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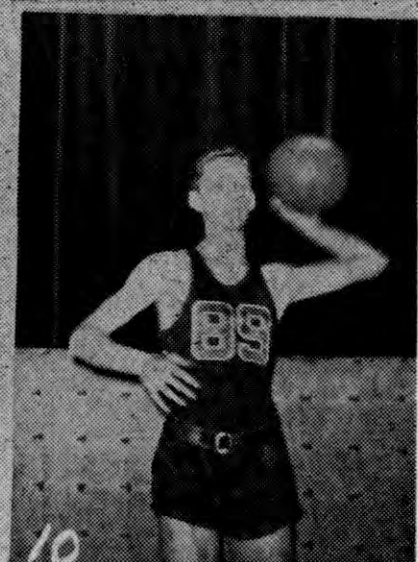
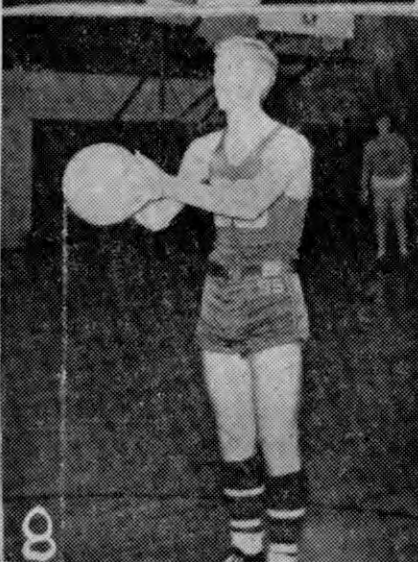
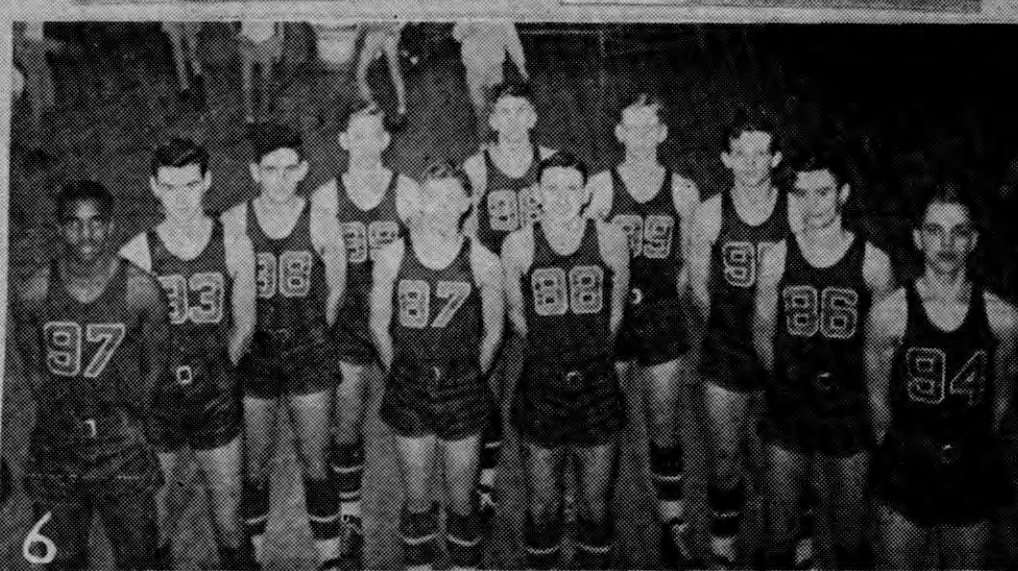
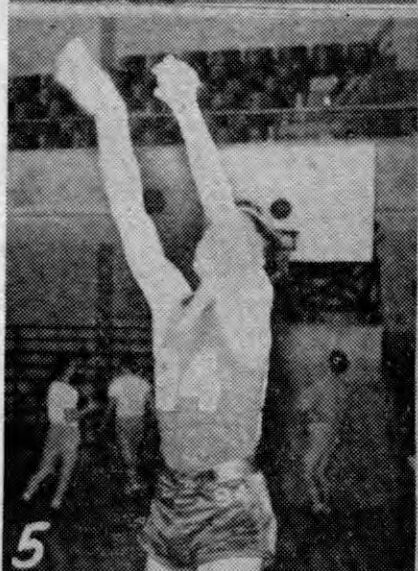
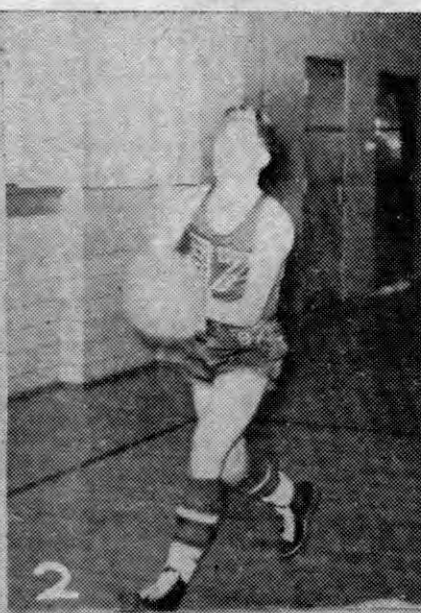
