

Brethern, Inkster Bag Titles

It's Fourth In Row For Norman-Dickson In Class D Meet

Spring Arbor Second, Freesoil Third, Kingston Fourth At Ann Arbor.

By RON SMITH
ANN ARBOR—Norman Dickson of Brethern proved once again here yesterday that history does repeat itself—much too often as far as 24 other schools are concerned—by winning its fourth consecutive state Class D high school track meet.

The speed merchants from Manistee County pilled up 46½ points as an expected two-team battle for the crown went awry, with Spring Arbor a poor second at 33 points and Freesoil a distant third with 24.

Kingston, perennial Little Seven Conference power, led the Saginaw area teams with 17½ points for fourth place. Mt. Pleasant Sacred Heart landed in seventh with 12½ points and Maple Grove St. Michael grabbed ninth with 11.

However, area teams failed to capture any first places, although Kingston's 880-yard relay team of Bill Bastin, Don Barden, Don Long and Ralph Wenzel, did win its race, one of two heats.

Brethern won the event on a time basis with a 1:37.2 clocking to 1:38 for Kingston. Both teams have been timed much faster several times during the season.

Brethern yesterday displayed the same spirit and relay team it did in winning the Central Michigan Relays earlier this year.

Two records were set. Norm Burns of Brethern won the shot put with a 49-foot-3½ heave that bettered the old record of 47-foot-5 set by Milt Glassner of Diamondale in 1951.

Ray Pieper of Michigan School for the Deaf was second with a 48-foot-9½ toss that would also have been a record, while Tom Cashen of Mt. Pleasant Sacred Heart was third.

The other new mark came in the 850-yard run, won by Ed Fitzgerald of Spring Arbor in 2:05.2 to snap the 2:08.5 mark of Dave Heimberger of Spring Arbor set last year.

Don Barden of Kingston was second to Hollis Joles of Wolvino in the 180-yard low hurdles, while Joe Dick of Maple Grove St. Michael and Bob McCoy of Mt. Pleasant Sacred Heart were fourth and sixth respectively to Joles in the 120-yard high hurdles.

Joles, who also starred in the Central Michigan Relays, won the long with a 218 effort and the high in 18.4 for his double win honor.

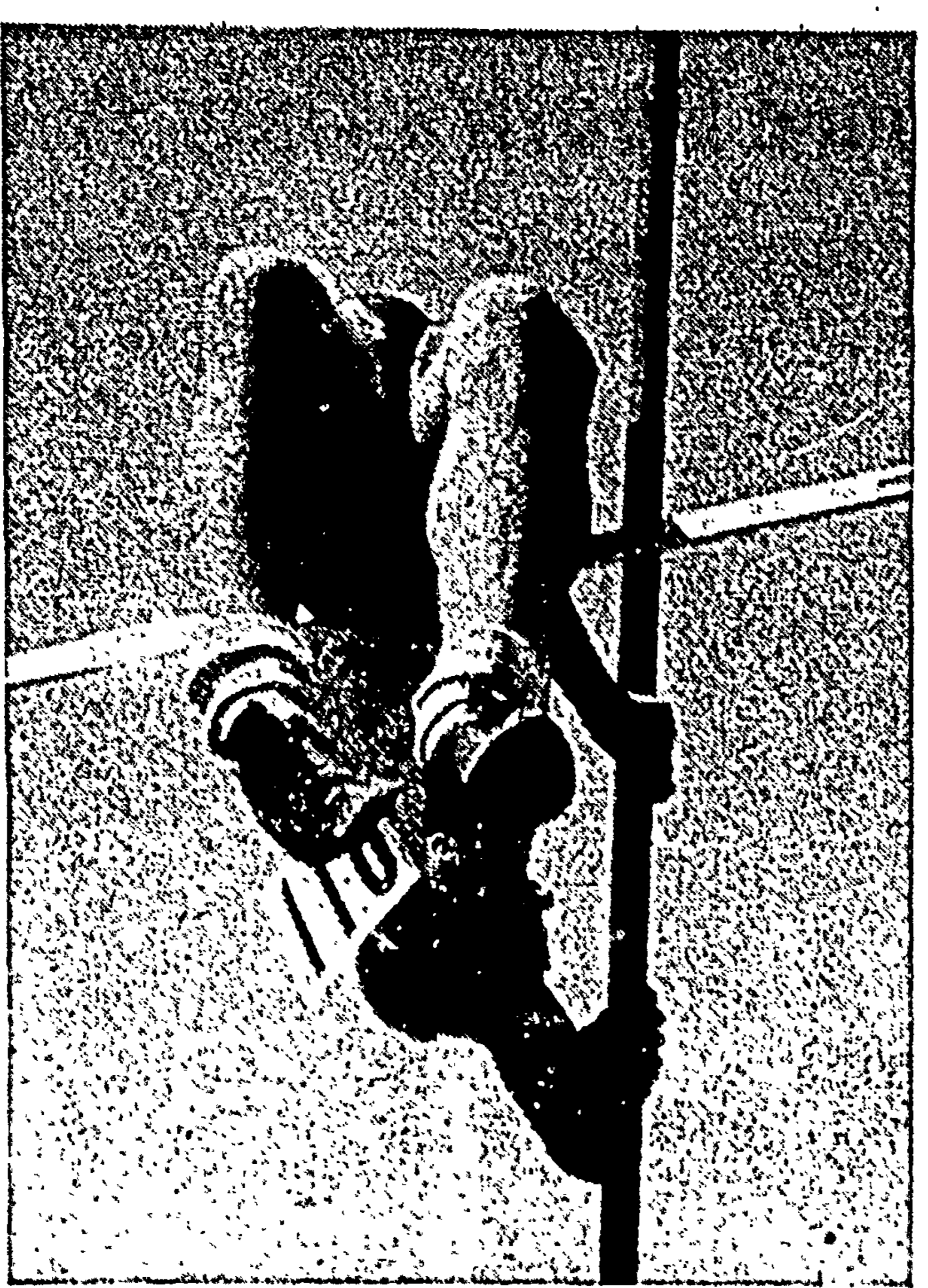
Mike Smallback was Sacred Heart's top performer. The promising sophomore tied for third place in two events, the high jump at 6-feet-6, and the pole vault at 10-feet.

