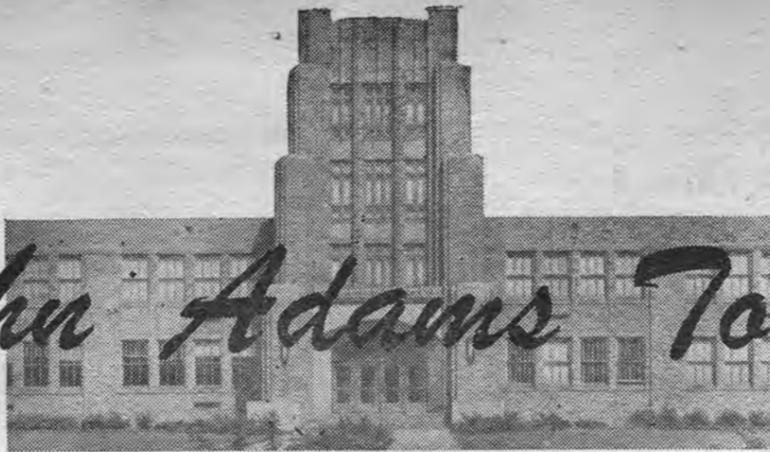
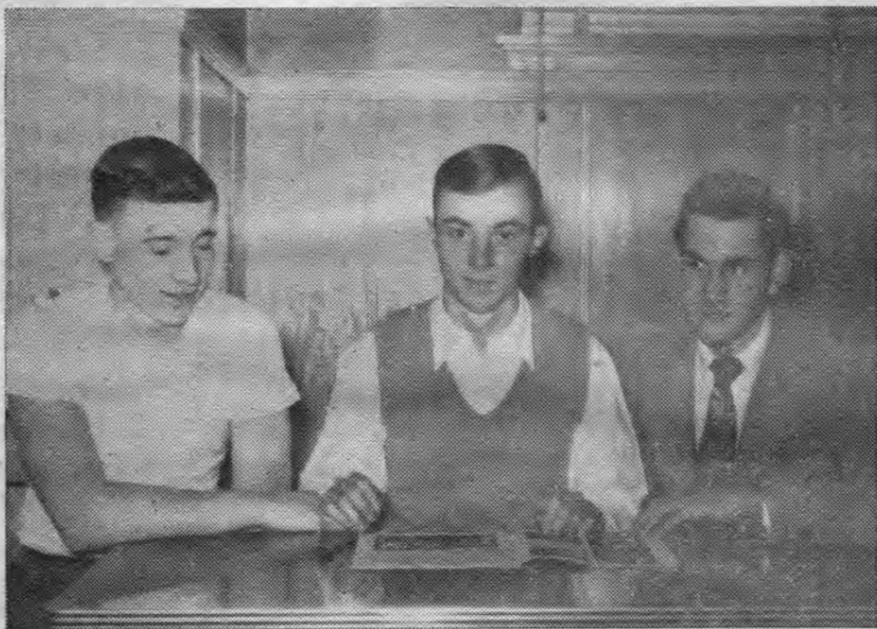


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Pass N.R.O.T.C. Screening Test



David Gibson, Henry Hukill, Dale Litherland, Phillip Kohlbrenner, and Tom Smithberger, seniors at John Adams High School, have learned that they passed the screening test for the N.R.O.T.C. which was given them last December.

The Screening test is a mental test which was given all these boys at Notre Dame University. After passing the Screening test at the University they were asked to Chicago, where each was given a complete physical examination. An interview followed, in which they were asked why they wished to take N.R.O.T.C. training, how long they expected to stay in the Navy after they received their commissions, etc.

The training period is the regular four-year college period with an eight week cruise during the summer months.

After the period of training these boys will be commissioned either as Ensigns in the Navy or 2nd Lieutenants in the Marine Corps.

Tom Smithberger and Phillip Kohlbrenner were not present when the above picture was taken.

Michigan City Band To Present Concert Sixth Hour Friday

The Michigan City High School band will be the guests of the John Adams band on Friday, March 18. The visitors will treat the Adams student body to a sixth hour concert and then will be the guests of honor at a party given to them by the Adams band.

Kathy Cawthorne is the chairman of the refreshment committee at the party and Harold Heeter is in charge of the entertainment. Each band member was asked to assist one of the two groups.

