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PRICE FIVE CENTS

O-Book Editors Choose Manager for Advertising

Hold Tryouts for Feature Editor—Several Pupils Enter

New Manager Active

Construct Platform for All Group Pictures—Ticket Sale Starts

As a result of having attained the most ads within the six weeks open competition, Tobie Goldstein '28 has been selected advertising manager of the O-Book.

Tobie is the exchange editor of The Weekly Register and also an ad solicitor. She is a member of the Junior Honor Society and French club and is a monitor in the library.

A tryout system was also used in selecting the feature editor. Adele Willinsky '28 has been selected the editor. John Lyle, Lloyd Smith, and Elsie Sopher, all '28, will constitute the committee on features. Raymond Johnson '28 will act as the photographer for the section.

Chosen Editor Active

Adele is editorial writer on The Weekly Register staff, and a member of French club, Central Colleens, Debate club, Mathematics society, and the Junior Honor Society.

J. J. Kerrigan, manual training teacher, is constructing with the help of his students a special graduated platform to be used in the taking of the group pictures. This is being done for the sake of keeping the head sizes uniform.

Dewell Takes Pictures

N. L. Dewell, commercial photographer, who took the group pictures last year, has been chosen again to do this work. January senior pictures have been taken at Skoglund's studio and the June senior pictures are also being taken.

Sale of O-Book tickets began in January senior homeroom last week. Miss Pearl Rockfellow, January senior class sponsor, is in charge of the ticket sale.

Teachers' Book Club Hears Mrs. Masters

Brief Review upon Several New Books Given—Miss Neale Presides

That abstract thoughts and revelations of psychological and scientific discoveries are the themes for the newest and best novels is the opinion of Mrs. J. G. Masters, who spoke at the tea of the Teachers' Book club, held in the library Thursday of last week. Mrs. Masters gave brief reviews of fifteen books which she had read recently.

The following are the novels on which she spoke: Willa Cather's "Death Comes for the Archbishop," Ferguson's "Wolf Song," "Giants in the Earth," and "Grandmothers," Roach's "Jalna," Feuchtwanger's "Power," Signid Undset's "Trilogy," R. L. Stevenson's "The Tap of Youth," Erskine's "Adam and Eve," "From Man to Man," by Olive Schreiner, "Meanwhile," by H. G. Wells, "Blue Voyage," "Gallions Reach," by Tomkinson, "Short Stories," by Gates, and Wilber Steele's "The Man Who Saw Through Heaven."

Miss Bertha Neale, head of the department of English literature, who is chairman of the Book club, presided.

Boys Entertain at French Club

Members Decide to Have Pictures of First Semester Members Taken

A short skit presented by James Bednar, DeWitt McCreary, and Jack Williams was the feature of the Boys' French club meeting held in 439 Wednesday morning at 8 o'clock. The skit was put on in French and is a regular feature of the meetings. The club decided to have the pictures for the O-Book taken of the first semester members. Harrie Shearer presided at the meeting. At the opening the boys sang "The Marseillaise," the French national hymn. The French club was divided up into boys' and girls' sections some time ago as the club was so large.

Playhouse Gives English Drama

'School for Scandal' Third Production of New Season

The embarrassing experiences of Sir Peter Teazel with numerous other humorous situations make Richard Brindley Sheridan's "The School for Scandal" one of the most interesting plays which has been presented at the Community Playhouse this year. This play, which is of special interest to all English VI, VII, and VIII students will be presented during the week beginning December 12. "The School for Scandal" is the third production of the present playhouse season.

The Community Playhouse has arranged for Central's reservations to be made in a block for Friday night.

According to Miss Bertha Neale, head of the department of English literature, all students of English VI, VII, and VIII, should make every possible effort to attend the play.

Not Marriage— Just an Accident

"Married?"
"No!"
"Then licensed to wed?"
"No, no!"

"But the license was in the paper, positively."

"I can't help it. I wasn't. I'm not. I won't be."

And then Floy Smith tried to blush! Poor dear, she couldn't. To blush is proper, she says herself.

