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## Queen Crowned as Meet Honors Riley, Owens' First Coach

### Beauty's Here As Track Queen Contest Is On

Beauty—Beauty—Beauty all over the place as the annual Rhodes track-queen contest is on.

Yes, feminine pulchritude from the ramette contingent will reign as queen when the Northeastern Ohio District Meet will be held May 18 at the local oval. This lucky femme will be given the honor of presenting medals to all the winners in each individual event. Attending this royal personage will be five, lovely lasses who will also help in the dishing of honors to deserving cinderellas.

Last year's queen for a day was Frances Forystek who will present corsages to her successor and her entourage. In winning this honor, a girl will have to be one of the most popular persons in the school.

Hopeful girls and backers are:

Gerry Durkin, 219—Don Banks; Ruth Loomis, 307—Bob Estock, Alice Lembke; Helene Siennicki, 103—Marilyn Dipple, Bob Cummings; Lois Mackulin, 219—Earl Johnson; Eleanor Forystek, 219—Myron Billy; Vera Magee, 219—Roy Hendershot, Frank Kollar; Barbara Wittich, 309—John Rockwell; Shirley Mencke, 216—Jack Smith; Grace Tompkins, 219—Norm Protiva, Bill Gecking; Eleanor Pettiti, 216—Dana Walters, John McCutchin; Mary Mann, 206—Betty Speter and Al Cheselka.

Running the contest for the fifth year, Mrs. Neff announced the fact that the Queen would be chosen through a vote by the whole student body and not by a ticket selling campaign. But, a girl must have 100 admissions sold for her to qualify. The voting will be done in homeroom after an assembly in which the contestants will be introduced. Com'on Rhodians, **BACK A QUEEN!**

### Green Cross Turns Red Light on Accidents

"It's your life—Keep it safe—Help stop accidents." This is the motto of this year's Green Cross of Safety Drive. Safety month started on May 1 and will continue through May 31.

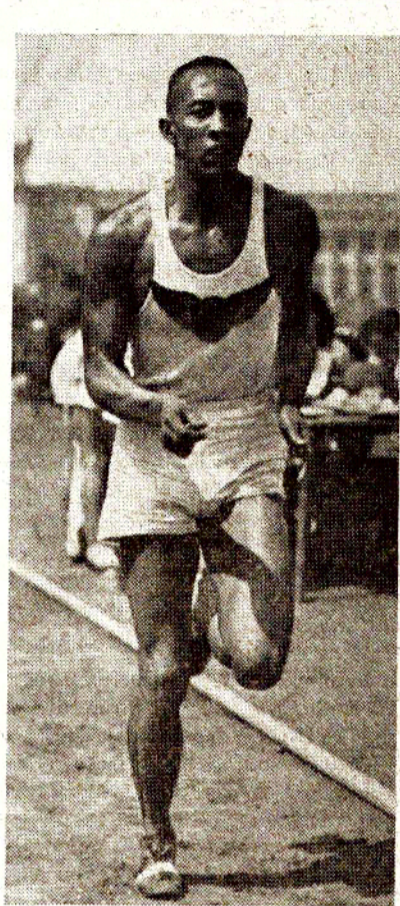
The green cross is a symbol of safety and under this symbol a national effort is being made to prevent accidents. This is the twenty-seventh year of Cleveland's Safety Council and its record of achievement is too big to be defined either by words or statistics.

It took ten years to impress upon the people the objective of the organization.

In 1945 the national accident toll was 96,000 lives. In 1945, \$5,000,000 more was spent on accidents than in 1944.

Seventy per cent of the money collected in Cleveland during this campaign will remain in Cleveland, 20 per cent will be given to the national campaign, and 10 per cent will be spent in the state safety campaigns. The money which remains in Cleveland will help to keep the year-around safety campaigns which have brought top honors to Cleveland in the past years.

The cost for membership in the Green Cross is one dollar or over.



Jesse ... the boy



Courtesy The Cleveland News ... at Ohio State

### Eight Rhodians Take Scholastic Honors

It has been disclosed during the past two weeks that eight Rhodes students have received recognition for scholastic achievement.

Of the 7,730 students who took the scholarship examinations sponsored by the State of Ohio, seven Rhodians were given honorable mention, including Ruth Cain, who tied for twentieth place among the girls, and Lois Grasmehr, Lawrence Lange, James McClelland, Jane Pystole, Richard Sistek, and Richard Tubbesing. Ruth is the only Cleveland girl among the first twenty-five girls. The state test covered English, history, mathematics, science, and reading.

Another Rhodian, Elma Ludwig, received an award of \$50 from the Business and Professional Women's Club of Cleveland. Each high school submitted the scholastic record, typing and shorthand speeds, extra activities, and teachers' recommendation of an outstanding girl. Two girls representing the east side and west side of Cleveland received \$50 each. Elma was chosen as the west side winner and Evelyn Yoe of John Adams represented the east side.

