## **On This Date**

## <u>January 24, 1941</u>

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

northern teams - Seattle, Portland, San Francisco

## COAST LOOP DIRECTORS YIELD TO ALL-STAR FAD

Proceeds from North-South Tilt in July Will Go to Players' Association; New Constitution Is Adopted

and Oakland - versus players from the southern franchises - Sacramento, Los Angeles, Hollywood and San Diego. The game is eventually played on Tuesday, July 29, in San Francisco's Seals Stadium with South posting a 3-1 win before 11,031. Hollywood catcher Cliff Draper is the game's hitting star, driving home two runs on a pair of singles.

- 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 in 1947, as a member of the Lone Star League.
- Appalachian League president Ross Edgemon announces that he will award \$10 to any "man, woman or child" who can submit an acceptable 120-game schedule for the 1941 season. Despite dozens of submissions, the league's schedule committee will meet on February 2, to draft the schedule with instructions to limit series to two games and to keep home stands and road trips to under six games.
- Los Angeles high school baseball star Ralph Kiner signs with the Pittsburgh Pirates ... "former big league star" Babe Ruth, is named as the defendant in a \$5,000 lawsuit brought by Anthony Guerrieri of Pomona, New Jersey, as a result of a automobile collision.

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