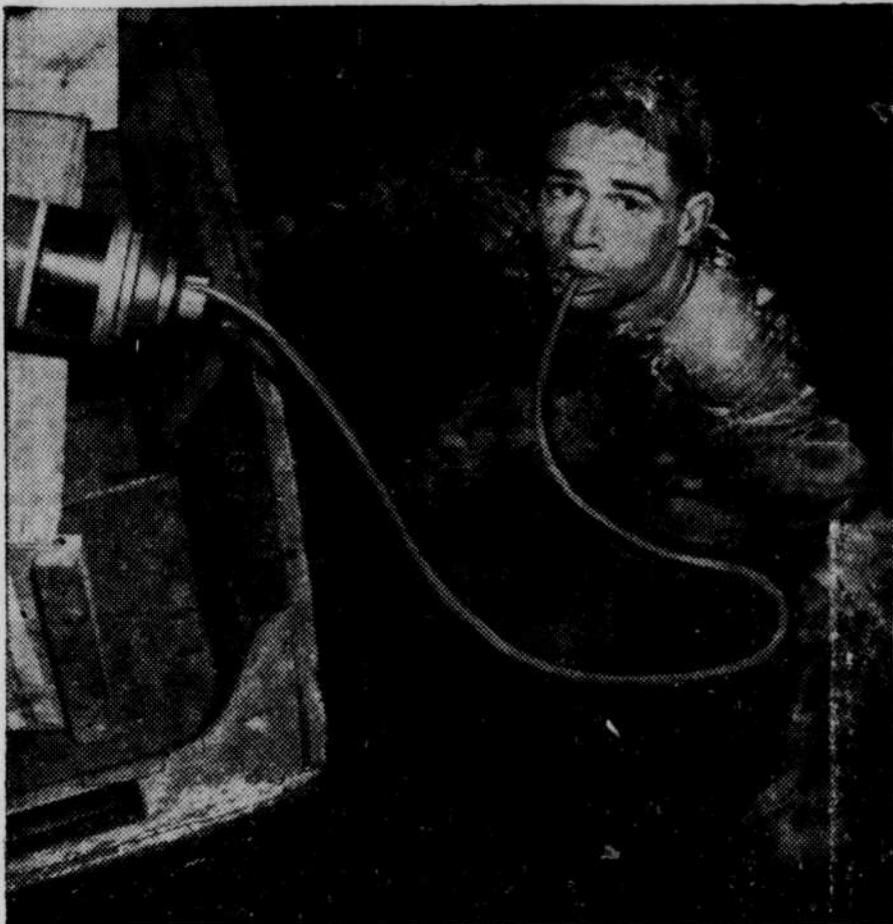


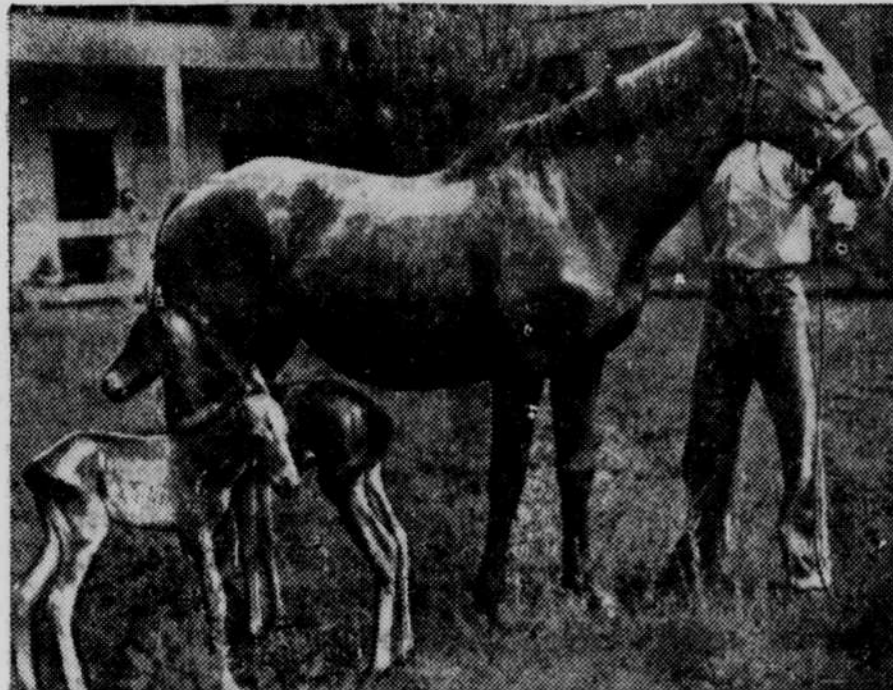
**HIS MODELS WERE THE TOPS . . .** Flying Officer Carl Freeman, Luke Field, Ariz., is shown with the model planes which won first and second prizes at the model airplane meet held at Luke Field. Record 61.2 mph. The army air force has a program to encourage the building and flying of model planes not only among enlisted personnel and officers but also among civilian groups. Many aces in World War II became interested in aviation while building model planes.



