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WORKHOUSE INMATES BUILD STADIUM: Men of institution on Hart Island move one of the old "El" ties that will be made into bases for seats from Ebbets Field.

Ebbets Field Gets 'Reincarnated' As Seats Go to Hart Island Park

People will sit in Ebbets Field seats this summer. But the seats will be on Hart Island.

Yesterday, the 1,600 inmates of the City Workhouse got 2,200 of the seats, a gift from the late, lamented Dodger ball park.

Several hundred inmates on the island off the Bronx, supervised by Warden Edward Dros, began putting them in place around the island's baseball and softball fields.

It was cold, unbaseball-like weather as Commissioner of Correction Anna M. Kross inspected the results. "Now, inmates, won't have to squat on the ground to watch a game," she said.

During baseball weather the Hart Island Wildcats take on outside teams, "winning most games," according to Warden Dros. By summer three sides of the three-acre playing field will be enclosed by a triple tier of memory-soaked seats that were rudely wrenched earlier this week from the forty-four-year-old Brooklyn park. Ebbets Field is being demolished for a 1,317-family housing project.

The seats—much sought after by schools—came as a gift of the Kratter Corporation, 521

Fifth Avenue, owner of the Ebbets Field site. Originally costing about \$18 apiece, the seats now grace what is to be called Kratter Field.

When the first Hart Island inmate knocks the first homer out of the park into Long Island Sound this spring, it is expected some of the Ebbets Field lights will be in place, another gift.

The foundation for the tiers of seats are seven-foot yellow pine ties, which Commissioner Kross acquired without cost in 1955 when the Third Avenue Elevated succumbed to progress. They are fitted together and covered with cement in a neat, professional finish.

The ties—Mrs. Kross got several hundred thousand—also went into an outdoor basketball court and handball court.

When Commissioner Kross and Warden Dros first contemplated "scavenging" Ebbets Field, the warden hoped to get the public address system.

"I found Walter F. O'Malley had gotten there first," he said. Mr. O'Malley got more than that. Today, according to the Kratter company, a Los Angeles Dodger truck begins loading 7,000 choice box seats.

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