

IOWA HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION

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CLINIC MARCH 10-11: One month until the Iowa High School Baseball Coaches Association Fourth Annual Clinic! We hope you have made your plans to attend and bring the team along, the assistant coach, and the coach "down the road" with you. Enclosed you will find a brochure about the speakers, topics, times, etc. Show it to your principal and superintendent and make sure you get the day off to enjoy a weekend of baseball.

DUTCH LEONARD: Our guest lecturer, "Dutch" Leonard, has been nominated for the Coopers-town Hall of Fame. He has an outstanding pitching record. Make sure you come and listen to what this great ball player has to say about pitching.

BANQUET TICKETS: Enclosed you will find a card to return so we can get a count on how many to expect for the Friday banquet and noon lunch on Saturday. Fill it out and mail it back with your check covering your meals. If you plan to eat both Friday and Saturday meals, your check should be for \$4.75. If you plan to eat for only the banquet, it would be \$3.00 and if plans are for only the Saturday lunch it should be \$1.75. **Remember, if you are not a member of the Coaches Association by March 1, the Clinic will cost you \$10.00 plus the meals.** Make your check payable to the Iowa High School Baseball Coaches Association. **We will only order as many meals and noon lunches as we have advanced reservations.**

BUMP ELLIOTT, Your Banquet Speaker: The University of Iowa Athletic Director Bump Elliott will be our banquet speaker. Bump has quite an outstanding athletic background. I'm sure you will enjoy his talk very much. He has a lot to offer the high school coaches of Iowa.

MEMBERSHIP: Our membership is now at 250. In 1970 we had 140. In 1971 we had 176. Our goal is still 300. Let's all work for that magic number. We need your help to reach it. If each member gets one new member, we will set an all time high membership. Your work is cut out for you.

ROSTER OF YOUR TEAM: You are probably receiving from the scouts their annual letter for your roster and schedule of games. If all the coaches would have an information sheet on all of the ball players you would dress and give it to the opposing coach and scouts, it would help everyone to know the good ball players throughout the state. All of you should be working or have completed your schedule by now. Make sure you put on your schedule the time, place, date, site, conference game or non-conference game. Send a schedule to every team you play.

Please put the following information on the Roster Card:

Team Name	Coaches Name							
Address of Ball Diamond	Last Years Record			Conference				
Player	Pos.	Age	Ht.	Wt.	Bats	Throws	Jersey No.	Year
Joe Brown	6	17	5'9"	155	R	R	7	11

Make sure you get your schedule ready and team roster up to date.

DOOR PRIZES: We will have door prizes throughout the Clinic. Each registration card will go into the hat. Cedar Rapids Sporting Goods and Eby's Sporting Goods will donate some of the door prizes. The donuts will be donated by Bill Schupbach, a great baseball fan from Cedar Rapids. We need more people like the above.

CONSTITUTION CHANGE: Recommended Amendments and changes: Article VI — Elections and Terms of Office.

Section 2. Board of Directors. Paragraph (B) Elected Board of Directors shall take office at the late winter annual clinic meeting. A Board of Directors member shall be eligible to succeed himself but once.

It is recommended that the last sentence should be dropped.

HALL OF FAME: Enclosed you will find the press release of the 1972 Iowa High School Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame. A brief history follows each man's name. Not only will we honor Hall of Fame but coaches who have served over 15 years, College Coaches of Year, High School District Coach of Year and High School Coach of Year. We hope you all are planning to attend and bring someone along.

NIGHT CAP: After the Friday meeting all coaches will meet at the Elks Club in downtown Cedar Rapids for an evening "night cap". Plan on this "off the cuff" get together. This is all baseball talk. Many big stories are told here. We hope you make it a total baseball week end.