**FAST FEEDING . . .** Jimmy Slyter, 19, receives food through tube from thermos bottle during his Los Angeles-Catalina island swim try. The navy veteran was forced to abandon his attempt after two hours and 49 minutes of paddling, approximately five miles short of the 22 mile route. He was pulled aboard exhausted. Judges believe that he struck his head on boat which caused collapse.



**COLONEL SERVES SERGEANT . . .** When Sgt. Bass H. Lewis Jr., Columbus, Ga., went overseas he expressed the wish that upon his discharge he could have a suite at the Astor and have his colonel serve him breakfast in bed. He got his wish. Col. Cecil Rutledge, Buffalo, N. Y., is shown serving former Sergeant Lewis.



**SLEEPY HOLLOW HAS TWINS . . .** Sleepy Hollow farm at San Anselmo, Calif., is proud of twins, Regina and Rex, foaled by mare owned by Ella and Dick Gianinni. Birth of twins in horsedom is a rare occurrence. This was the first set of twins delivered by the veterinarian in 40 years.



**REAL COURAGE . . .** Eddie Kania, 15, whose legs have been twisted by infantile paralysis since he was two, is shown at his position as pitcher on Carbondale, Pa., team. He never asks favors from opposition.



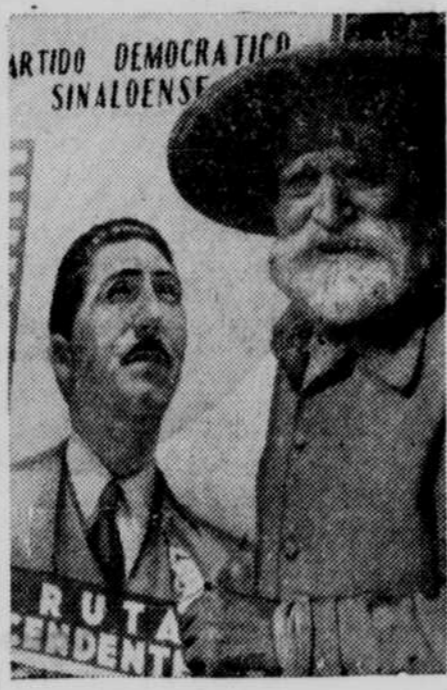
**THE HAT . . .** Florello H. La Guardia, New York's former mayor, recently climbed to the top of the wheat ladder to give the farmers a few facts of life. At Fargo, N. D., he asks for wheat for Europe.



**MARRIED . . .** Remember Freddie Bartholomew, child star of yesterday? Press stories tell us that he ran away from his aunt, eloped and married his press agent. She is six years older than Freddie.



**BIRTHS GOING UP . . .** Statistics aren't what David Rothman, left, 22-months, and Marianne Price, 13-months, are interested in. They'd rather have action to cover their tiny bottoms so they can go places. They have received promises from the OPA officials that they will soon be covered.



