonies at Bear Brook State Park for players and families, the competitive competition that each season provided; and the loyal support of team sponsors, program advertisers, and prize donors.

"Red's" love of the League and its objectives were unbounded, and it is a joy to him that the league will have continued success under its new leadership.

"Red", everyone thanks you for being the Sunset League President for such a long duration with continued success, and with such exemplary dedication. May you enjoy many Sunset League games in the future.

With Great Respect,  
Your Friends

## DEDICATION

The 1993 Sunset Baseball League Program is dedicated to the memory of Mr. Walter A. Smith. Mr. Smith served as the second Executive Director of the NHIAA from 1958-1984. He passed away October 14, 1992.

Mr. Smith graduated from Springfield College in 1953 where he lettered in basketball, baseball and football. He received a Masters Degree from the University of Illinois in 1954.

The NHIAA experienced its greatest growth during Mr. Smith's tenure as NHIAA Executive Director. Girls sports were virtually unheard of and sports such as wrestling and lacrosse were non-existent. Soccer, the sport in New Hampshire with the largest student athlete participation, was in its infancy at the beginning of Mr. Smith's tenure.

In addition to his State Association involvement, Smith had many outside athletic interests. He served as Vice President of the National Federation of State High School Associations as well as on numerous national, state and local officiating boards. For seven years he was the Umpire and Chief of the Senior Little League World Series. From 1961 to 1992 he served on the Union Leader Board of Judges for the Athlete of the Month program and was the Chairman of the Board at the time of his death. The 1993 Carl Lundholm Award was recently presented posthumously to Mr. Smith by the Board of Judges. Additionally, the prestigious Union Leader Coaches Hall of Fame Awards have been renamed as the Union Leader Walter Smith Coaches Award.

Anyone who ever participated in New Hampshire high school sports during the period of 1958-1984 should take a moment to reflect on what Walter Smith's dedication to the betterment of high school athletics has meant to them as well as to the State of New Hampshire.



# CITY OF CONCORD

In the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety-four

## RESOLUTION

Naming the White Park Baseball Field after Edson F. Eastman

The City of Concord resolves as follows:

WHEREAS, Edson F. Eastman spent most of his 88 years in Concord, New Hampshire, as a graduate of the University of New Hampshire, as a dairy farmer on South Spring Street, as a State Department of Education employee for 10 years, and as a charter member of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee, and

WHEREAS, Edson F. Eastman was honored as Man of the Year in 1980 by the Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce, and received many other citations for his service to the community, and

WHEREAS, Edson F. Eastman devoted over 42 years of his life to the organization and promotion of the Sunset Baseball League and provided guidance and support to many young players in the community, and

WHEREAS, the Sunset Baseball League requests that Edson F. Eastman be remembered for the sport he loved most and pledges itself to improve the field in his memory,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Concord City Council, in convention assembled, hereby proclaim that the baseball field at White Park be from this day forward, officially know as RED EASTMAN FIELD.

In City Council,  
September 12, 1994  
Passed.

  
Elizabeth Campbell, City Clerk

  
William J. Veroneau, Mayor



# RED EASTMAN FIELD

Dedicated to Red Eastman

Citizen of the Year - 1980

Faithful and Beloved President

1950 - 1992

The Concord Sunset League

Concord City Council  
September 12, 1994



46 South Spring St.  
Concord, NH 03301  
July 29, 1997

tel. 225-3001

William Veroneau  
Mayor, City of Concord

Dear Mayor Veroneau,

I direct this inquiry to you and the Concord City Council. On September 12, 1994 the Concord city Council passed a resolution that the baseball field at White Park be named " Red Eastman Field ". I was presented a nice plaque by the City Council that so honored my father. I have enclosed a copy of this resolution.

It seems only appropriate that a marker of some type be placed in White Park indicating that the baseball field there is now known as " Red Eastman Field ".

I hope that the City Council would approve such a marker being placed in White Park. If the City Council approved of this, but could not find the funds to finance this endeavor, my brother and I would be willing to finance such a marker.

If such a marker is approved by the City Council I would be willing to meet with the Parks and Recreation director relative to discussing what type of marker might be appropriate, and the possible location of such a marker. There also might be City Councilors whose efforts on this behalf would be greatly appreciated.

Hopefully this idea merits your support and approval, and that of the Concord City Council.

Respectfully yours,

*Paul R. Eastman*  
Paul R. Eastman



# City of Concord, New Hampshire

CITY COUNCIL

August 12, 1997

Mr. Paul R. Eastman  
46 South Spring Street  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Dear Mr. Eastman:

At the City Council's August 11 meeting, the City Council considered your request that a marker be placed in White Park indicating that the baseball field is known as "Red Eastman Field".

The City Council voted to grant your request provided that you work with Recreation Superintendent Carolyn Tracy on the wording, type and placement of the marker.

Sincerely,

  
Elizabeth Campbell, CMC  
City Clerk

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Recreation  
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Estimote Realizes this award is going to be his.



# The Sixth Generation

## Chamber Honors Red Eastman, The Colonel's Descendant

*Dick Flavin rocks the chamber, page 3.*

By JOHN G. FERLAND  
Monitor Staff Writer

Red Eastman has a brief story he likes to tell about his roots in the city. When asked if he's a Concord native, Eastman's face brightens with that easy grin of his and he says, "Colonel Ebenezer Eastman was the first resident of the community. And I'm a sixth generation descendant.

Naturally, that makes Red Eastman — Edson F. Eastman, CHS, 1924 — very proud.

"I don't think there's anyone else who can say that," he said, recalling his family tree. "When people say, 'are you from Concord?' I kind of chuckle. Nobody is more proud of the town than I am. I wouldn't say that I'm better than anybody else, but I think that the meaning of my town is a little more meaningful to me."

And last night, nobody was prouder of Red Eastman than the town he has lived in for so long.

The Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce awarded its prestigious Carl E. Nason citizenship award to Eastman. Nason was a civic-minded druggist who died about 11 years ago.

Eastman's selection was a secret. He thought that he was attending the meeting just to hear the featured speaker, Dick Flavin, a political satirist. Eastman's sons, Bill of Chapel Hill, N.C., and Paul of Amityville, N.Y., surprised their father with a visit to the award ceremony at the New Hampshire Highway Hotel.

"I guess I'm the most ancient one who ever got it," he said, smiling once more. Eastman is 74.

