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## Kaplan Named Editor-in-Chief Of 1950 O-Book

### Christoff, Miller Head Highly Qualified Staff; Sales Publicity Planned

By Donna Miller

Preparations for the publication of the 1950 O-Book are underway with the appointment of Marilyn Kaplan as editor-in-chief by Mrs. Anne Savidge, head of the journalism department.

Jean Ellen Christoff will take over the job of senior album editor while Donna Miller will serve as activities editor. Both girls have had a semester's experience on the Register staff with Jean working as copy editor and Donna as a reporter and club editor.

Business manager of the O-Book will be Marvin Newberg, who has held the position as business manager of the Register for the past semester. The circulation task falls to Joel Hilder and Mike Feldman. They have handled the distribution on this year's Register.

Nelson, Koll Art Editors

Miss Mary Angood, art adviser, has named Rosalie Nelson and Dona Rae Koll, art editors.

Publicity managers include Robert Gasmussen, Don Silverman, Suzie Thompson, Ernie Bebb, and Nancy Hollinger. Their assignment will be the promotion of O-Book sales.

Marilyn, the new editor has worked in the journalism department for three semesters and is well acquainted with the make-up and writing divisions of the paper. Her activities include that of World-Herald correspondent of the Register, and a member of the French club, Colleens, and Central High Players, and a past member of the Latin club. She has also been homeroom representative and is a member of the Junior Honor Society.

3,300 Copies Required Quota

The sale of this year's O-Book will be carried on in the individual homerooms through the representatives. A promotion campaign is scheduled for early in February. Approximately 3,300 copies must be sold to insure publication.

Other O-Book positions and committees will be announced in later issues of the Register.

## Frisbie Appointed To Library Board

Miss Josephine Frisbie, senior girls' counselor and teacher in the English and Latin departments, has recently been chosen a member of the Omaha Library Board.

At a meeting of the City Council on December 6, Mayor Glenn Cunningham announced his appointment of Miss Frisbie at the request of the Omaha Education Association. Miss Frisbie had been a president of the association for several years.

As one of seven board members, Miss Frisbie will engage in various duties. One of her most important obligations as a three year board member will be that of aiding in setting the policies for the city and branch libraries.

The selection of Miss Frisbie has set a precedent in the history of the Library Board. This is the first time in over thirty years that a teacher has been appointed to that position.

## Six New Study Topics Offered Next Semester

The office has announced that six new courses of study will be offered next semester. They are Refreshers, Math, Economics, Creative Writing, Office Practice, an English VIII special, and English History.

These courses have not been offered before this year, though they have been taught in previous years.

Creative Writing will be taught by Frank Rice of the English department who is also sophomore boys' counselor. Office Practice will be taught by Miss Angeline Tauchen, commercial department. Teachers for the other subjects have not been announced.



## Cast Slaughters 'Marietta' at Party

Although it had no actual resemblance to the original, the fourth performance of the opera at the cast party held at the Paxton Hotel Saturday night was as much a success as those preceding it.

Bill Burke and Inga Swenson exchanged parts for the duet, "It Never, Never Can Be Love." Bill also sang in falsetto "Naughty Marietta." He had his own interpretation. Inga also sang Bill's song "The Tramp Chorus" with the casket girls instead of Dick's men.

Bob Stryker surprised every one with the flexibility of his hips when he took Pat Livingston's part of Lizette doing her voodoo dance. Frank Mallory and Pat Livingston changed parts in "I Wish I Were Anybody Else But Me."

Norman Henke and Martin Blacker did "The Dance Cancan" with rolled-up pants and coats as skirts. Martin's favorite pastime during the opera rehearsals was imitating all the leads so Saturday night he was really busy. While Inga Swenson sang, Marty did his interpretation of "Naughty Marietta."

Dwight Fritts and Phyllis Wilke were in charge of the party.

## Dopita Central Entry In DAR Competition

Laura Dopita '50 has been named Central's representative in the Good Citizenship contest, sponsored by the Daughters of the American Revolution. She will enter the local contest which is to be held on January 21, 1950.

The winners of the local contest are eligible for the state contest, to be held the same day. The time limit of both contests will be an hour and the problem is to write a one hundred word theme on a given subject.

The winner of the state contest will receive a \$100 savings bond as a prize and is eligible to participate in the national contest.

## Big Hole in West Field Disrupts Whole School

Something mysterious was happening—no one knew just what. In about two hours a machine had dug a trench the full length of the west field. Students, teachers, and passersby watched curiously.

To their amazement, they learned that the workmen were not striving to beautify the grounds, nor were they developing a new method for locating fishworms as so many of the freshmen thought. They were simply installing a new steam pipe to Central Grade school. Central's boiler provides heat not only for the high school but also for the grade school.

## Senior Officers Confer On Activity Finances

Senior officers, homeroom representatives, and alternates met together Tuesday, December 6, to discuss the finances of the coming senior activities.

Several suggestions were agreed upon at the meeting, and after Christmas vacation circulars will be sent to all seniors so that they may vote on how they wish to support their class.

It was also announced that all the seniors would vote upon the ideas formulated by a representative group of students.

After Christmas vacation the newly elected senior officers will preside over the senior auditorium homerooms.

This year the seniors have a hard task ahead of them to make their activities a success. With the co-operation of the seniors and representatives, the committees are expecting to do the best job yet.

## Ex-Army Doctor Speaks Before Geography Class

Speaking before the first hour World Geography classes of Miss Dorothy Cathers, Miss Marian Mortensen, and Miss Gayle Phillips, Dr. Whitney Kelley commented on the geography of Northern Africa and Italy.

He spoke of the countries in connection with their geographical features and their influence on politics.

An army doctor stationed in North Africa during the war, he is a former Central student. He is also the father of a freshman World Geography student, John Whitney Kelley.

## 'Naughty Marietta' Surpasses Previous Operas

By Marlene Chesneau  
The colorful costumes, gay humor, and incomparable music of Victor Herbert's "Naughty Marietta" combined to make this year's opera one of unforgettable songs and star performances. It was presented by the Central High a cappella choir under the direction of Mrs. Elsie Howe Swanson, assisted by Mrs. Mary Kern.

