

NEW CHURCH BOARD COMMITTEES APPOINTED

New committees were appointed at a meeting on June 20th in St. Andrew's United Church, the first named being chairmen:

Visiting: J.D. Bromley, W. Weaver, Mrs. W. Gerow, B. Harper, Mrs. R. Macadam, Mrs. C. LeBlanc, Mrs. Ross Hill, G. Riley; Ministry and pastoral relations: C. LeBlanc, W. Hawke, W. Gerow, Mrs. B. Whent; Recreation and social action: Mrs. B. Harper, I. Macadam, Mrs. Jessie McCanna, W. Tripp, D.Q. Hamilton; Ecumenical Affairs: E. Glad, A. Gordon, Mrs. H. Frommann, Mrs. J.D. Bromley; World Mission publications: W. Miller, Mrs. J. Crook, Mrs. N. Smith, Mrs. F. Fummerton, Mrs. O. Strasser; Manse and property: G. Drake, Mrs. T. Whent, J. Handel, G. Gordon, W. Gerow, E. Glad, A. Gordon; Stewardship and finance: R. Hill, Mrs. W. Thrower, J. Tucker, C. LeBlanc, Mrs. H. McBride, Mrs. W. Hawke, Mrs. G. Drake; Women of the Church: Mrs. W. Tripp, Mrs. R. Morgan, Mrs. T. Kirkup, Mrs. J. Tucker; Christian Education: W. Tripp, Mrs. E.C. Prinselaar, Mrs. W. Miller, Mrs. W. Clemens, Mrs. J. Smith.

Rev. E.C. Prinselaar presided for the meeting and Mrs. R.G. Macadam was secretary. The second Tuesday each month, from 7.30 to 9.30, was set for regular meeting nights.

A vacation school for children was discussed and the matter left in the hands of the ecumenical committee. The Manse and Property committee were authorized to act in emergency repairs to the Church, new manse, and old manse. A letter of appreciation and gratitude was sent to St. John's Anglican Church for the use of their Church hall for Sunday school purposes during the past year.

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THE SPORTS BEAT

By Glen May



Anybody seen a hitter?

A famine has spread through the major baseball leagues — a hitting famine.

Pitchers are now being tabbed "Zero Heros" and are being likened to Ebenezer Scrooge. Goose-eggs are more common in the majors than at a poultry convention.

After one-third of the season had elapsed, the pitchers had combined for 123 shutouts. This is amazing when you realize that only two years ago there were 246 shutouts achieved during the entire season.

More statistics bear out that 55 percent of all games have resulted in one team or the other scoring just one run or less. At the middle of June only three players in the American League were hitting over .300. They were Frank Howard, Carl Yastrzemski and Rick Monday.

Pitching is now dominating baseball as never before, and with the crowd-pleasing home runs and extra base-hits vanishing from the game, club owners are worried over dropping attendance.

After 545 games had been played in the majors there were 264 of them which had resulted in five-hitters or less, and no matter how you look at it, baseball just "ain't where the action is."

Fans are becoming bored with the increasing regularity of 1-0 and 2-1 games.

Baseball is following the steps football took a few years ago. Every organization is now concentrating on defence, and it is no secret that pitching is the major cog in a defensive machine.

A strong pitching staff today appears to be better than any insurance policy. Solid front-line pitching is a guarantee for a first division finish, and a

better than average shot at the pennant.

Relief pitchers being shuffled in and out of games also make the hitter's task more difficult. These relief artists are almost untouchable for a couple of innings, and if a manager uses two or three of them in a single game, they're not going to give up many runs.

Former major leaguer Dick Groat, who was a splendid hitter in his own right, was quoted as saying: "When I came up you looked at two good pitchers and two so-so's you could pick your batting average up on. You can't do this today. Look at the New York Mets. They may be down in the standings but they have four good young arms that make it tough on everybody."

There is now talk circulating throughout the majors of moving the pitching mound further back, thus making it easier for the hitters.

There is also discussion about a wild card pinch-hitter who can be used two or three times a game. This point has merit, but the majority of pinch-hitters aren't batting over .200, and so, the odds again favor the pitchers.

Another thought is the lowering of the mound. This, perhaps, has more credence than any of the other suggestions.

Undoubtedly, something must be done.

Possibly the best idea was put forth by Jim Fregosi of the California Angels: Pitchers should be made to pitch up out of holes in the ground.

If the Zero Heros continue their merry mastery over the hitters, it's likely Fregosi's suggestion will receive unanimous support at the next meeting of the Hitter's Union.

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