What consternation and trouble and misunderstanding can arise from a pesky marriage license! And the man's name was Larson.

"Could Floy have eloped with Dale?"

The question flew fast from feminine tongue to feminine tongue and more than one Central gallant wondered if Floy had played him false.

And, of course, there were some who would not have believed it unless Miss Smith herself said it.

Central's Debate Team Wins Honor over Creightonians

The fiery last minute rebuttal by the nimble-witted and nimble-tongued Joe West accounted for the popular verdict that Central won in the debate with the Creighton university freshmen. Although there were no judges or popular decisions, the Central debaters were considered as the winners.

It was a battle between the hot, impulsive, gesturing Joe and the cool, slow, calculating Abe Fellman, star on last year's Central debate team, who is attending Creighton this year. Creighton was represented by only two men. Henry Fleming was unable to attend the debate on account of illness.

The question for debate was the Child Labor amendment. The affirmative was upheld by the Purple speakers, and they offered a new proposition: that Congress shall limit, regulate, or prohibit child labor when it is detrimental to the health and body of youths under 16, except on home farms.

Abe Fellman says "that Congressional amendment to the state laws is impracticable because 66 per cent of the children from 10 to 15 work on farms, and therefore, any amendment that will not provide for relieving this burden is of no use."

George Oest and Edith Thummel were the first and second speakers. They are both first year speakers, and this debate gave them valuable experience. Joe West hit a main point when he said, "The Constitution holds that all men are equal but turns its back on the unfortunate children, giving them not a ghost of a chance."

Find Documents

Some interesting documents of the territorial government of Nebraska were brought to the office of the superintendent of schools in the city hall by Mrs. R. H. Olmstead of Florence. Although these documents are very valuable they will be shown to any principals or teachers who call at the office.

Santa Claus to Try to Do Best in Attempt to Get Central New Gymnasium, Auditorium

"Ha! ha! ha! So you want me to put a new gymnasium and a new auditorium in Central high school's stocking for Christmas. Well, I'll do my best!" Such was the encouraging remark made by Santa Claus on his second annual visit to Omaha when he was interviewed at the W. O. W. broadcasting station immediately after his radio speech Tuesday. Mr. Claus (although he says that he much prefers the informality of being called "Santa") also expressed regret that he had been unable to fill Central's Christmas order for last year.

"I started in the Santa Clausing business hundreds and hundreds of years ago," Santa said. "No, there isn't any danger of a sleigh wreck in which I'd be killed because as long as I keep my whiskers and stay good natured I just can't die. Of course, if anything should happen to me, my

oldest son, Santa Claus, jr., would have to take my place. But it's taken me thousands and thousands of years to grow these whiskers and I'm afraid he'd have a pretty late start."

"I never have any difficulty in getting down chimneys, so I never have to reduce. If I find at any time that I'm stuck, I just laugh so hard that I shake myself down." With this statement, Santa Claus burst into another hearty peal of laughter, and he wasn't in a chimney either!

"Mrs. Claus and all the little Clauses dress just as I do. Whenever we get dirty, our fur and whiskers, I mean, we just go out and stand in the snow. I was afraid to tell over the radio how old Mrs. Claus is because I was afraid she might be listening in, but (Santa bent low and whispering mysteriously said emphatically) "she's just as old as I am! Ha! ha! ha!"

Perhaps the most touching climax to Santa's visit to the W. O. W. broadcasting station was when little Lucile Davis, junior at Central high school, climbed into his lap and looking rather scared and very bashful, timidly whispered something in his ear. If one had been listening carefully, he might have heard her tell the jolly old gentleman that she had a big chimney at her house, and ask him if he couldn't spare a dolly with curly hair and blue eyes.

When Santa Claus emerged from the microphone he was perspiring profusely. He explained that Omaha's weather was so much warmer than that of the north pole that he just couldn't get used to it.

"Goodbye, everybody," was Santa's parting word. "Be good children and I'll visit you on Christmas eve. Ha! ha! ha!" And Santa Claus was gone.

