

For several weeks, A to Z readers have been bombarding the column with inferences that perhaps the writer is a little carried away with racial-ties to look at current baseball records with an objective view . . . Has A to Z not overlooked the fact that, in running up his sensational won-lost

record. Don Newcombe has met only the weaker teams in the NL? ... And is not the column sort of going overboard on his hit - batsmen allegations, they which contend that colored players are "knocked down" more often than are white players? ... And what about A to Z's claim that, of the two. Roy Campanella is a better catcher tan Yogi Berra?

Taking first things first, let's take a good look at the 18-1 as this is written) mark of Newcombe ... Big Don has beaten the Philadelphia Phillies four times, the Chicago Cubs three times, the Cincinnati Reds three times, the St. Louis

Cardinals four times, the Pittsburgh Pirates twice, and the New York Giants and Milwaukee Braves once each . . . the Cubs are the team-which handed him that lone setback and the next time out against them, Newk tossed a one-hitter in Wrigley Field ... Now then, how does the record look, as far as it can be said Newk has been picking on the weak sisters?... The Phillies, whom he whipped four times and against whom Don is 4-0, are in fourth place . . . the Cubs (3-1) until the All-Star Game break were outfighting the Brayes and Giants for second place The Reds (3-0) are potentially the best hitting club in the league, despite their

clubs? . . . A to Z put it right up to Manager Walter Alston. "In the early part of the season," explains the Bums' skipper, "we were playing 'between rains' so to speak . . . I had to be sure Billy Loes and Carl Erskine got to go against the Giants and Braves . . . they always pitch well against those teams when they're healthy . . . That meant switching my rotation so that would happen . . . I never knew when we'd get in one game or two and then get rained out of the rest , . . So I had to make certain I got Loes and Erskine in there against the clubs against whom two years, they; were most effective . . . Besides, during that period Newcombe wasn't our 'big' man, you know . . . he hadn't settled down in Dayton. Dayton win the pento pitching the kind of ball he's been pitching since the suspen-inant. Next I play, a year, in sion and fine" . . . During his current spin, Newk has started Wilkes-Barre. Who win? Who twice against each of these two clubs . . . They both chased him | else?

Busch Stadium, their home lot . . . Pirates (2-0) - are las?

. . . That leaves the Giants (1-0) and Braves (1-0) . . . How

come only two victories over the second and third place

On the subject of hit batsmen, suppose we go again to the statistics... Sports fans are undoubtedly aware of the -letter-which Buzzy-Bavasi, vice president -of-, the Brecklyn-Dodgers filed with Commissioner Ford Frick . . . 4n it, the Flatbush veep complained of the number of times Brooklyn players have been struck by opposing pitchers . . . 32 times, said Bavasi, is more than any other club in the league has suffered in this respect ... Which enables A to Z to use the Dodgers as an example of the frequency with which "knockdown" pitches are aimed at colored players.

once and they both lost to him once.

Richardown, here is the way the 32 Dodger HB's (hit batsmen) are listed: Carl Furillo (6)), Sandy Amoros (6), Junior Gilmen) are listed: Carl Furillo (6)), Sandy Amoros (6), Junior Gilliam (5), Roy Campanella (3), Jackie Robinson (3), Gil Hodges (2), Pee Wee Reese (2), Don Zimmer (2), Don Hoak (1), George Shuba (1), Don Newcombe (1) . . . Omitting the fact that Newcombe is the only pitcher in the group (It is a code among them that pitchers don't throw at each other), one must observe that of the 32 times Dodger batsmen were conked, 18 times the victim was colored... There are five tan players among the 25 on the Brooklyn roster . . . They represent, therefore, 20 percent of the playing personnel . . . But their 18 HB's traps with folding wire sides as are over 56 percent of the total of those struck by alien mounds-lillegal. men . . . Anticipating the usual contention, that opposing pitchers throw at batters because they want to "loosen them up" because ure five inches or more, across they are "dangerous," the column asks since when did Sandy the shell from spike to spike. Amoros (hit six times) and/or Junior Gilliam (hit five times) become a more "dangerous" batter than Duke Snider (hit no times)?

