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**HART ISLAND FIELD DEDICATED:** First game on Kratter Field is played between prisoners and Army team. The seats for the field were donated by Marvin Kratter.

## STADIUM OPENED FOR HART ISLAND

**Prisoners Fill 600 Seats  
From Ebbets Field Given  
by Apartment Builder**

Kratter Field, its 600 seats perpetually reserved for minor lawbreakers, was dedicated yesterday at the City Workhouse on Hart Island, the Bronx.

A standing-room crowd of 1,340—all but fifty-three of the prisoners on the island—was present.

Among the speakers were Commissioner of Correction Anna M. Kross, Warden Edward Dros and Marvin Kratter. Mr. Kratter, who is president of the concern that will erect apartment buildings on the site of Ebbets Field, the home of the old Brooklyn Dodgers, donated the old Ebbets Field seats to the prison.

The inmates, dressed in gray denim uniforms and blue jackets, applauded the speakers loudly and heckled pianissimo as their guards, who are politer than some Ebbets Field ushers used to be, strolled among them.

The feature of the afternoon was a softball game between the Workhouse all-stars and men from the Nike missile battery at the south end of the island.

The soldiers claimed seven runs in their first time at bat, but the inmate scorer and umpire said it had been only five.

"Get your ice cold beer!" one fan shouted wistfully during the argument.

The home side also got five runs in its first turn, but by then it was 3:50 P. M. and the game was called because it was time for the regular count of prisoners.

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