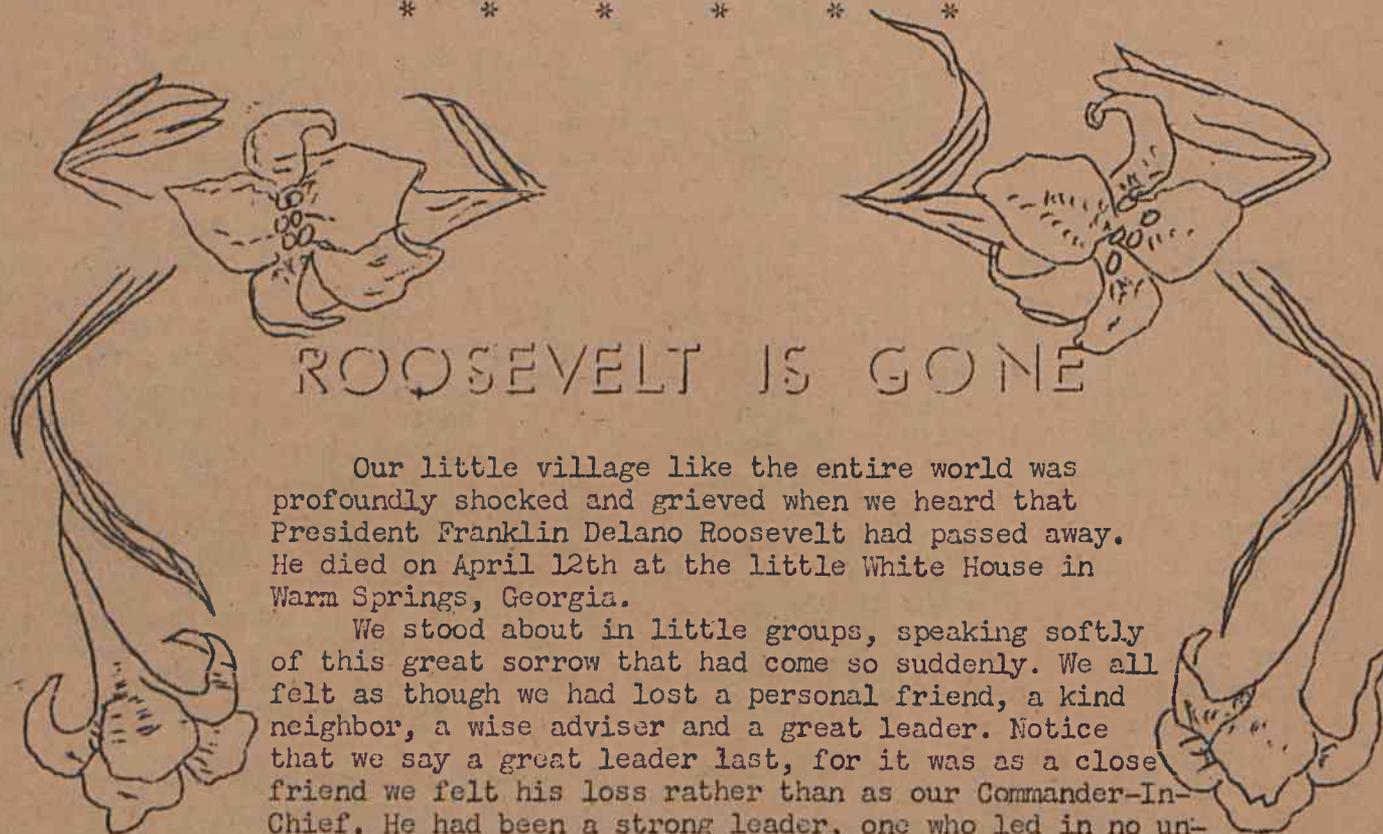


while Yates Lee was credited with four wins against no losses, but with one draw. We shall try to give you future results of this tournament next month.

Well, the 1945 major league baseball season is just about ready to begin. The season opens Monday, April 16th. An Associated Press survey reveals the interesting fact that a little more than 79 percent of the players who started the 1941, or pre-Pearl Harbor season, have either gone into the armed services or become essential war workers. Hardest hit of all clubs seems to be the New York Yankees. Gone are such performers as Phil Rizzuto, Red Rolfe, Tom Henrich, Joe De Maggio, Charlie Kellar, Joe Gordon, Bill Dickey, Johnny Sturm, and Marius Russo. You must wonder what in the world they hope to accomplish this year. We shall have to wait to see. It seems to be pretty generally agreed that the St. Louis Cardinals will lead the way in the National League circuit. Here again, we trust that we can give you further details next month.

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ROOSEVELT IS GONE

Our little village like the entire world was profoundly shocked and grieved when we heard that President Franklin Delano Roosevelt had passed away. He died on April 12th at the little White House in Warm Springs, Georgia.

We stood about in little groups, speaking softly of this great sorrow that had come so suddenly. We all felt as though we had lost a personal friend, a kind neighbor, a wise adviser and a great leader. Notice that we say a great leader last, for it was as a close friend we felt his loss rather than as our Commander-In-Chief. He had been a strong leader, one who led in no uncertain terms--yet one who had never made us feel like he was really leading, only, as a friend who was looking after our interests at all times.

Whether one agreed with his political philosophy or not, is now beside the point. Time will gloss over all bitterness engendered by one so fearless in the performance of his duty as was Roosevelt. The multiplicity of good things he set in motion will never die but live on and on to benefit the masses of mankind.

It is said that the President once remarked, that he was sure the common people of the country loved him, and he further observed that, that was ample compensation for all the unpleasant things that had come. In that observation, he summed up the great love he bore for the common people, you and I.

President Roosevelt died a hero's death just as surely as any boy who has given his life on the battlefield - just as surely as our five boys from Lawndale who made the supreme sacrifice.

Although the President's tired body has been laid to rest in his beloved garden at Hyde Park, N.Y., his indomitable spirit will live forever.

Let us pray that a just and durable peace will be made at the San Francisco conference that will ever live as an enduring monument to Franklin Delano Roosevelt.