

SIDELIGHTS

Boys Buy Necklaces School of Plutocrats Organize Bridge Club Moratorium on Fines Wooden Microphones

WHY ARE so many necklaces and rings bought at lost and found sales by boys? The question is being looked into at Shorewood High school, Milwaukee, Wis. Four boys' wrist watches have not been claimed, and it is believed that the males are forgetting themselves in their efforts to please their feminine friends.

But imagine a girl's embarrassment when she discovered that her treasured present from "him" formerly belonged to her worst enemy and hated rival!

At last, the school of plutocrats! The George Washington High school, Danville, Va., discovered that eighty-five per cent of the students drive cars. The average allowance of each student is six dollars a month, and of this about \$2.50 is spent at the corner drug store.

Who says the South isn't a land of milk and honey. And roadsters and permanent waves! "I wish I was in the land of cotton."

Imitating Greta Garbo and Mickey Mouse is child's play to the members of the Cine club at Frankford High school, Philadelphia. To become a member of this honored society, one is required to impersonate an actor or actress so that the other members will know whom he is imitating.

"Come in, I want to be alone." Guess who that is.

In Hyde Park High school, Chicago, Ill., a bridge club was organized lately to give students a chance to learn contract bridge. Every table was watched to see that nobody played auction. There will be a tournament during the year, but only those who have paid their dues of twenty-five cents will be allowed to participate.

So bridge playing has even invaded the ranks of the high schools! What shall we expect next?

A moratorium on all fines on overdue books was declared by the library of Abraham Lincoln High school of Des Moines, Iowa. The idea was that students with overdue books would return them if they didn't have to pay the fines.

A moratorium on locker fines and gum-chewing fines besides on library books would be appreciated by one and all here at Central. However, it probably wouldn't do to run up a bill in hopes there would be a moratorium.

Court justice is brought to bear by the Student Control of South High school, Columbus, Ohio, which holds trials and sentences students to certain penalties in accordance with the crime they commit. The charges are given to the court by the faculty, and a summons is presented to the offender to appear before the court.

That system would be superfluous here at Central as we're the perfect type of "chilluns" who don't commit misdemeanors. Oh, no!

Wooden images of microphones are used in the economics classes at Central High school in Minneapolis. The students recite their lessons as though they were broadcasting.

What is the objective? Is it to prepare most of the students for radio positions or is it to aid in obliterating poor Ted's fear of hearing his own voice? Or just what?

Name Hackler To Represent High Schools

Committee Chosen to Decide Permanent Memorial to Late Superintendent

\$1,239 CONTRIBUTED

Windsor G. Hackler '33, was appointed representative of the Omaha high schools on the John H. Beveridge Memorial Fund committee, according to an announcement issued by Principal J. G. Masters on Tuesday, December 13.

The representatives on the committee are as follows: E. E. McMullan, principal of North High, representing the high school principals; Miss Myrtle De Graff, instructor at Benson, representing the high school teachers; Windsor G. Hackler, the high school students; Miss Marian Reed, supervisor of art in the Omaha schools, the supervisors; Miss Stella Holmes, principal of Bancroft school, the elementary school principals; Miss Florence Tower, instructor of art in the grade schools, the public school teachers; and Jack Clark, pupil of Saratoga school, representing the grade school pupils.

Chosen by Lot

These members were chosen by lot by placing the names of the schools in a hat, and drawing out the name of a school. A representative was then appointed. The committee will decide how the sum raised will be spent for a permanent memorial in honor of the late superintendent.

Central High contributed \$91.45 to the total fund of \$1,342.14, of which \$102.50 was used for funeral expenses, leaving \$1,239.64 as the balance.

Prominent in Activities

"We wanted someone who would really represent our school," Mr. Masters said of Windsor's appointment, "and since we felt that Windsor was a fine choice, and would be equal to the responsibility, we appointed him to represent the Omaha high school students."

Hackler is the president of the Spanish club, chairman of the program committee of the Mathematics club, first lieutenant and adjutant of the first battalion in the regiment, member of the Council of Honor, member of the Junior Honor society in his freshman, sophomore, and junior years, and was chosen as one of the four Central High school's first citizens.

Collect \$44.15 From Heinie and Karl Act

Candy Sale Contributes \$90 to Community Chest Fund

According to Mr. Fred Hill, assistant principal, \$44.15 was collected from the Heinie and Karl program given Tuesday in the Central High auditorium. The proceeds are to be contributed to the Community Chest fund together with \$90 made from the candy sale.

"Some additional student contributions have been made and we hope that by the end of this week, our subscription will be met," said Mr. Hill.

New Central Student Experienced World Traveler From Philippines

By Windsor G. Hackler

Six different schools in two years is the record of Charles Hutter '34, who entered Central last year in summer school. With his family, he moved to Omaha a year ago from the Philippine Islands where his father, Major C. G. Hutter, was stationed.

"I like Central; it's a pretty good school. There are good teachers, and the work is interesting," Charles stated when questioned last Tuesday.

Charles is only sixteen years old, but he has traveled through Europe, Asia, China, Japan, and Borneo, and has lived in Chicago and military posts in Minnesota, Texas, and the Philippine Islands. Within two years, he attended one school in El Paso, Texas, three in the Philippines, one at Bellevue, and now he is at Central.

"I like to move," declared Charles. "I get to see everything, and I have lots of fun when I'm traveling." Charles keeps notes and takes many pictures while traveling. He

Santa Claus Fills Shoes in France; Oysters and Crawfish Tickle Palates

By Morris Lerner

France—Christmas in France begins on the night of the twenty-fourth of December with "Reveillons" or a Christmas eve supper at midnight. To the Frenchmen "Reveillons" is more important than the Christmas day dinner. Oysters seem to be the favorite first course at the supper, and crevinisse, that appetizing crawfish, runs a close second.

But Christmas as a religious day overshadows Christmas as one for feasting. The family in the rural sections goes to midnight mass, and Christmas is a day for not only joy, but prayer.

Santa Claus, called Pere de Noel in France, makes his appearance during the night, filling the shoes, which the children have put out, with candy, toys, and playthings.

The family wakes up late on Christmas Day, since they have stood up almost all night, drinking champagne, singing, and dancing. Each one arranges himself in his most colorful and best looking clothes, and then all are off to church. On this day, churches are crowded to capacity. At the well-known Notre Dame de Paris and other famous Paris churches, so many people apply for seats to hear the Christmas day sermon, that the high priest must give tickets for entrance. The great opera stars from Opera de Paris sing at the church services.

Then home the family goes to eat the annual Christmas dinner, with roast fowl of different kinds as the main dish. After dinner, Christmas

carols may complete the family reunion, or the different members may go visiting.

South France has one of its own odd customs. Each house has a yule log, which is sprinkled with sacred wine, and then lit, to burn continuously till New Year's, or if possible to the end of the Christmas season which falls on the "Day of Kings," January 6.

Germany—In Deutschland the Christmas season begins on December 6, St. Nicholas Day, and extends to New Year's. Christmas proper is usually celebrated on two days, December 24 getting most of the attention.

At 2 o'clock in the afternoon of the twenty-fourth, all work in the rural districts is stopped in order to rehearse the carols which they are going to sing, and to review the dancing.

That night is the night for presents. One room, from which all but "die mutter" are excluded, holds as its prize, the Christmas-tree, the presents, and the decorations. The house is decorated with green garlands, holly, and other customary decorations. A cold supper starts the evening off, and the nearer it gets to 6 o'clock, the more excited the children get. Finally the time comes—a bell rings, announcing that Santa has made his appearance, and that they can now enter the once forbidden room. Everyone rushes in to see what St. Nicholas has brought. Then joy shows itself. Everyone kisses and

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Expression Class Does Extra Work

Present 'So's Your Aunt Anna' at City Mission; Other Plays Given to Night School

Many plays have been presented this semester by students of Miss Myrna Jones' Expression IV class outside of the regular ones for class work. "So's Your Aunt Anna" which was presented several times before the students, was given again last Thursday at the City Mission. The cast was headed by Martha Wood, P.G., who served as both director and lead, and it included Marjorie Mach, Marion Wilson, Elizabeth McCreary, Mary Ethel Teasdale, Guinevere Ohlswager, and Dudlie Chambers, all '33.

After playing in "So's Your Aunt Anna," many of the actors took part in at least one of three plays which were presented for the night school. The list of plays with its cast is as follows: "In an Airplane Station," Mary Allene Moore '33, director; Elizabeth McCreary, Bill Morse '33, Louis Bexten '34, Guinevere Ohlswager, Jane Epplen '33, Martha Wood, Marion Wilson, Roger Aulbaugh '34, George Stearns '33, Bill Stevens '33, and Oscar Schneider-wind '33. "The Vanishing Princess," Jane Epplen, director; Mary Allene Moore, Martha Wood, Louis Bexten, and Guinevere Ohlswager. "Walks of Life," Mary Allene Moore, Mary Louise Wise, and Marjorie Mach.

This afternoon Marion Wilson is giving a recital sixth hour. The program will consist of "Enter, Madame," a three-act play by Varsi and Burns, in which she takes all the parts.

