Looking 'Em Over

With
DON UNFERTH

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(An uninvited guest columnist)

Don didn't say we could. But we're gu'nna, unyway. Just for old time's sake. For there was a day when the writer used to pound out sports columns over Appleton way and it's something that one can never quite shed. Not that this is bad. For it always has been our belief that an interest in sports is one of the most wholesome that a person can have and that a sports page is one of the pleasantest in a newspaper, one that the whole family can read and enjoy.

Wisconsin Rapids always has been known as a good sports town. And, believe it or not, this is as much of a recommendation to anybody as industrial payroll figures or how many houses have powder rooms. A good sports town means that there are good sports, both literally and figuratively. The newcomer finds the Rapids so even in days of wartime limitations.

With active organizations, public support and newspaper and radio promotion, Wisconsin Rapids can boast of sports activity the envy of communities many times its size. There has been and will be again organized baseball, Golden Gloves, pro basketball exhibitions, good competition in golf, swimming, tennis, etc. These things are not common to every town and it is to be hoped that residents do not accept them in a casual, unappreciative manner. They are really "big time stuff" and the city is lucky to have the facilities and leadership to carry them on successfully.

The Tri-City area is on the threshold of a new era as far as industrial and commercial life are concerned and the same can apply to the future of sports. The war insofar as can be determined has not permanently eliminated any sports from the local scene. Some have slumbered because of player shortage and equipment curtailments but it won't take much to awaken them. Others have been kept going in a modified way while some activities such as conservation and junior baseball competition have gone ahead by leaps and bounds and will continue to progress as the years roll by.

Having come from a sector where high school tournaments are strictly a hush-hush subject although we're still trying to get in the last word, it is indeed a revelation to find educators and school boards that are not living in "the dark ages." It was a real treat to follow the tourney at the fieldhouse last spring without having to feel as if we were partaking of forbidden fruit as when we looked upon similar games at Menasha or New London.

There admittedly were evils back in pre-World war I days but we believe that the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic association has overcome most of the objections in a sane, constructive program and that the feeble defensive arguments put up by those who have the say-so in the Fox River Valley conference are but an obstinate and ridiculous case of the tail trying to wag the dog. But—no, we won't go on, because you folks probably neither care nor want to know what it is like to be without tournaments and have them called all sorts of nasty things such as "emotional sprees."

You wouldn't know that there are people who think it insufferable that a team with class should go to Madison and lose a day or two of school even though a boy must maintain higher than average scholastic standards to even participate. Or that a team which developed slowly and was out of the running for the conference title might be given a chance to show its true ability at the end of the season and compare its strength with that of teams from other conferences. It won't make sense to you but that's what it is—insufferable, unnecessary, un-this and un-that, out of balance because the "varsity psychology" is bad even though there is a broad intramural program and, in general, ungood.

If you'll pardon us, it has been a long time since we've had a chance to crack the pre-tournament whip, but now we've gotten to thinking that maybe you would better be able to count your blessings if you knew what the coaches, fans and players are up against down in the fuddy-duddy Fox Valley circuit.

We started this column as a general survey and expect to finish it that way even if we got off the course a little. As managing editor of the Tribune, we'd like to say that if the sports pages at times may have seemed a little light or cramped—it has not been Don's fault. For every day he has stories spilling all over the galleys. But every day we are confronted with a newsprint pinch. And we must ration it as fairly and as intelligently as possible so that all readers may be served.

When the newsprint supply permits, you and your sports editor can be assured that expansion of the department will follow. What even now is considered one of the soundest and best-edited sport sections in the state will be given all the space that is needed. More and better coverage of the so-called participant sports such as softball, volleyball, golf, tennis, fishing, horseshoes, hunting, skating, curling, ping-pong or what have you will be attempted along with the usual full diet of baseball, football, basketball and track both nationally and locally.

Guess this should hold us until Don goes on another vacation. Though he may be afraid to after he sees what we drones do to "his baby" this week.

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BY H. R. KLAPPA
Pres. City Vocational Basketball League

The event we have all waited for has at last taken place. The end of the war. I can remember Oscar Hartman saying for the past two years, "The boys will be home by Christmas." We all hoped so but always doubted it. This year it's a reality.

