

Briefs Of The "Times"

by Carole Land
Library Week

This past week has been the Indiana Library Week. Governor George N. Craig has proclaimed it all over the state as an emphasizes of the importance of libraries in the communities of Indiana.

Sandra Mikel

of the 1954 graduating class has been elected president of Snyder Hall, women's dormitory at Michigan State University, East Lansing, where she is a sophomore.

Pat and Patsy

were elected by their fellow classmates for the Freshman dance the "Shamrock Shuffle." Sandy Brumley and Don Hanish were elected. Congratulations to the happy Irish "wearing of the green" couple.

Seniors Last

concert will be played in the Riley auditorium on April 12 by the seven senior orchestra members. They are Mary Hawblitzel, Carolyn Bork, Nancy Jo White, Cheryl LeJeune, Ronnie Berebitsky, Truman Reinoehl, and Bert Anson. For more details read the story on first page.

Hi-Times Proud

of Jerry Starrett who won the free throw award presented by the Hi-Times. Congratulations are also in order for Louie Anderson, who won the Gold Award, Kiwanis medal, and the captain's star, George Horvath, basketball manager, who won a blanket for special recognition from Coach Stewart.

Jim Smith

deserves congratulations for winning the Booster club award at the Swimming assembly. The boys who received their sweaters in the assembly are Tom Bloom, Dennis Floden, John Odusch, Dave Richards, and Don Tuttle. Captain Ron Rogers and Jim Smith have received four letters in swimming.

Cheerleaders

received their varsity sweaters for a job well done in boosting the moral of the team and student body. Gloria Smith, Sandy Lovisa, Vicki Moore, Francis Morris, and Janet Priddy. Mary Alice Mikel won a letter.

Fire Magic!

Loud noises and fire were heard last week in the auditorium as Dr. Llewellyn Heard demonstrated the fun you can have with fire. Eugene Zimmer, Jan Sobierski and Louis Cass were the chairmen for the assemblies.

Pat and Patsy Reign Over Freshman Dance

by Douglas Schwepker

Friday, March 16, was the class of '59 "Shamrock Shuffle." The dance lasted from 7 to 10. Belongings were checked into the auditorium by Gerald Roper and the checking committee. The committee members were Mardelle Ivanhovous, Jerry Stewart, Karen Lapkos, Judy Forslen, Jerry Lerman, Kay Kruggel, Don Hanish, Sandy Saunders, Kay Peterson, Rita Morre, and Joyce Holdren.

Tickets were taken by the ticket committee headed by Ron Strasser. The gym was decorated in the traditional green and white for St. Patrick's Day by Nancy Rollf and her committee. The refreshment committee and chairman, Judy Swanson, sold cokes, potato chips, and pretzels for refreshments. Music was furnished by the "Combos." They had two new members in their band and everyone enjoyed dancing to their music. Around 8:30 the band took a break and Sue Stoner from Adams danced and sang to the song "Dungaree Doll."

Then the big moment arrived; the crowning of Pat and Patsy. The winners were Sandy Brumley and Don Hanish. They were crowned by social chairman,

