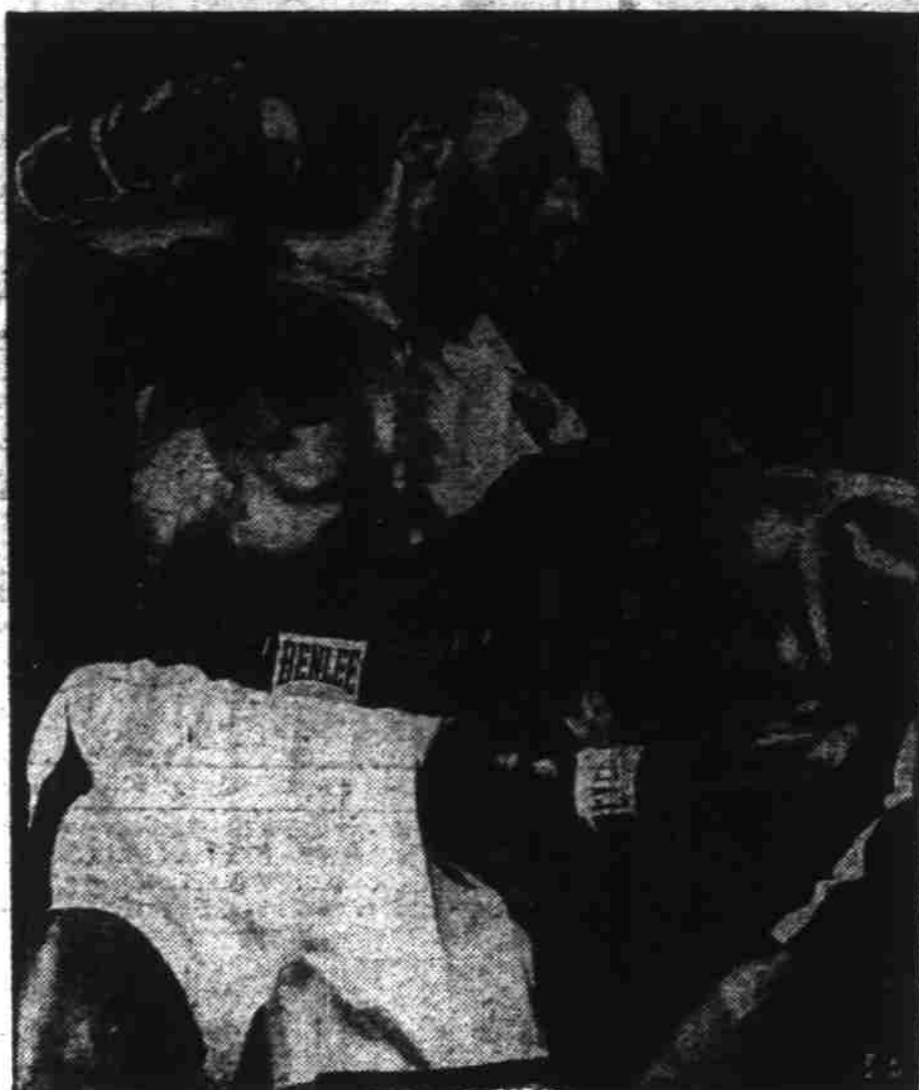


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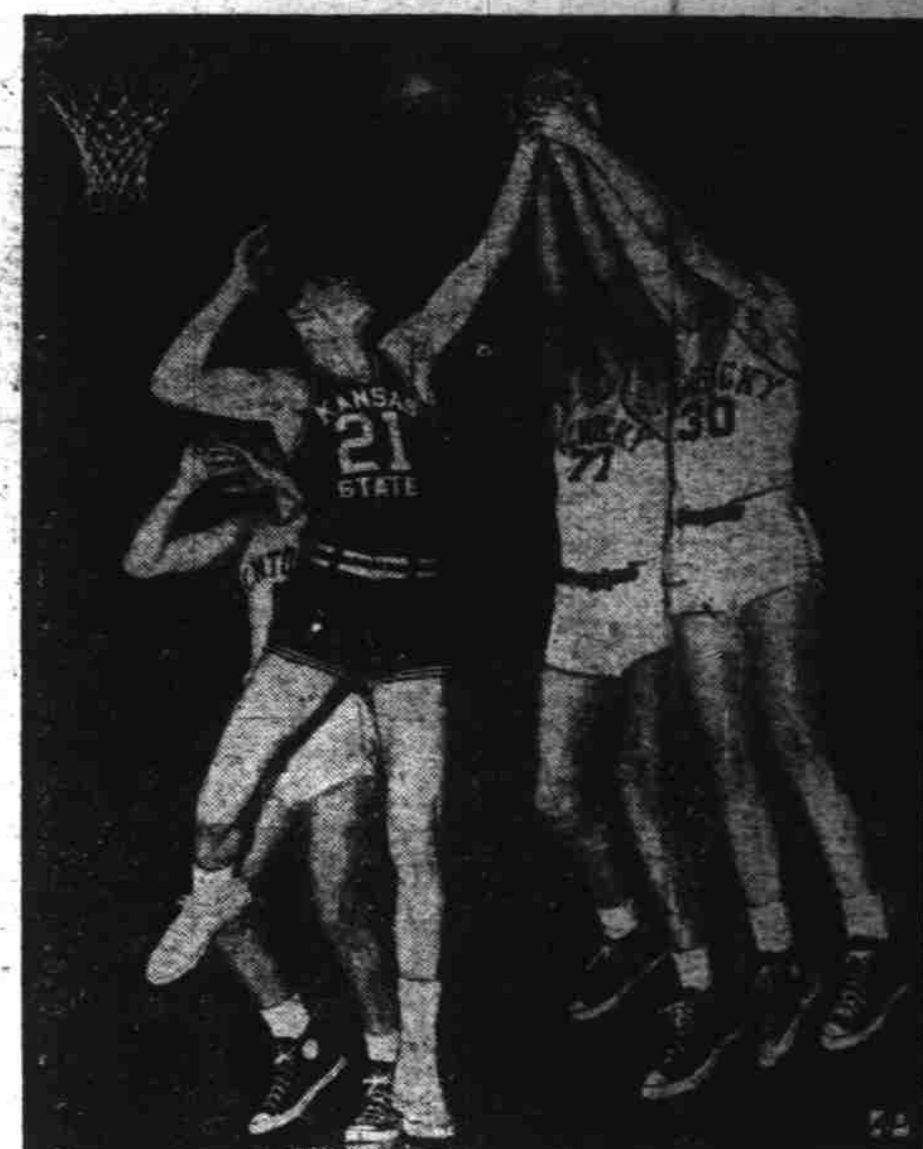
—By The Associated Press—



PERSEVERANCE PAYS OFF— Jersey Joe Walcott hammers at Ezzard Charles in title bout at Pittsburgh July 18. He got heavy crown on fifth attempt, knocking Charles in 7th.



HEADY MOMENT FOR GIANT FANS— Giants' outfielder Monty Irvin steals home in the first inning of 1951 World Series opening game as batter Bobby Thomson watches Yanks' catcher Yogi Berra's late tag. It was the first steal of home in a World Series in 20 years. However, the Yanks took the series, four games to two.