My main reason for quoting Oscar, was because our City Vocational Basketball league has suffered more from a "man-power shortage" than any other sport in the city. We know young men were most needed in the war and this group made up our basketball league.

In checking the number of boys from our league in service, I find the number very close to three hundred. That is, boys who have at some time or other competed in our league.

In spite of all the handicaps we continued to play basketball, as a league, during the war. It was very gratifying to have the splendid cooperation that was given us, especially during the past two years; and as a league we are especially grateful to the school boards and W. A. Sprise, who is perhaps the best single friend of the City Vocational Basketball league.

Our League is not an organization for profit, nor are we organized JUST to play basketball. The idea of the League and its beginning is directly responsible to Oscar Hartman. The boys in the league have christened him "The Father of the League." The need for some sort of recreation during the winter season for boys who had just finished high school seemed to be one of the crying needs of the city. The solution soon began to take shape when Mr. Hartman contacted various groups about the city for their opinions on such an organization. With the help of W. A. Sprise, the league very soon became a reality.

The first year of operation was all that was needed to find out if the idea would be a success. Teams from all over Central Wisconsin applied for berths in the league, but the idea of a City Amateur league for Wisconsin Rapids was strictly adhered to. Today we are still an amateur league for the boys of Wisconsin Rapids who have completed their high school education or who have terminated their relations with a high school.

The biggest years of our league are still in the future, and our officers and board of directors have not been idle. Like other organizations we have made plans and talked postwar basketball for several years. With the city having plans for new schools and new gymnasiums we are very much interested in helping solve the recreational problems of the future if we can.

Our present league will have to be expanded to include all the teams that will apply for membership. Perhaps two groups will have to be set up as in Big League baseball, with an A league and a B league with play-offs at the end of the season for the championship.

We are not forgetting the girls. As soon as facilities are available we hope to organize a girl's league similar to our Boy's Vocational League.

Volleyball, badminton and archery are very popular at present and several men's and women's clubs have inquired as to the possibility of organizing leagues among civic groups. With the large nuumber of industries in this city there is no reason why these groups can not set up a league in most any sport.

Getting back to our Basketball League, I feel something might be said about the present season which is just about upon us. Many of the boys will be back in time to compete, while others will have to wait another year. Then there are others that will be sorely and sadly missed by everyone who has followed basketball. Players such as "Sammie" Crowns, Irv Weinhauer, "Tuffy" Watson, Joe Goodrich and Gordon Galloway are some of the names that come to me of boys who helped make the league a success, but were called upon to defend their country and paid with their lives in so doing. Their names and names of many others who have given their lives will always be remembered as the boys who set examples of good sportsmanship, in our American Sports.

We are also in hopes that the present season will bring about the organization of a State Amateur Vocational Basketball league as we forward to winning a State Amateur title.

The future will demand recreational facilities of all sorts and it is my hope that those who plan for Wisconsin Rapids will be able to point with pride, 10 or 15 years from now, at their work and say that it is still serviceable for years to come; because many of our facilities today are very inadequate due to poor planning.

BLACK AND GOLD

East Lansing, Mich.—Michigan State College's football team will dress in black jerseys with gold numerals front and back, gold pants, black stockings with gold stripes, head gear in black and gold

Tribune Photo

"BOY! I SURE HOPE I CAN FILL THESE THIS FALL"—Such are the thoughts that are passing through the head of Kenny Robenolt as the high school junior looks over a new pair of football shoes. Coach Phil Manders is shown with Robenolt as the two are checking over the Lincoln High school football equipment in preparation for the openig of practice this fall. Coach Manders is looking forward to a record turnout of boys when he issues a call for the initial practice. Manders, a former Drake University star athlete, is a brother of Jack Manders of the Chicago Bears and Pug Manders of Brooklyn.

Coach Issues Call For Lincoln Grid Candidates

Phil Manders, new Lincoln High school football coach, today issued a call for any and all who would like to put their brawny shoulders to the grid wheel. Sophomores, juniors and seniors have been asked to report at 4:30 Thursday afternoon at the fieldhouse when equipment will be issued and dental examinations will be given. The first formal practice is slated for 9:30 Monday morning.

Coach Manders pointed out that the school will furnish all needed equipment this year but a $1.50 deposit must be made tomorrow to cover insurance and towel fees. Freshmen will be called out the middle of next week. Coach Manders stresses that he would like to see a large turnout and that he hoped none woud hang back for lack of experience or confidence. "One has as good a chance as another where I'm concerned," Manders said.