Advantage in Paid Up S. A. Tickets

Benefits Include Register; General Admission to Basketball Games; Road Show Coupon

Do you know all the benefits and privileges derived from keeping your S. A. ticket paid up now and next semester? If you have seventeen stamps for this semester, and buy eight stamps for next semester, which means eighty cents in all, or ten cents a week, you get the Register for the balance of the year. You get general admission for the six home basketball games, and to attend other city games where Central plays, you just fish in your pocket for another twenty-five cent piece. And here is the schedule for this season: Dec. 13, Harlan at Central; Dec. 16, Abe Lincoln at Central; Jan. 6, Central at St. Joseph; Jan. 13, South at Central; Jan. 14, Central at Lincoln; Jan. 20, Central at Tech; Jan. 21, Creighton at Central; Jan. 27, open; Jan. 31, Central at Abe Lincoln; Feb. 11, St. Joe at Central; Feb. 17, Lincoln at Central; Feb. 24, Tech at Central; Mar. 3, Central at North.

A Road Show coupon, good for the matinee performance or 25 cents credit on an evening performance, is attached to the second semester ticket. In addition you receive the O-Book by paying fifty cents instead of the dollar that will be charged to students who do not have S. A. tickets.

Debate Squads Meet A. Lincoln Thursday

Stein, Stiefler Uphold Negative On Tax Question

Three debate teams from Central met teams from Abraham Lincoln in Council Bluffs last night at 8 o'clock. Central was represented on the negative by Albert Stein '33 and Robert Stiefler '34, and on the affirmative by MacAlvay Rosewater '34 and Ernest Wintroub '35, Katherine Stone '35 and Claire Miller '34. Judges were furnished by North, South, Thomas Jefferson, and Creighton high schools.

Last Thursday Robert Stiefler, Ernest Wintroub, and Claire Miller were among the student judges in the debate between North and Thomas Jefferson High schools. Yesterday Herbert Kaplan '33 and Joel Cherniss '33 were among the judges in the Benson-Thomas Jefferson debate.

All debates are on the official Missouri Valley league question of taxation.

Student's Portrait in Memorial

A portrait of Echo Guion '35 by Bernard Szold is included in the Nebraska-Iowa art exhibit shown at the Joslyn Memorial this week.

Select Group To Sing Over WOW Today

Chorus to Present Carols on Omaha College Club Program, 1 to 1:30

NINETEEN PERFORM

Mrs. Irene Jensen, music instructor, has picked a group to sing carols over WOW today from 1 to 1:30 on the Omaha College club program. The program is to be in the form of a story starting with the songs that children sing and working up to the more mature sort of anthems.

The numbers are "Upon the House Top," "We Three Kings of the Orient Are," "Away in the Manger," a solo by Mary Jane France '35, "Little Town of Bethlehem," "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear," "The Holly," "When the Sun Has Sunk to Rest," "The Bells on Christmas Day," "Jingle Bells," "O, Come All Ye Faithful," and "Holy Night," with a solo by Margaret Fry '33.

The singers are Margaret Fry, Betty Jean Macumber, Virginia Rhodes, Margaret Myers, Cyrus Bowman, Virginia Spaulding, Bob Butts, Francis Hessler, Perry Rushlau, and Carl Thorsen, all '33; Lois Farber, Dolly Bliss, Marjorie Fales, Jane Eldridge, Bryce Bednar, Willard Dergan, and Dave Bernstein, all '34; and Mary Jane France, and Kermit Hansen, both '35.

This morning, members of the voice classes and glee clubs sang carols in the halls as they have done for eight years. Mrs. Irene Jensen, voice teacher, has been coaching them since the end of the opera.

Math Classes Get Annual Big Santa From Harry Walsh

For the fifth consecutive year, Miss Amanda Anderson's mathematics classes will have one of Harry Walsh's Santa Claus drawings to look at. However, this year's sketch differs from the others in that it is on cardboard and not on the blackboard.

Five years ago, when Harry Walsh was a freshman in Miss Anderson's Algebra I class, he drew a sketch of Santa Claus beside his algebra problem on the blackboard. Miss Anderson noticed the drawing and asked Harry to put a Santa on the front board so that the whole class could see it.

Harry drew a large St. Nick, and to the delight of his classmates, Miss Anderson gave Harry some colored chalk and told him to color his sketch. The finished picture was so good that Miss Anderson left it on the board until Christmas vacation.

For the next three years, Harry drew a Santa on the blackboard in Room 337. One year an algebra card with the grade of "A" was stuck in Santa's bundle. Another time, a stick of candy was labeled "For Miss A."

This year Harry is a student at the University of Omaha, and Miss Anderson supposed that she would have to go without her Christmas drawing.

But Harry supposed differently. A few days before Thanksgiving Harry brought to Miss Anderson a large painting on cardboard of Santa Claus, a fireplace with a stocking, and the greeting, "Miss Amanda E. Anderson wishes you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

Miss Anderson hung the painting in Room 337 last Friday.

Illness Results in 8 Faculty Absences

Due to illness, there were eight absences Tuesday among the Central High faculty members. Miss Irene Searson substituted for Miss Maybel Burns, mathematics teacher, and Miss Gertrude Dietrich substituted in Mr. F. Y. Knapp's civics and modern problems classes.

Miss Delizia Rindone taught Mrs. M. Z. Vartanian's Spanish classes; Mrs. Jane McMonies, Miss Juliette Griffin's history classes; and Miss Maria Harmer, Mrs. Bessie E. Rath-bun's Latin classes.

Miss Erma Miller took the place of Miss Chloe Stockard, household art teacher, and Miss Nellie Williams had charge of Mrs. Glee Meier's gymnasium classes. Miss Mary Angood, art teacher, had no substitute.

What a Freshman Thinks of Chaucer

WITH an expression of pleasure and surprise on his face, the small tow-headed lad stood staring at the framed quotation on the library wall. For a long time he studied the words; then he left the room. As he walked down the hall, his height seemed to increase by inches and his stride made that of a lieutenant-colonel look like a cake walk.

Entering his history class, he quietly took his seat and smiled like a cherub at the teacher. His rosy cheeks glowed and his blue eyes sparkled in anticipation of the time when he would be able to reveal his superior knowledge of a writer of the Renaissance period. The lesson began. As it progressed he grew worried; surely they would mention the writer. Suddenly someone mentioned Chaucer. Immediately the excited freshman stood up and almost shouted:

"Well, there's a sign by that fellow up in the library, and he oughta learn how to spell."

In the dead silence of the room, there was an atmosphere of sudden shock.

Back in 225, over the heads of the students, the library's theme read:

"On Bokes For To Rede I Me Delyte And To Hem Yeve I Feyth And Ful Credence And In My Herte Have Hem In Reverence." —Chaucer.

Series of Tests Given in English

Students, by Leading Class, Distinguish Themselves; Based on Knowledge of Spelling

The second and third hour pre-English classes of Miss Helen Sommer have taken a series of five spelling tests recently. Six pupils distinguished themselves by leading their class in more than one test, no grade being below 98. Four tests were based on knowledge of the principles involved in the four types of spelling words; one was based on a list of unclassified words. Those winning recognition in two or more tests are Michael Towey, Roy Harris, Mary Ruma, Rudolph Mueller, Edward Dolgoff, and Louis De Biase, all freshmen.

Others who lead their classes in single tests were Marjorie Summers, Jane Sorenson, Leslie Rogers, Mildred Hansen, Ernest Koehler, Corinne Ernst, Ralph Alexander, Robert Kennedy, Ethel Terrell, Tom Durden, Eva Wright, Elbert King, and James Lipari, also freshmen.

This series of tests is to be continued at least twice a week, as was previously done. Similar series will be given on other phases of the semester's work.

Christmas Project Added to Collection

Roberta Morton Reproduces Biblical Scene for 130

A Christmas project, the work of Roberta Morton '33, has been added recently to Miss Genevieve Clark's project case in Room 130.

The project is a miniature reproduction of the entrance of Joseph, Mary, and the Christ Child into Egypt. Mary is riding upon a gray donkey, and is carrying the Christ Child, clothed in white, in her arms. Joseph, who is depicted wearing a listless gray robe, and holding his staff in hand, is leading the donkey by a rope.

The setting is well described by the Bible in Chapter II of St. Matthew, which says, "And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt. When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt."

Former Teacher Visits Here

Mrs. S. S. Elliott, formerly Miss Phoebe Jane Hunt and a teacher of Spanish at Central High school, is visiting in Omaha with her mother. She will leave next week for Mexico where she has lived for seven years.

Because of death in the family, Ruth Esveld '33 was absent most of last week.

Other Awards To Be Given By Scholastic

Eight Scholarships Included in Prizes Offered Through Ninth School Contest

ANNUAL COMPETITION

High school students who enter the ninth annual Scholastic awards national competition for creative work by high school students in art and literature, are in line for eight full term scholarships and one summer term scholarship the Scholastic, national magazine for high school classrooms, has announced.

The Art Institute of Chicago, Carnegie Institute of Technology, Vesper George school, California School of Arts and Crafts, Pratt Institute, Fort Wayne Art school, Rhode Island School of Design, and Columbus School of Art offer the scholarships. In addition to the scholarships, hundreds of cash prizes totaling several thousand dollars are included in the awards.