Debate Team to Hold Meets

Miss Ryan Schedules Debates With Creighton and North Prep

"That the only way to learn to debate is to debate," is the opinion of the Debate club and team. Therefore Miss Sarah A. Ryan, coach of the squad, has scheduled debates with North and Creighton Prep. The team will engage North high in a dual debate, both here in Central's auditorium, this Monday, on the Child Labor question.

The Purple speakers will debate with Creighton Prep on the education question. "Resolved: That a Department of Education be created, together with the President and his cabinet." The Central negative team will debate the Prepsters on December 16.

Mary Cohn has invited the members to her home for the entertainment meeting. This meeting will be especially for the initiation of two members, Wanda Holtmeyer and Faye Olcott.

Job's Daughters to Hold Annual Election Today

Job's Daughters, a national organization for girls from 13 to 20, who are related to-Masons, will hold their annual election today at the Masonic Temple. A bunko party will follow the election for which 25 cents will be charged. Any girl is invited to come.

Many of the officers go to Central, the most important of which are Nancy Marble, honored queen; Marie Robertson, senior princess; Florence Gran, junior princess; and marshal, Josephine Thies, all of whom are now seniors.

The installation will be held together with that of the DeMolay, at the Scottish Rite cathedral on Tuesday, January 3.

Student Enjoys Work

Pauline Hartnett '24, a former book room clerk, recently wrote a letter to Helen G. Clarke, English teacher, saying that she was enjoying her work at the University of Minnesota immensely.

Dr. Louis K. Anspacher Has Never Been Bored in Life; Doesn't Know What People Mean in Saying 'Bored to Death'

"I have never been bored in my life; in fact, I don't know what a person means when he says 'he's bored to death,'" was the startling assertion of Dr. Louis K. Anspacher, philosopher, dramatist, lecturer, and actor, when he was interviewed in the lobby of the Fontenelle hotel Monday afternoon. Dr. Anspacher said that he has always been perfectly satisfied, and he is what he is because he has to be.

"Writing is like marrying—don't do it unless you can help yourself. There is no 'royal road' to success in writing. Writers are born, and one must have the desire to write so great that he cannot help himself. So it is with all art.

"That's the tragic and pathetic part of art—there's no middle class there. One is either a success or a failure. Art is not like business, for in business one can be a first class, second class, or even third class groceryman or plumber and get along,

but in art one is first class or nothing at all."

"Inusual in his versatility of learning, Dr. Anspacher is a man slightly removed from and above the general class of scholars. He was graduated in 1897 from the College of the City of New York and later attended Columbia university where he received his A. M. and LL. B. degrees. Within the last 20 years he has written some 20 plays, all of which have been produced on Broadway.

Kathryn Kidder, the well-known actress, with whom he appeared in Omaha in the old Boyd theater, and played the part of Napoleon, is the wife of the playwright.

"I wrote and produced my first play when I was about 11 years old and it wasn't a bad play, either. It was very childish, of course, but I did it earnestly.

"I write my plays to satisfy, and for the pleasure of one—myself. How else could one write? Who is the

Blizzard Does Not Affect Daily Routine in Central

Brrrr! With the arrival of Santa Claus in Omaha came a blizzard such as the city has not known in several years. Fond hopes were cherished by many Centralites that the temperature would drop so far below zero that it would be necessary to dismiss school, but no such good luck!

However, because of the street cars being held up on Wednesday morning, many students were late to school and actually missed out on homeroom and in some cases part of first hour. When one saw the snow that drifted through the closed windows in many of the rooms, he felt quite like an Eskimo.

But Centralites, like the true little sacrificing children that they aren't, rejoiced in the cold weather realizing that at least Santa Claus must feel at home in Omaha!

Seniors to Hold Banquet January 18

Plans Made for Christmas Party to Be Held on December 16—Plan Services

Final arrangements have not as yet been made concerning the January Senior class banquet to be held at the Blackstone hotel on Wednesday, January 18. The seniors not only chose the place and date of their banquet, but also the minister who will preach their baccalaureate sermon has been voted on, but the votes have not been totaled, and the minister has not been asked to preach the sermon.

