USL’s Baseball Park Named For Moores

The University of Southwestern Louisiana will officially dedicate its new baseball facility this coming Saturday in honor of the family of M.L. “Tigue” Moore, one of Lafayette’s leading citizens and a strong supporter of both baseball and the university for almost 40 years.

The field will be dedicated at the USL-Lamar doubleheader; ceremonies will begin at 12:45 p.m.; game time is 1:15 p.m. Lafayette Mayor Kenny Bowen and USL President Dr. Ray Authement will speak at the dedication. Moore Field is part of the USL Athletic Complex on Congress Street.

This is not the first tribute to the remarkable career of both Tigue and his wife, the late Catherine Moore. Nor will it be the last. In 1975, Moore was named winner of the highly competitive Roberto Clemente award, given to one person in the United States each year whose humanitarian service is outstanding.

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He was named “Rotarian of the Year” in 1973, and was given the “Honorary Membership Citation” by the National Recreation Association in 1960.

In April, 1973, the Mayor declared “M.L. Moore Day,” which ended at a night baseball game in which Mr. and Mrs. Moore received accolades from across the state. Mrs. Moore herself was honored by the Sertoma Clubs of Lafayette with the 1973 Service to Mankind Award; and two USL scholarships are named in her honor.

These and many other honors the Moores earned with years of hard work. Catherine Moore served in the Red Cross during World War II, and continued her service for over 30 years. She was a Pink Lady at the Lafayette General Hospital, and contributed many volunteer hours to the Lafayette Crippled Children’s Clinic. She was also one of the organizers of the Lafayette Little Theater, and held offices in the USL BAM club. Mrs. Moore was president of P.E.O., and was a member of the USL Foundation.

Tigue Moore has distinguished himself in many things, but most notably in promoting baseball. “No one will ever know just how much time and personal financing Tigue has put into baseball, and for this reason and many others, the name of M.L. Tigue Moore will always remain synonymous with youth baseball here in Lafayette and throughout the state,” said Albert “Mickey” Domingue, president of the Lafayette Youth Baseball Association at the time of “M.L. Moore day” in Lafayette in 1973.

Moore has been director of the USL Foundation since August, 1967. During the past 12 years, the Foundation has grown as rapidly as the University. It administers scholarships for deserving students; professorships which encourage excellence in the USL faculty, and contingency funds to aid research or faculty travel. Moore has

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MRS. CATHERINE MOORE

made considerable personal donations to the Foundation while serving as director. A South Carolina native, M.L. Moore is a graduate of the Citadel. He came to Lafayette in 1940. Mrs. Moore was the former Catherine Van Horn of New Orleans, and was an alumnus of Sophie Newcomb College.

and thousands of young people now participate annually. The American Legion leagues produced the finest pitcher in modern baseball history - Ron Guidry - whose high school had no baseball team and who conceivably would not have had the opportunity to break into college baseball (at USL) and eventually into the pros without his foundation in American Legion baseball.