The John Adams band will give a return concert in Michigan City on April 19.

ANNUAL BASKETBALL AWARDS ASSEMBLY TOMORROW MORNING!

The annual basketball awards assembly will be held tomorrow morning. Mr. Sargent and Coach Koss will present the 1949 varsity team with awards. The senior managers will also receive awards.

The manager for next year's basketball team will be announced.

Active Members Earn G.A.A. Sports Awards

Several G. A. A. girls were given awards last week. Barbara Boehm and Dolly Smith received numerals "50" and Vivian Hartter, Sandra Goller, Barbara Swanson and Marilyn Near earned the numerals "51". The privilege of wearing these numerals which represent the graduation year is achieved by the girl after she has earned 150 points in different sports.

Dee Dee Davis earned the letters S. B. This award which is next in rank to the numeral was presented at the same time the other girls received their numerals.

Fire Department Reports Adams Free From All Fire Hazards

The South Bend Fire Department conducted an inspection of public and parochial schools for possible fire hazards. The department has announced that John Adams is free from all fire hazards and has no room for improvement on that score. The janitors were commended for their excellent care of the building as well as its cleanliness.

All Nations and Creeds Honor St. Patrick Tomorrow

Saint Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland. There are not too many facts about him which are known to be true. No one knows whether he was born on March 17 or whether he died on this date. Some legends say he was born in England, some say in France, and others say Scotland. Anyway, it is thought that at the age of sixteen, he was captured by some Irish pirates and carried away to Ireland. Here he was in slavery for six years. While in slavery he became a devoted Christian. Saint Patrick escaped to France, became a monk, and later returned to Ireland as a missionary. During his work in Ireland he established over three hundred churches and usually a school by each church. He was so successful that St. Patrick is known as the one who "found Ireland all heathen and left it all Christian."

Over a period of years many customs have been adopted concerning Saint Patrick, all of which have started in Ireland. Shamrocks have always been connected with Saint Patrick's day. In Ireland the master and mistress of the house usually eat a dish of clover leaves on March 17. In the United States, Irish organization have parades and large parties on this date. If you want to celebrate St. Pat's Day with us don't forget to wear green tomorrow.

Glee Club Takes In Ten New Members For Easter Program

The John Adams Glee Club is expanding in more ways than one. Besides new members and substitutes, ten new robes are on order for the Glee Club. They will arrive before the Easter Program, March 25, and will be worn for the first time at that program.

When the Glee Club was organized in the first year of the school's history, eighty robes were bought for the Glee Club. This number was adequate for several semesters, then ten more were purchased. In the last few years there have been many more students trying out for the Glee Club, until now the club represents one sixth of the entire student body at Adams. This is one hundred members plus nine substitutes.

The fact that ten new members are being added to the Glee Club really presents a very difficult problem. There are about thirty students, who are now visiting the Glee

NO TEAM WON, BUT ALL HAD FUN AT THE ADAMS' EVE

by Harold Heeter

On Friday, March 4, a strange sports spectacle took place on the Adams gym floor. It was the Adams Eve basketball game pitting senior Hi-Y boys against the "younger" members of the faculty.

The starting line-up for the Hi-Y was: John Bowman, Bill Clark, Bill Tait, Hank Hukill, Joe Howell.

Starting for the faculty were Russell "Fuss & Feathers" Rothermel, Ralph "Mad Driver" Powell, Corby "Dimples" Davis, Jim "Killer" Crowe and Rollo "Cultured American" Neff.

The officials were Floyd Dickey, a graduate from the Indiana School for the Blind and Harry "Kari" Koss from the Seeing Eye School, Morristown, New Jersey.

Other athletes to see action for the Hi-Y were Eveld, Wagner, Jennings, Carlson, Horvath and Gross. Faculty subs included "Flash" Gordon Nelson, "Gorgeous" George Strohmeier and Dick "Anybody's" Friend.

The first break in the game came when Powell fouled Howell but referee Koss called traveling and it was the faculty's ball out of bounds. Because the faculty team was not in good condition, they employed a long pass from one end of the floor to the other instead of the customary dribbling. This is the poor man's fast break.

When the ball was headed out of bounds official Dickey was right on the spot — he threw the ball to a faculty member or else took a shot himself.