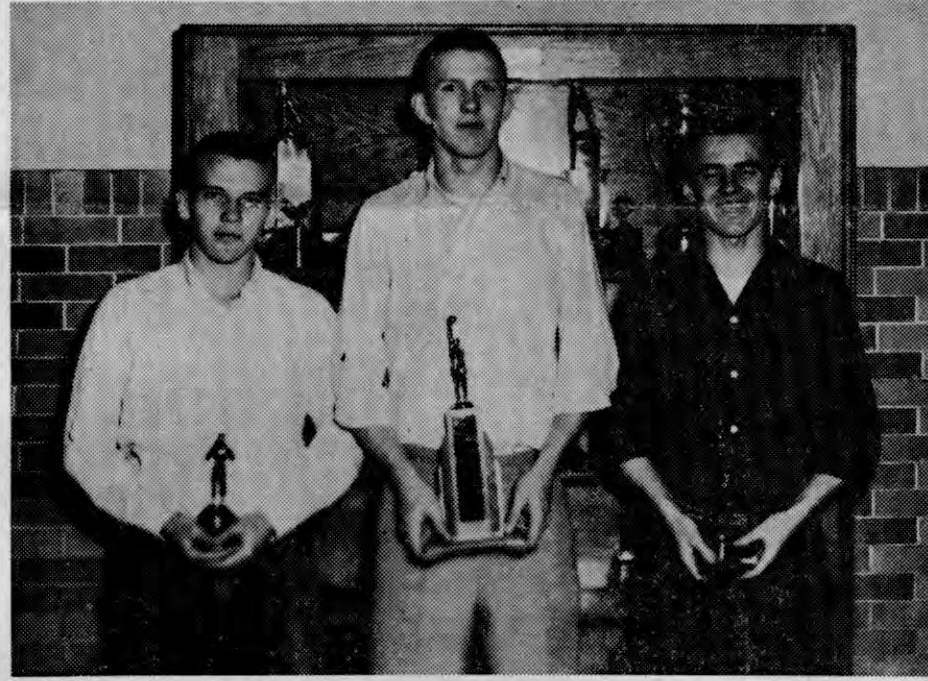


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PROUDLY DISPLAYING the awards they received at the Basketball Awards Assembly last week are Jerry Starrett, George Horvath, and Louie Anderson. Starrett won the Hi-Times free throw award and a sweater; Horvath received a blanket in special recognition from Coach Stewart; and Anderson won the Gold Award, Kiwanis medal, and captain's star.

—photo by John "Casey" Willis

Hi-Y Invites Clergymen To Give Easter Sermon

The Hi-Y held its annual Easter Assemblies yesterday and today in the auditorium. These assemblies are the very few that do not end with applause but with reverent mind.

Every year just before Easter Vacation the Hi-Y invites ministers from around the city to bring the Easter message. Many students and teachers get a new insight on Easter and its meaning. The Glee Club sings many songs that usually sets the mood of the assembly.

On Thursday, Rev. Wilson Parks of the Broadway Evangelical United Brethren Church gave the invocation. Rev. James A. Burroughs of the Stull Methodist Church gave the sermon. On Friday, Rev. Hubert Johnston of the First Church of God gave the invocation. Rev. Kenneth R. Hemphill of the First Methodist Church gave the sermon.

"Patsy" Sandy Brumley and "Pat" Don Hanish pose for the camera after they were crowned at the "Shamrock Shuffle."



Barbara Foster. Then Sandy and Don led everyone in the "Bunny Hop." At 10:00 the dance ended and the clean-up committee headed by Sara Anson and Larry Wilson cleaned up the gym.

Future Riley Stars Gain Ability and Credit In Awards Assembly

The future Riley stars of tomorrow were honored in their Assembly a week ago yesterday. They gained experience and furthered their ability to play basketball.

Coach Gene Ring gave Bars to Tom Augustine, Tom Ellison, Walter Gosc, Bill Nelson, Bob Rickel, Bill Toles and Jerry Tooley. Getting their letters were Lance Greider, George Grundy, Jim Morgan, Jim Perkins, Gene Pullam, Tom Sult and Jerry Smith. Managers Louie Swedarsky and Steve Coffman received their bars.

Next year these following boys will warm the nets for their varsity brothers. Freshmen Coach Don Barnbrook had his most successful season since his first year at Riley. Many of his "boys" were scholars as well as athletes. Ronald Benninghoff, Merle Boyer, Phillip Grundy, Ronald Stealy, Herman West and Larry Wilson won their first "frosh" letters. John Gilpin and Ronald Newcomer won their manager letters. David Gleason, Don Hanish, Gerald Roper, George VanderHeyden and Jim Montgomery won their bars.

Montgomery and Nelson won their team's free throw award.

Riley Group Attends Hoosier Library Meet

by Claudia Sailor

Student librarians, Dorothy Sailor, Marcia Weinstein, Lynn Warren, Beverly Rupel, Sheryl Roger and Mardell Ivankovics with faculty librarians Miss Lois Josephson and Mrs. Elbertine Leatherman attended the spring meeting of the Hoosier Student Librarians' Association at Mishawaka High School last Saturday. The voting delegates who voted on the officers for next year were: Judy Butcher and Claudia Sailor.

The program included a mixer in the gym, business meeting for the purpose of electing next year's officers, an excellent luncheon, a play by Thespian Troup No. 496, and music by Darrel Frank and his musicians.

The purpose of the organization is to promote interest and participation in library work, to promote friendship among librarians and student librarians

Three Teams Compete For High Score In Regional Math Contest

Three teams from Riley will compete in the Regional Indiana University Mathematics Contest, on Saturday, March 24, at 8:30. Mike Shapiro, Tim Pickering and Ed Sclamberg will take the Algebra test. Geoffrey Newman, Tex Clark and Howard Zusman will take the Geometry test. Al Whitcomb, David Parks and Tom Bohan will take the Comprehensive Mathematics test.

