

TIGERS LACK STICK POWER

Despite their five-star pitching staff, the Detroit Tigers seem to be lacking enough hitting power and fielding spark to be capable to give either New York or Boston a good race for the American league flag. Although they finished second in 1947, they may not be powerful enough to beat out Cleveland or Philadelphia for a first division berth this summer.

One of the best pitching staffs in the majors is dressed out in Tiger uniform and includes Hal Newhouser, one of the finest southpaws in the business, Dizzy Trout, an oldtimer with plenty of zip who is due for a good year, Virgil Trucks, the fireballer, and Freddie Hutchinson and Art Houtteman, two capable hurlers. Two kid southpaws, Ted Gray and Bill Pierce, are up from Buffalo and ready to go. Stubby Overmire is still around to do spot duty and the veteran Al Benton and Hal White will be in the bullpen. Both Trout and Trucks are in top shape and eager to make up for their poor showing last year.

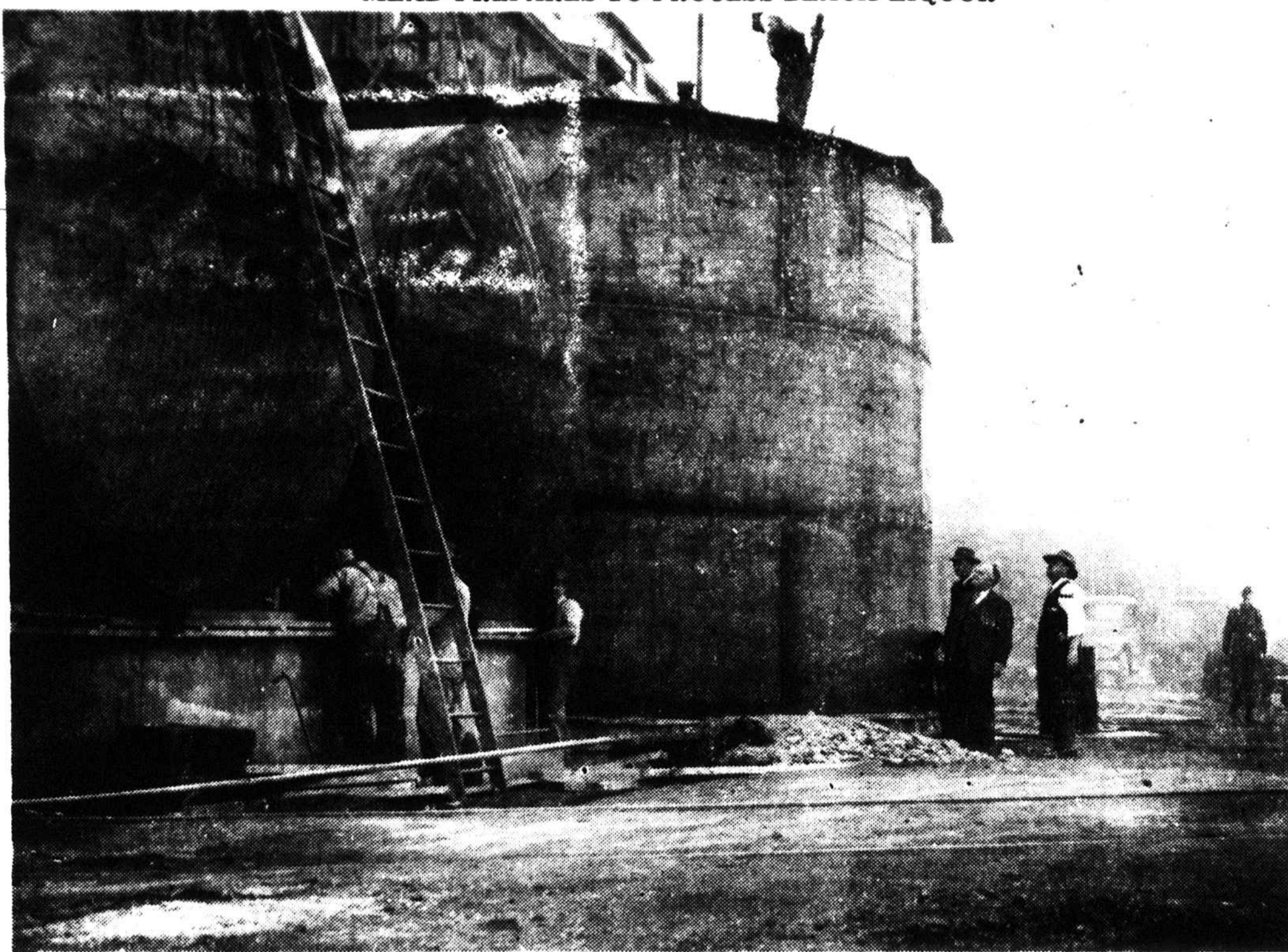
The big question seems to be who is going to get the runs to back up the pitching? Little power has been added to the lineup.

Manager Steve O'Neill plans to use George Vico, a .307 hitter from Portland, at first to replace Roy Cullenbine who is now with the Phillies. Eddie Mayo is staging a good comeback at second and George Kell is at third.

Shortstop remains a problem. Eddie Lake, a .211 hitter last year, reported late and found two youngsters, Neil Berry and Johnny Lipon, alternating at short.

Bob Swift and Hal Wagner will split the catching chores.

Dick Wakefield in left, Hoot



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President Sidney Ferguson, of New York, is shown viewing the structure while on a recent visit to Sylva, with him are Joe Deitz and Charlie Smith, department heads of the local plant.

Evers in center and Vic Wertz in

right probably will get the nod for starting duty in the outfield. Wakefield is in no way up to his 1944 form and Evers is a hard luck player who is always plagued with injuries. Wertz gained his job by hitting .288 for the Tigers in 102 games last year. Doc Cramer, Eddie Mierkiewicz and Pat Mullin will be the reserve outfielders with Jimmy Outlaw filling in at third and in the outfield.

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BRIEFS - IN DETAIL

(By Bobby Terrell)

Jim Gudger's Catamount mound staff seems to be doing fine. Although they have lost three of five starts, each pitcher has gone the route with no one needed for bullpen chores thus far. With a bit of tighter fielding which may develop, the Cats would be hard to beat.

Billy DeMars, Asheville's 1947 shortstop, is sticking with the Philadelphia A's as a utility infielder. . . . Walter Johnson never pitched a world series game until 1924 when he was 37 years old. . . . The Detroit Tigers is the only major league club that has never finished in last place in the season's standings.

With Bill Bevans out of action indefinitely with arm trouble, Manager Bucky Harris of the New York Yankees needs another starting pitcher. Vic Raschi seems to be the leading candidate for the assignment.

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