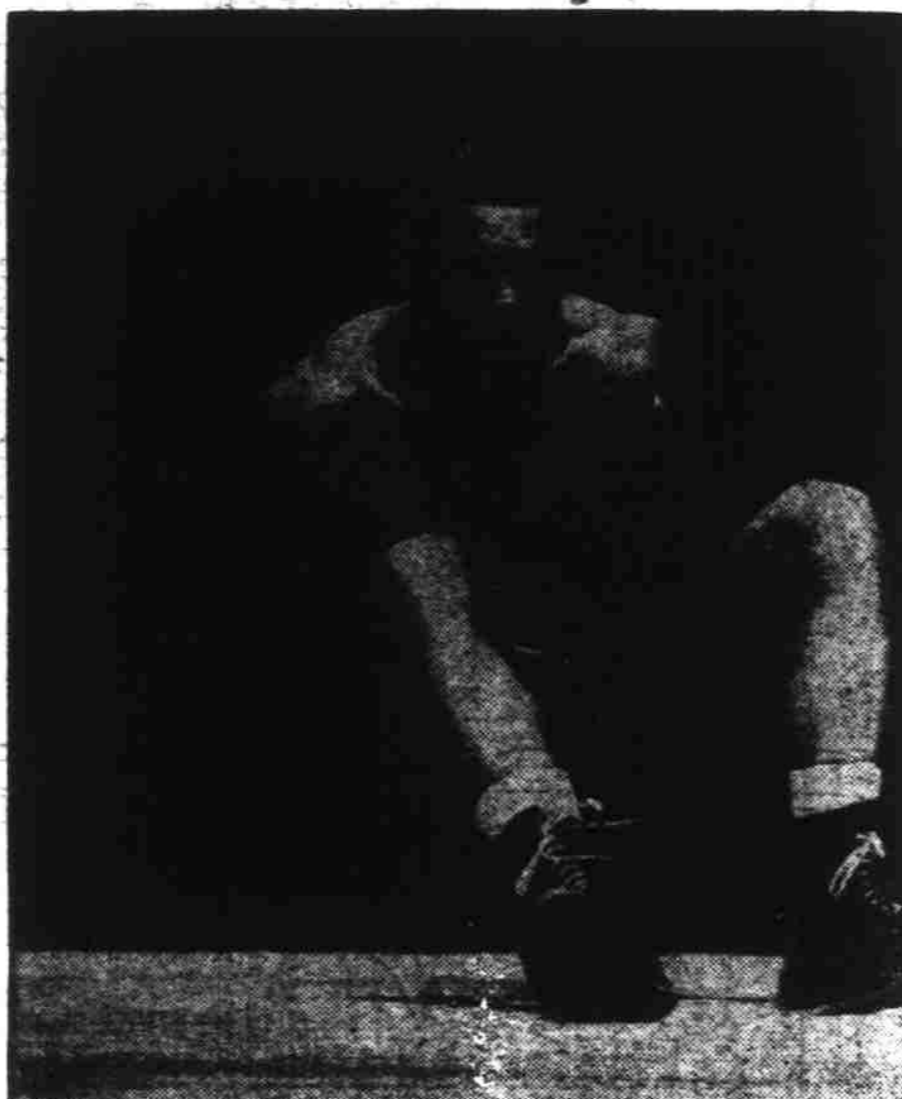
COLLEGIATE KINGPINS— Kentucky's Bill Spivey (77) and Frank Ramsey outjump Kansas State's John Gibson in NCAA final, won by Kentucky in Minneapolis, March 28.



