

Christmas Brings Joy, Sorrow



For the first time in seven years, Christmas will be celebrated throughout the Christian world without the heart wrenching torture of war at our every side. Now many of our brothers and sisters again are being united with their families, and there is joy. But in the midst of joy, the hearts of all of us go out to those who now forever will have an empty place at the family Christmas dinner.

Peace has come, and yet there is no peace. And none of us must ever forget that there can be no peace upon this earth so long as men fail to remember to live the philosophy of the lowly Nazarene — that all of us, no matter the race, the creed, the nationality, are brothers of men. Let us ponder on that this Christmas. If we can catch the spirit of this lesson of the Master Teacher, we can fare and solve the problems of our world, clear-eyed, confident, unpaid.

J. ARTHUR NELSON
Principal

Pepsi-Cola Award Offered to Seniors

Four Year Scholarships Given to Test Winners

The second annual Pepsi-Cola scholarship program, offering four year scholarships with all expenses paid to any college which the winner may choose, is now under way.

To one hundred and twenty students, a boy and girl from each state, twenty Negroes in Southern schools, and one person each in Alaska, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico, these awards will furnish full tuition for four years, twenty-five dollars a month toward living costs, and traveling expenses to and from college once each year.

Planned and carried out by a national administrative board made up of university heads and other leading American educators, the awarding of these scholarships is financed entirely by the Pepsi-Cola Company.

In order to be eligible for the awards, seniors must rank scholastically in the upper one-fourth of their class. Nineteen of these students will be elected by their fellow classmates to take the special competitive examinations which will be given in high schools throughout the country on February 15.

Winners will have the opportunity to select not only the college which they wish to attend but also the field in which they intend to specialize. Registration for the scholarship closes on January 1.

Two Central students, Fred Barson and Bill Newey, won honorable mention in the scholarship competition last year.

20 Receive Promotions; Ball Preparations Continue

Officers Complete Plans For Traditional Spectacle As Rehearsals Progress

In preparation for the ninth annual military ball to be held January 11, Master Sergeant Palmer Peterson has promoted nine cadet officers to the rank of first lieutenant, and has commissioned eleven second lieutenants. The new first lieutenants include Linae Anderson, Richard Broderdorp, Wilbur Cahoon, Roswell Howard, Barney Kadis, Leonard Seagren, Kay Srb, Richard Stewart, and Corey Wright.

The newly appointed second lieutenants are Aristides Abariotes, Russell Bloomquist, Jack Browning, Dallas Focht, Phillip Gilmore, Martin Haykin, Wilfred Rice, Harold Schoutz, Ray Striker, Steve Swartz, and Irving Veitzer.

Plans are almost complete, and the officers and their ladies are rehearsing the grand march before school each day. The stage craft classes are building a new arch for the officers and their ladies to pass under at the start of the march. The march itself will have fancy formations with figures formed to represent a huge V and the insignia of rank of the cadet officers.

Tickets to Sell for \$1.50

Tickets for the ball may be purchased, after the holidays, from any cadet officer, for \$1.50, tax included. An additional charge for stags will be paid at the door. Spectator tickets will cost sixty cents including tax; however, no one of high school age will be admitted as a spectator.

The crack squad and silent platoon performances, always a highlight of the ball, are being rehearsed and promise to be good this year. Both organizations will perform for five minutes. The Crack Squad is commanded by Cadet First Lt. Linae Anderson and Bill Cahoon. The members of the squad will be presented with their braid in ceremonies at the end of their performance.

Members of Drill Units Listed

Members of this year's Crack Squad are Henry Byrne, Stanley Cooper, James Dinsmore, James Haggart, Jack Hale, Harry Koch, James Kremers, Gerald Lepinski, John Merriam, Max Maire, Robert Olsen, Kenneth Patterson, Condon Paulson, Eugene Rabe, Burkett Van Kirk, Robert Warner, Hugh Wells, and Othal White.

The Silent Platoon, commanded by Cadet Second Lieutenant William Whited and Cadet First Lieutenant Leonard Seagren, will receive awards at the end of their cadence drill. This year's Silent Platoon includes Tom Slack, Howard Vogt, Mayer Moskovitz, Edward Kolar, John Peterson, Morton Resnick, Martin Colton, Leonard Veitzer, John Henderson, Bill Hunter, Kenneth Johnson, Jim Rosenquist, Eugene Heins, Raymond Goodman, Victor Wilburn, Mason Zerbe, Philip Wellman, Edward Phelps, Walter Phelps, Harold Novak, Earl Hannigan, Don Fairchild, John Sage, Tom Wright, Lee Gendler, Henry Pederson, and Glen McNalty.

Company D Regains Lead

Company D has managed to hold a lead of 1 1/2 points over runner up Co. A in company competition. The point standings in the battalion are: Co. D, 51 1/2 points; Co. A, 50 points; Co. B, 46; Band, 44; and Co. C, 25 1/2.

Freshman company No. 1 still leads the freshman flag race with 53 1/2 points; Co. F No. 3 fell back on general ratings to total 5 1/2 points. F No. 2 has 47 points and the Junior Band holds last place with 45 points.

Poll Indicates Trend Toward Sweet Music

Crosby Tops Crooners, James Has Best Band According to Students

By Steve Swartz

In a poll taken in the glee clubs, music appreciation classes, journalism classes, and given to several individual students, Central High students demonstrated by their votes in the different categories that the youth of today are more conservative in their tastes in music than they were a year ago.

The supposition by many that the trend was away from swing music, and back to sweet, has been borne out if the opinions expressed by the pupils who were canvassed by this poll may be taken as typical of the national trend.