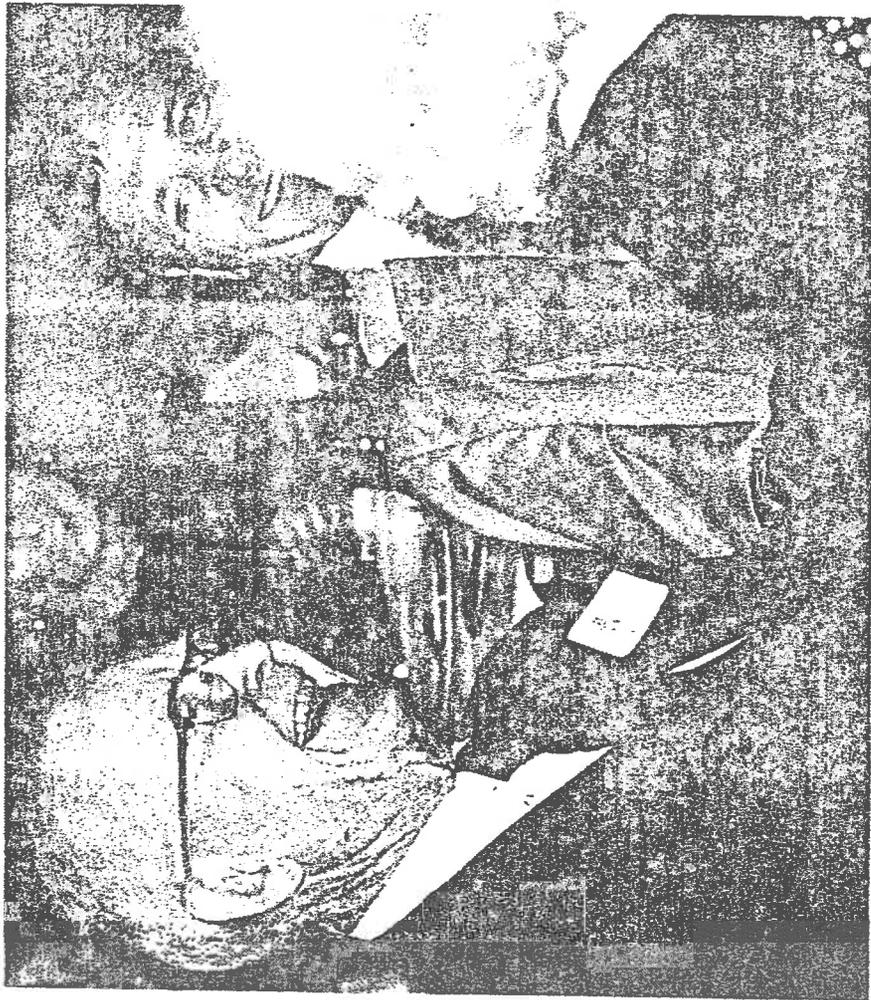


Monitor/Michele McDonald

(See EASTMAN — Page 12) Red Eastman accepts Carl E. Nason Award last night.

# EASTMAN

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Monitor/Michele MacDonald

Red Eastman grins upon hearing that he's won the Outstanding Service Award.

Eastman has a long history of community involvement, some of it well-known, some of it not-so-well known, all of it highly respected.

You may know him as the long-time president and lone inspiration behind the amateur Sunset League, the oldest baseball league of its kind in the country.

You may know him as an active churchman, the leader behind the Lenton Luncheon programs of the Concord Council of Churches.

You may know him as the former operator of Eastman's Dairy, a former civil defense director, chairman of the recreation advisory council, activist in University of New Hampshire Alumni Affairs and county extension worker.

You may know him simply as a friend. "He has always been interested in young people," said Joan Whittaker, who has worked with Eastman in church affairs. "He would make it a point" to ask parents about their children. He was always one of the first — if not the first — to welcome people into the church or the neighborhood.

"It wasn't because he was on a membership committee or anything," Mrs. Whittaker said. "He was just interested. He's completely absorbed in everybody else. You simply never were aware of him being concerned with his own problems."

John Swope, a member of the chamber committee that selected Eastman, said the committee was impressed by Eastman's quiet participation in the community beyond his church and civic involvement.

Here is an example cited time and time again: Eastman pays attention to others. He visits ailing friends in the hospital or at their homes. He always has time to do errands and give rides to those who need the help.

At church events, Mrs. Whittaker said, "Red Eastman is always the one who comes with his car full."

Eastman is particularly proud of his work with the Lenton Luncheons and the Sunset League. He described the luncheon as "a series of five noon time meetings where a layman shares his beliefs, or faith, or experiences that are meaningful to him." The program works wonderfully, he said. "In the last two years, women have been coming, too," he said. "It started with just the men."

The 72-year old Sunset League has operated under his direction for more than 20 years. "In a nutshell," said Tom Hardiman, a former player, "there would be no league without Red Eastman."

"Somebody said to me, 'You still fooling around with the Sunset League?'" Eastman recalled. "And I said, 'Yea, if that's the way you want to put it,'"

"You know, other than the league in Manchester, there's no other hardball league in New Hampshire. I remember mothers wheeling their babies to the games because their fathers were playing. And now, those babies are playing."

The Sunset League is not the only involvement Eastman has had with youth. He still looks back nostalgically to the depression era when he served as a 4-H Club agent in Coos County.

"This was back when many of the families didn't have electricity or lights," he said. "They had so little compared to today's youngsters, with their automobiles. Many families didn't even have cars. Anything you did for these people was very much appreciated."

He thought for a moment. "I've enjoyed working with a lot of the young men. It's been very satisfying."

For them, too.



ROTARY CLUB OF  
CONCORD, N.H.

LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

February 10, 1981

At the last moment, JOHN Grappone introduced a well-known "pinch-hitter" in place of Joe Lefebvre, the scheduled speaker, who had to leave to become third baseman with the New York Yankees. JOHN reached into his bullpen and to the great delight of the Concord crowd, introduced "Red" Eastman, president of the Sunset League and a recipient of the Carl Nason Sportsmanship Award. Red praised the speaker he was replacing, mentioning that he had specifically attended Rotary to hear Joe Lefebvre and not himself talk, and recollecting Joe's last homer at the last game he played in Concord. Red then recounted a bit of the history and high points of the Sunset baseball league, which was organized in 1909 and which remains today the oldest after-dinner baseball league in the United States. He reminisced as to what life was like in Concord in 1909 with little transportation and baseball being the only summer evening type of entertainment. Though the league has had its share of legally blind umpires, and distinguished spectators getting beamed by foul balls, Red stated that there was nothing more fascinating and rewarding than working with the many young people involved over the years and watching their growth. It seems true that Red's experiences, like the players' nostalgic recollections of doubles as out-of-the-park homers, can only become more richer and rewarding with the passage of time.

# The Sunset League The Oldest After Supper League In The United States

By Jeannie Conlon

The Sunset Baseball League of Concord, New Hampshire is a shining example of why baseball is called the All-American game.

In the early 1900's friends would get together after work—in East Concord, in Fosterville, in Penacook, in West Concord, in French Village—for a game of sandlot baseball. It was only natural that one team would challenge another and in 1908 an informal baseball league was established.

In 1909 they made it official. The Sunset Baseball League played its first league game on June 22, 1909. Four teams were established and games were played every week night at 6:15.

At a time when there were no movie houses, bowling alleys or televisions, the Sunset League quickly caught on. An average of 600 fans would arrive (2000 for play-offs)—by streetcar, buggy, or bicycle—and get a good seat for the night's game. As there were no lights five innings was the limit.

The Sunset League has endured with the passage of time. The dedication of a core group of people over the years is what keeps an organization viable. And the Sunset League has been fortunate in this respect.

