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February 5-6, 1852.

Who was the first Mankato area baseball pitcher to develop the curveball in 1889?

Billy Mead, local baseball legend.

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The "Mayer Special." It was built in Mankato in 1903 by Louis Mayer.

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