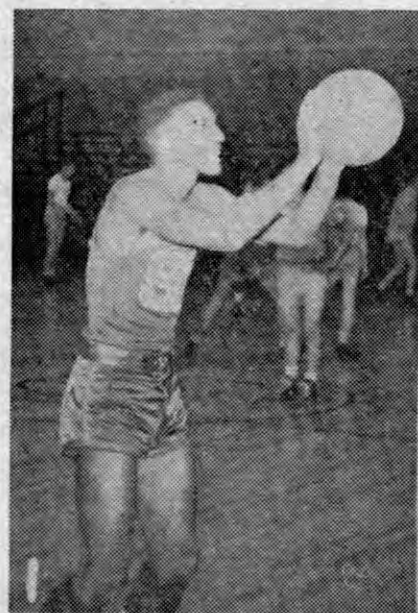
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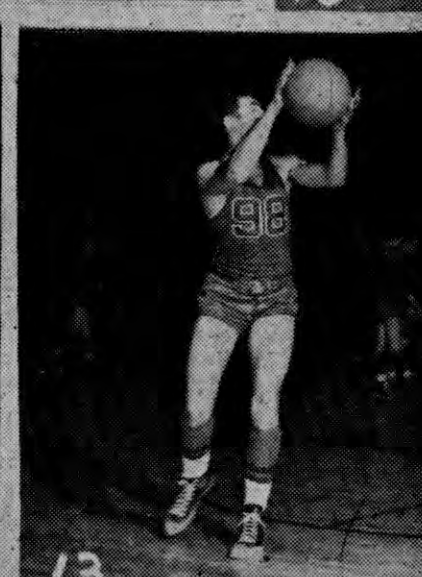
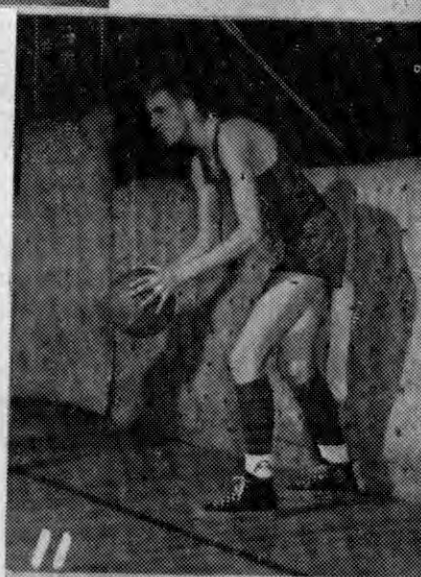
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IN THESE BOYS LIE OUR HOPES