Centralites of this year agreed with those of last in but two respects. First that Bing Crosby was the top crooner, and second that the nation's top band was Harry James and his music makers. The James aggregation took honors as the nation's foremost swing and sweet band. That long standing favorite, Tommy Dorsey and his orchestra, placed second in both the sweet and swing categories. James barely defeated Dorsey for the sweet music title.

Herman Herd Climbs to Third Place

A band which gained very little recognition in last year's voting, placed third in the swing group. The Woody Herman Herd, a group which, by all rights, should have outranked both James and Dorsey, gained the show spot by very few votes. Another old favorite to gain a place of honor, was Sammy Kaye, who received third place in the sweet group.

Bing Crosby once more was top crooner, with Frank Sinatra and Perry Como sharing second place honors. Como showed a definite gain from his last year's standing. He was nosed out by Dick Haymes for second place in last year's contest. This year, however, Haymes was recognized as third best. Top vocalist of the opposite sex was Dinah Shore who took first position with ease.

In close succession followed Jo Stafford and Ginny Simms. Georgia Carrol proved to be one of the top vote getters of the poll, and easily was the Centralites' preference as leading girl singer with a band. Georgia is the beautiful singer-wife of band leader Kay Kayser. Running second to Miss Carrol, was Les Brown's gorgeous vocalist Doris Day, who was a newcomer to Central's list of favorites. Third place went to Anita O'Day, Gene Krupa's thrush.

King Trio Tops Group

Favorite male singer with a band proved to be Bob Eberly, former vocalist with Jimmie Dorsey, who has recently returned to the U. S. from overseas duty with the Army. Tommy Dorsey's fine crooner, Stuart Foster, proved to be a real threat to Eberly, finally falling into second by a two vote margin. Third spot went to a new star who has risen to fame in the past few months as singer for the Army band of Major Glenn Miller, Johnny Desmond.

The leading instrumental group proved to be the famous King Cole Trio which well deserved this honor, as there is no group in the country that can compare to the Cole boys. The Ink Spots' distinctive style gained for them the place spot, and Louis "Caldonia" Jordan, and his Tympany Five was third. The same Ink Spots copped top spot as the small vocal combo, and last year's favorites, the Andrew Sisters, were second. Greatest surprise came when that outstanding group, the Pied Pipers, gained a mere third. This group, as far as harmony and style

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Santa Worries! Reports Scarcity Of Convertibles



Although he wears a jolly smile, ol' Santa is worried this year.

Centralites have been requesting black Cadillac convertibles, nylons, and ice skates. However, the best our genial gift-bearer can provide is red scooters, sturdy woolen knee-

socks, and tinker toys. Shortage of supplies is due to labor conditions at the north pole. Demanding more overtime pay, the GNUTS (Gremlins of the Northern United Toolers Society), Local No. 352, has gone on strike. Although the report is unconfirmed, it is believed that the rascals will resume work shortly to enable Santa to fill his request lists. Meanwhile the ANGELS (Association of Northern Gremlins Everready to Lend Service) have given their assistance to the distracted old gentleman.

Santa Promises Variety of Gifts

Santa Claus assures us this year of a wide variety of novel, delightful, undreamed of gadgets, which will come in very handy to many students. There will be pocket-sized containers of DDT-penicillin-sulpha mixture to be applied to black-eyes, cuts, and bruises; lead weights for the misguided souls who continue to bounce after they have descended from the trampoline; and boxes of kleenex for the unfortunates, afflicted with colds, who have ruined their sweater and jacket sleeves.

And don't think that transportation is merely a local problem. Broken limbs from too-tightly packed busses and semi-bald pates due to near-sighted people who think they are grabbing at a strap in the street car have become only too familiar to our northern neighbors.

Christmas Back to Normal

Santa's reindeers are balking and requesting more hay per power exerted; it is even rumored that some day Santa, directing a beam to the chimney of every household, will send gifts by jet propulsion from his workshop to the homes.

This year, however, everyone will enjoy a good, old-fashioned Christmas. In preparation for the celebration, Santa Claus would like to mention a few simple reminders:

"Boys and girls, now that you understand the difficulties I face, please don't be too critical of your gifts this year. See that all papers, dogs, cats, and small children are cleared away from the living room floor before my arrival. And—ah—you might have a bit of refreshment handy. Nothing fancy—just several turkey sandwiches, a pie or two, and a few bottles of cold-birely's orange drink. "Merry Christmas!"

Peterson Promoted To Master Sergeant

Palmer Peterson, the military instructor at Central, has been promoted to the rank of master sergeant, according to word received by Captain Benjamin F. Clark this week. This is the second advance in rank Sgt. Peterson has earned since he took over his duties in the military department.

Sgt. Peterson enlisted in the Army during World War I and became chief clerk in the miscellaneous department of the Seventh Service Command. In September, 1942, he came to Central to replace Lt. Wyatt, whose promotion had made him eligible for the job of sergeant instructor.

Central Graduate Senior Boys Take Writes of Orient Scholarship Exam

Bob Wells Writes Home From North China Post

Bob Wells '43 is now stationed with the Sixth Marine Division in North China. When he attended Central, Bob starred in three opera productions. During his experiences in the Pacific theater, he has encountered several Central graduates. Despite an abundance of "silks, jade, oriental clothing of all sorts, and good chow" Bob longs for "the good old U.S.A." The following are excerpts from his letter of November 15 to Mrs. Elsie Swanson:

North China . . . I haven't enough points to go home, so I'd rather stay here and pitch liberty than rot on some forsaken island in the middle Pacific. China duty really isn't so bad—we have a short working day and very liberal liberty regulations. This is the first intact city my outfit has been in over fifteen months, so you can imagine what a time we're having. There really isn't so much to do if you make a comparison with stateside liberty ports, but to us it's a heaven-sent metropolis.