Inga Swenson captivated the audience with her delightfully naughty portrayal of Marietta, the Countess D'Altena, who runs away from Italy to join a group of girls en route to New Orleans to find husbands. Inga sparkled through such numbers as "Naughty Marietta," "Italian Street Song," "It Never, Never Can Be Love," and many others.

The part of Captain Dick, who is sworn to be Marietta's "friend" until he finds he loves her, gave Bill Burke an opportunity to show his outstanding tenor voice as well as his acting

## A Tree Grows at Central for Xmas

"Deck the halls with boughs of holly" and that's just what happened in Central's east hall. Central Colleens purchased an eight foot Christmas tree which was decorated last Saturday by the committee chairman.

The bright decorations were donated by the students. The tree will probably be given to some charity at the end of the week.

A miniature replica of this may be found nearby in the office where Miss Adrienne Westburg has decorated a tree. The window sills are adorned with holly sprays.

In the show case outside the office a scene of the Nativity is on display. It was placed there by the Inter-American club and is titled "El Nacimiento." All in all, Central is getting dressed up for Christmas.

## Room 38 Becomes Animal Workshop

For the past few weeks, Room 38 has been turned into an animal factory. Everything from checkered lions to woolen cats are being manufactured. If you step into this room and think you have just walked into a zoo, don't be alarmed, because it only contains "stuffed animals."

These animals are being made by some of Mrs. Fern McCready's home-making classes. Some of the girls are making them for Christmas presents and some as part of their home-making unit in "Understanding Children."

Joy Wachal has made a percale elephant with big floppy ears. Janet Schroeder has finished a checkered donkey and is working on a grey fawn. "Raspberry" is the name of Faye Shrader's horse. She has embroidered his eyes and has made his mane out of black yarn.

Shirley Snyder is putting the stuffing in her red-eyed horse, and Pat Lainsion is making the tail for her blue and white checkered horse. Doris Carlson is adding the finishing touches to a green and yellow polka dot giraffe. Some of the animals that are already finished are Betty Prai's red wool cat, Donna Harris' striped yellow donkey, and Kaywin Tomes' spotted lion.

## Junior Choir To Sing In Christmas Assembly

The traditional Christmas assembly will be presented this morning by the eighty-three voice junior a cappella choir under the direction of Mrs. Elsie Howe Swanson.

The choir, garbed in black robes with cellophane over their white collars, will form a human Christmas tree. They will sing "Silent Night," "Deck the Halls," "Carol of the Bells," "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming," and "White Christmas."

## Central Dramatics Students Entertain Two's Day Club

Six girls presented a play Tuesday, December 6, at the Calvary Baptist Church for the Two's Day club. The girls, trained by the dramatics department, were Evalyn Mickel, Dorothy Gallagher, Donna Miller, and Sally Siemssen, seniors, and Geraldine Lewis and Laura Jean Connor, juniors.

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ability. It will be a long time before anyone will forget his beautiful rendition of "I'm Falling In Love with Someone."

Captain Dick helps Marietta pose as the son of Rudolfo, played by Paul Kruse who displayed an unusually fine Italian accent.

Bras Pique Complicates Things  
Bob Stryker played his part well as Etienne de Grandet, the dashing son of the lieutenant-governor of New Orleans, portrayed by Norman Henke. In reality, Etienne is the pirate, Bras Pique, and complicates matters for Captain Dick by wanting to marry Marietta.

Alexandra Hunt as Etienne's slave, Adah, played her part beautifully, and her solo, "Neath the Southern Moon," was sung with exceptional warmth and sincerity. Jealous of her master's marital intentions toward Marietta, she denounces him as the pirate.

## Nine Compete for Miss Central XVI

### Debaters Engage In Active Week

The past week has been an active one for Central debaters. On December 7, Central was host to four teams from Malvern, Iowa.

Those participating in the practice event were Joe Armstrong, Bob Buckley, Laura Reynolds, Karen McKie, Joan Micklin, Charlotte Oden, Olga Marie Reins, Mildred Radinowski, Rosalie Nelson, Warren Denenberg, and Meyer Feldman.

Judges were Mrs. Alex McKie, Mrs. Mary Reynolds, Miss Verona Jerabek, Miss Marian Mortensen, Suzie Thompson, and Don Silverman.

Joe Armstrong, Bob Buckley, and Laura Reynolds won all four rounds of debate.

On December 8, 9, and 10, debaters journeyed to North High for the Missouri Valley Boys' Debate tournament, first competitive tournament of the year. Representing Central were Jerry Schenken and Jerry Brodkey, and Joe Armstrong and Bob Buckley. Although the tournament was won by Thomas Jefferson, Jerry Schenken and Jerry Brodkey were successful in winning seven out of eight rounds of debate.

## 'Fastest Human Typist' Amazes 250 Students

The "World's Fastest Human on a Portable Typewriter" is the title claimed by Cortez Peters who performed at the All-Makes Typewriter Company Friday, December 9.

Attending the show approximately 250 typing students of Mrs. Edna Dana, Miss Marguerette Burke, Mrs. Helen McConnell, and Richard Kunch.

In his amazing exhibition Mr. Peters demonstrated tap dancing on the keys, blindfold tricks, and ways to increase your own typing speed. The students were astounded to see the magician of the typewriter type 170 words a minute wearing mittens.

Students able to guess within five strokes of what he wrote in one-fourth of a minute were awarded first, second, and third prizes of \$20, \$10, and \$5 credit on a Royal typewriter.

## Freshmen Elect Four To Student Council

Alfred Curtis, Avrum Greenberg, Frank Tirro, and Jo Ann White were announced this week as the new freshman members of the Student Council.

The freshman class chose four representatives from a ballot listing 10 boys and 28 girls. The elections were held in the individual freshman homerooms last week.

The frosh, who take office at the beginning of the second semester, will make the Student Council complete with 18 members.

Joyce Jensen of the Student Council was in charge of the elections.

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This situation lends itself nicely to the setting for Inga and Bill's duet, "Ah, Sweet Mystery of Life," which is the climax of the opera.

Not to be overlooked were the antics of Pat Livingston as Lizette and Frank Mallory as Dick's friend, Silas. Their scenes were a delightful study in complete abandon.