Here are the boys that will carry our colors for us in the sectionals. 1. Joe Howell. 2. John Keller. 3. Don Simon. 4. John Weissert. 5. Bill Cox. 6. the team: left to right—Joe Howell, Jim McClusky, Harold Ziker, Don Truex, Don Lambert, Dick Truex, Don Simon, Carlisle Parker, Bill Cox, in front, John Keller and John Weissert.



7. Carlisle Parker. 8. Don Truex. 9. the student managers: left to right, Carl Blacksmith, Joe Platt, Phil Smeltzer, and Ellior Weinberg. 10. Dick Truex. 11. Don Lambert. 12. Don Simon and Jim McClusky. 13. Harold Ziker. Let's wish them lots of good luck!

LET'S PRACTICE GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP

If someone asked you the question, "Do you practice good sportsmanship?" What would you answer?

At the latest basketball game did you yell with the cheerleaders or ahead of them? Did you Boo? Did you complain that the referee was against you? This was most foolish, because while you watch the ball he sees what really is going on. He watches the players' hands, feet, elbows, and hips. He has the advantage of having a better view than you.

If your answers to these questions were positive read the following. If not read it anyway.

"Dear Lord, in the battle that goes on through life,
I ask but a field that is fair;
A chance that is equal to all in the strife;
A courage to strive and to dare;
And if I should win, let it be the code.
With my faith and my honor held high;
And if I should lose let me stand by the road,
And cheer as the winners go by.
And Lord, may my shouts be ungrauding and clear
A tribute that comes from the heart,
And let me not cherish a snarl or a sneer
Or play any sniveling part;
Let me say, "There they ride on whom laurels bestowed,"
Since they played the game better than I.
Let me stand with a smile by the side of the road
And cheer as the winners go by.
So grant me to conquer; if conquer I can,
By proving my worth in the fray;
But teach me to lose like a Regular Man.
And not like a craven I pray,
Let me take off my hat to the winners who strode
To victory, splendid and high.
Yes, teach me to stand by the side of the road
And cheer as the winners go by."

If the players have this attitude toward the game, why not the spectators?

We will all agree with what has been said that we should be good sports but the real test comes at a game. Look around you at the next clash and see those who really practice good sportsmanship. They are the ones who fully enjoy the game. They see the little things missed by their over-anxious opposites. Try in and you'll find out!

Watch the Unknown Player

He is the vital cog in team machinery. Whether he wins a place in the headlines or not, he keeps giving all he has.

In basketball games he sets up "screens" for the "star" of the team to take shots. He sets up plays by which others may score. On defense he follows every shot. Sometimes he plays so hard that he can't help fouling the opposing team by trying desperately to retrieve the ball for his teammates.

As he leave the floor a few cheers greet him from the bleachers. The coach says, "Nice going." and he takes his place among the other substitutes. When he is in the game, he gives everything he has, and if he misses a "set-up" or gets the plays mixed, he feels worse than any other person in the gymnasium. When the game is over, some of the spectators don't know if he even played; maybe because of the fact that he didn't score a bucket.

From now on, let's try to watch for the "unknown player." You see him in every game.

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There's One on Every Basketball Court

A basketball game has all the color of a circus, and some of the players could run for candidates in a sideshow. Sometimes you'll fail to spot these "characters" in the excitement of a fast game, but they're out there on the court just the same!

The team basketball "wizard", that tall guy who handles the ball as though he had cut his baby teeth on a basketball goal rim, sparks his team through every game.

The "show-off" spends more time brushing his hair back and grinning at the crowd than he spends playing basketball.

The "bruiser", that muscular hunk of beef who plays basketball according to Texas rules; no holds barred. He'd make a swell tackle on the school football squad.

The "ballet dancer" glides gracefully over the court like a fragile rose in a hurricane. A ballet stage would be far more suitable place to exhibit his talents (?) than a basketball court.

The "Apache", that loud-mouthed guy with the cast-iron vocal cords, really belongs on a reservation. You know him . . . he's the guy who runs up, plants the palm of his hand against an opponent's nose, and lets go with a blood-curdling war whoop, hoping to cause him to miss a shot. Sometimes it works!

The "senator" thinks he can talk his way out of anything and as far as he's concerned the officials are on the court for the sole purpose of entertaining the crowd with their antics. Maybe he can talk his way off the bench!

The "windmill", that guy with the ball-bearing arms, would put a Dutch windmill to red-faced shame. He guards his opponent and cools him off at the same time!

An artist was displaying one of his modern paintings to a prospective customer.

Purchaser: "What does this picture represent?"

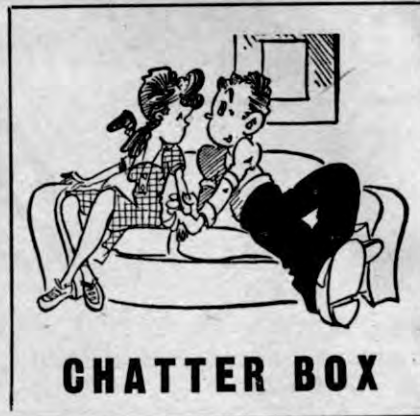
Artist: "A cow in a field."

