

## FIRST STEPS WERE TAKEN TO ORGANIZE NEW BALL LEAGUE

Outlook for the Organization  
That Is to Include Richmond  
Appears to Be of a  
Most Promising Nature.

### MEETING WAS HELD AT INDIANAPOLIS FRIDAY.

Another Called for Next Monday Evening at Muncie--  
Richmond Probably Will Get  
A Game Every Sunday.

Friday evening at the Star office in Indianapolis, Manager Frank Runyan of Bluffton, Manager Lewis Hunt of Portland and Manager R. B. Hubbard of Hartford City, met with A. R. Kling, sporting editor of the Star, and took the first steps toward organizing the Indiana-OHIO league, which is to be composed of the following towns--Richmond, Portland, Decatur, Hartford City, Bluffton and Van Wert. O. Next Monday evening at 8 o'clock, the managers of the proposed league will meet at the Hotel Delaware, Muncie, and complete arrangements for launching the league. At this meeting each team will post \$100 guarantee to finish the season. A schedule will also be drafted, a president elected, and umpires chosen and other details of minor importance will be transacted.

At the meeting Friday evening Manager Lou Holthouse of Decatur was represented by Manager Runyan of Bluffton, Manager Jessup of the Richmond team and the manager of the Van Wert team were prevented from attending the meeting by missing the interurban they were to take. A local newspaper man attended the meeting and assured the magnates that Richmond was all for the league and was available to supply the information asked of him.

#### Opens on July 28.

The league season will open Sunday, July 28, and will close Sunday, September 15. There is not the slightest doubt but that the league will be a go as the managers of the teams now proposed to be included in the circuit are enthusiastic about the organization and there are other independent teams already trying to break into the circuit. While the meeting was in session Friday there were long distance phones from Marion and Kokomo, each city asking to be included in the league. They were invited to be represented at the league meeting at Muncie Monday evening.

Percentage of gate receipts for the home and visiting clubs was arranged for, an \$800 a month salary limit decided on and a decision was reached to have each club manager draw up a schedule, which he will submit at the Muncie meeting. The most satisfactory schedule will be adopted.

#### Expect Much Locally.

Bluffton and Van Wert do not play at home on Sundays and it is probable that the local team will be at home nearly every Sunday during the season. Richmond is the largest city in the league and the managers all predicted that with fast league ball this city would be a gold mine, Richmond having the reputation as a good sporting town. On this account the managers all agreed that Richmond should be favored to every extent in drawing up the schedule. The one holiday date during the league season is Labor Day. Manager Hunt asked to be scheduled in Richmond on that date. Bluffton and Decatur wanted to divide up the two games on this date between the two towns and Manager Hubbard of Hartford City, stated that he would like to have his team play in Van Wert on that date. This is probably the way the schedule on this holiday will be arranged. Mr. Kling stated that he thought league ball would increase the gate receipts in every town from thirty to forty per cent and all the managers agreed with him. Mr. Kling is slated for the presidency of the league, and he will make a most efficient official.

### ELMER FLICK TO QUIT TEAM

Internal Dissension Among the Cleveland Players.

Cleveland, O., July 20--The announced retirement of Elmer Flick, leading batsman and outfielder of the Naps, and the reported internal dissensions among the other players have nearly brought matters to a crisis in the Cleveland club. It had been reported several days that Flick would quit the team after the Washington series next Tuesday, and Friday he confirmed it.

### THREE HITS OFF OF MOORE.

Wheeling Could Not Do Much With His Delivery.

In the game between Wheeling and South Bend, Friday, stopped in the seventh by rain, Wheeling secured but three hits off Gene Moore, former Richmond pitcher. Moore is credited with two hits.

### CLOSE ONE TO BLUFFTON.

Kid Hull Pitches and Combines Drop Game.

Bluffton, Ind., July 20--Bluffton shut out Kokomo-Sharpsville for the second and straight time Friday by a score of 1 to 0. Kid Hull pitched his second shutout of the week.

## BIG CRIMP WAS PUT IN VAN WERT TEAM

Fleming, the Popular Twirlist,  
Held Buckeye Visitors  
Down to Three Hits.

### JESSUP'S STICK WORK.

HE WAS THE HUMAN THIRTEEN-INCH GUN OF THE PROCEEDINGS--VAN WERT BONE HEAD-ED AT TIMES.

(BY TORT.)

#### RICHMOND 5; VAN WERT 1.

The big crimp was placed on our guests from Van Wert, O., Friday afternoon by the locals. N. Fleming, popular twirlist, was C. W. T. H., which is the abbreviated form for "crazy with the heat," and he held the Buckeyes down to three hits, incidentally whiffing seven of them. Two of these hits combined with an error came in the second and netted the only count for the visitors. Van Wert sprung a southpaw battery on us, but it didn't make any difference. D. Bockwitz was the flinging end of this port-sided battery and he only permitted six hits to be garnered off him, but these six hits counted for nine bases and five runs. Three costly Van Wert errors also counted in the local's run getting.

Manager Jessup was the human thirteen-inch gun of the proceedings. With his sturdy willow the little manager poled out two doubles, each one of which drove in a tally. He also played a brilliant fielding game. Mr. Ridgely of Fairmount, W. Va., made his debut at second base. Mr. Ridgely was chaperoned by N. Fleming, his old college chum. The young man looks promising. Ridgely fielded his position well, pulling off a sensational play by capturing a liner back of second, and got a single out of four times up. Minzler's play was also a feature of the game.