Invited to Submit Work

High school students who have a story, essay, poem, one-act play, book review, sketch, or article up their sleeves, and students with a bent for drawing, painting, leathercrafts, designing, metal crafts, photography, or sculpture are invited to submit their work to the jury which meets in Pittsburgh next March. Prize-winning work is to be reproduced in Scholastic's Student-Written number, April 29.

Some of the major groups in the literary division are the poetry, the essay, the short story, and one-act play division. In poetry no contestant may submit more than 200 lines altogether; in the essay, no more than 2,500 words, and in the short story, no more than 3,000 words. Prizes in this group range from \$50 to \$5. In the familiar essay, emphasis is given to the author's personal reactions to the subject matter; the subject may be human nature, natural description, or general ideas.

Information from Scholastic

In the play division, the prizes, which range from \$25 to \$2.50, will be awarded on the basis of ability to build a plot following dramatic, rather than narrative technique, and on skill in handling dialogue. Manuscripts are not to exceed 5,000 words in length, and of course must be original.

National recognition also awaits those students who have their writing published in Saplings, Scholastic's anthology of prose and poetry by high school students. Art students find a counterpart to Saplings in the Traveling High School Art Exhibition, composed of the best work submitted in the contest. The exhibit makes an annual tour of the leading cities of the United States.

Complete information on the Scholastic Awards is published in a booklet published by Scholastic. Address Scholastic, Wabash Building, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Colds and Flu Keep Many Students Out

Because of illness due mostly to colds and flu, Isabel Amos '33, Mary Tunison, Jean Jorgensen, Shirley Barish, George Edgerly, Nathan Pohl, and John Izzan, all '34, and Jane Pulver and Kenneth Wilson, both '35, and Jeannette Miller and Robert Perley '36 were absent all last week.

Ellet Drake '31 is an assistant in the zoology department at Grinnell college this semester.

THE BASKETBALL SEASON

LAST TUESDAY Central's basketball team opened the season by defeating Harlan 26 to 11. Tonight we play Abraham Lincoln in our gym and it looks as though it's going to be a good game. You'll want to be there. Incidentally, by keeping your S. A. ticket paid up, you can go to all the home games and by paying twenty-five cents you can enjoy the games at other schools.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS!

CHRISTMAS is the season of good cheer. We are all very happy over the vacation and the anticipation of gifts. Yet in this city of ours there are thousands of people starving, people with no coal or clothes. A contemplation of this prospect brings on expressions of sympathy, but no one ever got fat eating expressions of sympathy. There are, as usual, a multitude of ways to give tangible expression to your feelings. Salvation Army women line the street ringing for your donations. Give them something! School clubs and Sunday schools are preparing Christmas baskets for needy families. Bring your surplus canned goods, clothing, and other household necessities! Of course, if you do give each Christmas, this editorial is not for you. This is addressed to that vast throng of persons who never give a gift without knowing what they will get in return.

PATRONIZE THE LIBRARY

THE PAY COLLECTION in the library now has about two hundred and fifty regular patrons, in spite of the so-called "hard times." These patrons contribute to the general collection each time they take out a book, for the books paid for in the Pay Collection are immediately transferred to the regular shelves. Of the fifteen hundred books purchased for the Pay Collection, over twelve hundred have been paid for and transferred.

The Pay Collection needs your assistance to improve its circulation and to help tide it over this difficult period. The library's book budget has been reduced, and here and there on the shelves are dingy books whose popularity seems to increase as their legibility decreases. The more students who patronize the Pay Collection, the more new books will get onto the regular shelves; so you benefit yourself, the library, and the whole school each time you charge a Pay Collection book.

CONFERENCE ON FRIENDSHIP

DISCUSSION at the Character Education conference held at Abraham Lincoln High school, Council Bluffs, Iowa, last Friday, brought out the following points: To develop lasting friendships, a sense of humor is necessary. Only those persons who can see the humorous side of things will long remain friends. The quality of tolerance and an understanding of human nature also are essential to permanent friendships. The idea that persons of different types often form lasting friendships was advanced. All of these reasonable and practical observances were presented by the students themselves. These pupils were chosen to represent their different schools, and by their intelligent discussions they showed that they were true leaders. One member of the conference remarked as he left, "I've certainly learned something." And so did they all.

WINTER HAS COME

SNOW, cold winds, gray skies, all have come to Omaha. The snow is blessed by our male students; shoveling snow is muscle building. Cold winds are blessed by our female students; raw air produces a healthy color. Gray skies are blessed by our teachers; rooms lighted by electricity are comforts to the eyes. So you see, Centralites should be thankful. (We hope the sarcasm is not too subtle for you.)

But why, oh why, must Centralites pass unceasingly through the courts? The doors seem to be open constantly, and the cold air that rushes in fills the lower halls. If you are the hardened, warm-blooded type, this message is not for you, but if you are an ordinary, warmth-loving being, we appeal to you. Please keep the outside doors in our school closed as much as possible.

Editor's Note.—Signs were placed Monday on the doors to the court, saying: "Please don't go through the court." Please obey these signs!

Alumni

William C. Ramsey '30 has been elected to Green Key, a junior society at Dartmouth college. It is a great honor to be elected to this society. Scholarship, participation in activities, and a general high rating are essential.

Members of the German club of Omaha Municipal university presented a sixteenth century version of the story of the birth of Jesus in play form at the Omaha Musik Verein last Thursday evening. Marie Baroch '30 and Alister Finlayson '31 played the leads. Other members of the cast who are Central High graduates are Richard Anderson '31, Olive Musil '31, Charles Horejs '32.

Of a committee of five to plan Nebraska university's second major formal function, the interfraternity ball, three are Central High graduates. Byron Goulding '30 is chairman of the committee, and Robert Pilling and Richard Moran, both '30, are members.

Rodney Bliss '30 was elected to Red Key, a junior honorary society at Cornell university. Requirements for the society are high scholarship, participation in activities, and general high rating.

Richard Elson '32, now a student at Creighton university, played the role of Private Mason in the presentation of "Journey's End" by the Creighton Players on December 5 and 6 at Creighton auditorium.

On an all-student program presented by Omaha Municipal university last Friday, selections were rendered by the male quartet, whose members composed the Central High quartet two years ago. They are Tom Organ, Frank Underwood, Robert S. Brown, and Robert S. Johnson, all '31.

Santa's Son Takes Papa's Place, Uses Removable Whiskers

By Meredith Zimmerman



"NO, I'M Noun Claus, Santa's son," replied a jolly, bewhiskered old gentleman in the Bustem Toy shop when asked if he was really Kris Kringle. "You see, father works so hard on Christmas Eve that he sleeps all next year and we have to fulfill his department store engagements. It's a mean trick on the kiddies, and I've often thought of taking up an honorable profession like politics."

"Mr. Claus," I said, "your father must have had a large family. You know there are a good many department stores."

"Yes," exclaimed Noun, "he did have a large family. I remember once when he moved from Nome to the North Pole they had to shut down twenty schools. Why, right here in town I have three brothers: Adverb, Adjective, and Chicken Claus, all busily engaged in fooling the little ones."

"Noun, where did you get such a beard? Did it just grow on you?"

"No," said the jolly old gent, "I did have a beard of my own once upon a time; but the children got to parking their gum in it, and ever since I have used a removable one."

"Tell me," I asked, "what is this strange fascination you have for the little ones?"

"Political strategy, my boy. They come here for bigger and better promises. The parents don't like my generosity with their money, but after all my first duty is to the kiddies and incidentally to the Bustem Toy shop."

"Another thing I can't understand, Noun, is why you don't get fat and discard the pillows. You look like a football player."

"I do get fatter," he suddenly sobbed, "but they get me a larger suit each time. They figure the larger my lap, the more children I can hold. And the more children I hold, the more business they have! I never look in the mirror any more."

Just then one of these clerks whom you never see until you are just looking around came up. Knowing how guilty they make one feel, I bid Noun goodbye and ran for the elevator. All of me got on but the head as you have realized by now.

'Eat Spinach!' Says Santa Claus
St. Nick Relates Experiences of His Twenty Years at Brandeis Store

By Frances C. Hansen

Santa Claus set down the curly-headed cherub that had been nestling on his lap and smiled benignly. "What do you want for Christmas?" he asked.

"An interview!" we answered promptly. Santa was evidently startled, but promised to answer all questions. "I'll tell you what would be better," he said. "You sit here and listen to the little ones talk to me, and I'll tell you all you want to know between times." Among the icebergs in Santa's palace on the tenth floor of the Brandeis store, we settled down to listen.

Soon a chubby little boy came bashfully in, clinging to his mother's hand. Santa's deep laugh boomed out. "Here you are! Santa's been waiting for you all morning!" He took the little fellow on his lap and at once won his confidence. "What do you want me to bring you for Christmas?" he asked.

"A sled," murmured the child, and so it went on for a long time. Each one had a different request, though the girls all wanted dolls or doll furniture, and the boys preferred cowboy suits or bicycles.