Purchaser: "But I don't see any grass."

Artist: "The cow has eaten all the grass."

Purchaser: "But where is the cow?"

Artist: "Well, you don't expect a cow to remain in a field without grass."



Important correction! **Roger Haverstock** wishes to make it definitely known that the report that he is tired of hospital nurses is absolutely not true.

Dorothy Dunbar has moved to Adams but she still has the same "interest" at Central.

Is it true that **Tom Doyan** has been spending part of his time with **Bernice Allison**?

Several girls were sporting cor-sages from Valentine's Day. Among them were **Norma Van Hove** and **Miss Shearer**. **Artie Grant** received a box of candy, and **Charmaine Franklin** is enjoying a new compact.

Seen at a recent dance—**Jim Cox** and **Nancy Carlson**; **Bob McDole** (Central) and **Doris Eberhart**.

Now that **Mishawaka** holds no interest for **Lee Mull** he seems to be looking toward St. Mary's Academy.

The following letter was received by the Tower:

Overheard at the party for the Michigan City band —

Mary Troub: "No. If I went walking with you, you'd try to kiss me."

Ted High: "No I wouldn't, honest!"

Mary: "Then what's the use?"

It seems that several Adams boys were seen with Nuner girls at the R. P. one night. Among them were **Dave Coker** and **Dick De Mas**.

Wonder if **Arlene Zick** is speaking to **Dick Brotherson** yet. She seemed to be a little disturbed about his date with an Indianapolis girl.

We hear that all is bliss between **Jack Pfaff** and **Janie Buchanan** since a recent phone call.

New couples seen around — **Alumnus Fred Barrell** and **Elaine Rolfe**; **Dick De Graff** (N.D.) and **Nancy King**; **Bill Barr** (Central) and **Judy Riggs**.

Lenore Tucker has been getting regular letters from **Tom Cassidy**.

Hope Hayes is the newest on the diamond list. She is engaged to **Chuck Arch** (N.D.).

Now going steady—**Jerry Freels** and **Karen Hennings**.

DO YOUR BEST

When our basketball team plays its games, it naturally does its best, why? For one reason, it is the honor of the school and second, it is for the satisfaction of winning. As our boys meet their opponents on the floor, this thought should pass through their minds, "If we are not going to play our best, why play at all?"

That thought should pass through our mind when we undertake a task.

Many times we think that small things are unimportant so it doesn't matter whether we do them well or not, but we should always remember it's the small things in life that count.

The next time you undertake an objective remember, if it is worth doing, it is worth doing well.

by Doris Hardy

Thousands Await Sectional Opening Game This Morning

That thrill packed time of the year has rolled around again, meaning the Indiana State Basketball Tournament. This is the time of the year when the tickets sell like hotcakes and everyone is basketball happy. The drawings have been made and everyone is awaiting the opening game today. From the drawings it shows that the tournament is wide open. There are over 800 teams in the drawings and 500 of these teams will be eliminated by Saturday night. The South Bend sectional consists of some of the keenest competition in the state. Again Central is chosen by the experts as the winner but there are many a darkhorse gunning for an upset. This will be the eighth time that the sectional event will be run off here at John Adams.

Let us step back in history now for a recap of tourneys of past. Central has won five of the previous seven meets with Adams and Riley each winning one. Last year 1947, Adams was matched against the tourney favorite, Central, and was topped by a score of 49-34. Central took the sectional and the regional, but lost out in the semi-final. Earlier this season the Eagles fell to Central 31-30. Two years ago Riley brought back part of their Championship of 1945 only to be knocked off by John Adams in an overtime contest 40-36. But one upset was all that Lady Luck would hand out and Adams fell to Central by a score of 48-41. Bob Adams, Central great, collected 23 points himself. New Carlisle, the "fairy team" of the tourney gave Central a scare but an overtime stopped their threat 51-47 in the final game. The 1946 sectional tied the individual gym scoring record held by Pete Mount of Lebanon. The record breaker was none other than Carl Zahl, New Carlisle forward, who hit for 31 points against Woodrow Wilson. The previous sectional record was 24 points held by Carl Lloyd. Back in 1945 Adams came through with a 40-38 upset victory to snap Woodrow Wilson's 20 game winning streak. Again ill-luck set in as Adams lost to Lakeville 34-29. This was a year that will be long remembered by Riley fans. This was the year when Riley fought up to the State Finals only to be dropped by Evansville Boose 46-36 in the final game. Then came 1944 the year for John Adams. This year Adams ended up their conference standings with a tie for second place with LaPorte. Adams came through by defeating Woodrow Wilson 55-23, Washington-Clay 52-23, and Mishawaka 35-22. This brought together Adams and the sectional dominating Central. Adams came out of the encounter with a 36-30 victory and the sectional crown. Way back five years ago in 1943 Adams opened with a 50-28 victory over Walkerton only to get dropped by Washington-Clay 43-42. Central came into the sectional with a No. 1 rating in the state. They came out the winner as was expected by defeating Riley 29-26. Typical Indiana basketball took over as Central fell to Elkhart in the regional by a score of 47-43. In 1942 Central again took the sectional by edging out North Liberty 36-32. We complete our little trip down memory lane with the 1941 sectional, the encounter here at Adams. Central was in the driver's seat as they defeated Washington