After seeing Naha at Okinawa, Agana at Guam, Garapan at Saipan, and some of the other ruined cities of the islands, it's a change to see buildings standing. There is an abundance of everything we've dreamed of through these past months except those we love. Now if it weren't for this Chinese civil war, things would be fine.

I received the issue of the Register in which Alan Branson's letter was printed and was very pleased to know he's doing so well. While on Guam I was keeping an eye out for Lenke Isacson's show but I guess it went to Manila instead. Now I doubt if I will see her until I get home because they certainly won't send the show up here.

Brother Buzz is also in China and not so far from here, but so far neither of us has been able to establish contact with the other. We're trying, though, and the prospects are looking better now than when I first arrived here. Won't that be something—meeting one's brother in the most remote spot on the globe?

I met "Swede" Johnson and Arty Kulakofsky at Saipan while in the hospital. They both had been wounded on Okinawa but neither very seriously. When I saw them they were both "gold-bricking" in the most royal way. We had some good times there but they were short lived because I was sent back to Okinawa after a short time.

On Guam I met Bill Latenser and John Kruse and enjoyed some good old bull sessions. I was with them when the first surrender news came over the radio and we staged a celebration to end all celebrations! I spent most of my free time on Guam at their area, mostly because of the good fellowship, and partly because they served better chow than at our Marine camp.

The other night I met another old school chum on the streets. I'm sure you remember Marshall Cockran from our choir days.

And with that I'll close this, the first China edition of our correspondence.

Bob

Marge Turner Critically Ill

Margery Turner '46 has been critically ill with a serious case of pneumonia. Taken to the Clarkson Hospital when an attack of flu developed suddenly into pneumonia, Marge was given penicillin treatment until it was certain she would recover.

Although she has now been taken to her home, she will not return to school until after the Christmas holidays.

Senior Boys Take Scholarship Exam

Eight seniors entered the fifth annual Westinghouse science talent search by taking the three hour examination given by C. J. Simpson, chemistry teacher, December 1.

Charles Beber, Rodney Carlson, Jonathan Goldstein, Roswell Howard, Gene Osheroff, Harold Rechter, Leonard Seagren, and Richard Stewart took the examinations and plan to submit essays in order to qualify for the scholarship prizes.

The title of the 1,000 word essay is "My Scientific Project"; it must be accompanied by the examination and a personal and scholarship record. Any high school senior who has not entered the contest before, and who meets college entrance requirements, is eligible to win one of forty all-expense trips to the Science Talent Institute at Washington, D. C.

At this institute, one boy and one girl will be selected for a \$2,400 scholarship. Eight additional contestants will be chosen for scholarships of \$400 each. Awards totaling \$3,000 will be given by the judges to other selected participants in the nation-wide contest.

All students who are chosen to attend the institute will receive the gold emblem of Science Clubs of America.

Greenwich Village Club Presents Annual Party

Members of the Greenwich Village Art club held an exhibition of Soriano ceramics at their annual tea, given on Monday, December 10, in Room 249.

Invitations were extended to both parents and friends of the art club members, and the tea was well attended. Miss Mary Angood, the art instructor at Central, presided as hostess, and Patricia Ahern, president of the art club, served the refreshments.

O-Books To Go on Sale In Homerooms January 7

Donald Green, circulation manager for the 1945 O-Book, has announced that O-Book sales will begin Monday, January 7, and will end Friday, February 1.

The price of this year's annual will be \$1.00 for students having S. A. tickets and \$1.50 for others. The sales staff will consist of the homeroom representatives and alternates who will handle the sale of O-Books through the individual homerooms.

"This is not a competitive sale. Buy your O-Book from any of the salesmen as soon as possible," urged Circulation Manager Green. "A minimum of 1,250 books must be sold by February 1."

Other O-Book staff members have now been announced. In charge of publicity will be Gordon Augustson and Albert Feldman; Elaine Kolar and Joan Plotkin will be co-editors of activities.

The picture editor, Gloria Polsky, is assisted by Juanita Hanger, Alice Seig, Helen Sherman, and Elizabeth Troughton. Miss Mary Angood has appointed Patricia Ahern and Bennett Raduziner as art editors. Members of the senior art class automatically become members of the O-Book staff.



DONALD GREEN

For \$1.50 the seniors will have their choice of two glossy prints which will be taken by a commercial photographer in school. Besides the cost of the pictures, \$1.25 will be charged for the cost of engraving the glossy for the senior album. Tuesday, January 8, senior picture schedules will begin.

Investment in Health

We subscribed millions of dollars in war bonds, gave thousands of pints of blood to the Red Cross, and performed all of the rest of the multitude of jobs that helped us to defeat our enemies.

Yes, we did all of these things because we knew that they were vital to our future well-being. However, now that peace has once more been attained, we are all too eager to relax our generosity and curb our foresight. We seem to forget that we still have home front battles to win; struggles against many potent dangers, the most important of which is the danger to the nation's health; the danger of widespread tuberculosis.

Buying Christmas seals is investing in health. The individual and national benefits derived from the appropriations of the Christmas Seal funds are incalculable. Although great steps in public health improvement have been made by the Tuberculosis Association, many persons are still unwilling to aid these organizations. For this very reason, we must redouble our efforts to make this year's sales exceed all previous marks.