And now to the third assertion, the one which hints at A to Z's partiality toward Campanella as superior to Berra ... Back again to the records... How shall we compare 'em? . .. Offensively? . . . Yogi's lifetime average (as of Friday morning) is .295 Campy's lifetime mark is .285 . . . but thereafter the advantage of Yogi ceases ... Lifetime homers? . . . Roy has 200 for SEVEN years in the majors, Yogi has 197 for NINE years . . . Campy on Friday morning was hitting .327 for the year, Berra at the same time was hitting .276 . . . Roy had 22 homers and 71 runs batted in, Youi had. 15 homers and 69 RBIfs . . . Each has won the most valuable player award in his league twice . . . Last year, Berra won his second MVP with, among other things, 22 homers...The same season, Campanella hit 19 homers (unly three fewer) WITH ONE HAND, the other being virtually useless the better part of the campaign ... And Campy wasn't even_considered for the NL's most valuable prize . . . Should baserunning be a factor? . . . In NINE years, Berra has stolen 16 bases . . . in SEVEN years, Campanella has stolen 21 . . . How've they done in World Series competition? . . . Campy's overall hitting mark in the title classic is .246, Yogi's .230 . . . Maybe they should be compared as defensive ball plyaers? . . . Okey . . . Campanella is fielding .991 lifetime . . . Berra's mark is .984 lifetime ... Need we go farther?

When Al Smith fook over at second base in the late innings is surprising how often one of the July 23 game against the Baltimore Orioles, it marked meets with success in locations the sixth position the Cleveland Indians' leading hitter has played of this kind, for manager Al Lopez this season ... The Tribe's sophomore star water bait is important in this has been used everywhere but as catcher, pitcher and first base connection. man . . . "Heck," said Smith to A to Z, "if it means being in Really good spots for the presthe lineup, I'd play them too; anything but that bench!" . . . ent are Caroline County, the Dick Ricketts, who insists he wants to try his hand at both pro Choptank River near Denton, basketball and organized baseball, won his first four starts as a Md., the Tuckahoe Creek and pitcher for the Allentown (Eastern League) farm club of the St. the Tuckahoe River, three miles Louis Cardinals . . . Luke Easter is already three-over the home: south of Denton. record for Charleston (American Association) players... he hit his 19th the other day and the season's just a little over half Chicago Cubs option

One of the first cases on which N.Y. Supreme Court Justice Harold Stevens had to rule was one in which a woman bettor sought to recover \$425 she lost at the horse races at Aqueduct ... The new tan jurist threw out the suit of Miss Paule Aiello on the ground that parl-mutual betting is not a violation of the state's anti-gambling statute as she claimed . . . Miss Aiello had a bad day at the races, dropped \$425 and wanted it back ... Justice Stevens said no soap.

Bill Miller, former U.S. Navy and University of Arizona javelin ace, was one of the record-breakers in the recent "Jamaica 300" track and field championships at Kingston . . . Miller tossed the jayelin 25814 feet, far short of his top effort of 266, but enough to crack a West Indian mark in the event . . . Milt Campbell, Indiana hurdler, also hung up a new standard in the 110 meters timber race... Campbell led an all-tan finish to the wire in 14 seconds flat, and was followed by Charley Pratt, of Manhattan, and Lou Knight, a Jasper teammate of Pratt's . . . Other winners in the games were Andy Stanfield, who took both the 100 and 260 meters sprints; Charley Dumas, the youthful California high school high jumper; Reggie Pearman, who garnered the 400 meters test ... One of the oddest sights of the affair, however, was the presence of Herb McKenley on the sidelines. As Jamaican director of athletics, the great quarter-miler could vic Power, Athletics not participate,

included among candidates seeking berths on the 1955 Philadelphia Eagles pro football squad are Ralph Goldston, of Youngstown (Ohio) College; Ed Bell, Pennsylvania; Winifred Tillery North Carolina College, and Duke Washington, of Wash-Ington State . . . Goldston is in his fourth year with the Quakers, the others are rookies ... Tex Robinson, who was the mainstay of the 1954 Temple University eleven, is trying to win a job with the champion Cleveland Brewns.