Santa had a whole set of questions to ask. "Do you help mother? Do you eat everything that she puts on your plate? Do you like spinach?" Shyly they answered him, almost afraid to speak. But one youngster piped up, "Sure I eat spinach! I'm gonna grow up and lick Popeye!"

A timid little ragamuffin entered, wishing hopefully for a sled. He was followed by a sophisticated little lady in a fur coat, who demanded a movie kodak, and haughtily announced that of course she knew how to use it! How shocked her proud mother would have been if she could have seen as we did from our lowly place on the floor, that her chic little daughter had an enormous hole in her stocking!

During a lull in the stream of visitors, Santa Claus began to tell of amusing things he had heard. "One day," he said, "a bright little five-year-old boy came in with his mother. I asked him all the usual questions, and he told me what he wanted. A few days later, he came dashing in, pulling his mother along."

"Santa!" he cried, "we've moved!" The jovial saint roared with laughter. "The little boy's mother said he hadn't been able to sleep at night worrying for fear I'd go to the wrong house!" Santa chuckled until he shook all over, just as he is supposed to do.

Jolly indeed he is in his warm red velvet suit with its fur trimming. His snow white hair, beard, and eyebrows and his rosy cheeks frame the bright blue eyes that twinkle with



Santa Claus Himself

fun as he plays with the children. When he is not making the little ones happy at the store, he disguises himself as Sam L. Morris, a retired sergeant of the Omaha police force. He lives at 2623 Ames avenue when his work is done at the North Pole.

"I've been Santa Claus here at the store for twenty years now," he declared. "I guess I've held most of the people now at Central on my lap at some time or other."

"Well, good-bye!" he cried. "Don't forget old Santa, and eat all your spinach!" And the merry old saint turned to a wide-eyed tot who was waiting to confide in him as so many hundreds have done before.

To Translate "Shadows On the Rock" in French

A BLESSED companion is a book—a book fitly chosen is a lifelong friend." If this is really the case, by popular choice, "Flowering Wilderness," by John Galsworthy, and "Invitation to the Waltz," by Rosamond Lehmann, have a large group of affectionate acquaintances.

Mr. Galsworthy, author of "The Forsyte Saga," in receiving the literature award of the Nobel prize, gets this year \$30,000, but, unfortunately, when the presentation was made, he was too ill to be present. In connection with honors, it was recently announced that Willa Cather's "Shadows on the Rock," is the first American book chosen by the Prix Femina for translation into French.

The November 26 issue of Publishers' Weekly mentions the interesting fact that Jessie Rittenhouse, who has collected so many volumes of modern verse, is herself a poet, and the wife of a poet, Clinton Scollard, who died recently. In the same copy of Publishers' Weekly is the announcement that although England feels the depression more keenly than we, she is publishing, selling, and reading more books than is America.

Newcomers On Our Book Shelves

IGLOO

By Jane Brevort Walden

"THERE'S Iggle! There's Iggle! And Daddy!" That was the ecstatic greeting to Admiral Richard E. Byrd by his children when he and Igloo returned from the Antarctic regions. Such was the fond regard of all children for Igloo, for he was now a public personage, having been showered with ticker-tape and presented to the president, and a loved comrade and friend of Admiral Byrd—quite a different picture from the shivering little dog picked up by a Washington lady five years before in a January snowstorm and eventually forced on Admiral Byrd because her apartment wasn't the right abode for a terrier of Igloo's spirit.

Igloo's spirit was that of an aristocrat but always that of a true gentleman, superior but courteous and kind. He had courage and lovable, dare-devil traits that earned for him the title of "The Stormy Petrel of Dog Town," and a charming intelligence with a love of fun which led him to try to teach the penguins to play football. But after too many flying tackles, the bolder penguins with an "Aark, aark" disciplined Igloo by a slap on the nose from their flippers while the more timid ones stood on the sidelines and yelled, "Give 'im the works."

Igloo by Jane Brevort Walden is a "dog story" in form but not in fact, for Igloo is as much an individual as any character in an excellent novel and will be enjoyed as such by anyone. He is a fastidious dandy with courage enough to find the Atlantic ocean a splendid antagonist; a fine sailor, for "Igloo took to water like a duck"—no mal de mer for him; and above all a loving, understanding fox terrier. From the amusing and charming illustrations by Diana Thorne one grows to know Igloo and

THE HAPPY PRISONER

By Lorna Rea

A DELIGHTFUL novel that can be read in one evening is The Happy Prisoner, by Lorna Rea.

A note of sympathy from Noel Carstairs reading, "Forgive me. You are so entirely beautiful that I couldn't bear it for you," gave Clare Pembroke the desire to regain her hearing. In the five and one-half years that she had been deaf, she had seen only the beautiful side of life; she was given every attention, and was allowed to read only the happy books, and to participate in all pleasures. Only now did she realize with what a careful conspiracy her parents, her brother and sister, Hugo and Judy, and her companion, Miss Robinson, and all their friends surrounded her; through a note from a stranger she learned that she was an object for pity!

The novel plot of the story is romantic, simple, and well worked out. The characters are true to life; sweet tempered Clare, sophisticated Judy, and sympathetic Noel are all typical of the aristocracy of modern England.

A dramatic ending leaves the reader in a pleasant mood—at peace with the world—after reading this thoroughly absorbing novel, The Happy Prisoner.

—Una Gross '33

all his adventures, from his dignified acquaintance with a mountainous Saint Bernard in Spitzbergen to his chagrin at having to wear a special fur suit in Antarctica.

Igloo, like all other mortals, finally came to the last great adventure after his return from Antarctica, and, as Admiral Byrd says on Igloo's grave marker, "He was more than a friend."

—Flora Marie Handley '32

Clerks Yawn While Christmas Shoppers Admire Decorations

Streets lined with brightly lighted Christmas trees; soft white snow falling lightly overhead; shiny windows filled with an array of multicolored toys, clothing, and novelties attract the shopper at Christmas time.

The rich and the poor; the young and the old—all hurry from store to store, bargaining, buying, and exchanging. On street corners Salvation Army women, their straw hats tied securely under their chins, their noses red as cherries, ring their bells and shift from foot to foot, trying to keep warm. A woman with a mannish voice, together with a number of scantily clad boys, shouts at the top of her lungs, "Polpas! Polpas! Latest evening polpas! Polpas! . . ."

Within the stores saleswomen are busy waiting on six customers at a time, and wrapping flimsy chiffon hosiery, dainty pastel handkerchiefs and lingerie in snow-white tissue. Here, a small boy, his money clutched firmly in his hand, tries to catch the eye of a saleslady from whom he wants to buy a rattle for his baby sister. There, a worn-out mother tries to decide between a green wagon and a red bicycle. The Five and Tens are filled to overflowing with those who want to buy the nicest cards and gifts at the lowest prices. Crowds surround the lunch counters, waiting for those who are eating to vacate their seats. Mingled odors of perfumes and cosmetics fill the stores.

At last the crowds grow less. The stores are closing. Tired shoppers and sleepy salespeople, with a sigh of relief, return home.

Central Students Write Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus:

Below you will find some suggestions that I overheard in the halls at Central:

Carl Ranney: A nice bunch of mistletoe.

Dorothy Lindquist: Oh, a new car. And say, throw in some gum.

Don Wiener: More school spirit; that's what Central needs.

Jean Woodruff: I want a doll; I can always use another non-breakable mama doll.

John Janacek: A bigger turnout at basketball games. And some cheering, lots of it.

Betty Barr: I'm not particular.

John Brain: A few more vacations.

Jeanne Buirvall: A ticket, no, make it two, for "Of Thee I Sing."

Miss Carlson: Halos for the crack squad.

Miss Towne: I want a photograph of the famous white bronze statue, Amida Sanzon, which is standing in a temple in Japan. Isn't that a silly thing to want?

From the above, read Santa, you can see that we Centralites are persons of no ordinary wants.

(Signed) I. Heardum

P. S.—Don Hughes just rushed up to ask me to write you for a Spear-mint dog with Wrigleys all over it. He wants it for Virginia Austin. And surely, you can't forget Virginia.

Half-Witticisms

Lady (in exclusive restaurant): Waiter, take this steak back. It is so tough that I can't cut it.

Waiter: I'm sorry, madam, but I can't take it back now. You've bent it.

"Oh!"

"What's the matter?"

"I just saw a horrible-looking woman looking through the window."

"Ha, ha! That's no window; that's a mirror!"

There is a lake in Massachusetts named "Chargoggagoggmanchaucogoggchaubunungamaug." It is an old Indian name which means: "You fish on your side; I fish on my side; nobody fish in the middle."

Joe: I had a terrible time with my flivver.

Joe: Yeh?

Joe: Yes, I bought a carburetor that saved 30 per cent of gas, a timer that saved 50 per cent, and a spark plug that saved 20 per cent and after I went ten miles my gas tank overflowed.

—Exchange.

"Say, Tillie, did you know that diamonds are made from carbon?"

"No. Are they?"

"Sure. Is that a real diamond Tom gave you?"

"I don't think so. I guess it's a carbon copy."

—Exchange.