### Minor Leads Well Presented

Also outstanding in the cast were Arnold Kaiman as Sir Harry Blake, Martin Blacker as Florenze, secretary to the governor, Nora DeVore as Nanette, Kay Huffaker as Felice, Shirley Holsten as Fanchon, Joan and Jane Beber, and Colette Bartolomei.

Spotlighted in the orchestra, under the direction of Noyes Bartholomew, was the violin solo by Evelyn Skelbeck.

The set was constructed by Robert Beck and his stage crew; the make-ups were under the supervision of Miss Myrna Jones.

## Princesses, Countesses, Class Officers to March In Coronation Procession

By Jean Ellen Christoff

On Saturday, January 7 one of the nine princesses chosen by the senior girls, will step from the rank of princess into that honored position of Miss Central XVI. The girls competing for this title are Charlene Arnold, Sue Brownlee, Pat Cosford, Carol French, Roxie Johnson, Carolyn Miller, Suzie Thompson, Phyllis Wilke, and Marie Zadina.

Girls who attend the sixteenth all girls' costume party, the "Winter Fantasy," will vote for Miss Central XVI on the night of the ball. The party will be held in Central's auditorium and gym. The queen this year will be crowned by Miss Susan Storz, reigning queen of Ak-Sar-Ben.

### Countesses Named

In addition to the princesses who will march in the coronation procession, there will be 24 countesses chosen from the senior girls.

The countesses are Sally Ainscow, Virginia Albertson, Sally Bartling, Nora Devore, Florence Fredkin, Barbara Hanley, Shirley Holsten, Alexandra Hunt, Ferne Kattelman, Esther Kramer, Madalene Laresse, Rosemary Lefter, Joan Legge, and Patricia Livingston.

Others are Nancy Logan, Mary Mackie, Marceline Mezger, Patricia Morford, Jessie Norman, Norma Owens, Beverly Pollard, Diane Purdy, Marilyn Raupe, Adrienne Rice, Annette Roberts, Inga Swenson, Jacklyn Ullstrom, and Patricia Warkow.

Freshman, sophomore, and junior girls class officers will march as duchesses. Also appearing in the coronation will be the girls of the Student Council and the presidents of the girls' clubs. Miss Central will have four attendants who will be selected from the freshman girls. Tryouts for the marshal, who will announce the proceedings of the coronation, will be held later.

### Girls Bring Gifts for Hospital

Each girl attending the ball is requested to bring an inexpensive gift wrapped in cellophane which will be given to the Children's Memorial Hospital. Each girl is also expected to wear a costume and prizes will be awarded for outstanding costumes.

Invitations for the ball will be sent to former queens and women on the committee in charge of gifts for Children's Memorial Hospital. Tickets and stickers for the ball will go on sale, January 3. The price of the tickets is thirty cents for students and fifty cents for spectators. Girls from other schools are invited to come as spectators.

### Committee Chairmen Appointed

The chairman of the arrangements committees for the party have been appointed. They are as follows: Joyce Jensen, elections; Elaine Hess, tickets; Joanne Jacobs, Ted Hughes, and Marie Zadina, publicity; Houghston Tetric, door; and Carolyn Miller, invitations.

Roxie Johnson is chairman of the coronation committee while Suzanne Graham will head the flower committee, and Brooks Poley, Bob Hill, and Bob Knapple, the refreshment committee. The honors, gifts, and decoration committees will be headed by Ted Hughes, Jean Fraser, and Gloria Zadina, respectively.

## Safety Director Declares Building Safe from Fire

The Central High building has been declared as safe against fire as can be expected in consideration of its age.

This report was made by Fire Department Safety Director John Vall after he had toured the building. He pointed out that the school has eight wide stairways as means of escape and, in the recent fire drills, the 1,650 students have cleared the building in three minutes using these stairs.

### A Christmas Message

It is good for all of us that we have a Christmas season. In a world that is divided with suspicion and distrust and selfishness, it is soul saving to have a time when we can realize truly that there is so much of goodness and kindness and unselfishness and nobility in man. Let all of us this Christmas season capture for ourselves something of the spirit of the lowly Nazarene in order that we can be a little kinder, a little better, a little more forgiving, a little truer to ourselves and our brothers and our God.

Principal J. Arthur Nelson

### Fight Tuberculosis--- Buy Christmas Seals

For the past several years Christmas Seals have been the first tool of the Nebraska Tuberculosis association in stamping out this once dreaded plague. Because of your co-operation and faith in the Christmas Seal, doctors, nurses, and laboratory technicians are able to go through with their plans to protect us.

Knowledge means protection and safety. The money obtained from the 1949 drive goes to defray the cost of motion pictures, talks, pamphlets concerning the prevention and control of tuberculosis, and the formation of the Omaha-Douglas County Chest X-Ray survey which will take place soon. In 1950 the plans are to extend the health services to an even greater number of people.

Because a challenge was issued, we have made progress and established the Christmas Seal tradition in America. Every sheet purchased and used is another stride toward conquering and controlling tuberculosis, while protecting yourself. Let's promote a drive for a worthy cause!

### Gifts Within Ourselves

This is the time of the year when little boys and girls all over the world ask their parents if there really is a Santa Claus.

Some older children and adults answer that Santa Claus is just a story, a nursery rhyme, a fable about a legendary Christmas character. However, there are some who answer that Santa Claus is the spirit of giving of those things which are sought by all of us—love, kindness, and unselfishness.

Each of us can have the greatest gifts in the world within ourselves. It is a gifted person who can always give a smile, never forgets a cheery word of greeting, seeks to bring out the best in everyone with whom he comes in contact. It is a talent to think of others before yourself. These gifts can be given any time of the year. You will find no price tag on them. They enrich those who receive them without making poorer those who give. Without them Christmas could mean very little. This is the true meaning of Santa Claus, and why we say that there definitely is a Santa Claus.

### A Standard To Preserve

At the close of a long school day, we all like to get together with our friends to discuss the events of the day or coming events of interest. No matter how hard a day we may have had, it's also nice to free ourselves of the restrictions which we endured through the class periods. Sure, we all have to "let off a little steam," but even this must be held down to a minimum.

Rowdiness of Central's students on busses and streetcars is a serious problem which must be faced. Loud laughing, bothersome chattering, and roughness are unnecessary and avoidable offenses to the adult passengers. Misconduct of this sort throws an unfavorable reflection on ourselves, our homes, and our school as a whole.