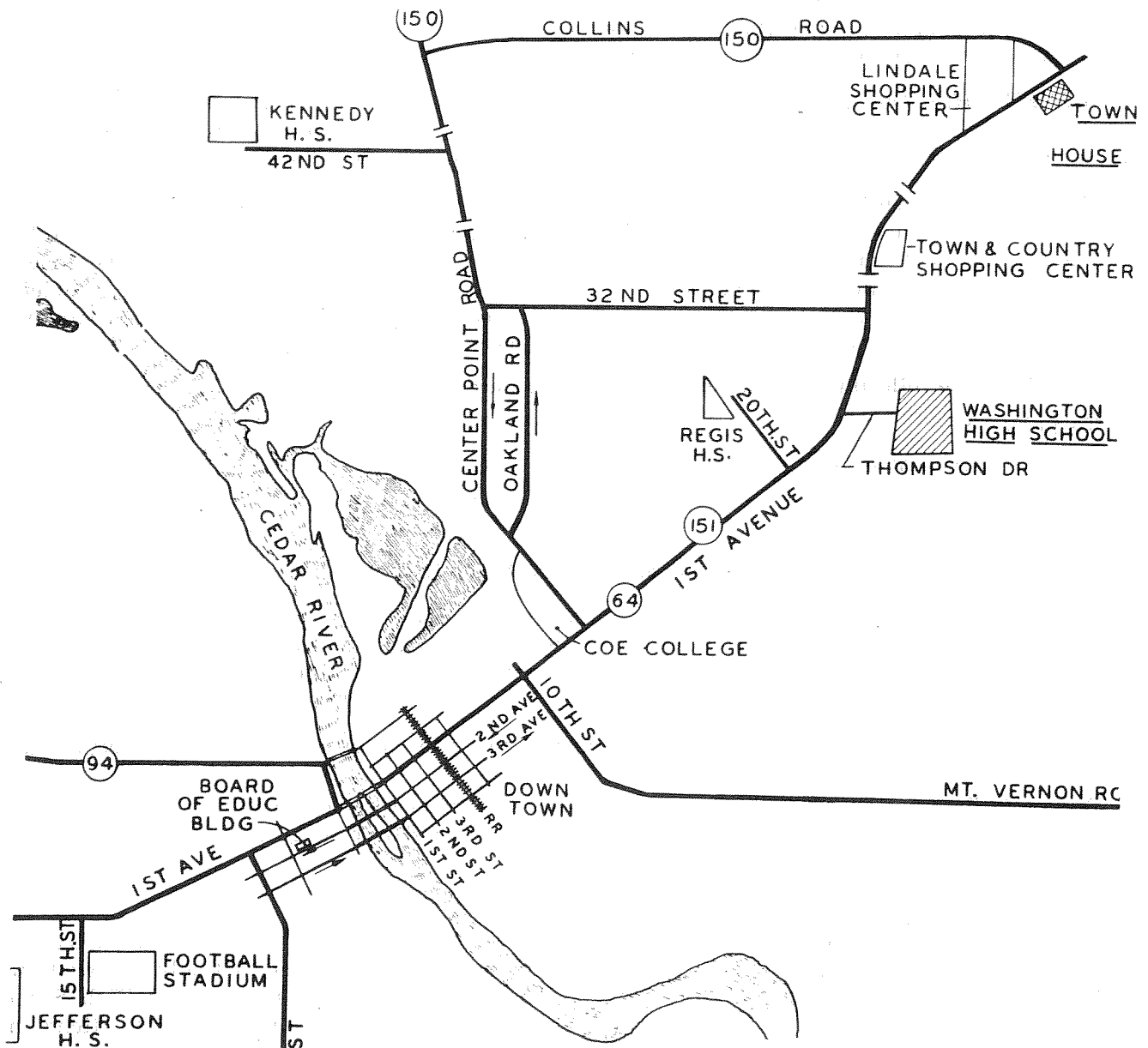
MAP TO WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL: Below you will find a map of Cedar Rapids and the directions to Washington High School.

RESERVATIONS: It is recommended that you get your reservations in early if you plan to stay overnight. I have talked to the Holiday Inn and they gave us special rates for Clinic participants. These are the places to call:

- Holiday Inn, Williams Blvd. S. W., 319-365-9441
- Howard Johnsons, Highway 30 West, 319-363-8101
- Town House Motor Inn, First Ave. East, 319-362-3131
- Roosevelt Hotel, Downtown Cedar Rapids, 319-364-9111
- Montrose Hotel, Downtown Cedar Rapids, 319-364-4111
- Y.M.C.A., Downtown Cedar Rapids, 319-362-1138

Make your reservations early.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING: The next Board of Directors meeting will be held at Cedar Rapids Washington, March 9, 1972, starting at 7:30 P.M., Little Theatre. Everyone is welcome to attend these meetings. All Old Directors and New Directors are to attend these meetings.



NEWS RELEASE

— TO BE RELEASED FEBRUARY 17, 1972 —

IOWA HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION

CEDAR RAPIDS — Seven new names will be added to the Hall of Fame of the Iowa High School Baseball Coaches Association in 1972. Executive Secretary Harold Primrose of Cedar Rapids, in announcing the names of the seven new members, said they would be presented certificates emblematic of the honor at the banquet March 10 featuring the fourth annual Coaches Clinic staged by the Association.