They are too numerous to itemize; the officers, game officials, team managers, players, sponsors, and friends; people from all walks of life whose common bond is a love of the game of baseball. But a few names do stand out.

Ed Rushlow played for White Park in the league's first game. Long after he stopped playing, he remained one of the league's most ardent fans and supporters. Mr. Rushlow passed away in 1982 and it

returned they were able to pick right up where they left off. These were finely conditioned athletes and interest was rekindled.



Edson "Red" Eastman

In 1950, Edson "Red" Eastman became president of the Sunset League and remains so to this day. Over the year he's seen generations of families get involved. His knowledge, enthusiasm, and love of the game and of the people must be an inspiration for all.

The four teams in the Sunset League at this time are: the Ford Truckers, sponsored by John Grappone Ford, the Fern Oilers, Burney's Sports, and the Budmen John Grappone Ford is the oldest sponsor of a Sunset team, though they've changed their name with the year (Falcons to Mustangs to Truckers).

Included in the schedule are games with the Manchester League on Monday night followed by a championship series for State Honors between the two league champs.

As these two leagues are the only remaining baseball leagues of this kind in the area, the competitiveness and interest from athletes from all over contributes to the quality of ball played.

The games are still played at White Park. The tradition remains intact. Good baseball, good friends and an all-around good time.

**SUNSET BASEBALL**  
The Sunset League, the oldest after-supper amateur baseball league in the United States, was officially organized here at White Park in 1908. The original teams were the Haymakers, the Old Timers, the Sloggers and the White Parks. Rich in history and tradition, the league was the training ground for stars such as Red Rolfe of the New York Yankees. Gamers continue on the original site.

was his family who funded the historical marker at White Park which recognizes the oldest after supper league in the United States.

Probably the most famous "graduate" of the Sunset League is "Red" Rolfe of Penacook, who went on to become a star third baseman with the New York Yankees.

In 1938, Rolfe returned to Concord to play in the 50th Anniversary Old Timers Game. Heading up the other team was Ray McLean, who played for the Chicago Bears and went on to coach the Green Bay Packers.

It is also generally considered that Bill Thompson could have been one of the Major League's greats, if he'd been born in a time when blacks were accepted in the Majors. His prowess at the bat and as a catcher are legend in the Concord area.

More recently, Joe Lefebvre moved on to the Majors and was instrumental in leading the Philadelphia Phillies to the 1983 World Series.

During World War II two high school boys, Bud DeAngelis and Bob Lauze took it upon themselves to keep the league going. The teams were made up of high school boys. They used the same team names and after the war when the soldiers

# RED EASTMAN

## Remembering when baseball was a way of life, not just a game

**B**ASEBALL is a game played with an innocent unawareness of time. It is, as its partisans are fond of repeating, the only major team sport not played against a clock. Probably the calendar, not the clock, is the fitting backdrop for the sport of baseball, whose devotees nurture its traditions almost like monks cultivating the relics and love of ancient religious orders.

Nearly every baseball fan can discourse knowledgeably and in detail about the deeds and misdeeds of major league ballplayers, but most also bear with them the annals of many decades of local baseball history and legend. Over morning coffee and evening beers, in virtually every city and town in New Hampshire, old-timers still swap stories about local baseball heroes, each storyteller the curator of his personal Hall of Fame of local players.

Probably no community in the state has nurtured a richer baseball tradition than Concord, where the summer game has provided a steady accompaniment to the growth and development of the city for more than a century. To Concord's baseball buffs, one of the city's proudest distinctions is the fact that the Sunset Baseball League is "the oldest after-supper league in the United States." The league was born in 1909, the product of an effort to lend some structure to the helter-skelter competition among neighborhood ball teams that were proliferating around the city in the early years of the century.

In 72 years the Sunset League has spawned more than its share of baseball lore. For more than 20 years the principal collector and curator of the Sunset League's annals has been Edson "Red" Eastman.

Eastman was born in Concord in 1906, two years before the originators of the Sunset League decided to organize their competition on an informal basis, and three years before the league became a formal vehicle for setting old-time baseball



the city. Eastman and the Sunset League grew up and flourished during an era when baseball reigned unchallenged as the national pastime.

"If you want to talk about the Sunset League, you have to talk about what life was like in those days," says Eastman, who is president of the league organization and, at the age of 75, still a leader in the constant struggle to assure the survival of the league in the face of changing social values and intense competition from television, tennis, soccer, softball and other modern diversions.

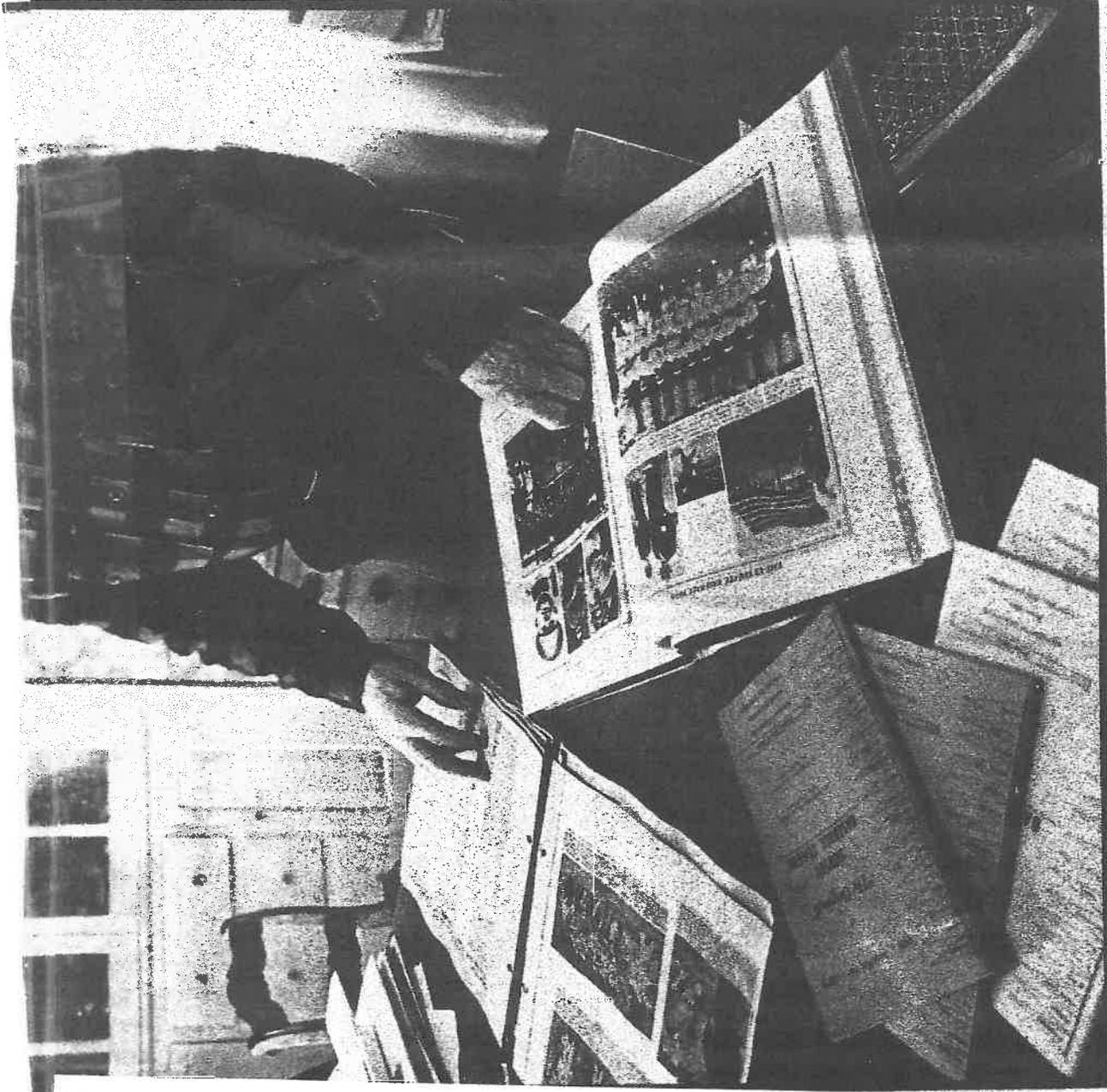
"In those days, and for many years, baseball was the only form of recreation in the city. For a long period of time this was the only form of entertainment—sports entertainment—in the city."