The rules of good deportment should apply not only on our city's transportation lines, but also wherever students tend to congregate after school. Let's preserve Central's good record!

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## Behind The Censorship

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house  
(You mean you have one?)  
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;  
(Just goes to show how efficient that DDT is.)  
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,  
(What an odd place for a washline.)  
In hopes that St. Nick soon would be there;  
(Silly! Who, believes in Santa Claus?)  
The children were nestled all snug in their beds,  
(Some of you students should try that.)  
While visions of report cards danced through their heads.  
(Maybe they think Santa will give them all 1's.)  
And mama in her hairnet and I in my cap,  
(What a touching scene.)  
Had just settled down for a long winter nap—  
(Lucky people!)  
When all of a sudden there rose such a clatter,  
(Father must be washing dishes again.)  
I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter.  
(Oh, those new box springs!)When what to my wondering eyes should appear,  
(Was it a bird, was it a plane, was it Superman, no...)  
But a miniature sleigh and eight tiny reindeer.  
(They must have tried a new spot reducer.)  
With a little old driver so lively and quick,  
(He has been eating his Wheaties lately.)  
I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.  
(Just a good guess.)  
He had a broad face, and a "little round belly  
(He should try a new two-way stretch.)  
That shook, when he laughed, like a bowl full of jelly.  
(That's an awful lot of jelly.)  
He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,  
(Just like Central students!?)  
And filled all the stockings, then turned with a jerk.  
(I don't go around with that guy)  
I heard him exclaim ere he drove out of sight;  
(He had a powerful voice)  
"Merry Christmas to all; and to all a good-night!"  
(The Register staff really means it.)

### Previewed Presents



We were doing some exploring up around the North Pole when we accidentally on purpose came upon a brown log hut with a sign across the top of the door, "Santa's Workshop." Noticing that he was out to lunch we decided to go in and browse around to see what was in his bag for Christmas.

Clothes being of a great importance to most girls, we went directly to the clothes rack. The prettiest red velvet and aqua-blue corduroy dress was hanging there. It was an exact replica of the one Shirley Kurtz has. The top was velveteen, trimmed with corduroy buttons down the front and bows on the short sleeves.

Looking in the blouse section we saw the cutest royal blue jersey blouse. Goldie Gendler has one just like it. The pocket on it is cut in half by a diagonal yellow stripe, and the round collar shoots off to a point on the right shoulder. A crisp cotton blouse is just right for school wear. Especially one like Marlene Chesneau's blue, long sleeved one. Santa is making them in mass production this year. They have tiny silver buttons down the front.

A beautiful orange and blue plaid wool dress caught our eye. It's very tailored with long sleeves, a pointed collar, and big pockets on the side of the skirt. Eileen Brown has one, and with it she wears an orange scarf.

Santa was swamped with work this year so he decided to call on some helpers from Nationalist China. They were knitting some beautiful Chinese cashmere sweaters. Ann Mallan has a set of cocoa brown ones. They're sure to make any girl happy on Christmas.

We hope all our readers have a wonderful vacation and come back to school with many new fashions for us to put into print!

Pudge 'n Janie

### Joyeux Noel

Of all the joys that Christmas brings  
The best are made of little things—  
Hearing church bells, tinkling sleigh bells,  
Friendly greetings, family meetings.  
Watching home fires softly glow,  
Children playing in the snow.  
And so with wishes warm and true  
Our staff says "Merry Christmas" to each of you.

## See Here, Mr. Claus!

A fat little man, lively and quick,  
His name we all know is jolly St. Nick.  
He's bringing a present for you and  
for me,  
And is placing it under our Christmas  
tree.  
Barb Dunlap's sock please fill,  
And Gene M. seems to fill the bill.  
Santa Claus' son would be  
A wonderful gift for Karen McKie.  
Sue Lane Neff is wanting a car,  
One which later she can mar.  
Joanne Yeager says with glee,  
"A million dollars is for me."  
Suzi Sorensen's troubled by weight;  
Send her a book before it's too late.  
There is a girl who wants a rag dolly,  
It's Nancy Latimer, and she'd call her  
Molly.  
To Lois Ostronic a sweater,  
But of course, it must have a letter.  
Eleanor McClelland says with glee,  
"Oh boy, a horse—that's for me."

Harlan Peckham hopes to find  
A brand new woman-hater sign.  
Peter Anderson wants a book,  
One which will tell him how to cook.  
Joe Kennedy wants some skates,  
So he can glide onto some dates.  
Jarmila Mattis would like some snow,  
So a sleighing she can go.  
Bill Siedel wants a pair of glasses,  
So he can see all those cute little  
lasses.



By Lyno 'n Joy

And not forgetting Bobby Knapple,  
Who wants just a worm in an apple.  
Big Charles Bradford won't tell me  
What he'll find 'neath his Christmas  
tree.  
A songbook would be just the thing  
For Alan Simon, 'cuz he can't sing!  
Santa, you dear old man,  
Please try to stop if you can  
At these few doors on Christmas  
night  
And bring these gifts into their sight.

Now, a little note to you—  
And then we'll be all through.  
Dear Readers,  
We're sorry that we named so few,  
But here's something we wish for all  
of you—  
The Merriest Christmas and Bestest  
New Year EVER!

## I Can Dream, Can't I?

Why do you believe in Santa Claus?  
Doris Ihde: "Because he brought me my first dolly."  
me my first dolly."  
John Gilmore: "Look what he brought me four years ago."  
Phyllis Bernstein: "He's a man isn't he?"  
Shirley Holsten: "Do seniors still believe in Santa Claus?"  
Robert Rasmussen: "I envy people with long white beards."  
Lynn Harper: "It's profitable."  
Sally Stemszen: "The cookies are always gone Christmas morning."  
Jack Davis: "I believe in Santa because if he didn't put the marbles in my sock, who did?"  
Nora De Vore: "I don't want to disillusion my folks (they have so much fun pretending)."  
Donna Miller: "I don't, 'cause he's been ignoring me."  
Paul Fesler: "Last year he got stuck coming down our chimney."  
Billie Moore: "He's so round, so firm, so fully packed."  
Kaye Wolcott: "Who said I did?"  
Mary Louise Anderson: "Glen told me to."  
Thelma Gosmeyer: "Because he has T.L.C. (with compliments of Steve Canyon)."  
Bob Guide: "Wait til after I've gotten my presents, then I'll tell you."

