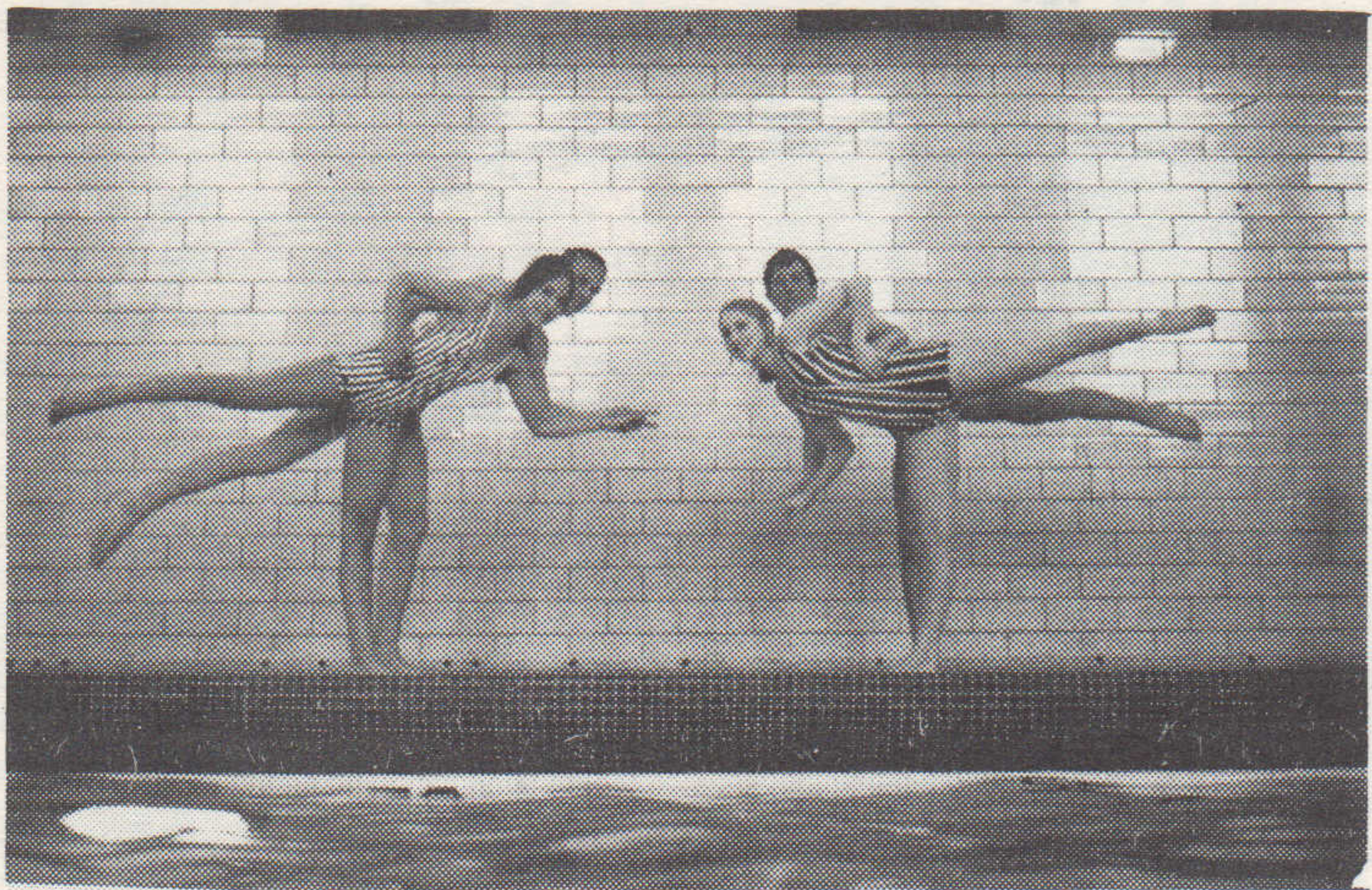


Dolphinettes To Splash Way Through Movie Themes



Boys Help In Routines

Practice, practice, practice. That's what it takes to become a dolphinette. During the past years the girls have put on shows with much success, and this year is not an exception. Every morning and after school the girls come in for practice in order to achieve the perfection that is needed to make the Spring show possible. The girls are put into certain groups according to their ability and age.

There are also a few dolphins who will be in the show doing duets with the dolphinettes. These boys have to make an extra effort to achieve the grace, and the aquatic acrobatics that the girls have.

Coach Gary Ackerson will be sponsoring the girls, as in past years. He helps the girls work out their routines, and makes them work hard. As he has said, "There could always be a clown act if they don't want to work hard."

The theme for the show will be "Movies." Debbie Scott has been selected for the solo. The selected dates for the show are April 15, 16, and 17. It is held for three nights so everyone has a chance to come and see it. There will also be various duets and group routines. It will be held in the Rocky pool, and tickets will be sold at the door.

LORI GOLDSMITH AND Jim Lohmier team up with Janet Minner and Eric Ghan as they practice their deck routine for the Dolphinette show.

Nostalgia Theme For R I Prom

This year's Junior-Senior Prom will be held on May 15, at the Sheraton Motor Inn's Ballroom. The music will be provided by the Ambassadors. The theme will be a nostalgic-look at the 1920's and 30's. A large, revolving, mirrored ball will be in the center of the room.

Committees are in the process of being formed, and they will schedule meetings before school at 8 a.m. in Room 222. Mr. Arnold Casey, a Jr. Class sponsor, is helping the officers and the different committees in their work.

Committees for Prom are as follows: Finance, Publicity, Tickets and Bids, Chaperons, the Receiving Line, Properties, Decorations, Refreshments, Grievance, Pictures, Backdrop, and Clean-up. Officers are in the process of choosing people for the committees, and ask if there are others wishing to work on a committee to please contact one of the Jr. Class officers.

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THE STAGE IS set, as Debbie Foley and Susan Schultz read their lines in an effort to be chosen for female parts in Lo and Behold!, the senior class play.

Tryouts Held For Senior Class Play

Lo and Behold!, a comedy in three acts, written by John Patrick, has been chosen as the senior class play to be presented Thursday, May 7 at 8 P.M.

Results of the tryouts held during the week of March 15 re-

veal that the part of a Nobel Prize winner, Milo Alcott, will be portrayed by Roy Phelps; the part of Mr. Wingate portrayed by Theodore Jamison; Daisy Durdle played by Susie Cooper; and the part of Dr. Robert Dorsey portrayed by Jeff Hendrickson.

Completing the cast are Susan Schultz as an unfortunate Indian maid; Doug DeMeyer as Kenneth Moose; Bridget Kennedy as Honey Wainwright; and Tom Taylor as Jack McDougal.

The play is under the direction of Mr. F. Eugene Malcom, with Debbie Foley as assistant director.

Hunger March Set For May

Rock Island high school will be one of several thousand high schools across the nation participating in a "March for Hunger" slated for May 8.

Participating students must find a sponsor who will offer to pay a certain amount per mile walked. After a rally in the stadium, they will hike a thirty-mile course with checkpoints every four miles. At the end of the march, the money "earned" by each student will be donated to the American Freedom From Hunger Foundation.

The local project will be supervised by the Senate.

To generate enthusiasm for the project, a film on the March For Hunger in Milwaukee was shown in the March 26 assembly.

News Briefs

Swimmer, Keith Gilliam has made the All American High School Team for the last three consecutive years. Keith and his brother Marc have been the only ones to do this since 1964.

For the past few weeks the Senate has been sponsoring a "clean-up-the-cafeteria" program. If the cafeteria is clean at the end of the lunch hour every day for a month the student body

will again be able to purchase ice cream and potato chips.

Buy-a-Bod day was held Friday, March 26. Students were able to purchase senators and the highest bidder could have the senators carry his books, polish his shoes, etc. for the day.

The ACT test will be given April 24 to all Juniors who registered by March 22.

Red Letter Days

- April 1- Grub Day
- April 2- Vacation Begins
- April 2- Senate Dance
- April 9- Good Friday
- April 10- School Board Election
- April 11- Easter
- April 12- School Resumes
- April 16- Alfred Page Assembly
- April 21- College Night
- April 24- ACT Test

School Board Members To Be Elected April 10

The principal does not make the major policy decisions for Rocky--the Board of Education does. Saturday, April 10, voters will decide which two candidates will fill the vacancies on the five member board.

Seven citizens have petitioned for the two offices, which offer no salary. They are the incumbent Rev. William Grimes, John Hannan, Carroll Keopplinger, Frank Mack, Anita Murrens, Donald Peterson, and Rosaline Zukerman. Many of them have impressive records of civic involvement which are of special significance to us.

At the PTA meeting on March 25, each expressed the need for education to be geared to the individual, to help each person achieve his potential. The special needs of children are sometimes ignored. Pleas for the emotionally disturbed, kids with reading problems, and drug counselling were heard. Any Rocky student can testify that we have such problems and needs.