PLAYERS FAVOR CENTRAL, HOPE DIFFERENTLY

The Tower Telephone Sports Quiz made its debut as a number of basketball boys were asked various opinions of the Sectional. After using a telephone book, road map, and numerous other articles it was discovered that John Weissert's phone was busy. The next number on the list was Don Simon. Don quoted in about twenty minutes that Central would win with Washington-Clay as a prospective trouble maker. Don named Adams as a dark horse if they realize their power. John Weissert says that in order for Adams to win the tournament, Central and Mishawaka will have to lose out before Adams comes along. If Adams comes through John predicts a recap of the 1944 regionals with Adams, Elkhart, Rochester, and Culver. Don Truex claims that Central will get beat, but he is not saying by whom. Don assures a victory for one of the South Bend or Mishawaka schools against the down-towners.

After interrupting Don Lambert from his card game he expressed that the Eagles have been coming up and have the necessary material to give them the best chance to knock off Central. If Central wins, Don says that Culver will drop them from the tourney if they meet in the Regional. Last of all "Moe" Ziker predicts a wide open Sectional with any team having a chance to win.

SECTIONAL TO BE BROADCAST BY WHOT AND WSBT TO STAY-AT-HOMES

Frank Crosier and Joe Boland will be on hand once more to bring the sectional tourney into the homes of those who do not have tickets. WSBT with Joe Boland will broadcast the afternoon and night games. WHOT with Frank Crosier will air the entire tournament. The broadcasts will start early enough to bring the line-ups and tourney news to the listeners. The Northern Indiana Public Service will sponsor the broadcasts.

27-20 in the final game. There it is, seven years of sectionals with Central classed as the "big gun." There are many questions now being asked, who will win the sectional? Will the scoring record be broken? These and many others will be answered after Saturday night. This will probably be one of the best sectionals in history and it

CAGERS MEET WILSON THUR

It couldn't be true, but it is. Adams who for three years straight have drawn the sectional's toughest opponent this year have crossed the river stynx. The Eagles meet Woodrow Wilson in the third game Thursday at 1:30. If the Eagles win they will meet in the final game of their bracket Thursday evening, the winner of the Washington-Washington Clay game. This encounter should be a toss-up as Washington-Clay just barely skimmed by the Panthers in the regular season.

9 of 14 Predict Central to Win; Grand Champion to be Crowned

The annual prediction contest came to a close with a total of fourteen winners. The winner of the Elkhart game was not known at this writing. The boys came out with nine winners to only five for the girls. Of the winners, six were seniors, seven juniors, and one sophomore. The juniors total has increased since the mid-term passing. The four questions asked were: (1) Who will win the sectional? (2) Who will be high point man for that team? (3) If Adams will not win, who will be high point man for our team? (4) How many points will Adams high scorer make? Of the fourteen winners nine chose Central to walk off with the tourney for the sixth time. Three chose Adams, one Mishawaka, and one Washington-Clay. Of the nine who gave Central the nod five said that Bond would lead the scoring. The other four named Davis as high scorer. The vote for the highest scorer for Adams was split up, five named Ziker, four named Dick Truex, three named Don Tuex, and the remaining two chose Keller. The points acquired by one of these players range from 10 to 38. The winner will be announced on March 12, 1948.

Jim McClusky: winner, Central; high scorer, Davis; Adams' high point man, Ziker; total points, 20.