**ELECTION IN MEXICO . . .** Mexican peasant stands beside the poster of Miguel Aleman at Mazatlan. Aleman is making the most vigorous campaign in Mexican history for the election.



THE argument broke into a rash concerning the easiest position to play on a baseball team. We put the debate up to Joe McCarthy, who knows what it is all about, no matter what the position might happen to be.



"Why don't you ask a lot of ball players," Joe said, "and get their slant? After Stirweiss had played third three or four days, I asked him how he liked the job. 'Great,' he said, 'but do I still get paid on the first and fifteenth for playing third?'" We accepted Manager McCarthy's challenge and soon lined up the viewpoints of all the earnest athletes we could corral.

In the consensus that followed, the catching assignment was rated the toughest by an extensive margin. What about the pitcher? The pitcher only works every fourth or fifth day, and too often only toils four or five innings. But the catcher, the better catchers, get few vacations. You might talk to Bill Dickey some time about this and discover the beatings they take around the plate. Catching a hundred ball games a year is harder work than playing any other position for three hundred games. All of which leads up to the easiest or softest job on the team. This is where the argument started.

**'Hot Corner' Easiest**

We talked with the Cardinals, Yankees, Red Sox, Tigers, Indians, and several others about the easiest position to play. From the start the players began voting for third and first base. The consensus finally settled on third base. As one veteran expressed it—"I'll tell you about playing third base. On a general average when they slap one at you, it is either a hit if you don't handle it. Yes, there are bunts to cover, but as a percentage proposition, third basemen get few errors thrown into their records. It always happens in a hurry at third base and it is all different at short and second. They have room enough and time enough to move around. The third baseman doesn't."

The next soft job consensus went to first base. But a first baseman is supposed to be one of the best hitters on the club. Charley Comiskey was the first of all the first basemen who left the safety of the bag to cut down a few drives slashed towards right field. That, 50 years ago, was a daring innovation. It remained for Hal Chase to prove how an artist could handle first. But Hal was too great an artist for his own good along certain devious lines we won't discuss here.

Now here is a peculiar angle. Baseball has known more great first basemen and more great second basemen than it has ever known shortstops and third basemen.

Just how can you explain this? At first base we have had stars from the days of Fred Tenney on, through Frank Chance, Stuffy McInnis, Hal Chase, George Sisler, Lou Gehrig, and Bill Terry.

**Many Stars at Second**

Second has the longest parade of stars—Lajoie, Collins, Evers, Frisch, Hornsby, Gordon, Doerr. But outside of the enduring Honus Wagner, shortstop has given the game few outstanding names. There have been such good ones as Bancroft, Jackson, Jennings, Tinker, Long, Wallace—but only a limited list ranged below Wagner's fame. Third base, voted as the easiest job on the club to hold, should be arrayed and bedecked with great names. The list of good ones is fairly long. The list of great ones very scant. Jimmy Collins, Pie Traynor, Art Devlin, Heinie Groh, Red Rolfe, Bill Bradley, these were among the best.

In order to ward off indignant protesting letters we'll admit in advance that many good names have been left off the list, due mainly to a zigzag memory.

The tough spot and the most important spot on the infield is the combination of short and second. Two fast men here can take pretty good care of the infield, especially those of the Rizzuto-Gordon and the Pesky-Doerr type, not to overlook Marion and his mate on the Cardinals. Third base may be the "hot corner" but it also requires less terrain to patrol.