In Comprehensive, the decision was made on the basis of one test in Advanced Algebra and one test in Solid Geometry. Seventeen students took the first of these tests. Some of these became discouraged, so that only the following took the second one: Gordon Edison, David Parks, Lynda Frederick, Kenneth Moster, George Horvath, Paul White, Tom Bohan, Lewis Kropff and Al Whitcomb. The alternate for the Comprehensive is Lynda Frederick. In case any of the first three cannot compete on that morning, Lynda will be there.

Seven Seniors Sadly String "Swan Song"

Seven senior orchestra members will play their last concert April 12 in the Riley auditorium. The orchestra will also play in an assembly Thursday and Friday mornings. Mary Hawblitzel, Carolyn Bork, and Nancy Jo White will play solos with the orchestra accompaniment. For Cheryl LeJeune and the three soloists the concert will mark the climax of six years of orchestra at Riley.

This will be the last concert for three band members who also play with the orchestra. Ronald Berebitsky has played with the orchestra for 4½ years, Truman Reinoehl 4 years, and Bert Anson 3 years. These boys are all band officers. Truman is a member of the South Bend Symphony and he and Bert attended a music clinic at Indiana University last Summer.

Mary Hawblitzel is president of the orchestra and also concertmistress. She plays in the South Bend Symphony and in the Notre Dame Symphonette. Mary is concertmistress of the All City Orchestra. The trips this group took to Cleveland and Indianapolis will stand out in the memories of all the seniors. Mary will continue her music work at Indiana University or Hillsdale.

Nancy Jo White, a cello soloist at the concert, is going to Indiana University where she will continue her interest in music. Nancy also plays in the All City Orchestra.

Carolyn Bork has played viola in the orchestra for six years. She is going to enter nurses training.

Cheryl LeJeune has played cello at Riley for six years. She also belongs to the All City Orchestra. After graduation she will go to Ball State for elementary teachers training. While at college she plans to continue music work.

throughout the state, and to attract good assistants and to arouse interest in librarianship as a profession.

Those from Riley who attended report that they enjoyed the meeting and believed that any librarian would profit from and enjoy such conferences in carrying out the purposes of the organization.

'Mountain Climbers Reach Top'; So Do Others!

In life there are no losers except those who have fallen under their own defeat.

Mr. Paul Boehm, recreational director for the school city of South Bend has captured this exact idea and placed it before you and I. In an award-presenting assembly Mr. Boehm spoke wholesomely on the finest qualities of a winner.

A winner need not be based on victories, but he must know how he has appeared and whether he has appeared at his best. Knowing the highest standards and reaching those standards of a winner are two different things. That's step number one for a winner at Riley as well as in a nation such as ours. Then, what is rated first in Riley toward achieving those high standards? The character and conduct of a winner comes just before one must seek those things which make that character.

Whether you have won or not you know you have hit the top in quality of play and sportsmanship. That's a winner! Mr. Boehm has philosophized a great idea for one long before him has said,

'I don't do the best I know how, but I do the best I can!'

LSMFT — Lazy Students May Flunk Tests.

—Pebbles

We've Got That Fever: Baseball . . . Baseball! Station BLAB Reporting

Good afternoon, Ladies and Gentlemen. You are tuned to station BLAB, America's top-notch sports-casting station. And it's a good, good day for baseball. We are broadcasting from Sprigley Field today. Ahhhh, yes — spring is here with all that rain; wet, sloppy, muddy — ohhh, excuuuuuse me — I forgot where I was for a moment. (Ahem!)

Yes, as I was saying, spring and Baseball. Out on the field comes Flippy Bur-ocher's Beasts. Man, folks, they've got what it takes this year, yep, nine men and that's all. And as you know Casey "Jones" Spengle's Marsians have come "a long way" for this thriller today.

And before we hear that loud-mouthed umpire — I mean — that umpire yell, "PLAY BALL!", we have a word from our sponsor.

MEN! (I'm sorry, I didn't mean to scare you), has your spouse been on the go again. You lucky dog. How'd you get her to leave? Please send in your "formula" or call Pb 9-356. Your advice is greatly needed. Remember that phone number, Xy 5-472. Better jot it down, No. 3-100000. Remember, we men must stick together!

The teams are out on the field now and here's the first pitch — steeerike —. The second pitch — a long hit ball and — and — and — it's — a word from our sponsor now.

Ladies, for those sags and bags on your index finger remember our jiffy, wiffy exercise for that flabby fat? Down on your knees. Now — lift the head — bend it back — now down, that ought to do it. Feel better now? Surrre you do!