When you buy that little piece of paper with the red double-barred cross on it, you are not receiving a mere stamp that shows that you contributed to the Christmas Seal fund; no, you are receiving a real token of the appreciation of the Tuberculosis associations, as well as a reminder that you are very fortunate to be a healthy citizen in a free country; that you were able to have the independence of helping others.

Institutions throughout Nebraska and the nation are relying upon you to give them the best Christmas present that they could desire; the knowledge that you are not only giving to the Christmas Seals campaign, but that you are doing your share.

Try Our Ending

"Merry Christmas, Uncle!" shouted Scrooge's nephew. Ebenezer Q. Scrooge looked up from his desk where he attended his business.

"Christmas? Is it Christmas again? Bah! Humbug!" he snarled.

Since it was Christmas Eve, Ebenezer threw his nephew out one minute early, blew out his candle, and started home. As he reached for the door knob to his room Scrooge noticed a change in the knocker—'twas the face of Marley, his long dead partner!! Being a very polite soul, Scrooge tipped his hat as he passed out. That night Marley's face appeared also in the wash basin, the soup pot, the wallpaper, and the wastebasket, the icebox, the stove, and the bedpost. It was growing monotonous when in the wee hours the ghost in his entirety drifted through the north wall.

"By Jove!" shouted Ebenezer. "Don't you ever knock before coming through a wall? Where are your manners?"

"Tut, tut," drawled Marley's ghost, rattling his chains, "I was looking for the phone booth and I quite forgot. Let me warn you, Ebenezer old thing. Tonight three anemic spirits are coming to reform you. Charming chaps. Treat them kindly. Cheerio, old bean."

The spirits arrived just as Scrooge was pouring tea. "Join me?" offered Ebenezer, bowing from the ankles. "No stalling, old top," they chorused, as the little one blew his nose on a cobweb. "Come along quietly while we show you what a lousy life you lead."

"Righto," sniffed Scrooge, as he staggered through the wall.

For hours the three spirits showed Scrooge Yuletides past and present while the grouch "Humbuged" and "Poo Pooed" everything. As a last resort, the four entered a graveyard. Scrooge's knees beat out a smart tattoo.

"Don't push," he squeaked, as the ghost of Christmas yet to come shoved him toward a new grave. "Why show me this? 'Tis only the grave of Ebenezer Scr—Ulp! Gulp! Gurgle!! It's my grave!!!"

"Obviously," the three shrieked as they gently knocked him in and sat singing "Bury Me Not On the Lone Prairie." Scroogie sat and pouted until his eyelashes froze—finally he stretched and creaked forth with the spirit of Santa instilled in his very bones.

Merry Christmas, ye olde Bastille! the yuletide season is near . . . the time when santa comes around with presents and good cheer . . .

Everyone's waiting for that joyous day. they're writing a list of desires . . . of rings, and bracelets, and beautiful clothes, and brand-new cars with tires . . .

Round Central we've hopes of getting things we've longed for day after day . . . but there are a few appropriate gifts which are handed out in this way . . .

Refreshing tests in red and white wrapped with the season's holly . . . seniors have general math in the future and english classes so jolly . . .

Yes, right in the lap of the junior class they've thrown the "house of sev'n gables" . . . children, your luck will change only when you quit school and start waiting tables . . .

Central's gift to the sophomores gay, huge scalene triangles of theorems . . . surmounted by myths and microscopes and millions of paramecium . . .

Here's to the frosh . . . forever they're free! they've only three more years to go . . . think of the fun of the "song of hugh glass" . . . equations . . . and old "ivanhoe" . . .

Right now our dreams of eutopia are bliss . . . if only 'twere possible here for santa to toss down the ancient smoke-stack these trifles we all would revere . . .

Instead of hamburger created in spain with a sauce which does destroy it, let's have porterhouse steak with potatoes and cokes and six minutes—not five—to enjoy it . . .

So slow do the hours go—let's banish that! three seconds is plenty of latin . . . our gym suits we'll throw out the door in a wink and fly 'round in blue silk and satin . . .

Then escalators will replace the stairs which are falling away in decay . . . our classrooms we'll make with hours to spare and not seconds, as happens today . . .

Mass meetings we'll have once a day at the least, adding a couple of movies with titles of interest, like "mildred pierce", and not "have you brushed your toothies???"

Ah, such ravings! we must be quite mad . . . each of us would be a fool . . . our parents would shriek as we jumped out of bed just to be early at school . . .

Santa, we know, will be good to you all but be sure to listen and look as he leaves your house on the twenty-fourth saying, "remember to buy an o-book!!!"

Underground

happy new year and good cheer remember fellas not too much . . . coke

that's what we like to see—a lotta well regulated meter! Certain people have mistaken 215 for the happy hunting grounds . . . buckshot has been flying fast and furiously . . . congrats to harold gaspar and joan muxen and all the rest of you carusos and flagstads who helped to make the opera such a grand success . . . how'd ya like the initiative (?) in the second act . . . huba huba huba . . . a casual 25 minutes of gruelling brain (?) work was spent by the seniors last week . . . we wonder who's teaching refresher math next semester . . . so long to tom armstrong who has gone the navy way . . . added to the list of returned grads are irvin gendler, alan olson, bruce poyer, jim kurman, jim swanout, paul hickman, milton mack, and dick kruse . . . braceupchillunherecomesnoriginal (for a change) . . .