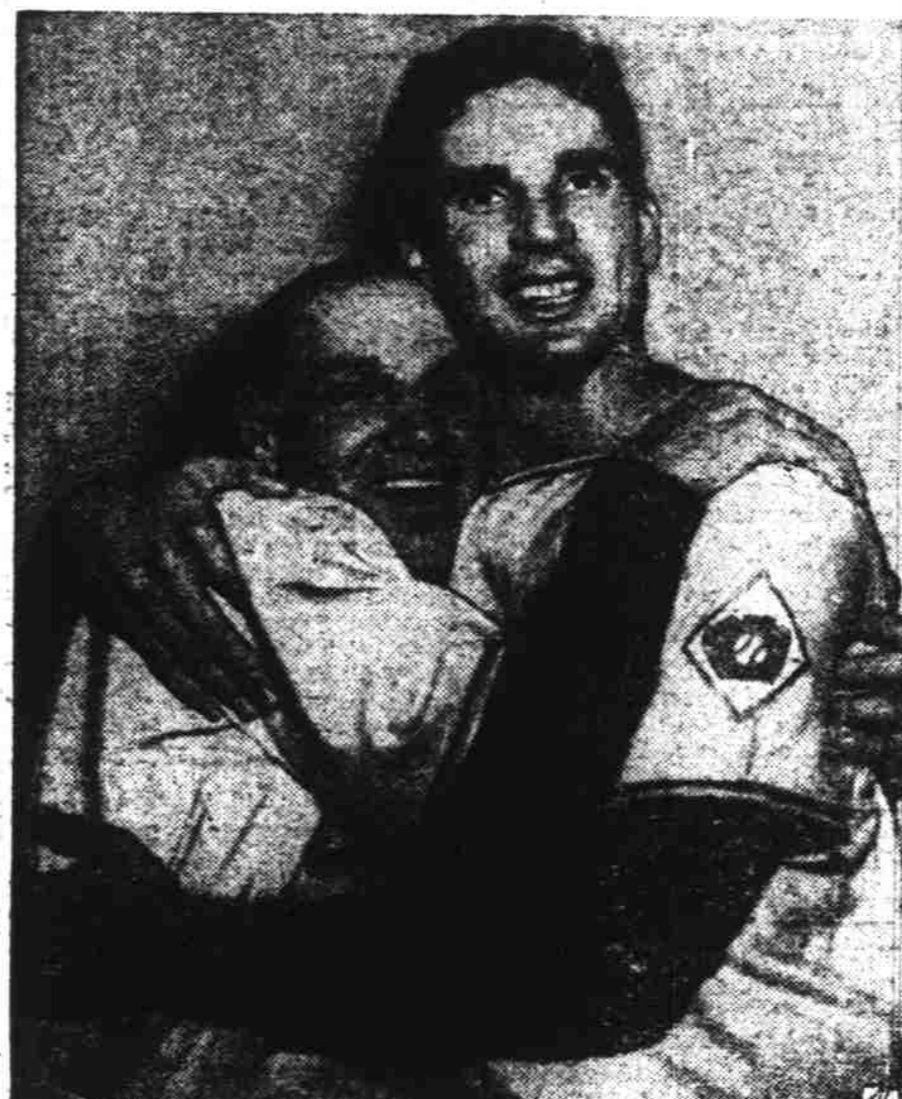
TOP GOLFER— Ben Hogan, wonder man of golf, poses with National Open trophy after winning title the third time June 18. He also won Masters and World's championships.



NET QUEEN— Maureen Connolly, 16, of San Diego, Cal., won women's singles at Forest Hills, N. Y., Sept. 5, one of the youngest players to win a national tennis championship.



BEGINNING OF THE END— Joe Louis, ex-heavyweight champion, sags to canvas during first knockdown by Rocky Marciano in 8th round of October bout in New York. Aging Louis was kayoed later in the round, his first such defeat since 1936.



COMEBACK CLIMAX— Manager Leo Durocher (left) hugs Bobby Thomson when latter's homer topped Dodgers, 5-4, in ninth inning of final playoff game Oct. 3 to give N.Y. Giants National League pennant after drive that began in mid-August.



