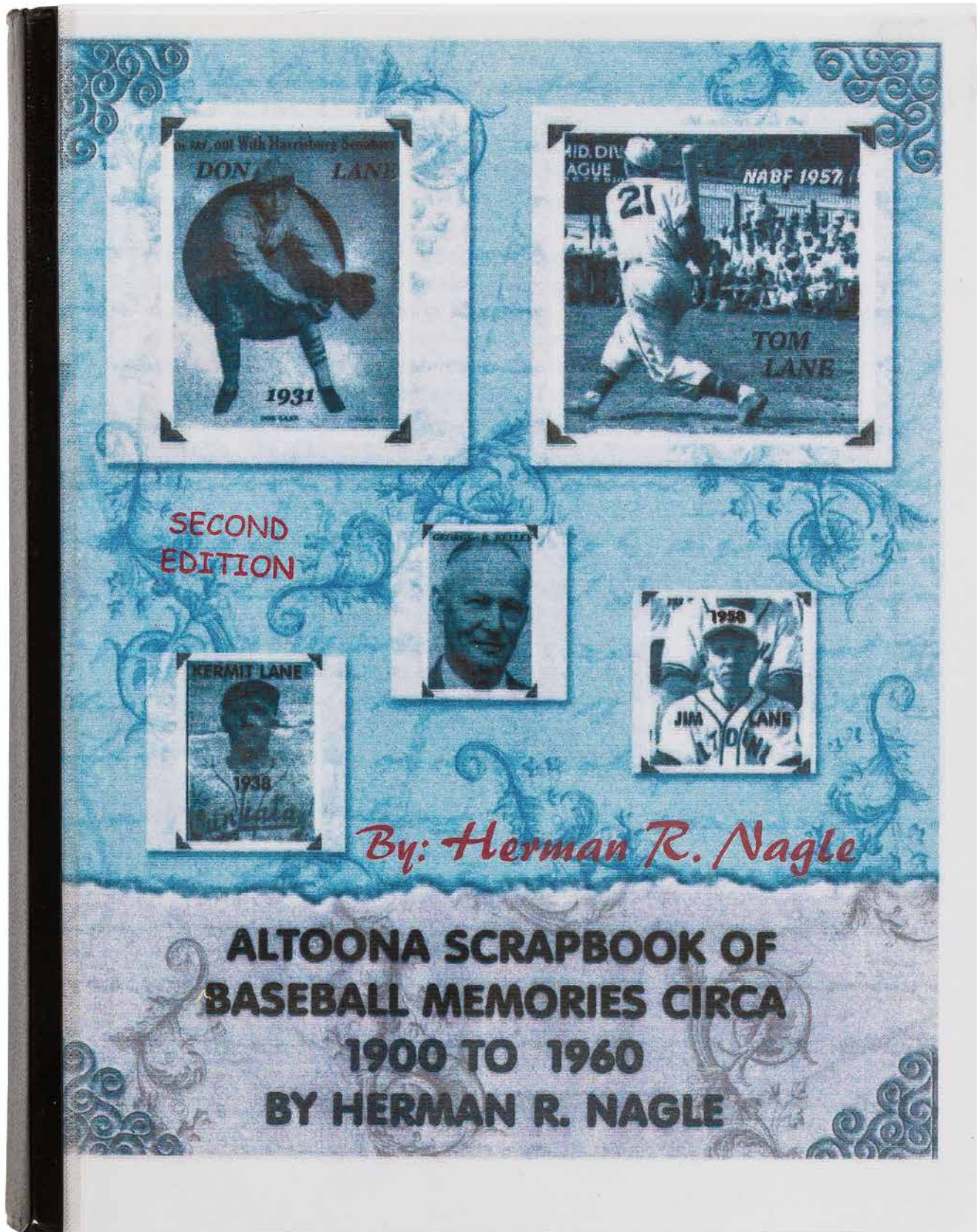


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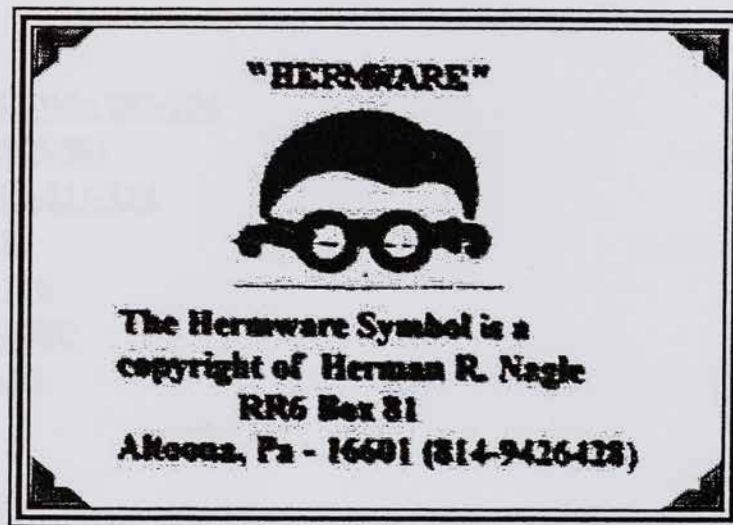
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"On the Cover"

In the Foreword you will read who the driving force was in furnishing the basis for this publication. Don Lane lived for baseball every day of his life. Tom Lane, his son, asked me to consider writing this book in order to preserve the golden era of baseball in Altoona that was in danger of being forever forgotten. Without his foresight, his Father's scrapbook would still be gathering dust in a dark attic. As you read this book, keep Tom in mind for giving you these old memories.

In the upper left photo on the cover you see **Don Lane** in an old Altoona Tribune photo, announcing his try-out with the Harrisburg Senators. On the right is his son, **Tom Lane**, (26 years later) thrilling the Cricket Field crowd with his famous double during the 1957 NABF championship game. Tom started in Little League in 1950, the Pony League, Federation, Altoona High School Varsity, and several NABF Tournament Teams. After playing professional baseball for a few years, he was a teacher and head basketball coach at Bishop Guilfoyle High School in Altoona. In 1970 he led his basketball team to a State Championship, which is no small feat.

In the lower left is Don Lane's younger brother, **Kermit Lane** who was a constant team-mate with Don from Altoona High School through all the golden years of the City and Greater City League. Lower right, (20 years later) is **Jim Lane**, Kermit's son who worked his way, like his cousin, through, Little League, Pony League, Federation, Altoona High School Varsity and two NABF Tournament teams. Jim is also known throughout the City as the former Sports Editor of the Altoona Mirror.

In the center photo is **Mr. George B. Kelley** the founder of the Junior Federation League in Altoona and person responsible for bringing the NABF Tournaments to Altoona. This man's heart was intent on providing baseball to our youth. His playing career, coaching, and league founding career bridged the gap from the Lane's in the 1930's up into their sons in the 1950's. We salute him as "**Mr. Baseball**" in Altoona.