The dental examinations will be given Thursday by Dr. T. J. Johnson and W. I. A. A. registration will be completed at 5 o'clock Friday afternoon with physical examinations to be conducted by Dr. O. A. Backus.

Herschleb to Build New Ice Cream Plant

Walter F. Herschleb of the Herschleb Ice Cream company announced today that property had been acquired just to the north of the Baker street intersection on Sixteenth street north for the construction of a commercial ice cream plant. Building will begin just as soon as materials can be procured and the plant should be in operation by next spring, Mr. Herschleb said.

The retail shop at 230 East Grand avenue, which Mr. Herschleb has operated for nearly six years, will be retained and Sgt. J. H. Brehmer, a son-in-law now in Germany, will be associated with him in business.

The new plant will be a one-story building of brick and concrete construction. It will be 36 feet wide and 82 feet deep, containing the latest in equipment for quantity manufacture of ice cream.

2-Day Picnic

As a result of the Japanese surrender, the Central Labor Union will hold its traditional 2-day picnic at Robinson park Sunday and Monday instead of only one as originally planned in the face of the then wartime conditions. William McCarthy, general chairman, said today that a complete program is being arranged.

Rogers Score 12-2 Win Over All-Stars

Chalking up nine hits, Rogers softball team defeated the All-Stars, 12-2, in a game played under lights at Nekoosa Tuesday night.

Alnes of Rogers got three hits in three times at bat and Ingwall and Kremar hit triples. The All-Stars hit into a double play in the first inning. Ingwall to F. Kremar to C. Kremar.

Batteries for Rogers were Rowe and Milkey for the All-Stars, Wolfe and Pharo.

State Guard Will Hold Practice at New Rifle Range

Personnel of Company F, Wisconsin State guard will hold an all-day rifle practice Sunday on a new rifle range which has been constructed on the bank of Moccasin creek just west of the Tri-City Service Station.

The company will report to the rifle range at 9 o'clock Sunday morning and will be served army mess at noon.

The rifle range is 200 yards long and regular 30 calibur army rifles are to be used for practice. Lt L. W. Murtfeldt, range officer, will be in charge of instruction.

State League Clubs to Meet In October

Eau Claire—(AP)—Representatives of clubs in the Wisconsin State league, Class D organization which suspended operations after the 1942 season, will meet some time in October to plan for resumption of play next year, Herman D. White, league president, said yesterday.

White said he thought enough ball players would be available in 1946 and that the loop would consider raising the salary scale.

Seven of the eight clubs have maintained their annual assessments—Green Bay, Appleton, Oshkosh, Fond du Lac, Sheboygan, Wisconsin Rapids and Janesville. La Crosse has not, and White said that at least five cities—Manitowoc, Madison, Kenosha, Racine and Wausau—were interested in a league berth.

14 From Area Are Inducted

Fourteen men from Wisconsin Rapids and surrounding area were inducted into the armed forces at Milwaukee Friday, according to an announcement made today by the local selective service board.

Those from Wisconsin Rapids are Gerald J. Johnson, 1011 Fourteenth street south; Thomas K. Thirkill, 1021 Sixth street south; Melvin L. Witte, 240 Eighth street south; Roger E. Janz, 1740 West Grand avenue; Gordon R. Newby, Route 1; Arno C. Saylor, 310 Sixteenth street north; Steven E. Royarski, Route 3; Leon F. Yaeger, 1251 Second street north; David A. Komatz, 1660 First street north; Raymond O. Lecy, Route 4. Others inducted were John M. Buehler and Clarence O. Griffin, Port Edwards; Walter C. Mayer, Milwaukee; Clifford A. Bowden, Babcock.

RECEIVES CROIX DE GUERRE—During a presentation ceremony held at the Invalids in Paris, France, Gen. Revers, deputy to French General Koenig, presents the Croix de Guerre, order of the army, to Brig. Gen. Joseph A. Holly, former Wisconsin Rapids resident. The citation was made to General Holly in recognition of "exceptional services during the liberation of France." General Holly served as commandant of the armored force school at Fort Knox, Ky., before going overseas.