**No Room for Alibis**

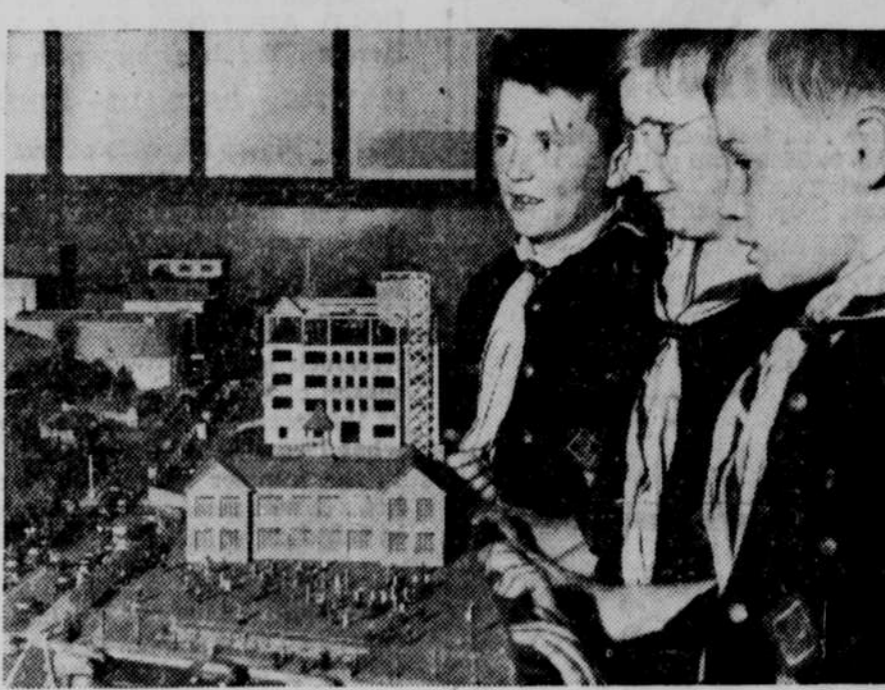
The box score is a national institution that has been attracting more and more popular interest in the United States for 70 years. It carries compact news to countless millions from the smaller hamlets on to the greater cities and the smaller hamlets furnish most of the stars who gather their fame in big league centers. Here it is again with a complete record of runs, hits, errors, strikeouts, stolen bases. It offers no space for alibis or excuses.



**COMPLICATIONS FOR BIG FOUR . . .** While the Big Four conference in Paris faces many difficult problems involving treaties and claims and boundaries, the Turkish situation presents future complications. In the dark areas shown are the three buffer states of the Near East and Middle East. Here the strategic and economic interests of Russia and the western powers meet. Control of the Dardanelles is a vital issue and Russia has sought to press claims on Turkey's eastern frontiers. Arrows on the map show how use of the straits cuts 3,000 miles from the supply line to Russia. At the opening sessions the Big Four sidestepped the troublesome Trieste and Italian colonial questions and began the consideration of the Italian-French frontier, the size of Italy's future armed strength and disposal of her surplus shipping. France's proposal to add internationalization of the Ruhr and detachment of the Rhineland from Germany to the agenda, added further complications. British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin caused another upset by insisting that Belgian, Dutch and Luxembourg representatives be permitted to sit in on such negotiations as spokesmen for nations which suffered heavily through German aggression.



**TO INVESTIGATE FRANCO'S GOVERNMENT . . .** Committee of the U. N. security council which will investigate the charges that Generalissimo Franco's government in Spain is a menace to world peace and security. Left to right: Oscar Lange, Poland; Henri Bonnet, France; Pedro Veloso, Brazil; Paul Hasluck, Australia, and Hsushi Shu, China.



**YOUNGSTERS STUDY AT FBI ACADEMY . . .** Kenny Rose, Dick Little and Hugh McMahon, cub scouts of Falls Church, Va., look over a small section of the huge "model city" which is part of the equipment used by the FBI national academy in teaching traffic problems to learn modern police science. Thousands of youngsters visit the FBI monthly.



**TEA TIME FOR TRILBY . . .** Trilby, leader of the elephant herd of the Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey circus, shows his latest tea cup. A veteran of the show, he still rules the herd.



**MOST VALUABLE . . .** Baseball's most valuable players, Phil Cavarretta, Chicago Cubs, left, was chosen as the National league's most valuable player in 1945, and Hal Newhouser, Detroit, won the award for the most valuable player in American league. Both men show promise of being leading contenders for the high honor this season.



**GREEN FOR OPA . . .** William Green, president of the AFL, told the senate banking committee that those who opposed extension of the OPA were a "death lobby." He demanded it be continued intact.