Lillian Textoris and Neil Richardson, graduates of January, 1946, also received awards. Lillian won a scholarship to Flora Stone Mather and Neil received a four-year agricultural scholarship. Ruth Cain was chosen alternate to Flora Stone Mather.

### 27 Rhodians Compete In Vocal Tryouts

What with the opera and music conventions, music seems to be the spring theme. Twenty-seven Rhodians competed in the vocal tryouts last Tuesday, April 23, and their large audience have also turned music minded.

Those who won the honor of representing Rhodes in the final competition to be held on Saturday, May 11, were Ruth Reiman, Mary Samouris, Gloria Wright, and Doris Busato, soprano. (Continued on Page 4, Col. 1)

### "State Fair" Cops First in Movie Poll

An equal number of boys and girls from the ninth, tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grades made choices of twenty movies from a list of forty-five for next semester's noon movies. Approximately four hundred students of eight homerooms took part in the poll.

Heading the list is the musical "State Fair." "Bandit of Sherwood Forest," a thriller ranked second. "A Thousand and One Nights" and "The Spanish Main" are tied for third.

Below is a list of the remaining sixteen of the twenty films in the order of preference.

"Princess and the Pirate," "Wonder Man," "Kiss and Tell," "Diamond Horseshoe," "Dolly Sisters," "Spiral Staircase," "Tars and Spars," "Bells of St. Mary," "Frontier Gal," "San Antonio," "Winged Victory," "Song to Remember," "Junior Miss," "Story of G.I. Joe," "Tree Grows in Brooklyn," and "Blood on the Sun."

Of the twenty pictures, seven are adventure stories, five are musical, four are comedies, three are dramas, and one a mystery.

### Club Conducts Food Campaign

The Senior Friendship Club's Service Group, under the direction of Miss Manning, is conducting a campaign to collect and send ten-pound boxes of food to families in the war-torn countries of Europe.

So far thirty boxes or 300 pounds of food have been packed by the homerooms, some giving as many as three boxes. The things most acceptable are cans of meat, vegetables, and fruits, packages of rice, beans, and chewing gum.

"Homerooms responded very well," says Miss Manning. "The project will continue as long as homerooms want to pack boxes." "Boxes." Miss Manning added, "should be tightly packed so cans will not shift in shipment, and they must not be over eleven pounds." (Continued on Page 4, Col. 2)

## Olympic Star Returns for Ceremonies; Recall Old Days

By BOB CUMMINGS

This is a story about a man, a boy, and a tree.

The man is Charley Riley, former track coach; the boy is Jesse Owens, top all-time U. S. contribution to track and field events, and the tree . . . but we'll come to that.

Just ten years ago this month a Cleveland boy was working on the well-worn "local boy makes good" adage. In this case, however, it was "local boy makes history," and he was doing it in pre-war Berlin, Germany.

### Students Drive For Top Office

Don Gecking and Justine Cheselka came through in the closest election Rhodes has seen in a long while. For the first time in the history of the school a girl will hold one of the major Student Council offices.

Here is a thumbnail sketch of the platform that the four candidates presented in their speeches last Monday. The first name denotes the presidential candidate and the second name, the vice-presidential candidate.

Skellenger-Bauer made no rash promises but said they would endeavor to keep up the excellent work now being done at the B-R Canteen. They are much interested in getting every student in at least one school-sponsored club.

Gecking-Cheselka's main drive would be to combat locker thefts, and keep up and improve the Student Council dances.

Billier-Hutter promised to get more rallies and assemblies to strengthen athletic and other interests. Other points were that they would try to get the gym floor recoated, and attempt to get part of the band to play at basketball games.

Estock-Holzman said that they would do everything in their power to make the Student Council a smoothly operated organization. They also stated that they would try to follow as much as possible the suggestions made by the homerooms.

### Eisenhower Cites Work of Rhodes Band

In appreciation of the fine work done by the Rhodes Band at the parade honoring General Dwight D. Eisenhower on April 12, the famous general sent the following letter of thanks to Mr. Mathews:

WAR DEPARTMENT  
THE CHIEF OF STAFF  
WASHINGTON

15 April 1946

Dear Sir:

I would like to express my admiration and appreciation to the members of the band of John Ford Rhodes High School whose efforts helped to make my recent visit to Cleveland a most successful and enjoyable one.

Sincerely,

Dwight D. Eisenhower

Principal  
John Ford Rhodes High School  
Cleveland, Ohio.

On May 28, the band will play on the Mall from three to five p. m. in celebration of Cleveland's Sesquicentennial.

