

On This Date **November 16, 1886**

Born on November 16, 1886, Carl Manda makes his major league debut with the Chicago White Sox against the visiting Detroit Tigers on September 11, 1914. The Fort Dodge, Kansas, product is 0-for-3 with a walk against right-hander Hooks Daus in a 5-3 loss.

In his only major league season, Manda will start seven straight games between September 11-17 for the Pale Hose, collecting hits in four of them. In nine games overall, he hits .267 (4-for-15) with one RBI and one stolen base.

Manda signs his first pro contract with the Lyons Lions of the Kansas State (D) League in early March 1909 and is proclaimed a "wonder" by Lyons' scout Dr. Jay Andrews. Manda's first year is whirlwind for Manda as he is sold three times, first to the B-level Western League's Wichita Jobbers for \$500, then to the Cincinnati Reds for \$1,500 and finally, after the season, to the Fort Wayne Billikens of the Central (B) League for \$400.

Property of the Reds for two seasons, Manda declares he is "through with baseball," when the Reds elect not to exercise their option at the end of the 1910 season. True to his word, Manda and brother-in-law/pitcher Jack Jorstad leave baseball to go with Carl's father, F.A. Manda, to his 112,000-acre Chivela Ranch on Mexico's Isthmus of Tehuantepec (400 miles below Mexico City) to become ranch hands.

With roving gangs of bandits moving closer to the ranch from the North and Juchitan Indians causing problems to the South, the Mandas, for their own safety, are forced leave the ranch in early April of 1912. Jorstad, who had taken up mining, follows a month later with his wife and eventually pitches for the Victoria Bees of the North-western (B) League in 1912, finishing 0-4 in five appearances.

