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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "X" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name TINKER FIELD
other names/site number FMSF# OR 5915

2. Location

street & number 1610 West Church Street N/A not for publication
city or town Orlando N/A vicinity
state Florida code FL county Orange code 095 zip code 32805-2445

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)
Barbara C. Mattick / DSHPO for Survey & Registration 4/1/04
Signature of certifying official/Title Date
Division of Historical Resources, Bureau of Historic Preservation
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:
 entered in the National Register
 See continuation sheet
 determined eligible for the National Register
 See continuation sheet.
 determined not eligible for the National Register
 See continuation sheet.
 removed from the National Register.
 other, (explain) _____

Signature of the Keeper Edson H. Beall Date of Action 5/14/04

5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

- buildings
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include any previously listed resources in the count)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
0	1	buildings
1	0	sites
0	10	structures
0	1	objects
1	12	total

Name of related multiple property listings
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

"N/A"

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

RECREATION & CULTURE: Sports Facility

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

RECREATION & CULTURE: Sports Facility

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

N/A

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation N/A

walls N/A

roof N/A

other N/A

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 36) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

ENTERTAINMENT/RECREATION

Period of Significance

1922-1948

Significant Dates

1922

Significant Person

Tinker, Joe

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State Agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of Repository

Tinker Field
Name of Property

Orange Co., FL
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Approximately 7 acres

UTM References

(Place additional references on a continuation sheet.)

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	Zone	Easting	Northing
2			

3			
	Zone	Easting	Northing
4			

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

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organization Bureau of Historic Preservation date April 2004

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city or town Tallahassee state FL zip code 32399-0250

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

- A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
- A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional items

(check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name City of Orlando

street & number 400 S. Orange Avenue telephone 407-246-3300

city or town Orlando state FL zip code 32801-3360

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SUMMARY

Tinker Field is located at 1610 West Church Street, on the east side of Tampa Avenue, just south of its intersection with West Church Street, in Orlando, Florida. The nominated property includes the entire baseball park, but only the original 1922 baseball playing field constructed by the City of Orlando during the rise of professional baseball in the state of Florida is a contributing resource.

SETTING

Tinker Field, a city park facility, is approximately two miles west of downtown Orlando. The seven-acre park is located on the western part of the larger "Citrus Bowl" lot. The baseball playing field itself covers approximately 3 acres. Its northeast corner is flanked by the Citrus Bowl stadium, part of which looms over the right field fence. Twelve non-contributing resources immediately adjacent to the playing field are included in the boundaries because they create an appropriate setting for the small municipal ballpark that has been part of the city of Orlando since 1922.

DESCRIPTION

The playing field at Tinker Field consists of a standard major league-size baseball diamond with a pitching mound, grass infield, and cutout dirt baselines (Photos 1-3). The original dimensions were 332 down the left field line, 332 down the right field line, and 412 feet to center field. The dimensions from home plate to the outfield wall were increased c1948 to the present dimensions: 340 feet down the left field line, 320 feet down the right field line, and 425 feet to center field. In 1989, due to the expanded Citrus Bowl, Tinker Field home plate was moved back 13 feet. The dirt portions of the field consist of red Georgia clay, a soil used in ball field construction since the early twentieth century. The grass outfield is composed of Bermuda sod, a variety of sports turf commonly used in the Southeast.

NON-CONTRIBUTING RESOURCES

The playing field is surrounded by a warning track and a plaster block wall reinforced by steel rods in the outfield (Photo 2). A V-shaped steel beam and truss grandstand wraps around home plate and the right and left lines (Photos 4 & 5). It was constructed in 1963 to replace an original wooden grandstand that was built in 1922. Nine hundred nine (909) of the seats in the new grandstand were originally in historic, early nineteenth century Griffith Stadium in Washington, D.C., prior to the demolition of that facility. The grandstand also includes 17 wooden ceiling fans in the upper portion of the grandstand. The top of the grandstand has an open-air media box and several VIP rooms. Other non-contributing features associated with the ball field include right field bleachers made out of aluminum, and left field bleachers made of wood reinforced by steel beams (Photo 6). Behind the right field bleachers are stand-alone batting cages and an elevated pitching mound.

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Flanked between the grandstand and right field bleachers is the original press box and VIP section. This is of block construction that may date back to 1925, but verifiable proof of the date has not been obtained. Behind the grandstands are new bathrooms and concession stands that were added in 1990 (Photo 7). Near the entrance of the grandstand is a bronze and granite statue, dedicated to Clark C. Griffith on March 23, 1968, for his bringing the Washington Senators to Orlando for Spring Training in 1936. The Senators trained at the same location until 1990.

In spite of the new grandstands and auxiliary structures, Tinker Field maintains its historic character to a large degree. The new facilities serve the same functions and maintain the same basic layout as the historic park. The wooden ceiling fans and historic seats from the old Senators' stadium in Washington, D.C., contribute to the sense of tradition and history at this old field.