These candidates will definitely affect our school. They all know that youth deserves to be listened to, and they are willing to listen. Let us urge our parents to vote in this election which touches us so closely.

Weighted Grades Possible In Future

A revolutionary way of grading for R. I. H. S. might be used next year. A weighted grading system was recently recommended by the Report Card Committee, made up of school personnel, parents, and students of the high school and junior highs. We feel this proposed system would make more sense than the present one, where an "A" in Senior Arithmetic is equal to an A in Calculus.

Courses would be put into one of three categories; accelerated, regular, or remedial. An "A" in an accelerated class would be worth 5 points; in a regular class, 4 points; and in a remedial class, 3 points.

This proposed system would have a marked affect on class rank, which is one of the factors that colleges look at on applications.

If a person has taken many college prep courses and has made good grades in them, he will have a better average than someone who made good grades in Basketweaving. Certainly someone who did well in tough courses is more knowledgeable than someone who slid through on only required subjects.

Review

by Cheryl Riley

Cromwell Seeks Revolt

Cromwell, portrayed by Richard Harris, is an earnest and angry man. What is he angry about? King Charles I of England and the dictating power of the throne.

Cromwell's anger, along with other Englishmen, is pushed to its peak when King Charles I (Alec Guinness) dissolves Parliament. As a result England experiences a civil war. At the first battle, the King's troops are victorious and it looks hopeless for Lord Manchester and his army, but Cromwell helps to strengthen this army and at the end of the war, they overcome the King's forces. Charles I is charged with high treason and is beheaded. The members of Parliament ask Crom-



RICHARD HARRIS STARS as the lead in the movie *Cromwell*.

well to be king but he refuses. For the next five years before his death Cromwell is Lord Protector of England.

Outstanding acting, especially on the part of Harris, and fine production make *Cromwell* an excellent and exciting film.

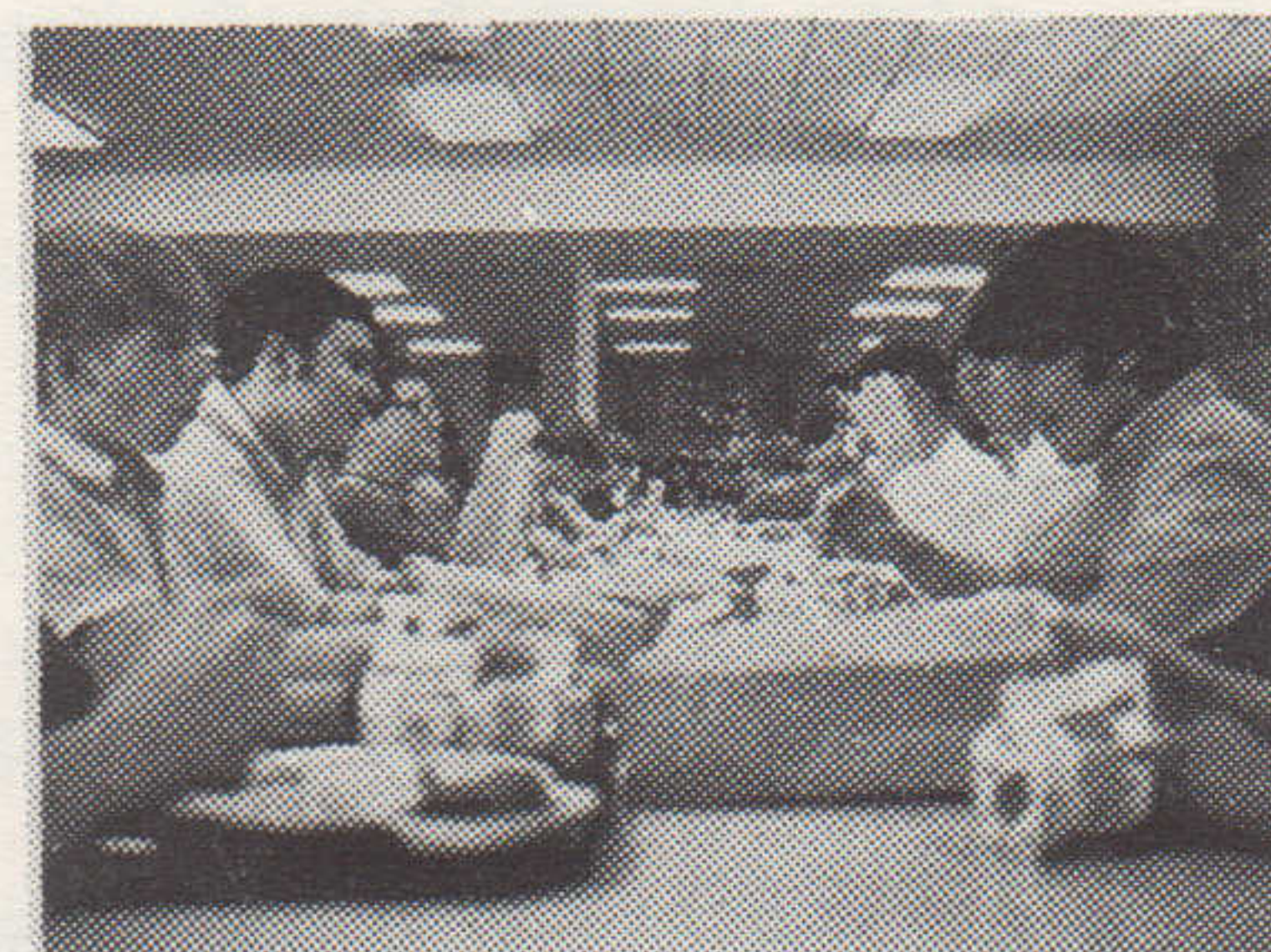


Cafeteria Has Improved Slightly

The Rocky High School cafeteria has been in poor condition recently. To improve the situation the Student Senate has set up a committee to work toward making the school's lunch hour a cleaner one.

These students have used various methods to drum up student cooperation. During morning announcements, pleas have been directed at students to dispose of their own trash. The committee has also posted signs pertaining to the crisis.

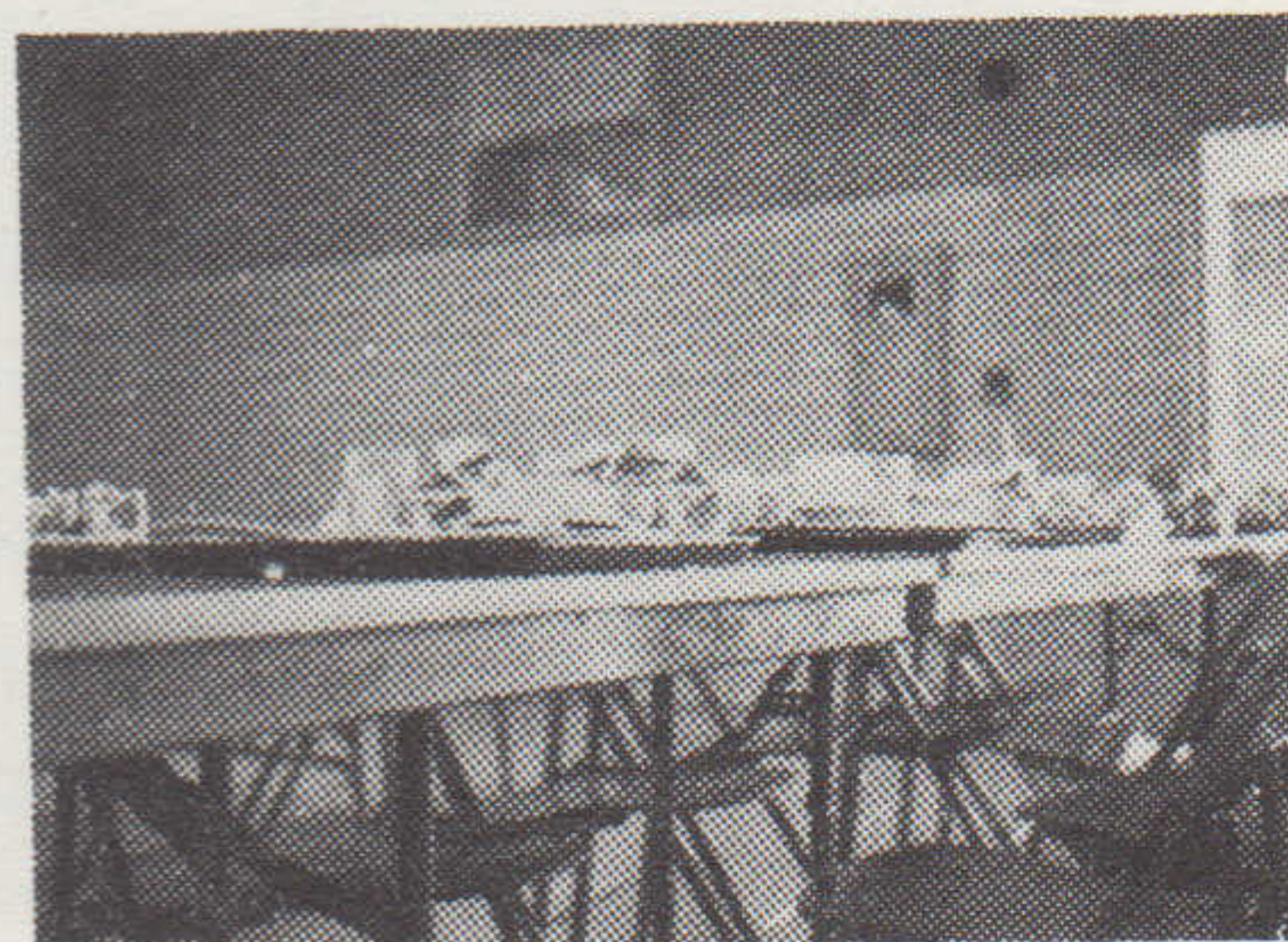
Principal Harold Voyles noted that the situation in the cafeteria has improved "slightly." Mr.