The spirit and the energy devoted to baseball by players, families and fans is difficult to comprehend now. In the very first Sunset League game, at 6:15 pm on the evening of June 22, 1909, between 400 and 500 people came out to watch the White Parks team demolish a squad called the Old Timers by a score of 14 to 0.

For the fans, taking in a ball game in the early years of the century was not as simple a matter as it is today. The main form of transportation in Concord then was an electric trolley system. As Eastman recalls it, spectators wanting to attend Sunset League games would pay a nickel and take the Franklin Street Loop to the city's White Park, which has served as the site of Sunset League competition ever since the league was formed. "The only thing that's changed, as far as I know, is that they've turned the field around," Eastman says. "They used to bat the other way."

From where Eastman grew up, in the West Concord section of the city, it would take perhaps 15 minutes on the trolley to get to the ballpark for an evening game. "I think the last trains back out left at about 11 o'clock. Many's the time we might go to a dance or something in town and find ourselves walking all the way back home at night."

As the Sunset League developed, the spirit of competition that always accompanied the playing of baseball intensified. During the Depression, Eastman recollects that some of the companies sponsoring baseball teams would offer summer jobs to exceptionally skilled ballplayers from out of town, principally for the purpose of improving their Sunset League teams.



Red Eastman with his baseball scrapbooks

# Red Eastman's Love Affair With A Game

The kitchen tells a lot about the man. Above the stove hangs a poster of two small children on a farm. "You been farming long?" Raymond Duckler



## Second Wind

reads. The poster to the right of the door shows a cat rubbing its face against a horse's nose. This one says "I love one another." On the cluttered kitchen table, along with envelopes and newspapers, are current issues of Sports Illustrated and the Sporting News.

This is Red Eastman's domain. Edison Eastman, 79 going on 80, farmer when bread lines made headlines, friend to many, baseball fan.

Generations of Concord baseball players know him as president of the Sunset League. This slight, gray-haired man has been at it since 1950 (that's 38 of the league's 78 years).

"There were a bunch of old guys there, and I guess I got elected," said Eastman, recalling the day curiosity tempted him into the league's annual meeting. "I didn't expect it or anything. It all happened so fast."

Eastman has watched the Sunset League grow, decline and, finally, find its niche in a community during a time when there are so many other things for people to do on weekday

**"Right now, I'm in good shape. . . As long as I can continue to function with some success, I'm not going to think about leaving. I'll stay as long as they'll put up with me."**

— Red Eastman

annual program with information on the teams. "Red will always go out of his way to be friendly," said Steve DeStefano, manager of the Farm's Oilers team. "He's the tape that keeps the league together. The players who have been in the league for years know what he's done."

Said Dale Emerson, who's been playing in the league since 1978, "If it wasn't for Red, the Sunset League wouldn't be where it is today, and I can honestly say that. He's worked there for more than 30 years, and that's like, wow. One day, because obviously he won't do it forever, someone will take his place. That guy will have quite a chore."

Eastman's years in Concord long surpass his years with the league. He remembers trolley cars on Main Street. He recalls horses and carts, and people with brooms and shovels cleaning up manure around town.

Eastman's family didn't have much money. He worked on a farm; his grandfather and father sold wagons.

After graduating the University of New Hampshire in 1928, he managed a farm in Pittsfield and, later, one in Hillsboro. Next, he bought, and eventually, sold two milk distributorships. His final job was buying milk, processing it at a brick extension to his white house and distributing it. He sold the business in 1943. A sign that says "Eastman Dairy" still hangs over his garage.

## *And Its People*

Eastman never played in the Sunset League. School and work took up too much time. He did, however, drop a nickel in the trolley meter now and then to watch a game at White Park.

He saw some pretty good players, too. During the '20s, for example, there was third baseman Red Rolfe, a Penacook native who starred for the Yankees until retiring in 1942.

But the real thrills came later, when he became president.

"The contact I have with young people is fantastic," Eastman said, smiling broadly. "I have 75 guys in that league who know who I am. I always get a warm greeting from them."

Eastman's not ready to step down just yet. Still, he knows the time is near.

"Right now, I'm in good shape," he said. "But lets face it, the day will come soon when someone will take over. As long as I can continue to function with some success, I'm not going to think about leaving. I'll stay as long as they'll put up with me."

With the 1986 season just two weeks away, Eastman is ready. He'll watch kids play in the league for the first time and veterans like Emerson pick up where they left off. It's a love affair with the game and its people.

"Each year is a challenge," Eastman said. "To see kids play and develop as players makes me feel good. I like being with the them."

"I come from a family that liked people, particularly young people."



Monitor/Gero Lachinlan

Red Eastman has always loved the game.

1987

# The Sunset Man

*Eastman  
was the soul  
of a league*

Steve DeStefano recalled the little man with wispy white hair, his eyes barely peeking above the steering wheel as he drove across the Memorial Field grounds on his way to the baseball field.

Dale Emerson recalled the little man, a cigar protruding from his mouth, who slowly emerged from his car, then plopped down on a chair behind the White Park baseball field's backstop.

Joe Letebvre, the former Major Leaguer and Concord native, recalled the note the little man sent him on the eve of the 1983 World Series, wishing him luck as Letebvre's Phillies prepared to meet the Orioles.

My recollection was the little man's kitchen, where a poster of a cat rubbing its face against a horse's nose hung on the wall. "Love one another," the caption read.

When Red Eastman is the topic, stories of flamboyance or humor don't surface; just a picture of an unassuming, unpretentious, gentle soul, who made adult baseball one



**Second Wind**

By Duckler

of the truly great traditions around here for as long as anyone can remember.

Red, the pulse of the Sunset Baseball League for 42 years, died in his sleep Sunday morning at his home on Spring Street. He was 87.

