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CEDAR RAPIDS--Five baseball men will be inducted into the Hall of Fame by the IOWA HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION at its two-day clinic in Cedar Rapids, March 12-13.

Harold Primrose, President of the Association, said the five will be cited at the Friday banquet at Washington High School. John Klippstein who played 17 years in the major leagues will be the guest speaker.

This is the third group to be admitted to the Hall of Fame. The new members are:

DICK DAVIS, Council Bluffs, coached 10 years at Council Bluffs Thomas Jefferson where he won five state championships in the Summer of 1959 and 1960, Spring and Summer of 1962 and Spring of 1966. His teams came in second four times during this 10-year period. His overall record was 315 wins and 75 losses. His teams won the Metro Conference two out of the three years he was in it and won the Iowa-Nebraska League five straight years. Dick is now an independent insurance agent in Council Bluffs.

RAY HANSHEP, Van Horns, has been in the teaching and coaching profession since 1928 when he started at Rhodes, Iowa. From Rhodes he went to Newhall-Cole-Van Horns where he coached and became Superintendent. He has been active in baseball over 43 years. He has served on the IHSPA Representative Council and the Board of Directors of the Association of Athletic Directors. Ray is presently Assistant Superintendent at Denton Community.

CLAYTON "CHICK" SUTHERLAND, Ames, has spent 43 years in coaching. He started in 1928 at Algonn and in 1937 moved to Mason City where he won state championships in 1935, 1937 and 1938. His teams were undefeated in those years. He started baseball at Mason City Junior College in 1931. In 1941 he moved to Iowa State as an assistant coach and was head coach of the Cyclones from 1943-47. He was head basketball coach from 1947-54. Since 1954 Chick has been freshman baseball coach. He will retire this spring from active coaching.

ESTEL THOMPSON, Clear Lake, began his coaching career in 1925 at Springville Iowa, moved to Dyersville in 1929 and in 1930 to Armstrong where his team won the state championship. Other stops in his coaching career were Manning Sun, Oakville, and Kewanee. He had outstanding baseball teams at Kewanee--state champions two times and runnerup three times. In January of 1935 he left the teaching profession and became District Manager for the Farm Bureau Insurance Company. He retired in 1966.

GEORGE THOMPSON, Cedar Rapids, a younger brother of Estel Thompson, started coaching in 1934. He coached football, basketball (both boys and girls) and baseball. His teams have participated in 1053 contests of which he won 790. His baseball record is 454 wins and 201 losses. He started his career at Stanwood, Iowa, compiling a baseball record of 56 wins and 18 losses and came to Cedar Rapids in 1947 where he coached at Roosevelt High School. He has won 21 city championships over this period of time. He is presently still coaching football and baseball at Roosevelt Junior High School.