THE MESSY HABIT of eating is displayed by many students.

Voyles has no specific plans toward improving the cafeteria. He feels that improvement, "rests upon the desire of the students. Students need a sense of belonging. They should develop more pride in their cafeteria."

Mr. Voyles also pointed out that as soon as there is a noticeable improvement in the cafeteria, candy machines and other concessions will be installed. These will probably have to be put in the lounge, as the installation of concessions along with a regular school lunch is against the state law. If the cafeteria improves, students will be rewarded.



STREWN TRAYS AND milk cartons end another fulfilled lunch.

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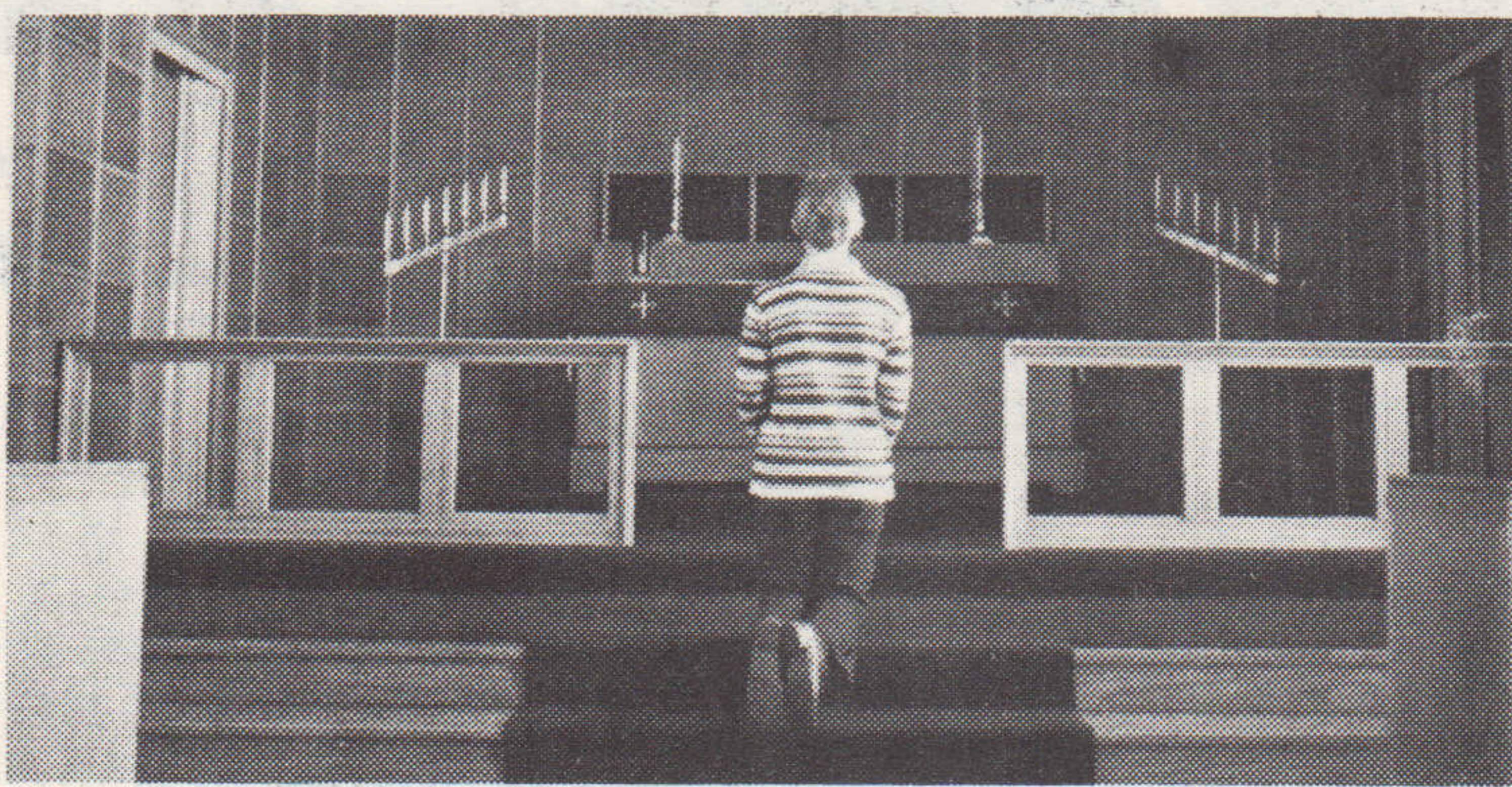
MATZAH MEANS MEMORIES

by Craig Ezring

About thirty-five hundred years ago, Moses led the Children of Israel to freedom. Since then the Jews throughout the world commemorate their Liberation from slavery, by observing the holiday of Passover.

The original Passover was observed in Egypt, as the Lord instructed Moses to tell the Children of Israel to select a perfect lamb for each family on the tenth day of the first month. Then, on the fourteenth day, they should slaughter the lambs, and put the blood on their doorposts, this would protect them from the tenth plague, (The killing of the first born). The Israelites were also told to be ready to travel at the slightest notice.

Since they were to leave quickly, they had no time to let dough rise, so they took unleavened bread, (matzah) Because of this the lamb was eaten with the



EASTER AND PASSOVER are a very special time of worship that brings many people to churches and temples. Some people prefer to worship alone.

matzah, instead of leavened bread. Later on matzah was called The Bread of Affliction.

During the first two nights of Passover, most traditional Jews

have Seders, in which symbolic foods are used and the story of the Exodus is retold. The word Seder means order. A certain order of service is followed during this

family gathering.

According to the Psalmist (King David), "Wine makes the heart of man merry", so every Jewish festival begins with a sanctification prayer followed by the sipping of the wine. In the Bible, G-d uses four different terms in promising to take the Children of Israel out of Egypt, so four cups of wine are sipped from during the Seder. Bitter herbs are eaten to remind us of the bitterness of slavery.

In Israel, and worldwide Reform Jews, observe Passover for seven days. Traditional Jews, that live outside of Israel, celebrate it for eight days.

Since there is to be no leavening of any kind in the house, it is cleaned and searched very carefully before the holiday.

School Resumes June 14

Students wishing to enroll in the Summer School Program must complete all registrations and payment of fees by June 11 in the Rock Island high school office.

Classes will begin Monday, June 14 and will end Friday, July 23.

One-half credit will be granted for a two-hour, one-semester course; and one-whole credit for a four-hour, two-

semester course.

Tuition for a two-hour, one-quarter subject will be \$15. One-hour, non-credit courses will cost \$12.50. Advanced Algebra, Art Enrichment, American Government, Economics, Speech, and Personal Typing will be given as two-hour, one-half credit courses for \$25 each.

Algebra I, American History, Chemistry, English 10-11-12, Plane Geometry, Spanish I, and World History can be taken for \$50 a-piece. Biology I will cost \$65. All of these are four-hour, one-credit courses.

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EASTER VACATI FOOLS ABOUND ALL AROUND

by Rosemary White

'Tis a fair Trick, by ancient Rules- The God has made us April-Fools.

--Wm. Congreve

Many explanations have been offered for the custom of playing jokes on the 1st of April, but there is agreement on none of them. The impression prevails that the custom has something to do with the observance of the spring equinox. In India, the Feast of Huli has been celebrated for numerous centuries by sending people on foolish errands.

Another theory is that it is a relic of the Roman Cerealia, held

at the beginning of April. According to the legend, Proserpina had been filling her lap with daffodils in the Elysian meadows when Pluto carried her screaming to the lower world. Ceres her mother, heard the echo of the screams and went in search of the voice, but her search was like a fool's errand for it was impossible to find the echo.