And now back to our game. Well, for goodness' sakes. Have we spent all the game time with our sponsor. (Oh, will he be happy! He didn't like baseball anyway!)

So until game time again, this is BLAB's game-jockey signing off — o-f-f.

Over cocktails, glances may seem sweet; But how will they look over shredded wheat?



Hi

At last — Spring is again here. You will soon see symptoms of Spring Fever in your classes. Falling asleep in classes, staring, fighting, drowsiness and Couples gazing into each other's eyes are sure signs of Spring.

Speaking of couples here are some of the latest steadies. Paul Robinson (Mish. Alumni) and Betty Markham, Red Miller and Connie Montague, Wayne Wenzel and Joan Donathon, Frank Hite (Wash-Clay Alumni) and Sharon Kint, Sandy Townsend and Bob Bobson (Mish.), Shirley Howard and Dick Lomatsch (Adams Alumni), Art Vecauch and Dixie Douglas (Adams), and Bill Tatay and a "53" Ford convertible.

O.T.A.

He: "What is the gurgling noise I hear."

She: "It's me trying to swallow that line of yours."

O.T.A.

Baseball season opened last Monday. Mr. Kelly welcomed back four lettermen. They are Buz Wintrade, Dale Stroup, Louie Anderson and Doug Burns. Good Luck this season boys!

O.T.A.

Submitted by Sharon Hoke. The 7th and 8th grade Junior High Glee Club elected officers on Monday, March 5th.

Elected as president was Coleen Riley; vice-president, Bruce BonDurant; and secretary-treasurer, Sharon Hoke.

Any students in these two grades, who would like to come to our rehearsals, we urge you to do so. It will help our Glee Club to grow and in doing so will make a better sounding vocal group. We meet every morning in room 217 at 7:30 a.m. Mr. Omstead is our director.

O.T.A.

- K razy — George Kanoff
- I deal — Ron Rogers
- N ice — Bob Cherpet
- G rin — Denny Everett
- S mart — Mike Bingham

Put them all together and what have you got? REINHARD SISKKA, the Senior Prom King.

- Q ute — Connie Wallace
- U nique — Mary Ann Chick
- E nthusiastic — Kathy Krauser
- E lite — Sharyon Kronwiter
- N oticeable — Darlene Peo

Put them all together and what have you got? KAY ANDERSON, the Senior Prom Queen.

O.T.A.

Tom: "There goes a sensible girl."
Dick: "Yeah, she won't go out with me either."

O.T.A.

The library has many new books for you to read. Try to get in there and make use of them. For example: Chute, M.G. WONDERFUL WINTER (fiction). Young Sir Robert Wakefield runs away from his spinster aunts and finds himself in London at a theatre where one of Shakespeare's plays is being presented. He goes home with John Heminges and spends a wonderful winter with this great actor and his family.

O.T.A.

Have a happy Easter Vacation. We will too because there will be no paper April 6th.

O.T.A.

To have the last word with a woman: Apologize.

O.T.A.

Laugh and the world laughs with you, Write this column and you'll laugh alone.

O.T.A.

That's all for this week. We'll see you on the Avenue again April 13th. Bye Now — Mickey.

"Spring Is the Thing" For Hats and Rest

by Sue Spittler

One whole week of NO SCHOOL! Just how should we spend it?

Many Juniors and Seniors will be \$93.50 shorter but travel-wise.

Karen Rasp would enjoy doing something like going over the Niagara Falls in a barrel, but will have to stay home instead.

Glen von Baden is going to enjoy her evenings with no "school tomorrow" curfew.

SOUR PUSS

Your scowl must give folks ulcers Who could love you but your Mother? We know that you aren't two-faced If you were you'd wear THE OTHER.

—Booster

Jerry Burkholder is looking forward to a glorious week in sunny Florida. (Wouldn't we all!)

"I'm going to Chicago," says Noreen Lindale. Daddy better hold on tight to his money because Noreen has a mad-shopping-spreed look in her eye!

George Friend's eyes light up as he utters, "No comment."

Roger Manges is going to work. Now that beats all but if you chose to spend your vacation hours working, trying to make just gobs of money and become an old decrepitate man, (with all that money who should mind getting old?) just go right ahead.

Spending one vacation planning for another seems to be Judy Moore's ideal way to pass one week of no school. So California, here comes Judy!

Sue Blackburn is going to make a few trips to the lake. (Getting her tan in early this year!) But poor Helen Morris and Shirley Howard might just as well stay at school during vacation, 'cause all they're going to do is work, too!

Well, whatever you plan to do — have fun! Bon Voyage, Seniors!