Nominees for the Association's Hall of Fame come from coaches all over the state and the final selections are made by a nominating committee of the Association. All have been active in baseball and all have been standout performers as players, coaches, officials and in some cases a combination of several fields of baseball endeavour over a period of years.

Standout player on the list is **Hal Trosky**, one of the All-Time Great Major League Sluggers (.321 lifetime batting average with Cleveland and the White Sox over an 11-years span). Trosky's recommendations also included a single season in which he had 162 runs batted in, coupled with 42 home runs and a batting average of .345. Trosky is a member of the Major League "200-Home-Run Club" and was voted Cleveland's most popular player in 1939. A native of Norway, he started as a pitcher but was converted to first base to keep his bat in the line up every day.

Also on the list is the man whose baseball career is longer than any other Iowan who ever lived. That would be **Dr. Harry "Doc" Zimmer**, of Dysart, who played 41 years as a semi-pro and then turned to umpiring to run his string of baseball seasons out to an unbelievable 69 years. A pitcher, Dr. Zimmer pitched for the Iowa Hawkeyes while in dental school and then pitched semi-pro ball (as many as 45 games a season) until he turned to umpiring in 1953. He umpired only a few games in 1971 at age 81, due to high blood pressure. But he hopes to again be active in the game he started playing at age 11 on the Dysart town team in 1902.

Another umpire being honored by induction into the Association's Hall of Fame is **Joe Bailey** of Cedar Rapids, who like Dr. Zimmer, played many years of semi-pro baseball as second baseman-manager of the strong Light Company Team in Cedar Rapids before turning to umpiring. Much of Bailey's service to the game was helping young players during his active career including both Junior Legion and summer baseball programs. The Bailey's live now in Lakeland, Florida, but Joe plans to be back to receive the honor in person.

Posthumously, Muscatine's Great Coach — **L. A. (Lefty) Schnack** — will be inducted into the Hall of Fame at the March 10th Banquet. A great athlete at Wilton High School, at Central College with the all-time great sports teams there, and as a touring pro cager with the "Terrible Swedes", Schnack nevertheless hit his peak as a coach. He went from football to basketball at Muscatine and then took baseball when the sport was installed at the high school in 1951. Three straight summer championships helped Schnack's Muscatine nines run up 40 straight wins. One of his pitchers, Ron Reifert, had a 36-1 career mark as a Little Muskie. Overall in baseball, Schnack showed 171 wins, 64 losses and two ties. Over one eight-year span his team won 120 and lost only 19 games. He died April 16, 1971 of a heart attack while working at his job as Muscatine High Athletic Director.

Another retired coach on the list of inductees is **Bud Suter**, now with the Iowa Hawkeye Athletic Department. A Drake graduate, Suter's Mason City coaching career was relatively short but loaded with high spots. His best season was 1943 at 22 and 1, but the 1946 season of 24 and 4 produced a state championship. Suter's Mohawk's won Big Six Conference Titles in 1942, '43, and '44 before sharing with West Waterloo in 1945. His Junior Legion teams won state titles in 1941 and 1944. Suter launched a career as broadcaster in 1946, but left records so impressive he was a standout choice for Hall of Fame honors.

A great name in Simpson College athletics — that of Coach **R. G. "Hap" Miller** — also goes into the Hall of Fame. Space doesn't begin to permit a full run down on the baseball coaching career of this remarkable man. Let it be said, however that in 25 years of coaching, Hap Miller's teams won 282 games and lost only 87. He had only one losing season and against Iowa Conference teams while he coached at Simpson, the record in 11 seasons was 89 wins and only 16 losses. His 1958 Simpson team finished third in the nation at the NAIA national tourney — highest finish ever for an Iowa Conference team. And to show the versatility of this man, he was a charter member of the Iowa High School Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame. Coach Miller now lives in retirement near Rockwell City.

Seventh man on the list is **Roy F. Jessen**, who climaxed his baseball coaching career with eight standout years at Council Bluffs Thomas Jefferson with eight state tournament appearances, and a career record of 215 victories and 77 losses. Twice his Thomas Jefferson teams were runners-up for the state titles and three times the TJ boys took the state's highest baseball honor. Coach Jessen's best year was his final year at Thomas Jefferson when his team won 25 and lost 3 and won the state summer championship in 1959. He lives now in Milford.

Others named previously to the Association's Hall of Fame are the late Otto Vogel, Ken Blackman, Emil Klumpar, Hamlet Peterson, Mon Whitford, Fred Larsen, Harold Schmickley, Vince Meyer, Elmer Starr, Cap Timm, George Thomson, Estel Thomson, Chick Sutherland, Dick Davis and Ray Manship.

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