April Fooling became customary in France after the adoption of the reformed calendar in 1564. Many of the pranks performed were: a sign pinned on the back of a person that said "kick me"; a purse with a string tied to it, laid in the middle of a sidewalk and when a person goes to pick it up, another person in the bushes snatches it away; or a brick set under a hat for someone to kick not knowing the brick is there; or cotton, salt, or pepper balls covered with chocolate.

As we know April Fools, they are called other things in other countries. In France such fools are April Fish, and in Scotland they are called April Gowk (meaning cuckoo).

In the Congreve play, *The Old Bachelor*, (1693) this explanation was found: "There is an old French rhyme, 'Quand les fibres sont en fluer, / Les fous sont en vigueur' which means; When the beans are in flower, fools are in full strength. This may explain the origin of April Fool on Poisson d'Avril, as the French call it, the ancient notion, not without foundation, that the springtime is especially fruitful in folly.

Thus, beware of April Fool's Day.



The World Celebrates April Fools' Day

by Yoko Yamada

"On the first day of April, hunt the gowk another mile." This old Scottish verse tells something about their April Fools' Day. Hunting the gowk was a fruitless errand; so was hunting for hen's teeth, for a square circle or for stir-up oil, the last-named proving to be several strokes from a leather strap. "April Fools" are called "April gowks."

Englishmen can play their April Fools' Day trick only in the morning, with fooled Englishmen named "noddies." April Fools' Day has been celebrated since the 18th century.

If a Portuguese would come to America, he might observe April Fools' Day twice, on the Sunday and the Monday before Lent, according to their custom. They might even throw flour at their friends! (This is their traditional trick.)

Mexico and India have two April Fools' Day on the same days as Portuguese do. They were on February 21 and the 22 this year. Besides in India, they have their spring Festival, "The Feast of Huli", which ends on March 31, in which tricks and pranks play a large part.

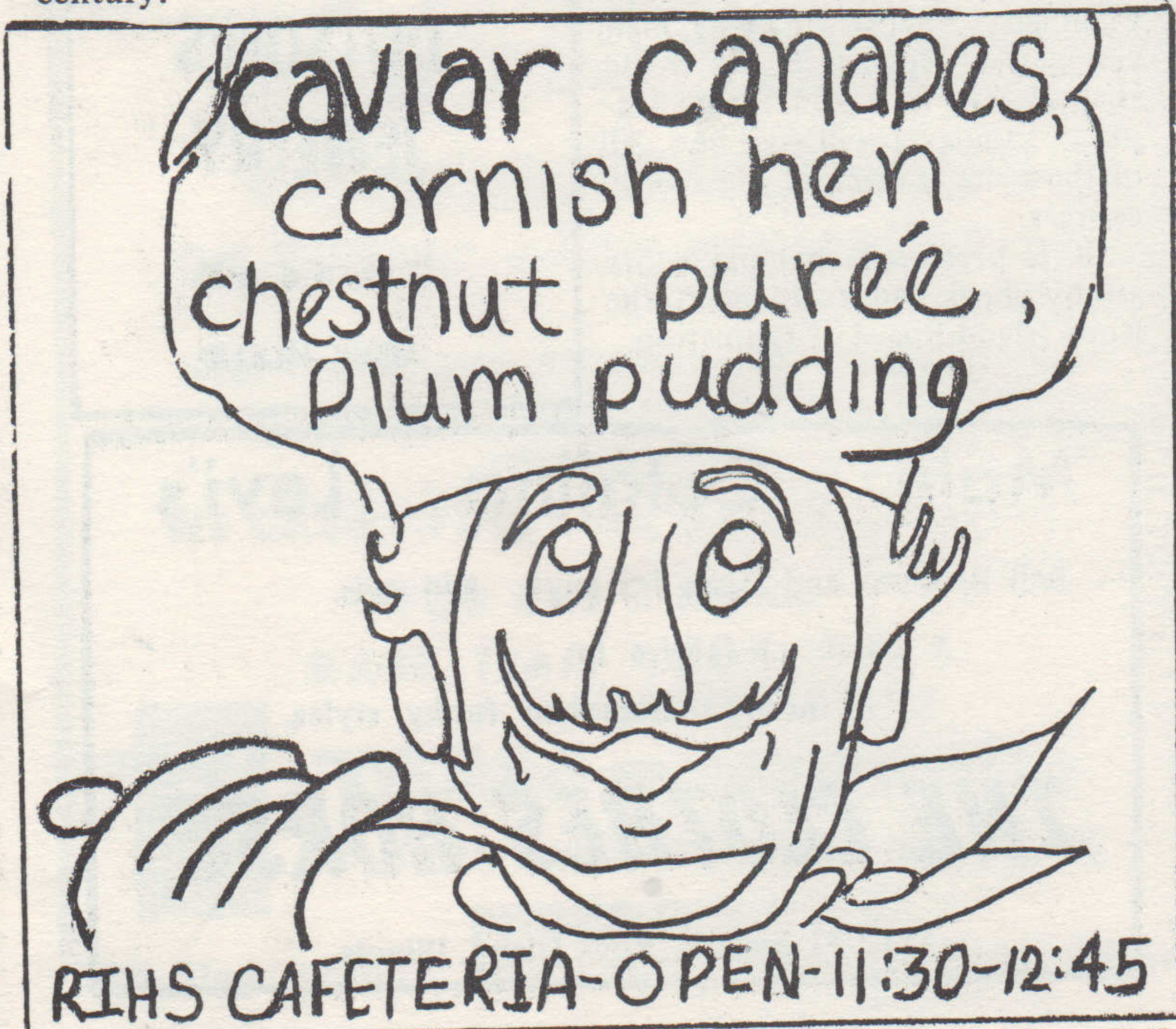
In France, the original country

of April Fools' Day, a fooled person is called "an April fish." Whether this is because the sun is leaving the zodiacal sign of Pisces at that time, or because April fish are easily caught no one knows.

"April Fools' Day in my own country," Sabine Merki, Rocky's AFS Exchange student from Switzerland relates, "is just the same as is celebrated in America. We have it on April first, when everybody is allowed to lie; however, nobody takes it very serious, and people really enjoy it every year."

No difference was found in Japan, either, where Yoko Yamada, the other AFS Exchange student is from. "We, the Japanese, also call the day 'April Fools' day!"

Even if the day or the custom is a little bit different, April fools are everywhere in the world worth a lot of laughter.



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April Fool Dates Odd In History

by Sandy Burfield

Throughout history on April Fool's Day, events have taken place sharply in contrast with the holiday's tradition.

For example:

1548- Sigismund I, King of Poland, died. (A great tragedy)

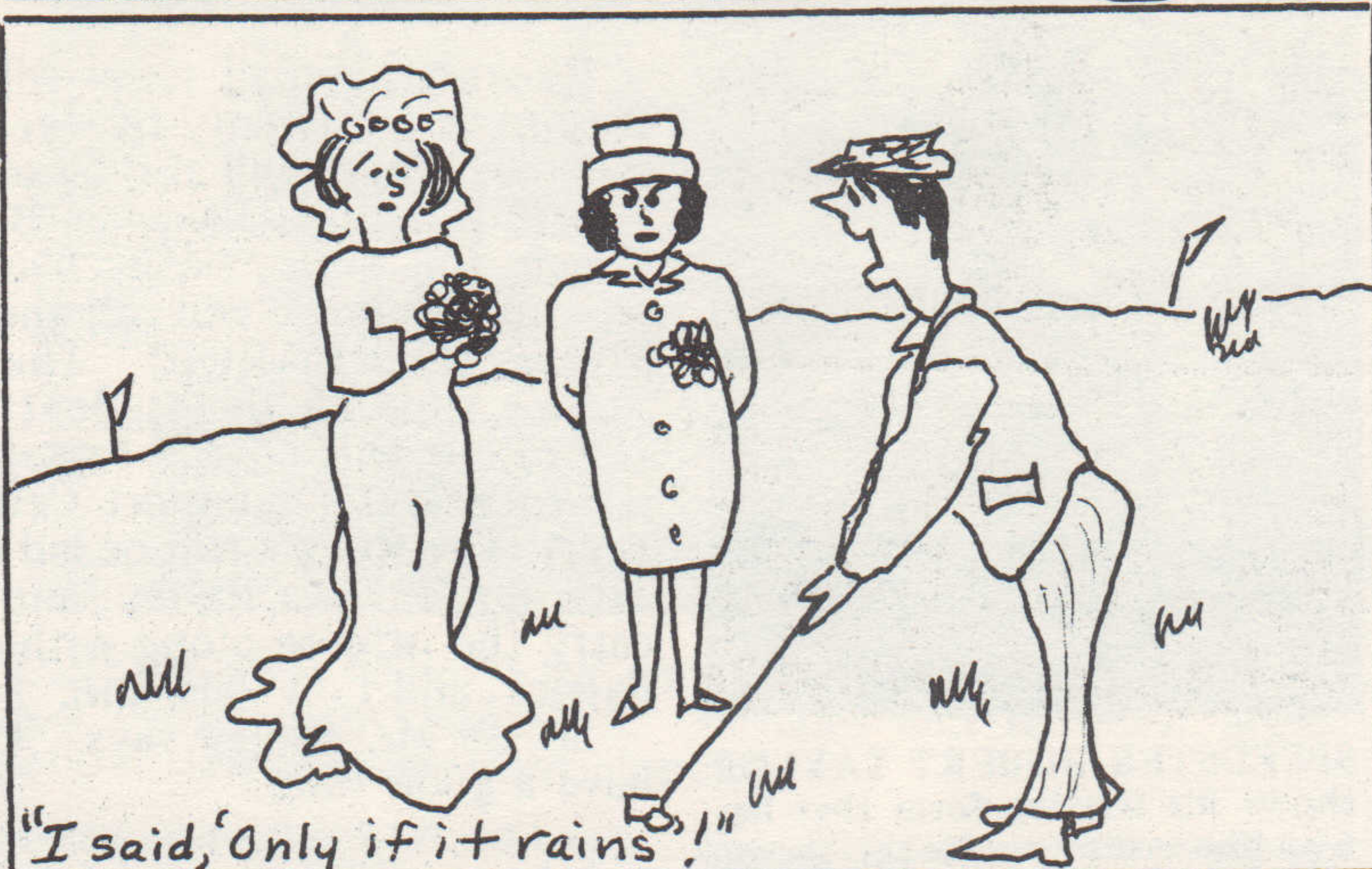
1861- William F. Steward, Secretary of State on the Lincoln Administration, submits to the President a memorandum entitled: "Some thoughts for the President's Consideration," offering to take over the real operation of the government. Lincoln firmly said for Steward to, in effect, "mind his own foolheaded business."