Contributing Resource: Playing field built in 1922

Non-contributing Resources:

- Concessions Building
- Grandstand, including New Press Box
- Old Press Box
- Dugout
- Metal Bleachers
- Practice Pitching Mound
- Batting Cages
- Dugout
- Wooden Bleachers
- Warning Track
- Wall
- Clark Griffith Memorial (object)

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Tinker Field is significant at the **local level** under **Criterion A** in the area of **Entertainment/Recreation** as one of the oldest remaining major league baseball spring training sites in Florida. It was initially constructed in December 1922 and was commemorated as "Tinker Field" during its grand opening on April 19, 1923. In 1923 the Cincinnati Reds signed a three-year contract to begin spring training at Tinker Field. Tinker Field is also significant to the City of Orlando under **Criterion B** because of its association with the baseball career of professional baseball player **Joe Tinker**. He was instrumental in bringing the Reds and spring training to Orlando, and in promoting the construction of the field. Furthermore, at the time of his death in 1948, Tinker was the only Floridian in the National Baseball Hall of Fame. The association of Major League Baseball with Tinker Field lasted from 1923-2000. The Tinker Building (NR 1980), also located in Orlando, is associated with Tinker's commercial endeavors in Orlando, rather than his baseball career. Joe Tinker is a historically significant figure primarily because of his successful baseball career. His later ventures into business and real estate were made possible by the acclaim and financial resources he amassed as a baseball player and manager.

HISTORIC CONTEXT

Major League Baseball in Florida

The history of major league baseball spring training in Florida dates back to 1888. The Washington Statesmen (later the Washington Senators/Minnesota Twins) spent three weeks in Jacksonville preparing for the upcoming season. Connie Mack, a member and long time manager of the Philadelphia Athletics, recalled the negative attitude held toward baseball players at the time. They were turned away from many hotels and seen as unsavory. Florida was chosen for two major reasons. The consistently warm climate helped the players get in shape and perfect their skills, and it was close to many of the teams' home cities located in the Northeast and Midwest. Jacksonville became a popular choice because of the convenient transportation connections. Between 1903 and 1909, Jacksonville hosted the Philadelphia Athletics (1903), Cincinnati Reds (1905), Boston Braves (1906), and Brooklyn Dodgers (1907-1909). In 1914, the teams training in the state established the "Grapefruit League," in which teams played a five-week schedule of pre-season exhibition games against semi-pro teams and each other. Thirteen of the existing sixteen teams spent at least one pre-season in Florida from 1910-1920.¹

Due to travel restrictions, spring training in the South was interrupted during World War II. However, following the war came a boom to spring training in Florida. During the late 1940's and 1950's, between twelve

¹ William Zinsser, Spring Training: The Unique American Story of Baseball's Annual Season of Renewal (New York: Harper and Row, 1989) and Stephen Olausen and Sherry Piland, "Terry Park Ballfield," National Register nomination, 1995. On file at the Florida State Historic Preservation Office, Bureau of Historic Preservation, Tallahassee, Florida.

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and fourteen teams trained in Florida prior to the regular season. Between 1961 and 1977 the major leagues expanded from sixteen to twenty-six teams, and as a result, Florida's Grapefruit League increased from twelve to eighteen teams.²

HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE

Major League Baseball in Orlando

The first major league team to visit Orlando was the Philadelphia Athletics in March of 1915. They played two pre-season games against the Birmingham Barons at the Fairgrounds. Philadelphia took the first game 9-2, while the second game ended in a tie, 5-5. The Barons were given a farewell banquet at the San Juan Hotel on the evening of the 25th. Orlando was a baseball-starved town and its citizens liked what they saw. In June of the same year, Bert Humphries, formerly with the Chicago Cubs, organized The Orlando Baseball Club. When he decided to leave in 1920, the club hired Joe Tinker to be their new manager.³

It was not long before Tinker, also a former Chicago Cub, had the city thinking about major league baseball. In March of 1921 Tinker's team played in two exhibition games at the fairgrounds against a group of major league players organized by his friend, Clark Griffith. The game showcased the pitching of Walter Johnson. Inspired by the demonstration, the city decided to build a new field. In December of 1922, Orlando finished construction on a new ballpark that was state-of-the-art for the time. It was constructed just to the south of Lake Lorna Doone and cost \$50,000. The new park was larger than the New York Yankees Field, with a distance from home plate to the right field fence of 278 feet. It was 310 feet to left field and 425 to center. The Orlando Bulldogs began to train at the facility on March 20, 1923, and that same month, the Cincinnati Reds signed a three-year contract to begin spring training at the new facility. On April 19, 1923 Orlando Mayor E.G. Duckworth gave the address, officially dedicating the field to Joe Tinker. On that day all businesses in town closed and 1,700 fans witnessed the Orlando Bulldogs defeat the Lakeland Highlanders 3-1. Joe Tinker was the vice-president of the club at the time.⁴

Major league spring training officially began in Orlando with the arrival of the Cincinnati Reds. Additionally, the field has hosted the Brooklyn Dodgers (1934-1935), Washington Senators/Twins (1936-1999), and Orlando Rays (2000). When the field was not hosting major league spring training, it was used by the local franchise of the Florida State League. Established in 1919 with six charter members, the League was an affiliation of minor league teams at the class D level, then the lowest placement on the professional baseball hierarchy. Tinker

² Olausen and Piland.