For in 1936 Jesse Owens, flying the colors of the United States, dove into Olympic competition with the cream of the world's athletes. He emerged from the games with his now famous triple crown, champion in the 100 and 200 meter runs and second to none in the running broad jump. Not since the official messengers of the Greeks reiterated their call for the physically beautiful manhood of Athens and Sparta to lay down their weapons each fourth year to rally to the games in the valley of majestic Olympia, has a more creditable feat been achieved.

Behind Jesse Owens, as in the past of any person of greatness, lies a vast field of influences. Psychologists and others who study such things, agree that it is the early influences in one's life that mold the personality and character of the future adult. It is fortunate, therefore, that Jesse, in his adolescent years, came in contact with (the man of our tale) Charley Riley. **Hero One of Many Stars**

Charley Riley began to coach at Ohio State University in 1909. In 1911 he came to Cleveland and a Western Reserve University coaching position. Riley joined the Cleveland Board of Education in 1915. From Central High School he went to Fairmount Junior High. It was here that the two met. Here, also, was fostered a warm, enduring friendship, kindled by like characteristics of high purpose and earnest resolve.

Jesse, as did Dave Albritton, Willy Clark and innumerable other cinder renowns, went from under Riley's tutelage up the long hard road to glory. Long will the name of Jesse Owens be engraved in athletic annals of the great.

It is for these reasons, then, that local officials have dedicated this year's Northeastern District Meet to 68-year old Coach Charley Riley, who, in his retirement, can look back on more than a quarter-century packed with well-guided proteges and be filled

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### Council Holds Spring Hop; Last Dance of Season

The Spring Hop, last dance of the semester to be sponsored by the Student Council, will be held in the gym on May 10.

Due to the destructiveness of some students at the dances, only couples will be admitted. This practice will not necessarily be continued next semester if the students conduct themselves better. The admission is \$1.00 in advance or \$1.50 at the door.

Vera Magee and her committee will take care of the decorations which will consist of flowers on the sides of the gym to carry out the theme of spring.

Providing the music will be Bernie Frantz's band. Refreshments will be served in the cafeteria as usual.

# PERSONALITIES

By ELMA and DOROTHY

Inasmuch as the better half of this column has been busy writing this column for nigh on four semesters, I thought I'd give her a break and tell all. — Dorothy.

## Elma Ludwig\*

Illustrious staff member of the Rhodes Review (co-author of *Radio Rambling and Personalities*), one of senior speakers, Honor Society member, Nature Club president, Citizens and Foreign Affairs Club member and finally cabinet member of the Senior Friendship Club is blond, blue-eyed Elma Ludwig, otherwise known as "the quiet Senior." Incidentally, she was also winner of \$50 awarded by the Business and Professional Women's Club for the senior who attained the best record in commercial work in all the west side high schools. In her spare time she tickles the ivory, her favorite tune being *The Dessert Song*. Besides being crazy about Harry Babbit she also is mad about Van Johnson. Her favorite expressions range all the way from "Oh great, fine, that's ducky." Bowling,

tennis and cycling are her favorite sports.

## Paul Schieve

Otherwise known as the "Jose Iturbi of Rhodes," Paul is usually in the company of "Mac," Tubbesing, and Rockwell pulling some deal or other." In spite of the fact that he has never taken piano lessons the maestro is usually beating out his own rendition of *Polonaise* or *Clare de Lune* for the entertainment of the Honor Society, Council on Foreign Affairs, Citizens Club or any other club which happens to be in Room 105 at the moment. Besides being a member of the above mentioned clubs, Paul is also a member of the German Club, president of the Alpha Hi-Y and is also chairman of the year book committee. Paul is at the moment deciding whether he should enlist in the army or enter college to study law. Frequent orations in the Council on Foreign Affairs convince those who know Paul

that he would be an excellent lawyer. Hanging out at Joe's hamburger joint or Al's Cut Rate Drug Store is one of Paul's favorite pastimes and *I'm Singing the Blues*, his favorite song. **Mary Ann Dienes**

Mary Ann's ambition is to become a Navy nurse, but strangely enough "peeve people" are her pet peeve. Her interests in school are concentrated in the new Future Teachers of America Club, Friendship Club, Band and Orchestra Club, drum majoring and working on the class announcement committee. Outside of school she likes dancing and roller skating with Lenore Pal at Rollerade. "Oh, you like that, huh?" will always tell you that she's around. She likes extremes in clothes, especially the sophisticated kind. She likes to watch baseball and football games. Deane also likes sewing and bowling and helping Miss Ballash at the end of the semester with the last-minute work.

# Along Rhodesways

By LOIS and RUTH

Since the Pa-Ma-Me Banquet is over as well as the Student Council elections, and the track queen contest is under way, perhaps we will be able to see the ol' familiar walls again.