1920- The N.Y. legislature in Albany expels five of its duly elected members after hearing them admit they are Socialists. Today the premature expiration is due to...

1931- For the first time in baseball history, V.B. "Jackie" Mitchell, 19, became the first woman baseball pitcher engaged by an organized male baseball team. As today, female participation can at least build morale. The team didn't benefit much, but Jackie had many a laugh.

1954- The Battle of Okinawa began- (WW II) The war wasn't a joke, but 1954 in general was.

1971- Harold Voyles, principal of Rock Island High, holds a private "Buy a Bod Day", hiring Tiny Tim to carry out requests. (Would you believe?)



Sportscaster Tells All To Reporter

by Roy Phelps

Dandy Don Flat was head chink and bench warmer at his alma mater, Crumb High. Dandy Don is now an incredible ace basketball analyst and is the darling of the radio set. The following is an account of an exciting interview with Dandy.

"First off, tell us about the last game you were at."

"Last game, I used 3,945 trite expressions in one game. That's a record. I also second guess the coach 91 times and I was wrong 91 times. The high point of the game was during the pompom routine at halftime. I was the only one who noticed that the eighth cheerleader from the end in the ninth row was braless!"

"What was your worst moment in broadcasting, Dandy Don?"

"The Rocky-Davenport West game. I got mixed up and thought I was Dandy Don Fennelly."

"How do you prepare for a game, Dandy?"

"First, I study the sportscaster's bible, Up to Date Trite Expressions. Then I watch old sports movies to pick up classics like, 'It's a real barnburner!' I also brush up on starts like, 'What player holds the record for shooting free-throws with eyes crossed while standing upside down?'"

"Well thanks for the interview Dandy Don."

"Wanna see my sports bubble gum cards? They're real neat. I've got Buns, Allie the Great, J. 'Dave' Riley, the Wizard of Oz, and..."

"GOODNIGHT Dandy Don!"

April 1 Great Party Night

by Cheryl Riley

Have you ever gone to a party on the night of April 1 and been served marble cake with real marbles, for the drink you were served orange juice made out of egg yolks? This is what happened to me and when I went to relieve myself, I found myself in a rather sticky situation. Someone had misplaced cellophane wrapping over the toilet bowl and on the seat was spilled Karo syrup.

After I finally pulled myself away I learned that someone had removed the inside door knob and it looked like I would be there for the rest of the night. By the time I figured out how to get out the rest of the group were talking and laughing and a few couples were dancing. I sat down in the closest chair to me which I found out only a few minutes later had been charged with a slight voltage.

I was still a little leery of food but the popcorn balls sitting on one of the tables were too much to pass up. I dug my teeth into them and came up with a mouth full of chewy, sticky bubble gum.

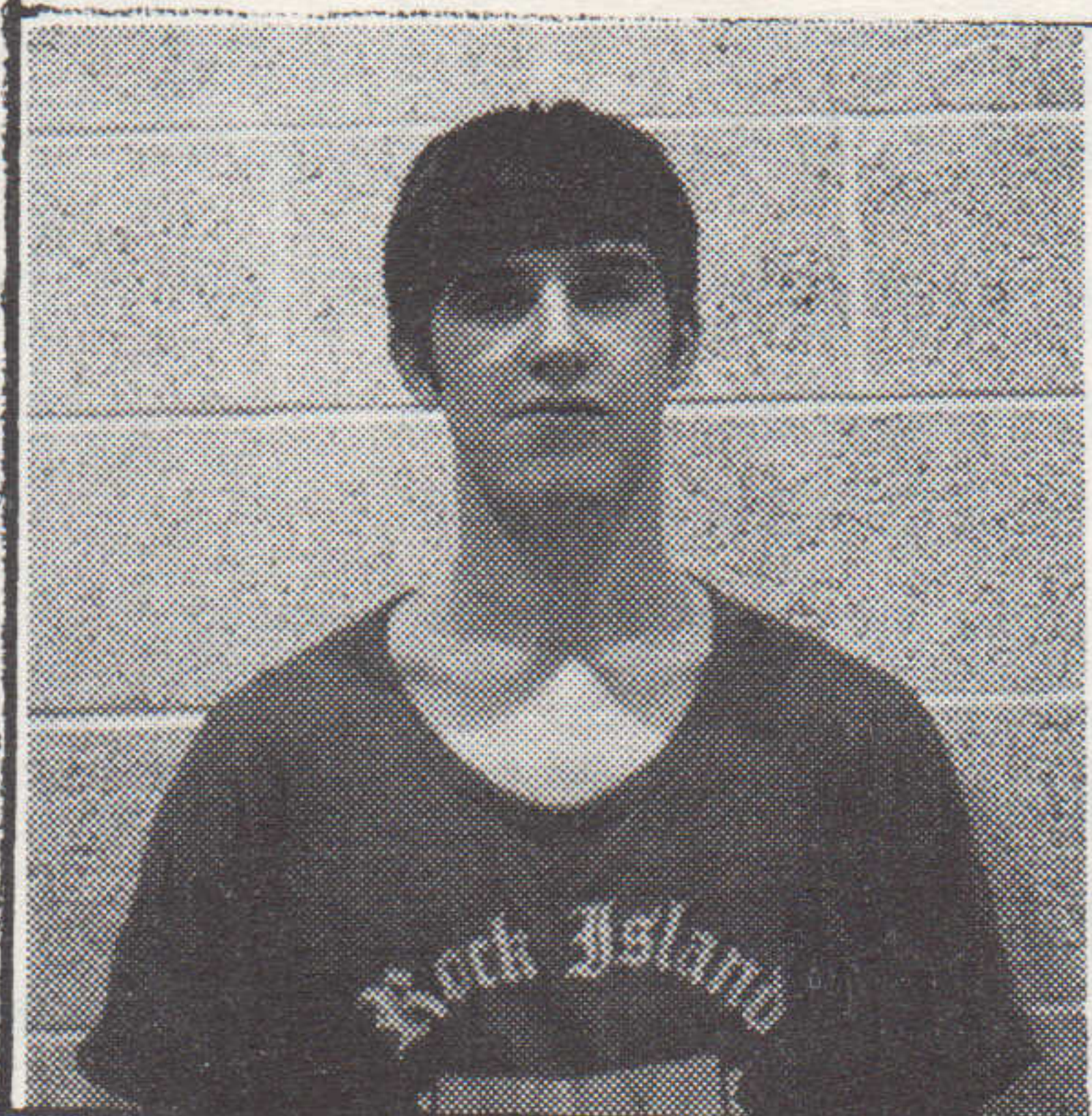
I went into the kitchen to try to wipe some of it off and when I came back out to mingle with everyone, the entire party had gone home.