³ Eve Bacon, Orlando: A Centennial History, Vol. I, 1821 to 1925, Pioneer Era and the First Fifty Years of Incorporation. (Chuluota, Florida: The Mickler House, 1975), 303-347.

⁴ Bacon, 303-347; Orlando Morning Sentinel, 19 April 1923, p. 9; Dylan Thomas to Leslie Divoll, personal communication 1980; City of Orlando, Real Property Records.

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Field has seen such famous players as Warren Spahn, Rod Carew, Jackie Robinson, and Stan Musial. It was actually while pitching for the Daytona Beach Club in 1940 that Musial dove for a ball and dislocated his shoulder at Tinker Field. This injury ended his pitching career and he transitioned to become one of the greatest hitters of all time.⁵

Joe Tinker

Joe Tinker was born in Muscotah, Kansas, July 27, 1880 and began his baseball career in 1899 with a semi-professional team in Coffeyville, Kansas. He arrived in Orlando in December of 1920 to manage the Orlando Tigers, a local Florida State League baseball team. Prior to this, he had a successful playing and managing career in professional baseball. Tinker played in several smaller leagues in a few western states before he was sold to the Chicago Cubs in 1902. In his tenure with them, the Cubs captured the National League pennant four times (1902, 1907, 1908, 1910) and the World Series twice (1907, 1908). Tinker was never a strong hitter, batting just 262 lifetime, but was considered one of the best fielders of his era. He led the National League shortstops four times in fielding percentage, three times in total chances, twice each in putouts and assists, and once in double plays. Additionally, he had great speed and stole, on average, 28 bases a season for the Cubs. On July 28, 1910, he tied a major league record by stealing home twice in one game.⁶

Tinker and his teammates, Johnny Evers and Frank Chance, called attention to fielding skills. Together they developed new ways to defend against the bunt, hit-and-run, and stolen base, and developed the rotation play. The prowess they displayed for fielding was forever immortalized by a New York writer, and loyal Giants fan, on July 10, 1908 when he wrote a poem about Tinker and his teammates that appeared in the New York Evening News:

These are the saddest of possible words:
"Tinker to Evers to Chance."
Trio of bear cubs, and fleeter than birds,
Tinker to Evers to Chance.
Ruthlessly pricking our gonfalon bubble,
Making a Giant hit into a double-
Words that are heavy with nothing but trouble:
"Tinker to Evers to Chance."⁷

⁵ Tom Tinker to Jon Miller, personal communication, 2 July 2003; Pat Anthony to Jon Miller telephone communication, 1 July 2003

⁶ Martin Appel and Burt Goldblatt, Baseball's Best—The Hall of Fame Gallery (New York: McGraw-Hill Book Company, 1977), 362-364.

⁷ Ibid.

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In the days before radio, Tinker became a successful Vaudeville performer. In fact, he was regarded so highly, that in 1913 he considered switching to a career in Vaudeville, but instead signed a deal with the Cincinnati Reds as shortstop and manager. Following that year, Tinker resigned as manager and was sold to the Brooklyn Dodgers. Unhappy with the situation, Tinker jumped his contract and joined the new Federal League as manager and part owner of the Chicago Whales. He used his influence to attract other players, announcing, "You are invited to come to the Federal League quarters in Chicago and discuss terms. Even if you decide not to sign a contract, all your expenses will be paid by the Federal League." The new League had built or renovated eight ballparks in time for the 1914 season. One of the new fields, later renamed Wrigley Field, was for the Chicago Whales. Under Tinker, the Whales won the Federal League pennant in 1915, but the league folded the same year. The Whales owner then purchased the Chicago Cubs and hired Tinker as manager. Joe Tinker left the Cubs after the 1916 season to become manager and president of the Columbus team in the American Association. He then became president of the American Association.⁸

In the 1920s, Tinker went to Florida, where he was very successful managing the Orlando Tigers of the Florida State League. In 1921, "Tinker's Tigers" won the League championship, thereby winning the Temple Cup. Mrs. William Chase, whose then-deceased husband had been the owner of the Pittsburgh Pirates, donated the cup. During those years, Tinker also became involved in the Florida Land Boom. Along with his business partner, Roy C. McCracken, he formed the Tinker-McCracken Realty Company, Inc., a land development and real estate firm in Orlando. The venture was very successful monetarily. Tinker's first residential development in the Orlando area was known as Lawson Park (1921). This was followed by Tinker Heights and Jamajo in 1923. Jamajo was so named because of the joint effort by Ja-(Dr. Jason Pitts), ma (his wife Maude), and jo-(Joe Tinker). Members of the Cincinnati Reds purchased many of the first lots.⁹

In 1925, Tinker built a small commercial building on West Pine Street in downtown Orlando for his company's headquarters. The "Tinker Building" was reputed to have cost \$90,000 at the time. This building was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1980 and is representative of Tinker's contribution to Orlando's commercial development. He also operated a bar and billiard parlor.¹⁰

Although he had become a businessman, Tinker still kept his hand in baseball. He spent his leisure time teaching baseball skills to youths at the Joe Stripps School of Baseball, and was a regular at Tinker Field. In his later years he scouted for the Washington Senators. It was actually Tinker's friendship with Calvin Griffith (owner of the Senators) that helped Orlando to land spring training in 1936. The Washington Senators/Minnesota Twins trained there every year after that until 1999. There is monument to Clark Griffith at

⁸ Charles Einstein, ed., *The Third Fireside Book of Baseball* (New York: Simon & Schuster, 1968), 260.

