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Pennant Fever Helped By The 'Man Upstairs'

EVERY MORNING this week the clock radio has switched on to the tune of "Go Get 'Em Tigers" or with the information of how to say "Sack It To 'Em Tigers" in a variety of languages.

If you have just returned from the moon or maybe even the depths of Siberia, you might not be aware that there's a bug going around.

It's called pennant fever and no one is immune. This week's issue of "Time" asserts that "Fights may still erupt during discussions of such volatile topics as race relations, religion or politics. But talking about Tiger successes is absolutely uncontroversial."

The magazine is right. Since this week's aim is for peace and harmony, let's talk about the bug and its effect.

Township Supervisor Curtis H. Hall proposed Gates Brown for Mayor of Detroit at a luncheon just following the slugger's first in pulling two consecutive games out of the bag.

The proposal followed a heated discussion of politics — at all levels. Everyone agreed and the meal ended on a pleasant note, which helped the digestive juices.

LAST WEEK in the bank a young mother waited in line. Her young daughter appeared with some Tiger bumper stickers. "Now we can put this kind on the car," the youngster said.

Take a look at the variety of bumper stickers the next time you drive.

A FEW WEEKS ago my Mother said she would like to see a Series game. Could I get any tickets?

When I asked the boss, he grunted. That very same day, the high school youth who works part time in the office asked me if I could get him a ticket. I hope that I was a little more polite—I laughed.

People who didn't know how many innings there are in a game in May have now become avid baseball fans.

The radio broadcasts interrupt party, work and sleeping time.

Such is the phenomena.

IF I MAY be permitted to close on a purely personal note...

My father was a rabid Tiger fan for years. One of my earliest memories is a Sunday drive while listening to the ball game on the car radio.

When radios started appearing in cars my father had the luxury radio. This was from a man who refused to have power steering until two years ago.

One of my sisters made the comment in July — "What do you think of the Tigers? Aren't they going great guns?"

When I agreed she added that she couldn't help thinking "of Pop." (My father died in February.)

Personally, I have the feeling that a bit of the Tigers' success is due to the fact that a bug has been placed in the ear of the Man Upstairs by a rabid Tiger fan.

—Sue Shaughnessy

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Series To Stir Stadium Chatter

THREE OAKLAND COUNTY cities (Pontiac, Walled Lake and Troy) have worked themselves into a civic tizzy with fanciful plans for locating the long discussed Detroit Metropolitan Stadium within their borders.

Also bucking for the proposed glob of concrete are Detroit, which offers sites both at the State Fair Grounds and on the riverfront, plus Dearborn and Taylor.

During the approaching madness which will accompany the world series, there is certain to be considerable verbal flack about how necessary a new stadium is to the area to assure our continued life, liberty and pursuit of happiness.

Please pardon my cynicism, but I wonder if it won't snow on the Fourth of July before such a stadium is built—or its need convincingly proved—or financing arranged without having to tap what's left of the tax dollar?

Interestingly enough, it's a Farmington firm, the Thompson-Brown Co., which is negotiating for the land on which Taylor would build the edifice if it gets the nod. However, T-B's fundamental reason for going after the 655-acre parcel is for development of a Taylor industrial park.

HAD DETROIT BEEN AWARDED the 1948, 1952, 1956, 1960, 1964 or 1968 Olympic Games, for which we bid, or were we to get the 1972 or 1976 Olympiad, a stadium—and everyone talks in domed Astrodome parlance—probably would have

been a certainty. However, the Olympic move in Detroit is dead.

An Oakland County journal posed a question in a headline earlier this week which read, "Pontiac: Future Home of the Tigers, Lions?"

It's a nice dream. A lot of us would like to see it come true, including county supervisors who would like to see the heat taken off their multimillion dollar plans for the Orion airport and an air-conditioned jail.

But if the Pontiac site is good, or the Walled Lake site, or the Taylor site, one wonders what would be wrong with Curt Hall's backyard along I-96 in Farmington Township.

The thing is, at this point it all makes good conversation but it's basically all it is—conversation. No one yet has demonstrated that a stadium would pay for itself.