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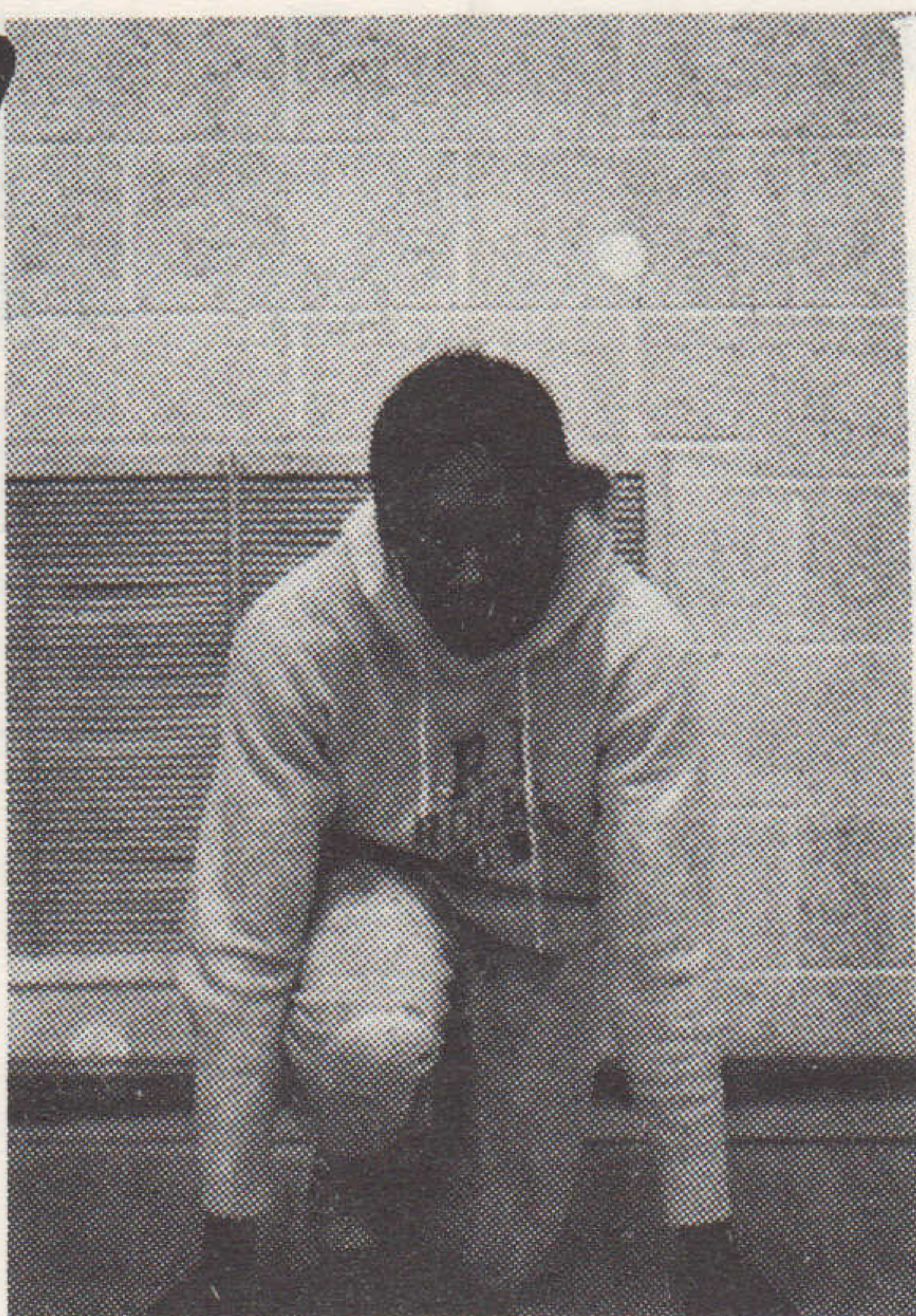


R I Cindermen In Quest Of Metro Crown

After a season of rebuilding, the track team will be legging it out against a tough East Moline squad for the Quad-City Metro track title. The 1971 squad is comprised of juniors and seniors which will give the Rocks depth in most events.

According to track coach Duane Bonsall, "The Macomb Invitational was a good yardstick to measure the season by." In the meet Robert Taylor led the way by running the quarter-mile in a record breaking 51.1 seconds and hurdler John Osborn was converted to the half mile which will add depth to the distance events.

At this early stage the cindermen's strength lies in the sprints and mile relay, and in the weight department headed up by Al Foster putting the shot and John Yeager throwing the spherical plate.



SPEEDSTER ROBERT TAYLOR shows his starting form that has won him several events this season.

The outstanding track members are Bob Taylor, quarter mile, John Osborn, half mile; Perry Bradley, mile; the mile relay team consisting of Steve Lewis, Cleveland Ellis, Del Thorton and Robert Taylor. Weight men Yeager and Foster round out the top squad. These members are staunchly supported by Greg Carlsen, Dave Nixon, Dan Geier, Keith Miller, and Dave Willets.

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"Charge!" R I Bleacher Bums Will Cheer Throughout Season

Rocky's baseball team will have a new colorful look this season. After twenty-five years, they will finally sport new uniforms. There will also be some colorful pre-game surprises.

Jeff Dorman's Bleacher Bums, with the help of Assistant Coach Jim Seeley, will cheer in full stride throughout the season. The bugle will call and the B-Bums will sound off with a massive "CHARGE!" This is all part of the new spirit surging through the student body.

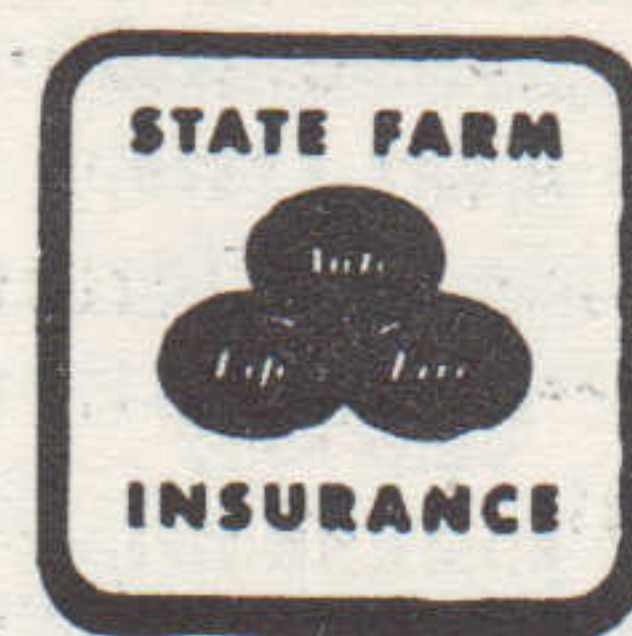
April 6 will be the season opener, in which Rocky will try to defeat Davenport Central for the first time in seven years. The Rock's will be led by the pitching of Barry Barnes, Jack Lund, Dave Breiby, and Steve Fenton. Jack Pagett will carry the offense along with Bruce Walker, Gary Reiff, Mike Patrick, and Lou Valsoano.

So, as Mr. Seeley says, "Come out, watch the game, and have a good time."

R I Netters Start Season

Rock Island might have another good year in tennis. After winning thirty-one matches in a row, and going undefeated last fall, the boys team started the season with yesterday's match with Sterling. Saturday, April 3, the team will head for the Arlington Heights Invitational Tournament to battle several teams from Chicago suburban schools. The team will be headed by senior Steve Briggs and Sophomore Dick Hainline.

The girls' team may turn out to be as formidable as the boys' after opening the season yesterday against Davenport Central. The team will go into action Friday, April 2, against Alleman's girls' team in a cross-town match, followed by a match on April 13 with Davenport West.



