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TEN CENTS

Military Ball Preparations Under Way

Preparations for the 1953-54 Military ball to be held January 29 at Tony park are now under way. General chairman of the dance is Cadet Second Lieutenant Morgan Holmes, and faculty advisor is Frank Knap-

The various committee heads as Miss W. Miller are Cadet Second Lieutenants Richard Frank and Richard Minsky, grand march; Gary Campbell, stage and decorations; Sam Marvin, publicity; Terry Moshier, tickets; Henry Pollack, courtesy, and Donald Nemer, escorts

From the ten girls nominated for lieutenant Colonel's Lady the senior girls elected seven candidates. They are Mary Curtis, Kay Jorgensen, Annie Little, Judy Lundt, Nancy Tompkins, Marsha Waxenberg and Betty Whittaker.

Miss Irene Eden, O. J. Franklin and Duane Perry will act as faculty advisers along with ROTC instructors Master Sergeants Miller and Harvey Hansen.

Names of the senior cadets to march in the ball will soon be announced. These cadets will begin to practice the formations of the grand march with their dates in the gym during Christmas vacation. From these cadets the permanent battalion organization and staff for the rest of the school year will be chosen.

Highlighting the meeting of the Non-Commissioned Officers' club is the election of next year's officers. Battalion Sergeant Major, Cadet Master Sergeant Robert Larsen was chosen president, Cadet Master Sergeant Mark Burke was elected vice-president and Cadet Master Sergeant William Ashley, secretary-treasurer.

The NCOC will present the lieutenant colonel's lady with a bouquet of red roses at the Military ball. The numbers are now planning their annual party which will be held after the ball.

Agents of Nation's Schools Visit Here

Representatives from the best-known colleges and universities visit Central throughout the year to confer with upperclassmen. Many offer scholarships to outstanding seniors.

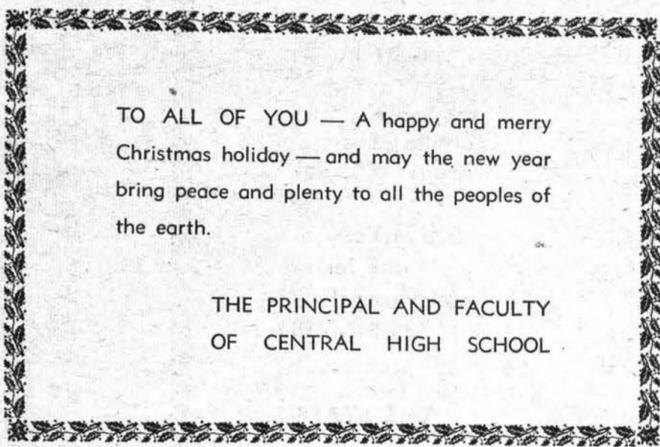
Those schools whose representatives have already been here or who have offered scholarships include Oberlin, Ashville, Barnard, Beaver, Blackburn, Byrn Mawr, California Institute of Technology, Carleton, Carnegie Institute of Technology, Chicago, Colorado, Cornell, Denison, Wake, Goucher, Georgetown, Grinnell, Gulf, Harvard, Hobart and William Smith and Hollins.

Others are Illinois Institute of Technology, Lindenwood, MacMurray, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Michigan, Milwaukee Downer, Monticello, Mount Holyoke, Pennsylvania, Pomona, Princeton, Radcliffe and Randolph Macon. Still others are Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Rhode Island School of Design, Rockford, Smith, Stanford, Stephens, Swarthmore, West Briar, Tufts, Union Carbide, Merchant Marine Academy, US Coast Guard Academy, Vassar, Washington and Wellesley.

Score in '54
January

- 4—Classes resume
- 7—County Government day
- 8—AL basketball game
- 15—Benson game
- 15-16-17—Music Festival
- 16—Tech. game
- 22—Creighton Prep game
- 22-25—Final exams
- 28—North game
- 29—Military Ball

End of first semester
30—South game



TO ALL OF YOU — A happy and merry Christmas holiday — and may the new year bring peace and plenty to all the peoples of the earth.

THE PRINCIPAL AND FACULTY
OF CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

NROTC Test Given Here

Last Saturday 85 Omaha high school boys gathered at Central to take the NROTC exam which is used as a basis for admission to 52 colleges and universities established with NROTC units.

The program affords an allowance of \$50 per month to defray board and room expenses while the government pays tuition, cost of textbooks and other instructional fees. The student, along with his regular college studies, takes courses in naval science.

The program is highlighted each year by a summer cruise on which the students are given opportunity to use the knowledge learned during the school year.

Books Won by Rice on Display in Library

Twelve books covering subjects of art, history, language, literature and anthropology are now on display in the showcase and will be put on special display in the library. These books are gifts from the John Hay Whitney foundation, in recognition of the participation last year of Frank M. Rice, head of Central's English department.