For that matter, John Fetzner, who happens to own Tiger stadium as well as the team itself,

FARMINGTON
THRU ... BIFOCALS
By FRED DELANO



BUSY READING — Students at St. Fabian Elementary School take advantage of the more than 4,000 books in their library.

Program Needs Workers

A call for volunteers to assist in the instruction of mentally handicapped teenagers and adults has been made by the Mental Health Division of the Oakland County Training Institute, 2338 Coolidge Rd., Berkeley.

Needed are volunteers who can spare five and a half hours or more a week to assist the program's regular instructors in preparing the mentally handicapped for such activities as daily living, pre-vocational workshop, perceptual development, community-living skills,

arts and crafts and recreation. Particular attention is paid to the student's development of basic manual and self-care skills.

Volunteers work with small groups or individual students under the guidance and supervision of the professional staff. They also help prepare bulletin-board displays, instructional materials, plan special events and accompany students on field trips.

Purpose of the program is to make the mentally handicapped as independent as possible, to provide the basic tools of socialization and to prepare Day Training Unit students for sheltered workshop employment.

Those wishing to volunteer may call Miss Jerry Ann Harris, program director, at 542-8612.

KALAMAZOO -- Former Western Michigan University baseball great Wayne Terwilliger will be the manager this season of the Washington Senators Triple AAA farm club at Buffalo, N.Y.

A school is often thought of as a combination of bricks and mortar.

It's something else, though. It's the individual atmosphere which prevails at each school, making it distinct from another school. This is the school spirit.

TAKE St. Fabian Elementary School on 12 Mile Rd., which this fall opened its doors to the total range of elementary grades, one through six, with an enrollment of 400 children. Sister Bernice, principal of the school since its inception, describes St. Fabian's school spirit this way: "They tell us our school is a friendly place. It has a happy atmosphere."

She continues, "I get on the loud speaker at least once a week and tell everyone his job is just to live in a happy way, with no hatred, no anger."

BUT SISTER BERNICE knows it takes more than intangibles to build a school.

"It has taken a lot of hard work, the growth of the community, large, well lit classrooms, the most modern books, the members of St. Fabian parish, and even the public school's bus service."

When the school opened in 1964, 162 children attended classes in five of the 12 available classrooms.

Today, the last unused room remaining houses audio-visual equipment and next year will be filled with the second sixth

never has publicly said he would move his team to the new joint. I imagine he wants someone first to tell him how much he can get for the property at Michigan and Trumbull.

WHILE METROPOLITAN Detroiters beat their chests about getting a fancier ball yard, it's interesting to come across a yarn indicating there is talk of tearing down two of the more faded of the nation's stadiums. These are the Rose Bowl at Pasadena and windswept Candlestick Park at San Francisco.

A business executive in Pasadena—party by the name of Flynn—has recommended that the city tear down the Rose Bowl on the logical ground that anything used but once a year has no right occupying that much space.

It is the dispassionate view of Mr. Flynn that a school or an industrial park, of a facility of similar worth, be placed on the vast acreage occupied by the Rose Bowl and its adjacent parking area.

In San Francisco, by contrast, it is urged that Candlestick Park be leveled because it is used more than once a year. The feeling is that one time could be tolerated, but 81 times is impossible.

There's talk of flattening the stadium for a housing tract and building a new park downtown.

If anything, it proves only that the grief will be far from ended whether authorities hereabouts settle on one site or another—if they were to.

Friendly Spirit Typifies Growth Of St. Fabian's

grade, making two classes of each of the grades.

OVER THE FOUR YEARS of its operation, St. Fabian has been continually upgraded—both staff and physical facilities. All of the teachers have teaching certificates and degrees; movie and slide projectors are used; new desks have been purchased; parents have hired a teacher for after-school music lessons.

The school library, originally begun by Mary Allison, who is still on the staff, now has more than 4,000 volumes.

AND SISTER BERNICE looks forward to continuing improvement.

ments. She "loves music" and wants to start a band for the younger children.

Also high on her list is finding someone to help the children with physical education. Funds and tuition of \$100 per family do not cover gym classes, nor rising operating costs and increased teachers' salaries.

Asked why more teaching nuns were not on staff (only four of the 13 teachers are nuns) Sister Bernice explains, "I don't know why. It seems that religious vocations are on the decline at the present time."

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