⁹ Dan G. Deibler, "Tinker Building," National Register nomination, 1980, on file at the Florida State Historic Preservation Office, Bureau of Historic Preservation, Tallahassee, Florida; *Orlando Evening Star*, 27 July, 1948, p. 1; Calvin Griffith to Leslie Divoll, personal communication 18 January 1980

¹⁰ Deibler.

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Tinker Field that was erected in 1968 to honor the owner who helped to forge a second home for his professional baseball team in Orlando (Photo 8).¹¹

Like many investors in the Florida Land Boom, with the collapse of the Boom in 1926, Tinker lost most of the fortune he had made in land development, mostly because of lawsuits filed against him as he reached the end of his life. He died of complications from diabetes on his birthday, July 27, 1948. Just prior to his death, one of his legs was amputated as a result of the diabetes. A major consolation during these difficult years was his election to the Pro Baseball Hall of Fame in 1946; he was the first Floridian to receive this honor. Tinker not only transformed the way baseball was played defensively, but also played a significant role in introducing Major League Baseball to Orlando. He helped to forge a relationship between the city and the sport that lasted from 1923-2000.¹² Joe Tinker is historically significant primarily because of his successful baseball career. His later business ventures in the Orlando area were made possible by the acclaim and financial resources he amassed as a baseball player and manager. Tinker Field, therefore, best represents Joe Tinker's significance to the City of Orlando.

¹¹ Deibler; Orlando Evening Star, 27 July 1948; Calvin Griffith to Leslie Divoll, personal communication 18 January 1980.

¹² Greg Thompson to Jon Miller, personal communication 18 July 2003.

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- Dylan Thomas, Tinker Field Manager, personal communication with Leslie Divoll, 18 January 1980.
- Greg Thompson, Manager of Tinker Field, personal communication with Jon Miller, 18 July 2003.
- Tom Tinker, grandson of Joe Tinker, personal communication with Jon Miller, 2 July 2003.

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- Orlando Evening Star, 27 July 1948, p. 1.
- Orlando Morning Sentinel, 19 April 1923, p.9.

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Real Property Records, 1973, City of Orlando.

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Tinker Field is a portion of parcel #27-22-29-1349-00-010, known to the Orange County Property Appraiser as the Citrus Bowl. The Tinker Field baseball complex occupies approximately 7-acres within Citrus Bowl or Orlando Sports Arena. The boundary is shown on the accompanying site plan. The National Register boundary is defined by geographic features; the outfield wall and fence on the east; parking lots on the north and south, and right-of-way of Tampa Avenue on the west.

The boundary of the nominated property, Tinker Field, encompasses the historic playing field, including the diamond, infield, and outfield, as shown on the attached site plan, as well as 12 non-contributing resources: batting cages, practice pitching mound, metal bleachers, 2 dugouts, old press box, grandstand, wooden bleachers, wall, and warning track, Clark Griffith Memorial, and Concession Building.

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

In addition to the historic playing field, the boundary encompasses the 12 non-contributing resources because, though not from the period of significance, they provide an appropriate setting for the historic ball field and clearly define its use as a municipal baseball facility.

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PHOTOGRAPHS

1. Tinker Field
2. Orlando, Orange County, Florida
3. Jonathon W. Miller
4. October 29, 2003
5. Original negative at office of U.S. Congressman Ric Keller, 605 E. Robinson Street, Suite 650, Orlando, Florida 32801
6. View from behind home plate, camera facing N
7. Photo 1 of 8

Items 1-5 are the same for the remaining photographs unless noted otherwise.

- 2) 6. View from center field, camera facing S
7. Photo 2 of 8
- 3) 6. Aerial view of Citrus Bowl, camera facing S
7. Photo 3 of 8
- 4) 6. View from grandstand, camera facing W
7. Photo 4 of 8
- 5) 6. View from grandstand, camera facing E
7. Photo 5 of 8
- 6) 6. View of right bleachers from first baseline, camera facing SE
7. Photo 6 of 8
- 7) 6. Concession stands and bathrooms, camera facing NW
7. Photo 7 of 8
- 8) 6. Monument for Clark Griffith, camera facing N
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HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPHS

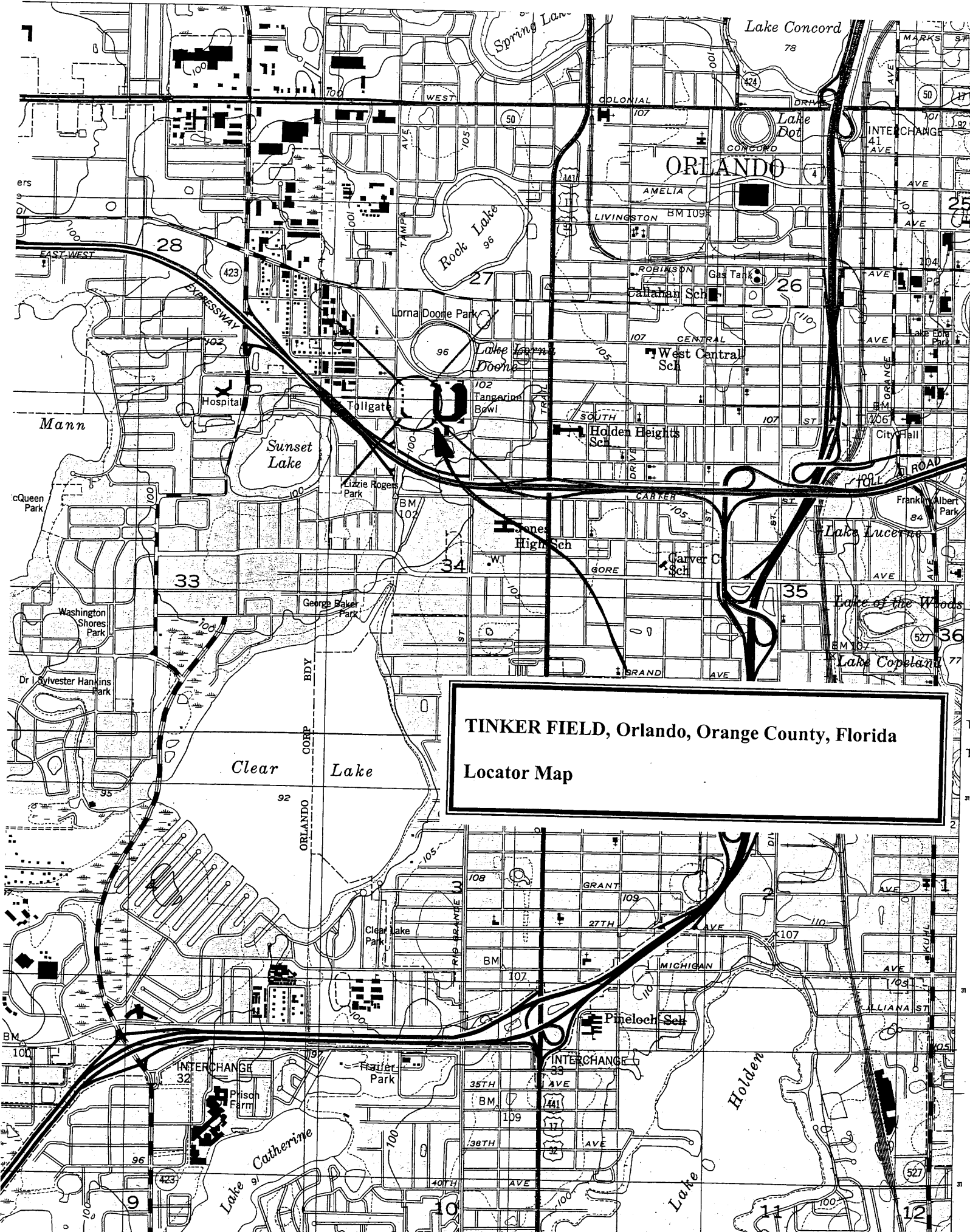
Announcement of Stadium opening on 4-19-23.