Mr. Rice expressed the thought that too many people today specialize in one subject and have only an average knowledge of most others. The purpose of the John Hay Whitney foundation, continued Mr. Rice, is to broaden individuals' interests in varying fields. Therefore these carefully selected books are the nucleus of a proposed collection to be available here to both teachers and students so that they may enlighten themselves. "Evidence gathered from the recent vocabulary test given to our students reveals many of them are ready to read such mature books," Mr. Rice declared.

On display are Van Doren's *The Noble Voice*, Trilling's *The Liberal Education*, Highet's *The Classical Tradition*, Lee's *The Language of Wisdom and Folly*, May's *Man's Search for Himself*, Riesman's *The Lonely Crowd*, Brinton's *Ideas and Men*, Kroeber's *Anthropology Today*, Kluckhohn's *Mirror for Man*, Fromm's *Man for Himself*, Northrop's *The Meeting of East and West* and Mundt's *Art, Form, and Civilization*.

Showmanship Is Outstanding in 1953 Opera Performance

"The show must go on!" This was the motto of Central's a cappella choir as it gave "The Desert Song," directed by Mrs. Elsie Howe Swanson, December 10, 11 and 12. Amid unforeseen difficulties the choir gave outstanding performances which were received wholeheartedly by the audience. Everyone connected with the presentation—director, choir, orchestra, stage crew, make-up, costume and property committees—deserves recognition for the near-professional production.

Nancy Tompkins, with her exceptionally mature soprano voice, portrayed Margot Bonvalet with finesse and poise.

Gary Salzman, male lead, gave a stimulating performance despite what is an overwhelming handicap to a singer. On opening night Gary developed laryngitis. He carried on with the show Thursday evening, and Friday he sang the role until Act II. Roger Burke, one of the supporting leads, then sang for him. Saturday Gary acted his part while Roger Burke, Larry Epstein and Don Rokusek sang his songs. The three substitutes executed their unexpected

Debaters Tackle Heavy Schedule

The Central debaters, under the coaching of Robert Harris, have compiled a score of 6 wins, 3 ties and 2 losses during a series of dual meets with Abraham Lincoln, Benson, Creighton Prep, Lincoln Central, Lincoln Northeast, North, South and Tech. The purpose of these meets, five of which remain, is to give competitive experience to all squad members and select the top debaters for participation in the major tournaments.

Varsity debaters have competed in six tournaments since early season. To the Atchison, Kansas, tournament, November 15-14, Mr. Harris sent two teams, Jerry Mayer-Mary Ferenstein and Jerry Cooper-Jo Ann Parrish. Marv and Jerry won 4 and lost 3; Jerry and Jo Ann won 5 and lost 2, besides giving the champion team its only defeat. Mr. Harris took three teams—Stan Fellman-Jerry Beatty, Joyce Bennett-Virginia Frank and Jo Ann Parrish-Jerry Cooper to the Topeka, Kansas, tournament, November 20-21. They competed with 86 teams from the Midwest and finished with a score of 7 wins to 11 losses.

Mayer-Ferenstein and Cooper-Fellman finished in second place in team standing with a score of 10 wins and 2 losses at the Shawnee Mission tourney in Mission, Kansas, December 4-5. On the same days Centralites took honors as the top team in the Omaha university tournaments. Debating for Central were Dean Jones-Bernie Feldman, won 3—lost 0; Bennett-Frank, won 2—lost 1; Jerry Beatty-Lenore Mohrhusen, won 2—lost 1, and David Young-Ray Kelly, won 1—lost 2.

On December 8-9-10 and 11-12, debaters vied in the Missouri Valley Boys' championship at Creighton Prep and the Independence, Missouri, tourneys respectively. Stan, Jerry Cooper, Jerry Mayer and Marv stood fourth in team standing after having won 10 and lost 6 at the Creighton rally. At the Independence debates Centralites finished with a score of 2 wins and 8 losses.

duties magnificently. "Never has such a calamity occurred in my 14 years of directing Central's operas," said Mrs. Swanson.

Remarkably adept in the comic parts were Morgan Holmes and Jean Wilhelm. Their antics gave humor and spice to the presentation.

Park Ames was superb in the role of an arrogant French officer.

Aby assisting the major leads were Roger Burke, Don Rokusek, Russell Skavaril, Mike Solzman, Julie Vogel, Cynthia Zschau and the members of the choruses.

The choir held its traditional annual cast party at the Paxton hotel following Saturday's performance of "The Desert Song."

Entertainment at the party is traditional also. The boys and girls switch parts and burlesque the highlights of the opera, thus providing plenty of merriment. There is a serious side to the affair too, when the choir gathers about Mrs. Swanson, and sings its most beloved songs. Climax of the party was the rendition of "Salvation Is Created."

