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Report Farm Systems Cost Major League Ball Clubs Five Million In 1950

NEW YORK, Nov. 13—(AP)—Farm system baseball cost major league clubs at least \$5,000,000 in 1950, a survey by the Associated Press shows, but most owners feel it was worth it.

A majority of club owners blamed radio, first, and television, to a lesser degree, for some of the general attendance decline in their minor-league holdings.

Almost without exception they believed farm costs are justified because baseball could not continue without the chains. Most present major leaguers are farm products.

Exact figures on costs are almost impossible. The boys still are adding up the books in many cities. Some clubs charge salaries of optioned players to the big leagues. Others add this to farm operations.

Some charge off costs of ball parks over a period of years. Some include scouting salaries and expenses on the major league payroll. Others make the farms take a share of the scout payroll. Most are reluctant to give out figures.

Fred Saigh, St. Louis Cardinal owner, reported his farms made money for the last four years. Pittsburgh said its farms cost \$400,000. General manager Roy Hamey said the cost was "within reason" if it could produce one or two major leaguers a year. Chicago Cubs declined to give costs.

Brooklyn estimated the Vero Beach spring training set-up cost "about \$250,000." They could give no other figures. Braves and Red Sox reported their farms showed a loss.

The National League-champion Phillies, almost entirely recruited from its organization, reported farm costs of \$500,000 and a loss of \$250,000.

New York Giants "lost money" but couldn't say how much. Cincinnati reported a 22-per cent attendance drop in minor league clubs. The Reds gave no reasons.

The world-champion New York Yankees estimated no costs, said radio and TV hurt some and put off discussion of 1951 plans due to the manpower situation.

Art Ehlers, general manager of Philadelphia A's, reported a \$200,000 farm cost. He added that the A's could not operate without a farm system of some kind.

Cleveland's farm costs were placed between \$1,000,000 and \$1,500,000.

General manager Billy Evans of Detroit gave no profit or loss figures but said, "in 20 years of operation, I've never seen a farm system that made money."

St. Louis Browns, owning only one club — San Antonio — declined to announce any figures.

Frank Lane, general manager of Chicago White Sox, reported costs of \$200,000. The Sox considered this a necessary expense, not a deficit.

\$130,000 In Counterfeit Bills Seized

TORONTO, Nov. 13—(CP)—A trail that Mounties and United States Secret Service agents followed for two years led to seizure here of \$130,000 in counterfeit Canadian \$10 bills.

M.F.E. Anthony, R.M.C.P. Superintendent here, warned that another \$20,000 still is in circulation. He urged banks and stores that an attempt to pass the bills may be made quickly.

Although police refused details of the raid Tuesday night in which the money was seized, it was reported to have been in an unused west-end building. No arrests were made.

Superintendent Anthony said bogus \$10 bills have turned up in almost every large Canadian city in the last two years. All were believed products of a "counterfeit mint" near Buffalo, N.Y.

An international \$1,000,000 ring was believed smashed there last July when three men were sentenced to jail and two put on probation. The plant made both Canadian and U.S. currency.

A few weeks before that, three men had been arrested in a downtown Toronto hotel with \$23,000 in counterfeit \$10 bills. Douglas Gordon, 36, Toronto, was sentenced to 10 years. Charles Cipolla, 37, Hamilton, seven, and William Ignat, Winnipeg, five, for possession of counterfeit money.

It was believed the money seized was cached here some time ago.

It was reported the hiding place was located some weeks ago and covered day and night by R.C.M.P. men hoping for someone to pick it up.

B. C. They are believed to be the only purebred Jersey triplets in Canada.

Back With Troops



G. W. (Bill) Boss, 33, has just been appointed Canadian Press correspondent with the Canadian Special Force. War correspondent is no new chore for Boss. After serving with the Canadian Army in Italy in the Second World War, he became a CP War Correspondent in 1944 covering the 1st Canadian Corps, accompanied the Corps to Northwest Europe, and remained on the continent to report on the occupation, repatriation of Canadians, and European recovery. A native of Ottawa, Boss has worked in most CP Bureaux in Canada in addition to his European experience. (CP Photo)

Charges Assault By Saint John Police

SAINT JOHN, N. B., Nov. 13—(CP)—Statements that Leslie Gilbert Hetherington was jumped upon and kicked while in police custody last March marked the opening today of a civil action brought by Hetherington against the city of Saint John and two police officers. Constable Cyril L. Oram, who will return to the stand tomorrow, said that Detective Inspector G. E. Stubbs jumped on Hetherington's stomach

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"Two or three times" and later kicked him in the ribs.

