



Walkovers 1914

front row

- 1 John Johnson
- 2 Frank May pitches
- 3 Tommy Johnson
- 4 Alfred McCarty mgr.
- 5 John (Buck) Zook
- 6 Beynon Brown pitches

back row

1 Buck Brown left f.

2 - (Plainfield mgr)

3

4 - Floyd Creeghter

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6. Bill Beece Hardin

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FILE NAME	Baseball
ID	44
TITLE OR MAIN SUBJECT	Baseball Team "Walkovers"
OTHER SUBJECT TERMS	
NAMES IDENTIFIED	Front row - John Johnson, Frank May (pitcher), Tommy Johnson, Alfred McCarty (Manager), John "Buck" Zook, Byrum Brown (pitcher). Back row - Burly Burns, unknown, unknown, Floyd Creighton, unknown, Bill Pierce.
DATE	About 1914
MEDIUM	Black and White Glossy
SIZE	5 x 7
PHOTOGRAPHER	
COPY	Yes
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1919 Walkovers won 26 straight *Times TITURS Oct 8, 1964*



Grady Elkins presented this picture to The Times of the 1919 Mooresville Walkovers who won 26 games straight in their 1919 season before they were defeated by Valley Mills. Pictured are, left to right, Frank Mays, pitcher; Alfred McCarty, manager; Ernie Samson, scorekeeper; Ralph McCreary, pitcher; Ed Singleton, umpire; William Johnson, catcher; Walter Keller, 1st

base; and Kenneth Marley, short stop. 2nd row: Dodd, center field; Milford Carlisle, 2nd base; John Herzog, 2nd base or short stop; Carl Jessup, catcher; Gerald Thompson, 3rd base; and Ray Manford, left field. The uniforms the men are wearing were purchased from another team in Indianapolis and that is why they read "Specials" instead of "Walkovers." All players were

from Mooresville but Dodd who was from Indianapolis.

McCreary tried out for the Indianapolis Indians and made it, but an accident kept him from playing on the team.

The Walkovers, managed by Alfred McCarthy, played Sunday afternoons July through September on Mendenhall Field. In 1920 Carl Housand moved up from

assistant coach to take over management of the team. Two other Mooresville clubs, the Walkover Juniors, managed by Forest Rusie, and the Specials, managed by Bill Moore, played at the same time.

Proceeds from two of the games the team played against Brooklyn on the Martinsville field went to buy hospital equipment

Morgan County News in Brief

The National Bank of Martinsville and the state bank at Paragon were among those permitted to open for business, Wednesday.

David Stine, age 84, and his daughter, Mrs. Roy Wellman, age 51 former residents of Martinsville, died at St. Clair Shore, Mich., within twenty-four hours. Double services were held.

Everett Grow, age 28, of Martinsville died in the Morgan county Memorial hospital of burns sustained while working in a Martinsville factory on February 21. Services were held Sunday.

Approximately 200 persons enjoyed a dance as guests of Sheriff and Mrs. Vance Keller at the Dixie dance hall near Waverly, Friday night. The Mooresville string band, former radio artists, furnished the music.

Funeral services for John C. Wilhite, age 58, who died at the home of a daughter in Clayton, were held at the Hall Christian church, Monday afternoon. He was born in this county and lived here until four years ago.

Though season ticket sales at the Martinsville rectorial tourney two weeks ago were far below normal, it has been reported that a profit of \$140 was realized. Sectional tourneys in many centers were conducted at a loss.

The residence and several outbuildings at the farm home of Mrs. Sarah Glendennen near Mahalsville were completely destroyed by fire starting from sparks, Friday morning. The loss was partially covered by insurance.

The Martinsville high school basketball team won its way to the state tourney by defeating Brazil 38 to 20 and Lyons 18 to 11 in the regional tourney at Bloomington, Saturday. The Artesians met Valparaiso, winners of the Gary regional, in the opening round.

Jasper Avery and Roy Weaver were arrested by county officers, Tuesday night, pending investigation of robbery of the home of Clarence Newman, Saturday. Avery was arrested at his home near Martinsville and Weaver was apprehended at his home in Baker township.

Ruling on motion for a new trial for Charles O. Abbott, vice president of the closed Martinsville Trust company, was continued Wednesday when, illness prevented the defendant appearing before Special Judge Miller of Franklin. Abbott was found guilty of grand larceny by a circuit court jury, March 1. The motion will be heard March 20.

Harley Edwards of Martinsville, accused of killing his estranged wife at her home near Mitchell, was found guilty of first degree murder and the death sentence was recommended.