Amos Thornton, three-time All-CIAA halfback from North Sandy Amoros, Dodgers Carolina College, took-the-vows the other day with Sallie Mae Minnie Minoso, White Box Hughes, of Washington, D.C., and Columbia, S.C., Miss Hughes' Roberto Clemente, Pirates name was at one time linked with J. C. Caroline, former University of Illinois all-American . . . While in the vital statistics de 300 Thurman, Reds partment, note should be taken of the seven-pound, 15-ounce lamon Mejias, Pirates boy presented to ex-heavyweight champ Ezzard Charles by his wife, Gladyr ... It's their first boy, earlier two being girls Pitcher and Club ... Ike Williams had a birthday Tuesday, and Johnnie Simpson. John Newcombe, Dodgers Wife of Suitcase Harry, celebrated on Wednesday ... Thursday Connie Johnson, White Sox (4th) is a big day on the birthday calendar in the sports field tuben Gomes. Glants ... That's the natal day of Len Ford, Luke Easter, Dave Brooks Lawrence, Cardinals

Santiago sees AL flag race

Lucky Joe' has never played on a losing club -

BALTIMORE Although Manager Al Lopez and the rest of the Cleveland Indians know that pitching and hitting are the two prime factors in the winning of a major league pennant, they agree with Jose Santiago that it helps having him on their side.

Santiago, who refers to himself as "Lucky Joe" during periods when he's displaying his dry humor, has never played on a losing team in organized baseball. So, he represents a sort of good luck omen in the Wigwam.

JOSE, A 26-year-old Puerto Rican whom the AFRO tagged in 1953 as a bright prospect for the parent Indians, was called up from Indianapolis about 10 days ago. Ever since his arrival in Cleveland's Lake Front Municipal Stadium, the Tribe has been on an upward swing.

"Sure," says Santiago. "What else would you expect? I told Greenberg (general manager Hank Greenberg) that in the spring, when he said they'd call me as soon as they felt they needed-me,---

seventh place position . . . the Cards (4-0) are in-sixth place, ""I told him then that if I come but three of Don's wins over the Redbirdsgiven under The s Law to Cleveland, I'd win the pennant

JOSE DIDN'T mean to imply that he would win the American League flag on ability alone. That'll help 'em, too," he says, unabashed. "I can pitch up here. | } "But what I mean most is that 'Lucky Joe' always bring good luck to any team he play on, I play two years at Dallas in the Texas League, We win "Before that I play one year

"Last year, I get in one game at Cleveland, and Cleveland wins. already in one game with Indians this year. So-"We win pennant; World Series, too"—SAM LACY.

By ARTHUR WALTON With the crab season under

way, here are a few tips to keep in mind: The fishing laws okey hand lines and trot lines but list crab

Hard shell crabs must meas-

FOR READERS who like to fish with cork and line on a cane pole, the column would recommend the following as good spots

for trying their luck: The many small rivers, ponds, creeks, and lakes along the Eastern Shore are housing yellow perch, cruppies, sunfish, catfish,

eels and suckers. They're pan - size for the most part and usually go for live minnows, live grass shrimp, peclers, angle worms and night crawlers.

IN FISHING creeks and rivers, it will help to remember that most fish come nearest to shore in the late afternoon when they're seeking natural food that has been uncovered by the movement of the surf.

Deep gulleys, sloughs and holes are good places to work. Also around a fallen tree or near a deep, shady hole, or even in the vicinity of fallen brush. It

Of course, the use of fresh

Solly Drake to L.A.

CHICAGO - General Manager Black Yankees. Wid Matthews of the Chicago Cubs announced Friday that the club was optioning Solly Drake to the top shortstop with many ball Los Angeles.

Drake, an outfielder, suffered forced him to the sidelines many off and go swimming. a broken leg in spring training years later. and has been hampered ever the disabled list until Friday.