Teenagers Convey Thanks by Letters

Central High seniors in Miss Josephine Frisbie's English VII classes used letter-writing to prove that teenagers are not as unappreciative as they are sometimes pictured.

Miss Frisbie, who feels letter-writing assignments should be written about actual events and mailed to real people, also believes that too often we neglect to thank those who really contribute to our welfare. Thus, students in her classes were asked to write a letter of appreciation to someone whom they felt had helped them and deserved a "thank you."

"The letters, which were mainly to former teachers or to parents, were written with sincerity and helped to prove that Omaha teenagers are really thoughtful," said Miss Frisbie.

Al Frisbie, Youth Activities director of the World-Herald, devoted one of his columns to telling about these letters.

Here is a part of a letter, reprinted in Mr. Frisbie's story, which one of Central's outstanding vocalists sent to his fourth-grade music teacher:

"To me the most beautiful thing in the world is music by a great artist. I am happy when I hear good music, and when I am happy I am thankful for people such as yourself for creating in me an inspiration that will never die.

"I sincerely hope that what I have written will convey to you the deep-rooted feeling of appreciation which I shall ever feel."

And here are excerpts from another letter:

"Too many people go through life taking things for granted. I guess that's what I've been doing. But now I know all these things I've taken for granted never would have been mine if it weren't for you, my parents.

"When I look back on the past, I shall look upon it as a time of great joy. All I can give you in return is a promise. A promise to be good and to lead the kind of life you want me to."

Letters like those above were received with great delight. Both parents and teachers were happy to know that they were not forgotten.

Hi-Y Members Attend Governmental Sessions

Seeing how the state legislature was run and how it attempts to pass bills were the aims of 16 Central Hi-Y members when they attended the Model Legislature November 27-28 in Lincoln.

The model government was run exactly like the state government. In the Friday morning election, Bill Thomsen from Omaha Benson was chosen governor of the session. The rest of the time was spent in committee meetings and legislative sessions.

Saturday evening a banquet, entertainment and a dance were held at the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce.

Dave Young and Laurance Hoagland were co-sponsors of a bill to change the legislature back to a bicameral. This bill soon became the most controversial issue at the legislative session. It was debated for almost an hour and a half but was defeated by indefinite postponement.

A bill for a minimum speed law was introduced by Tom Dudycha and Dick Losch. However, there was not time for discussion.

Other boys who attended the model legislature are Bill Baird, Bill Bell, Stan Davis, Timon Greene, Bob Hall, Jerry Hawkinson, Morgan Holmes, Steve Saylor, Edgar Morsman, Quay Thompson, Tom Toft and Cecil Wittson.

And in The Cafeteria, Too

Miss Betty Clayton, Central math teacher, climbed onto the bus at 3:50 December 9. She handed the bus driver 50 cents and asked in her normal youthful voice, "Tokens please."

One of Miss Clayton's students standing right behind her burst into convulsions of laughter when the innocent bus conductor gave her a quarter and 3 student tokens!

Freshmen Elect Four Colleagues to Council

JRC Members Busy

A total of \$142.77 was collected in Central's annual Junior Red Cross membership drive. A membership roll for each homeroom was a new feature of the drive this year.

New Junior Red Cross council members, selected because of previous Red Cross work, are Sandra Brown, Bob Hall, Helen Hokanson, Ann Kirkman, Elizabeth Richards, Mary Saylor, Edith Schroeder, Sharoll Seemann, Georgiana Stober, Quay Thompson, Lou Vogel and Cecil Wittson.

Red Cross members helping at the blood bank were Norma Bock, Jane Fellman, Jack Huffaker, Sally Johnson, Virginia Johnson, Sandra Joseph, Margaret Milne, Edith Schroeder, Sharoll Seemann and Lynne Tricke.

Central Colleens helping were Penny Buchanan, Holly Cyrus, Betty Egbert, Barbara Griffin, Nancy Gassaway and Connie Little.

From a field of 61 candidates, 38 girls and 23 boys, Sylvia Bathe, Laurie Frank, Steve Newcomer and Tom Welch were chosen by the freshman class to represent them on the Student council. Elections were held Wednesday, December 9, in individual homerooms. The students eligible to run, those with an average of two or above and a record of good conduct, checked out petitions and after having them signed by 50 of their classmates, filed them in 239.

Present council members are Park Ames, Kay Jorgensen, Judy Lundt, Terry Moshier and Joe Vaccaro, representing the senior class; Sandra Garey, John Byrne, Stan Davis, Eugene Zweiback and

Jerry Ziegman, representing the junior class; Jerry Gray, Dick Kelly, Beverly Konecky and Helen Hockabout, representing the sophomore class.

Eight members of the Student council recently visited the four other city high schools in pairs of two in the student exchange program.

