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EDITORIAL

"Reds" And "Braves" Little Leaguers Great

Cincinnati has its "Reds" and Atlanta has its "Braves", both teams in the National League. Naturally, they get nationwide publicity but these two cities are not the only places which have good baseball teams.

It so happens that the combined talents of youngsters from Marshall and Walnut have resulted in two Little League teams. One group is known as "Reds" and the other team as "Braves".

They take their baseball just as seriously as the major leaguers and both teams have ardent fan support.

The teams also have two outstanding and dedicated managers in Choice Plemmons and Ricky McDevitt. Although both men are busy with their regular duties, they find time to coach the teams.

Both teams have the support of many fans, including their parents. The main sponsor, however, is the Marshall Lions Club which made generous donations for the uniforms and equipment. The interest in the teams was demonstrated recently when the players, with the aid of parents and friends, sponsored bake sales, dances, and other events which resulted in raising over \$700. With this money, two chartered buses carried the players, parents and many friends to Atlanta, Ga., on Sunday, July 18, to watch the doubleheader between the San Francisco Giants and the Atlanta Braves.

The players and fans were more than repaid for their efforts in raising the money for this trip. It was a trip which will be long remembered.

As to the records of the two teams, one will only have to look at the season's records thus far.

The "Reds" are leading the 5:30 division of the West

Asheville YMCA Youth Baseball League with an outstanding record of seven victories and only one defeat. They have four more games on the regular season schedule.

After an opening game loss to McDonald's, the "Reds" have since defeated McDonald's once, Asheville Elevator Service twice, Optimist West twice and WNC Walking Horse team twice.

After the regular season, should the "Reds" win the championship (and this seems highly likely) they will meet the champions of the 7:00 division of the same league in playoff games.

Members of the "Reds" include Eddie Reed, Mickey Chandler, Kenny Ray, Randy Norton, Bobby Jack Chandler, Dennis Edwards, Holden Nix, Burnette Moore, Barry Chandley, Paul Chandler and Jesse Duncan.

The "Braves" are also having a successful season with a 6-2 record. They are in the 7:00 division of the same league and are on top of the league at present.

They lost the first game of the season to Barefoot and Tatum Drugs, then defeated Biltmore Iron and Metal. They lost to the Cubs and then reeled off wins over Barefoot and Tatum Drugs, the Cubs, Biltmore Iron and Metal and WNC Beagle (twice).

It might just be that the Marshall-Walnut teams will meet in the playoffs. And what a series that would be!

Players for the "Braves" include Johnny Sawyer, Michael Cody, Ronnie Brinkley, Scotty Proffitt, Todd McCormick, Joey Plemmons, Steve Davis, Jeff Johnson, Dean Ramsey, Tommy DuVall, Bobby Frisby and Gary Ogle.

Everyone is wishing for both teams success for the remainder of the season.



THE THREE PICTURES above show the fans from Marshall in Atlanta Stadium during game. How many can you recognize? With temperature near 100 degrees under a broiling sun, many are seen wearing straw "sun bonnets".



wife "teamed up" all day so this left me free to talk to a lot of people I seldom get to be with.

Everyone enjoyed the points of interest Bill Goforth announced over the loud speaker, including the Capital Building, Varsity Drive-In, General Hospital and other interesting places.

J.C. Wallin, usually full of smart remarks, jokes and pranks, was real quiet most of the time...Selma just wouldn't let him cut up like he used to do with us guys.

It was my intention to publish the names of everyone who went to Atlanta on the two chartered buses but duplication and omission of some of the persons on my list makes it impractical. I would be afraid I'd leave out some of the persons going and they wouldn't like that...so I decided to omit a roll call.

Babe Ruth Team, Adults See Doubleheader

Manager John Fisher of the Marshall Babe Ruth team with the cooperation and help of several parents and friends of players didn't let the two Little League teams get ahead of them last Sunday and quick planning resulted in at least seven carloads of players, parents and friends heading for Atlanta, Ga., to see the Giants-Braves doubleheader.