## Unabridged 'Hamlet'

One night as I lay on my pillow,  
One night as I started to snore—  
I dreamt of Christmas in Denmark,  
Of Christmas in Elsinore.  
Hamlet had hung up his argyles  
Ophelia, her 50 denier,  
Gertrude was quietly snoozing,  
The night was cold and clear.  
Suddenly the sentries sighted a sleigh  
Over the Channel winging,  
Sleighbells broke the silence  
Santa, his gifts was bringing.  
An order to his reindeer  
And on the roof he lit.  
Down the chimney he wiggled  
And with a bang he hit.  
From out the bag on his back  
He pulled a girdle for Gert,  
A lavender tie for the king  
And an orange and orchid striped shirt,  
A cowboy suit for Horatio,  
And for Hamlet, records, a stack.  
Red flannels for Polonius  
Also came out of the pack.  
Up the fu went Santa  
Just as the dawn was breaking  
He peeked in through the window  
To see the joy he was making.  
"Oh Hammy! you didn't," cried Horatio  
As he pulled out a model plane.  
"Oh goody, look!" yelled Hamlet.  
"Frankie Lane's 'Muletrain.'"  
At the cries of joy and delight  
Santa gave a command  
To Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer  
"Let us now leave this land."  
So he mounted the sleigh and off they flew  
Leaving a scene of cheer.  
And he cried as he went quite out of sight  
"Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year!"

### Chimney Chaser

It was the night before Christmas, in 1975, and Santa, with his sleigh and reindeer, leaped up through the night air. The reindeer's load was light, for all the toys were now made of a new metal which was so light that it floated, and instead of candy, he had condensed candy pills, in bright colored bottles.

To tell the truth, Santa's lot had been growing harder by the year. Now all the houses had radiant heating and there were no chimneys. And the air was crowded, as was usual on Christmas eve, with jet planes, filled with people going to the Rose Bowl game.

At last, all the toys were delivered and Santa was heading homeward over the midwest. Just as he was flying over Omaha, he looked down and saw a familiar building—Central. It had a chimney that was not only big enough for Santa, but also his sleigh and reindeer. Santa went in. It was very quiet, and not a creature was stirring, except the mice.

Santa looked around him. The paint which had been new long ago in 1950 needed a new coat, and the typewriters in 149 needed new ribbons. Minerva was still standing in the south hall, smiling crookedly through her chipped plaster.

Santa heaved a sigh of relief and settled down for the rest of the long winter night in the only unchanged spot in the world—Central High.

### Central Profile

## Mathematical Marv

Marvin Newberg

"What happened to that nickel? The books don't balance!" yells Marvin Newberg as he makes out the Register's monthly expense accounts. As business manager of the Register it is Marvin's job not only to collect from advertisers, pay the bills, and keep accounts of profit and loss, but help Mr. Franklin handle the financial affairs of all the school organizations.



MARVIN NEWBERG

When Marvin was nine his grade school class gave a circus for the Red Cross. Afterwards our little hero trotted happily to the bank with the proceeds, not realizing that half the money was dribbling out through a hole in his pocket. Now when Mary goes to the bank for Mr. Franklin he carries a money bag.

As a second lieutenant on the battalion staff Marv can be found nearly any night after school cleaning his 250 rifles in the supply room. As ROTC homeroom representative, Jewish Youth Council representative, and a member of the Discussion and Inter-American clubs, he finds his school life pretty crowded.

Marvin ("Heavy" as the boys call him) likes to eat "anything that doesn't crawl off my plate," such as pineapple juice, pineapple malts, pineapple ice cream, pineapple candy, pineapple gum—it is rumored that he even uses pineapple-flavored toothpaste.

He also favors gray corduroy clothes, small girls—under five feet—with lively personalities, and Chrysler Town-and-Country's. Marv hates snow, but "loves c-c-o-o-old nights! If you don't see him hanging around the Saddle Creek Drive-Inn you may find him on a lonely road listening to be-bop and other heavy classics. His biggest thrill is to see whether his Chrysler will pick up to 60 m.p.h. in 13 seconds.

Despite his past business experience, Marvin has always wanted to be a psychiatrist. A few weeks ago he tried to psychoanalyze himself, and now he isn't sure whether he'd make a better doctor or patient.

Anyway, psychiatrist or business manager, here's hats off to the guy who magically keeps our paper out of the red. Scoot

## Resolved:

We know you're going to break them,  
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What you resolve to do.

- Janie Barton: "To be sweet to Harris."
- Arlene Meyer: "To never, never make any more resolutions."
- Jack L. Irwin: "To change my name and thus avoid confusing people."
- Jack R. Irwin: "To change my name and thus avoid confusing people."
- Lorene Shannon: "To give up horses."
- Natalie Shapiro: "To keep all the resolutions I made last year."
- Joann Hans: "To do all my ice-skating on my feet."
- Ted Hughes: "Not to go to any New Year's parties."
- Jackie Heath: "I haven't made a resolution since I was five."
- Laura Reynolds: "To give my glasses their yearly cleaning."
- Scoot Howard: "To have an answer ready when a reporter asks me."

## For Your Bookmarks

**JOURNEY INTO CHRISTMAS** Here is a volume of By Bess Streecher Aldrich Mrs. Aldrich's most famous Christmas stories. It is full of the good will and spirit of joy that is so necessary during the Yule-tide season. Included in her book is "The Drum Goes Dead," the story of how one man found again the true meaning of Christmas. "Star Across the Tracks," is one which serves as a reminder that Christmas knows no boundaries. There is a moving tale of Christmas on the prairie, taken from "A Lantern in Her Hand," when the few presents under the tree were made mostly of sticks, rags, patches, and love. If you are one who likes to get the feeling of Christmas way down deep, this is an ideal book with which to begin.