Coast League farm of the Cubs. day night, Aug. 9

Hoskins and Gaston (Country) Lewis . . . Greetings go on Sunday

ANOTHER REASON-Also de-

serving much of the credit for

the Cleveland Indians' climb

into the dogfight for first place

in the American League race,

is Al Smith. The Tribe's gen-

eral handy man (he's played

six different positions this

year) has been among the 10

leading batsmen in the league

all season. Only one player in

the loop, Al Kaline, had hit

more often than Smith in the

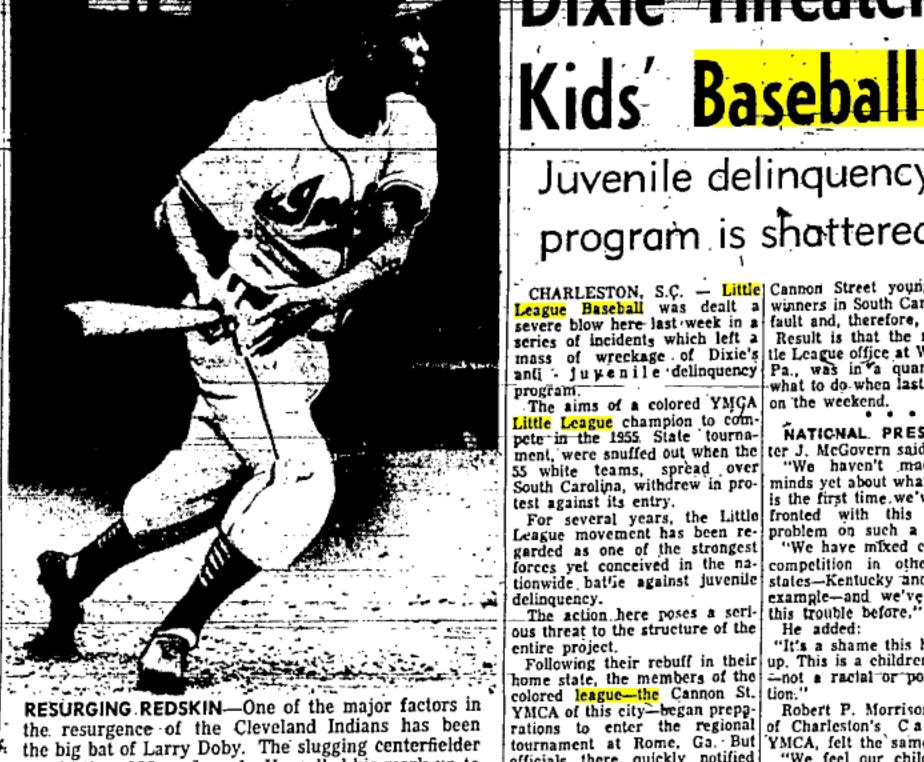
figures of the past weekend.

Clowns to play

(the 7th) to Bessie Kean, frau of Tennessee Coach Henry A.

Player and Club 76 280 53 93 - 93 371 36 116 Roy Campanella, Dodgers Hank Aarch; Braves -403 - 67-124 At Smith, Indiana Elston Howard, Yankees Willie Mays, Giants Coorge Crowe, Braves 86 331 57 98 53 113 18 33 64 219 19 61 Harry Simoson, Athletics 388 87 111 391 55 111 434 74 121 Ernie Banks, Cubs Gene Baker, Cubs 17 3 29 102 99 74 Bill Bruton, Braves Hector Lopez, Athletics 278 Jackie Robinson, Dodgers lunior Gilliam, Dodgers 95, 14 95 12 128 8 Chuck Harmon, Reds 53 56

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was hitting .266 on June 1. He pulled his mark up to .310 by July-1, but had only seven homers to his credit. On August 1; Doby was hitting 302, to show no notable decline in consistency. At the same time, however, he had upped his homer output to 17, which means in the month of July Larry hit three more roundtrippers than he had obtained in the two-and-ahalf months prior to July 1.