**█ If it weren't for Red, there wouldn't be baseball in Concord. That's the bottom line. █**

**— Steve DeStefano, in his 21st Sunset League season**

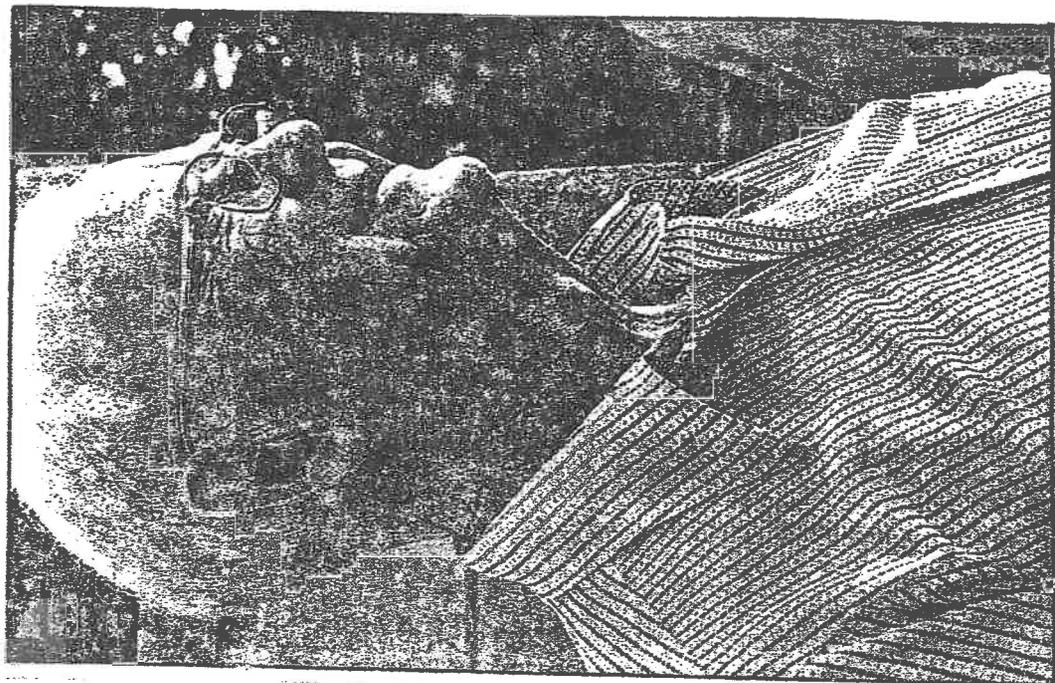
Red ran the Sunset League from 1950 to 1992, and his connection with America's oldest after-supper baseball league went back farther than that.

His title was president, but no one as much responsibility and showed as much love for an institution as this one did. His dedication cut as deep as a Red Rolfe line-drive to the bushes in White Park. Sunset League players, past

Sunset League opened in 1909, 42 years after Red was born.

Red didn't play much organized baseball, but he loved to watch it. He was a farmer in the 1930s, when bread lines made headlines, and owned his own dairy company from the war years through 1963 often delivering milk to his neighbors, door to door.

**█ See EASTMAN — Page C-1**



**MONITOR FILE PHOTO**  
**Red Eastman, who died Sunday, was the pulse of the Sunset Baseball League for 42 years.**

## ■ EASTMAN *Continued from Page C-1*

Through the 1920s, Red often plunked down a nickel for a trolley ride to watch Sunset games. He saw some pretty good players, too, including Penacook native Rolfe, who starred for the Yankees during the 1930s.

The 1930s and '40s saw the league routinely attract 1,000 to 2,000 fans during twilight Saturdays at White Park. In 1950, when Red's two sons, Paul and Bill, began playing in the league, Red went to the league's annual meeting. When the meeting was over, Red was the boss.

"There were a bunch of old guys there, and I guess I got elected," Red told me the first time I met him, in 1986. "I didn't expect it or anything. It all happened so fast."

During his early administration, when television and other distractions bit into Sunset attendance, there was Red, breathing life into a longstanding, yet sagging, tradition.

"Before computers, Red would go door to door to merchants and ex-alumni players to generate revenue for the program," said John Cross, who played Sunset ball from 1954-75. "Just because Red was Red, nobody could say no to him. He was like a vacuum cleaner, and he did it all by himself."

As things like video games, youth sports and other forms of recreational activities popped up the

last 10 or 15 years, eroding interest in the league, Red was ready, armed with enthusiasm and love for baseball.

The team names had changed — Rumford Press, the Ford Falcons, the Penacook Indians, Hooz's Indians and the Concord Shamrocks no longer existed as Sunset baseball teams — but Red never did.

He was getting older, sure. His wife of 49 years, Bernice, died in 1979. But Red continued to raise money, print the program, promote the league and find players for teams that needed them.

And he never missed a game. The city even gave him a key so he could unlock the gate at Memorial Field and drive his car right up to the field.

At White Park, Red sat behind the backstop, puffed on his cigar and chatted with the players, who toned down their language when Red was in earshot. He commanded that kind of respect.

"He was at the park the same time every night, about 5:30," said Dale Emerson, who began his Sunset career in 1978. "He was the one who was organizing everything, and you could always count on Red for an answer. We'd say, 'Should we do this, should we do that,' and Red had the answer almost before we asked the question."

Red slowed down recently. De-

Stefano became president after Red suffered a stroke two years ago. Red stopped going to games, and the players knew he wasn't well.

They asked him to throw out the first ball to usher in the 1992 and '93 seasons, but that wasn't Red's style. He didn't want credit for what he had done for so many young men. He did things for other reasons.

"If you were going to sum up Red in one sentence, he was the perfect gentleman," said Tommy Hardiman, one of the best players this city has ever seen and a Sunset Leaguer from 1946-68. "He never hurt anybody and was always willing to do something for someone and keep himself in the background."

Red's son, Paul, cared for Red in their Spring Street home the last few years. Paul preferred not to comment for this story.

Others, though, spoke volumes. They won't remember the Red from the recent past, when he no longer could attend games and mingle with players. Instead, they'll recall the little man who quietly kept a Concord baseball league alive.

In tribute to Red, DeStefano and his staff would like the city to name the baseball field at White Park "Eastman Field."

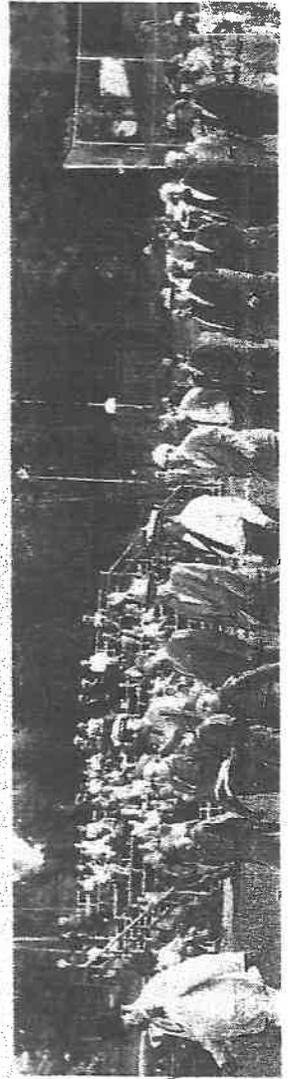
Fitting, don't you think?