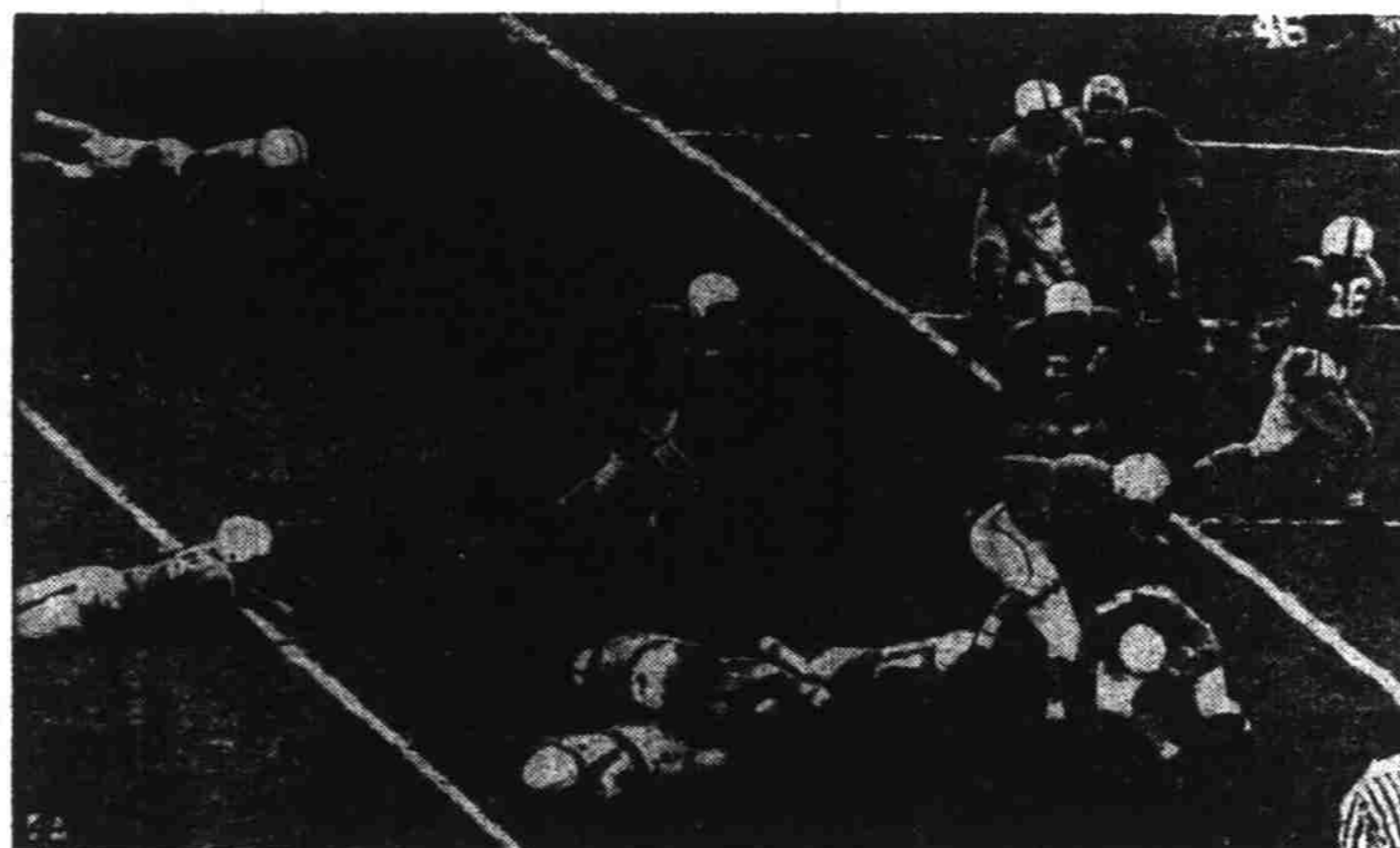
QUITS DIAMOND— Joe DiMaggio, star outfielder of New York Yankees, announced his retirement as an active player Dec. 11. He spent entire career in majors with Yanks.



FIRST EVER— Florence Chadwick, 33, of San Diego, Cal., leaves the water near Calais, France, Sept. 11, becoming the first woman to swim the English Channel in both directions.



NIP AND TUCK ALL YEAR— Fred Wilt (right) beats Don Gehrman in Glenn Cunningham Mile at Kansas Relays April 21. Track season was highlighted by their many mile duels.



