

## A Dinner

In Honor of

### DAN DOBBEK

of Ontonagon, Michigan

A Member of the Minnesota Twins Baseball Team

The Holy Family Catholic Church
Ontonagon, Michigan

6:30 P. M.

# "DAN DOBBEK DAY" FEBRUARY 5, 1961

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ONTONAGON COUNTY LITTLE LEAGUERS

This event is a community-wide activity, sparked by the Ontonagon Lions Club, to pay tribute to our first big league baseball player and to wish him a successful future in this sport which he has chosen as a career.





#### **PROGRAM**

Group Singing-"Take Me Out to the Ball Game"

Invocation by Rev. Fr. Charles Herbst, Pastor Holy Family Catholic Church

Dinner—Served by the Altar Guild of the Holy Family Catholic Church

Welcome—Rudy Saari, co-chairman

Toastmaster—Bruce Warren, Supt. of Interior Township Schools, Trout Creek, Michigan

Introduction of Guests

Remarks—Victor F. Keefer, Supt. of Ontonagon Township Schools

Dan Dobbek

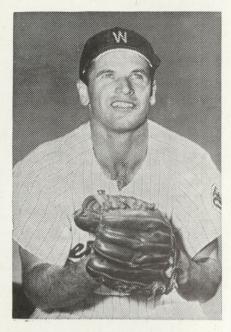
Dick Wienzek, Minnesota Twins Scout

Presentation of Gift—L. W. Reynolds, Jr., President of Ontonagon Lions Club

Benediction-Rev. Fr. Charles Herbst

Movies-World Series Game





### Daniel John Dobbek

Born December 6, 1934 Ontonagon, Michigan

Parents: John T. Dobbek and Marian McKinnon

- 1945—As 5th grader started basket ball under guidance of Wilfred Schon.
- 1946—Bat Boy for "Ontonagon Indians". Stanley Fischer, Mgr.
- 1947—First appearance in baseball game when Mgr. Fischer replaced second baseman Bud Ross with Dobbek, age 12. He was hit in the eye by a grounder but got his man out, and hit a single. This 1947 team won the league championship.
- 1947-Little Indians all positions. Spencer Ross, Mgr.
- 1948-Little Indians all positions. Don McDonald, Mgr.
- 1949—Ontonagon High School baseball and basket ball 4 years and football two. Most valuable basket ball player Copper Country Conference 1952. Gus Lord, Coach.
- 1951-1952-Ontonagon Indians short stop and pitcher. Walt Curski, Mgr.
- 1952—After graduation from high school tried out for the New York Giants in Kingsford, Mich., St. Louis Cardinals in Minocqua, Wisconsin and the Detroit Tigers in Detroit.

Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo from Sept. 1952 to December 1955. Baseball and Basket ball.

- 1956—Dick Wienzek, Washington Senator scout, signed him to a contract.
  Reported to Class B farm team at Hobbs, New Mexico in April, was moved up to Class A Sally League in Charlotte, North Carolina and returned to Hobbs. Batting average at Hobbs 341.
- 1957—U. S. Army. Baseball and football at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Separated from service in December, 1958.
- 1959—Baseball school at Winter Garden, Florida in January and at Cocoa in February, followed by spring training with the Senators at Orlando, Florida, then to Chattanooga, Tenn., in the Southern Assn., where he hit 23 home runs, 28 doubles, 4 triples. Ave. 268.

  Called up to Washington by manager Cookie Lavagetto on Sept. 7th to finish out the season. Outfielder.

First home run on 9-21-59 off Billy O'Dell - Baltimore Orioles.

Played in winter league in Cuba.

1960—With Washington Senators - missed much action because of arm and leg injuries but hit 10 home runs, scored 32 runs and had 31 RBI's. Batting average 218. Also established a new major league record for getting the most intentional walks in one game - three times. While in spring training vs. Jim Bunning of the Tigers, hit the longest home run out of Lakeland Park in 5 years.

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