IT IS NOW EASTMAN Field



Red Eastman (left) has been strolling the sidelines and organizing the action as president of the Concord Sunset League for 38 years.

# Red Still Savors



Eastman's Baseball League Rises For Its 80th Season

Red Eastman, the 81-year-old curator of the Sunset League's lush 80-year-old baseball tradition, accepts the inevitability of change. In his 38 years as league president, he has seen hardball's popularity among players diminish at the hands of softball and a myriad of other summertime activities. He's seen crowds at the twilight games dwindle from hundreds to a handful.

Sports Editor



Tom Connelly

Recreation, he knows as well as anyone, is a priceless thing no matter how it's packaged. Like an art collector whose tastes run a little north or south of the mainstream, he does not need to see the old Franklin Street trolley spill its contents into White Park to know the teams that still play there are of enduring value.

"You're not going to get the crowds you used to get," Eastman said this week. "Baseball has become a nucleus of family, special friends and fellows who are diehard baseball players."

"But it used to be that it was the only thing to

do in town. Down at the Boston and Maine shops you had 800, 1,000 people and they talked baseball all day long. Rumford Press was the same thing. People used to walk over from East Concord to watch the game. How many would do that today?"

It's against this backdrop that the league that bills itself as the "oldest after-supper league in the United States" opens its 80th season Tuesday at White Park. Game time is a civilized 6 p.m. There won't be a parade or a flag-raising ceremony, as there have been in some years. And passing the hat won't net the windfall it once did. It will simply be the Budmen, last year's regular-season champions, against the Ford Truckers, who won the league playoffs and went on to beat Luigi's Pizza of Manchester for the intercity championship. But most important, it will be baseball.

Good baseball is what the four-team Sunset League is about. It's also about college players keeping their arms loose in the offseason, and men in their 30s who want to feel in their hands what you and I can only hear when a bat and ball meet. And it's about Big Bill Thompson, Red Rolfe and Joe Lefebvre.

Eastman is a slight, friendly man who manages to take in most of the 41 regular-season games and who does virtually all the organizing for the league. A descendant of Concord's first resident, Col. Ebenezer Eastman, he never played in the league. He got involved in 1960, when his sons were stars. He speaks softly and without animation about what has become an increasingly burdensome job, but things liven up when the subject turns to the players, past and present.

"That Ford team last year was a good one," Eastman said. "They were reminiscent of some of the better teams of the past. They were strong at every position. They had good arms, boys who could hold their own with a lead."

"Success has a lot to do with the aggressiveness of the manager to go out and get players. Peter Haley from Ford's is like that. Managers do tend to be optimistic in the spring, but I'm happy to report that one team that was a little weaker than the others last year has gone out and picked up some good ballplayers."

Recruiting has long been a staple of what has

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always been a four-team league. During the Depression, Eastman said, the State Hospital sponsored a team and often gave jobs, as well as room and board, to its players. And men like catcher Bill Thompson were coveted not only by Sunset League teams, but also by the many independent town teams throughout the area. Many a man dug deeply into his pocket to get Thompson into uniform for a Sunday afternoon game in Andover or Warner.

Thompson, a black man, was said to be able to throw out runners without leaving the crouch. It was also said that John McGraw, the great manager of the New York Giants, had told Thompson that "if you were white you'd be playing for me."

With no color line in the Sunset League, Thompson displayed his talents several nights a week.

"Everybody knew him and he knew everyone, but I can't tell you much about him," Eastman said. "I'm sure there were those who

could tell you where he was from, and I wish I had found out more about him. But he was quite a character. He called all the girls Rosie and all the boys Chuckie. He called me Mr. President."

Thompson was one of the league's biggest supporters and best players. He died in 1960 at age 84. Chiseled onto his gravestone on Blossom Hill is one of the game's most familiar symbols: two bats crossed over a ball.

Rolfe, of course, is best known as the great third baseman for the New York Yankees, a teammate of Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig. Raised in Penacook, he played shortstop in the Sunset League in the 1920s, then went to Dartmouth and played 10 years in the big leagues. Grantland Rice, the famous sports writer, once wrote after Rolfe beat out three bunt hits in a

game that a Rolfe bunt was one of the "beautiful things in baseball."

Eastman got Rolfe to return to Concord in 1968 to manage a team for the league's 50th anniversary game.

"No one thought he'd come until I showed them the letter," Eastman said. "He was smart, dedicated, clean as a whistle and always tried to improve. Two or three times during his career he gave the Sunset League generous credit for his development."

The most recent Sunset League alumnus to make it to the big leagues is Joe Lefebvre, who played with the Yankees, San Diego Padres and Philadelphia Phillies before a knee injury ended his career in 1985. Lefebvre, who now coaches for the Phillies' Class AAA minor league team in Portland, Maine, played only

one year of Sunset ball but left his imprint with a home run in his last plate appearance. "He doesn't remember it, but I do," Eastman said.

Fond memories aside, Eastman said the purpose of the league never has been to groom stars, no matter how many of them honed their skill in the long summer shadows of White Park. It is there for the average athlete who loves baseball. That, perhaps, is why it will turn 80 Tuesday.

Through its history, many people have gone to great lengths to keep the Sunset League afloat. During World War II, for example, when most of Concord's able-bodied men were fighting overseas, Rundlett students Bob Lauze and Bud DeAngelis turned it into a youth league. For three years it was called the Sun Sandlot League. "They used

same team names," Eastman said. "It was like a Little League before there was Little League."

The Sunset League experienced a resurgence in the years right after the war, but gradually people began discovering other ways to occupy their time. Today, almost everything has been peeled away from the Sunset League but the serious baseball player. In some ways, Eastman said, the baseball is better, if not as popular.

But it is popular enough. More than 100 area businesses and organizations took out ads in this year's program. And Eastman has gotten calls from players as far away as Laconia and New Hampton hoping to latch on with a team. He said the Manchester Sunset League made a comeback several years ago because so many players were coming to

Concord to play.

It's the men who'll play Tuesday Eastman said, who keep him reserving fields, lining up sponsors, hiring umpires and printing programs.

"You can't live on history," he said. "Some days it wouldn't be so hard to say hell with it, but last year was a very satisfying season for me because the league presented some excellent baseball throughout the season."

And whether he acknowledges or not, Eastman is really preserving the Sunset League not only for the 70 or so men who will play this year, but for the thousands who have played since 1908.

No doubt churning somewhere in the back of his mind is the last sentence of Rolfe's letter to the league on its 50th anniversary: "Keep it going."

UNUSUAL VIEWS

AFTER-SUPPER BASEBALL

In Concord, New Hampshire, they say the first official "after-supper" baseball game was played at that city's White Park. It began at 6:15 P.M. on June 22, 1909. Nearly 500 fans watched as a team called White Parks walloped the Old Timers 14-0 in a game called on account of darkness after five innings.

