

J. Polk Brooks Deserts His Business To Give Full Time To Erection Of Baseball Park Here

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The sun was bearing down at the new Paducah baseball park and a tanned man in work pants and short-sleeved shirt wrestled with a loaded wheelbarrow.

He sweated and strained as if the park had to be completed by sundown.

The gentleman turning out the heavy work was J. Polk Brooks, the energetic Paducah business man who has deserted his bus line temporarily to devote full time to construction of the ball park.

Brooks is not getting a cent for his labor, yet he shows up every day and turns in as much toll as other men who are making the full wage.

"I want to see Paducah have a baseball park," Brooks said in a simple reply to a question about his odd inclination to slave without pay at the new ball playing center.

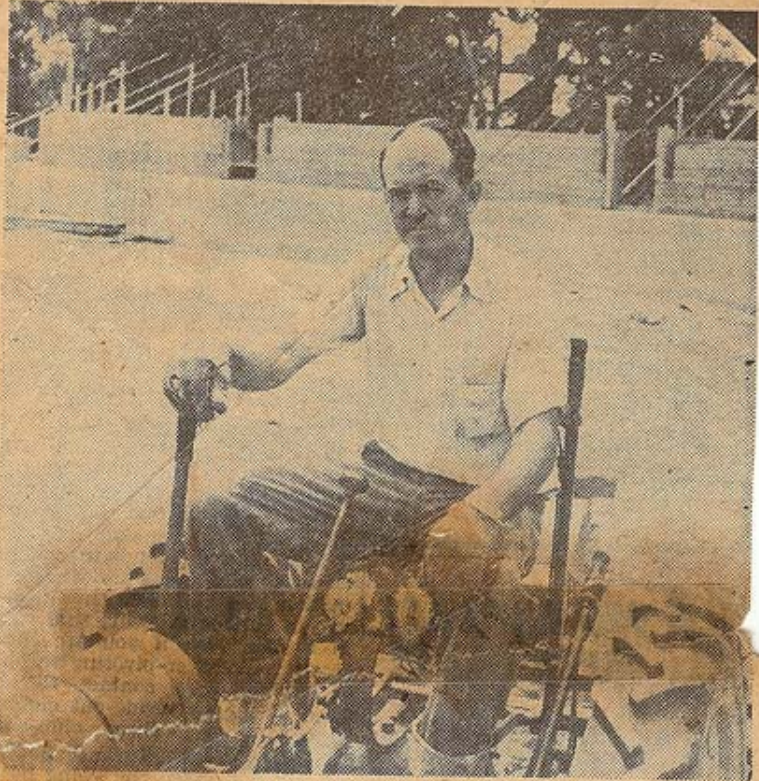
Brooks does all kinds of work. One hour he is pushing a wheelbarrow. In a little while he might be helping build forms or erect steel. Occasionally he takes the pint-sized tractor used on the job and snakes discarded timbers out of the park area.

He constantly keeps a watchful eye on the Bermuda grass that is just beginning to blanket the playing field. He also dreams, while resting, of the time when the completed park will teem with crowds and baseball.

Brooks has worked at the park nearly every day. He has been on the job since construction started and says he will be on hand full time until it is completed.

Brooks, who turned a dilapidated Buick sedan into a thriving bus line, is one of Paducah's best business men for applying his talent to the project. He also has been in service here.

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J. POLK BROOKS, who is giving all his time to construction of the Paducah baseball park, drags discarded timbers out of the playing area with a tractor. He has been on the job free of charge since it opened and has promised to stay until the park is completed.