

Bedford Boys Baseball Looking Back On 24 Years

*League Honors Founder,
Plans Picnic For Its Past
And Present Participants*

It has been 24 years now that Bedford boys have enjoyed the crack of the bat, the shout of an umpire, and the excitement of an extra-inning victory.

This August marked the silver anniversary of the Bedford Boys Baseball league, generally known as 3-B league. Arnold "Bud" Scherer, of 8660 Crabb Rd., in Temperance, organized the 3-B league.

The five baseball teams that began competitive play in the summer of 1958 have blossomed into 46 teams today, with more than 600 area boys participating.

Mr. Scherer was honored Aug. 7 during the league's end-of-the-season field day in White Park. He was given a plaque that is on permanent display at the new concession building in the park's center.

The plaque states that because of Mr. Scherer's "foresight, generosity, and unselfishness, Bedford boys have had the advantage of participating in little league baseball competition."

To celebrate the anniversary, a Founders Day Reunion Picnic has been planned for noon, Sept. 12 in the park, at Consear and Douglas roads. Anyone who has participated in 3-B league play over the years, whether as player, organizer, or spectator, is invited.

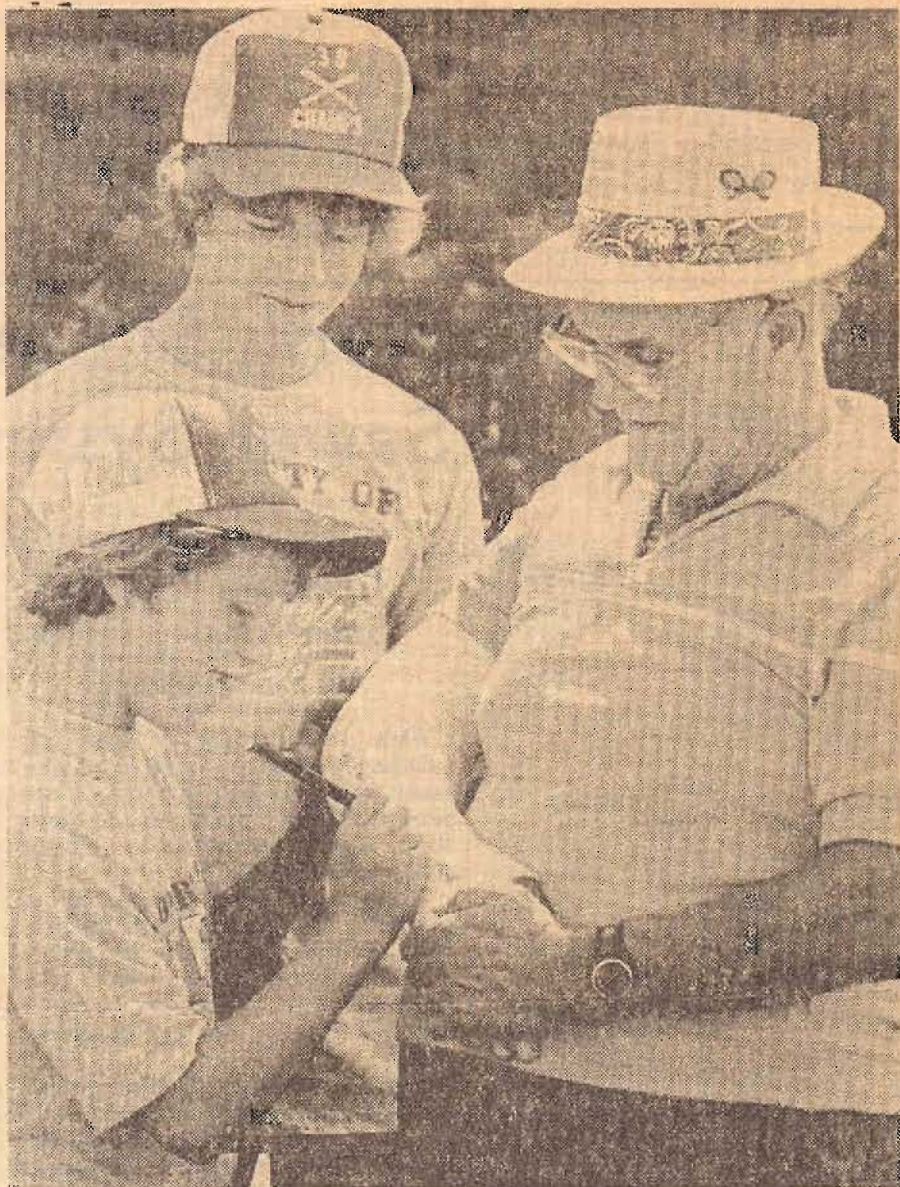
Picnickers are asked to bring their own utensils, a food dish to be shared, and if possible, a card table.

The park was renovated this summer with funds from the Bedford Township park commission. A diamond was added, bringing the total in the park to six, and the existing ones were refurbished to eliminate ponding water.

Many other improvements were made, including bringing electricity to the park building so that it could be converted from a storage shed to a concession stand, and fencing in the entire park to keep motorized vehicles out.

This year, the two general managers of the league were Gary LaMunyon and Michael Stevenson. A board of commissioners oversees the operation of the league. It includes president Robert Fultz, Philip Crary, Leo Bofia, Dr. Dan Soda, Skeeter Wallace, Michael Keane, Bob Maloy, James Kreiger, Richard Boehme, and David Potter.

The league is financed through entry fees and a contribution by the township's park commission.



— Blade Photo

BROTHERS ADD SIGNATURES TO MR. SCHERER'S CAST
Tim Verral signs name as brother, Danny, waits his turn