ode to xmas vacash (get that title) oh christmas time oh happy yule oh how we love your snowball fights we love your bells and mistletoe but most of all we love your nights

perdon us while we drap lifeless . . . moron joke—did ya here about corey wright saluting the ice box door 'cause the sign said general electric . . . (printed by permission of he himself . . . so there too) . . . are youse in love? . . . are youse infatuated? . . . are youse kidding!! . . . ja hear about the "gentleman jim" miller and bill young alias "the great john L" bout? . . . mo' deds

so in love . . . dave cloyd n' marilyn vingers can't help singing . . . cast party i wish i knew . . . exams dark eyes . . . sally marcus oceans of love with (aw gwarsh) a kiss on every wave . . . dodie 'n pat

Dear Santa

I've been so good I wish you would Try, please, if you can To fill my box Up to the tops With a gorgeous Central man

Central Profile

The O-Book will be a success this year with Marsha London as Editor-in-chief. She'll throw in an autograph, too, for fifteen cents and a box top. Besides being O-Book editor and make-up editor of the Register, she is a member of Colleens, Linger Travel club, Math club, and the Roller Skating club. She has belonged to Junior Honor Society for three years.

Marsha says she lives just one cornfield this side of Irvington. It takes her forty-five street car minutes to trek to school each day. During these precious ninety minutes she does all her homework plus her brother's geometry. Usually on the going trip she has to eat her breakfast, too, since she allows herself barely time to catch the last car.

She is interested in the Boston Symphony, Li'l Abner (she reads only two sections of the paper: the funnies and the editorials), and good books. She loves to delve into big, deep books such as "War and Peace." Dickens is her favorite writer, but almost any English author will do. Outside of cooked cabbage and brussel sprouts, she likes her world.

Saturdays are spent doing bookwork for the Levenson Chemical Company. "It's extremely interesting work because of the many odd people to whom we sell bedbug powder." She doesn't think DDT will ruin this

Mighty Marsha

Marsha London



MARSHA LONDON

prosperous bedbug business.

School work is naturally easy for Marsha. She loathes history, is perfectly crazy about chemistry. Up to date, with only twelve experiments, there have been no A-bomb explosions.

In grade school at Benson West she wrote her autobiography for a seventh grade English project. For her, life was practically over—she was all of 12 years old when she had

to pay full price at the movies, and sheet car tokens were no longer 6 for a quarter. Now, at 16, Marsha has reached the adult stage where she fights with her brother Perry only verbally. She is afraid of rough stuff because he's taller, and he thinks she's too valuable in tough geometry problems to risk a brawl.

Her friends claim Marsha is a genius, particularly in getting people out of Trig messes. The minute she comes in, Room 149 bombards her with those awful problems.

She has never had a most thrilling or embarrassing moment! "Life has never been very exciting." Even when Marsha fell into the bathtub at age five or almost hit a pedestrian when she was learning to drive, she thought them just common occurrences everyone has.

Although her wardrobe includes only one or two, her favorite attire is a suit. She can see a dreamy ensemble in gold and black and hopes someday to let her taste go wild in the loudest suit she can find, because so far her taste in clothes has had to be conservative.

Marsha changes her future ambitions every six months—her latest is to be a psychiatrist. Next year the University of Chicago will get a chance to see what it can do for her. Maggie and Lee

The Latest Wrinkle

Merry Christmas . . . jingle bells . . . mistletoe . . . holly wreaths . . . who enjoys this season more than we, who are emancipated for the holidays!!

Such activity!!! We saw Helga Lenk downtown the other day in the mad midst of shopping . . . she looked adorable in a plaid blazer jacket which had green piping the exact shade of her pleated skirt . . . with it she wore a soft green wool-jersey blouse . . . trying to squeeze into a well-packed elevator was June Thompson in her beautiful kelly-green sweater and a pleated skirt of the identical green . . .

We sank down to breathe once more and saw Mickey Rosenblatt staggering by under a mountain of presents . . . Mick wore a kelly-green wool pleated skirt with a matching band in her hair and a beautiful peach-colored pullover . . . Betty Gilman waved "hello" to us from her table . . . she was wearing her lovely yellow wool-jersey dress which had gathers at the waist and puffed sleeves . . . the neckline is round and the dress has lace insets . . . the belt ties and loops down gracefully at her waist.

While we were paying the check we saw Frances Bowie at another counter . . . Frances had a brilliant fuchsia pullover sweater which she wore with a blue plaid woolen skirt . . . dashing in the revolving doors accompanied by a strong gust of cold air was Ellene Gans, wearing her brown-and-white shepherd-checked

pleated skirt with a green cardigan . . . her white blouse was of thin cotton material with a frilled jabot . . .

Gazing in fascination at the fanciful store window was Joanne Noble wearing her cherry-red stationwagon sweater with a matching skirt which had one box pleat in front and in back . . . standing beside her was Donna Hoye in her flaming scarlet suit . . . the lines are tailored and the line of the shoulders accentuated her small waistline . . . her blouse was of a sheer white material with a cascade of frills on the neckline . . . bustling about the hat department was Doris Krupa wearing a beautiful turquoise-blue cardigan sweater which she wore with a skirt of the same hard-to-match color and a pink dickey . . .

Fishing in her purse for a stamp was Pat Weir in her heavy hand-knit sea-green sweater . . . in front of her in the mailing line was Marge Putt wearing a watermelon-pink cardigan suit with a similar band in her hair and a long-sleeved white bow-tie blouse.

We almost dropped our nickels when we saw Betty Funk on the bus . . . she was wearing a black-and-white checked pleated skirt with a tight-fitting black wool top . . . the neckline was round with a peter-pan collar and white cuffs . . .

