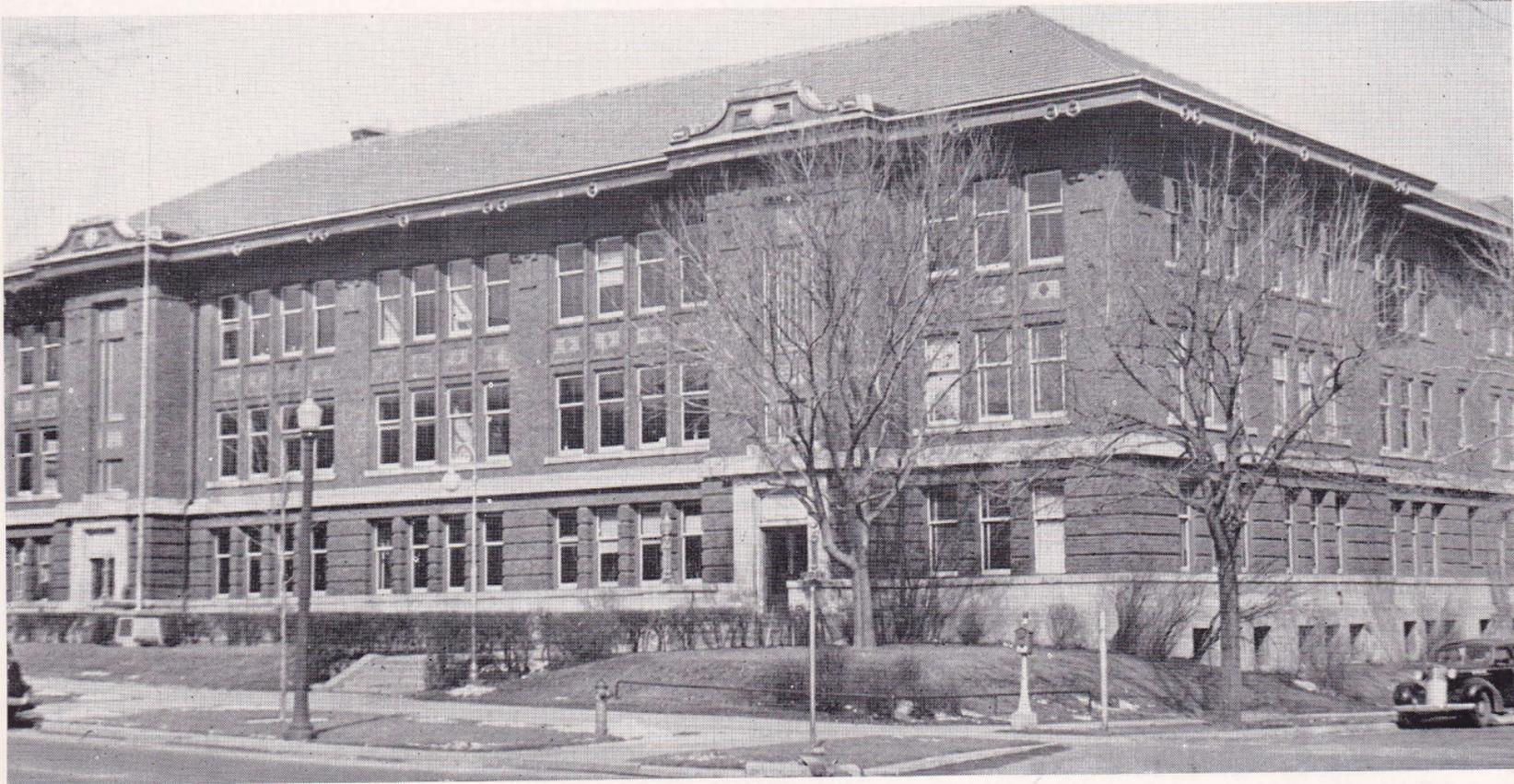


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In Rochester Senior High School our "future builders" have studied, learned, and practiced the principles of the American way of life. It is their experience here that is helping shape them as future citizens.