Terry Moshier and Joe Vaccaro visited Benson High where they were surprised to find that the Student council and control acted as one group with over a hundred members.

"By visiting another school I got a new outlook on education," Terry emphasized.

"I'm still in favor of the eight hour school day," Jack Byrne commented as he discussed his recent trip to South High. "However, their athletic spirit is wonderful," Sandra Garey accompanied Jack.

Stan Davis was particularly aware of the cleanliness of North High. "I didn't see any paper or other trash in the halls," Bev commented.

"In one way Tech surpasses us completely," Helen Hockabout joked. They have six lunch periods every day. Helen and Dick Kelley were also favorably impressed with the friendliness of the students.

Besides the freshmen elections and the student exchange program, the council has just finished clearing up the details on 425 pictures. Handling the opera ticket proceeds is their present project.

Will This Suit Santa?

Since Santa Claus is an annual visitor to most of Central's organizations, each year he must rush to secure an adequate number of suits. Realizing that rental is expensive, students from Miss Alice Buffett's home economics class have volunteered to solve the problem. Their solution? The construction of a flexible Santa Claus outfit that will fit all shapes and sizes.

Christmas Gifts Displayed

You amateur craftsmen who want ideas for homemade Christmas gifts, just saunter past the showcase outside 249.

Miss Zenaide Luhr's Art I classes are busily engaged in stenciling colorful designs on head scarves and handkerchiefs. Some of the students are decorating lids for wooden boxes by painting or carving designs on them.

Second hour class is making ceramic sculptures from clay and firing them in Central's new electric pottery kiln, while students in third hour are tooling and carving leather billfolds, purses and belts.



SYLVIA BATHE



LURIE FRANK



TOM WELCH



STEVE NEWCOMER

BULLETIN

All senior pictures for the O-Book must be taken by January 15 and the proofs returned to the studio by February 1.

Studios which have been approved to take the portraits include Arnold, Colvin-Heyn, Constable, Matsuo, Rinehart-Marsden and Skoglund. A display of studio samples will appear in the showcase the second week in January.

Christmas Spirit Lost in Shuffle

You turn on the radio and the peaceful strains of "Silent Night" greet your ears. Ah, what a welcome relief after the bopped-up versions of Christmas songs which have annoyed you all day. A reprieve from "Cool Yule," "Jungle Bells" and "I Saw Mommy Smoochin' Santy Claws." But what's this? Suddenly the ageless words change and become "Don't forget to buy Sneider's soap so you'll be kissable under the mistletoe."

I doubt very much that Mr. Gruber had exactly this sentiment in mind when he wrote that fine old carol. He thought of the real reason for celebrating December 25—the birth of a Savior.

Department store owners seem to forget that Christmas is December 25 and not October 25 because Yuletide decorations adorn their business places immediately following Halloween. By the time the holiday arrives the spirit is as worn as the slightly dilapidated decor.

Far too much emphasis is placed on the commercial aspect of Christmas today. Neglected is the spiritual quality which was connected with Christmas in the days when the holiday was a family one with the traditional family carol singing, the aroma of homemade goodies and the exchange of small remembrances. No one worried about whether they would get back as large a gift as they gave or whether they received cards from everyone they sent them to. Almost every one of us nowadays is guilty of saying that we dread Christmas because it is too expensive or because it's too much work, but that we anticipate it so that we'll have some new "loot" after it's over. I wonder if the Wise Men had that attitude when they brought gifts to the Holy Babe.

Christmas spirit isn't something concrete, but it is evident in the services at the church of your choice on the holiday, the happy smile of someone who opens a gift that was wrapped with real love and thought and the joy shining in the eyes of a little child who believes in Santa Claus.

M. M.

Is There a Santa Claus?

Dear Editor:
I am eight years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Paps says, "If you see it in The Sun it's so." Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?
Virginia O'Hanlon

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view the supernal beauty and glorious beyond. Is it real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God! he lives, and he loves forever. A thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

— New York Sun

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Introducing ! ? X-MAS

Taking at random a locker number, we interviewed its occupant. This is what we found. . . .

Five by five, dressed in red, long white beard . . . all describe our locker profile this week, none other than old Saint Nick himself. Nicholas, as he is called by his closest friends, has been around Central quite a while. (In fact, he's just been around for quite a while.)

His main interests and classes include Toymaking XL, student control reindeer driving and Advanced Lap Sitting. Active all his years at Central in O-Club, he has lettered in that difficult athletic feat, chimney descending, and in that more difficult athletic feat, chimney ascending.

Although he has never succeeded in making the rational honor sobriety he claims membership in every club for, he is featured at each December meeting. Jovial by nature, he is loved by everyone at school.

His only future ambition is to spend one Christmas at home with his family!