Plans were also made for a Christmas party to be given the day that school dismisses for Christmas vacation. Each student and sponsor is to draw a name, and the person whose name he draws is to receive a gift from the one who draws that person's name. It has not been decided what the class will do with the gifts after the party.

Freshman Collects Historical Matter, Antiques, Relics

With the ambition of founding a museum, Thomas Bisher, a freshman, has been collecting antiques, relics, and historical matter for six years.

Among the things he has is a collection of sea life, of Indian and Cuban relics, and some rare historical manuscripts. The most valuable of these manuscripts is a land grant signed in 1833 by Andrew Jackson, former president of the United States. He has in his possession a pair of spectacles which belonged to his great great grandfather, the Rev. Abraham Blumer, who was a chaplain in Washington's army during the Revolutionary war. He was instrumental in moving the Liberty bell to the Zion Reform church, of which he was pastor.

Scholarship to Men

The University of Chicago extends a scholarship to all men or direct descendants of men who were in service in the great World War. This tuition is paid by the Ida Noles fund created in memorial of her by the Noles family.

playwright's audience? God pity the man who tries to write for an audience!"

Dr. Anspacher says that the road companies are gone forever. "There may be a demand for them still, but there is no hope for their returning, for the moving pictures have taken their place among the theater-going public. The amateur is the only hope of the spoken stage.

"I begin to count my gray hairs, yet speak with some pride when I am referred to as the father of the little theater movement. I am a professional man, but I believe in the little theater—the amateur production," said Dr. Anspacher.

Actor, writer, and essentially philosopher, Dr. Anspacher impresses one with his sincerity and convincing speech and manner.

"Democracy and Irresponsibility," was Dr. Anspacher's subject when he addressed the members of the Ad-Sell on Monday night.

Writing Classes Make Posters

Rush on Tickets—Mrs. Jensen Confident of Great Success

For the first time in the history of Central, the writing classes of J. W. Lamppan are making the posters to be used in advertising the opera, "The Prince of Pilsen." There are to be four large ones with places for photographs and various smaller ones with the printing as the only feature. These will all be distributed about the building with the exception of one which will be taken to a window of some downtown store.

Because of the rush for tickets, made by members of the music department who are selling them, Mrs. Jensen, who is in charge of the entire sale, stated her feeling of assurance and encouragement in respect to the way in which things will turn out.

All tickets for Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights were given out on Tuesday.

How Can Anyone Possibly Get Up?

Giants? The builder of the risers which will be used when group pictures are taken must have thought that Centralites were nothing more or less than giants of some sort, judging from the size of the "steps."

As the risers calmly repose in the court, freshmen walk by them in awe thinking that at last they themselves have actually been appreciated by the world in general and their size (?) has been recognized; for were it not so, how could anyone expect them to be able to reach the top steps? Seniors also strolled sedately by wondering to just how great an extent they will be forced to lose their dignity when they stand before the risers.

Will ladders be used? Will an elevator be installed? Or will Central's chivalrous knights assist the fair ladies in ascending the steps? Such are the questions being asked over and over again in regard to the latest addition to Central's court—the risers.

Nicknames Causes Great Amount of 'Hot' Explaining

Nicknames! And how! And why! And who! Ask anybody in any of Mr. F. H. Gulgard's classes if they know anything about nicknames. And why! It is one of Mr. Gulgard's yearly duties to apply to nearly every member of each of his classes a nickname. If there is a member of his class that doesn't have some kind of a nickname or pet name or initial, he is indeed fortunate, as the other members of the class will assure you.

Among the most famous names is that of Wilbur "Blackjack" Wilhelm, so called because of his fondness for chewing gum in class. The name "Butterfly" is commonly added to the name of Alton Harris because of his ties. "Bun" Douglas has plenty of nicknames, but the most common one seems to be "Gramp," and why they call him that is nobody's business. John Dressler, the great scientist, goes under the title of "Inertia," and any physics student knows what that refers to. Yes, Charles, it means just what it sounds like.