CORSAGES for the CHRISTMAS PARTIES SPECIAL—\$1.00 to \$2.00 ROSS PETERSON Florist Hotel Fontenelle AT. 8300

Foothills of Parnassus

GIFT Night from the chill slopes of Zion, soft night with her stars all aglow, Mantled the Bethlehem hill-tops, o'er bursting with wonder and woe. Low bent the great arch of heaven; expectant, all Nature was still, Waiting with wonder His coming, on Bethlehem's aged old hill.

Over the rim of the foot-hills, the herdsmen had gathered the sheep; Safe by the flickering campfire, the flocks were at rest and asleep. Strong were the arms of the Shepherds, their courage unconquered and wild, Spirits untamed and untutored, with faith like the faith of a child.

Flared in the great dome of heaven, a light that no eye could behold; Burst on the ears of the Shepherds that heavenly chorus of old; "Glory to God in the highest, on earth peace to men and good will." Born is the King of the Spirit, on Bethlehem's aged old hill.

Hear then that heavenly choir, ye lowly heirs of the King. Kneel by his manger in spirit, as myrrh and frank incense ye bring.

Pray then with hearts that are grateful, remember the needy today; They are his kinsmen and comrades—remember them all when ye pray.

—De Loris Jarmin '33

CHRISTMAS EVE

The snow is softly falling Through the quiet of the night, The trees in all their splendor Shine through the windows bright.

The voices of the choir Echo the last Amen, As they sing of the birth of Jesus In the town of Bethlehem.

The voices die down softly, The candles soon are gone Just the stary stillness Is left to greet the dawn.

—Dorothy Camel '35

Nosey Notes

'Twas th' night before Christmas, and then the rest of that pome is all wet! . . . why? Well, just look what was going on! The guy what wrote that about the house being as quiet as a mouse must have been asleep, or else he was a wallflower! . . . Looking in a window, I see Paul Hershman announcing that he is now ready to impersonate either Laurel or Hardy upon request. . . . Bill Morris being unanimously elected "Sultcase Simpson" by his best pals. From now on, he's the man to see about stamping out fires and rolling lawns. . . . Johnny Childe wanting about five pounds of ice in a hurry on a certain Saturday night . . . there's Bob Prentiss writing limericks . . . maybe he's practicing' up on winning the water-color paint-book by filling in the "missing line" . . . here's some of the fruits of his toil:

There was a young lady named Moss, Who threw all the boys for a loss, Though not awfully quiet, She caused a big riot, This eccentric young lady named Moss.

. . . and now it's time to hang up th' ol' sock. It's terrible when your mother collects antiques, and Santa Claus gets tangled up with a spinning-wheel, a couple of vases and an extra what-not hanging too, near the fire-place so's there isn't sufficient clearance . . . but that's his hard luck, not ours . . . after returning, I see Marvin Crawford being dubbed a brand new nickname. He's "Heaven-Eyes" nbw . . . and there's Phil "Oh, Wotta" Price. Oh-oh! If Bob Butts and Daesta Deeter don't stop makin' faces at each other Santa won't come, and what's more, th' goblins'll get 'em! . . . hark! I smell smoke, and a lot of soot is coming down the chimney! It's either Santa Claus, or else I shut the damper. See you next year!

On the Magazine Rack

Talkie Troubles in December's Scientific American Troubles constantly menace the director who sets out into the wilderness to make a travelogue. If he goes to Arctic regions, he is in danger of meeting cold so intense that it freezes the grease in his camera's joints. If he wishes to take pictures in Africa, he often has to work in such fierce heat that the emulsion on his film slides off. In the North he must keep his men from snow blindness and exposure through living in cramped Eskimo igloos; in the torrid jungles he must guard against sleeping sickness and prostration from heat. It is little wonder that in face of these tribulations directors are apt to "fake" some scenes in Hollywood studios. But whether waiting at a water-hole for elephants or driving through an Arctic blizzard, the travelogue-maker must keep his people happy, drive off savage beasts, take care of the sound sets, and above all return with a picture.

Fifteen Choices For Crack Squad Start Practicing

Wetherell, Clark, Quady, Adams, Bonekemper, Former Members; to Appear in Road Show

Fifteen cadets, final selections for the 1933 Crack Squad, have begun intensive practice for the annual Road Show. Five of them, Edward Adams, Robert Bonekemper, Dick Clark, John Quady, and Wells Wetherell, were members of last year's squad. The others are Bill Brookman, George Holcomb, Harry Livermore, Norman Ogilvie, Stanley Potter, Robert Rodwell, Merrill Rohrbough, Frank Sears, Fred Smith, and Harry Stickler. Smith and Rohrbough are the only sophomores on the squad. Many of the members are sword bearing non-coms.

Carleton Ranney, captain of Company A and director of the squad this year, said, "We are trying to make the Crack Squad new and different this year. Though we did not get started until late the squad is performing well."

Carleton Ranney, a member of the squad which gained such distinction in the Road Show last year, formerly drilled the squad only on drill days.

New marching movements and new manuals are being tried out and are expected to put a new interest in the Road Show, which will be held during March.

Central Alumni Act In Playhouse Drama

In the Community Playhouse production, "The Devil Passes," being presented this week, Russell Baker '29 will take the part of Cosmo Penny. He has taken part in many playhouse productions, his most recent being the part of Ninian in "The First Mrs. Fraser." Russell is heard weekly over WOW in "Padded Fists," the Playhouse broadcast.

Justin Wolf '28 is playing the role of Louis Kisch in the play to be given next week. He also appeared in "Elizabeth the Queen."

Helen Merritt '28 is playing the role of Ellen. She is a member of the back stage staff.

Jack Melcher '31 and Richard Melcher '33 are members of the technical staff.

High Civics Grades Bring Bars of Candy

Louis Seminara '35, David Bernstein, Irene Buckland, and Ethel Resnick, all '34, and Betty Anderson '33 won five bars of candy offered by Miss Autumn Davies in her VII hour civics class for the five highest grades attained on a review test on new types of ballots.

The winners were given the nickels, and were to buy the candy at Central, where it is being sold to raise the high school's contribution in the Community Chest drive.

Tortures Inflicted In Math Initiation

RELICS of the Inquisition were resurrected Tuesday in Room 140 at the annual Mathematics society initiation. Such fiendish tortures as wrestling a matchstick, reading a book in a mirror, and threading an undersized needle with an oversized thread were practiced. One of the features was a very serious address concerning the art of snaring live gumdrops in their native haunts, presumably somewhere in darkest Africa. Another choice mirth-provoker was the spectacle of two budding mathematicians chewing fiercely at the opposite ends of a piece of string toward a choice morsel in the center, a bit of chalk.

Singing under pressure is a difficult task as was ably demonstrated by two young ladies. The most convincing proof of membership in the Math club was furnished by a trio who performed with ease problems in addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division that would stump any fifth grader. And they almost always got the right answer.

How to follow the straight and narrow path was illustrated by several old members who had hitherto escaped initiation. They were furnished with a field glass and a string stretched along the floor and all they had to do was walk on it from one end to the other. Afterwards ice cream was served and the most ingenious managed to get several helpings which they probably regretted about 2 o'clock next morning.

Fearless Soldier Vanquishes Snake

"GRAB him," "Hold him," "Don't let him get away," and other exclamations from the fearless cadets were heard when a meek little garter snake decided to take a stroll recently among their ranks and was captured by Dan Harrison '33 and returned to the biology department.

The snake, a large, fine specimen, was brought to Miss Jennie Hultman's biology classes by Robert Moore '34. He gave it to a friend who accidentally let the creature loose among the cadets.

Frightened and distracted the creature rested in Miss Helen Lane's room until a kind hearted girl took the snake home and released it.

Club Chatter

With Christmas vacation here, Central Girl Reserves are planning social meetings and charity work for the holidays.

The annual tea honoring alumni will be December 31 at the Y.W.C.A., from 2 to 5 o'clock. Girl Reserves' interclub council is in charge.

At the meeting of the Central group Wednesday members practiced carols to be sung with other Omaha Girl Reserves Christmas eve in the hospitals. A party was planned for the week before Christmas. Besides bringing toys at this time they will decorate a tree for their "family."

"Hanging the Green," a Christmas ceremony, will be given in the "Y," Saturday at 3 o'clock. All members are urged to attend.

Hutter Tells of Trip

Charles Hutter '33 gave a talk on his trip around the world before the Linger Travel club, Monday in Room 318. He told of traveling through the Philippines, Borneo, India, China, Japan, and other places of interest. Describing the Philippines as generally warm he added that the mountain tops were exceedingly cold. He emphasized how inferior the Japanese consider Americans.

"They are so proud of their architecture," he said, "that they won't even let a foreigner take pictures for fear he will copy their designs." He advised the girls to postpone any prospective round-the-world trips until after graduation.

Fintel Gives Readings

Frances Fintel, who, until a short while ago, was the director of children's plays at the Community Playhouse, gave several readings before the Central High Players, Wednesday. The club planned a party to be given January 6. First and second prizes were awarded to winners of the ticket sale for "First Night," the play recently put on by the players. Winner of first prize, Marion Wilson '33, received a box of candy; Elizabeth Wentworth '33, winner of second prize, also received candy.

German Club Holds Party

Der Deutsche Verein entertained German students at a Christmas party Tuesday in Room 129. German Christmas songs were sung, Sylvia Wiesman '34 gave a poem, and Eileen Pool '36 presented a reading. Games, with small German pictures as prizes, were played.