HOW IT BEGAN!

Kissing is just so much chemistry. It has to do with a craving for salt.

The caveman found that salt helped cool him off in the summer heat. He found too that he could get salt by licking his neighbor's cheek.

It was then discovered that the process was more interesting if the neighbor was of the opposite sex.

Then everybody forgot about salt!

—South Bend Tribune

Easter Bonnets Sighted

by Kathy Krauser

Easter is almost here which means new spring bonnets for all the gals. What crazy creations can you just picture certain girls wearing?

Don Grannan would certainly get a charge from seeing Phyllis Bour in a Musketeer hat.

Can't you just see Noreen Weesner in a bright red bird cage or Pat Eldridge with a cherry tree growing out of her head?

Bruce Fettel will gladly give his new pair of gray flannels to Sandy Vogler so that she can make her own Easter bonnet. (Bruce is not extravagant, but only the victim of nitric acid!)

Seeing Jeannie McCracken buzzing around in her Buzzin' hat would tickle Judy Whiteman, but some people agree that they would rather see Francie Morris in a purple pixie hat with a gold plume.

Would Marilyn Trost and Joan Postil look better in tossed or fruit salad hats? Betty Sue Snyder likes to think of Rita Vitale wearing a feather duster.

Dave Fritz thinks he will see Joan Fittlerling wearing a dual-tailed Davy Crocket hat on Easter morning.

Wouldn't it be funny to see Dixie Douglas in an African Bunny's hat or Judy Swanson with a green and blue alligator atop her head?

I wonder if we will see any of these millinery spectaculars walking out of church on Easter (April Fool's Day). If so, won't they look cute.

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Latin Club Leaves For Annual Chicago Trip; German Club Plans Amateur Show, Movie

by Karen Reid

Well here I am once again with more information about the clubs here at Riley. There isn't too much going on these days but the Booster Club had the Homberg Hop Wednesday night, and the Latin Club is going to Chicago today after school.

Latin Club

Several of the Latin Club members will board a chartered bus at 3:15 today and leave for Chicago. They are going to the Goodwin Theater to see King Lear. They will eat their dinner at the International House which is on the campus of the University of Chicago. Some of those going are Sharon Acheson, Marilyn Keltner, Josephine Boxwell, Roy Hruska Kathy Schilling, Margie McPharlin, and Reinhard Siska.

Booster Club

Wednesday night in the Riley gym the Booster Club had a sock hop. The name given to the dance was the Homberg Hop. If you noticed, and I'm sure you did, all the signs were made with hats on them, this is in honor of Easter. They had a little skit in which they had an Easter Parade and an award given to the best outfit. The music was provided by the Starlighters. In charge of publicity was Florence Borroughs and Bonnie Silverman.

Spanish Club

The Spanish Club met last week at the home of Jim Terhune. Mr. and Mrs. Terhune showed colored slides of Mexico which they took when visiting Mexico during the Christmas vacation. A banquet is being planned for the members and their guests.

German Club

The German Club met at the home of Roy Hruska where our exchange student Reinhard Siska is staying. They are planning an Amateur Show to be held at a later date. On April 18 a German movie will be shown in the auditorium. Any one who wants to may attend this movie. That's all for this week. I'll be back next week with more club news.

Macaroni Loaf Meal Served Russian Style By Foods II Classes

by Alberta Carson

What's Cooking!

The third and fifth hour Foods II classes of Miss Jean McAlphine's have been cooking up the idea to have a family meal since the beginning of the semester. Recently they served their meals. Each class had a hostess and a waitress. The meals were served with the Russian style of table service. This is the style where the food is served from the kitchen by waiter or waitress. The meals consisted of macaroni loaf with mushroom sauce or tomato sauce, a creamed or buttered vegetable, golden salad, muffins (plain, corn-meal, and oat-meal), jelly, and tea or milk.

During the weeks before the students studied table etiquette and found that etiquette is based on good sense, good taste, and simplicity.

Each person learned the duties of the host, hostess, and the guest. They also had to consider the things for planning a meal. The classes made time schedules and found that they were good for inexperienced cooks, to help them save time, worry, and steps.

The project was concluded with a class evaluation.

Do Boys Or Girls Make Better Drivers? A. Meyer Gives Answer And Pet Peeves

Bulletin Boards Give Life, Color To Halls

by Alberta Carson

Do you notice the bulletin boards in the hall? Have you ever wondered who makes them attractive?

Claudia Sailor is the publicity chairman in charge of the Library bulletin boards. The bulletin boards are decorated every two weeks by the following people on the committee: Dorothy Sailor, Betsey Warrick, Dennis Strickland, and Donna Jean Mast.