In the fourth quarter, Crowe and Strohmeier had to leave the game having committed five fouls (that were called). Crowe replaced Koss and Horvath took Dickey's place as an official. Strohmeier put on a shirt with a different number and re-entered the game.

In a grand finale the Hi-Y put in all their ten players and the faculty their nine. As everything ended, including the faculties' stamina, there was some difference of opinion as to the score. It was approximately 64 to 42 in favor of the faculty.

Club and they are all very eager to join. We hope the students who are not invited to join this time will try out again next semester. Mrs. Pate and the Glee Club both realize that some who are not asked to join would make as good members as many who are. However, due to the quota of one hundred members and nine substitutes they cannot all be asked to join now.

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I GAVE UP---FOR LENT

Now, until Easter, many thousands of people are observing the season of Lent. Most of them know what Lent is, but how many people actually know what Lent means? Do you? Or are you one of the characters who gives up white cake because you really prefer chocolate anyway — who gives up watching football games because it's baseball season now — who resolves to stop having dates six times a week, when you know that nobody will ask you more than twice a month to begin with. You needn't answer — it will probably make no real difference to anyone but you, and this article wasn't meant to be a cross-examination.

But what sort of a person are you anyway? Are you one of those weak-willed, spineless creatures who is swayed first one way and then another without doing any real thinking for yourself? Do you give up something that you really miss then stick with your resolution until Easter or cheat and break it the first week.

One of the very basic foundations of our country is its religious beliefs. When or if that important principle ever begins to falter, our way of life, our government, our freedom, our right to happiness also will falter. To be strong physically, a nation including all its people must be just as strong, if not stronger, morally.

If the United States of America is to remain one of the wealthiest and most powerful nations in the world, we, and that means everybody must never lose sight of our highest ideals — our religious concepts.

SAVE IT FOR A RAINY DAY

Since this a paper for high school folks, anyone would be crazy to suggest that you save money for a rainy day. We all know that a high school kid never has money. What then should a fellow or girl save for the rainy day of graduation?

More than likely you'll remember the first big dance you went to, way, way back when you were a Sophomore. You might remember all of the many basketball, football, and baseball games you've seen played at Adams or somewhere else. The girls probably will think of the fun they've had with their friends going to shows and slumber parties. The fellows might think of the games and card parties they've gone to with the gang. Last of all you might possibly get around to considering what you've learned, in school, in the past three years.

Whatever it is that you remember about your school experiences or whatever experiences you have in the future, try to make the best of them that you can. If you imagined that the first time you find yourself in a particular situation might be the last time, you would probably be a little more careful what you said and how you acted. Instead many of us lack the good judgement which should be part of our nature. It doesn't necessarily come from experience so much as our practicing the use of good judgement.

So let's cherish the memories of all the wonderful experiences we have each day, but let's make sure the memories we save for a rainy day are of experiences which were the best we could make them under the circumstances.

YOU PITY ME?

I

I pity you, poor soul
 Who travel the rutted road.
 I pity you who know no other path
 Except that trodden often.

How brief your epitaph shall read
 Atop your weary head.
 How little about you shall be said
 After your journey is over.

Let repetition be your goal,
 Security be your excuse.
 Let your ties be firmly staked,
 Your life anchored down.

Oh, your bed is softer,
 Your hunger satisfied;
 Your clothing warmer than mine.
 And so I too can have it thus,
 But I choose not.

II

I choose the strangeness of a foreign place,
 The thrill of the oriental embrace.
 I choose the compass as my direction,
 The seas as my path.

Life is for me the stink of dark Casablanca,
 The beauty of Vatican City.
 Life is for me the oddness of tongues I speak,
 The religions I understand.

Extraordinary are the tales I tell,
 The stories that I hear.
 Extraordinary are the wonders of the world,
 The riches of reigning kings.

Strange is the taste of foods unknown,
 The smells that I recognize.
 Strange are the customs of India's millions
 And the wines of Grecian vintage.

Well do I know the uniform of France's legions,
 The color of her flag.
 Well do I know the songs of Spanish youth,
 The lilt of their lyrics.

III

Known am I to you who did nothing
 But dream and to you who practiced my creed.

I pity you, poor soul
 Who travel the rutted road.
 I pity you, poor soul, who did not take the fork
 Mark, Adventure.