1930's Grandstand at Tinker Field

1956 Tinker Field (Outside the stadium.)

1963 Tinker Field during renovations.

1920 Orlando Tigers Team Photo/Joe Tinker is manager.



TINKER FIELD, Orlando, Orange County, Florida
Locator Map

W. CHURCH STREET

PARKING

S. TAMPA AVENUE

WALL

WARNING TRACK

WOODEN BLEACHERS

DUGOUT

GRANDSTAND

PRESS BOX

CONCESSIONS
CLARK GRIFFITH MEMORIAL

METAL BLEACHERS

DUGOUT

OLD PRESS BOX

PRACTICE
PITCHING
MOUND

BATTING
CAGES


PARKING

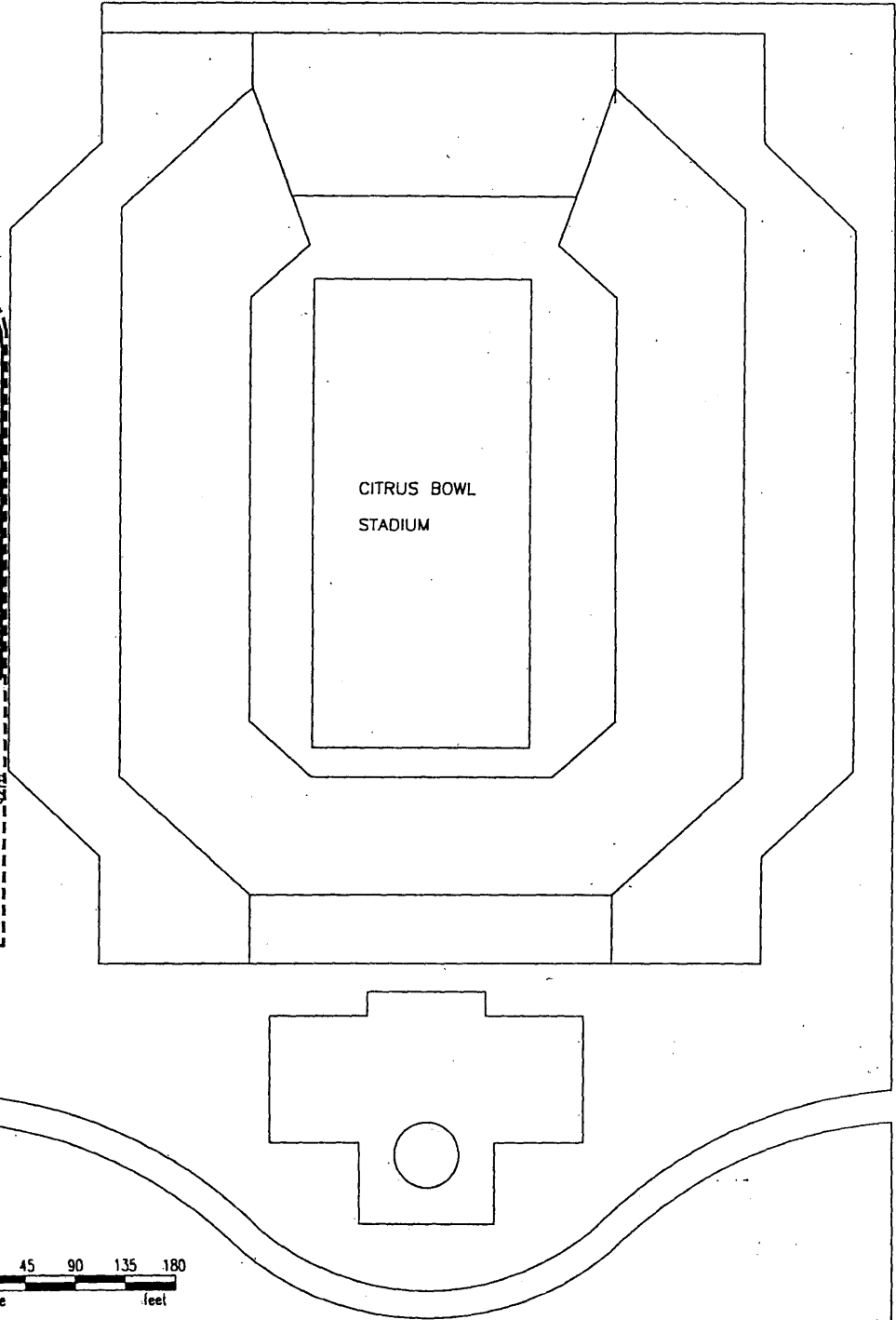
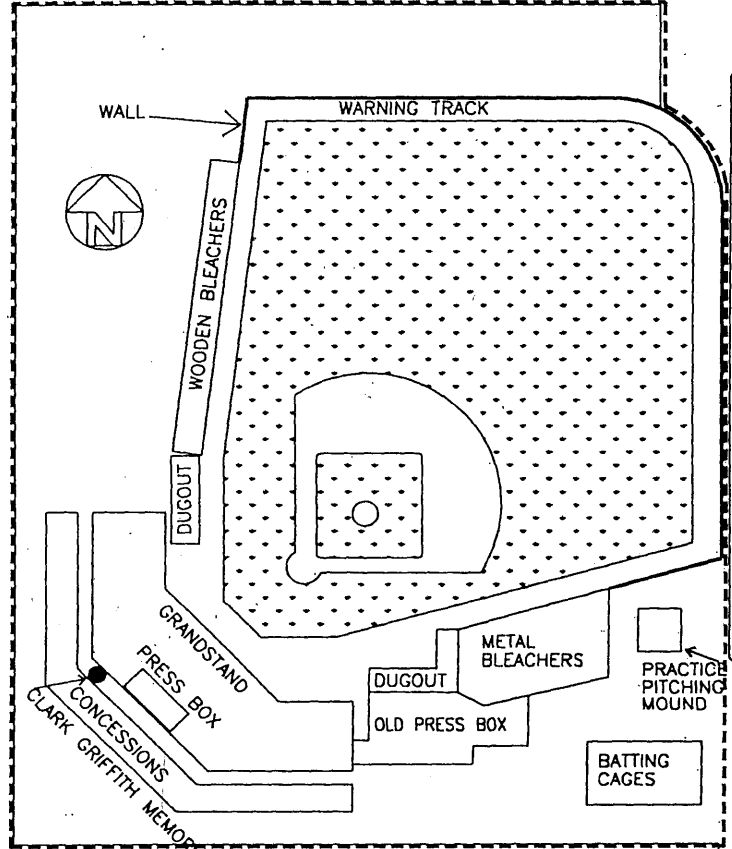
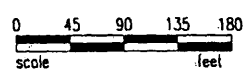
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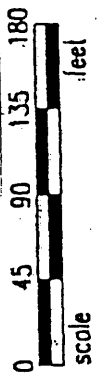
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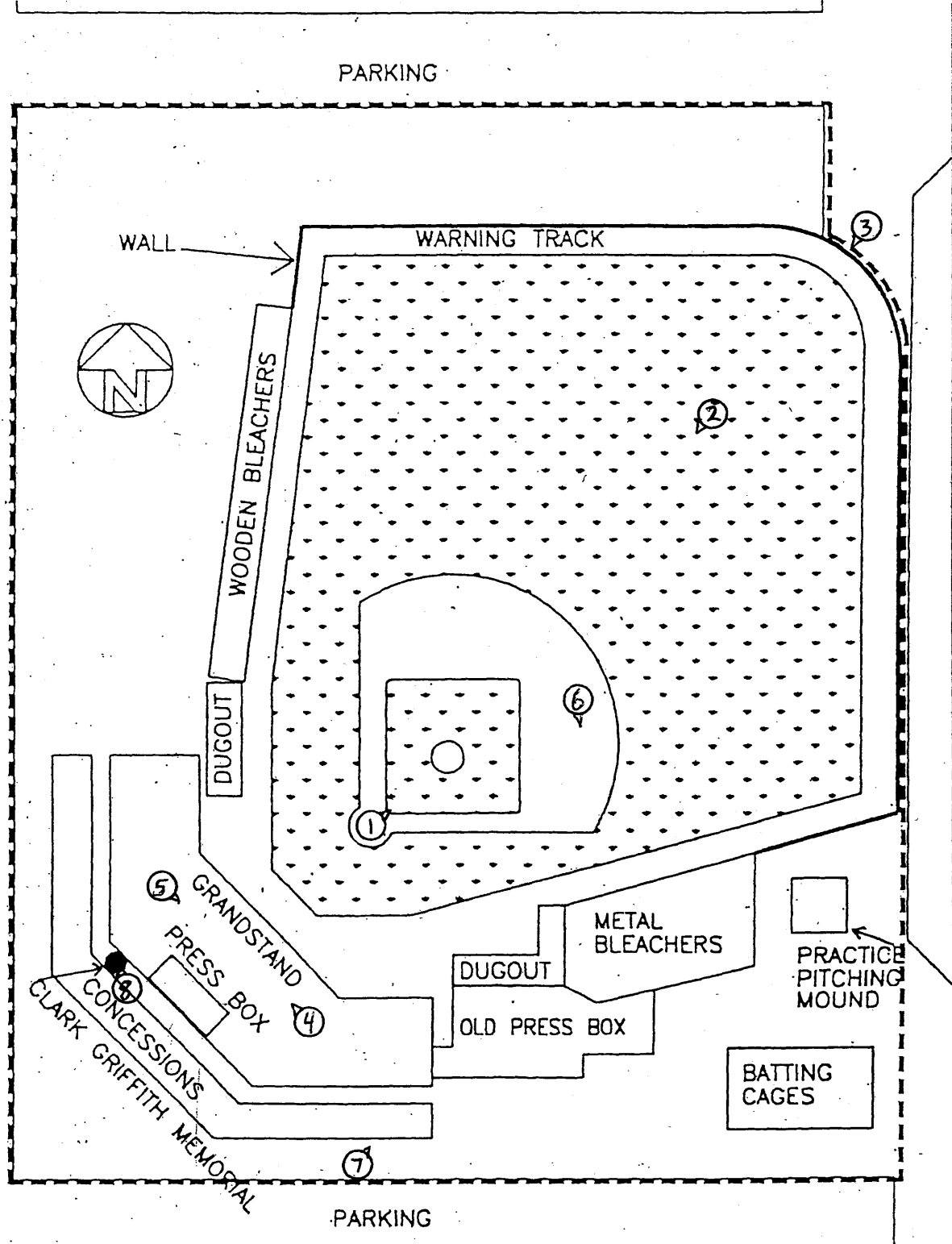
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ORLANDO (ORANGE COUNTY), FLORIDA

