



UPPER LEFT: "Oh my aching back!" says an Albert Lea grappler as All-Stater, Bud Rommel, prepares to pin him. UPPER RIGHT: Coach Silker gives All-Stater, John Hallenbeck, some smelling salts. BOTTOM RIGHT: Dave Smith carefully circles his opponent. BOTTOM LEFT: Bill Hurrle gets a reverse on his Albert Lea opponent for two points.

## R. H. S. Grapplers Show . . .

FRONT: R. Rundell, B. Rommel, Co-captain D. Nelson, S. Mickey, R. Nelson, Co-captain D. Kauffman, D. Smith, J. Glynn, B. Hurrle, P. Macken, J. Hallenbeck, L. Woolley. SECOND ROW: D. Rommel, J. Vromen, J. Jennison, P. Grassle, B. Otto, D. Penz, S. Wilson, C. Johnson, M. Kerpatrick, L. Bremer, D. Hamastier. THIRD ROW: Coach D. Silker, G. Darst, J. Francis, D. Faulconer, D. Schultz, B. Brown, B. Pfaff, B. Ringenberg, D. Amdahl, T. Reese, B. McNiff, C. Rahn, D. Smith, Manager S. Teedie, and Manager C. Dubbert.





Shown before one of their meets, are the Rockets' A & B teams warming up in their practice room.

## **Great Potential for Future**

The 1957-58 Rochester High School wrestling team wound up with a 3—5 record. In his first year as head coach, DeWaine Silker had two wrestlers compete in the State meet.

Led by co-captains Dick Kauffman and Don Nelson, the Rockets lost several meets by two or three points. John Hallenbeck was the only Rocket to go unbeaten during the regular season, while Kauffman and Rommel both lost once.

Hallenbeck, Rommel, Dave Smith, and Bill Hurrle all won their divisions in district competition. Rommel and Hallenbeck were the only ones to win Region crowns and advance to the State meet in Mankato. In the State, Hallenbeck was defeated in the first round. Rommel went to the finals where he lost a 3–0 decision, gaining a second place rating. Coach DeWaine Silker talks with his two co-captains, Dick Kauffman, left, and Don Nelson, right. This was Silker's first year as head coach.