The action stems from events of the evening of March 29 when Hetherington, 41, was taken into custody on a charge of being drunk in a public place. He is seeking \$12,000 damages for alleged injuries claimed to have resulted from actions of officers after his arrest. Defendants in the suit are the city of Saint John, Inspector Stubbs and plain clothes Police Constable Norman W. Seely.

ANCIENT ART

Mummy clothes from ancient Egypt show the earliest extant samples of embroidery.

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High three, Mrs. F. Johnson 530
Team No. 2—2762—3 points
Team No. 3—2693—2 points
High single, Mrs. L. MacLellan, 596.

NO MORE FREE BEER

CHESTER, England, Nov. 6—(Reuters)—Free lunch-time beer for doctors at Chester Royal Hospital is to be stopped by order of Health Minister Aneurin Bevan. A free half-pint has been a tradition for years. To make amends, the Ministry will foot the bill for a regular medical journal for the doctors' reading room.

272 High three, Mrs. L. MacLellan, 596.

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Sam Jethroe Wins N.L. Rookie Of Year Award

By JACK HAND

Sam Jethroe, Boston Braves \$100,000-plus centrefielder, has been voted rookie of the year in the National League for 1950.

The fleet Negro, who led the League with 35 stolen bases, received 11 first place votes from a 24-man committee of the Baseball Writers Association.

Bob Miller, the Phillies' pitcher who jumped from Terre Haute to a pennant winner in one year was second with five votes. Danny O'Connell, Pittsburgh shortstop had four votes, pitcher Bubba Church of the Phils two votes and third baseman Bill Serena of Chicago one vote. One writer did not vote.

Last spring they thought Branch Rickey had sold a "lemon" when he peddled Jethroe from his Montreal Royals farm club in the International League to Boston.

Unemployment Sets In Later This Year

OTTAWA, Nov. 12—(CP)—The Labor Department has reported that seasonal unemployment has set in, but at a much slower rate than last year and a month later than usual.

Despite the end of harvesting in most sections of the country, jobless registered for work with National Employment Service at Oct. 19 were up only 3,500 from the year's low point of unemployment at Sept. 28.

Registrations for jobs totalled 136,600 at Oct. 19, the Department said in a monthly survey of the employment situation. This was 20,000 below the figure at the corresponding date last year.

Breakdown by areas with Sept. 28 figures in brackets:
Newfoundland — St. John's 2,925 (4,225)
Maritimes — Charlottetown 453 (561); Halifax 3,441 (3,304); Sydney 2,272 (2,605); Moncton 1,821 (1,908); Saint John 2,498 (2,399).

EARLY INVADERS

Paris was already a large city in 845 B.C. when it was laid waste in the first of the Norse raids.

See the **MaritimeLife** (Nov. 1950)
T. W. Bentley, C.L.U., Mgr. P.E.I. Branch, Charlottetown, P.E.I.

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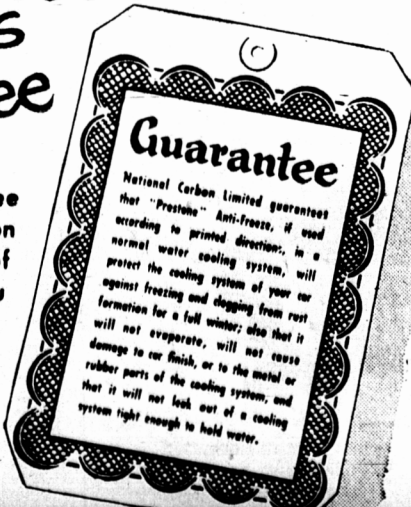
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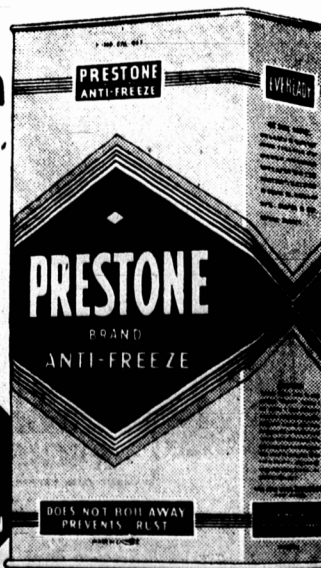
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