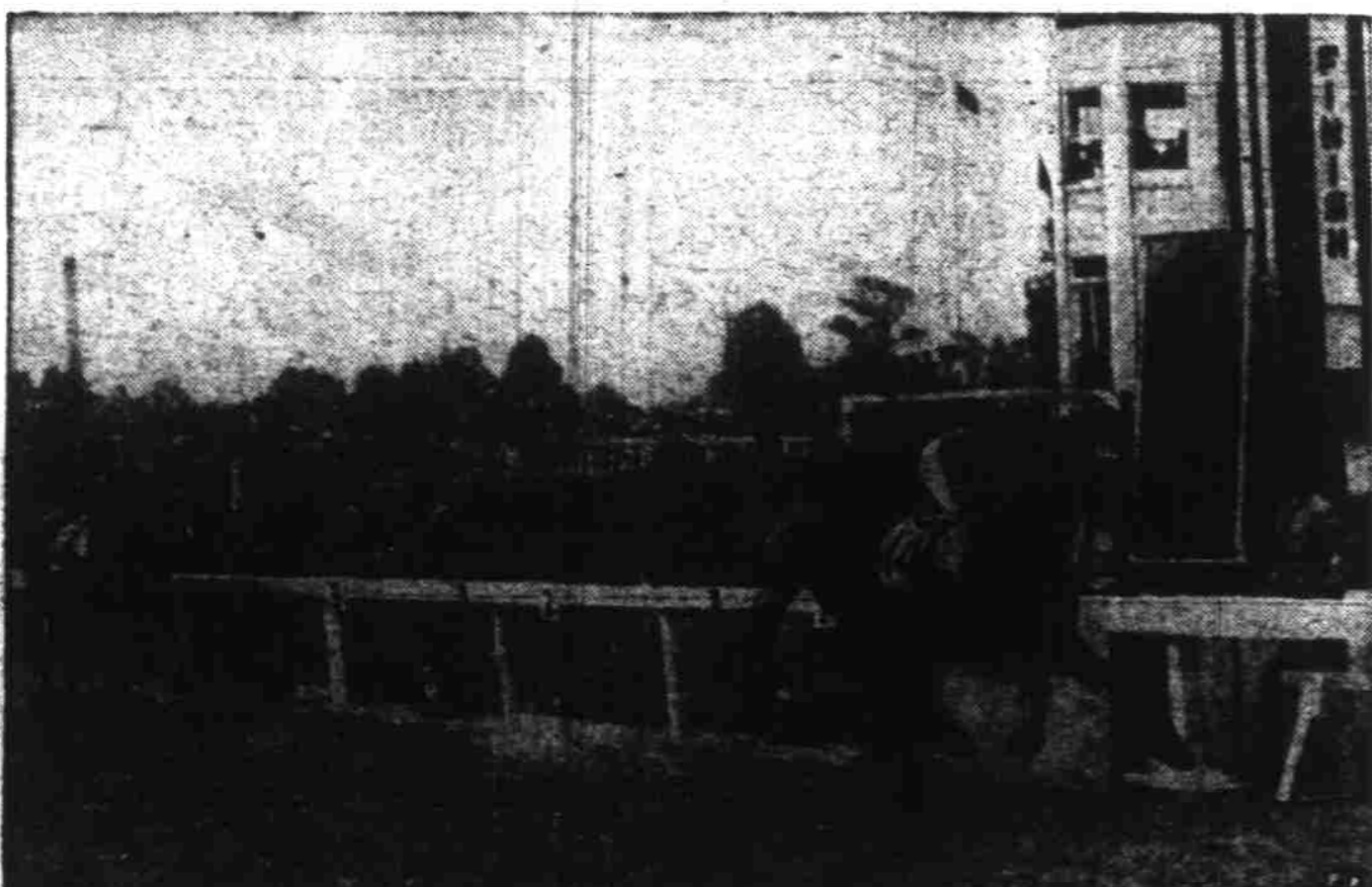
VOLUNTEERS ROLL ON— Tennessee's blocking springs All-America Hank Lauricella to Kentucky's goal line in climax of unbeaten season and rating as best team in the country.



BASEBALL CZAR— Ford Frick, former newspaperman and National League president, was named Sept. 29 as commissioner of baseball to succeed A. B. "Happy" Chandler.



FOOTBALLER OF YEAR— Princeton's All-American back Dick Kazmaier smiles as he holds Heisman Trophy awarded to him in New York as nation's outstanding football player.



BRINGING HOME ROSES— Count Tuff, piloted by Conn McCreary, crosses finish line to win 77th running of Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs. Max E. Roval Mustang was second.



A YEAR FOR CATCHERS— Roy Campanella (left) of Dodgers and Yogi Berra (right) of Yankees were chosen most valuable players in National and American Leagues respectively.



GETTING TITLE BACK— Sugar Ray Robinson throws right to jaw of Randy Turpin before knocking him out in 10th round to regain middleweight title Sept. 12 at New York.