Jack Dickson: Washington-Clay; Cornwall; Ziker; 22.

"Lu" Johnson: Central; Davis; Ziker; 18.

Mary Kasdorf: Central; Davis; Don Truex; 10.

Doris Taylor: Mishawaka; Ver-nasco; Keller; 15.

Jim Millea: Adams; Dick Truex; 32.

Ruth Ortt: Adams; Dick Truex; 19.

Norm Burke: Central; Bond; Keller; 36.

Gene Miller: Central; Bond; Ziker; 28.

Lois Biastock: Adams; Don Truex; 38.

Ben Jurcik: Central; Bond; Ziker; 20.

Eugene Ullery: Central; Davis; Dick Truex; 25.

Jack Kelly: Central; Davis; Dick Truex; 30.

Sharon Tucker: Central; Bond; Don Truex; 21.

should prove a lot of thrills no matter what the outcome.

Adams has beaten both Washington-Clay and Washington during the progress of the regular season. The Eagles beat Washington 31-30 and Washington-Clay 37-31. Here are how the games stack up, Wednesday in the lower bracket: New Carlisle-Madison; North Liberty-South Bend Catholic; Mishawaka-Central, and Riley drew a bye. The drawing pits together the tourney's two favorites, Central and Mishawaka in the opening round. This is probably the best thing that could have ever happened as far as the other thirteen teams are concerned.

In Thursday's games it will be Central Catholic vs Greene Twp.; Lakeville vs. Walkerton; Adams vs. Woodrow Wilson; and Washington vs. Washington-Clay.

As you can plainly see Adams probably got the best draw of anyone. The Eagles should rank as favorites in their bracket. Only the winner of the Washington-Clay - Washington game should stand in their way of advancing to the final round on Saturday. If the Adams cagers can realize their possibilities they can win the sectional. Once before Adams won the sectional — in 1944 — when they whipped Central for the championship. The Eagles later advanced to the regional where they lost to Culver in the final game by two points.

This is the year and as "Moe" Ziker said, "If we don't win this year, we better not come back to school." Let us hope Mr. Ziker is right for there isn't anything that would do Adams more good than winning the sectional.

Sectional Schedule

Wednesday

- 11:00 New Carlisle vs. Madison Twp.
- 1:30 North Liberty vs. South Bend Catholic
- 2:45 Mishawaka vs. Central
- 7:00 Riley vs. winner game 1
- 8:15 winner game 2 and game 3

Thursday

- 9:00 Central Catholic vs. Greene Twp.
- 10:15 Lakeville vs. Walkerton
- 1:30 Adams vs. Woodrow Wilson
- 2:45 Washington vs. Washington Clay
- 7:00 winner games 1 and 2
- 8:15 winner games 3 and 4

CENTRAL AND CAVEMEN BIG GUNS OF TOURNEY

It looks like Mishawaka with Adams and Central moving in on the outside. These are my choices for the teams most likely to succeed in the Sectional. Central will probably loom as the favorite, but this boy is taking Mishawaka or Adams to walk off with the championship. I think the Bears will be upset in the early rounds unless they get in the same bracket as some of the county schools. Adams has an outside chance of winning the sectional if they play the kind of ball they are capable of. With boys like Keller, Ziker, Howell and the Truex twins playing heads up ball, anything can happen, and I sincerely hope it happens for the good. The Eagles have been plagued by bad breaks all season. Ziker missing more than a half dozen games really set the Eagles back on their heels, and Dick Truex missing two games was another severe blow. Add to this Don Lambert's seige of pneumonia, and you will really have a headache.

The fellows have been improving quite a bit lately, and if they have any kind of luck in the draw, they may give Adams its second sectional championship.

Riley and Washington have showed some promise lately. The Cats' new lineup has been inspiring. Whitmer and Overholser have been looking especially good. When you have a player like Jerome Goralczyk of Washington on your side you don't holler "Uncle" very easily. Central Catholic has had another drab season. However, their young coach, Bill Meehan, may have a few tricks up his sleeve with such players as Phil Vanderbosch, John Barany, and Dick Andrzejewski on hand.