Rapids Nine Plays At Wausau Sunday

The Wisconsin Rapids city nine travels to Wausau Sunday afternoon to meet the cream of the talent from Wausau's city league in the first of two baseball games between the two cities. A week from Sunday, September 9, the Wausau All-Stars will play Wisconsin Rapids at Witter field.

Following last week's busy schedule, which found the Rapids aggregation engaging in three contests in seven days, Manager Monty Smith has his team in tip-top shape for the Sunday affair at Wausau. In addition to the return fray with Wausau at the Rapids a week hence, the locals still have games remaining with Stevens Point and Adams-Friendship. The latter team will be met on Saturday, September 15 as part of the Adams county fair while the Point tilt is slated for September 16 at Witter field.

Last year Wausau and the Rapids split two games; in 1943 the teams also divided their 2-game set.

Wausau's All-Star team, as selected by their City league managers, lines up as follows:

Bud Heyman, catcher; Stan Burek, Jr., pitcher; John Lyons, first base; Cyril LeGault, second base; Rudy Gerzine, shortstop; Louis Severson, third base; and John Dietzler, Eddie Rahne and Bob See in the outfield.

The probable Wisconsin Rapids lineup will have Bob Gazeley or Earl Marvin back of the plate, Bert Dietzler on the hill, Ken Robenolt first base, George Skibba second, Bill Herman short, Dave Barrette third and Art Plahmer, Monty Smith and "Red" Gaetke in the outfield.

HOSPITAL PATIENT

Mrs. Leonard Getzinger, Wisconsin Rapids, is listed as a patient at St. Joseph's hospital in Marshfield.

Four Fishermen Four Muskies

Red points will not cause much trouble for a short time to four Wisconsin Rapids fishermen who returned from a weekend trip with four muskellunge ranging from 32 to 26 inches in length. The fish were caught at Clam lake, about 160 miles northwest of Wisconsin Rapids. The spokesman for the quartet did not say whether or not each man caught a fish or if one had all the luck but it is believed the catch was divided. Those making the trip were Phil Zeman, Averd Nelson, Kenneth Plenke and Leo Plenke. Several weeks ago the foursome made a similar trip to the lake and returned with the same number of muskies. It must be a habit. But a dawgoned good one to get into.

JUNIOR BASEBALL LEAGUE RESULTS

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	W.	L.	Pct.
Preway	7	0	1.000
Kruger	5	2	.714
Consolidated	4	3	.571
Abel's	4	3	.571
Tribune-WFHR	3	4	.429
St. Lawrence	2	5	.286
Johnson & Hill	1	6	.143
Bethke	2	5	.286

LAST NIGHT'S RESULT
PLAYOFF MONDAY
Kruger versus Preway (2:00).

The regular Junior league season came to an end at Witter field last evening with Harlan Henke pitching Abel's to a 9-3 victory over Johnson & Hill. Henke finished in a blaze of glory by retiring the last six batters to face him in order and striking out 14 in all while not walking a man. The winner's got off to a fast start with five runs in the first frame.

The league championship game between Kruger's first round winners, and Preway has been called for 2 o'clock Monday afternoon. Manager Joe Zastuva has nominated Klappa and Marvin for the Preway battery while C. J. Mader, acting manager for Kruger's, said Dale Showers would be on the mound and Gazeley behind the plate for his team.

The box score:

Abel's (9)	AB	R	H	P	A
Gilmaster, rf	3	1	1	1	0
M. Kruger, 1b	3	2	0	2	0
Rilchey, ss	4	1	2	1	1
Henke, p	2	0	0	1	1
Showers, 2b	4	0	0	0	0
Bremmer, c	4	1	1	14	0
Greenway, 3b	3	0	0	1	1
Siegler, cf	3	0	1	1	0
Ebbe, lf	3	1	1	0	0
Totals	29	9	6	21	3

Johnson-Hill (3)	AB	R	H	P	A
Wolosek, ss	3	0	2	2	1
Reinecke, lf	3	0	0	1	0
Reiman, 3b	3	1	0	2	2
Haibeck, p	3	0	1	1	0
Reimer, c	2	1	0	6	0
Gill, 2b	3	0	0	1	0
Fogel, rf	3	1	1	1	0
Boles, 1b	3	0	0	6	1
Pagel, cf	3	0	0	1	0
Saeger, 1b	1	0	0	0	0
Totals	26	3	5	21	3

Score by innings:

Abel's	500 011 2—9
Johnson & Hill	021 000 0—3

Errors—Ritchey, Greenway 2, Wolosek, Reiman, Haibeck, Reimer. Runs batted in—Ritchey 2, Bremmer 3, Tempel 1. Strikeouts—Henke 14, Haibeck 3. Bases on balls—off Henke 0, Haibeck 4. Umpires—Smith, plate; Piltz, bases. Time—1:30.