The Christmas tree was a splendid glow
And on the ground was wonderful snow
But in my heart I'm thinking "Oh,
That splendid, wonderful mistletoe!"

36 More Days until January 22

The Fright Before Christmas

'Tis the week before Christmas,
And all over the place,
People are scurrying
As is always the case.
The mistletoe hung,
In a visible place,
But the girl caught beneath it,
Has a shocked look on her face!
While partying and dancing,
We never see beds,
And visions of cashmeres
Dance in our heads.
We said that our presents,
So early we'd buy,
But December twenty-third
We note with a sigh,
What's left in the store
Is ragged and icky,
But with two days more
Who can be picky?
We send fifty cards . . .
All that we bought,
And then get a hundred
From kids we forgot.
And in the front room
We hear such a clatter,
'Cause while trimming the tree,
Pop fell off the ladder!
Away to the hall
We fly like a flash
To see if the fall
Was as bad as the crash.
And what to our bloodshot eyes should appear,
But the pieces of ornaments left from last year.
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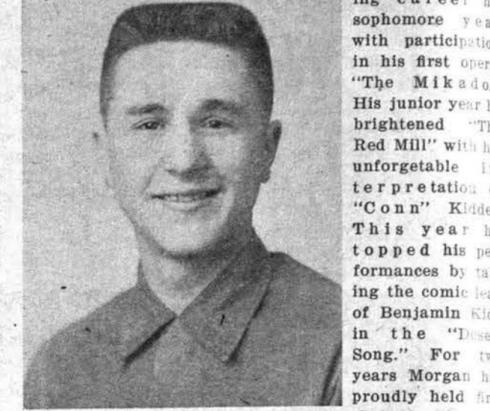
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Central profile Mighty 'Mo'

Morgan Holmes

This week "Mighty" Morgan Holmes takes his place in Central's Hall of Fame.



Morgan, president of the a cappella choir, began his outstanding singing career in his first opera, "The Mikado." His junior year he brightened "The Red Mill" with his unforgettable interpretation of "Conn" Kidd. This year he topped his performances by taking the comic lead of Benjamin Kidd in the "Dixie Song." For two years Morgan has proudly held first chair in the second base section.

However, choir work is only a part of our popular Senior's accomplishments. Morgan's active membership in Hi-Y throughout his four years was rewarded this year when he was elected president.

He has also attained a fine record in ROTC. He was a member of Crack Squad both his sophomore and junior years and this fall marched in the Coronation Ball as one of the Queen's Hussars. Right now he wears the silver pips of a second lieutenant.

His excellent scholastic record boasts three years' membership on Junior Honor society. "Mo" also holds membership in the O-Club where he lettered in golf, his favorite sport.

His junior year he was elected Judge in the Boys' and Girls' county election and this summer was honored by his election as Attorney General at Cornhusker Boys State.

At the Coronation Ball Morgan, never daunted, surprised his date by going up to one of the princesses and saying, "Change partners with me?" And so Morgan's date danced off with the escort, and the princess walked off with our profile.

Morgan hates movies, but goes ape for a "hairy" basketball game. His suppressed desire is to be a reporter on the Register staff.

Morgan's plans for the future include college and law school. We know that our profile will make a successful lawyer, and we predict for him a seat in the Senate.

Peggy

Matmen Capture North Meet; Record Six Champions Reign

Bonebenders Overcome Nearest Competitor, Tech, by 15 Markers

by Marvin Lincoln

With a record number of six individual champions, Central's grapplers captured the seventh North High Invitational Wrestling Tournament by a margin of 15 points over their nearest rival.

The Eagle bonebenders piled up a total of 42 points to 27 for Tech. The Eagles along with Boys Town (who scored only 5) were figured to be the main threats for the crown.

Central's victors in the final round were Bill Hudgins, Bob Amato, Charley Vacanti, Don Andrews, Dave Roseland and captain John Radicia. The matmen put the tourney practically in the bag in the decisive round as they captured the first four matches.

Hudgins Wins Easily

Hudgins led off with an easy 8-0 triumph over Paul Rowe of South. Amato followed with a 4-2 decision over North's Jerry Baughman. Vacanti then registered the most impressive victory of the evening as he became Marvin Schoonover, North's state champ of last year, by a score of 3-3.

Don Andrews continued the Eagles' winning ways by downing Tech's Stauffacher in the 120-pound division. Roseland pocketed the fifth victory for the Hilltoppers as he overcame Elvin Griffiths, early contender of state champ Dean Corner, by a 7-5 victory. Watkins put on a stiff battle against last year's champion before dropping a 2-0 decision.

10 Qualify

Central got off to a running start the opening round with 10 victories. Hudgins, Andrews, Roseland, Radicia and Rosen registered falls the initial night of competition. Goermer, only Eagle who failed to taste victory, fell to rugged Ray Boy of Boys Town.