The Fall decoration that was on the bulletin board last year called the "Treasure Chest of Information", was their favorite. Some of the other decorations are for holidays or special events such as Christmas, Halloween, and Mother's Day.

The purpose of the boards is to publicize the library and to add life and color to our halls.

On the second floor the bulletin boards are used for class projects and for posters. These are often filled by art classes, language classes, or other departments.

Mr. Lawrence Pate is in charge of the scholarship board in the main floor. Whenever the pamphlets come through the mail he tacks them on the board for students who are interested in scholarships from colleges and universities.

"Another woman driver. Always doing things wrong." How many times have we heard this? When you get right down to it who are the best drivers, boys or girls? For the answer to this we went to one of Riley's driving instructors, Mr. Alton Meyer. The answer we received was "boys can drive better than girls but they don't." This sounds like a pretty good challenge.

Walter Carter, Jean Hughes, Jerry Kinyon, Jim Manuszak, Sandra Payton, Norman Trost, Linda Wilson, and Carol Sipocz could give you some more opinions on who drive better. These students are in Mr. Gene Ring's driving classes. More students in his class who are driving now are Tex Clark, Kenneth Chrisman, Nancy Dietl, Carol Frick, Janice Glaser, Dave Morris, Gale Peterson, and Herman West.

When asked about his pet peeves Mr. Meyer replied, "If only we could keep students from driving like the adults they see." For instance, when a car with a siren approaches, students pull to the right and drive slowly just like the adults do, instead of stopping as the law requires. Students often pull from the curb without looking, they slow down at a stop sign and shift to second without stopping, just like their elders.

Mr. Meyer believes that good driving is mostly common sense and good manners. We often hear that when skidding you should turn your wheels in the direction of the skid. Mr. Meyer says that you would be better off to just "take your foot off the brake and pray." Turning in the direction of the skid is a poor substitute for driving slower when streets are slippery.

Here are some interesting items from the "Traffic Light" a publication of the Indiana Traffic Safety Foundation. More accidents occur between 3 and 5 p.m. than in any other similar period. The worst day for crashes is Saturday, which has 35% more than the average for the other six days.

Here's something to think about. The wonder is not that 150,000 drivers in Indiana had accidents to report in 1954, but that over 1,850,000 did not. Perhaps this closing thought explains the increasing number of accidents over the horse and buggy days. "There were fewer wrecks in the horse and buggy days because the driver didn't depend wholly upon his own intelligence."

TIMELY TOPICS

by Spencer

Pop said the other day, "I'll either have to give up for good about having grass in that back yard or I'm going to have an expert come out and tell what to do with that brown stuff called dirt."

"What's the use of having a nice bar-b-que grill if there isn't any nice green grass to enjoy while eating", wails my father as he surveys that empty brown patch called our back yard.

Here's where I come in. I have just been to MEYER'S HARDWARE STORE ON SOUTH MAIN STREET ACROSS FROM THE POST OFFICE and am I full of ideas about that barren waste we call our back yard.

"First, grass will grow anywhere if the proper fertilizer is supplied, even on sandy soil," I said. Pop looked at me with that knowing 'experienced' glance as if to say, "Well, son, you have a lot to learn." Not to be downed so easily, I said, "No, listen to me now and if you don't believe what I say, that expert you were talking about will come out from MEYER'S and help you find out what the trouble is."

For once Pop listened to me. Here's what's to be done first. Have the soil analyzed and again here's where I'll help, as I will take some of the soil to MEYER'S and an expert there will tell me what kind of seed to buy and what kind of fertilizer to put on to make the grass grow. Another idea just hit me. "Say Pop, how about making a deal with me?" Pop is always a little skeptical when I begin that way, but that barren brown spot really has him worried so he agreed, within reason.

You see, I'm so sure that the men at MEYERS know what they are doing and would not say they 'could grow grass on bald spots, if they couldn't' that I am willing to take any risk.

Boldly, I suggest that if I could get a good stand of grass for that empty unoccupied back yard, would he let me take that two week camping trip the middle of August that he was doubtful about my taking this summer and to make it easier for him to allow me to go, I said I would pay some one, out of my allowance, to cut the grass while I was away. If I failed, I would not only give up the camping trip but would pay for the grass seed and the fertilizer used on the yard. That's how confident I am that if given the proper treatment, grass will grow where no grass has grown if the proper supplies are used. He agreed. Here's the formula to start on.