Such is the spirit of Christmas, '45 . . .

Zan and Janie

Fragrances

- Gay Diversion Dick Paynter
- le Dandy Mary Baker
- Sportsman Richard Randall
- Tzigane (gypsy) Lucy Catalano
- You Don Woods
- For You Alone Carol Crowley
- Old Spice Dale Samuelson
- Jealousy Senior girls
- Whisper David Allen
- Suivez-moi Helen Peterson
- L'ardent nuit Friday nights
- Miracle Ann Fiddock
- Folk Dance Senior gym
- Tailspin Shirley Krejciek
- Intoxication Sandy Bloom
- Escape Xmas vacation
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Opera Earns Acclamation Of Audience

Douglas White Steals Show with Portrayal Of Eccentric Noble

AS "H.M.S. Pinafore" hoisted anchor after docking for two performances on December 7 and 8, at the central high auditorium, once again a cappella choir, under the direction of Mrs. Elsie Howe Swanson, earned the praise and acclamation of capacity audiences.

The Gilbert and Sullivan opera was led with gayety and mirth. The acts were carried off with dexterity and ease on the part of the choir.

Probably top honors should go to Douglas White in the role of Sir Joseph Porter. Douglas is a born comedian, and his interpretation of a slightly eccentric "ruler of the green's Navy" stole the show. A delightful addition to the comedy sequences was John Campbell as Dead-

uxen, Gaspar Performance Excellent
Joan Muxen portrayed perfectly as Josephine, and her strong voice was a highlight of the performance. Opposite her, as Ralph, Harold Gasper gave another fine performance. Gaining the sympathy of the audience from the very beginning, he carried effectively his role of the peevish lover.

Little Buttercup, played by Ann Miller, and Captain Corcoran, portrayed by Roswell Howard, were very pleasing, giving many light moments, and the parts were interpreted with the air of veterans. One of the most enjoyable numbers was the Bell Song, with Josephine, Captain Corcoran, and Sir Joseph presenting a comical highlight. The many other numbers were highly entertaining, and were beautifully.

Chorus Provides Sparkling Background
James Hiltabidel as the Boatswain, Barbara Russum as Hebe, and Frank Thomas as the Boatswain's Mate furnished many enjoyable moments. The chorus was the very backbone of the performance, and those in it presented a sparkling background, never overdone, to complete the vitality of the opera.

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Music Poll

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go, should have been the favorite by many votes.

The title of the most promising new band went unquestionably to the Les Brown organization. Woody Herman, surprisingly enough, was second as a new band, when he should have been the top swing band. The show spot went to a local favorite, Eddy Haddad.

The students preferred sweet music and followed up this preference by selecting such records as "Chopin's Polonaise" by Jose Iturbi, "Stardust" by Dorsey and Miller, "Begin the Beguine" by Shaw and Heywood, and "Till The End Of Time" by Perry Como as their favorites.

The title of "King of Corn", went almost unanimously to Spike Jones with a few votes going to such bands as Sammy Kaye, Guy Lombardo, and Harry James.

Auburn Haired Helpers Scurry to Library Jobs

Every morning the members of the Titian club do their bit to make the library more efficient. These girls have various duties that range from caring for the book shelves to assigning study seats in library. They carry overdue slips to the home rooms, check in books before school, see that books are placed in their proper shelves, and keep the library in all-around good order.

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Ex-Central Teacher, Bess Dumont, Dies

Miss Bess I. Dumont, former Central High instructor and office manager, died December 4, at a local hospital.

Head of the Central's physical education department from 1910 to 1920, Miss Dumont was also executive secretary and office manager of Central from 1920 to 1925. Transferred to North High, she taught languages there until her retirement in 1942.

Graduating from Central High, she continued her education at the University of Nebraska, where she received her Bachelor of Arts degree and the Phi Beta Kappa award. Miss Dumont, an active member of the Jumble Shop, was formerly president of the Omaha Walking club, and the Omaha Branch of the American Association of University Women.

French Club See Slides

Colored slides of North Africa and Continental Europe were the main feature of a program presented by Lt. Colonel Paul A. Cochrane, Thursday, December 13, at 7:30 p.m., at the University of Omaha.

Members of the Alliance Francaise attended and were served dinner in the University cafeteria preceding the lecture.

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Clubs Present Christmas Programs

● Lininger Travel Club

The annual Lininger Christmas party will be held in the old auditorium Monday, December 17. A Christmas pageant will take the place of the regular club meeting.

The pageant, written by Alice Seig and Elizabeth Troughton, program committee chairmen, will illustrate the origin of our American Christmas in old world customs. Following the program, refreshments will be served to the club members and their guests.

As in past years, Lininger has provided Central with a Christmas tree which stands in the west hall. Club members will also give a collection of food, toys and clothing to a needy family.

● Girl Reserves

Christmas carols, games, and a grab-bag have been planned for the Girl Reserves Christmas party which will be held following a meeting on December 18.

Ellene Gans, program committee chairman, and Lois Vogel, social committee chairman, are in charge. Miss Betty Jayne Backlund and Miss Margaret Weymueller are the faculty sponsors.

● Central High Players

With the usual cheerful Christmas spirit, the Central High Players gave their annual Christmas party, Tuesday, in the old auditorium.

A picturesque program, with Herbert Kennedy presiding, consisted of Dorothy Stoklas and Genevieve Peterson in a Russian dance; Art and Al Heiam, playing a boogie duet; Joan Nickerson, singing a French Christmas carol; Helen Holtz, Donna Hoyer, Nancy Landwehrkamp, Joan Noble, Adnelle Vauck, and Patti Welch, singing favorite Christmas carols; and Herbert Kennedy, reciting "The Night Before Christmas", as a small child on the stage for the first time.