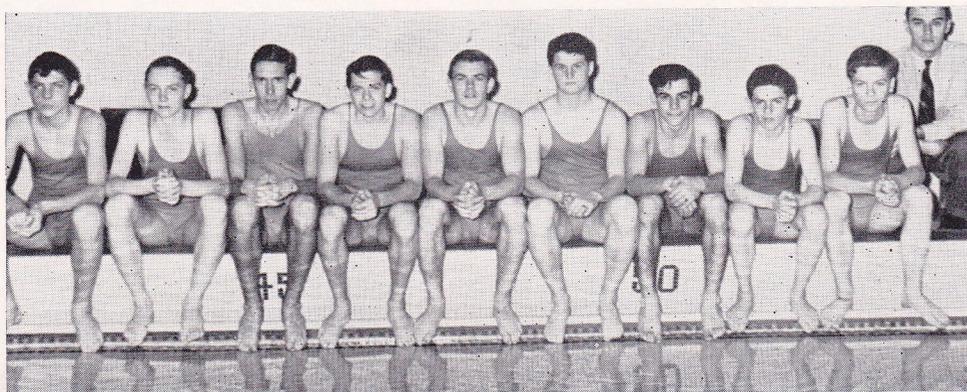
# WINTER SPORTS

Winter sports, with the exception of basketball, are classed as minor sports, but for boys participating in them they are anything but that. Attesting to this fact were the many boys who were out for swimming, wrestling, gymnastics and hockey. The fine records produced were in no small way brought about by the excellent coaching and mature sportsmanship displayed throughout.



## SWIMMING

Piloted by two very dependable performers, Adair and Guzinski, the team splashed its way into considerable recognition by taking fifth place in the state meet. Bob McKenzie took first place among state backstrokers and Robby Brown substantiated his claim to fame by taking second in the breast stroke.



## WRESTLING

Accompanied by much advance publicity, a new sport, wrestling, was introduced into R.H.S. extra-curricular activity this year. Tutored by Coach Clyde Ridenour, our boys proved their ability to assimilate new material, and succeeded well in this new sport. Although their record was not spectacular, they have pioneered in the new field and set a firm foundation for future wrestlers.



Patton, Rochester, and an unidentified Owatonna man go to it while "Red" Hastings, referee, looks on.

# COACHING STAFF



**Coach Bob McNish** succeeds Giffy O'Dell this year as head coach of both of our major sports, football and basketball. His skillful handling of this man-sized job is shown by the fine records his team have produced. He lifted the football team from last year's cellar spot to a .600 rating, which is good in any league; and he brought a basketball team, with only two returning lettermen, to fourth place in the state tournament. It is our opinion that he deserved the honor of being called Minnesota's coach of the year.

**Coach Byron Van Roekel**, taking over the reins of the swimming team this year, was a capable and well-liked mentor. He instilled in the boys the spirit and determination that are part of the R.H.S. swimming heritage.

**George B. Haun**, athletic director, head track and golf coach! It sounds almost like too much for one man to be, but we at R.H.S. know better. Mr. Haun (he also teaches geometry) has a championship track team and a very good golf team in the making, and is above reproach in fulfilling his duties as athletic director.

**Coach "Cliff" Monsrud** also has a big role in R.H.S. athletics. He is as much at ease teaching the fellows to play hockey as he is on the track field. And although hockey victories weren't numerous, we're sure the boys enjoyed playing under Coach Monsrud.



**Coach E. S. Burrington** is our able and efficient baseball coach. He has a mighty big job this year in creating a team from green material, but we know he'll do as well as he did as assistant football coach.

**Coach C. S. Ridenour**, a newcomer to R.H.S. this year, brings a new sport into our program. Although few of the boys had wrestled before, under Mr. Ridenour's excellent tutelage, the wrestling team created a new interest for the students.

**Coach Jerry Paul** has a novelty this year in having two girls on his tennis squad. We don't know for sure just how this will turn out, but if Coach Paul's past record is any indication, we should have another fine tennis team.

**Coach Beckman** as usual turned out a gymnastics squad this year as good as any we've seen. The team's accomplishments in region competition attest to their coach's fine work.

**Coach "Mac" McKibben**, arrived at the start of this year from Albert Lea and pitched right in as assistant coach in two sports, football and baseball.

**Coach "Johnny" Steiner**, former Hamline star under our own Bob McNish, was right at home as McNish's assistant in football and basketball.

**Coach V. J. Baatz**, originally scheduled to coach golf, has had to abandon his golf squad this year for other duties.

Pictured here are Miss Margaret Eckhardt, speech correctionist; Miss Marion Baker, librarian; Miss Janice Mickey, school nurse; and Mr. Clyde Ridenour, study hall supervisor.