The seniors started things off this spring by holding their picnic in April. . . . June Swaffield made it a two-day affair when she had to make another trip the following day to get her purse. . . . The Choir and the French Club are holding their picnics early too . . . the worst that can happen is to have them freeze.

It seems that Rhodes is really getting known in the local limelight, what with Doris Erber, Al Cheselka, Bob Cummings, Ruth Cain, and Lois Grasmehr making the "School Beat" in the *News* and Cora Ann Brandes, Norm Protiva, Doris Erber, and Bill Gecking being highlighted in the *Press*' "Over the Cokes," who knows perchance they may recognize us as

being in the city before long. . . . Also in the *Press* last week were Joanne Oper and Barbara Moon. Joanne modeled a "Small Talk" jacket and Barbara had her picture included because she wrote the copy for the ad.

Violet Davidson wondering why her typewriter makes so many errors in typing class. . . . F. T. A. club members finding that being on the other side of the teacher's desk is a lot of work as well as a lot of fun. . . . Eleanor Masek going against her principles (at Parma that is). . . . Bob Cummings wondering what happened to his gym clothes. He found out and, so did the rest of his gym class (gosh, did he smell pretty!) seems some unattached perfume got in his gym bag.

Congratulations are in order for Dolores Korp and her sailor boy friend. She is now toting a diamond and the wedding date is set for sometime in November and then her theme song may run like this: "California, here I come!" . . . We hear that George Thomas and Shirley Wehr are becoming quite serious. What happened to D. K., George? . . . Who was that cute Marine you had on your arm Monday, Miss Gatz?

another one of the broadcasts between the U. S. and England. George probably has the distinction of having his voice heard farther away, more often, than any other Rhodian.

Network Notes: David Forrester, musician on the Red Skelton program, received an award for presenting refined and cleverly arranged music on a variety program, a few weeks ago. As an example of "refined art" the piano player played with one finger "Onezy Twozy, I love youzy" with a dash of the overture from William Tell (Lone Ranger theme song to you!) thrown in. We could use more of this good, clean entertainment. . . . A hearty welcome back to Corliss Archer of the *Meet Corliss Archer* show. A big disappointment to many, however, was the new Dexter Franklin and Mildred. We sort of miss Dexter's "Holy Cow." Tune in Sunday at 8:00 to catch the show.

# Radio Ramblings

By ELMA and DOROTHY

Gadding about Rhodes: Rhodes' own Lois Walter proving she knows her "p's" and "q's" by winning a prize in the recent contest, sponsored by Stanley Anderson of the *Press*. Lois corrected all the spelling mistakes in the scribe's column and to her amazement she read her name in Monday's edition of his column as one of the lucky winners. Lois will get an album of Johnny Desmond's records (including such favorites as *Sho-Fly-Pie* and *Symphony*) and will personally meet and have her picture taken with "the crew cut." Just to keep it in the family, her sister, Arleen, likewise from Rhodes, also won a similar prize. Johnny Desmond, in case you didn't know, was the singing sensation of France and can be heard every Tuesday on his own half-hour show. . . . Jean (I love that kind of carrying on!) Tesmer also copped a prize from the Howie Lund *Bandstand* program. Jean identified a song, and for this clever piece of detection, she will receive an album of records. Egad James! Get us out our pencils and scratch pads while we dash off a winning letter. . . . Some hearty cheers please for Richard Schuller, Jack Smith, Frank Soika, Mary Lou Loughhead and Beverly Brandt, our current radio announcers. . . . George Vogel, the school's trans-Atlantic representative, traveled to Columbus last Saturday to appear on



# Thief of Badgags

By Bob Obojski

"It was so cold where we were," boasted the Arctic explorer, "that the candle froze and we couldn't blow it out."

"That's nothing," said his rival. "Where we were words came out of our mouths in pieces of ice, and we had to fry them to see what we were talking about."

The judge glared down at the ragged individual who had been dragged into court on a vagrancy charge. "Have you ever earned a dollar in your life?" he asked scornfully.

"Yes, I have, Your Honor, twice," replied the prisoner. "One for each time I

voted for you in the last election."

"How much do you charge for pulling a tooth?" inquired a prospective patient cautiously.

"Five dollars," answered the dentist.

"What! Five dollars for less than a minute's work!" objected the patient.

"Well, I can pull it out very slowly if you prefer," offered the dentist.

Ned: "Pop, what becomes of a ball player when his eyesight begins to fail?"

Pop: "They make an umpire of him."

Jimmy: "Dad, what are

those holes in the board for?"

Dad: "Those are knot holes."

Jimmy: "Well, if they're not holes what are they?"

"My youngest boy has trouble with eczema."

"Gracious, how did he get it?"

"He hasn't got it. He just can't spell it."

A social worker was paying a visit to a penitentiary and she noticed one man who appeared unusually gloomy. "Well, my poor fellow," she said sympathetically, "what's the length of your term?"

