

# OTHER TOWNS ARE LINING UP FOR BASEBALL

PROSPECTS ARE THAT BINFORD  
WILL HAVE GOOD SCHEDULE  
OF GAMES WITH NEIGHBOR-  
ING TOWNS

For a time earlier in the season the proposition of securing games without extra long trips confronted the management of our baseball club, but this situation has been relieved to a considerable extent by the awakening of the fans in some of the neighboring towns.

Sutton, always a good base ball town, will come back as strong as ever. They usually keep their activities under their hats until the call of "play ball" is announced. Nothing definitely is known now except that money has been subscribed and that Meinke, last season's twirler, has been secured. He has been working out in Oklahoma this spring and has pitched in several games against teams in the major leagues. He will be given a tryout with Gleason's Chicago White Sox next season. Meinke was suffering from an ailment of the stomach last year and had difficulty in lasting the full nine innings but for five or six innings he was a hard man to beat.

Cooperstown has elected a board of managers composed of John Sad, Sam Rikedal and G. P. Nye, who plan on playing an all home aggregation with the exception of a salaried pitcher. They're not saying much at the county seat this year. They propose to give the local boys a chance to develop, and, if after a thorough tryout the plan is not successful, the weak spots will be strengthened. That's a splendid idea if good judgment is used in treating the home material. Cooperstown people will not support a home team—they would rather not see base ball. At any rate, Binford has for stiff opposition from that source.

Abeta and Sharon have combined for the season, it is stated. Both of these towns have some excellent material to pick from—in fact, as good as you pay money for. With Lantz, Billingson and Kilen as pitchers, they have a trio fast enough for any team in his league.

Finley will have four salaried players. The Finley Observer has this to say

Managers A. H. Nelson and Carl Rasmussen, who will have charge of the baseball team at Finley this year, have secured a lineup of players that will put Finley in a class with the winners when the story is told at the close of the season.

Beside the local talent which will be used they have arranged for four hired players, three of whom are well up in base ball circles in the twin cities.

The pitchers, John Waggoner and Clarence Wankie, the famous south-paw, are from St. Paul, and are men with pep and will keep the batters guessing.

Russell Runnom, of St. Paul, will hold the position behind the bat and grab everything coming his way if he lives up to his previous records as a catcher.

Floyd Leseman, of Wimbledon, N. Dak., who played short for the team last season, will hold the bag at first this season. He is one of the fastest infielders of the state and the management feels that with this line-up of out side talent that our local boys will absorb sufficient enthusiasm and interest to make Finley baseball fans sit up and take notice.

Our local talent is made up of good players, and if their other lines of work did not interfere, would equal any of the players usually found in amateur baseball.

The season opens on May 8th, with a game at Page, and the first game at home will be on May 15th.

Warwick will put their last year's team in the field, composed of several salaried men.

Wimbledon, with Charlie Burgess as manager, is likely to have a strong aggregation.

Getting further from home and with whom we occasionally meet, there is Hatton, and Lakota, who are supporting first class teams.

Hannaford, McHenry, Pekin or McVille will not have teams this year.

From this line-up, there will be no trouble in securing games. Manager Larson is corresponding with the managers to arrange a schedule and expects to have the opening game in Binford on May 17.

## HUGE DRIVE LAUNCHED TO RID STATE OF WEEDS

Bringing into active cooperating all of the agencies interested in a better agriculture for North Dakota, the Red River Valley Sweet Clover Growers Exchange has launched a huge drive to rid the state of all noxious weeds. Sow Thistle, Quack Grass,