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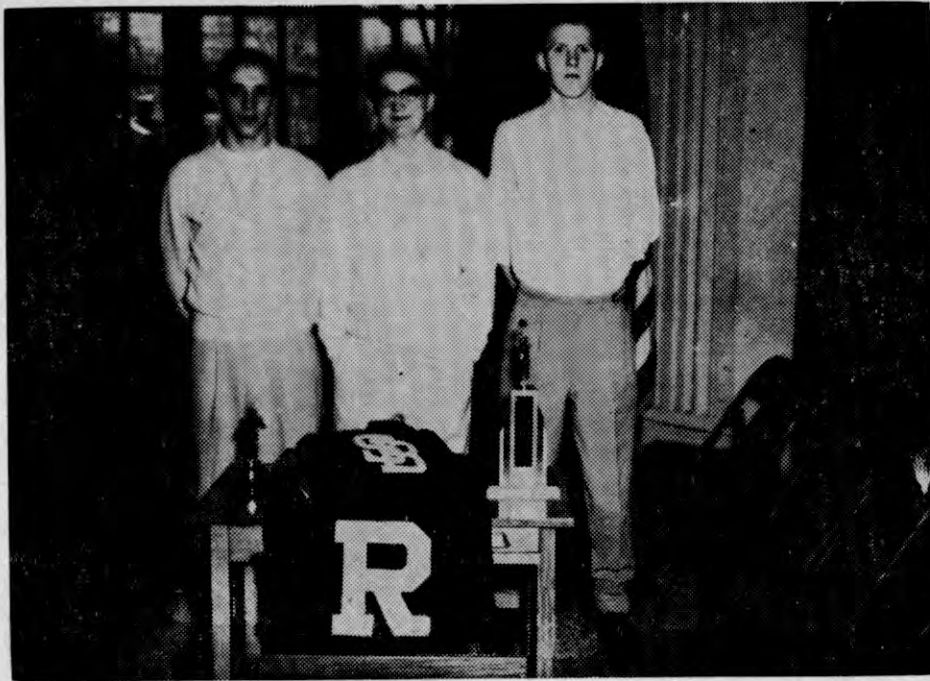
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Three of the basketball winners hold their trophies that they had won. Another picture is on the Sports Page. They are Danny Barnes (Free Throw

Award), Louie Anderson (Gold Award) and John South (Booster Club Award).

—photo by John "Casey" Willis

Attucks Regain State Hardwood Crown; Top Jeff, 79-57, In Finals

by George Horvath

Living up to pre-season expectations, Indianapolis' Crispus Attucks captured the 1956 Indiana High School Basketball Tournament by downing Lafayette Jefferson, 79 to 57, last Saturday in the Butler Field House. In gaining the coveted crown, the Attucks became the first team in Indiana basketball history to go through an entire season and tourney undefeated.

Oscar Robertson, star Tiger guard, opened scoring in the championship finale by hitting a neat jump shot. From this point on, it was Attucks all the way. Their flashy offense, coupled with an air tight zone defense, proved to be too much for the game Jeff quintet.

Robertson, who snapped two scoring records last week, led all point-getters with 39 markers. Stanford Patton and Bill Brown contributed 19 and 10 respectively for the winners' cause. Jeff ace, Ron Fisher, tallied 17 for the losers.

In the initial afternoon clash, Jeff just sneaked by the Elkhart Blue Blazers, 54-52. Charity tosses proved to be Elkhart's nemesis as they outscored the Broncs, 22 to 20 from the field, but hit only eight free throws to the Broncs' 14.

Dick Barkman hit 15 for the Blazers while Travis Burlson and Dennis Tepe, winner of the Trester award, hit 12 apiece.

Doomed from the outset, Gerstmeyer of Terre Haute succumbed to the Tigers handily in the other afternoon tilt 68-59. The Tigers managed an early edge and never stranded it.

Trying Season Foreseen By Wildcat's Varsity Baseball, Track Coaches

by Jack Tully

According to the words of Coach "Spike" Kelly and Coach Bob Smith, Riley is going to have a lot of trouble in gaining successful records this spring. Both sports had winning seasons last year.

Coach Kelly can point to the loss of seven starters from last year's squad, which finished with a tie for third place in the conference. Missing this season will be pitcher-outfielders, Fred Odusch, John Nevelle and Carl Yordanich; outfielder Gary Kirkey; and infielders Dave Young, Gale Acton and Bill Hawley. Only two regulars are back from last year's squad, first baseman Dale Stroup and catcher Buzz Wintrode. Stroup is a senior and Wintrode is a junior. Pitcher Doug Burns and outfielder Louie Anderson were letter winners but not regulars.