Among the players enjoying the trip included, in addition to Manager Fisher, Jimmy Ramsey, Jerry Cody, Danny Boone, Tim Ramsey, Jeff Treadway, Ricky Flynn, Ricky

Little League, Babe Ruth Players, Enjoy Giant-Braves Games

By JIM STORY

Sunday, July 18, 1971, will be a day long remembered by the Marshall-Walnut Little Leaguers, Babe Ruth players and many adults as they traveled to Atlanta, Ga. on two chartered Greyhound buses and seven automobiles to watch the San Francisco Giants play the Atlanta Braves in a doubleheader at beautiful and spacious Atlanta Stadium. The entire delegation from Marshall and vicinity had seats in the same section only nine or ten rows behind the Giant dugout.

The fact that the Giants defeated the Braves in 12 innings in the opener, 5-4; and the Braves winning the second game, 4-2, was just incidental. Some of the local fans yelled for the Giants but, naturally, most of our group yelled for the Braves. At any rate, both games were most exciting. The first game, which went 12 innings, lasted 3 hours and 23 minutes and the second game lasted 2 hours and 20 minutes. This made a total of five hours and 43 minutes of interesting baseball. In addition to the two major league games, a Charley Brown game, played by youngsters, was played between the two "big" games.

This was great and everyone

certainly saw plenty of baseball for one afternoon. The main drawback, however, was the intense heat with temperatures running in the 90's under a blistering sun. Some of our group, both men and women, became so hot that they left their seats to find a little shade and comfort under the walkways of the stadium. Very few of the young players, however, let the sun force them to leave their seats for a second. They enjoyed every minute and every play. By the time the second game started, the sun had moved behind the roof of the stadium and although the temperature was in the high 90's, the sun was not beaming down.

Perhaps the highlight of the doubleheader was the towering homerun off the bat of the great Willie Mays with a mate aboard. It was Mays' 643rd round-tripper of his career.

The second outstanding feature of the games happened in the first game when Jimmy Rosario, Giant centerfielder, fouled off a 2-2 pitch and the ball went high into the air and headed toward our section. As the ball came down several local fellows tried to catch it but it was finally grabbed by John David Kent, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Frederick Kent. Our entire group cheered as I grabbed my camera and took a picture of the excited and proud young man as he held the ball.

Another feature was when the following welcome was flashed on the huge electric message board in centerfield which read: "Welcome, Marshall-Walnut Little Leaguers". It was great to know that our boys received such attention before 46,489 persons who were present. This was the sixth largest crowd in the stadium's history for a regular baseball event.

OUR DRIVERS

The two chartered air-conditioned buses were operated by expert Greyhound drivers from Madison County who were "topps"—John Frederick Kent and W. H. "Big John" Kent, as



MARSHALL-WALNUT LITTLE LEAGUE players just before boarding Greyhound bus en route to Atlanta, Ga., last Sunday morning.



SOME OF THE ADULTS with their small children just before leaving the Island on way to Atlanta, Ga., for Giants-Braves doubleheader.



SHOWN ABOVE is John David Kent, the happiest Little Leaguer in Atlanta Stadium, holding the ball he caught when Jimmy Rosario, Giant outfielder, fouled it into the stands.

Mr. Kent is affectionately known, operated the double-decker bus which carried the players and a few adults. Bill Goforth, a popular driver who has had 15 years experience with Greyhound and holder of an outstanding driving record, drove the bus carrying most of the adults.

Everyone was tickled pink that we had such fine drivers and who knew personally practically all the passengers. Should future trips be planned on chartered buses, it is hoped that these same two fellows will be at the controls.

