

# Hank, Eddie Here on Visit, Aaron Says He Was Misquoted

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contract with general manager John McHale early Friday, said he didn't know if he would move his family here in 1966. "It's just something we'll have to just wait and see. I've got my family to think of and, especially, the children," he said. "It will be hard taking the children out of their school, taking them to a new place and asking them to make new friends all over again."

Mathews, a darling of Atlanta during a two-year stint here with the Crackers of the Southern Association, said it was good being back.

"It will be tough leaving Milwaukee, though," he admitted,

"I like it there very much. But, I will play wherever the club does.

"Actually, there's not much I can say about the club moving to Atlanta. I understand we're not coming this year for sure, but will be here in 1966."

The powerful left-handed slugger, long a citadel of fear to opposing National League pitchers, said, "I married a girl from Wisconsin. We have in school, and . . . well, it's just gonna be tough.

"It is a real bad situation, though," he said. "Milwaukee fans have a right to feel resentment. They are not upset at the players, but rather at the owners and management.

"Atlanta will have a lot of living up to in matching Milwaukee as a baseball town," he said.

Aaron said this was his first trip to Atlanta and quipped, "It certainly beats the weather we left. When we climbed on the plane, it was eight degrees below." "We" refers to he and his wife and Mr. and Mrs. Mathews.

"This season, well," Aaron began with a chuckle, "I just hope I can do better than I did last year." With a .328 batting average, 24 home runs and 95 runs batted in, a person wondered, out loud, "Just how much better?"

"Well, last season I was a defensive hitter. This year I'm going to be an offensive hitter.

"Last season I went after the pitches and failed to properly pace myself. I was trying to better my 45 home runs of the year before, and in doing so my overall hitting slacked," he said. "I'm going up to the plate with a different attitude this year though — I'm going to take charge and hit 'my' pitches."

Aaron, whom veteran baseball men have said "owns the greatest pair of wrists in baseball," is confident 1965 will be the 'Year of the Braves.' "We can win the pennant," he said, flatly. "We have the finest young pitching in the league and, I feel, the finest hitting team in the majors."

He said Tony Cloninger, Bob Sadowski and Denny Lemaster, the "youth" of the Braves pitching corps, should have banner seasons. "I believe they'll win at least 15 games apiece." He also praised the hitting ability of Dennis Menke, Felipe Alou and Rico Carty and predicted "good seasons" for them.

Mathews said, flatly, he wants "no part of playing first base." Manager Bobby Bragan

moved the many-times All-Star third sacker to first for a couple days during the 1964 season.

"I don't care for playing first at all," he said, "and Bobby knows it. If you take a player in the majors off a position he's used to playing and move him somewhere new, he begins to lose confidence.

"I was never at ease at first, because I didn't have time to get acquainted with playing there. I didn't have time to learn to play it. But, as far as I know, I'm going to spring training at a third baseman.

"And, I hope I stay there," Mathews said.

The 100 Per Cent Wrong Club's annual banquet jamboree will be held at the Americana. Early Thursday Olympic stars Robert Hayes, the world's fastest human, Ralph Boston and Dick Stebbins telephoned to cancel their intentions to attend.