As far as county schools go, Washington-Clay looks like the best bet, with New Carlisle a near-by second. The Colonials have Russ Huss, Kenny Call, and Don Cromwell back from their last year's team. Huss was the hottest man in the tourney last year and could well be again this year. New Carlisle's county tournament champions seem to take a liking to this floor. Their three main cogs are Jack Palmer, Joe Stayback, and Jim Agnes. Lakeville has always played good tournament basketball. However, the Trojans are by no means a threat to steal the title this year.

by Jack Highberger

VARSITY RAPS NAPPANEE; DON TRUEX SCORES 16

The John Adams Eagles looked up to their expectations by trouncing the Nappanee Bulldogs 51-40. Adams led throughout the game and were not threatened seriously the entire game. Don Truex led the scoring with six field goals and four free throws for a total of fifteen points. Adams finally gained control of the backboard which they lacked in most of their other games. Harold Hershberger, the Naps' ace scorer, led the Bulldogs with a total of seventeen points. Adams was called for twenty-two fouls with Harold Ziker and Dick Truex fouling out. The win was Adams' ninth against seven setbacks.

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NETTERS FOLD IN FOURTH LOSE TO NOLL CAGERS SCORE 57-56

Blowing leads of 18-8, 24-8, 33-22 and 43-38 the Adams Eagles handed Bishop Noll of Hammand a 57-56 victory. For two quarters the Eagles were busier than a one-eyed dog in a sausage factory as they went about putting in baskets with uncanny accuracy. Don Truex pushed the Eagles ahead in the first quarter as he hit for three baskets and two free throws. The Eagles started out with a bang and it looked as if Hammond officials would call the game at the half due to a humiliating score; however, the parochial boys kept plugging and with Paul Hajdich scoring as he pleased, the Bishop Noll quintet gradually closed the gap that looked like an incomparable project only minutes before.

The Eagles held a 52-50 lead with less than four minutes to play; but shortly thereafter, the roof fell in and scarcely before the east siders had a chance to pick up their marbles and go home, Noll had passed them on the score board. Ziker meshed two free throws to tie the score at 54 all. The Warriors promptly went to work again and hooped in another two pointer. With seconds remaining Dick Truex drew his fifth personal foul on John Dermody and the leading scorer of the Calumet district made it. Don Lambert hit for Adams with just barely enough time left for Noll take the ball out.

HIGHLIGHTS

BY HIGHBERGER

Today's the big day. They'll be coming from hither and yon today to John Adams' gymnasium "the promised land" for some fifteen teams from the hills and valleys of St. Joseph county. The reason they'll be coming if you haven't guessed by now is the sectional tournament, the curtain raiser that precedes the state finals in Indianapolis. This Sectional is probably the toughest outside of the tourney at Evansville. Any three of these schools—Central, Mishawaka and Adams could win the tourney. I personally believe Mishawaka has a good chance of upsetting the dopesters and coming out the winner. Adams will need some pretty good breaks to win. There's no use covering up this fact. The Eagles have the material to produce a winner and it is entirely up to them as to whether Adams goes beyond the first game.

Those who are unable to get tickets to the tourney can tune into WHOT or WSBT, South Bend's two tournament stations, for complete or partial coverage of the big event of the week-end.

School field will not be available for track this spring because of the remodeling of School Field. Coach A. T. Krider hopes to hold some of the thinlies meets at Notre Dame; if this can't be arranged the Eagles will have to appear on foreign soil in all their meets this season. Jim Crowe has announced an eight game playing card for his 1948 gridmen. The Sept. 10 opening date on the Eagles' schedule is still vacant.

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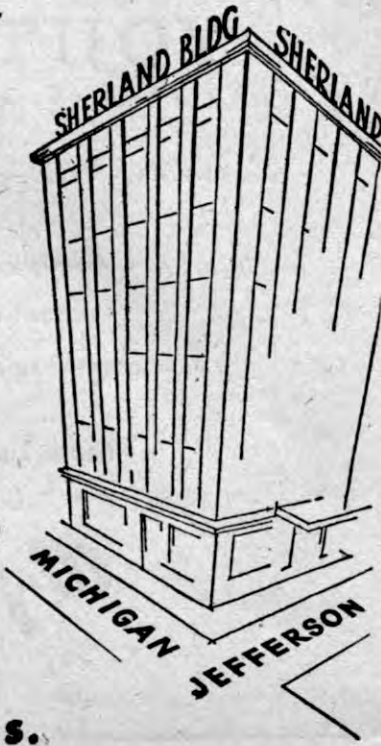
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