Gypsy Pickpockets Victimize Local Man

J. E. Thompson, Mooresville civil war veteran, was the victim, Monday afternoon, of a trio of gypsy pickpockets, who shortly before had attempted to rob the home of D. H. Turley in the southeast part of town.

Mr. Thompson was approached by the gypsies near Clay and High streets. He attempted to avoid them, but they stopped him and during the conversation that ensued one of the women succeeded in taking his bill held from one of his pockets.

After they had permitted him to proceed, Mr. Thompson missed the bill container and hastened back to find that the gypsies were just entering their car. He shouted at them and the woman threw his purse out as the car sped away. Upon recovering it, he found that two one-dollar bills had been removed.

It was reported that the gypsies knocked at the door of the Turley home and forced their way in when Mr. Turley answered the knock. He succeeded in keeping them in hand, however, and finally got them out of the house without serious loss.

The gypsies were driving a new low-priced sedan and were seen in various parts of town, Monday. The trio included two women and a man. Mr. Thompson notified officers at once, but the gypsies had already fled from town.

WIRES AND LETTERS TELL OF DISASTER

Many Local Persons Had Relatives in Earthquake District

Former residents of this community living in the earth-quake zone in and near Los Angeles, Calif., were for the most part verified uninjured by wires and letters received by Mooresville relatives, this week, though there is a possibility that one or more persons known here may have been hurt.

William Beasley has had no word from his mother, Mrs. Catherine Beasley, though he heard the name of his sister, Mrs. Mamie McCarty, listed over the radio as among the injured in Los Angeles.

Mrs. W. H. Sage has had no word from a cousin, Mrs. Frank Ball of Pasadena. Casualty lists showed that a woman of this name had been killed in Belflower, a suburb of Los Angeles.

One of the most graphic accounts of the disaster was included in a letter to Mrs. Arthur Halton from her uncle, L. C. Comer, and cousins, Miss Idalia Comer and Mrs. A. H. Wagner. The letter was written Saturday by the latter, who said that as she wrote her pen was almost twisted from her hand. Her father, she said, had gone to his mines beyond Santa Ana and was out of the quake district. She and her sister however, were at home and, at the first major quake, ran into the yard, where they found the ground rocking so badly that they could not stand up. Mr. Comer, who is 75 years old, as listed in relief work at Long Beach and, according to the letter, worked 38 hours before getting any sleep. The letter told also of another relative whose home in Long Beach was destroyed while he

Eviction Notice



SKY-LINE ALTERED

A silent guardian of Moore'sville's most important street intersection for almost 30 years was dismantled, Wednesday afternoon, while many who had never noticed its presence stood by speculating as to the cause. It is doubtful whether many of Moore'sville's oldest residents could have sworn offhand whether or not there was a 15-foot flagpole atop the old Farmers State Bank building. The answer is that there was and had been since 1904, but there isn't now. Flag poles on the tops of business buildings have ceased to be stylish and even flag-pole sitting, an indignity never heaped upon this particular pole, has had its day. A lowly hack-saw applied at its base ended its three decades of watchfulness over Moore'sville's business district.

Rites for Mrs. Prescott Held Here Wednesday

Mrs. Louisa Jane Prescott, age 79, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Frank Cox, on East Harrison street, Monday, following a serious illness of several weeks. Funeral services in charge of Rev. C. W. Lakin, assisted by Rev. Gettrude Reinert, were held at the Methodist Protestant church, Wednesday afternoon, burial was made in the Moore'sville cemetery.

Mrs. Prescott was the daughter of Mitchell and Tempa Spoon and was born in Hendricks county near Plainfield on January 1, 1854. She was married to James R. Prescott in October, 1878. Mr. Prescott died twenty-three years ago and four years later, Mrs. Prescott moved to this community and has resided here continuously since that time.

Surviving is the daughter, Mrs. Cox. Pallbearers at the services were Robert Alfred, Ira Cox, Robert Kilian, Charles Zook, Wiley Bean and

Truth Wakeman Will Be Married In Japan

Miss Truth Wakeman, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. D. G. Wakeman, whose marriage to Lieut. Bedford Bernard Mason will take place in Tokio, Japan, in May was honored at a farewell tea given by her mother and Miss Miriam Cosand at the Wakeman home, Sunday afternoon. Approximately one hundred guests from Indianapolis, Martinsville, Brooklyn and Mooresville attended.