"Depends on politics,

lady," was the answer.

"I'm the warden."

"If you don't keep your big mouth shut," cried the irritable lady golfer to the caddy, "you'll drive me out of my mind!"

"That ain't no drive, lady," snickered the caddy impudently, "that's a putt."

The young poet had at last managed to see the editor. "I do not wish to be paid for this poem, you know," he said. "I submit it entirely as a compliment."

"In that case, sir," replied the editor with charming courtesy, "I insist on returning the compliment."

# Club Capers

By PAT and DON

Following closely after its Theatre Party the French Club is holding a picnic today after school. Phyllis Cantieny, Martha Edwards, Dorothy Owens, Donald Wires, Bette Ziegler, and George Lechner are in charge.

On the plans for the event are baseball, eating, an egg toss, a Sadie Hawkins Day race, and horseback riding.

Mr. Charles Lake, Superintendent of Cleveland schools, was speaker at the induction of members and presentation of charter ceremony of the Charters F.T.A. Paul Beifus, club president, gave a short sketch of the achievements of W. W. Charters, for whom the club is named.

At their meeting last Thursday, Mr. Imhoff addressed the club and spoke on the subject of "Russia."

Last Wednesday six new members were initiated into the Latin Club. They were Stanley Boros, 11A; Robert Obojski, 11B; Kenneth Biller, 11A; Elva Rogers, 10A; Lois Vicha, 10B; and Evelyn Sandys, 10B.

During the day initiates wore laurels and banners bearing the word "Initior" which means "I am being initiated."

Next Tuesday the club is planning a Roman banquet under the direction of Ruth Cain and the Program Committee, and Jane Pystole and the Social Committee. It will be held at the Y W C A and the members will wear Roman outfits and use Roman manners, complete with fingers for eating, slaves for serving, and enter-

tainment. The Girls' Leaders have broken all precedents. They took a man to their theatre party! It was all right though, since his wife, Mrs. Neff, was there too. The girls went to Chef Boy-Ar-Dee's for supper and then to the show, where they saw the Ziegfeld Follies.

The Foreign Affairs Council has been very active lately—both at home and away. Changing the constitution has been the chief topic on the agenda during the last few meetings. The Council is clearing up the situation, and soon will be busy with the world's condition again. Changes in the constitution have not retarded activities, for they have given two programs recently. One discussion was on the types of world governments, and the other was a review of the situation in India.

James Sudyk, 11A; Paul Beifus, 11A; and Donald Wires, 12B, spoke on socialism, communism, and democracy, respectively. James Skellenger, 11A, was moderator.

The discussion on Indian freedom took place at Wilbur Wright Junior High. Speakers were George Lechner, 11B, and James Malone, 12B. Donald Wires was moderator.

Future picnics dominate the plans of many clubs now. The National Honor Society, the Charters F. T. A., the Foremen's Club, and the Band and Orchestra Club are looking forward to May-time outings. The Choir held their picnic yesterday.

# We Got the Pencils, Teacher, Now How About Some Sharpeners

Yes, you are feeling rather proud yourself, and somewhat elated as you think of how Miss Brumblebottom won't have to go into convulsions today because her "star" pupil doesn't have his pencil.

Ah yes, there's good news this morning. So armed with a bright, shiny, new pencil you enter the room. Boasting your smirkiest grin, you skip over to the pencil sharpener and start turning.

After a wee bit you pull out your precious pencil and find the time elapsed isn't the only thing qualified for the "wee bit" expression. You stick the remains back in the sharpener, and the steam being blown off in those few seconds would put any steam bath concern out of business.

Finally after feeling a slight numbness in your finger, you discover the origin of that little red puddle dotted with ground up bone fragments on the floor. That sharpener oughta take lessons from Ray Milland—it just doesn't know when to stop!

Things are tough all over, including ye pencil sharpeners.

Although pencil sharpeners aren't obtainable at the present, the dear little things can be repaired . . . only most people want to let Joe do all the work. It's up to the homeroom to take them down to the office to Mrs. O'Boyle. She will then send the sharpeners away to be fixed. So you see, all that has been explained in the above could be avoided — if — Miss Brumblebottom would tote her little sharpener down to the front office. In explaining why the pencil thingamabubs haven't been personally looked after, Mrs. O'Boyle stated, "I can't go around and look at every sharpener in every room to see if it's in good condition."

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# Snare Relays Title; Lausche Honors Rams at Uhrichsville

## Sistek Hits Best Time; Mile Shuttle Relays Meet

By JIM SUDYK

Urichsville, O., April 26—Trailing late in the evening, Rhodes cindermen returned for 10 points to edge favored Canton McKinley in the ninth annual Urichsville Relays under the lights here tonight. Doing well, but not running in championship fashion, Ram entries clinched four permanent trophies and gave the squad a long overdue morale revitalizing.