CHARLESTON, S.C. - Little Cannon Street youngsters were League Baseball was dealt a winners in South Carolina by deseries of incidents which left a Result is that the national Litmass of wreckage of Dixie's the League office at Williamsport, and - juyenile delinquency Pa., was in a quandary as to The aims of a colored YMGA on the weekend.

Dixie Threatens

Juvenile delinquency

program is shattered

ittle League champion to compete in the 1955. State tournament, were snuffed out when the ter J. McGovern said on Friday: 55 white teams, spread over South Carolina, withdrew in pro- minds yet about what to do. This test against its entry. For several years, the Little fronted with this segregation

League movement has been re- problem on such a scale. garded as one of the strongest forces yet conceived in the nadelinquency.

The action here poses a serious threat to the structure of the entire project.

Following their rebuff in their up. This is a children's program home state, the members of the -not a racial or political quescolored league-the Cannon St. Lion. YMCA of this city—began prepa- Robert P. Morrison, president rations to enter the regional of Charleston's Cannon St. tournament at Rome, Ga. But YMCA, felt the same way. ted_to_participate. . ___

THE GEORGIA edict was is competition," he said. sued on the ground that no team could be recognized as a state DANIEL H. JONES, who re

what to do when last heard from.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT Pe-"We haven't made up our is the first time we've been con-

"We have mixed colored-white competition in other Southern tionwide battle against juvenile states-Kentucky and Texas, for example-and we've never had this trouble before."

He added:

"It's a shame this had to come

officials there quickly notified "We feel our children should them they would not be permit- have the same right as any others to at least attempt to go to Williamsport for the national

champion unless it had won the signed his post as commissioner title in competition. The Rome of Little League Baseball in the admittance of the colored boys. authorities contended that the State, also in protest against the

out since, except for one inning

of one game late in the 1934 sea-

Yes, Banks has come a long

way. A softball player wearing a

five-and-ten-cents store mitt eight

years ago, last month the fans

ed him the best shortstop in the

National League and sent him to

the Major-League alf-star game

son.



OVERSEAS WINNER - Josh Culbreath, former Morgan State College cinder ace, cap: tured the 400-meters hurdles of a meet at Boras, Sweden, Friday night. The three-line national timber champion covered the distance in \$1.6 seconds.

"We think it would not be in the best public interest at this time for colored teams to play in competition with white teams. "The schools set the pattern for everything," he said, "Until segregation is ended in the schools, our people will resist all attempts to end segregation in recreation and vin other social activities.

"There is no question in my mind-that this situation is being was shoved into the lineup as the used as an opening wedge to put starting shortstop. He hasn't been all recreation facilities on a nonsegregated basis.'

> REPLYING 'TO Jones's statement, Morrison asserted:

"Mr. Jones, working with the ittle League national office for six years should know the laws throughout the United States vot- of Little League. Every application for a charter either participating or non-participating has a clause which states in making this application you may be required to meet teams of various

"If anyone was guilty of undermining the laws and customs it was Danny Jones himself when he became connected with a national organization such as the Little League which demands that every boy between 9 and 12 should have an equal chance to play in their program."

MEANWHILE, THE South Carolina white teams plan to form a tournament of their own under direction of the South Carolina recreation -activity. It will be called the "Little Boys

tourney," At the

By CHARLES J. LIVINGSTON

SUGAR RAY CAN STILL 🙏 OUT SMART 'EM

CHICAGO (ANP) - After an absence from the ring of almost three years, Sugar Ray Robinson can still outsmart most of the top middleweights of today. He proved that recently when he pounded out a split decision over Rocky Castellani, the No. 1 challenger for Bobo Olson's middleweight title.

The Castellani fight was the biggest success to date in Ray's campaign to regain the middleweight championship which he held-from Feb. 14, 1951 to Dec. 18, 1952, when he officially announced his retirement. Ray has now won six and lost one since returning to ring warfare; his lone defeat being to Ralph "Tiger" Jones, whom Robinson swears caught him badly out of condition.