**HIGH TOWERS** "High Towers" is an impressive saga interpreting the efforts and final success of the Le Moyne family of Montreal in establishing the famed and storied city of New Orleans. Of the ten brothers, Pierre and Jean Baptiste stand out as most important. Pierre, light hearted and charming, was the daring leader who tried to take by force the English fur trade. Jean Baptiste the youngest and most sincere, was the hero of New Orleans who became governor of Louisiana. The romance between Felicie, ward of the eldest brother Charles, and Philippe tends to take away too much from the historical standpoint of the book but nevertheless holds the reader's interest to the last page. Diane Purdy

### Y-Teens Prepare Christmas Parties

The Y-Teens will celebrate Christmas this year in a big way, in fact, three big ways. At the meeting in Room 215, December 7th, the dates for three Christmas parties were announced.

First on the calendar is a party December 14 for Central Y-Teens. At least two needy families will be provided with their Christmas dinners as a result of this party. Already there is a table stacked high with canned goods in Room 38, and more, along with money donations, will be brought to the party.

A committee composed of Janet Bunney, Rebecca Chartier, and Don Warner, Director of Specialized Services, will visit the homes of these needy families, and find out what they need. Then they will prepare a report of their findings to be read at the next meeting.

The second party, "The Jingle Bell Jump," will be staged at the YWCA, December 17 at 8:30 p.m. Admission will be twenty-five cents per person. This dance is put on by the Intercity Fun Nite Council.

December 20 is the date set for the last Y-Teen Christmas celebration. Girls representing the five public high schools will meet at the Y.W. at 6 p.m. for a short worship service to be conducted by the North Y-Teens. A caroling expedition to three hospitals, Lutheran, Doctors, and Clarkson, will follow. After caroling, the girls will return to the "Y" for a chili feed which will be served for thirty-five cents. Dancing will end a full evening. Forty-five Central girls have signed up already, and others who are not Y-Teens may sign up in Room 229.

### Inter-American Club Has Christmas Party

Five Spanish students were elected by their fellow classmates to represent them in the Spanish conversation contest at the annual Christmas Tertulia, put on by the Inter-American club yesterday.

Selected were Bonnie Carlson, Betty Morley, Harlan Rosenblatt, Alexandra Hunt, Alice Gilinsky, and John Hopley.

In preparing for this party, Harris Poley, president of the Inter-American club, was assisted by James Gabrielson, Sandra Hall, Jean Innis, Donna Huber, Bill Nielson, Betty McMahill, Bonnie Fenson, Peter Stocker, and LaRay Watson.

The Nacimiento scene, exhibited in the showcase this week, has been sponsored by the Inter-American club for many years.

Janet Page, Lois Ostronic, Mitzel Foster, Betty Morley, Patti Markel, Brooks Poley, Stephen Ashford, Warren Denenberg, John Hopley, and Harris Poley were the members of the committee in charge of the display this year.

### Crump's Holiday Music Entertains German Club

A program was presented by Shirley Crump at the German Club meeting on December 6. Immediately following the business portion of the meeting, Shirley played various recordings of German music having to do with the Christmas season. Especially delightful among the selection was an arrangement of "Silent Night."

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### Xmas Scene Given By Players at Party

"The Spirit of Christmas," a Christmas scene from Louisa May Alcott's "Little Women," was given at the Christmas party of the Central High Players on Tuesday afternoon. The

cast included Laura Conner, Dorothy Gallagher, Jerry Lewis, Evalyn Mickel, Donna Miller, and Sally Siemssen. Inga Swenson, president, led the group in singing Christmas carols. Refreshments were served by members of the club.

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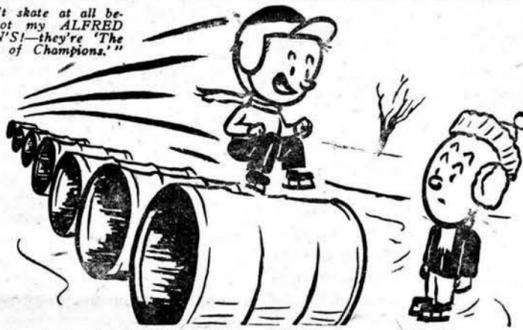
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Miss Virgene McBride, when she found out the sandmen had invaded her room, worked out a schedule for her pupils to follow. Everytime the students went to their designated room, they always found two or three other classes occupying the room.

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# SOMBERG SCRIBBLES

By Marlon Somberg

If the first two weeks of a season mean anything, the Eagle wrestling and basketball teams should enjoy a victorious season.

The wrestling team has won two out of three matches. With the marked improvement of Heavyweight Don Wright and Al Bovee, the bonebenders have an excellent chance of repeating as state champs.

This year's cage team has done a strange thing. They looked bad when they won and good when they lost. In their 31-24 win over Fremont, the team looked ragged and somewhat disorganized, but in the Tech contest, the Eagles really came through when the pressure was on. They lost the game, 35-32. But dropping a decision by only three points to the team that is supposed to cop the Intercity championship, isn't too bad. In fact, it's pretty good.

### Letter to the Editor:

The memory of J. G. "Pop" Schmidt will live forever in the hearts of the many students he taught and befriended. But to the boys and girls who will enter Central in the years to come, his name will just be a legend.

To show the future students of Central what his friendship meant to us, I would like to suggest that the school establish a J. G. "Pop" Schmidt Memorial Trophy to be given each year to the best Central athlete. This trophy would not be given to the athlete who is the star at the expense of the team. It would be awarded to the boy who plays, not for personal glory, but for the team as a whole. He will have to prove that he is a true sportsman both on and off the field of rivalry. Then, and only then, will he deserve to uphold the tradition given to us by "Pop." Alan Crouse '51

In the first two basketball games, the fans for both teams have shown bad sportsmanship when the free throw is being shot. The proper thing for the spectator to do is to keep perfectly still until the player has taken his shot, then he can make all the noise he wants. There is already enough pressure on the shooter and the added noise greatly increases the tension.

Let's set an example for the other schools and keep quiet during the free throw. The players will appreciate it.

