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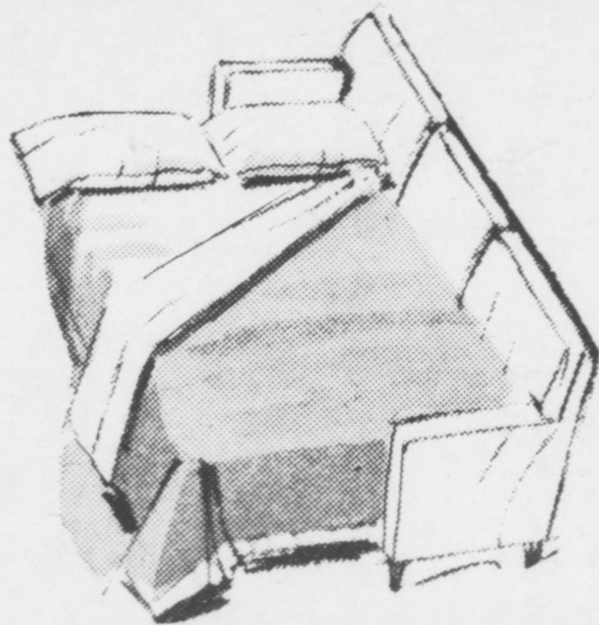
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cane-using blind friends on
races "downtown".

Mr. Hemmig flew to Hollywood, Ca., for his first dog. A man from the training school met him at the airport and told him that he wouldn't meet his dog for several days. "We have to check you out first," the man said.

During the next few days the trainer walked all over Hollywood with him, deliberately trying to mis-lead and anger him. When Mr. Hemmig didn't lose his temper, he was judged suitable for a dog.

The dogs at this Hollywood school are all pure-bred female German Shepherds, trained for six months. After Mr. Hemmig and the dog got acquainted, they were tested together on an obstacle course. Besides ordinary holes, curbs, and wire strung at human head height, the two had to pass between two bonfires set three feet apart.

After the obstacle course, Mr. Hemmig and his dog were tested at an airport, on busses, and in a factory full of obstacles and welding gear. Failure meant another week of practice.

Guide dogs are trained to deal with traffic by refusing to walk on the right side of a road. They always pass a barrier on their side, not the person's. In an emergency, they will lead their masters out of a building if they are told, "Take me outside."

Mr. Hemmig told the kids that, today, most dogs are attack-trained. The dog will attack when it hears a certain German word. If someone should strike its master, it will growl a warning and seize the attacker's wrist in its mouth without biting. If the blow is repeated, it will bite.

Mr. Hemmig also spoke on the special harness, which is adjusted to the height of the person. The



Photo shows Robert Cresswell, left, and poster winners Amy Jo Winters, Melissa Hinkle, Danny Deitrich, and Kevin Lee Barnhart.

person must follow the dog by exactly half a step if the team is to function effectively.

Mr. Hemmig answered questions after his talk. He explained how he arranges food on his plate (with potatoes at 9:00), how he boards the right bus (Kona recognizes the driver), and how he tells time (he passed around his Braille watch, with raised dots to indicate the hours).

When he was asked whether it was worse to be blind or deaf, he judged it worse to be blind. "But the worst of all would be confinement to a wheelchair," he said.

After Mr. Hemmig's talk, Mrs. Knorr, the school nurse, announced the winner of the Poster Contest, and Robert V. Cresswell presented the awards. The winners were:

1st prize, Amy Jo Winters, 10, of 9 S. Arnold St., Maytown; 2nd prize, Melissa Hinkle, 9, of 580 E. Market St., Marietta; 3rd prize, Danny Deitrich, 10, of 78 N. Chestnut St., Marietta, and Honorable Mention, Kevin Lee Barnhart, 10, of 110 S. Harter St., Maytown.

All winners are in 4th grade.

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There were 400 runners. The order of finish for the Pacers were: freshman wrestling coach, Chuck Leader, 28th place, time 43:41; football coach, Gayne Deshler, 173rd place, time 52:32 and Tom Knorr, wrestling football

coach 345th place, time 76:20.

Richard Wolf, Jr., from Elizabethtown won this race in 39:28.

Also, on the same day another pacer, Dave Halbleib participated in the Second Annual Memorial Day Half-Marathon (13.1 miles) in Clear Springs, Maryland. Halbleib finished tenth in the race and won the first place trophy for finishing first in his age bracket 30-39 years. Halbleib's time was 97:00

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