Running in unfamiliar surroundings, it was not until the final two events, the 480-yard shuttle hurdle and mile relay, that the Rams convinced downstate fans of Cleveland's track power.

Hurdlers Gil Skiba, Ralph Armstrong, Mel Holzman and Dick Sistek and 440 men Al Cheselka, Frank Kolar, Don Banks and Wally Gates easily won their events, making Rhodes eligible for the respective events trophies and the 1946 meet award bestowed by Gov. Frank J. Lausche, who was here for the running. In addition, Sistek's part in the shuttle event gave him a total of

### Trio Sparks Golf Revival

Rhodes, May 8—In an attempt to reinstate golf as a top Blue and White athletic activity, Coach Seedhouse has gathered a group of interested boys. After tryouts and some preliminary coaching, a tentative schedule with neighboring schools has been drawn up. Among the boys participating in the resurrection of the once locally popular sport, are: Bob Chilitz, Don Cermak, and Joe Rocco. These boys have proved their worth and will most probably be among Rhodes' enteries in non-championship competition.

West, West Tech, Parma, and Lakewood at present constitute the list of proposed opponents. Uncertain as it is, however, there may be additions or withdrawals before the completion of the season.

### Conditioning Prime Grid Need--Moran

Preparations to make next year's football season one of Rhodes' best are already underway. New head coach "Andy" Moran, besides attending the recent football clinic, has been meeting with key men last year's football squad in private sessions.

On May 16 there will be a meeting of last year's squad along with any boys interested in trying out for next year's reserve or varsity teams. Directions for reporting on August 20 for pre-season practice, along with other plans and ideas will be discussed. A very large turnout is expected because of the great amount of interest in football among the student body. According to Mr. Moran, "the prime requisite for an August tryout is showing up in good condition."

### Turn Showers Off, Too?

Enclosed with the bill for Rhodes' meals at Urichsville, the comment by that high school's janitor-engineer declaring Rhodes tracksters the "nicest group of boys he has ever had from an outside school," should not go unnoticed.

15 points, enough to capture the Individual Trophy.

### Sistek's High Hurdles Best Ever

Dick scored his other points also in the hurdle events when he won both the high and low sticks, making a clean sweep for Rhodes and himself, his 15-second high hurdle effort broke the Urichville record (this was the fastest time ever recorded by an Ohio schoolboy in April) and his 26.2 in the lows comes within .1 of a second of the record mark.

Medals were awarded to individual performers finishing first, second or third. Rhodians carried home a total of six. Besides Sistek's two for hurdles firsts, Wally Gates gained a quarter-mile third, Lawrence Lange captured two bronze emblems for his mile and 880 places and Hank Meyer tied for third in the high jump.

### Nose McKinley Out

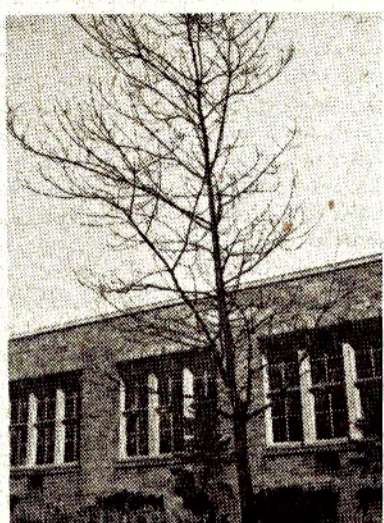
In capturing the meet, Rhodes notched 37.2 points, 2.7 ahead of the favored Canton McKinley and 9.3 ahead of third place Newark.

The balance of Ram points was gathered when 880-yard relayers Nally, Ashmeyer, McCalla and Valentino placed third, broad jumper Jack Stanko placed fourth with a 20 ft. 10 in. leap, and Bob Valentino took fifths in the 220 and 100-yard dashes.

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... the tree

(Continued From Page 1, Col. 5) with an undefinable feeling of pride.

Owens, now 32 years of age, will fly to Cleveland for the meet, May 18. During the afternoon he will run the 100-yard dash, (which he clocked under ten seconds three times last month) take part in the pre-meet program on the field, and a brief ceremony around the tree after the meet.

### Ah, Yes, the Tree!

The tree might be called another branch of the story, but being a very bad pun it will not.

It was the custom of the ancient Greeks to bestow garlands of olive leaves upon their champions. Now whether there was a shortage of olive leaves a decade ago, we have been unable to determine. What we do know is that a certain person gave to Champion Jesse Owens, four oak seeds, the—kind of which oak trees grow from—(perhaps the oak's characteristic sturdiness had some bearing on the change from leaves to seeds). At any rate, one seed found its way to Washington, D. C., one to Ohio State University, the whereabouts of the third seed is unknown, and the fourth is right here at Rhodes. Looking for a safe place to deposit this cherished prize, Jesse picked a spot just opposite the printing press in the plot outside room 125.

