

Larry Newman of 3303 Caen Street remembered ...

In the 1960s when I was 12 years old or maybe 14, Dad used to look after the ball diamond. He actually looked after the ball diamond and the hockey rink in the mid to late 1960s as a community volunteer. At the time Montgomery had a storage shed for the tractor. The tractor had a harrow attachment to “comb” the diamond. Sometimes I got to drive the tractor. I put the lines down with lime chalk and put the bases down. We made an on-deck circle for the batters-up. You put down your string then followed the string with the chalk dispenser. There was no home-run fence so sometimes the fielders would have to chase the ball across Rockingham Avenue or down Merritt Street or up on the lawn of the house George Franson had. To the east of the big diamond was a junior diamond. There was a little building for a concession north of the ball diamond because the park was that busy.



Larry Newman, Montgomery Giants, 1966.