Eight of the Purples continued their winning ways in the semifinals, but Ray Gallagher and Mike Menberg could not manage triumphs.

Stars of the Week...

Wrestling Underclassmen Bag Honors



— Photo by Wilson Wilcox

ROSELAND, AMATO AND HUDGINS... look forward to undefeated season after garnering North Tournament championships.

Three wrestling underclassmen are your sport staff's choice for this week's outstanding contributions to CHS athletics.

Sophomore Bill Hudgins and juniors Dave Roseland and Bob Amato emerged victorious in the North High Invitational tourney and carry a big load in Coach Norman Sorensen's hopes for a second straight undefeated season.

Amato, best in the 103 division, won the North tourney by allowing only two points to be scored upon him in three victorious matches. Hudgins also won three contests including a pin the opening night of the tournament.

After taking two opponents in one night, Dave Roseland went on to win the 133 pound crown.

So far this season the stars are undefeated in varsity bonebending competition.

Grunt 'n' Groaners Hope to Crush TJ at Home Tonight for 22 Straight Wins

Eagle bonebenders will try to stretch their win streak to 22 victories over the past three seasons by conquering the TJ matmen in Central's gym at 3:45 today.

After garnering their third North High Invitational Wrestling Tournament championship in the last five years, the Purple and White grapplers wasted no time in climbing to the top of the Intercity League standings.

Central 22—Tech 18

Central's bonebenders opened their defense of the intercity wrestling champions by edging Tech, their closest rival, in the North Invitational tournament 22-18.

John Radicia pinned Maroon Bob Brown in the "must match" to put the grapplers into a comfortable 20-7 lead. But the Cuming street crew forced a close finish by garnering victories in the last three weight brackets.

The Purples jumped to an early 11-0 lead on decisions by 95-pound Angelo Cuva, fast Bill Hudgins and North Invitational champion Bob Amato, who pinned Tech's Bill Taylor.

Central 21—AL 16

Purple bonebenders won their twentieth consecutive dual match in the last three seasons by trimming Abraham Lincoln 21-16 December 11 in the Lynx gym.

Jim Karabatsos has shown the reserve team fans a hustling crew. His short squad has triumphed twice in their first two encounters and has shown steady improvement. Many fans have begun to come to see these varsity candidates in action and have thoroughly enjoyed the contests. These will be the cagers that you will be cheering for in future years. Come early and support your second team!

One criticism of the conduct at games is our school's yelling when opponents are attempting free throws. We would be grateful for your cooperation in this matter. Please be good sports and show the players of rival institutions the same courtesy you show our own cagers.

During the halves of the South-Central hoop contest, a "timid" wrestling crew pummelled your fighting sports staff to the tune of 8-1.

Another feature game has been planned for one of the January contests between the same grapplers and five footballers. By the way, the gridmen, led by 240-pound Rich Gross, will average 190 pounds.

Eagle athletes have a full schedule today with Thomas Jefferson of Council Bluffs furnishing the operation.

Our gym will be the sight of this afternoon's wrestling battle while our hoopsters travel to the AL gym for tonight's 8 o'clock contest.

Let's all cheer our grapplers to their twenty-second straight victory and help our basketballers to return to the win column with a triumph over TJ.

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Sorensen Compiles Sensational Record As Grappling Coach

For almost 13 years Central high school has been graced by a lanky instructor sometimes mistaken for Gary Cooper.

Most students will recognize this quiet-mannered mentor as Norman Sorensen, popular wrestling coach. Teacher of history and modern problems, Sorensen has actually been tutoring on the Hilltop campus for 16 years, discounting three years from 1944-46 for services rendered to Uncle Sam.

In his eight seasons as guide of the bonebenders the quick-witted Sorensen has compiled an amazing record. The following statistics act as evidence: six Intercity championships in seven years, two state championships in the same time, two North High Invitational laurels and two Missouri Valley awards, plus annexing this year's North high meet. Quite a record for any coach!

Modest Norm, however, does not want any credit for his successful teams. Such long-remembered names as Frank Mancuso, Herb Reece, Louis Garratto, Dave Mackie, Rich Nigro, Frank Ostronic, Henry Nyberg, Jim Farris, Bobby Mancuso, Perry Ray, Mike Abboud, Jim Kais, Ronnie Abboud, Don Wright, Joe Prucka, Ray Farris, Jerry Davis and Leonard Rosen top the list as state champs from Central... 18 champs in seven years!

What does Coach Sorensen say about the oncoming grunt-and-groan season? "As defending champs, we shall return!"

Reserves Garner Twin Victories

John Carr, a sophomore and native of Missouri, transferred to the Hilltop school at a very opportune time; for Carr fit perfectly into the Jim Karabatsos plan.