—James Carlson

The Most Embarrassing Moment In My Life

Dick Carlson: It is difficult for me to put my finger on a particular incident and say "This is my most embarrassing experience," as I have suffered through many trying episodes, feeling extremely unnecessary during most of them. There was one time, however, when my mother chose to visit school. Upon her arrival she was greeted by her blossoming 8 year old occupying the seat outside the classroom. Also there was the first junior high football game in which I participated. The crowd got such a laugh at the "goof" with his helmet on backwards.

Corby Davis: Chicken ala English. The war had ended and I was invited to have dinner with an English Colonel and his family at their club before my departure from London. Thanks to Emily Post, I felt quite at ease amid the grandiose social display. However, my composure was short-lived. As I was cutting the chicken, the table leaf groaned and crashed to the floor, depositing my dinner in my lap enroute. I do not know what caused the collapse — perhaps it was the large amount of rich food placed on a table accustomed to meager wartime rations, or perhaps the table, constructed for the more restrained British, was unable to stand up against an uninhibited and very hungry American. By the time I had lighted a cigarette and put the match in my mouth to demonstrate my cool courage under fire, the debris had been removed and another dinner was on the table, nervously bracing itself to withstand my attack. The only casualties were a broken plate, a stained uniform, and a hysterical waiter.

Gwendolyn Kaczmarek: How vividly I can still remember that day — my birthday, too — in Algebra I class! For some reason at the beginning of study period I had to do a bit of visiting with one of my classmates and what better opportunity than at the pencil sharpener, even though I had only an Eversharp to carry with me. Unfortunately the teacher arrived to survey the situation and an Eversharp doesn't lend itself to the sharpening process! "Yours truly" reported dutifully at 3:30.

Nancy Hastings: One day last summer I was one of those people fortunate enough to be asked out to a lake. Since my girl friend had just gotten a surfboard we decided to try it. My friend and the boy I was with at the time thought they would show me how to use it. We hopped into a boat and my boy friend gave a demonstration. After he had gone around the lake about twice I decided to try my luck. I was sitting on the edge of the boat so I jumped in. All of a sudden I felt stitches rip. Consequently I rode into shore on the surfboard.

Joke of the Week

Miss Lenon: What is a dentifrice?

Dean Adair: A guy who sells the stuff to the dentist.

Miss Lenon: Does he carry the seal of approval of the American Dental Association?

Dean: I guess I'm wrong.

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ARE YOU GUILTY?

This little ditty is not meant to cause any form of mental anguish for you male members of our Adams society, nor is it intended to make you long to see your name in the column labeled "obituary." It is simply here to remind you that (believe it or not) your fellow students and classmates are not blind. There is seldom a moment in the day when someone is not forming an impression of you by sizing up your habits of grooming. Often circumstances are such that the observer has no chance to become acquainted with your personality and character traits; thus the first impression becomes a lasting one. Following are a few "hazards" in the way of social fitness — take a glance over them and find out "What your best friends won't tell you." (P.S.) Girls, don't think you've escaped! We'll get to you next week.

1. Are you a caveman who is living in the period B.C. (before cleanser). Remember, the girl sitting behind you may not understand why there's no visible point at which your hair-line ends — she may not agree with your theory that ears exist for the sole purpose of bounding the territory covered by your washcloth.

2. Do you wow (weaken or whiff) the ladies with that he-man, gym class aroma? Confidentially speaking, fellows, gym socks and stale perspiration do not exactly add up to a "eau de cologne."

3. Are you the penny-pinching type who saves on his time money by chewing his nails rather than using the orthodox and more consuming method known as a "file?" Besides lending you a strong resemblance to an experienced safe cracker, this practice creates wear and tear on your molars.

4. Have you an allergy to the dusty decoration on your medicine cabinet figuratively known as your toothbrush? Believe it or not, the pepsodent ads are only a slight exaggeration away from the truth!

5. Last, but not least comes the question — are you a draper? Do you throw around your person a stack of unmended, soiled clothing (and I mean throw) and expect the final result to be anything short of a mess? This malady has its varying stages — from the mild case to the hopeless. Fortunately, it's been a long time since Adams has had an epidemic, and even the mild cases are fast disappearing.



What do you like most about being a graduating senior?

Norma Lebo — People will soon be paying me for the use of my brains instead of me paying them.