The qualities of free, determined purpose and high moral standards, composite in the man and boy who brought our oak tree into prominence seem strangely sardonic when compared with the standards and untimely end of the "certain person" who proffered the seed—one Adolph Hitler, host to the 1936 Olympic Games.

## SPORT SCRAPS - - By MARIE MARTIN

It seems that Davy Jones has been pretty busy down in the "locker" on Mondays at the Central Y. Now, don't go getting the wrong idea, girls. I just meant that the Y pool has had lots of swimmers lately.

Beverly Labaj is instructing the intermediate class. Under her instruction is Frieda Buer, Martha Edwards, Betty Fissel, Alva Mason, Georgia Krause, Arlene Tischler, Nancy Froemmler, Mildred Unger, Darlene Warring, and Janet Mackey.

We would like to wish "good luck" to Dorothy Hemann, Arlene Grouch, and Dorothy Spaniard who will soon be taking their Life Saving Tests.

Now that "Ol' Man Winter" has finally decided to stay in, the gym classes have been going out in the


fresh air and warm sunshine (cough, cough!) to play baseball.

Some of the more ambitious classes even hike to the "dustbowl" to play.

Someone may be wondering where all the "whistles" and "hubba hubbas" are coming from on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school. It's only because the baseball tournament has started and a few of the boys—well, anyway, they whistle.

Speaking about baseball. — The Rinky Dinks are playing in this tournament. Please, can't somebody beat them—in anything?

Last week, Wednesday, the Girls' Leaders went to dinner and to a show. They also took a man with them. (Scandal! Scandal!) But Mrs. Neff was also along. Better luck next time, girls.

**Cummings and Goings**  
By BOB CUMMINGS

To stand and publicly speak against baseball, any contemporary citizen in this section of the U. S. would inevitably be shunned much like the afflicted character of a Lifebouy commercial. Any such action in regards to football would also have a disastrous outcome. Let anyone berate track and field events, however, and few voices will be heard to rebuke him.

In listing the reasons for track and field meets' lack of popularity in some regions, NCAA'S Official Guide recognizes, "first, lack of proper organization of the meet and second, lack of information on the part of the spectators." Locally we do not experience the first, having such well versed men as George Seedhouse and West Tech's Lloyd Griffith in the managership.

### White Clouds Add Appeal

Taken from the spectator's stand-point, track doesn't afford the opportunity of snuggling up to a cute blonde late in the third quarter, nor can he fly into a fit of verbal condemnation as his favorite slugger is called out on strikes. Beautifully uniformed marching bands, pennant waving, and half-filled thermoses are as much a part of football as the seventh inning stretch is of baseball.

But what could be more inviting than a friendly sun in a sky dotted with fluffy white clouds? The dark cinders of the track in wonderful contrast with the rich green of the oval enclosure, the gayly spangled pole vault uprights, the thin mist of sawdust particles from the high jump pit, the multi-hued sweat-suits of the participants streaking past during warm-up periods—what more is to be desired by a lover of colorful exhibitions?

### Best Is Track Alternative

Deeper than this surface attraction are the requisites of the sport itself. Though having the characteristics of team competition, track is different from baseball or football. A mis-judged pop-up to the pitcher can be retrieved by a fleet-footed short stop in time to effect a put-out at first base; or an off-tackle slice which gets through can be halted by a hard-hitting line-backer. In the 100-yard dash, pole vault, or discus events it is a case of getting there first, vaulting highest, and throwing farthest, with no exception, if team victory is the goal. Also, in running where heats are necessary, the runner battles not only his closest rival, but the stop-watch as well. The initial training is sheer drudgery (this coming from an ex-frosh trackster).

Motion pictures depicting the life of such greats as Lou Gehrig and Knute Rockne have done much to lend a more human emotional value to sports. Track coaches and their associates surely have ample material as well suited. It is strange the same has not been attempted in the life of some cinder immortal. Such a move would fall far short of being merely a noble gesture, but would occasion an influx at the gate and a rise in box-office receipts as well.

## Courtmen Drop Two Straight; Four Boys Display Winning Form

May 2—Ram tennis entries dropped their second start of the season today to St. Ignatius, three matches to two. Three days previously the Rhodians took a licking at the hands of Benedictine on Brookside's courts, four matches to one.

### Frosh Play Host To Lawyers Friday

With the coming of spring, Ram cinderbeaters again take to the outdoor oval and along with the Varsity one may see the new crop of freshies, ill-equipped but trying hard. This year thirty-seven newcomers came out for the frosh squad.