He helped the reserve team cagers to their second win over a tall but green South high five December 9 at the venue... 35. His stellar ball-hawking and driving set-ups accounted for 10 of the Eagle 42-point harvest. He was also invaluable on defense.

At the half the Eagles were trailing by a 23-17 margin; then Carmody, Bryans, Kelley and Bob Hamilton helped equalize the scoreboard. A Bryans lay-up made the score 26-26 with four minutes of the third stanza played. And that's when Carr began to shine. A stolen ball and push shot along with a Carmody hook shot boosted the fourth-quarter score to 32-26. The Eagles came back with 15 points to South's three in that quarter.

The final tally stood 42-35 after the Hilltoppers quelled a fourth quarter Packer bid.

Hamilton, incidentally, was playing with familiar teammates. He is a transfer this year from South.

It was a smooth landing for the Eagle second team December 4 as they glided past the Creighton Bluejay reserves 32-25 at the Central gym.

The Centralites were in command most of the game. Both teams concentrated on defensive play in the first half as an 11-8 halftime score indicates. The contest had the earmarks of early season raggedness.

Paced by Dick Kelley, rebound and side-shot ace, the Eagle assault faltered in the third stanza and the Prepsters moved into a 19-17 lead thanks largely to Bluejays Zitka and Belitz.

Into the fourth period the two teams matched point-making until a combined Kelley, Wally Bryans, Larry Carmody and Doug Cohn barrage fired the home team to their initial victory.

Cohn and Carmody divided scoring honors with seven points each.

Brodkey Sparks Riflers to Triumph over Bunnies

Eagle riflers garnered their third consecutive victory last Wednesday by edging Benson 877-866 on the Central range.

Captain Ron Brodkey again paced the marksmen, this time with his season's high score of 187.

Led by Captain Ron Brodkey, the Hilltoppers collected their initial victory of the season over Tee Jay 876-843 after a pair of defeats. Brodkey shot a 185. Walter White was the leading Yellowjacket with 169.

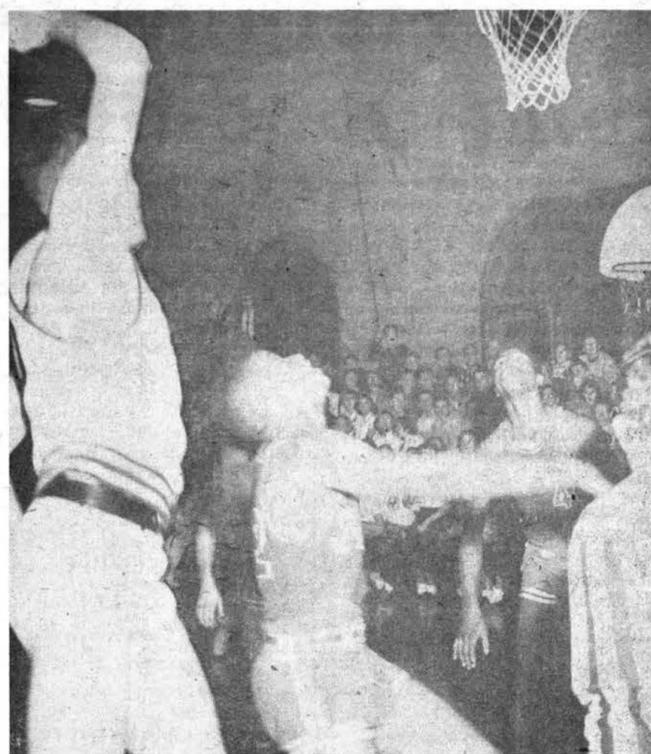
The marksmen won their second straight match by beating Abraham Lincoln 874-812. Again Brodkey was high scorer with 185 while Weigel followed closely with 183.

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Cagers to Battle TJ after Split in Season's Openers

Marquissmen Trim Fast Blue Jay Squad; Packers Halt Late Eagle Rally

by Ray Somberg

Central's cagers opened their 1953-54 basketball campaign with a split of their first encounters.

The Eagles began the season by edging Creighton Prep 41-38. They suffered the first setback at the hands of an amazingly accurate South High aggregation.

Efforts of Jan Philby and Ralph Hollingsworth enabled the Packers to stave off a late Purple and White rally for a 50-48 decision.

The improved South Omahans held a 49-44 advantage with little more than a minute remaining.

Hilltoppers Red Thomas and Joe Warner then found range to close the gap to one point. Philby then closed the night's scoring with a free throw.

Warner was the Eagles' offensive standout with 16 points. He was aided by Jim Carroll with nine markers, Thomas with eight tallies and Gene Williams with three buckets.

Williams made a basket barely one second after the final whistle blew as the Eagles made a frantic attempt to tie the score and force the game into an overtime.

Overcoming a two-point deficit with three minutes remaining, the Central high cagers conquered an inaccurate Creighton Prep crew 41-38 in the first season contest December 4.