TRIP DESERVED

If ever a group of young boys deserved such a treat it was this trip last Sunday. Extensive efforts during the past three weeks by the boys really paid off. Of course, not only the boys have worked hard but many of the parents and friends of the boys cooperated by sponsoring bake sales, dances and other events which netted more than \$700. The two fine and devoted managers of the two Marshall-Walnut Little League teams—Ricky McDevitt and Choice Plemmons—were also in-

strumental in the entire efforts. These two fine leaders have devoted countless hours in coaching and managing the players, although they are both busy men. Their leadership has produced the two teams which are leaders in their divisions in the West Asheville YMCA Little League.

Although Manager Plemmons did not make the trip, Ricky McDevitt was the "take-charge" guy who did a marvelous job at coordinating the trip, keeping the players together in an orderly manner and securing the tickets.

FROM 7 A.M. TO 1 A.M.

It all started on the Island early Sunday morning when players, parents and friends gathered at or before 7 a.m. Buses were loaded and two excited bus loads left the Island at 7:30 a.m. With only one stop for a "stretch and drink", the buses parked at Atlanta Stadium at 11:45 a.m. After the games and after carefully checking to see that everyone was aboard, the buses left the stadium at 8:30 p.m., arriving back on the Island at 1 a.m.

Monday morning. It hardly seemed possible that we were at the stadium for nearly nine hours but no one objected except a few groans from becoming blistered and sunburned. Mothers, friends and players had prepared loads of sandwiches, deviled eggs, soft drinks and a lot of other "goodies" which were thoroughly enjoyed throughout the afternoon.

Although the scheduled called for our return about 10 p.m., the extra-inning game, plus a terrific electrical storm and heavy rains on our return home, caused us to run about three hours late. But no one minded. It was a day, as has been previously stated, which will be long remembered.

Singing

It has been announced that the Wheelchair Singers of Knoxville, Tenn., will be featured in a singing program at the Freeman Gap Community Church this Saturday night. The public is cordially invited.

HEARD AND SEEN

This week's column is devoted to "Tid-Bits" on the trip to Atlanta, Ga., last Sunday, where local Little League, Babe Ruth players and adults attended the Giants-Braves doubleheader.

First of all, "Bill" and I had not planned to take the trip. We went over to snap a picture of the group boarding the buses but when several asked us to "come on and go", the temptation was too great. "Bill" hurried home, changed dresses and in minutes we also boarded the "adult" bus, No. 6668. Although we hadn't prepared any food, everyone was most generous and gave us plenty to eat and drink. We appreciate the invitation and we both had a grand time.

Bill Goforth's attractive wife, Carolyn, and their four-year-old daughter, Sharon, shared their front row seat with me and were just as nice as could be. Sharon is a doll and behaved beautifully all the way. Some of the trip I sat on the back seat but for the most part I was up front standing to the right of Bill Goforth where we talked about everything under the sun...and more. Getting to know the Goforths better made the trip much more enjoyable.

"Pat" Kent, wife of John Frederick, the other operator, proved an expert at taking care of the young players, seeing

that they were comfortable. She was a real pal to every one of them.

Lisa Ogle, 4-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ogle, also proved to be a good traveler. She and I had quite a good time chewing ice on the way back, didn't we, Lisa?

"Chuck" Rice, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rice, sat by me during the second game and we had a great time. He's a fine-looking and cute youngster who pitches and plays first base.

Vader Shelton and Ernest Teague were mighty glad Bill was driving and not them when we hit Atlanta.

Little Gina Plemmons, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Plemmons, seemed to enjoy every minute...especially when Allen Stines was close by...they are as cute as pie.

Oscar McDevitt not only enjoyed every minute but helped Ricky and Wayne with their many responsibilities.

I promised Carolyn Goforth and Carolyn Nix not to print anything we talked about or anything which was said...so I'll just keep my promise and keep quiet.

Minnie McCormick and my



A VIEW OF THE huge crowd and the electric message board which read: "Welcome Marshall-Walnut Little Leaguers". (Left of clock in white square)