

On This Date

January 19, 1941

At an "otherwise dull meeting" at the Leamington Hotel in Oakland, **Pacific Coast League** owners approve the establishment of the league's first all-star game to be played on a Monday in July at a site to be determined.

The contest will pit all-stars from the league's northern teams - Seattle, Portland, San Francisco and Oakland - versus players from the southern franchises - Sacramento, Los Angeles, Hollywood and San Diego.

The game is eventually played on, July 29, in San Francisco's Seals Stadium with the South posting a 3-1 win before 11,031 fans. Hollywood catcher **Cliff Dapper** (right) is the game's hitting star, driving home two runs on a pair of singles.

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The **Kilgore franchise** is turned back to the East Texas League by Boomers' owner J. Malcolm Crim in a meeting of the league directors in Longview, Texas. Crim, a wealthy oil man, says an apparent loss of interest by fans forces him to take the action.

"I don't mind losing the money that the club has lost the last few years," Crim says. "but the fact that the fans there have apparently completely lost interest in baseball has forced me to turn the franchise back to the league."

Kilgore will return to professional baseball six years later (1947), as a member of the Lone Star League.



In August of 1948, Brooklyn farmhand and Montreal catcher Cliff Dapper is traded to the Atlanta Crackers for Crackers' announcer Ernie Harwell. Legendary Brooklyn Dodgers' announcer Rex Barney is suffering from a bleeding ulcer and the team wants Harwell to substitute for him. Crackers' President Earl Mann tells Branch Rickey that he will let Harwell go to the Dodgers for Dapper, who he names as the team's as the team's player/manager.