The boys' first taste of competition will come this Friday when they entertain John Marshall's Lawyers. The ninth-graders are entered in the District Junior High School Meet. Preliminaries will be held May 20, and the finals, May 28. The squad is coached by Jim Pauloski, who is assisted by Jim Kittleberger, Len Wisniewski, Ron Schmidt, and Gus Fenner.

The local's only victory over the Bengals came when Bob Marland and Don Walters defeated their East Side opponents in the doubles.

Ed Carter and Jim Sudyk each triumphed in the singles against Ignatius, Sudyk playing 34 games before besting his Wildcat foe.

### Tentative Tennis Schedule

- May 13 at East Tech
- May 16 at Collinwood
- May 20 at Shaw

Besides Marland, Walters, Sudyk, and Carter, Clare Lorenz, Roy Bugay, Ken Buser, John Scerbik, Wayne Farrar, Don Leine, and Jack Rohrbach currently comprise Coach Jacobs' racquet crew.

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## 27 Competes In Tryouts

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ranos; Katherine Joyce, Dorothy Olenick, Jean Fridrich, and Eleanor Gutzky, metzosopranos; Lois Nelson, Betty Polenz, Mariane Carey, altos; John Rockwell, Don Leine, Eugene Fullington, and Tom Gerstacker, tenors; Don Baloge, Dick Dunn, Julius Skeebo, baritones, Ed McKeon, and Clarence Strung, basses.  
Two duets will also be entered. They will be offered by Eleanor Gutzky and Loretta Kmiecik; Ed Whatcraft and Ralph Williams.  
Clara Gaiser Lindner, Mr. Hartzell, and Mr. Ferguson were the judges.

Two Alpha trumpeters, Dick Tubbesing and George Thomas, along with marimba king, "Jose" Stanko, pulled excellent ratings at the Instrumental Solo Contest in a field of 2000.

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pounds."  
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## Seniors Hold Last Picnic

"It was run very efficiently and smoothly" commented Miss Marie Ballash, speaking about the 12A class picnic which was held at Metropolitan Park on Snow Road on April 25.

Rain and somber skies greeted picnickers but hot dogs, doughnuts and orange pop, served by the social committee brightened the spirits according to all who attended.

The usual creek baths were attempted and Doris Hasley was among the lucky ones who escaped. Singing was on the agenda and such old favorites as "The Strawberry Blonde" and "Down by the Old Mill Stream" were among those heard most.

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## Band Holds Concert May 24

The Rhodes band will hold their annual concert in the auditorium on May 24, at 8:30.

In charge of tickets are Helene Siennicki, Gordon Muthersbough, Albert Pretzer, Doris Erber, Lois Vicha, and Carole Schimkola. Tickets may be purchased for 40 cents. Additional tickets may be obtained from band members.

## P.T.A. Selling Exposition Tickets

Members of the P.T.A. will be in school May 7, 14, and 21 to sell tickets for the Mid-America Exposition. The Mid-America Exposition which will be in Cleveland May 23-June 2 will feature exhibits of industries machines, television, plastics, and new appliances. Full size models of homes, measuring and testing instruments of the U.S. Bureau of Standards, and fifty years of automobiles represented in the Hall of Automobiles are just a few of the highlights.

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By BOB CUMMINGS

**Oh Johnny!**  
Lois Jean and sister Arlene Walters currently a-flutter after winning the Press' Stash Anderson's spelling bee and a private (well practically) sing-terview with up and coming Johnny Desmond.

Hayrides, weenie roasts and indoor brawls must have crowded the Sigma Hi-Y's Y. M. dance off the agenda of local socialites last Saturday. Pat Palmer, Mary Lou Loughead, Ann Donley, and Bill Putich found company scarce.

**Happy Daze**  
Congratulations are in store for Carol Louis and Dick Moranz who chalked up one year's steady-goin' April 29.

Senior picnicker Grace Tompkins must have been a "knotty" little gal to get tied up with a sweat shirt like that. After all those hot dogs, all those doughnuts, and all that pop, plus a game of tag, Lucy Wargo, Paul Schieve, the Savoys, and Jim McClelland agreed, "Oh, our achin' . . .!"

**Ray Zavagno:** "What is home without a mother?"  
**Dick Martinez:** "Maggie, let's go over!"

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Ed McKeon: "Riddick's back and Cotter's got him!"  
Ridick: "McKeunn's back ayand who wants him?"

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Hope you're satisfied, now you can either get a date or stay home from the dances and have a lousy time like I do.—Waul Flour."

Joyce Cook's ginger ale and ice cream punch bowl mixture was so potent that after two glasses Georgia Pivcivich and June Plocky were able to drown out the recorded *Opus Number One* with one piano. Lee Zipf stymied his group during "Charades" trying to do *For Me and My Gal*. Oh, those Ring Group parties.

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