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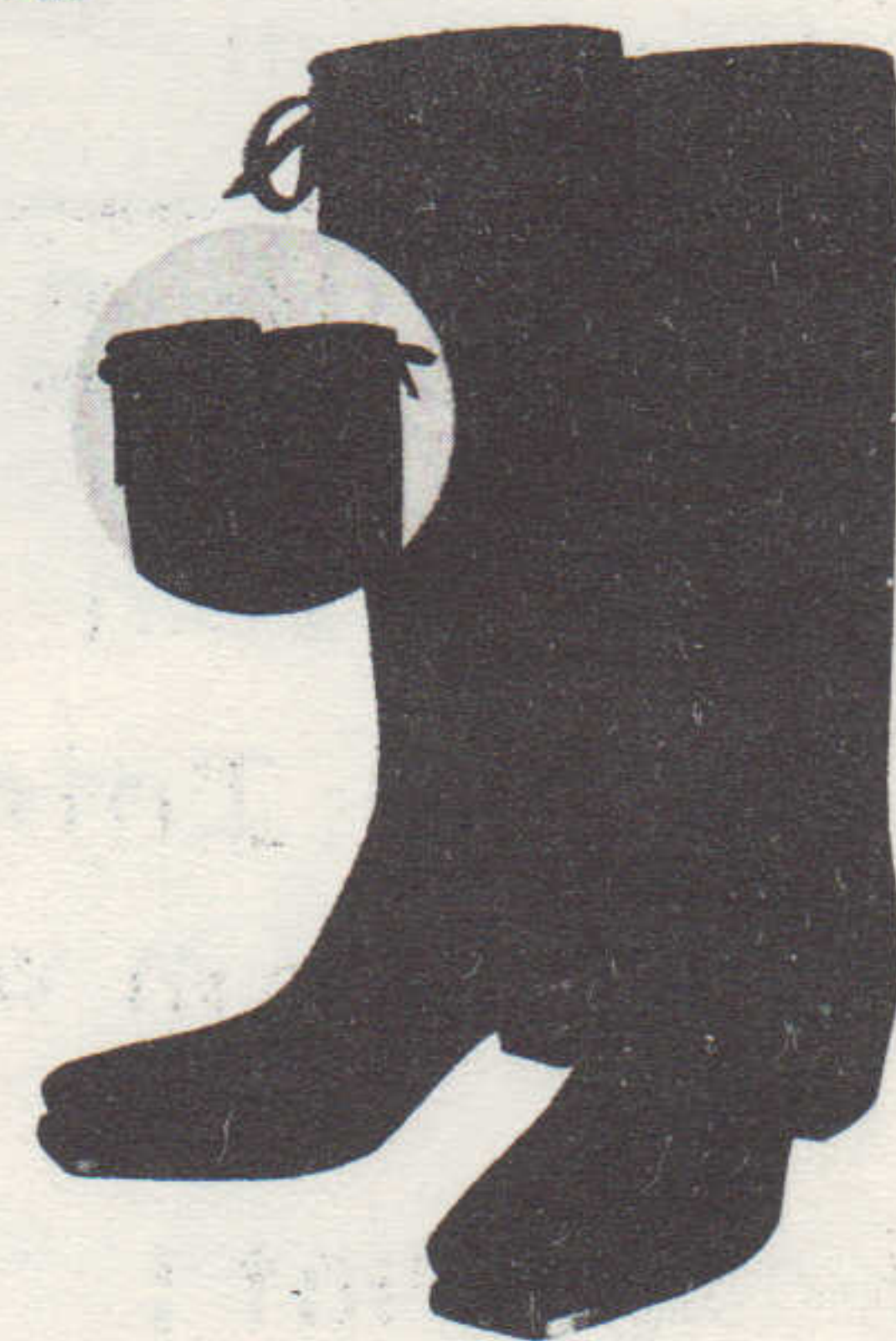
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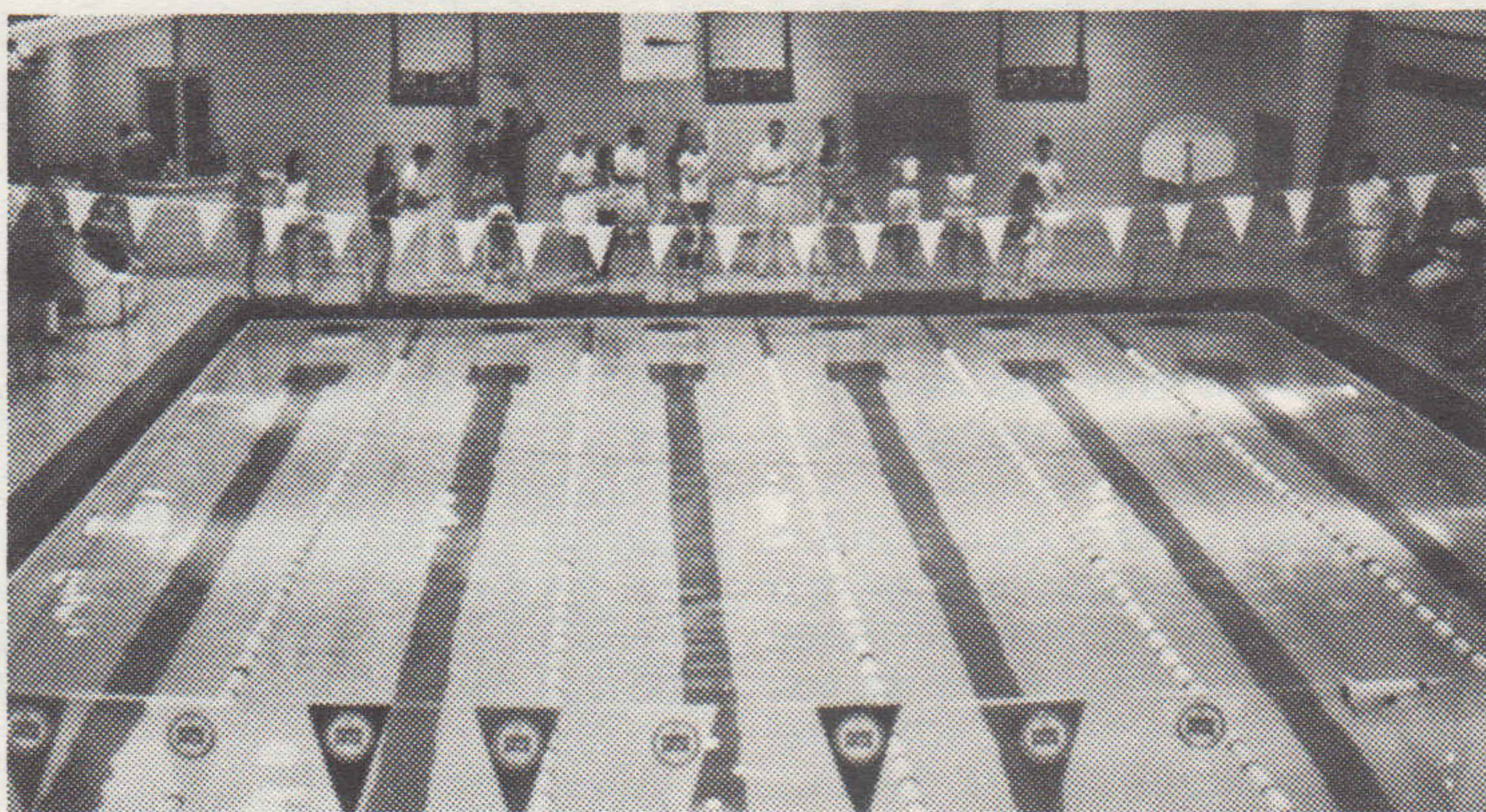
Tankers Honored During Banquet

The Rock Island Swimming banquet was held Thursday, March 11, at 6:30, in the Rock Island YWCA gym. Master of Ceremonies were Bill Morgan and Keith Gilliam. A roast beef dinner was served.

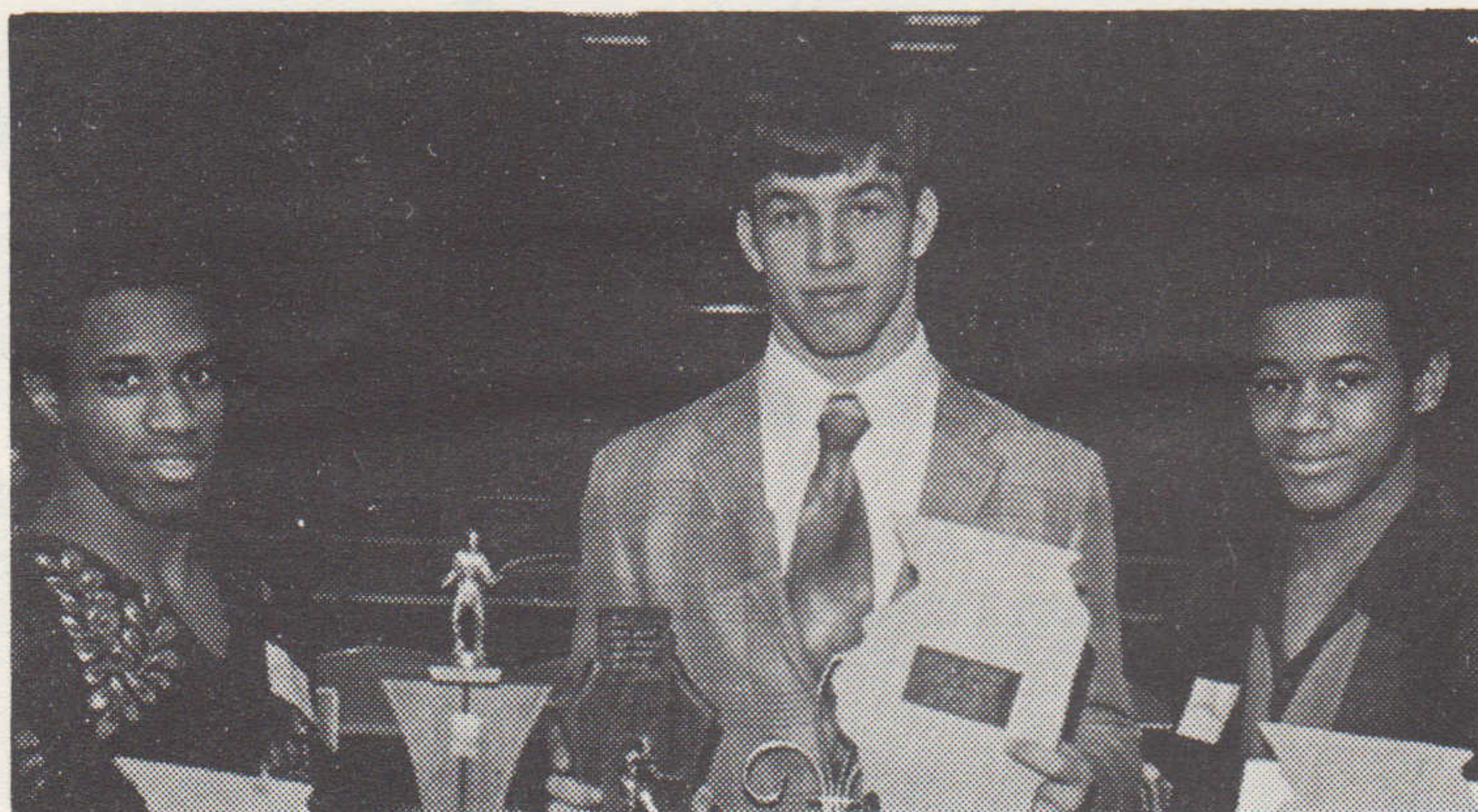
Coaches were given gifts of appreciation by the seniors. Keith Gilliam was chairman of making the "Last Will and Testament" and John Chappell of the senior skit.