Millard "Littleman" Hansen is another victim of his teacher's cruel slants. In the sixth hour class, there is the greatest collection of brilliant nicknames ever invented by any teacher. First, and foremost, comes the most "monickered" person of the twentieth century. His name is Clyde, star Titan, W. D., Spearmint, Drew, jr. The titan part is well known by all. The "W" is his middle initial; the "D" stands for a grade; the Spearmint for the same as Wilhelm's Blackjack; the Drew is his name (you'd never guess that); and last but not least the "Junior." That means that Clyde is the second of a great series.

Miss Carter Writes

Miss Mabel Carter, formerly in Central's cafeteria, writes from Chicago, where she is now associated with the Women's City club, of her interesting work there. She says that most of the women's political clubs and other large societies hold their meetings there.

Father and Sons Hold Banquet on December 13

Mr. H. A. Tukey to Preside at Meeting—Other Speakers Prominent

Entertainment Planned

Two Groups of Singers Engaged for Evening—Four Dancers Scheduled

Various enthusiastic speakers, singers, and dancers will help make the annual Father and Son banquet, Tuesday, December 13, at 6 o'clock in the restaurant of the Ad-Sell league, a success of the year. Mr. H. A. Tukey, general president of the association and an all-round friend of Central, will preside over this affair.

Community singing led by Mr. Charles Gardner is to be the means of establishing the desired feeling of comradeship. Other speakers of the evening are to be Mr. Frank Latenser and John Wright, a senior at Central.

Plan Entertainment

Two groups of singers have been engaged. The double quartet, trained by Mrs. Pitts, are as follows: Stanley Kiger, Dale Larson, Fred Segur, Richard Wiles, Henry Nestor, Harry Stafford, Wallace Carson, and Herman Rosenblatt. Stanley Kiger and Dale Larson will give their song stunts. In addition to this entertainment, four dancers, Arthur Dahl, William Kent, Cullen Timme, and Marvin Wright, also the pianist, have been scheduled.

All-School Event

"We look upon this as the biggest all-school and get-together event of the year. It is a chance for the best of fun and is a privilege for all who will attend. I certainly hope that my expectations will be filled in regard to numbers," stated Principal J. G. Masters when asked about the program.

The letter men of the football team and the first and second squads are Page Three, Please

Hi-Y Boys Meet to Discuss Meeting

Alfonso Reyna to Sing at Y. M. C. A. Meeting—Junior Hi-Y Among Leaders

Because of the inability of Chief Tecumseh, nationally known Indian singer, to be excused from the radio program at the Woodman of the World, no entertainment was had at the Senior Hi-Y last Friday. Instead, regular classes were held at which the boys who had attended the statewide Hi-Y conference spoke concerning the conference.

At the meeting to be held at the Y. M. C. A. tonight at 6 o'clock Alfonso Reyna, head of the modern language department at Central, will sing. According to Claire G. Fairchild, boys' Hi-Y secretary of Omaha, the Central Senior Hi-Y is becoming eclipsed by the other Hi-Y's.

"During the past month the attendance records for the Central Senior Hi-Y were far below those of the other schools. The Central Junior Hi-Y was among the leaders in attendance and membership, but although the Central Senior Hi-Y had the leadership at the beginning of the Hi-Y year, they have slumped rapidly and it should be considered a duty to regain that lead," concluded Mr. Fairchild.

Club Speaks All German Conversation

Entertainment at Meeting—Regina Maag Gives Piano Solo—Members Sing

Meeting in room 439, Tuesday, November 29, the German club enthusiastically responded to a request of the president by answering roll call with a German proverb. The meeting proceeded with a lively program. Regina Maag played a piano solo, and Leah Oberman related a short German story. Grace Kropf read an original story in German, and Sidney Epstein gave an interesting talk on Baron von Stuben. It was announced that hereafter all discussions will be held in German. The meeting was concluded with German Christmas songs.

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EDITORIAL

THE SINGING FLAME

If someone came to you and insisted that he had heard an invisible man sing, you would think that all reasoning power of this person had ceased to function, but this is precisely what happened in the chemistry room of Central high school except that the musical one was not a man but an invisible gas flame.

