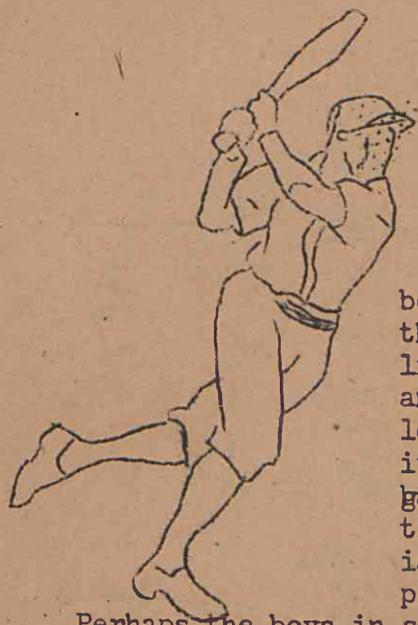


# SPORTS

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In the Hoover Rail for April we informed you that the boys here at Piedmont were playing a little baseball despite the fact that the space for playing this game was decidedly limited. But at the present time baseball has been discarded and the students are enjoying the game of soft ball quite a lot. Our playground is far more suitable for this game than it is for real baseball. Of course we are not playing any games with other schools but we are really having a good time among ourselves. It is a pleasure to note the enthusiasm exhibited by both the boys and girls of Piedmont in the playing of softball.

Perhaps the boys in service would like to know something about how the major league teams are getting along at this early stage of the game. Suppose we give you the standings of the major clubs as of May 14th. In the American League we find Chicago occupying first place, having won 12 games and lost 6. This gives the White Sox a percentage standing of .667. However, the New York Yankees are mighty close on their heels with a percentage standing of .650. They could be in first place before this gets cold. It's not so hot anyway. Next comes Detroit with a standing of .611. A little warm spell might conceivably bounce the Tigers into the first place spotlight. The St. Louis Browns, last year's champions in the American League, have thus far won 9 and lost 9 games for a standing of even .500. The remaining clubs in the order of their standings are Washington, Philadelphia, Boston, and finally the Cleveland Indians looking after the cellar.

Switching to the National League we find that so far the New York Giants have made the best showing. They have won 16 games while losing but 5 for a percentage standing of .727. Next to the Giants we find Dem Bums from Brooklyn. The Dodgers have won 13 contests and lost 6. This gives them a standing of .684. The only other team with a percentage standing of .500, or better, is the Chicago Cubs. The standing of this team is .556. The teams that haven't broken even are Pittsburgh, St. Louis, Boston, Cincinnati, and Philadelphia. The record of the Philadelphia Nationals is just the opposite that of the New York Giants. This club has won 5 games while losing 16, for a standing of .238. They are way down in the cellar. But of course we all are aware of the fact that the season is still very, very young. Who knows what September, or even July the Fourth, may bring forth?

One of the high lights of big league baseball this far has been the hurling of 22 consecutive scoreless innings by a rookie, Dave Ferriss. This was a new modern record for a pitcher beginning his major league career. Ferriss is a dischargee of the Army Air Forces. He is a member of the Boston Red Sox team. We might also mention the fact that Mel Ott of the New York Giants has just hit his 495th run, putting him in third place among all-time circuit clouters.

Many people from Lawndale are interested in the outcome of athletic contests engaged in by our county seat, Shelby. The Shelby baseball team has just won its ninth conference game. It has suffered but one defeat in the conference. Two days ago, Harry McKee, a pitcher on last year's Junior Legion Team, blanked the Newton High School players 11 to 0 for his fourth victory of the season. Only 25 batters faced McKee during the contest, 15 of whom were strike-out victims. He allowed but four scattered hits. In this contest only two Newton players reached second base, where, with McKee bearing down, they were left stranded. Only two more games remain on the Shelby schedule. These are with Forest City and Hickory.