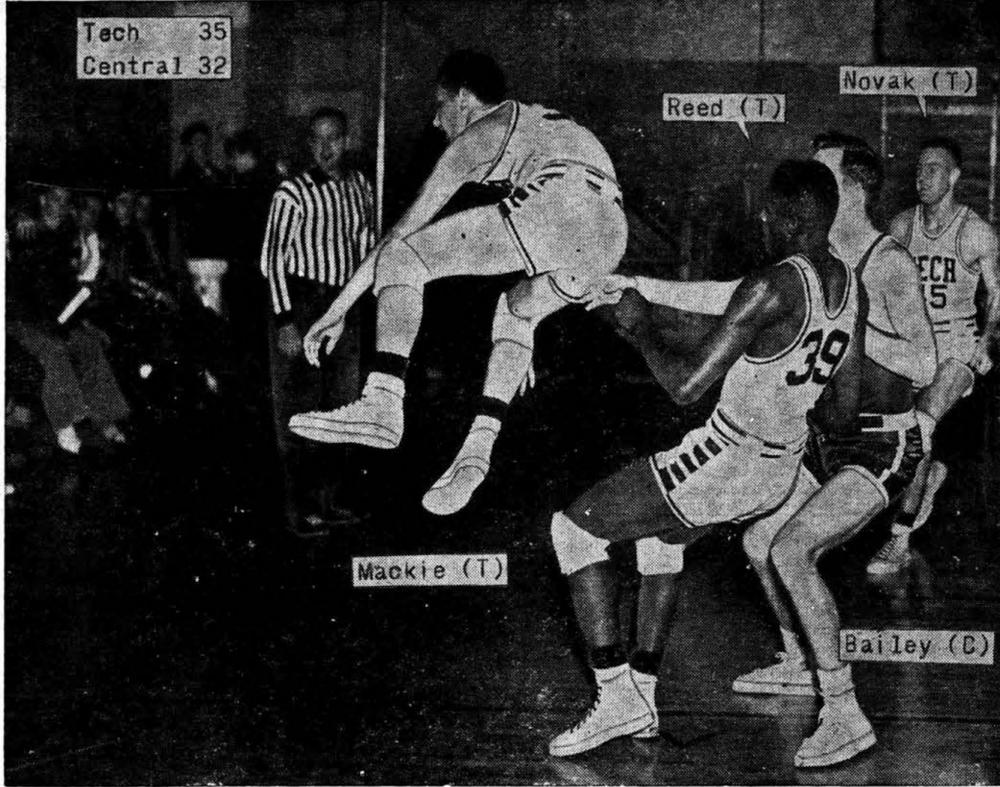
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Bob Mackie defies law of gravity . . . as Tech's Aaron Reed, Ray Novak, and Central's Mac Bailey look on. Courtesy of World-Herald

## Eagle Cagers Eye First Intercity Win Over Lynx Tonight

Eagle cagers will journey to Council Bluffs tonight to meet their opposition, Abraham Lincoln. The game is slated for 8 p.m. on the A. L. maples.

It is hard to match the two teams and pick a champ. Both clubs have improved considerably over last year and both have been beaten in either Intercity or Missouri Valley games.

The Lynx have been impressive in their first five starts. They have dropped St. Francis of Council Bluffs, Iowa School for the Deaf, Creighton Prep, and Sioux City East. Their only loss was a heartbreaker, 48-51, to undefeated Sioux City Central.

The Lynx sparkplugs this year are John Meyers and Douglas Lawson, forwards, and Bud Crowl, center. Meyers and Lawson, both previous letterman, potted 20 and 12 points respectively against Sioux City Central, while Crowl netted 13. Lemen and Ratekin complete the starting five for A. L. at the guard posts.

The Eagle team has developed into an unexpectedly fast-breaking, expert ball-handling crew. The underrated Purple and White pulled away from Fremont, 31-24, and gave highly favored Tech a rough time before losing, 35-32.

Central will still be gunning for their first Intercity League win. Bobby Fairchild has been the only consistent high scorer, but Jack Lee found himself in the Tech game, notching 11 points. Don Blocker, Don Sirls and Wayne Bartley, all point-getters, will complete the Eagle quintet.

The reserves will be seeking their first win of the young season when they play the A. L. seconds at 6:30 p.m.

## Guess Who? Maroons Trip Eagles, 35-32

Age—16  
Height—5-5  
Weight—120 pounds after eating  
Hair—Black  
Eyes—Brown  
Favorite sports—Wrestling, baseball  
Favorite song—"Linda"  
Fitting song—"I Want You to Love Me"  
Ambition—To be a great baseball player  
Pet peeve—Harriet Sundblad  
Nickname—"Little Nozo"

## Gym Jeans

By Marie Zadina

This week the Central High Gym Janes give their salute to Mrs. Anna Born. Mrs. Born has been working in the girls' locker room for the past eight years. Every girl who has taken gym has been grateful to her for more than one reason. Mrs. Born always finds time to sew up a rip, fix a broken zipper, or help out in any way possible. She also hands out suits and towels and keeps the locker room trim and neat. Everyone likes her because she likes everyone. The reason why she enjoys her job so much is because she loves young people and she likes to help them out whenever she can. Mrs. Born is so helpful and so friendly that it's a pleasure to be around her.

Mary Kurcz holds the honor of being the best girl bowler this week. Out of a number of 85 girls, Mary has bowled the highest score. Her score of 203 is the highest bowled so far this semester. Pat Hayes comes in second with a high score of 161. Other high scores were bowled by Billie Moore, Charlene Arnold, and Marian Chalmers.

GAA's highlight this week was the annual Christmas party. The girls exchanged ten cent gifts and sang Christmas carols.

## Eagles Tighen Score

After intermission, the Centralites climbed to within two points of Tech, but Washington and Bob Mackie added baskets to pull the Maroons away again. The Purples tied the score with Fairchild and Wayne Bartley doing the damage. Once more the Techsters pulled away, driving to a 30-26 third quarter margin.

Lee and Fairchild each potted one for the Eagles, but Aaron Reed countered for the Maroons with a long shot. In the last minute of play Fairchild fouled out, and the Central boys were not able to catch the Maroons. Final score—Tech 35, Central 32.

Fairchild Holds Novak  
Bobby Fairchild had the job of guarding Tech's ace, Ray Novak. Bob did a remarkable job, holding Mr. Novak to three points, all on free throws! Willie Washington was the big gun in Tech's attack as he potted three field goals and sank seven of nine free shorts for thirteen points.

Jack Lee led the Eagles with eleven markers, and Fairchild added ten. The Purples had flashes of greatness during the game, and they showed that they are going to be a big factor in the Intercity cage race.