Hydrogen is the name of this remarkable gas which is the only one endowed with such incongruous power as was proved by the awed and astonished chemistry pupils when they inverted a hydrogen-filled bottle over a hydrogen flame and listened to the notes emitted which were rich in overtones and floated soothingly over the delicate organs of the ear.

The pupils are wondering, now, how long it will be before the great opera stars will be replaced by the "singing flame."

Of course, button-throwing isn't so extravagant, but it doesn't make nearly the noise, and noise is the main objective.

This natural gas business is nothing new to Central. In fact, it's been here ever since Speakers' Bureau was organized.

COACH SCHMIDT

Now that Coach Schmidt's resignation has been accepted, the next thing to consider is who will be the new coach. But before we go on to that point, let's pause a moment and look over the record of the football teams coached by Mr. Schmidt in the past seven years.

Of the 57 games which have been played while Coach Schmidt has been head coach, 31 have been victories, 21 defeats, and 5 deadlocks, giving a percentage of .600 for games won, which isn't half bad. One hundred and sixteen times Coach Schmidt has seen a Purple-jerseyed ball-lugger cross the last chalk line for a touchdown, 73 times has he seen his team score the point after touchdown, 4 times he has watched one of his boys drop back and send the ball square between the uprights for three points, and twice he has seen a Purple forward spill an opposing back behind the goal line for a safety, and thus accounting for the 783 points which his teams have scored in the past seven years.

On the other hand, 59 times has he seen an opposing back cross the Purple goal, 31 times has an enemy scored the point after touchdown, 10 times an opposing team has booted a field goal, and twice a Central man has been spilled behind his own goal, which all together, account for 429 points, the number that opponents have scored against Central in the past seven years. And so we see that Central teams have scored nearly twice as many points—354 to be exact—as their opponents, which, again, isn't half bad.

Of the seven years in which Mr. Schmidt has coached at Central, only once have his teams lost the majority of their games and this was in 1926 when he was hampered by a great many injuries and lacking greatly in experienced men.

Perhaps Coach Schmidt's two best seasons were 1922 and 1923. In 1922 all that kept the team from the city and state championship was a piece of what might be called real bad luck. With victories over all the Nebraska teams that they had played and only the Turkey day struggle with Tech remaining, the Schmidt-coached aggregation was heavily favored to win the state title. But Fortune stepped in and decided the battle in another way. "Blue" Howell, the star plunger of the team, and another regular were injured in an automobile accident on the way to the field and were unable to play. Though the Purple out-played the Techsters, they were forced to be content with a scoreless tie.

Again in 1923 things were looking good for the Purple with a 25 point victory over Lincoln, and a clear record in state circles, but again Tech upset the dope and defeated a crippled Central eleven. By defeating Lincoln in 1922 and 1923, Coach Schmidt received the honor of being the only coach to defeat Lincoln twice in recent years. This past season the team started off in great fashion, winning the first three games and tying the powerful St. Joe eleven but again some real bad luck intervened. In midseason the captain and mainstay of the team received injuries which kept him from playing in the remainder of the games and probably accounted for the poor showing of the team.

And then when we consider that this remarkable record—31 victories and 21 defeats, 783 points scored against 429 for opponents—has been made against many adverse conditions notably the lack of a gym, a field, and considerable other equipment and the presence of numerous other activities in the school which divide the time for athletics, we are certain about one thing, that the period in which John G. Schmidt was head coach of football at Central was one of success.

'Tis sad to see all the flowers and birds gone for the winter, but there's some consolation in the relief from the pigeons in 325.

Once upon a time, the Central Committee promised soap to the children of Central, but it must have been just another fairy story.

A taste of old Russia, eh what—these dashing boots.