BUT THE Robinson-Castellanifight-mad other significant angles. First, it proved that Ray has succeeded in regaining some of his former ability and, second, it demonstrated that the Sugarman is still a great ring general -still capable of outthinking his opponents.

The latter quality has always been one of his outstanding assets, as the more than 100 fist fighters he has met and defeated

As the Ringside sees it, Ray's ability to think one step shead of his opponent was the deciding

factor in the Castellani fight. Before the bout, Nat Fleischer, editor Ring Magazine, writing in TV Guide commented: "It will be Robinson's old legs against Castellani's young legs. Two

years ago Castellani would have been no threat to Robinson. But 1955 is a different story." ROBINSON, however, had

plans of his own. Perhaps realizing that he is no longer as agile as before, he sought to bring Rocky within range by slowing him down with body punches. From the first to the fifth round, Ray dug hard and fast rofthe

body, forcing Castellani to abandon his usual hit-and-run tactics. So instead of outspeeding Robinson, Castellani was forced into innumerable clinches, where Ray tied him up effectively. The victory was not over-

whelmingly impressive. But except for the sixth round when Robinson stalled and got tagged with a wild right for a nine count knockdown, Ray was in complete command.

From dime store mitt NL's best--Ernie Banks By SAM LACY

Ernie Banks has come a long

way since a spring day in 1937, when his father. Eddie, came home from work with a five andten-cents store glove and put it on the youngster and took him into the backyard of their Dallas, Texas, home. For you see, Ernie Banks, to-

day, is the regular shortstop of the surprising Chicago Cubs and the young man singled out as having had most to do with converting - the lack-lustre - second division team from the Windy City into a pennant contender in the National League.

"MORE THAN any other one player " says Cubs manager Stan Hack, "Banks has given us the drive that completely overhauled our club. Without him-and Gene Baker-we'd- probably still be mired in the muck with the also-rans in our league.

"Last spring, the 60-called experts didn't give us a chance in the race. But that's because they didn't realize what a heck of a ball player we've got in this kid."

IT IS VERY likely that the extion Banks has made to the while. Cubs even if they're not convinced of the slender young shortstop's potential greatness.

writing) have already broken the record for a National League shortstop, and the season is just a little more than half gone. And his defensive genius has been one of the prime factors in the surge the Bruins have made] from last place in club fielding in 1953, to second place in the eague in that department in

ONE OF THE more amazing spects of Ernie's rapid rise to stardom is the fact that he never became seriously interested in paseball until seven years ago-1948, to be exact."

But let's retrace our steps for moment, and go back to 1937, n the-backyard of the-Banks' homestead in Dallas.

PAPA EDDIE BANKS was a catcher on the semi-pro Dallas Black Giants at the time and he CHARLOTTE, N.C. — One of the second child in a broad of the greatest names of colored eight) as a future-Giant. So, he baseball, Dick Lundy, comes out spent what extra money he could of retirement to take over the afford from the small profits of reigns of the crack New York his little grocery business to equip and interest the lad in the Retired since 1948, Lundy was game.

But Ernie wasn't too keen for clubs from 1918 until an injury it. He much preferred to sneak "It's only because dad used to

Lundy comes into Charlotte throw in an occasional nickel to since. He had been carried on with his Black Yankees to play keep up, my enthusiasm that I the famed Indianapolis Clowns' stuck to playing catch with him, Los Angeles is the Pacific team at Griffith Park on Tues- Banks tells his closer friends

> be a fine athlete, captaining and playing end on the high school football team and captaining and centering for the basketball team. He was proficient at swimming and a good track man. Baseball? Well, you could take it or leave it as far as he was concerned. He did like softball, 332 though. And during the summer 213 months, he occupied his time months, he occupied his time
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> 308 (when he wasn't at the Moorland
> 308 Branch YMCA pool) "fooling
> 304 around" on the playgrounds of
> 296 Dallas.
> 290
> 286 IN 1948, HE was persuaded by

a friend to try out for a semipro team in a neighboring town, with the promise he could make 274 "some good money."