Science Club Elects Officers

Members of Girls' Natural Science club met Tuesday in Room 120. Officers were elected as follows: Jacqueline Lipp and Frances Antrim, both '34, sergeants-at-arms; Deborah Hulst '33, interclub council member. Helen Amos '34 and Molly Ackerman '35 presented a program concerning trap-hunting and the origin of mistletoe.

Churchill, Hart Win Gregg Speed Awards

Darrell Churchill '34 and William Hart '33 were awarded the 120 word award in the Gregg tests for November. Churchill is a student of Miss Harriet Rymer's Shorthand II class, and Hart is in Mrs. Edna Dana's Shorthand III class.

"It is very unusual for a Shorthand II pupil to make such rapid progress," Mrs. Rymer said. "Darrell is planning on being a court reporter, and he has been working most industriously toward that end."

Maurine Vodra '34 won her 100 word award, and Goldie Zusman, Dena Levey, Neal DeLong, all '33, and Nathan Cooper '34, received the sixty word award.

Although the originators of the new ten-second basketball rule believed that it would prevent low scoring games, their two teams battled to a 17-15 count in the first tryout of the new rule.

Eight Students Find Christmas Birthdays Bad

Unfortunates Get One Present Where Two Grew Before; Depression Is Cause

Alas! There are eight very unfortunate students at Central High school this year! These suffer from a disease termed "Depression-yougot-us Inthepalma Yourhand." There are a number at Central who suffer from the malady, but none so much as these eight.

In the days of prosperity (I've almost forgotten how to spell that word), when a gift was "just another gift," the Unfortunate Eight could count on at least two presents a year from each of their adoring relatives, one for Christmas, and one for their birthday. Of course, the relatives didn't exactly relish the idea of giving two gifts at the same time, but as I mentioned before, a gift was in those days "just another gift."

The aforementioned Unfortunate Eight, who are recorded on the school file as Herbert Kaplan and Bernice Jacobow '33; Louise Cooper, Jerene Grobee, and Marion Harris '34; and Marie Rychonovsky and Eva Wright '36, owe their disease to the fact that they were born on December 25. (The year is a secret.) This year, on account of the depression, these Unfortunate Eight may be certain of one thing—one gift will have to do for both occasions.

Echoes

One Year Ago

Because he received the highest grade in a civil service examination, Edward Louis Jahn '32 received an appointment to the naval academy at Annapolis.

Members of the 1932 Crack Squad gave a performance at the Reserve Officers' ball at the Fontenelle hotel. In recognition of its membership in the World League, the Atlas club received a certificate from the league secretary.

Melvin Osborne '34 was chosen for life membership by the executive board of the Omaha planning council. All eagle scouts below the age of seventeen were entered in the contest.

Three Years Ago

The first exclusive literary edition of the Central High Register was printed. It contained eight pages, each of the junior paper size, and nothing but literary work contributed by students.

Miss Jo Von Mansfelde, former English teacher, retired after thirty-three years of instructing at Central.

Mrs. Charles Steinbaugh was chosen as the new sponsor of the Girl Reserves.

A model of the British House of Commons was completed by Gerald Baysdorfer '30 after sixty hours of work. Gerald made the model as a substitute for his English theme.

Ten Years Ago

Cameron Beck, of New York City, said to be the greatest authority in the country on vocational guidance for boys, spoke to the Hi-Y clubs.

Another honor was added to Central High's list when the Central High Register was awarded first place among Nebraska high school papers.

Mrs. J. G. Masters, wife of Principal Masters, won first prize for her short story "Nancy Gault: A Study in Drab" in the state contest sponsored by the Omaha Women's Press club.

A peppy mass meeting set off the basketball season at Central with great enthusiasm.

Both Miss Pearl Rockfellow and Miss Mary Angood were absent the first part of this week. Miss Helen Proulx substituted for Miss Rockfellow on Monday, while various students took charge in Miss Angood's classes.

Central Student Relates Travels On World Trip

Charles Hutter Tells of Parents Locked in Temple; Says Filipinos Speak English Well

(Continued from Page 1) ward off the beggars and lepers which accost all pedestrians.

Charles' mother and father were locked in a Llama temple in Peiping, China, one time while they were sight-seeing there. After the sight-seeing party had entered the temple, all the doors were closed and locked so that escape was impossible. The group was told that they would have to buy some of the fake jewelry that was on display before they would be allowed to leave. After the jewelry was purchased, the doors were opened, and the sight-seeing was resumed.

Return to Temple

The next day, Charles and a friend of his went to the same temple, and the doors were closed as on the previous day. Instead of buying any of the jewelry, Charles and his friend grasped their canes and started for the doors, and their exit was not contested. The doors were opened quickly. Charles was disappointed; he had hoped for a little trouble.

"In Japan, everyone takes off his shoes before going into one of the temples. You have to buy a ticket to get into the temple, but foreigners are not allowed to see the ceremonies. The temples are beautiful; they're lacquered red and gilded with gold, silver, and bronze. One day my father and I were looking through a temple, and by accident we walked into a room during the middle of the religious ceremonies. All the Japanese were bowing down, and since we were standing they could see us easily. The officials didn't like it, and they rushed up and took us out."

Charles Understands German

Charles can understand German easily and picked up some Chinese. He explained that there are eighty different dialects in the Philippine Islands, and that he had not learned much of the native language. Most of the Filipinos speak English.

"When you ask a Japanese person where a certain place is, he'll say, 'Go see the American consul,'" Charles said. "The Japanese think they're smarter than everybody because of their education. They do have fine schools."

In the coldest months, Charles comes most of the way from Fort Crook to school on the street car. On warmer days, he comes in an automobile. He has not been absent or tardy since he entered Central.

Central Rifle Team Wins Postal Match

Thomas, Encell, Perley, Melcher, Barr Make High Scores

Central High's rifle team won the first match of the year last week by defeating Shattuck school, of Fairbault, Minn., in a postal match, i. e., the teams fired on their own ranges and mailed results to their opponents simultaneously. The scores of the teams were Central, 1,700 out of a possible 2,000, and Shattuck, 1,646 out of 2,000. Central's individual scores were Purnell Thomas '33, 358 out of 400; Jack Encell '34, 344; Noel Perley '33, 343; Dick Melcher '33, 341; and Bill Barr '35, 314.

The team is firing a postal match with Missouri Military school, at Mexico, Mo., this week but results will not be known until next week. They will also fire a shoulder to shoulder match with the Omaha Rifle club, a business men's organization, on Central's range today.

Grover Cleveland High school, of St. Louis, Mo., is sending its team to Omaha during Christmas vacation to fire a shoulder to shoulder match with Central, December 28.

Ambitious Cadets Begin Ad Soliciting

THEY'RE off! To the tune of running feet, the contest to get ads for the 1933 Road Show program was opened after drill Monday. Company pep meetings, encouragement speeches, and, in some cases, threats, preceded the official opening. At a given signal, the ringing of the bell, companies were dismissed quickly.

An avalanche of uniforms rumbled down the stairs to first floor lockers. Locker doors banged open; they all opened at once, like a chorus. Halls which an instant previously had been barren, silent passages became congested, noisy, impassable.

Such a display of spirit encouraged regimental authorities. But as one of them said, "Just so this spirit doesn't cool after a few refusals."

Magazine Conducts Cabinet Competition

Pens to Be Given Contestants Guessing Correct Places

High school students all over the country with a talent for political prophecy will have an opportunity to win fountain pens of a nationally known brand in a Presidential-cabinet guessing contest being sponsored by Scholastic, national magazine for the high school classroom.

Fifteen pens will be awarded the students most closely approximating the actual cabinet selected by President-Elect Franklin D. Roosevelt. Fifteen more will be given to the students listing the most "ideal" cabinet. Entries for the "ideal" cabinet prizes will be judged by a group of political authorities named by Scholastic.

Students essaying to forecast the next President's real cabinet appointments are urged to submit simply a list of names with respective cabinet posts. In cases of the right man named for the wrong post, half points will be allowed in the judging of entries. Contestants should send their cabinet lists to Scholastic's editorial offices, 155 East Forty-fourth street, New York, N. Y., before midnight, January 5, 1933. Further details are given in the magazine.

Commercial Teachers Convene at Central

Forty representatives of commercial educators met in the Central cafeteria last Friday for their annual banquet. Miss Angeline Tauchen, representative from Central, was in charge of all the arrangements.

Parochial schools, business colleges, Municipal university, computer school, and all high schools in Omaha and Council Bluffs were represented.

The banquet was preceded by a program and election of officers. Mr. James McCrory spoke on salesmanship, and Mrs. Louise Laverty gave a report on the N.E.A. convention at Atlantic City which she attended last summer.

Dr. Royce West, professor at Municipal university, also spoke at the banquet.

Santa of France Puts Presents in Children's Shoes

Christmas in Russia Lasts 3 Days; Poles Believe That on Yuletide Heavens Open

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congratulates everyone else, and for the next two or three hours, they all gather around the tree, dancing and singing praises to the Christ Child; after this, a late supper, and finally the merrymaking ends with sleep.