Date Dope

Friday, December 9—
Mathematics society, 439 at 3.
Monday, December 12—
Gym club, 415 at 3.
Tuesday, December 13—
Reyna Spanish club, 439 at 3.
Lambda Tau, 439 at 7:45 p. m.
Wednesday, December 14—
Boy's French club, 127 at 8 a. m.
Le Cercle Francais, 127 at 3.
Linsinger Travel club, 439 at 3.
Thursday, December 15—
Interclub Council, 439 at 8 a. m.
Central Colleens, 445 at 3.
Junior Hi-Y, Y. M. C. A., at 6 p. m.
Friday, December 16—
Central Committee, 128 at 2:46.
Senior Hi-Y, Y. M. C. A., at 6 p. m.



Miss Towne says that the only news she has is that she actually started her Ford the other morning!

Despite the fact that one has or has had a dignified cadet officer for a brother doesn't detract from the fun of visiting Santa Claus, does it, Charlotte Towl and Betty Tebbins?

Connie will never forget now what R. S. V. P. means.

Where were Marion and Joe when the lights were turned out?

We wonder if Christmas has anything to do with having your fortune told.

We wonder what number Margaret rated.

You should know better than to talk out loud in study halls, Dorothy.

What's this we hear about the bottle of Isterine in connection with the C. O. C. dance, Charles?

No wonder you boys take such good care of your graduation rings; they were certainly hard earned, weren't they Fred and Earl?

When Miss West asked you how many tickets you wanted, why did you hesitate over getting either one or two? Aren't you sure whether or not she will go with you, Sam?

Harold, you're too fresh! What do you mean by speaking of your father as the old man.

Charles does so annoy Hermine that if he doesn't stop suggesting that she provide entertainment, he's going to get hurt, aha!

Now Stanley suggests that they learn how to do the minuet! Oh dear, oh dear!

Jane, really you and the boy friend shouldn't stand so close to the auditorium door, because you might fall in by accident, you know.

Smiles are absolutely not allowed in business conversations—see Miss Towne.

Forgetting your chemistry book is expensive business, isn't it, Al—especially when the taxi driver loses the way.

Printers put out the papers, students read the marriage licenses, and the gossip begins—oh Miss Floy Smith!

According to Chester, by way of John, "canned" must mean drunk.

So Betty doesn't like to go out with serious-minded fellows.

Ruth and "Pud" must be contemplating on getting a new Ford.

Really May, I'd never think that of you.

Neither titles nor evil deeds mean much to Dorothy Graham. She is an ardent admirer of Mrs. Macbeth.

Dick Avery think? He admits that it is impossible.

Have your parents received a "Pullman car call" yet? If you don't understand, ask Mr. Schmidt.

Is Henry Nestor interested in Hope Lyman only as an opera lead?

Donald Powell is starting a new fad. He lets his wrist watch dangle from his wrist as if it were a bag.

Oh these popular people! Clyde, do you know how many aspiring young ladies wanted to take you to the Christmas parties?

Ambitious Student Tries to Leave Library Early

The bell rang a long steady ring. The library was quiet and calm. Crash! The books belonging to some industrious, ambitious youth were thrown into his brief case. He was the only person who was at all preparing to leave, and everyone about him looked up to see what all the commotion was about. Finally, the library teacher walked up to the student, and asked for an explanation for his preparations for leaving.

"Why, I was getting ready to leave; the bell rang," he explained. "Yes, indeed, the bell rang," the teacher replied. The boy looked at her in astonishment, wondering why on earth she questioned him about it then. All of a sudden many students were filing into the library, and the flustered youth looked very troubled, and seemed badly in need of an explanation. After much embarrassment and frustration, the youth finally discovered that the well known bell was for the beginning of first hour instead of the end of a period. Embarrassing moments, indeed!

Teacher: When was Rome built?
Boy: At night.

Teacher: Where did you get that answer?

Boy: Well, "Rome wasn't built in a day."—Pebbles, Marshalltown Senior high school, Marshalltown, Ia.

Two Cups of Cocoa too Much at Once

"Whoops! Look out there—something's going to fall!" And sure enough before you know it two cups of cocoa have a slippery good time on one large plate. The carrier is all excited and is trying to gain his equilibrium, but all is in vain. In order to save the floor, he goes through all kinds of motions, emotions, gesticulations, and gyrations. Finally, some kind hearted student grasps his arm and another good Samaritan grabs one cup of the beverage, and so the catastrophe is avoided.