Bethke's came out of the Junior league cellar to nip Tribune-WFHR, 1 to 0, in a game at Witter field last evening that was played in the record time of one hour and seven minutes. And the contest was just as snappy as the time with both pitchers turning in good performances and their mates playing heads-up ball with only one error apiece that did not figure in the scoring.

Klein hurled for the losers and allowed only one hit while retiring an even dozen via the strikeout route. The one safety, poled out by the winning pitcher, Bodette, led to the only score. Klein whiffed three straight in the fourth frame and cut batters down twice in two other innings. Bodette fanned three and issued nary a walk.

The Bethke twirler finished the season in winning style as he collected the only hit in the fifth stanza off Klein, stole two bases and came home on a fielder's choice authored by little Jimmie Biot, one of the smallest boys in the league and yet one of the most enthusiastic even though he has seen more of the bench than he has the diamond.

The box score:

Bethke (1)	AB	R	H	P	A
Smith, 2b	2	0	0	0	1
Kohman, 1b	3	0	0	18	0
Dailey, ss	3	0	0	1	2
Grey, 3b	3	0	0	0	3
Bodette, p	3	1	1	0	0
Kuehl, lf	2	0	0	1	0
Biot, cf	3	0	0	1	0
Erdle, rf	2	0	0	0	0
Korzean, c	2	0	0	3	0
Totals	23	1	1	21	12

Trib.-WFHR (0)	AB	R	H	P	A
Piltz, c	3	0	0	12	0
Olcson, cf	3	0	0	0	0
Herman, ss	3	0	1	3	2
Klein, p	3	0	1	0	3
Hoesley, 1b	3	0	0	5	0
Christenson, 3b	2	0	0	1	1
Scott, 2b	2	0	0	0	0
Fink, lf	2	0	0	0	0
Walters, rf	2	0	0	0	0
Totals	23	0	2	21	6

Score by innings:

Bethke	000 010 0—1
Tribune-WFHR	000 000 0—0

Errors—Smith, Olcson. Left on base—Bethke 3, Tribune-WFHR 1. Strikeouts—By Bodette 3, by Klein 12. Bases on balls—Off Bodette 0, off Klein 3. Umpires—Smith, plate; Gazeley, bases. Time—1:07.

Bill Habeck lost a heartbreaker in Junior league play at Witter field last evening when he limited Kruger's to one safety in six innings and went into the final frame with a 5 to 2 lead only to see his Johnson & Hill team wind up on a short end of a 6-5 score. Battling all the way, Kruger's capitalized on a second hit and three J & H errors to rack up four big runs in an inning better described as "everything in the book."

Knickerbocker hurled for the winners and turned in a creditable job with seven strikeouts, one walk and giving up only four safeties. Habeck fanned five and issued four free trips. Robinson led at the plate with two hits in three chances.

Kruger's chalked up the first marker of the game in the fourth stanza when Gazeley walked, stole second and came home on two passed balls. Johnson & Hill came back in the fifth with their five runs in a cluster, Habeck and Robinson each getting bingles and Reimer, Pagel and Boles also scoring.

Showers picked up another run for Kruger's in the sixth when he followed Showers' footsteps by drawing a walk, pilfering second and reaching home on two passed balls. Knickerbocker touched off the seventh inning rally by hitting safely and advancing on a fielder's choice with Nash lighting on first. Mason was safe on an error and things went to pot when Habeck fanned Johnson but the ball got away from the catcher. Rued fanned and Johnson came in with the winning marker as Daly reached first on a muff by the shortstop.