The twenty-fifth is spent in paying and receiving visits, comparing of presents by the children, and with the Catholics, church plays an important part. At night the celebration ends with a large meal, much music, and merriment.

Russia—Christmas in Russia is a celebration that lasts three days. Since the Greek Catholic church is thirteen days behind in its calendar, Christmas begins on January 7, and lasts until the ninth.

To the Russian, Christmas is a day of kindness and charity. The city puts up a gigantic Christmas-tree in the town hall or in the mayor's home with the aid of the people's money, and serves a special Christmas dinner on one of the three days, presents children with candy and toys, and donates clothing to the poor.

The Russian attends church in the morning, but not for religious purposes, but because it has become a custom. Santa Claus puts in his appearance in the cold land too, and places toys and candy in his children's stockings, exactly as it is done in America. But primarily Christmas means getting drunk to the Russian. The main thing to him is strong vodka and plenty of food.

Poland—It is the belief of the Polish that the heavens are opened on Christmas eve, and the scene of Jacob's ladder is re-enacted, but it is thought that only saints are permitted to see it.

Throughout Northern Poland tables are spread with Christmas food, and lights are left burning so that the Virgin Mary and the angel who passes when all are asleep may find some food to eat, and so that the Christ Child shall not stumble in going through the sleeping village.

One odd superstition prevails in Poland that would seem like something ridiculous to us. Opinions are widespread that on Christmas eve wolves, formed in packs, create great havoc and bring evil with them. Some thieves take advantage of the superstition by disguising themselves in wolf-skins and attacking people, stealing wine, and sacking homes.

Scandinavia—Peace and good will is the prevailing spirit here. Courts are closed for the Christmas season, old quarrels are forgiven, and feuds

are left behind. To show good will toward men, everyone's shoes are placed in one long row, showing that during the coming year peace will prevail.

Christmas signifies skating, dancing, sledding, and a general frolic to the Dane, Swede, or Norwegian. It has become a custom for every member of the family to take a bath on the twenty-fourth. As Christmas eve comes, the Bible is read in every household, and family service is conducted.

In many villages candles are left burning in the windows all night, so that Kristine, their Santa Claus, may know where to bring the gifts. It is also customary to set a cake of meal out in the snow as a Christmas offering. The birds are honored with a sheaf of wheat which is placed on a pole in front of each house.

Christmas night is spent playing games, which are usually interrupted by the entrance of four or five boys dressed in white. After they chant a carol or two, and have partaken of the refreshments, they continue to the next house to again sing. Perhaps another interruption may follow. This time it is usually masked performers who perform tricks, and go through a mock military review. These entertainers never leave a home empty-handed. The Christmas festival does not close until late at night.

Boules Answer Roll With Yuletide Facts

Miss Geneive Clark's Boules celebrated Christmas at its last meeting held Thursday of this week by answering roll call with an interesting fact or custom about Yuletide practiced in its early history. Christmas was first observed in the Roman period, and the holiday fits in well with the European History I classes' study.

In addition, Miss Clark's pupils will provide Christmas cheer for the same family to which they sent a Thanksgiving basket by taking up an informal collection of food, money, and clothing. One box has already been filled with various kinds of food by the Major Isaac Sadler chapter of the D.A.R., and another box will probably be filled today. Mrs. Max Miller, who delivered the food on Thanksgiving, has again offered Miss Clark her services as messenger.

Monitors Discuss Problems

A short meeting was held in Room 221 at the beginning of each period last Tuesday of the monitors of the respective hours to discuss library problems. Miss Zora Shields, head librarian, urged the monitors to cooperate with the librarians in keeping order and in taking care of the books. The representatives of the Monitors' Council also addressed the group.

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ABE LYNX FURNISH TEST FOR CENTRAL QUINT TONIGHT

Central Quintet Wins First Game, Trouncing Harlan by 26 to 11 Score, Tuesday Night

TEN VETS DOPED TO GIVE IOWANS EDGE IN CONTEST

Clark, Horacek, Best, Altsuler, Howell to Start in First M.V. League Game of Year; Layland Undecided About Lineup

Coach Bill Layland and his Abraham Lincoln basketball team will journey across the Missouri river tonight to engage the Knapple-coached quintet in the first Missouri Valley conference game of the season. The contest will start at 8 o'clock sharp in Central's gym.

Coach Knapple, who has been ill all week with the flu, will probably use the same starting lineup that he used in the Harlan game, Tuesday. Best, who handled himself capably at center, will start at the pivot position.

Diminutive Eddie Horacek and "Chick" Clark will get the call at the forward positions. They displayed an ability to score plenty of points in the Harlan game, and should show up well against the Lynx. With Captain Johnny Howell and the veteran Harry Altsuler barricading in polished style, the guard positions will be the least of Mr. Knapple's worries.

Payne and Davidson, who broke into the lineup Tuesday, will probably see action in tonight's fray. Others on the squad who will suit up for the game are Brookman, Ramsey, Korney, Gesman, Mazzeri, Stoetzel, Rosenbaum, and Cavaleri.

The Lynx this year will put an all-veteran aggregation on the floor. With ten last-year men back, Coach Layland has had plenty of chance to mould together a winning combination. The team is doped to win the Missouri Valley conference title this year, but the scrappy Purples have different ideas.

Just what Layland's starting lineup will be is a mystery, for this will be the first game of the year for the Bluffs men, and competition is plenty strong for first team berths.

Stiff Competition

Walsh and Dellinger are trying for the pivot position. Walsh centered last year and Dellinger played forward, but they are having a heated battle this year for the center job. Five men are vying for a place at forward. Shaw, Anthony, Hammer, Gilson, and McCunn all are last-year men, but Shaw and Anthony have the edge over the other aspirants. Staker, Parks, and Herd, letter-winners last season, are getting some stiff competition from two reserves, Tinnell and Devis for the guard positions. Parks and Herd probably will start in tonight's game.

The fray this evening should help the Central followers to decide whether to be hopeful or pessimistic over the Purples' chances for the season.

'We've Got Rhythm,' Sings Mrs. Meier's Dance Class

"We've got rhythm," cry the girls in Mrs. Glee Meier's beginning and advanced rhythm classes as they go through their routine dance steps in Room 425 during third hour.

Tap dancing, time step, and the waltz is taught one day a week. The girls are now creating original tap dances using the steps learned in class. Dorothy Camel, Iola Clark, Hazel Ellison, Josephine Gaeta, Sarah Gemma, Beatrice Koory, Doris and Dorothy Heinze, Adeling Speckter, Marie Hassack, and Garland Eays have originated their own dances, according to Mrs. Meier.

One day a week is devoted to Denishawn ballet work because it is the typical American ballet. These dances are named for the music used. The girls are now learning to manage a five-yard scarf used in the scarf dance, "Valse Nobles." "Dance of the Hours," a big ballet number, is being done by all the girls in rhythm classes.

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Stellar Gridman



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Kasal, Condon Get Press Honors for Fine Grid Playing

ROBERT KASAL '33, Central guard pictured above, has been selected for a guard position on Gregg McBride's World-Herald mythical all-state honor team for 1932 as announced Sunday.

Kasal was previously named on both the World-Herald and Omaha Bee-News all-city teams. He also rated in the Missouri Valley teams chosen by Omaha and St. Joseph papers. Bob was chosen on all-city teams picked by the Register staff and by the sports staff of the South High Tooter.

Shelley Condon '33, Eagle fullback and honorary captain of the Purple squad, was given honorable mention on the all-state team along with honors by several city and high school papers in Omaha.

Morris Loder '33 was given honorable mention by one of the daily papers.

Pictures of the men were in a recent Sunday paper with a comment on their playing and type of play. Condon was described as "an old fashioned smasher who made window panes two blocks away rattle." Kasal is deceiving in looks and is probably one of the fastest linesmen in the city or state.

Statistics Reveal Fair-Haired Fems' Hearts Pat Faster

Three-fourths of the girls enrolled in Mrs. Glee Meier's gym and sports classes this semester are of average weight, according to results of the physical examinations given to these athletes. Of the 125 girls who were examined only 10 per cent need to cut down on calories, while 15 per cent are underweight.

Over half of the girls have cavities in their teeth, but there are only four cases of pyorrhea. Ruth Jones '34 has the nicest looking teeth in the group.

Good posture has few followers, with only fourteen girls who practice correct standing positions. The rest have kyphosis, lordosis, or scoliosis, all bad posture habits such as round or slumped shoulders.

All but six girls have good hearts. Jacqueline Reynolds '35 has the nearest perfect heart beat, while many others are almost perfect. Blondes' hearts beat faster than brunettes, according to these statistics.

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THREE DOZEN MEN TRYING OUT FOR WRESTLING TEAM

Grapplers Accustom Selves to Mat at Workouts in Fourth Floor South Gym Under Guidance of Coach Bexten

Competition for Places

An even three dozen prospective grapplers are working out each night in the south gym under the watchful eye of Coach L. N. Bexten, who is pleased with the increasing turnout.

The opening meet with Tee Jay is still three weeks away, but the wrestlers will have only one week of intensive practice because of the Christmas vacation. "Skipper" plans to let the men hold their own informal workouts during vacation.