Kingston and Sacred Heart had third and fifth place respectively in the medley relay, won by Spring Arbor in an upset over Brethern. The time was 2:41.5.

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Going Out At 10-Foot-2

... Mike Smallback, sophomore pole vaulter for Mt. Pleasant Sacred Heart, gained a tie for third place in the event at Ann Arbor yesterday during the state Class D high school meet. However, he missed his final try at 10-foot-2. (Saginaw News Photo.)



One Of Two Firsts For Palmer

... John Palmer, St. Louis all-around athlete, leaped 31-feet-5½ to capture the broad jump in the state Class B meet yesterday. Later he ran the 180-yard high hurdles in a record breaking 20.1 to rank as the meet's outstanding performer. (Saginaw News Photo.)

State Class B Results

Inkster 27½, Grand Rapids 25, St. Louis 22, Mt. Pleasant 20½, Lansing Everett 14½, Adrian 12, Utica 10, Romulus 10, Monroe Catholic Central 9, Grandville 8½, Petoskey 8, Davison 6½, Hart 6, Dowagiac 6, Walled Lake 5, Detroit Servant 5, Flint Kearsley 5, East Lansing 5, Paw Paw 4½, Bad Axe 4, North Muskegon 4, Ecorse 4, St. Clair 4, Carleton Airport 3, Center Line 3, Farmington 3, Grand Haven 3, Greenville 3, Battle Creek Lakeshore 3, Livonia-Bentley 2, Flint Mandeville 2, Hastings 2, Kalamazoo State High 2, Allegan 1, Belleville 1, Sandusky 1, St. Joseph 1, Van Dyke 1, Fitzgerald 1, Cass City 9:14, Trenton 1, Caro 1, Charlevoix 1, Clarkston 1, Algonquin 1, Big Rapids 1, Buchanan 1, Redford Union 1, South Lake 1.

Central Michigan Sets Varsity Club Dinner

MT. PLEASANT—Jim Podoley will receive special recognition from Mt. Pleasant Mayor Joseph Ruth and four persons will become honorary members of the Central Michigan College varsity club at its annual banquet in Keder Union, May 21. It has been announced by L. M. (Doc) Severney, faculty adviser of the club.

St. Louis Gets Third In Class B

Mt. Pleasant Bags Fourth Place.

By RON SMITH
ANN ARBOR—Inkster defeated its state Class B High School track title here yesterday, collecting 27 points, five more than last year, to 25 for Grand Rapids Central.

Johnny Palmer and Norman Trapp, St. Louis' outstanding pair, led Coach Sherm Olmstead's Crimson Tide in a close third-place edge over Mt. Pleasant.

Palmer won two firsts, setting a state record in one event, and Trapp gained a second and third to help St. Louis slip the Ollers, 22 to 20½.

Palmer, a fine all-around athlete who still has another year of competition left, captured the broad jump with a leap of 21-feet-9½ and then raced off with the 180-yard low hurdles in 20.1 to eclipse the 20.2 clocking he made last year.