The box score:

Kruger's (6)	AB	R	H	P	A
Daly, 2b	1	0	0	1	1
Torresani, 3b	3	0	0	1	1
Showers, 1b	3	0	0	8	1
Gazeley, c, cf	2	1	1	8	1
Knickerbocker, p	2	1	1	1	1
Nash, ss	2	1	0	2	2
Mason, c	2	1	0	1	0
Will, cf	1	0	0	1	0
Johnson, lf	2	1	0	1	0
Rued, rf	2	0	0	1	0
Totals	22	6	2	21	7

Johnson-Hill (5)	AB	R	H	P	A
Wolosek, ss	3	0	1	1	4
Gill, 2b	3	0	0	2	0
Fogel, rf	3	0	0	0	1
Reincke, 3b	3	0	0	0	1
Haibeck, p	2	1	1	0	2
Reimer, c	3	1	0	0	1
Pagel, rf	3	1	0	1	0
Robinson, lf	3	1	2	1	0
Boles, 1b	3	0	0	8	0
Totals	26	5	4	21	9

Score by innings:

Johnson & Hill	000 050 0—5
Kruger	000 101 4—6

Errors—Showers, Knickerbocker, Will. Wolosek, Reimer 2, Boles. Stolen bases—Showers, Gazeley. Left on base—J. & H. 2, Kruger 3. Strikeouts—By Habeck 5, by Knickerbocker 7. Bases on balls—off Habeck 4, off Knickerbocker 1. Umpires—Smith, plate; Robenolt, bases. Time—1:35.

Getting to Passineau for eight hits while he was fanning nine and walking only one, Tribune-WFHR Junior league baseballers rose to the .500 mark in second half play with a 9 to 5 victory over Consolidated at Witter field last evening. Klein limited the losers to three safeties while fanning 11 and walking 4.

While batting honors were fairly well divided, Piltz led the way for the winners with two hits in three chances and three runs. The news-radio gang had a big third inning in which they rapped out six safeties and combined them with two Consolidated errors for six runs.

The box score:

Tribune-WFHR (9)	AB	R	H	P	A
Piltz, c	3	3	2	9	0
Olcson, cf	4	2	1	1	0
Herman, ss	3	1	1	1	1
Klein, p	3	1	1	2	0
Hoesley, 1b	3	1	1	5	0
Christensen, 3b	3	0	0	0	0
Scott, lf	3	0	1	0	0
Fink, 2b	3	1	1	0	0
D. Gill, rf	3	0	0	0	0
Totals	28	9	8	18	1

Consolidated (5)	AB	R	H	P	A
D. Haferman, 2b	4	1	0	0	2
N. Haferman, cf	4	1	1	0	0
Knutson, c	3	0	1	8	0
Smolarek, 3b	3	0	0	0	0
Krull, ss	3	0	0	1	2
Oilschlager, rf	3	1	0	0	0
Kawalsky, lf	3	0	0	1	0
Passineau, p	3	1	0	2	2
K. Haferman, 1b	2	1	1	7	0
Totals	24	5	3	18	6

Score by innings:

Tribune-WFHR	106 200—9
Consolidated	002 021—5

Errors—Krull, Kawalsky, Piltz, Olcson 2. Left on bases—Tribune-WFHR 2, Consolidated 6. Strikeouts—by Klein 11, by Passineau 9; bases on balls—Off Klein 4, off Passineau 1. Umpires—Smith, plate; Ritchey, bases. Time of game—1:40.

250 Pheasants Freed In Hunting Grounds

Members of the Nekoosa Conservation league have released 250 pheasants in the public hunting grounds in the town of Remington, V. A. Skilling, conservation warden said today.

The cocks will be mature by the opening of pheasant season.

They'll Do It Every Time — By Jimmy Hatlo

Shotguns On Market; Ammunition Still Short

Washington—(AP)—Note to hunters: You now can buy a 12-gauge shotgun, but the question of ammunition to use in it still is uncertain.

The war production board revoked yesterday an order which permitted the sale of .38 caliber revolvers to peace officers only and the sale of 12-gauge shotguns to farmers alone.

WPB still is considering what to do about ammunition. Sale of shotgun shells now is limited to farmers and ranchers.

LOCAL SOLDIER TALKS WITH SWISS—Pfc. E. E. Ullman of 750½ Baker street, Wisconsin Rapids, second from left, and a companion on a 7-day army-sponsored tour of Switzerland stop and talk with three young Swiss men about mountain climbing, Switzerland's national pastime. Private Ullman found it easy to converse with the Swiss as almost all of them speak English.