Coaches Fred Friedrichsen, Lee Keller, and Ken Knapp presented the swimming awards to the team. First year awards went to Jim Lohmeier, Rod Brewer, North Jersild, Mark Greenleaf, Ken Shoemaker, and Dave Andrews. Second year awards were received by Jeff Punkiewicz, Al Jackson, Jeff Kolinchinsky, John Chappell, and Bill Morgan. The third year award was won by Keith Gilliam.

Special awards went to Dave Andrews, who was voted outstanding freshman swimmer; Ken Shoemaker, outstanding junior, and most improved; and Keith Gilliam, outstanding senior and All-American.



ROCK'S DOLPHINS PREPARE for one of the season's duel meets. They ended the season with a 5-9 record, winning a seventh place in the State meet and taking second in the Clinton Invitational.



WRESTLERS FROM LEFT to right, Ronel Muskeyvalley, Rick Benz, and John Angel proudly display trophies won during State competition held recently in Champaign.

Benz Given MVP Award

The annual matmen's banquet took place in the school cafeteria Monday evening, March 8. Senior Rick Benz, at 167 pounds captured top honors for the 1970-71 grappling season.

Rick was named Most Valuable Player and Captain of the 1970-71 squad.

Benz's record for the season was 28-2. He led his teammates in tallying 120 points. He had a total of 23 take downs and pinned 20 of his opponents. He was credited with the quickest fall which was forty seconds. Also he qualified for the state finals.

A 98-pound senior, John Angel, was named as the most improved wrestler on the Schultz' club. He finished second behind Benz in scoring with 107. He ended the year with a 29-3 record. This record included a fifth place finish in the Illinois State Wrestling finals held in Champaign. He was top man in reversals with 16.

Other grapplers honored during the evening were: Ronel Muskeyvalley (19-5-2) a state qualifier; Rob Hoffman (21-2-2) a sectional qualifier; John Chaney-sectional; and George Day for his participation in the sectional meet.

The season record: 11 wins-one loss; 14 in State; Metro, Big Six, Quadrangular, Dav. Invit., District and Sectional Champs.

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The Advance Placement is also to be noticed by upperclassmen. Herb Niemann, director of Gifted

Education and Testing, admitted the 3-hour comprehensive exams difficult. For further information Mr. Niemann advises students to see him or a counselor.

Scholarships should be carefully noted. Mrs. Marquerite Pierce, director of scholarship supervision, stresses the need for students to observe announcements and to watch the bulletin boards. Again, Mrs. Pierce advises an inquiry to the counselors.



STRIKING UP THE chorus are from left to right: Kevin Pieper, Roy Phelps, Judy Roderick, Debbie Foley, Doug DeMeyer, Dan Russell, and Jeff Hendrickson.

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Brigadoon is second on the list. Among the cast are Debbie Foley, senior; Kevin Pieper, junior; Doug DeMeyer, senior; and Roy Phelps, senior. Brigadoon is the desolate situation where "Once in the Highlands, the Highlands at Scotland, two weary hunters lost their way."

Man of La Mancha is the last production of the summer. Jeff Hendrickson, senior, will take the part of a courtier, and Debbie Foley will take the female lead in a play where an utter failure is thrown into a dungeon to await trial.

All of the musicals will be held at Prospect Park Auditorium, Moline.

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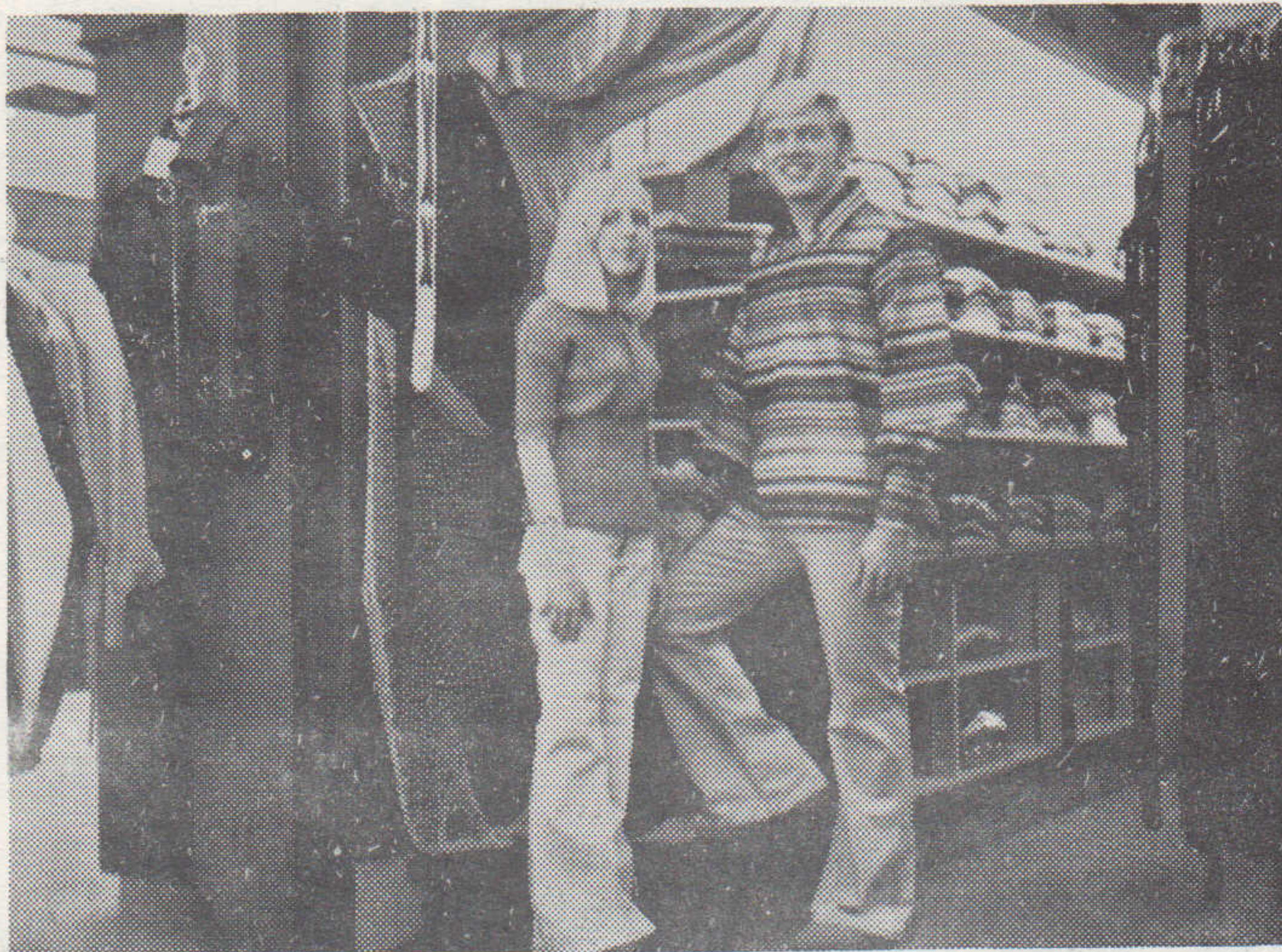
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