During the morning preliminaries he also tied his 20.2 record.

Tree broad jumped 21-feet-2½ to rank second behind Palmer and then, in an event which lasted nearly five hours, including an hour after the rest of the meet was over, he gained third place in the pole vault to eclipse Mt. Pleasant 20½ to 18 advantage and give St. Louis third place.

Other area Class B schools were far down the scoring column. Sandusky had one event, Cass City 9:14 and Caro 15-point.

Palmer was the pace setter for Mt. Pleasant as he won the 220-yard dash to upset favored Art Frederick of Grand Rapids Central in 1:20.4, while Frederick was 10.4 for the century.

Also, Myers ran one of the finest anchor legs of any relay team during the day-long meet when he led the Ollers' 880-yard relay squad in a thrilling win over Grand Rapids Central in one heat.

There were five heats in the 880-yard relay and Mt. Pleasant's winning time of 1:33.1 gave it a tie for second in the event with Lansing Everett, while Inkster won first with 1:32.6.

It was strictly a sparkling performance by Myers which gave the Ollers their margin of victory.

Grand Rapids Central wiped out the Ollers' advantage and led for the second and third and when Myers got the baton he was some 20 yards behind East Lansing Central's all-state football player.

Myers eliminated the margin as the two drew within 30 yards of the finish and then barely managed to pull ahead at the finish line.

Jerry Wiley of Mt. Pleasant took fourth in the 120-yard high hurdles as Ernie Malahn of Utica won in 15.4. Wiley also had a fifth place in the 250-yard low hurdles.

Dave Palmer's new record, one other Michigan event into the books, as Larry Masteller of Adrian won one of the 410-yard run heats in 60.8 seconds to crack the 60.9 record by Jim Wright of Berkeley in 1952.

Larry Esvenmacher of Bad Axe, the school's only entry, placed in the first and second Class B shot put groups in many years. Esvenmacher uncorked a 49-foot-9½ toss.

Larry Termon of Grand Rapids Central was second in the shot with 50-feet-1½ while Dave Sikarsky of Petoskey won with a 51-feet-5½ heave.

In one of the 410-yard dash heats, Dick Barlow of St. Louis was fourth, while Duane Dietrich of St. Louis, an easy winner in morning preliminaries, failed to place in the 120-yard high hurdles.

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... In Class B, where Mt. Pleasant's Dave Myers (left) and Earl Mandeville of Grand Rapids Central battled for the lead as they neared the finish line in the 880-yard relay.

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Myers came from behind to nip the Hilltop ace in one of the closest finishes of the relay events. (Saginaw News Photo.)

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Saginaw High Places Third

Pontiac Chiefs Run Away With State Track Title

By JOE HART

EAST LANSING - The Saginaw Valley League still has a stranglehold on the state Class A high school track laurels.

This season's SVL pride and joy—Pontiac—romped to the Class A team title yesterday afternoon on a sun-baked Michigan State College track.

Coach Wally Schloerke's powerful Chiefs amassed 51 13/14 points to succeed Saginaw High, the SVL powerhouse that had won seven titles in the last 12 years, as the Class A champion.

Although far out-distanced by Pontiac, the Trojans of Coach Herb Korf made a surprising bid for runnerup honors.

Saginaw High placed third in the team scramble with 15 13/14 points. Flint Northern kept the one-two-three SVL finish intact by grabbing second by 1 1/14 of a point with 17.

The Trojans' battle for second place went down to the final event, the pole vault. Flint Northern had no entry so Saginaw High could have grabbed runnerup honors had Jerry Hamling been able to score four points in the event.

Hamling gave it the "college" try, clearing 11-feet-6, but had to settle for a six-way tie for second place, thereby collecting 2 1/2 points. Hamling did bump Kalamazoo into fourth place with 15 points.

Arthur Hill found the going rough in the intense competition. Coach Glen Mason's Lumberjacks could scrape together only two points on a pair of sixth places.