"Sometimes people claim that Boston's Park League is the oldest after-supper league," says Edson "Red" Eastman, "but we're 22 years older than they are. We are the *original*."

Red Eastman is a sixth-generation de-

scendant of Ebenezer Eastman, Concord's first settler, and he takes his traditions seriously. He can show visitors photographs and box scores of the earliest games, and he notes sadly the passing of its former players. "We have one left from the 1912 league," he says. He can talk for hours about the exploits of legendary Sunset League players like Red Rolfe, Scooter McClean, Big Bill Thompson, Delly Callahan, Shammy Angwin, Cuddy Murphy. Though he never played organized baseball — "I was always working on a farm" — he has been the league's president since 1950 when his two sons played. "I've seen nearly all the games since then."

There was a time when the Sunset League was "the only game in town," the stands were filled, and players fought for positions on the four teams. "Today there's summer soccer and summer hockey and basketball and softball. Oh," Eastman laments, "it's awfully easy for a boy who's struck out a few times to think about hitting that big ball." The result is decreased attendance and limited competition for the 18-man rosters.

Though he doesn't begrudge softball its popularity, Eastman clearly believes that summer is for *real* baseball at twilight when the crack of the bat on the ball sends shivers of memories down his spine. "I've seen babies in carriages brought to the games, and I've watched them grow up to be players, and now I'm seeing their babies at the games," he says. At 77 he wonders aloud how much longer he can keep the league together — but on summer evenings he will be at his familiar spot on the first baseline, a radio in hand if the Red Sox happen to be playing, doing what the idol of his youth, Red Rolfe, urged in 1958 when the league celebrated its 50th anniversary.

"Keep it going," Rolfe had said then. "Keep it going."



Believing summer is for real baseball, Red Eastman has remained president of the Concord (New Hampshire) Sunset League since 1950. His collection of League memorabilia includes this photo of the Haymakers who won the first League championship in 1909.

## Baseball memories that never fade

*Sunset League rich in tradition, tales*

Long homers and foul balls breaking windows. Verbal jousting, even a few brawls. Good, hard-nosed baseball on warm summer nights. Lots of laughs.

This has been the Sunset League for the past eight decades.

Billed as "The oldest after supper league in the United States," the Sunset League began its 82nd season yesterday at Concord's White Park, a baseball shrine in this community and a treasure chest of memories.

The league has seen its share of changes through the years. More than 3,500 fans, many traveling by trolley, used to jam White Park in the 1930s to see their favorite brand of local entertainment. With TV, then a collage of summertime activities, led by softball, the num-

bers have dwindled to a handful.

Around 1940, the field was flipped -- with homeplate and center field trading places -- to protect nearby houses from foul balls. More recently, aluminum bats have replaced wood.

But one thing has remained constant: The league itself.

For the past 40 years, Red Eastman of Concord has been the league's president and pulse, making sure this tradition en-

dures like a state monument. He is the organizer, the initiator.

Eastman, who was born a year before the league's first season, has slowed down a bit the past few years. But because of his love for both the game and his community, adults in their 20s and 30s were playing baseball yesterday at White Park.

And so begins another season of cherished stories.

Andy Michael remembers years past. Michael, 66, was a fixture in the league from the 1930s to the early '80s, from foul-ball chaser and scorekeeper, to manager of United Life.

In 1938, Michael recalled, home plate at White Park was near the corner of Charles and Beacon Streets. The Sullivan family lived near there, too.

"Foul balls would hit her house, they'd go through the windows," Michael said. "She complained so much that they changed the field to what it is today."

■ The Sunset League opened with Grappone Truckers beating Ferns Oilers, 6-1. Page C-3.

The plate was moved deeper into the park, replaced by the outfield grass. Well, the Sullivans were happy, but the Bernieghars weren't. The lovely picture window of their Beacon Street house became a target for hitters with power to left-center.

"They (the Bernieghars) were born complainers, so the guys would try to hit the window anyway," Michael said. "After the ball would hit the window, the players on both teams would jump up and down and congratulate the guy who hit it."

"I was the foul-ball chaser. When I went over there, she would complain, and

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### Second Wind



Ray Duckler



Concord's Joe Champagne (lower left), now 96, helped White Park win the '21 Sunset League title.

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I would try to tell her to give the guys credit for hitting the ball so far."

Peter Haley, the 31-year-old player/coach of Grappone Truckers, had another smashing tale. A couple of years ago, a left-handed hitter pulled a foul ball toward the entrance of the parking lot.

As the ball flew, a car was leaving the park.

You guessed it.

"The ball went right through the rear window," Haley said.

The driver was not pleased. Tommy Curtis, a senior citizen and Eastman's right-hand man, slowly walked to the car.

"The guy in the car was livid," Haley said. "You couldn't have paid me enough to get that ball. We all thought Tommy was going over to apologize."

Nope.

"Tommy, calm as anything,

reached through the opening, got the ball out of the back seat and walked back," Haley said. "The guy was dumbfounded. He couldn't believe it."

Don Steenbeke, 43, couldn't believe it when he parked one off former major leaguer Joe Lefebvre in the late 1970s. Steenbeke, who played for Ferns Oilers from 1964-85, was worried about sounding boastful.

But, hey, the man belted a homer off **Joe Lefebvre**, who batted over .300 for the Phillies in 1933.

"I was waiting in the on-deck circle and I said to Dave Anderson and Mark Fontaine, 'If he throws me a fastball, I'll hit it out, and if he throws me a curve, I'll screw myself into the ground,'" Steenbeke said. "The first pitch was a fastball and I hit it over the left-center field fence. I'm running around the bases, and those guys are laughing

their a--- off.

"It's too bad I struck out my next two times up and we lost, 4-2."

And then there was the Danny Nyan homer that wasn't, as told by 75-year-old Jimmy Ceriello, Sunset circa 1930s.

"One night Danny Nyan hit a long ball," Ceriello said. "Dan McDonald was the centerfielder for the other team. He was playing way back, almost to the road, and he made a nice catch. Danny ran around the bases, though, and sat down in the dugout with a big smile. He thought he had a home run. Everybody else knew he didn't."

If you ask around town, you'll find plenty more stories. But perhaps Walter Smith, who played in the '50s, lent the nicest touch of all: "It's as picturesque a setting as there is in the United States for an adult after-supper baseball league. I hope it never stops."

ALLEN LISSELS

# Red Eastman saved the game

**A** year ago this month, a story appeared in these pages extolling the virtues of the Sunset League — for years and years the prime after-dinner entertainment in Concord — on the occasion of its 85th year.

Not long after the story hit the doorsteps and newsstands, I got a call from a longtime, and observant, friend. How could anyone, he wanted to know, write about the Sunset League without once mentioning Edson (Red) Eastman?

The answer was that you could not.

Last Sunday, Red Eastman, who was the Sunset League for half its life, died at home at the age of 87.

For 42 years until failing health kept him from it in 1992, Eastman was the president of the league. He would park his car behind a dugout at White Park, maybe set up a lawn chair behind the screen, and preside.

"He might have missed 10 games in 40 years," said Red's son, Paul, last week.