#### Bone-Headed Work.

Van Wert got off ever now and then some bone-headed work but all in all the game was interesting and well played. Four of the locals' five runs came in the first. Ritter started the proceedings by receiving a hot drop on his bum pin. Cameron then sacrificed the rabbit to second. Along came Jessup and belted the ball over the center fielder's head for a double, counting Ritter. Wittermood was passed to first and Jessup pilfered third. The manager and the boss slugger then pulled off a double steal. While the Van Wert infield was confining its efforts to running down Wittermood, which they failed to do, Jessup sneaked out for home. Seeing the little manager under full steam for home Kelley hurled the ball to Hillinger, but it soared high over his head. This gave Jessup his run and Wittermood a perch on second base. Ridgely then reached first on a Texas leaguer, permitted by Alphonse-Gaston tactics on the part of F. Bockwitz and McCann. Wittermood took third on this single and scored when Conklin muffed a throw of Hillinger's to catch "Grins" off his bag. Ridgely scored on Minzler's hard tap to Folley, who messed the play. This ended the pyrotechnics as Cunny breezed and Fisher skied to McCann.

#### Last Run in Fifth.

In the fifth with two down Cameron took first on a slushing single and scored on Jessup's second vicious double to left center. Score:

	Richmond	AB.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Ritter, cf...	.3	1	0	6	1	2	
Cameron, 1b...	.3	1	1	10	0	1	
Jessup, c...	.4	1	2	9	0	0	
Wittermood, lf...	.2	1	1	2	0	0	
Ridgely, 2b...	.4	1	1	3	3	0	
Minzler, ss...	.3	0	1	1	5	0	
Cham, rf...	.4	0	0	0	0	0	
Fisher, 3b...	.3	0	2	0	0	0	
Fleming, p...	.3	0	0	0	4	0	
Totals...	30	5	6	27	12	1	

Van Wert AB. R. H. O. A. E.  
Kelley, cf... .3 0 0 6 1 2  
Folley, ss... .3 0 0 6 0 0  
Betz, lf... .4 0 1 1 0 0  
Conklin, 3b... .3 1 0 0 2 1  
Hillinger, c... .3 0 1 5 1 0  
South Bend...

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Friday's Results.

Evansville, 4; Springfield, 2.  
Dayton, 2; Terre Haute, 1.  
Canton, 5; Grand Rapids, 6.  
Wheeling, 1; South Bend, 1. Called

### DUNKIRK LOSES CATCHER.

Orville Wolfe Quits to Attend to Other Business.

Dunkirk, Ind., July 20--Orville Wolfe, the Muncie boy who has been doing great backstop work for the Dunkirk team, has resigned his position and will quit baseball for the present season at least. He is a good man, was making good money and perfectly satisfied with the team, but had other business interests demanding his attention.

### BENEFIT OF THE BALL TEAM

Ice Cream Festival Will Be Given at Centerville.

Centerville, Ind., July 20--There will be an ice cream festival this evening at Maplewood Park, for the benefit of the Centerville baseball club. Music will be furnished by the Centerville band. Everyone invited to attend.

### SPARTANBURG WON GAME.

Defeated Farmland at Baseball in Ten Inning Contest.

Fountain City, Ind., July 20--Postmaster Lafe Harrison and Z. B. Pyle made a flying trip to Lynn Thursday afternoon to take in the "crack" baseball game between Farmland and Spartanburg. Spartanburg won by the score of five to six in ten innings.

Leaving Richmond 11:15 p. m. via C. C. & L. lands you in Chicago at 7:00 a. m. Through sleepers and coaches. You will like it. April 16

## Child Kidnapped at Columbus and Two of Her Benefactors.



JENNIE CARTER  
REV. W. J. SEGUNDY, Secy. Bartholomew County Board of Children's Guardians

## Base Ball STIFF FIGHT MADE AGAINST THE PLAN

### NATIONAL LEAGUE STANDING.

	Won	Lost	Pct.
Chicago	61	29	.673
New York	47	30	.510
Pittsburg	47	31	.603
Philadelphia	43	34	.559
Brooklyn	37	45	.451
Boston	33	44	.429
Cincinnati	32	48	.400
St. Louis	19	67	.221

### Friday's Results.

Pittsburg, 2; Boston, 0.

Philadelphia, 5; St. Louis, 0.

Brooklyn, 8; Cincinnati, 1.

Chicago, 12; New York, 3.

### AMERICAN LEAGUE STANDING.

	Won	Lost	Pct.
Chicago	52	29	.642
Cleveland	47	33	.588
Detroit	45	32	.584
Philadelphia	45	33	.577
New York	37	41	.474
St. Louis	33	47	.413
Boston	29	48	.377
Washington	25	50	.333

### Friday's Results.

Detroit, 5; Philadelphia, 1.

Cleveland, 0; Washington, 0. Darkness at end of 12th.

St. Louis, 4; New York, 1.

Boston-Chicago--Rain.

### AMERICAN ASSN. STANDING.

	Won	Lost	Pct.
Toledo	51	35	.593
Minneapolis	50	38	.568
Minneapolis	48	37	.565
Milwaukee	45	42	.517
Kansas City	44	43	.506
Louisville	39	48	.448
St. Paul	36	52	.409
Indianapolis	36	54	.400

### Friday's Results.

St. Paul, 2; Indianapolis, 1.

Columbus, 4; Minneapolis, 3.

Milwaukee-Toledo--Rain.

Louisville, 9; Kansas City, 3.

### CENTRAL LEAGUE STANDING.

	Won	Lost	Pct.
Wheeling	41	31	.569
Springfield	41	33	.554
Canton	38	31	.551
Evansville	42	36	.538
Dayton	36	39	.490
Terre Haute	37	41	.474
Grand Rapids	35	42	.440
Dayton	33	46	.436

### Friday's Results.

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