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TINKER FIELD, Orlando, Orange Co., Florida
 Site Map & Photo Diagram



Baseball! TODAY! Baseball!

OPENING TINKER FIELD

Orlando's New \$50,000 Athletic Park

Gates Open
at 2:45

Orlando vs. Lakeland

Game Called
at 4:15

The New Tinker Ball Field will be in sh'p-shape for today's game. The big grand stand has been completed and should be inaugurated by an immense crowd. Come along and bring with you, your full supply of pep, for it's going to be a peppy game. Arrangements have been made for transportation of those who haven't cars, --no extra charge; see below.



Special music will be furnished by the Pythian Band. Tinker Field at the end of West Church Street has been in the process of completion for several weeks and work was hurried to put on the final touches for today's game. We are proud to announce that Central Florida's finest ball park will be opened to the fans of Orlando and vicinity this afternoon.

Free Transportation for those who do not have cars.

Tickets for the game bought at the Orange Belt Auto Line Station will allow bus transportation both ways free of extra charge. Buses will leave from O.B.A.L. Station and only tickets purchased there are good for free bus ride.

Tickets on sale at Chico's Smoke House, San Juan Pharmacy, San Juan Hotel Cigar Counter, Angebilt Hotel Cigar Counter, First National Bank and Orange Belt Auto Line Terminal-Station.

Admission—\$5c Grand Stand, Including War Tax.
55c Bleachers, Including War Tax.

MONDAY IS LADIES' DAY

Ladies with or without escort will be admitted free to games every Monday, when played at home. Here you are, Fady Fans, don't miss the Monday games. These Bulldog boys are preparing to make some grandstand plays for your benefit." The Daytona Islanders will be here to play next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

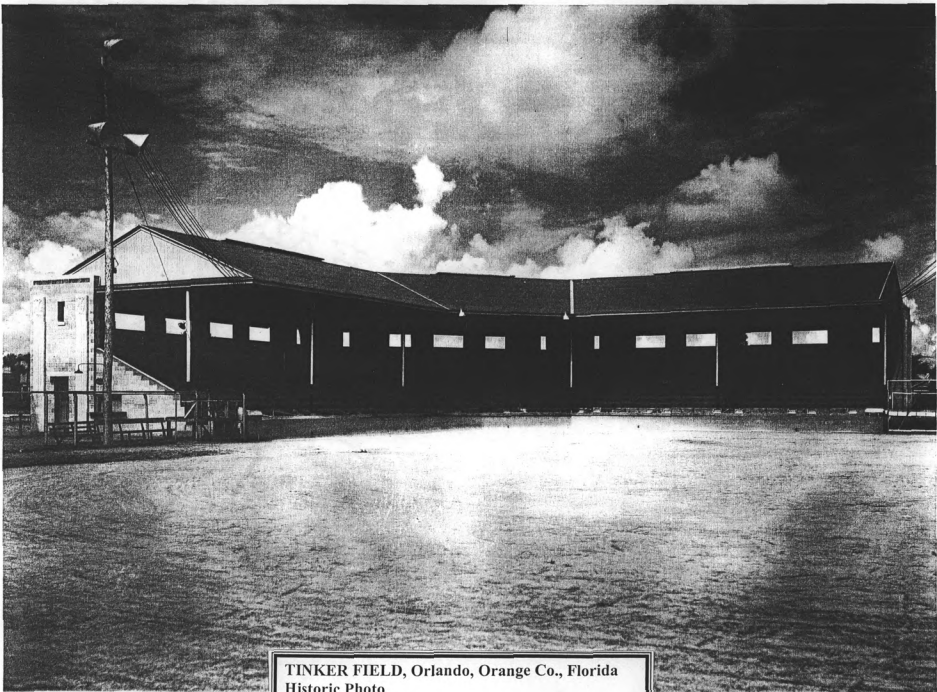
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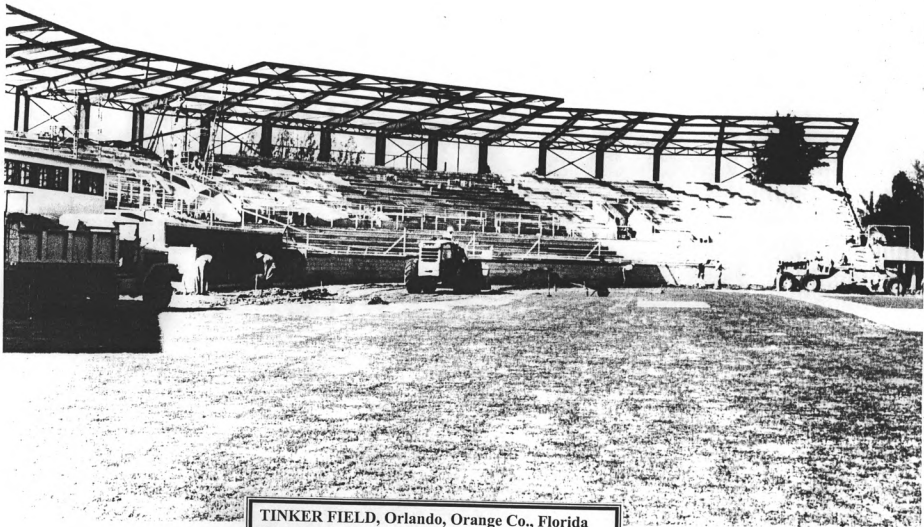
TINKER FIELD, Orlando, Orange Co., Florida
Historic Photo
1923 Announcement of Stadium Opening



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1930s Grandstand



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1956 Outside the Stadium



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1963 Renovations



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1920 Orlando Tigers Team Photo with Joe Tinker