This is no sour grapes philosophy. Eddie Anderson's Hawkeyes took us Saturday 7-6. We don't say we liked it. Carnegie Tech didn't like it when we took them by the same score two weeks before.

We don't say our men played dumb football or called the wrong plays. We know much better than that. THEY GAVE ALL THEY HAD.

We don't say Communion figures tell everything but the record shows they hit a Saturday low the 11th. WE'LL BOOST 'EM THE 18TH. We'll keep playin' and prayin' right along. You can bet Northwestern and Southern Cal don't rate us a push-over because the Hawkeyes broke our string of six straight.

A good licking is good when we take it and take it we did. Defeat very often reaps more good than victory. It can build up and toughen our character.

In "New York Day By Day" the columnist Charles B. Driscoll has something to say:

"Failure to win first place in any kind of contest is always hard on some pupils. Indeed, we find many adults who seem to be unable to live happily, if at all, in anything less than first place. I knew an industrialist who, when arrived at an age at which he might have retired gracefully to enjoy his immense fortune, lost the presidency of his big manufacturing concern by reason of a movement against him in a block of stockholders. After the fight that followed, the big man found himself free of heavy responsibilities for the first time in his life. Because of this battle he had put up his discovered that his resources had been depleted, from to his last $6,000,000, flew his head off with a shotgun.

"This man had everything that money could buy; he also had the family, many friends and a chance opportunity to see the world without worrying.

"Most of us have competed in some sort of sport while at school. I went in for the grater contests in prep school and college.

"There is no more touching scene in a big school than the homeroom of a defeated team. Almost universally, the students not on the team knew that everybody did his best. Instinctively they knew that something has been attained, even though the competing team may have won the prize. The student body wins something too, in learning to give the defeated team good hand and cheer for the next time. When sports and other school contests really bring out good sportsmanship, they are worth while."