

However, the St. Louis Browns held only a  $2\frac{1}{2}$ -game margin over Boston. And the New York Yankees were right on the heels of the Boston Club. The race is close. The standings of the various clubs could change almost any day. Even the case of Philadelphia, which is on the bottom, when viewed from an arithmetical standpoint does not seem hopeless. In the National League the situation is somewhat different. Here we see St. Louis perched on top with what seems, at this stage of the game, a very comfortable margin. One writer of sports has summed it up as follows: "If they can maintain their present pace, we find with a quick dash down the slide-rule, the Cardinals will finish out the season with something like 110 victories and 20 to 25 games in advance of the second-place team. In other words, it'll be the biggest Whirlaway act in the circuit since Frank Chance's Cubs carried home the side meat with 116 triumphs in 1906."

We simply cannot close this article without giving some attention to our American Legion junior team. You recall that the Lawndale community is well represented on this year's team. The last issue of the Hoover Rail listed the seven teams that made up the Western District of North Carolina. Shelby was in third place at the end of the round-robin contests. However, Charlotte and Cherryville were tied for first place. The elimination series is now on. First, Shelby and Forest City hooked up. This was a three out of five series. Forest City hadn't won many games during the regular playing season. Shelby was favored to win rather easily. But the boys from Forest City put up such a game fight that the series went the full five games before the Shelby-ites emerged victorious. While this was happening the Cherryville team easily eliminated Ienoir by copping three streight games. Also, the Gaston County team put Gastonia (City) out of the race. Charlotte drew a bye in the first round of play. Next on the list for Shelby was Cherryville. This, too, was to be a three out of five series. In the minds of most people the Cherries were decidedly the favorites to take the series. The first game was played in Cherryville Monday, July 10th, Bill Cooke from the Belwood community blanked the Cherries while the Shelby boys scored 4 runs. Well, interest began to pick up. The next day, Tuesday, the game was played in the Shelby park. Result: Shelby 5 - Cherryville 1. In this game one of our own Lawndale boys, Franklin Jeffers, enjoyed a perfect day at the plate. He collected three safeties and walked on his other appearances at the plate. Now people began to think that Shelby might take three streight games from the Cherries. Well boys, that's what actually happened. Shelby won the third game by a score of 10 to 2. In this game too, another one of our boys, Harvey Bowen, who has been wielding a potent bat all season, didn't do anything but get five hits on five trips to the plate. Not bad is it? And one of Harvey's hits was a triple. It was during this game that Ralph Dixon, from Fallston, blasted a home run with the bases loaded. My what a wallop. And we must not overlook the fact that Bobby Wray is doing a good deal of the catching for the Shelby team. Bobby too, is having a splendid year. Before we forget we must inform you that Charlotte defeated the Gaston County boys in three straight games. That's as far as we can go now except to say that Shelby and Charlotte begin a three out of five serieese Monday, July 17. As things look now this should be fine series. May the better team win. The winners, of course, will be declared the champions of this the Western District of North Carolina.

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#### Pfc. Wray Glenn Awarded Army Bronze Star

We are in receipt of a letter from Pfc. Wray Glenn, stating that he has been awarded the Bronze Star and also a Combat Infantry Expert Badge. The Bronze Star medal is given for heroic or meritorious service against the enemy, not involving aerial flight. Wray, we all rejoice with you in the thrill you received when awarded these honors - we're proud of you and look forward to seeing you and offering our congratulations in person, upon your return to good ole North Carolina.

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Some say the best housekeeping in the world is done by men. Witness the U. S. Army. — Duncan Hines.