Ernie made so good on the field while making "the good money," that he was picked up by Dizzy Dismukes for the Kins-202 as City Monarchs, and was signed to a contract calling for 1300 a month.

SHORTLY thereafter, however, young Banks had to kign a contrack with Uncle Sam. After two years' service with the Army in 391 ,250 / Germany, Ernie was discharged



ERNIE BANKS

perts to whom Hack refers are in the spring of 1953. He rejoined annual summer tour at Fenway now fully aware of the contributhe Monarchs but only for a little

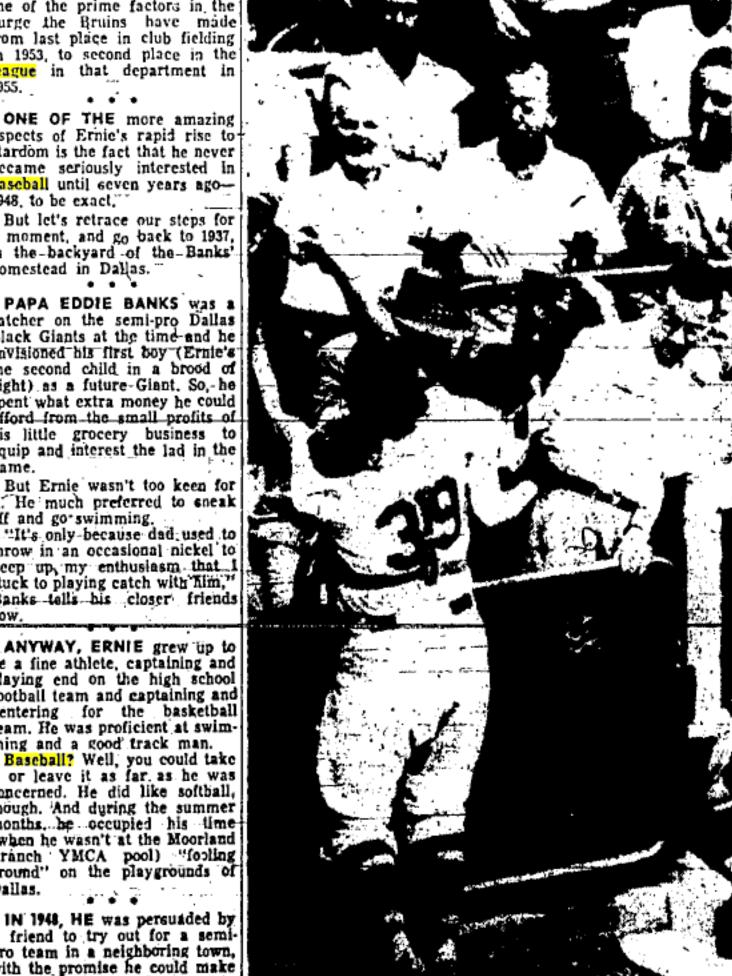
and he was put on a plane at companions, the Hawaiian Surf-His 31 home runs (as of this Pittsburgh to report to Chicago, riders. This will be the first THE DAY he arrived, Ernie stars" dates.

ONLY TWO YEARS in the majors, and he was chosen above the likes of the Dodgers' Pee Wee Reese the Giants' Alvin Dark, the Braves' Johnny Logan and the Cincinnati Reds' That's a long way.

at Milwankee.

fielding wizard, Roy McMillan. A long way, indeed. Troffers open U.S. tour in Hub park BOSTON - The Harlem Globe trotters, internationally famous basketball team, will open their

Park here, August 25. Currently in Europe on their That same fall, Monarch owner sixth overseas junket, the Trot-Jom Baird sold him to the Cubs ters will meet their traveling of ten "basketball under the



HELPING HAND—Roy Campanella drives into the field boxes to snag an enemy foul to aid his pal and roommate. Don Newcombe, as the latter chalks up his 17th win of the season. After the catch, Campy went headlong over the gate railing and into the armsof fans but held onto the ball. Newk acquired his 17th victory against one loss by beating the Cincinnati Redlegs, 4-2.