Marian Driver — The fact that it means freedom.

Norma Voelkel — The idea of getting out of school.

Norma Rush — There'll be no more shorthand.

Joan Partriz — The thought of going to college.

Betty Ann Gudates — Nothing special. I am rather sorry that the best days of my life are coming to an end.

Beverly Cochran — The thought of no more home work.

Marian Szlanfucht — The fact that I get out of school at 1:30 now for Office Practice.

Hannah Pillow — I'll be able to loll in my ignorance again. (No more reading the newspaper for current events).

Shirley Robinson — Knowing that I'm as high as I can go in high school and that I don't have to look up to anyone — except the teachers, of course.

Dick and Don Truex — (speaking as one) — Graduating.

Phil Smeltzer — Getting out of school.

Maurice McFarland — My last semester of school.

Pat Ferraro — Just a few more months to go.

MIDDLE NAMES — SHH

A few people were cornered by a nosey inquiring reporter and asked, "What is your middle name?" Most of them humed and hawed or blushed or laughed but these are the dignified names of a few of our students.

- William Harrison Stanfield
- Barbara Uretta Taylor
- Phyllis Colleen Loutzenhiser
- Judie Deborah Bailie
- Ramona Elizabeth Schecker
- David Clay Gibson
- Virginia Marie Holland
- Betty Charlene Everest
- Joan Mae Stombaugh

WHAT HAPPENED BEFORE THE GREAT DRAMA WAS STAGED

We know you all enjoyed the thrilling excitement, the fine display of sportsmanship, and the heavy drama which was yours on March 4, but can you appreciate the time and effort put into the preparations for this evening? We thought we would go into a few of the details just to give you an idea.

The first problem was to get a team brave enough to play against our faculty. I know it was silly but so few cared to flunk all their subjects, it sort of had to be limited to those who would flunk anyway. The next problem was where to play. The faculty rather favored a place with a padded floor but finally settled for the gym when the janitors promised not to wax it. When it came to the officials bench Mr. Heeter wasn't sure he should waste his talents but when we assured him he could use his own jokes, he agreed. The biggest problem of all was to find suits to fit everybody. There was such a variety of sizes and shapes that our efforts at first seemed fruitless, but with the aid of a few flour sacks this problem was solved pretty well. It wasn't too hard to draft the cheering sections, but when it came to Kelley we were lost for a while because we had no money to buy his vitamin pills for the week before, but we got the faculty to pay us in advance for the rub-downs.

These are just a few of the great problems you must solve in case you ever get the idea to challenge the faculty.

—Hi-Y Committee



- Thursday, March 17
St. Patrick's Day
Basketball Awards Assembly
- Friday, March 18
Michigan City Band Assembly
sixth hour
- Saturday, March 19
Civic Music, auditorium
- Tuesday, March 22
10B Discussion Group
P.T.A. Meeting, Little Theatre
- Friday, March 25
Spring Musical
- Saturday, March 26
Band Concert, Indianapolis

Neighboring News

CENTRAL: The Junior Isaac Walton League showed motion pictures on the nature of Indiana on March 11. The theme was to protect the wild life of Indiana.

MISHAWAKA: If there are any of you who want subscriptions to any magazines you will be well received by a member of the Junior class at Mishawaka. This is a current money-raising project.

Each week two representatives from M.H.S. take part in their exclusive radio program devoted to the activities of the students. They have guests each week to interview and tell all the news of interest to all. The program is broadcast three times a week from 4:45 - 5:00 on station WJVA.

Since most of the students at Mishawaka have two study halls each day there isn't room to accommodate them all or enough faculty members to supervise, a new arrangement has been initiated. If the student will sign a statement saying, "I am a good boy," or "I am a good girl," he or she will be allowed to be in a study room with no teacher. This plan is to be called the Honor Study Hall.

RILEY: The Riley debate teams recently completed successful debates with LaPorte, Nappanee, Mishawaka, and Madison. The team appeared on WSBT with their first debate. This year the subject for debate is "Resolved, that the United Nations be Revised into a Federal World Government."

WASHINGTON: Miss Barbara Hamilton will travel to San Francisco this week for a Y-Teen convention. Participants from all over the country will attend and discuss the future of the Y-Teen organization in America.