"A lot of us feel that if it wasn't for Red, there wouldn't be baseball in Concord right now," said Steve DeStefano, 38, a league veteran and its president. "We had some real lean

years in there and he refused to let it die."

Refused to let it die in the late '70s and early '80s when the softball boom drew away players and some teams had to forfeit 4-5-6 games a season because they didn't have enough players.

"I was concerned," DeStefano said. "But he kept getting money in for advertising for our little book. He'd get money to pay the umps. And he'd always hold on to the baseballs." Eastman would solicit the advertising, get the program set up and to the printer and then deliver programs back to

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the merchants.

"He was so respected," said John Cross of McLeod's Florists, a former Sunset League player and a member of the league's board of directors.

"We used to joke around that he was like a vacuum cleaner. Nobody could say no to him. If he came around, you gave him your 25 or 50 bucks or whatever."

Then there were the baseballs. Whether they went foul back over the backstop toward the duck pond or through someone's car window, Red either went after them or had someone else chase them.

"I don't think Tommy Curtis [one of his White Park crew] ever lost a ball," said Paul Eastman.

And Paul remembers times the balls came home a little damp and ended up in the oven to dry off.

Besides tight times, there were the good times as well. Times when crowds might top 1,000. Years when the season ended with a big family outing at Bear Brook State Park.

Through it all, Red Eastman was a fixture.

"The passion was to give young fellows interested in baseball a chance to play as they grew older," Paul Eastman said. "It might be their only chance to participate. He loved the game himself and he enjoyed seeing young fellows who also

loved the game have an opportunity to play."

Once again this year, DeStefano said, the baseball being played by the Ferns Oilers, Grappone Auto, Budmen and Craigue and Sons is good.

"We had 30-35 players try out for our team this year," said DeStefano, who pitches for Grappone. "If we wanted to, I think we could have had six teams. But I'm too afraid of wattering the league down. It's a pretty strong league."

And that's a good thing.

"My feeling is Red kept it going for 42 years," DeStefano said. "I'll be damned if it dies while I'm president."

# Sun sets on the Eastman era

After 42 years, Red Eastman stepping down

The Sunset Baseball League has quietly reshuffled its hierarchy, concluding an era that is forever bound to the city's fabric.

Red Eastman, whose love for baseball is surpassed only by his love for people, will step down this summer as league president. His replacement is Stephen DeStefano, a Sunset player since 1974.

At 85 and after 42 seasons as the league's pulse, Eastman no longer is able to keep up with the responsibilities that go into running a first-rate league.

There is much to do, and for the

first time since 1949, someone other than Eastman will do it. The Sunset League, thanks to Eastman's undying love and dedication to the game and the city, is billed as the oldest amateur-supper baseball league in America, debuting in 1909.

"We've been spoiled," said DeStefano, whose father and grandfather also played in the league. "Red has spoiled every player in the Sunset League. He did everything. We really don't know how good we had it. We're finding out now."

Eastman raised funds. He filled out the schedules. He put together

the annual program booklet. He brought the balls and bases to White Park and Memorial Field. He raked puddles near second base. He organized a season-ending shindig at Bear Brook State Park in Allentown.

And he did so much more. Anytime the league was short of players, there was Red, making phone calls.

"Basically, he held the league together in the rough times," said Carl Russell, who's been playing since 1971. "I can remember him going out and recruiting players when there weren't enough from the Concord area. He drew them from Laconia, Manchester, wherever. He'd call the



Eastman in 1986.

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## Second Wind



Ray Duckler

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managers and say, "This kid is home from UMass and this kid is home from Dartmouth. Why don't you give him a call?" He always was aggressively going out and looking for kids to play in the Sun-set League."

That's the way it's been since the Korean War began. Through the past four decades, Eastman and the Sunset League have been forever linked. His enthusiasm never wavered. He joined hundreds of fans who attended games in the 1950s, rarely, if ever, missing one.

When Nintendo, youth sports and other forms of recreation popped up the last 10 or 15 years and hurt attendance, you could always count on this slight, gray-haired man to be perched in a director's chair behind the backstop.

Or maybe he'd slowly work his way through the small crowd and greet friends.

"Every game, he was at every game," DeStefano said. "He lived for these games. He's a great guy. My daughters would come to games and he would come over and he enjoyed seeing the kids. He always said hi to people who came to the games. You could go over his house and talk baseball, things like that."

It is this human side of Eastman that stands out, and no one knows this more than Ray Cushman, who played in the league from 1968 to '83. In 1976, Cushman was playing shortstop when a player slid into his knee and broke it. Cushman spent six weeks in the hospital, and guess who was a regular visitor?

"Red visited me almost every day," Cushman said. "He'd just go over the games with me and what was happening in the political scene, a lot of different subjects. He'd call my wife and see if there was anything he could do for her. He's something."

Eastman has slowed down in recent years. The players noticed that he was watching Sunset games from his son's car rather than his traditional spot behind the backstop.

For years, players have been trying to thank Eastman with some sort of award or celebration. In tribute, the league wants Eastman to throw out the first pitch when the season opens in June.

Trouble is, Eastman wants thanks from no one. He did things for other reasons.

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Red Eastman gave everything he had to the Sunset Baseball League, one of Concord's oldest traditions and, legend has it, the oldest after supper baseball league in the country.

Born in 1909, the Sunset League provided an outlet for many great local ballplayers through the years. During the 1930s and '40s, in fact, it was the biggest game in town, attracting a thousand or more fans to White Park.

Eastman became league president in 1950 and ran the league as though his own son was on a roster for the next 40 years. He died in 1994 at the age of 87, and now, on this late spring evening, the baseball field at White Park was officially named Red Eastman Field.

It was a modest ceremony, with a few fans in the bleachers, a team lining the third-base line and another lining the first-base line, and some kind words at home plate from a few people who cared about Eastman, including his son, Paul.

As the tribute moved on, kids maybe three-feet tall played baseball at a field across the parking lot from Eastman Field.

They were kids who no doubt would one day know about a man named Red Eastman, father of the Sunset League for such a long, long time.

Eastman devoted more than 42 years of hard work to the Concord Sunset League. On behalf of Paul Eastman and members of the Concord Sunset League, I would like to thank everyone who sent cards and donations to the "Red" Eastman memorial.

In recognition of Red's commitment and dedication to the young men of our community, it is fitting that the baseball field at White Park be named Eastman Field in his honor (this field is currently unnamed and would have no effect on the White Park name. Support of this effort should be expressed to Caroline Tracy at the Concord Recreation Department or Norm Patenaude who is the city council representative on this issue to the park and recreation committee.

A "capital improvement fund" is being established to improve the condition of the baseball site. Specifically, the dugouts and scoreboard are debilitated and dangerous and the outfield trees need to be trimmed back off the field. The park and field have fallen into disrepair as a result of budget cuts. The new playground is a wonderful asset to the City of Concord and a perfect reminder of the effect of a volunteer effort.

Any information or donations to the "Red" Eastman Memorial can be sent to me at my office, 10 Water St., Concord, 03301.

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