Douglas White then made his entrance as the new post-war Santa Claus. Instead of being the regular short Santa, Doug was the new tall type. In ending the program, Carmen McAndrews and Patti Welch told Santa what they wanted for Christmas.

● Latin Club

Three Latin I classes will present a Christmas program in Room 215 after school December 17. It will feature Diane Kantas, who will play "Gollywogg's Cakewalk" and Bill Basler and August Palmesano, who are to describe the Saturnalia, and ancient Roman festival.

Each of the three classes will sing Christmas carols in Latin; Ardeth Scott, Allen Demorest, and Phyllis Chudacoff are in charge of the class participation.

● Colleens

The annual Christmas tea, presented by the Central Colleens, was held after school yesterday in Room 10. The Colleen members and the faculty attended, and were served ice cream, cookies, and candy.

Miss Amy Ann Rohacek was the faculty chairman in charge of arrangements; Barbara Ludwig served as the student chairman.

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BENNETT'S BULL PEN

By Bennett Raduziner

Something new has definitely been added. If all the basketball teams follow the same pattern that the North High Vikings have set, each and every member of an Intercity team will either have blond (unnatural) hair, or a combination of dark and light streaks running through his hairdo. The Vikes have actually begun to peroxide their hair! Boys, remember, if you want the best results in peroxidizing your toupee, be sure to get the stuff that's 17 per cent pure . . . it's got to be at least that powerful.

This week we salute Jerry Ries, who takes his place with the athletic greats in Central's HALL OF FAME.

Despite his lack of height, Jerry participates in four sports, and is a mighty dangerous competitor in all of them. Right now he is putting in his third year on Coach Vernon Ekfelt's wrestling team, and should make a strong bid for the state championship this year.

Come spring, and Jerry will really be busy. Ries is a sprinter on the track team, and doubles on the baseball team, where he puts his speed to good advantage running the base paths.

Jerry gave the Eagle football followers their big thrill of the season in this year's closing game with Thomas Jefferson when he chased the opening kickoff back for a touchdown, only to have the officials rule he stepped out of bounds en route.

On top of all this, Jerry is a lieutenant in the ROTC, where he doesn't let his athletic endeavors interfere with his work in the military department. Pretty busy gent, this Jerry Ries!

Forever Amber is read,
Annie is blue,
If Ira Trachtenberg
Can sink a basket,
You can do it too.

Getting back to the serious side once more, it was really great to see the Eagles defeat Elkhorn last week, and the cagers will be trying for a repeat performance against Lincoln High this afternoon. Fate walked in on an inspired Central five in the closing seconds of the first half. As Jack Lacy swished one from the sideline his legs went out from under him, resulting in a cracked ankle which will disable him for the rest of the season.

The outlook for the Central hoopsters is dark, but if the team can take up where the football team left off, then nothing will be able to stop Central except the lack of school spirit. So remember, be in the stands for the basketball games—and then, if you are very good, maybe Santa Claus will come to your house!!

QUESTION BOX

What do you think of the possibilities of Central's basketball team this year?

Frank Thomas—HR 149—They could use somebody like Mikan, Kurland, and the great Frank Thomas.

Herb Reese—HR 310—They could use a few wrestlers; that's for sure.

Dick Hollander—HR 335—Ugh. Mr. "G"—I don't know, I'm a baseball player myself.

Jonathan Goldstein—HR 149—Magnificent. The angle of their shots will make the ball ricochet into the basket, even if they have to bounce it off their own heads.

Gary Yundt—HR 249—Umm . . . yah. . . could be.

Don Johnson—HR 318—Hard to say.

Kais Rallies, Decisions Pisasale In Feature of Wrestling Tourney

In the feature match of the all-Central wrestling tournament, Sam Kais came from behind to outpoint his taller arch-rival, Fred Pisasale, 4-2, to dominate the 136 pound class. The juniors assured Coach Vernon Ekfelt of next season material by winning the tourney with 52 points. The sophomores followed with 50, the seniors with 38, and the freshmen with 35.

Al Bovee, a sophomore graduate from Coach Ekfelt's second team of '45, earned two points in the final minute to upset Jerry Ries, veteran 112 pounder.

A Tech transfer, Edward Moses, received plenty of attention as he decided Bud Smith, 6-1, in the 130 pound class.

The use of experience paid off well for veteran wrestler Anthony Brei. Brei, who has been fighting for a first team berth the past two years, had little trouble in pinning Frank Mancuso, promising young freshman grappler.

Herb Reese and Dave Mackie put on an exhibition match in the heavy-weight division, with Mackie bounding around the mat in his usual peculiar fashion to receive plenty of laughs from the spectators.

- Results:
- 85-pound-Harry Nystrom decided Melvin Firestone, 7-5.
 - 95-Henry Nyberg decided Joe McQueen, 4-0.
 - 105-Richard Nigro threw Bill Kittoe in 4:20.
 - 112-Manfred Kreitstein decided Jack Skelley, 4-2.
 - 118-Anthony Brei threw Frank Mancuso in 2:00.
 - 124-Al Bovee decided Jerry Ries, 4-3.
 - 130-Ed Moses decided Bud Smith, 6-1.
 - 136-Sam Kais decided Fred Pisasale, 4-2.
 - 145-Louis Garrotto decided Don Crane, 4-2.
 - 155-Lewis Izenstat threw Jim Kremers in 1:15.
 - Heavyweight-Herb Reese decided Dave Mackie, 4-0.

Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
Friday, Dec. 14	Lincoln	Here	3:30
Wednesday, Dec. 19	Abraham Lincoln	Here	3:30
Friday, Jan. 4	Tech	Here	3:30
Saturday, Jan. 5	S. C. Central	There	8:00
Saturday, Jan. 12	Benson	Here	8:00
Tuesday, Jan. 15	North	Here	3:30
Saturday, Jan. 19	Lincoln	There	8:00
Friday, Jan. 25	South	There	8:00
Tuesday, Feb. 5	Benson	There	3:30
Friday, Feb. 8	S. C. East	Here	3:30
Tuesday, Feb. 12	North	There	3:30
Friday, Feb. 15	Tech	There	8:00
Friday, Feb. 22	Abraham Lincoln	There	8:00
Friday, March 1	South	There	8:00

Sports Staff Crack Record, Bop Foes

By Corey Wright

Firing a sizzling 649 series, the Sports Staff, leaders for the sixth consecutive week, set a new league record at the Music Box alleys last Monday. Led by Irving Veitzer and Jerry Magee, the journalistic keggers broke the mark in their third game. Bruce Rosen and Bennett Raduziner were the duo that completed this torrid quartet who are now but one game ahead of the ever-improving Century-men.

Hot on the trail are the 4B's and the Eager Beavers, who are but three games out of first place. The Jokers, pre-season favorites, have had a tough time defeating some mediocre outfits, and may hit their stride soon.

The High Five for this week is composed of Jack Browning, Joe Zajicek, Corey Wright, Ed Berry, and Don Johnson. Those boys have been closely matched all year and one high game can put any of the five in first place.

Team Standings	W	L
Sports Staff	19	8
Centurymen	18	9
4B's	16	11
Eager Beavers	16	11
Sharpshooters	15	12
Jokers	14	13
4 Cards	12	15
Atoms	11	16
Fighting 4	9	18
Trojans	5	22

HIGH FIVE

Name	Average
1. Jack Browning—4B's	145
2. Corey Wright—Sports Staff	144
3. Joe Zajicek—Eager Beavers	144
4. Ed Berry—Eager Beavers	143
5. Don Johnson—Trojans	140

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Look Out, Lincoln!



COREY WRIGHT, only Central basketball vet., plots strategy with Coach Tom Murphy for use against Lincoln this afternoon.

Eagle Cagers Rock Elkhorn Five, 40-34

An under-rated, fast-moving Central High basketball team overpowered a game Elkhorn five, 40-34, in the Eagles' opener, Thursday, December 6.

The Purples led all the way. The taller Antlers put on a determined spurt after intermission and narrowed the gap to five points midway in the fourth quarter. Dick Hollander and Bob Reynolds then cashed two field goals to put the contest on ice.

John Shea and Corey Wright paced the tough Eagle defense which alternated between man to man and two types of zone.

Reynolds, one of the three sophomore starters, led the team with 12 points. Corey Wright, stocky veteran guard, was next with 10 points.

Earl Bruhn, who was high scorer for the Antlers with 9 points, also sparked the defense by controlling both backboards. Kenny Stahl and Gordon Bull were next with 8 points each.

CENTRAL (40)	ELKHORN (34)
Vogel f-c 3 1-2 0	R. Bull f 1 1-2 4
Reynolds f 4 4-7 0	G. Bull f 3 2-4 1
Rosen f 0 0-0 0	Hoier f 0 0-1 1
Trachtenberg f 0 0-0 0	Stahl c 3 2-5 3
Hollander c-g 1 2-4 4	Wamsar g 2 2-3 1
Lacy c 1 3-4 0	Rohwer g 0 0-0 0
Wright g 4 2-2 1	E. Bruhn g 4 1-3 4
Shea g 1 0-1 5	
Handelman g 0 0-0 1	
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Links Test For Purple Five Today

Tall Lincoln Cagers Favored Over Eagles; Lacy Lost for Year

Central's willing but inexperienced basketball team, not extended much in disposing of Elkhorn in opener last week, will find the game much tougher when they face Lincoln Central in the gym today 3:30.

The Eagles had things about they pleased against the Antlers, although the outstate kids made a terminated drive after intermission. Coach Tom Murphy's pupils show they might bear watching before season closes.

Links Have Four Lettermen

However, despite this continuing Central improvement, the Red and Black must rank as favorites in today's game, as Lyle Wegand has lettermen returning from last year's team that dumped the Purples twice.

Only one of the lettermen, Al Bequist, was a starter on the 1944 Lincoln five. Other lettermen are Donegan, Jack Deffenbaugh, Norm Walt, all of whom saw limited action last year.

Jerry Beck, who played on the Central second team last winter, helped the Eagles win the Missouri Valley golf title, will come back Central in another role. Beck moved to Lincoln, and will be on the Red and Black cage squad this afternoon.

Murphy to Use Same Starters

The Links will miss the services of Gayle Lebsack, sharpshooting state forward, who is now playing the University of Nebraska. To offset this, the Capitol Hill boys will send a tall team which probably will take full advantage of Central's lack of height.

Coach Murphy is expected to use the same Central team that opened against Elkhorn. Bob Reynolds and Wade Vogel will be at forward. Hollander at center, and Corey Wright and John Shea at guard.

Jack Lacy, senior center who led good against Elkhorn until he was injured near the close of the season, has been lost for the season. Lacy cracked an ankle while making a pivot shot.

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