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ADAMITES EXTEND CONGRATULATIONS TO CENTRAL BEARS

The Central Bears have done it again . . . they have captured the 1948-49 sectional and regional tourneys in South Bend. In addition to fine ball handling, Central seems been working out in the balcony of the gymnasium. Dates for the beginning practice for spring sports will be announced later.

South Bend Central has emerged victorious in the Regional tourney for the third straight year. In the first game of the regional Central met up with a stubborn Concord team who led Central for the first three quarters of the game. In the last quarter Concord was ahead by five points when the Bears started to roll and wound up with a 46-40 score. In the second game Rochester defeated North Judson by a 44-35 score. Then in the final game Saturday Central proved their quality of power by trouncing Rochester by a 52-26 score.

The four winners from the semi-finals will move on to Indianapolis, Butler Fieldhouse on Saturday, March 19, to play in the finals. These four teams will be the cream of the crop. Two games will be played in the afternoon with the final game at night. The winner of this game will be crowned Indiana State High School Basketball Champion.

During the last week the main basketball event in Adams history was staged. This game was between the faculty and the senior Hi-Y members and included almost everything allowed and not allowed in a basketball game. Due to the various happenings there has been no sure score posted, but it was estimated that the faculty upset the Hi-Y team.

The afternoon gym classes are blessed with the gym instructor, Mr. George Strohmeier. George was one of the greats of the Notre Dame champion varsity and is now playing professional football. "Gorgeous" George is working the boys into condition in a round-about way, including the invincible "black line." This Texan is gaining much popularity through his rough handling of different situations. George knows his stuff and is helpful in the physical development department.

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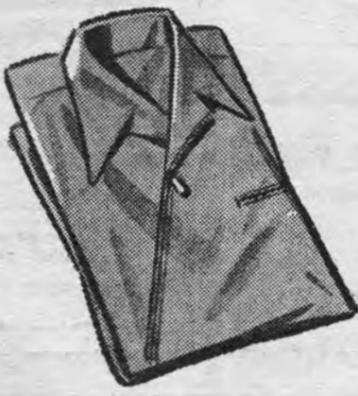
AS I SEE IT

By
JOHN HORVATH

Once again we are at the "slack" time in sporting activities around John Adams. The basketball season has come to a close and the baseball, track and golf seasons have not yet started. During gym classes the track candidates have to carry Lady Luck around constantly. They can be outscored and many times out played until the final quarter or for that matter the final minutes or seconds and then whizz to an amazing recovery and dazzle the opposing team with their lightning fast ball handling. This seems to be the secret of Central's success, for this year at any rate. In all the close games they have participated in they have been behind for three quarters and then jumped to a magnificent win in the fourth and final period.

The Central squad is composed of not just one or two colorful players, but is composed for the most part of many good all around ball players. The major netters for the Bears are Toth, Morrical, Deckard, Daube, Wilson, Shine, and others although these cause the most excitement. Shine is probably another very important factor in the Bear's success this year. He certainly gets his share of rebounds and never fails to tip in a healthy number of buckets from under the basket. Toth and Morrical are more interested in the far-away places and blast from out on the floor, sometimes a considerable distance. When Toth is hot, little can be done to keep him from scoring 19 or 20 points in a game, and the same goes for Morrical, who is often called the sparkplug of this Central outfit.

We all may not have been for Central, certainly we weren't in the Sectional, but now that Adams is out and Central is the only team representing South Bend, we are all for them and will be pulling for them all the way to the state if they are fortunate enough to reach that goal.



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TRACK HOPEFULS BEGIN TRAINING AS SEASON OPENS

The track season at John Adams High School started officially this Monday, the 14th of March. Mr. Krider hopes this to be a most successful season. Some of the boys have already been working out in halls during study periods. These boys are doing their best to get in shape in spite of the freezing temperatures we have been having outside. Mr. Krider hopes that every boy who wishes to participate in this sport will contact him. He hopes to see many new faces among those trying out. Anyone who is eligible is welcome to come out and try for the field is open and best men will make the squad. The track schedule will begin soon.

SCHEDULE

March 26	Indoor
April 12	Indoor
April 15	Indoor
April 19	Indoor
April 23	Twin City
April 26	Twin City
April 30	"C" Trials
May 7	"C" Finals
May 14	Sectionals
May 21	State

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