Miss Wakeman will leave early next week for New York, where she will visit for a few days before beginning her voyage to the Orient. She will sail from New York, March 30, going through the Panama canal to San Francisco. She expects to sail from San Francisco about the middle of April or Tokio, where the marriage will take place.

Miss Wakeman and Lieut. Mason are graduates of Martinsville high school. Miss Wakeman attended Butler university, where she was a member of the Phi Beta Phi sorority. Lieut. Mason is a graduate of the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis and is stationed at Tokio.

In addition to the tea, Sunday, Miss Wakeman has been honored at several other occasions during the past week. She was the guest of the society department of the Indianapolis city library at a luncheon last week, was a guest at dinner of Miss Doris Clark, who returned recently from Tokio, and was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kirkpatrick at dinner in Indianapolis, Tuesday evening.

PLAN BASEBALL OPENER IN APRIL

Last Year's Lineup Practically Intact For This Season

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Babe McCreey, no-hit artist who twirled the locals to victory last year, will be back on the mound, with Forrester, another pitching ace, on the mound. The club expects further strengthening of the pitching staff by the addition of Steve Farrell, former star of the Lawrenceburg club in the K. I. O. league and pitcher for the Kibler All-Stars of Indianapolis last year. Paul McCreey will be back at his post behind the bat. Of last year's club only two are in doubt for the coming season. Provo

Local Bank Re-Opens With Highest Rating

Permission To Resume Business Given In Wire From State Department

DAILY WITHDRAWAL LIMIT

Restrictions Provided In Attempt To Prevent Hoarding

Receiving a class A rating from the state banking department, the Citizens Bank re-opened Wednesday morning subject only to the restrictions set for all banks in its classification.

News of the opening spread rapidly throughout the town and was the occasion of widespread rejoicing. The numerous telephone inquiries to the bank, seeking verification of the report, were answered in practically the same words each time—"Yes sir, that's right. We've got the 'go' signal."

Merchants and townspeople alike received the news with enthusiasm. Lifting of the ban imposed by the government and the high rating of the local bank combined to engender the widest display of confidence and cheer evidenced here in many months.

The bank received permission to re-open in a telegram from Luther F. Symons, state banking commissioner, Wednesday morning. The wire was as follows: "You are classified as an A bank to re-open March 15 for all banking purposes except as prohibited by regulation number four now in the mail. Wire acceptance of classification and request for license at once."

The regulation released by the banking department states that "Class A banks shall be such financial institutions as will be permitted to resume all normal banking functions upon re-opening, except as hereafter provided."

Regulation number four, referred to in the wire, says the following: "Class A banks, as defined above, upon re-opening, shall be open for business without restriction, including the transfer of credits by check, except as follows:

- (a) No gold or gold certificates shall be paid out.
- (b) No bank shall pay in cash a check drawn on another bank.
- (c) Payrolls may be disbursed in cash as usual.
- (d) No bank shall pay a savings withdrawal except over its counter.
- (e) On checking accounts or certificates or cashier's checks or certified checks, not more than \$10 in cash shall be paid to any depositor per day, except for necessities purposes.
- (f) On savings accounts not more than \$10 in cash shall be paid to any depositor per week.
- (g) The foregoing limitations as to withdrawals of currency shall not, however, apply to the withdrawal on demand in currency of so-called trust funds arising from the restrictions imposed beginning February 27, 1933, and the regulations affecting deposits thereafter made prior to the re-opening of the banks."

The restrictions, for the most part, are self-explanatory and are designed chiefly to guard against withdrawals for hoarding. In most cas-

Drop Annual Banquet

A miscellaneous program, presented by each member of the program committee, will be given at the next meeting of the Woman's club, Mon-

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An attempt is being made to schedule only home games for the coming season so the local fans may be assured of regular Sunday afternoon entertainment. The team played only three away-from-home games last season. The possibility of the locals joining the southern Indiana league is being considered. It is likely that local business houses will be solicited for support this year to provide new uniforms.

Games with several of the fastest teams in this district will be scheduled. Tentative plans indicate that the opening game will be played here on April 9.

BALL PARK

The Bradley Brick Company located south of South Street east of railroad tracks was purchased by the Wooley Co. While Chester E. Lawrence owned the company he sold a portion of the ground to the Town of Mooresville known as The Town Ball Park.

From History of Mooresville 1824-1974 by Clara Richardson

Baseball

Mooreville has had ~~had~~ baseball almost as long as there has been baseball.

Amos Wilson Rusie, the famous pitcher + Hall of Famer was born here + played ^{baseball} with local boys mostly his cousins.