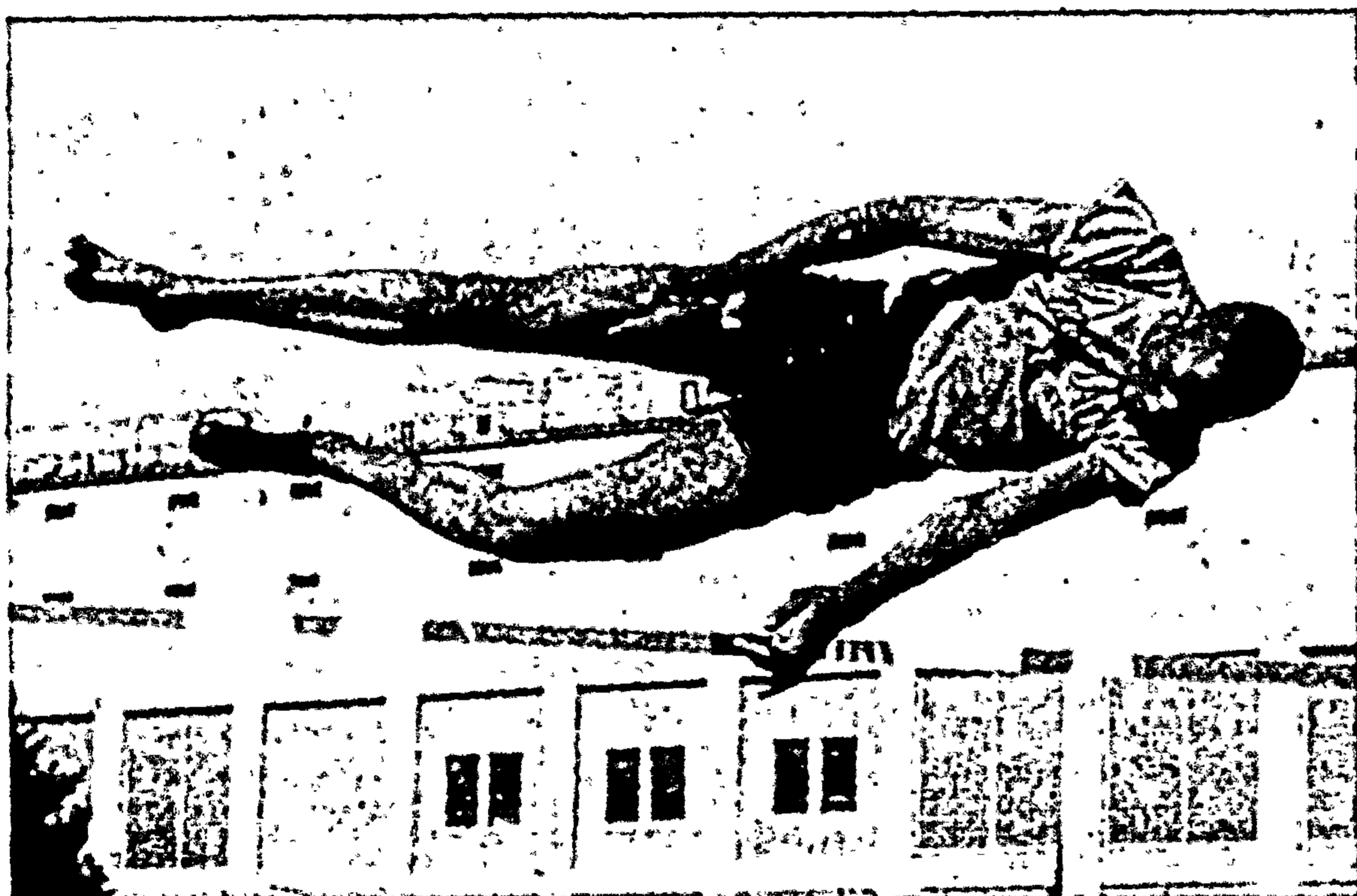
Detroit Catholic Central was fifth with 13 points, while another SVL entry, Bay City Central, was sixth with 12 3/7 in the closely bunched field of also-rans.

Alpena, thanks to a brilliant performance by Pete Dant in the sprints, and Ypsilanti tied for seventh, each with 12 points. Dearborn Fordson, which set two of the three state records in the meet, was ninth with 11 points behind Benton Harbor with 11 3/7.

A total of 31 Class A schools scored in the meet. Traverse City, which won the regional title at Saginaw last week, was far down the list with a meager 7 3/7 points.

Hayes Jones, Pontiac's versatile junior, was the meet's top performer, much to the regret of Saginaw High's smooth-striding high hurdler, Bill Chesney.

In a torrid 120-yard high
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One Shoe On, And One Shoe Off

... Hudson Ray, half of Pontiac's sophomore "Mutt-n-Jeff" high jumping combination, is shown clearing 6-feet-3 1/2 in yesterday's state Class A meet at East Lansing. Minutes later, the much shorter Alex Barge skimmed

over the bar to tie for first place. The 11 points scored by Ray and Barge helped Pontiac romp to the team title with 59 13/14 points. (Saginaw News Photo by Tom Bassett).

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