Most of the positions will be filled with inexperienced ball players. These add up to a dim prospect for the Wildcat nine.

Coach Smith's outlook is a bit brighter with eight returning lettermen. Riley's strongest events will be the mile run, quarter mile run, shot put, broad jump, and high jump. The Wildcats will have to come up with some good material in the sprints and hurdles to challenge the conference leaders. In the mile run, Louie Cass is returning. In the quarter mile it will be Paul Pozil and Larry Pahl. Charlie Kalwitz returns for another season in high and broad jumping, while Mike Bingaman and Ray Webster will compete in the shot put. Gary Monus will lead the Cat sprinters and Jim Smith will return in the half mile.

Perkins Pups, 9 Bees Gain Coveted Wins In Post-Season Tilts

by Neil Cossman

Facing the "Grundy Cats" in an exhibition clash March 13, the "Perkins Pups" led by Jim Perkins downed their opponents 27-16.

Grabbing an early lead over George Grundy's "Cats" the Pups ended the first period 9-4. The Cats fought hard to keep up, but could only narrow the score to a three point margin at the end of the second quarter.

Striding away from their younger brothers in the third and fourth stanzas, the Pups ended the game 27-16.

Top pointmaker for the winners was Bob Horvath with 10 markers. He was followed by Jim Perkins, Eddie Bogart, and Willie Burke, with eight, six, and three points, respectively. Don Smith paced the losers with seven tallies.

Opposing the Junior High Varsity in the second battle of the evening, the 9B ineligibles proved themselves the victor by a score of 36-27.

Following the pattern made by the "Pups" against the Cats, the 9B's stayed ahead of the Junior High all the way.

Jerry Tooley paced the 9B's with 12 buckets. More scoring was done by Lance Greider who hit for nine points; Jim Morgan, seven; Bill Toles, five; and Walter Gosc, three.

Bill Nelson led the "Varsity's" scoring with 9 markers. Tom Ellison, Jerry Smith, Tom Augustine and Gene Pullian followed with seven, five, four and two points, respectively.

Swim Champs Answer "Teenagers' Prayer", Add Three Trophies To Shelf

Three new additions have been made to the Riley trophy shelf. Having won the City and Conference championships, the swimming team went down state with students' prayers and came back with the State Championship. The "champs" were honored last Tuesday in the auditorium.

Getting their first letters were Tom Bloom, Dennis Floden, John Odusch, Dave Richards and Don Tuttle. Norm Traeger won his second letter. Terry Beyer has won three letters in swimming. Winning a varsity letter every year of their high school career were Captain Rocky Rogers and Jim Smith.

Four boys got "B" letters. John Botkin was the only one to really get a letter. The others had received their letters before. They are Dave Fritz, George Friend and Tony Sisti.

The team captain was Rocky Rogers. Jim Smith won the Booster Club Award.

Faculty Downs Seniors; Juniors Whip B-Squad; B-Reserves Beat Frosh

One week ago Wednesday, March 14, found the basketball season at Riley come to a struggling and exciting close. Three games were played marking the end of the regular post season practice and previewing next year's varsity and B teams.

The first game, pairing the Freshman squad against the B-team seconds, found the B-team on the long end of the final 45-37 score. Their superior height and experience proved too much for the Frosh. Tom Eader spearheaded the attack with 19 points. Next year's "B" squad will be made up largely of the game's participants.

The Varsity leftovers then taught the regular "B" team a lesson in basketball as they took Barnes & Company. With a very well balanced scoring attack, led by Jerry Starret and Don Katona, having 14 and a disputed 13 points respectively, the team, which was made up of seven juniors, proved too much for their sophomore opposition.

Danny Barnes hit 23 points in the losing cause, while playing a terrific floor game to boot. Dennis Rienie came thru with 12 points while Don Katona also hit in double figures as the two almost forgotten members of the varsity again showed the form with which they made the team.

The final game which put the Faculty up against the Senior refugees of the Varsity proved to be the game of the series. It was two seconds before the end of an overtime period when the Faculty finally closed the lid on victory as Gene Ring scored on a neat out-of-bounds play. The Seniors, led by Louie Anderson and a surprising Louie Yazich, built up a big lead through the first half. But the faculty refused to quit, despite Principal Beyer's prediction that they were beat, and overtook the Seniors late in the game. The Seniors played a terrific game against a much more experienced team but it wasn't quite enough as Ring's last second shot brought a 54-52 victory to the Faculty, lowering the curtain on another basketball season.

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