Wallace "Pake" Rusie, a 1st cousin, remembered catching with Amos. He had no equipment + used a folded handkerchief for a mitt. Once Amos pitched with such him a ball with such speed it broke the tip of his middle finger + went through a pine board backstop. There was no doubt in his mind then that Amos was due to be famous. Pake never gave up hope that ^{Amos} ~~he~~ would be someday be in the Baseball Hall of Fame. He ^{died in 1951} ~~never~~ saw it happen + never saw it happen. But Amos was

finally inducted in 1979, ~~and~~
into the Indiana Hall of fame
in _____.

The early teams were young
men who loved the game.
They played ~~at~~ in Mendenhall
woods and later at the
"hall park" just ~~west~~ of the
old Settlers Old Park.

Among the older teams
Players on the older teams
were Milford Carlisle,
Raymond Manford, John
Herzog, Carl Housand, Ralph
Mc Cleary and others.

A tragedy occurred one Sunday
when a player on a Plainfield
team & Carl Housand argued
and Mr. Housand hit the
Plainfield player with a ball
bat. The man died & Mr. Housand
spent time in prison for the
crime. That put ^{such} a shadow
over the sport that games were
not played here for some time.

Later a team was sponsored
by Sellars & Bellows Dry Goods
Store & named The Walkovers

for a brand of shoes they sold.
Pictures of the Walkers
show the following players —
~~about~~ ^{about} 1 in the ~~middle 1900's~~
1914 -;

Later players in the 1930's
included Jack Johnson, catcher,
~~Mike Forrester~~ ~~Lawson~~ Ralph
McCreary, Lawson Lawrence,
Steve Farrell, pitchers, young
Jack Johnson also played.

Robert Richardson; left field
or center field, Richard Baer
center field, (fastest runner &
base stealer) Bob Smith, right
field, Bud Kennedy, first base
~~Lee~~ Mike Forrester, 3rd base,
Lee Head, short stop, and
others.

John Switz was long time
manager. Others were Ronie
Johnson and Mike Forrester
after he stopped playing.

The merchants sponsored
uniforms & a collection was
taken to pay for balls & equipment.

They often played at Pendleton and once played the inmates of the Pendleton Reformatory. Alfied "Skinny" McCarty had sold the movie house there & moved to Pendleton and he arranged the games.

Russell Roberts arranged the scheduling of games tho he never played. Often black teams from Indianapolis were opponents & usually won.

Ed Singleton & Herman Sawyers were umpires & Charlie Sawyers & George Squires were the loudest fans.

Many family picnics & reunions were held at that time in Old Town Park and often people would attend the games which were played on Sunday afternoons. Sometimes the crowd reached 200 spectators altho there were not bleachers to seat that many.

Emmett Farmer, an oil dealer

at Camby sponsored a baseball
team ^{and paid his players.} Leroy "Babe" McCreary
pitched for them.

(Lawson played with a Louisville
Ky. team while at Hanover college)

Interview with Lawson Lawrence
Wed. August 16th 1995.

Baseball John Herzog Carl Housand.

Jack Johnson - Mendenhall Woods
Fott Manford ~~that~~ Peat.

Melford Carlisle - Puddy McCrury

Mike Forrester

Jack Johnson cash. 1939-43.

Bob Richardson - In you Yankees L. 7. about 1937(?)

Richard Bain C 7.

Bob Smith R F

Bud Kennedy F.B.

Red Spoons

L. Lawrence - Pitch & 2nd. b.

Lee Head SS.

M. P. Forrester 3rd base

Bud Moore - C. } Peaton
Lallar - F.B. }

~~Claude~~ Steve Farrell, Pitcher
barber

John Switz

Louie Johnson } Ingr
M Forrester }

Merchants sponsor - Suits
Collection

Travelled - Pendleton (2) also,
Pendleton Penitentiary
Skinny Mc Cartey

Played on Sundays.
Played lot of black teams for traps
Rusty Roberts (Russell)
scheduled.

Brooklyn - played on Swope farm.
(S.W. of Waverly)

Farmer (Camby) had ^{paid} team
oil company.
Babe McCrary pitched for them

Ed. Singleton }
Herman Sawyer } umpires.
Fans - Charlie Sawyer & Geo. Guire
Family picnics - 200 +

Interview: Lawson Lawrence,

Walk-over sponsored
by Sellas & Bellows.
(Walkover shoes)

1914 -

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Played Louisville while in Hanover.