Lee f 5 1-2 3 Cotton f 2 1-1 0  
Sirls f-g 1 0-1 1 Novak f 0 3-6 5  
Bartley f 1 2-2 1 Sader f 0 0-0 1  
Allen f-c 0 0-2 1 Rosenquist f 0 0-0 1  
Fairchild c 5 0-2 5 Bowers c 0 0-2 0  
Blocker g 1 2-2 1 Washington c 3 7-9 1  
Madson g 0 1-1 2 Reed g 4 0-1 2  
Bailey g 0 0-2 1 Mackie g 2 2-2 3

# Grapplers Smother Lynx Drop First Match to T. J.

Abraham Lincoln wrestlers proved to be just another bump in the road for the Purple mat machine Friday. It was two wins in two starts for the state champions, as they copped an impressive 32-12 verdict.

Winning the first six matches, the powerful Centralites cashed in a total of four falls and four decisions. Little Jerry Davis of 85 pound division picked up the fastest five points of the afternoon. He flipped Ken Kimbrall to the mat in 34 seconds of the initial period. The Iowans never recovered.

### Conner, Wright Takes Second Pins

Don Wright notched his second pin in two starts, as he whipped Wright (no relation) in 59 seconds. The "killer" used a windsor arm lock in his swift victory.

Also collecting his second straight pin for the Eagles was "Rubber Man" Julius Connor. He slammed Don Teeple to the canvass in 4 minutes 56 seconds in the 118 pound bracket. Al Bovee, 124, added five points to the victory column as he flattened veteran Van Scoy in 42 seconds of the second stanza.

### Mancuso Wins Close Match

Bobby Mancuso led the decision list by snatching a 5-3 verdict over tough Frank DiBlaise in the 112 pound slot. This weight division offers probably the toughest competition in the league. Ronnie Abboud won an 8-1 decision over Bill Silverstrand, while Don Digilio and Ray Farris won narrower victories.

Sam Anzalone dropped a 10-7 heartbreaker in an overtime period, and Joe Prucka was unable to stop Iowa state champion, Dave McKinley.

### Results:

- 85—Jerry Davis, Central, threw Ken Kimbrall in :34.
- 95—Ronnie Abboud, Central, decisioned Bill Silverstrand, 8-1.
- 105—Don Digilio, Central, decisioned Hugher, 2-0.
- 112—Bob Mancuso, Central, decisioned Frank DiBlaise, 5-3.
- 118—Julius Connor, Central, threw Don Teeple in 4:56.
- 124—Al Bovee, Central, threw Van Scoy in 2:42.
- 130—Tom Fisher, Abraham Lincoln, decisioned Sam Anzalone, 10-7 (overtime).
- 136—Ray Farris, Central, decisioned Dick Schenberger, 3-1.
- 145—Delbert Ranney, Abraham Lincoln, decisioned Ronnie McCoy, 6-4.
- 155—Dave McKinley, Abraham Lincoln, decisioned Joe Prucka, 6-1.
- 165—Gene Woolhiser, Abraham Lincoln, decisioned Bob Peterson, 4-2.
- Heavyweight—Don Wright, Central, threw Wright in :59.

## Yellowjackets Take First Critical Intercity Match; 6 Eagles Still Unbeaten

Eagle matmen tasted defeat Tuesday at the hands of powerful Tee Jay. The Iowans, overcoming a three year jinx, edged Coach Sorensen's boys, 20-18, on the Yellowjackets' mat. It was a close match with only one fall and three overtime contests.

The Omahans started out in the hole, as regular 85 pounder Jerry Davis could not make weight. Substitute Perry Ray dropped a 2-0 battle to B. Hazlip. The takedown was the deciding factor.

The Eagles evened the count in the next match as Ronnie Abboud defeated speedy Hager, 4-3, in the second overtime period. Hager previously won a decision over Mike Abboud.

### Anzalone Wins Thriller

The Yellowjackets copped the 105 pound slot but Central fought back. Eagle Bobby Mancuso was robbed of a last second fall in the following contest but garnered three points. He was complete master throughout the match but was too eager to net a pin.

Central surged ahead in the 118 pound bracket with Julius Connor coming through in his usual style. The "Rubber Man" baffled his opponent with numerous leg crossovers but was unable to notch a much needed pin.

Tee Jay annexed the 124 pound division but was set back at 130. Sam Anzalone tacked a lesson on fighting Lave in a fast moving battle.

### Farris Conquers Aten

The feature match was between Jim Aten and Ray Farris. It was an exciting, hard fought match with Farris copping the victory. The last seconds were filled with determination as both boys were even up.

Another Hazlip brother proved fatal to the Eagles as he converted a Kais set out into a pin at 2:30 in the 145 slot.

The Iowans went ahead as they won the 155 and 165 pound contests. Bob Peterson dropped a 5-4 decision in the final seconds.

"Killer" Wright conquered Nusser 4-3 in the final match.

## Wrestlers to Enter North Invitational

Coach Norman Sorensen will send his grapplers to represent Central in the North Invitational Wrestling tournament on Friday and Saturday, December 16-17, at North.

The Eagles will be well represented in the meet and are expected to gain first place laurels. Stiffest opposition should come from Thomas Jefferson of Council Bluffs and South. South edged Central for first place last year in the tournament.

Bobby Mancuso snagged the 95-pound championship last year along with his state title, and will be back gunning for the 112-pound title. Bobby decisioned his strongest rival, Christensen of North, in a school match.

Jerry "Muscles" Davis, 85-pounder, and Don "Killer" Wright, heavyweight, will be favored in their respective weights. Davis and Wright are undefeated this year and garnered 34 and 59 second pins respectively against Abraham Lincoln.

Jim Kais holds the 136 pound title for Central.

## Pinboys Win Three; Regain First Place

The Pinboys, taking all three games from a cold S.S.S.S. team, regained sole possession of first place. Veston Mallory led the leaders with a hot 505 series. High man for S.S.S.S. was Bob Shawhan with a 359 score.

The Kingsmen took over third place by winning two out of three games from the Ten Pins. Top man for the Kingsmen was Steve Greenberg with a 495 series. Darwin Schulte consoled the losers with a 414 total.

The high five bowlers as of December 5 are Wayne Bartley, Kingspins, 166; Stephen Greenberg, Kingsmen, 144; Harold Siporin, Pinboys, 141; Jerry Bartley, Kingpins, 140; and Dick Drake, Kingpins, 139.

Standings:

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