Jim Carroll, former Prepster, tied the score at 38-all with a close-in shot and surged the Eagles past their fast-breaking opponents by sinking a free throw. Little Joe Warner clinched the victory with a perfect out-court shot with 45 seconds remaining.

With a little more than two minutes left, Prep had gone ahead 38-36 on Junior Mike Dugan's lay-up shot before Carroll's game-winning points.

Warner led Central's scoring with 11 points while Center Chuck Boetel and newcomer Gary Ruck each contributed seven.

Boetel Ready for Tilt in AL Gym; Hoopsters to Don New Uniforms

by Dick Frank

Bettering a .500 mark will be the aim of the Central high cagers in their contest with Tee Jay tonight on the Abraham Lincoln court.

The Iowans, who own a 0-3 intercity record, will be fighting for their initial victory, while the Eagles will be hoping to renew a winning streak after losing to the South High Packers.

Chuck Boetel, first string center, will be back in the starting line-up after nursing a sprained ankle. Jim Carroll and Joe Warner will be the other Hilltop hopefuls, while Gary Ruck, Gene Williams and Red Thomas will add valuable support.

Mace Big Threat

In their last game the Yellowjackets forced the Maroons into an overtime before Tech eked out a 48-46 victory.

Tall pivot-man Don Mace will be the chief Jay threat. Other hopefuls will be high scoring Abe Steiner and speedy Don Brown. Ron Emmons, Jerry Conner and Don Reed will fill the other positions.

The last time the Eagles beat Tee Jay was in the 1952 season when Don Sirles led the crew to a 49-30 win.

New Uniforms Added

The Yellowjackets spoiled the Central opener in 1950 37-35, and the Purple and White cagers will remember last year's Iowa victory 72-62.

The crew will be hoping to initiate a winning streak with their new Northwestern purple suits. Coach Marquiss referred back a few years ago when Central got new white uniforms and then went on to an undefeated remainder of the season.



Ray Somberg

The winter sports program at Central is now well under way.

Our amazing wrestling crew, ably led by Norman Sorensen, chalked up many important awards in the competition of the bonebending season. By handily winning the North High Invitational, our grapplers set themselves up as the most feared aggregation in the city.

The fact that three of the six Purple and White victors are underclassmen substantiate CHS hopes for coming wrestling seasons.

As to this year, the Sorensenmen have thus far continued their last year's undefeated season by garnering three consecutive triumphs. The team squad has conquered teams on Tech, AL and North in that order.

Our varsity basketballers have at their first two contests and on all indications are due for a good season. The hoopsters do, however, need the backing of each and every student. The attendance for the initial contests has been tremendous. We hope and know that this will continue.

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Anne Thompson To UN as Student Delegate

Anne Thompson '52, sophomore at the University of Nebraska, was selected to be one of the Nebraska student delegates to the United Nations. Leaving Lincoln November 10, the former Centralite spent a week hearing and meeting various officials at the UN headquarters in New York City.

Anne, who received her fundamental United Nations' instructions from Miss Irma Costello, has belonged for two years to a university group interested in world relations.

Kay Nelson '52 has been named to the Dean's Honor Roll at Midland college, Fremont, Nebraska. Kay is the daughter of Principal J. Arthur Nelson.

Patricia Schroeder '52 is one of four students at Grinnel college to receive Phi Beta Kappa book awards for scholastic excellence. She has also been selected to membership in the school's Manuscript club.

Also at Grinnel, Virginia Haight '52 was named a member of the house council of her campus residence hall while three other ex-Eagles have received ROTC promotions. James Olsen has been promoted to cadet technical sergeant, Steve Payne, to cadet airman first class and James Gabrielson, to cadet airman second class.

Al No Cover Boy

Social studies students looking at the November 30 American Observer saw a familiar face staring at them from the front page. It wasn't who they thought it was, however, for the picture was of a teenager in India and not of Central junior Allen Abramson.

An article by Emmanuel Papadakis '52 appeared in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Tech Engineering News. The article dealt in part with the possibilities of manufacturing artificial food. Emmanuel is attending MIT on a Westinghouse Science Talent Search scholarship.

Catherine Hubenka graduated with honors from a far different kind of school recently. She has been promoted to private first class in the Marine Corps Women's Reserve following

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Cathers Attends Teachers Meeting

Miss Dorothy Cathers, Central history teacher, attended the meeting of the National Council for Social Studies teachers in Buffalo, New York, November 26. Some of the 1700 other teachers traveled from Canada, Egypt, England, India and Uruguay.

The convention program included a 37-mile tour of Niagara falls where the teachers had dinner on the Canadian side. The power company turned on the Falls' lights one hour early for the teachers.

Miss Cathers also spent an afternoon at United Nations headquarters in New York City.

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