Material Inexperienced

Since much of the material is inexperienced most of the time is being devoted to the learning of the numerous holds and in getting accustomed to the mat. Bill Carnazzo and John Giangrosso, former members of the Purple hug and grunt squad, have been assisting Coach Bexten at various times.

A change in rules this year has prohibited the holding of an inter-city meet at the end of the season, so there will be no individual champions in each of the ten classes. The championship which South has held for two years is to be decided by a double round robin schedule between the six participating schools.

Eliminations Tonight

Vulystek, who lettered last year in the 85-pound class, and Reynolds, a 95-pounder, are all alone in their respective divisions. Thornburgh is being given plenty of competition to hold the first rank among the 105-pound men by Chinn and Lipari.

In the 115-pound class Martin, Troia, and Allen are staging a merry fight to gain top laurels, while letterman Campagna is being pressed hard by Sled and Abboud in the next division. Rosenberg is having the best of it in the 135-pound rank. Rossitto, who held down the 145-pound weight last year, has Garner and Sevik to contend with.

Hruby and Scott are coming along the best against the 155-pound grapplers, but no one is out for the 165-pound class. Chaiken and McClurg are battling for the heavyweight position. Coach Bexten plans to hold a partial elimination for the first meet tonight.

About one-fourth of the girls are subject to common colds, while almost as many suffer from headaches. Only one girl has athlete's foot, and only 6 per cent have weak feet.

Girls having the highest average in all examinations are Virginia Anderson '34, Bertha Dalley '35, Geraldine Cooper, Ellen Funder, Dorothy Guenther, and Betty Moon, all '36.

Examinations were conducted on Monday of each week of the semester. Dr. Asa Fletcher tested hearts, Dr. I. J. Kish examined the teeth, and Dr. J. K. Baker looked at the feet. Mrs. Meier completed the examinations.

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SPORT SLANTS

By J. B. Janeczek

THE CAGE season is here at last. Tonight the Knapplemen face Bill Layland's Abe Lynx in what should be a good game. The Bluffs' team is one of the strongest contenders for the Missouri Valley conference title this year. Ten veterans make up the team. Layland should start the identical quintet that he started against the Purples last year, that is—Parks and Herd at guards, Shaw and Dellinger at forwards, and lanky Matt Walsh at the pivot position.

During the year the Eagles will have to face plenty of stiff competition. Their game with St. Joe on January 6 will be no set up. Coach Jack Matthews has a flashy veteran team to put in the race with that sharp-shooting forward, Geller, back as captain.

Local colleges begin their cage seasons this week end. Creighton and Nebraska both open against the Arkansas U. Razorbacks. Friday night's game at Lincoln should be close and the southerners are liable to emerge victorious, but I can see nothing but a Creighton victory here on Saturday evening.

Glen Boos, former Omaha Central swimmer and letterman, is out for the swimming team at Lincoln High and is a cinch for the relay and 100-yard free style event, according to the Advocate, Lincoln school paper.

Now a word about football. Bob Kasal and Shelley Condon were placed on Lincoln High's all opponent team this year. Earl Connelly was placed as second team center. Twenty-three players and Coach Balzer selected the team.

Omaha Tech was awarded the 1933 Missouri Valley conference track and field meet and also the tennis tourney to be held on May 27, at a meeting of the coaches in Omaha on November 25. Abe Lincoln was awarded the golf tourney which will be held the same day.

Tech's swimming squad is barnstorming through Iowa, Illinois, and Wisconsin this week. The boys are making the trip in an auto and trailer with built-in sleeping compartments, washstands and an icebox. If the weather in those three states is half as chilly as it is here, we don't believe that the Purple ducks would enjoy taking such a trip.

That's about all. Be sure to be out at tonight's game. The second teams will scramble in a prelim. Come early and get a good seat.

Coach Knapple Absent With Severe Cold, Flu

Coach F. Y. Knapple was absent from school the greater part of this week because of a severe attack of the flu. Mr. Barnhill took charge of the basketball team at the practices and at the Harlan game. Miss Gertrude Dietrich substituted for the coach in his civics and modern problems classes.

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EAGLE SPLASHERS HOLD DAILY DRILL IN J. C. C. POOL

Coach Scott Allows Swimmers to Take Things Easy; Opening Meet Still Four Weeks Away; Colds Lower Attendance

Veterans Lacking

With four weeks until the opening meet with Creighton, Coach Johnny Scott's swimming squad is taking things easy in the J.C.C. pool until after Christmas vacation, when "Scotty" will organize his men in their favorite events.

Of the seven lettermen now out for practice, three are available for only the first semester. These are Douglas, 220-yard free style; Ralya, 50- and 100-yard free style, and Amos, backstroke. Captain Lima, Holcomb, Taylor, and Buell are the veterans eligible for the season.

Coach Scott had a large number of prospective splashers signed up at the start of this year, but lately the turnout has been disappointing although the boys show interest. Colds are the main cause for the absences.

There will probably be hardly any practice during vacation, because of the difficulty in getting the swimmers out during leisure days. Scott might hold workouts during the second week if enough swimmers decide to show up.

The chances for securing the city title this year look good, for the Purples have little hope of garnering many first places in the city meet early in February, so "Scotty" is forced to develop a balanced team to get a monopoly on the seconds and thirds.

Announce Football Letter Winners for '32 Season

Eighteen football players were announced as letter winners for the 1932 season by Coach F. Y. Knapple last week. Linemen winning letters are Bob Kasal, Al Reynolds, Earl Connelly, Bill Best, Jack Douglas, John Blackburn, Sub Rossitto, Leo Quinn, Francis Hesler, Charles Korney, and Henry Rosenbaum. Backfield letter winners are Shelley Condon, Harry Altsuler, Johnny Howell, Morris Loder, Joe Whalen, George Payne, and Irvin Birge.

Of this group only three will be back for the grid sport next fall. Two ends, Korney and Rosenbaum, will return while a lone backfield man, Payne, will be back. This will mean that the 1933 squad will have to be completely remodeled. A much tougher schedule faces them than faced this year's squad.

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PURPLES DO SCORING IN INITIAL HALF; HOLD HARLAN MEN TO ONE FIELD GOAL

Coach Knapple's "Finds" Hit Hoop Frequently as Purple Offense Clicks; Knapple III; Barnhill in Charge of Team

Howell Leads Attack

Central High school's basketball team defeated the Harlan, Ia., quintet on the Purple court Tuesday night by a score of 26 to 11 to take the opening game of the season.

Coach F. Y. Knapple, home in bed suffering from an attack of flu, was unable to be on hand to see his charges chalk up their victory, and Assistant Coach Barnhill directed the team from the bench.

Defense Air-tight

The Purples' attack functioned perfectly during the first half with Chuck Clark and Eddie Horacek, Coach Knapple's "finds" hitting the hoop to run up a 14 to 2 lead in the first quarter. The second period found the Purples slackening up slightly, but Horacek found the hoop for three field goals, while Clark chalked up a charity toss.

The main feature of the Central play was their air-tight defense headed by the veteran guard Johnny

Howell. So close did the Purples guard that it wasn't until the last period that the Iowans were able to chalk up a field goal. Petty cashing in on a long toss for Harlan's only two-pointer of the evening.

Plattenberg Visitor's Best
With the score 21-3 in their favor the Eagles started playing around and the net sum of all their offensive efforts during the third period was a charity toss by Davidson, lanky forward who came to Central this year from Papillion High.

Horacek and Best broke through for two-pointers as the Purple's attack functioned twice during the last period, but during the most of the second half the Eagles gave a demonstration how a team can still stall in spite of the new ten second rule by playing keep-away on the Iowans half of the floor.

Plattenberg on the defense and Buzick and Christensen of the offense were best for the visitors.

CENTRAL (26)		HARLAN (11)	
FG.	FT.	FG.	FT.
Clark, f.	5-12	1-2	1-11
Horacek, f.	4-0-0	0-0	0-8
Davidson, f.	0-1-2	3-1	1-1
Best, c.	2-0-0	3-4	4-4
Altsuler, f.	0-0-1	0-0	0-0
Payne, g.	0-0-0	2-0	0-0
Howell, g.	1-0-0	1-1	2-2
Totals	12-24	11-26	

RESERVES ENGAGE LYNX BASKETEERS

Abe Lincoln to Present Strong Team in Tilt Tonight Against Coach Barnhill's Men

Coach Barnhill's second team will open their basketball season opposing the Abraham Lincoln reserves on the home floor as a preliminary to the first team contest in a game scheduled for 7 o'clock tonight. The A. L. seconds, a powerful quint last season, will probably be just as dangerous this year at last, for the first team is made up of ten veterans, and consequently few of last year's reserve performers had a chance to move up.

During the past week, Coach Barnhill had a squad of about 25 boys reporting to him for practice every night after school in the new gym. With the majority of last year's second team promoted to the first squad, "Uncle Gilbert's" quintet will lack experience.

A few freshmen are showing up well and some of them may get the starting call over the more experienced men. Coach Barnhill is pessimistic over the outlook and has kept his large squad so that everyone might have an equal opportunity, and to be sure that he does not overlook any uncovered material.

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