



SCHOLASTIC NOTEBOOK John Doser

The death of WHAM's Bill Givens was a shocker.

I listened to Bill's "Music for a Sunday Afternoon" record show the day he died. Bill and an area record buff played five solid hours of Vaughn Monroe (taped earlier in the week) numbers which turned out to be a painless accompaniment to painting one's house.

Bill's inside knowledge of the musicians, many of whom were personal friends, gave listeners the feeling that they too knew the Millers, Goodmans, Shaws, Dorseys, Monroes etc., as well as he did.

I always wanted to write Bill a note to tell him how great his Sunday music shows were. I never managed to write that letter, but I did tell him once that his Sunday shows were the only ones I ever went out of my way to tune in.

One of his most memorable shows was the several hours he devoted a couple of years ago to the original score of "Jesus Christ Superstar."

Here's hoping that WHAM doesn't change Givens' philosophy of music which came to be a pleasant Sunday afternoon habit over the years on the part of many listeners. What an injustice to Bill's automatic audience if WHAM breaks up his five hours into contemporary disc-jockeyed records.

While he had his legion of Big Band followers, Bill was also known throughout the Rochester sports fraternity as the "Voice of the Americans" as play-by-play broadcaster of Amerk hockey games.

His sportscasting job made life easy for sports-oriented PR men — if you had a local promotion you could bank on Bill to give it a ride.

He was a homer if you ever knew or saw one and he usually agreed to MC just about anything which tickled his Big Band or sports rib because he loved his craft and the people who held his craft in so high esteem.

Bill was an emotional man and perhaps this contributed to his early death. He upset a lot of listeners with his "dramatic smaltz," but he never turned up an enemy in the process — perhaps the highest achievement a man in the sportscasting or sportswriting profession can experience.

BISHOP KEARNEY High athletic director Marty LaFica has taken all the Kings' games out of Holleder Stadium and reports the Kings will save \$4,000 by not playing there this season.

"We had no contract with the city although we tried to get one earlier. They kept telling us everything would be OK, but how many schools can afford \$950 everytime they play there?" La Fica asked.

La Fica put one game into the U of R's Fauver Stadium for \$600, played or will play several at McQuaid for considerably less, but produced the biggest plum by working out an agreement with West Irondequoit High to play a game on the Indians' gridiron against McQuaid, Sunday, Oct. 28, at 2 p.m.

"We talked with Irondequoit athletic director Roger Bunce and Irondequoit superintendent Dr. William Early. He took it before the school board and they said OK for \$200.

"We had to work out another arrangement with the Iron-

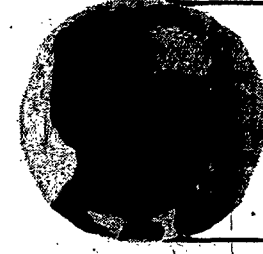
dequoit Pop Warner team and they will play at Kearney that afternoon," La Fica said.

We applaud this cooperation between BK and the West Irondequoit school board which helped solve an expensive BK problem.

MOONEY FOOTBALL coach Tony Merola said he started to think about McQuaid about 10 minutes after his Cardinals had polished off previously unbeaten and unscored upon Madison, 14-8.

(McQuaid upset Mooney Saturday for its fifth straight win. Both teams were unbeaten at 4-0.)

Besides Madison, McQuaid, of course, appeared to have the only other shot at knocking the Cards off their course for a second-straight City-Catholic League title.



IN THIS CORNER George Beahon

Into the jaws of the notorious Boston press walked Darrell Johnson, new manager of the Boston Red Sox Country Club.

"I don't plan any strict curfew," said Johnson during his introductory press conference. "As long as they conduct themselves as men, there won't be any problem. But we're not going to have 25 different sets of rules for 25 players."

I have news for the Boston press and for the Boston Red Sox.

The party's over.

Darrell Johnson has been to the parties and he knows when to leave. He is a handsome, green-eyed cavalier who wears his Yankee baseball experience with the same aplomb as his Brooks Brothers threads.

He stays up late when the occasion suggests and he smokes cigars. He is not adverse, following a hot afternoon in the sun, to climbing out of his hot, sweaty golf garb and into a bitter cold dry Martini.

Lest this panic the conservatives, it should be noted right here that Johnson is a member of the school that approves anyone foolish enough to order a third Martini be charged \$26 per copy.

Johnson has his private ideas about curfews and rules and regulations off the field.

He roomed for two years with Don Larsen, a pitcher who gained notoriety as a Yankee playboy long before he worked up that perfect game in a World Series. Johnson points out that Larsen was a bachelor and that his late hour antics were exaggerated. Other people point out that it was Johnson who, as catcher and roomie, helped develop both Larsen and Ryne Duren for Casey Stengel.

Johnson says nobody, but nobody, will run over him.

By the end of spring training, he insists, he will know all he needs about off-field habits of his personnel. It is his firm conviction that no rule will prevent a player from taking a drink or breaking curfew.

"The drinker will take a drink and the chaser will chase," says

CYO League Sets Deadline

At a meeting of all Catholic Youth Organization basketball league coaches on Wednesday, Oct. 3, it was voted that a scheduled \$40 increase in the annual team fee be dropped. The decision will keep the fee at \$160 per team for the 1973-74 season.

The deadline for application to the league was also extended to Oct. 28. A \$50 deposit must accompany all applications, and the entire amount must be paid by the opening night of the season, Sunday, Nov. 25.

Fees not paid by then will result in forfeit of the first game. Teams not paid up by the second game, Dec. 2, will be dropped from the schedule.

CYO basketball league coordinator Jack Quiggle said that the lower season fee necessitates strict enforcement of payments.

John Klein, acting director of the CYO, and Quiggle will select a coaches' advisory committee, it was also voted. The committee will handle game protests, eligibility questions, and other matters.

Three possible new CYO

programs were discussed: adult volleyball leagues, elementary school volleyball leagues, and elementary school skiing.

St. Christopher's Adult Education Studies Marriage

Dr. Dennis Boike, an area marriage and family counselor, is conducting a series of six adult education sessions at St. Christopher's Church, North Chili.

The program, held at 6:30 p.m. on the second Sunday of each month, began Oct. 14 and ends March 10. It focuses on the theme "Happiness and Self-Esteem in Marriage."

Dr. Boike will discuss marital problems ranging from "Resolving Marital Conflicts Effectively" to "Family Communications: Reality or Myth?"

St. Christopher's invites anyone interested to attend. There is a cost of one dollar per person per session.

DELTA LABS OFFER TOURS

For the third consecutive year, Delta Laboratories is conducting tours through its facilities at 18 West Main St., Webster. All interested groups are welcome, especially groups from junior high through college. The one-hour tours are held on Mondays, by appointment only. A new color slide presentation highlights this year's program. Reservations should be made through 872-1140.

Quiggle said that those interested in setting up these activities for their parishes may contact the CYO at 454-2030.

The next coaches' meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 10. Time and place will be announced.

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