

MINOR LEAGUE COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER,
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MINOR LEAGUE: TWO TRIPLE PLAYS IN SAME GAME
Courtesy of Arnold Springer's research

April 23, 1903: Butte of the Pacific National League converts two triple plays at Los Angeles. The plays went Reilley to Hillingsworth to Messerly and Reilly to Messerly.

June 4, 1904: Toledo at Kansas City in the American Association. The plays went Lowe to Ryan and Lowe to Sullivan.

June 14, 1905: Also at Kansas City. Kansas City executed 2 triple plays.

April 24, 1911: In a 9 inning exhibition game between Grand Rapids of the Central League and Battle Creek of the Southern Michigan League each team executed a triple play. The Grand Rapids catcher grabbed a bunt in the air then runners were thrown out at second and first. Battle Creek executed theirs on a line drive to the shortstop. The remaining outs were at third and first base.

Much has transpired in the past months. Included is a copy of the Minor League History project and the annual report. I hope that they both summerize the committee and committee chairman's activities. Initial response to the publications project was disappointing. We tried to become more commercial and no one would let us. Notice of the availability of the materials to the minor league clubs was nearly three months late do to the changes in our front office. We hope that inspite of the delay, subsequent notice this fall will lead to the project's success. We hope that it will create a new audience for the material produced by our committee.

We have completed the Index of Minor League Researchers. The Index includes 197 at the present time. It been a useful tool for work on Minor League Stars III. We are discussing the best means for making the index available to interested members. It is constantly changing.

We are hoping that MLSIII will be included as part of the publication schedule for 1991. Research for the new Minor League Stars is almost complete. My contribution, like many other committee members throughout the country, has been tracking down Willie Ludolph's, and Dave Altizer's performances in the Dakota League of the 1920's. Mike Cantillion put minor league baseball into several railroad towns in every part of Eastern South Dakota. The search has been quite tedious but at the same time quite interesting.

The cost per volume for the first two MLS was nearly \$15,000. Let us hope that somewhere in the editorial budget there is room for the volume 3 of the most successful SABR publication to date.

A reunion of all those interested in the Evangeline League Memorabilia Society was held April 28, at the Nicholls State University in Thibodeaux, Louisiana. The Memorabilia Society is opened to any SABR member. The society is trying to contact as many players, managers, umpires, etc., who were involved in the league. There are no dues, meetings or elections. The only requirement is being interested in preserving the memory of a now 33 year defunct baseball circuit which contributed much to minor league history. If you are interested in joining the society you may contact minor league committee member, Art Schott, 459 Jewel St, New Orleans, Louisiana, 70124, or Carroll Chauvin, 2701 Hudson Place, New Orleans, 70131.

The May, 1990 issue of the Arizona Highways magazine includes, "The First Cactus League", an article on the Class D Arizona State League by Jeb Rosebrook.

Several committee members have asked that we mention the fine reproduction work of minor league uniforms, being done by Ebbets Field Flannels. The 1955 San Francisco Seals' hat is quite similar to the Sioux Falls Soos' hat of the 1920 Dakota League. They also hold up during a full season of rains and windy weather on the Great Plains.

Northern League Exhibits:

The Depot Museum of the St. Louis County Heritage Center in Duluth, Minnesota has completed an exhibit on the Duluth Dukes. KDSE public television in Duluth is currently producing a video history of the league.

The St. Cloud Rox, Minor League, Major Dream is on exhibit by the Stearns County Historical Society at the Heritage Center Museum in St. Cloud, Minnesota. The exhibit opened in May and will be on display until May, 1992. Minor league committee member, Jim Poff served as historical consultant for the exhibit.

1990 MINOR LEAGUE COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

The minor league committee has currently 127 active members. As SABR's largest committee we continue to carry out the documentation of the minor leagues' activities. We are currently carrying out various projects.

In the past year the committee completed an Index of Minor League Researchers. The data base is being used to locate researchers for our work on Volume III of Minor League Baseball Stars. Each researcher's file includes completed research and publications and current interests and projects.

We have assisted in providing information for publications concerning the minor leagues.