And the boy vows over and over that even though he does desire to be obliging, he will never, never carry two cups of cocoa on one plate again. The next day the same person walks into the cafeteria and some one rushes up to him and says, "Here hold this cocoa a minute!" Of course he doesn't have the chance to say yes or no, so he must stand there holding a cup of cocoa similar to the same one which caused so much trouble the day before. However, we are not always made to bear the same burdens twice, and the imposter comes back immediately and takes the cup of cocoa off the poor boy's hands. Such is life!

Miss Walters: Eva, what have you in your mouth?
Eva Kaiser: A hero.
Miss Walters: A hero? What do you mean?

Eva: A Life Saver.—The Round-Up, North Platte high school, North Platte, Neb.

'Dad to All Movie Stars in Hollywood,' Says Theodore Roberts, Famous Actor

"I've had more beautiful daughters than the caliph of Arabia," mused Theodore Roberts, famous movie actor, when interviewed in his dressing room at the Orpheum theater after the matinee Sunday. Mr. Roberts added that he has become "Dad" to all of the movie people.

"From my playing with so many people in various father parts a great many friendships have sprung up, everyone of which have endured. I have no favorites among my stage children. I like them all the same," commented Mr. Roberts as he lay on a "sofa" and smoked his famous cigar, which upon inspection proved to be a "Chancellor" which he held in a cigar holder.

Though not yet fully recovered from his recent serious illness, the beloved "Dad" of the screen loses none of his effectiveness and appeal in his dramatic act, "The Man Higher Up," in which he portrays the character of an old doctor.

"The movies are wonderful and I prefer working in them for then I can sleep in one bed more than seven nights in succession, I can have my home, and comforts and do nearly as I please. I haven't quit the movies, but they have quit me—temporarily at least.

"Wonderful good for humanity is coming out of the moving picture industry. Pictures are being shown today in parts of the world where such things as love and romance have never been known. Where babes have been betrothed at their birth or where girls are sold to their husbands for so many cows, new ideas are instilled in the minds of the

'Wes' Laugel False to Latest Dog, 'Unk'



Who'd ever suspect it? Looks like treason on "Unk," seeing "Wes" hugging another dog. This other dog was the first love of Wesley Laugel, Central's football captain, who returned to school Monday, and "Unk" is the miniature bull dog that "Wes" had while he was in Lord Lister hospital recovering from the effects of a fractured vertebra which he acquired in the game with North high.

Spanish and chemistry and drill and grades didn't bother four-year old Wesley very much, so he played around with his dog and a football once in a while, and then about 14 years later he came to the school on the hill and began doing his stuff.

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Among the Latest Library Books

GIANTS IN THE EARTH

By Peter Rolvaag

A powerful epic of love and hate, of bravery and fear, of conquerer and vanquished, has been built around the Norwegian settlement of the Dakotas. Rolvaag, the author, himself a Norwegian, has written a living picture of this migration and called it "Giants in the Earth."

He is not concerned with the unfolding of plot so much as he is concerned with the studying and unfolding of character. Per Hans, the stalwart Norwegian, who strikes out into this unexplored region to find a home for his family, is the central figure of the drama—drama, because the author paints such vivid word pictures of his characters and their actions that we can easily visualize the prairie stretching away endlessly—acre on acre. We can hear the grass with its sighing protest against being trampled, and see Beret, Per Hans' wife, as she cries at the end of a day from loneliness and fright. We can hear the creak of the dilapidated, oxen-drawn wagon as it creeps across the plain to the place in which Per Hans had hoped to settle.

Beret does not have the faith in the new land that Per Hans has, and her unreasoning fears, that finally send Per Hans on a quest that ends in death, are communicated to her two children to such an extent that they lose faith in their father's ability to wrest a living from this alien land. Per Hans doggedly asserts and tries to prove that he can conquer this new country, but his pitiful yet noble efforts are as nothing. The great plain finally conquers him, "drinks of his blood and is satisfied."

—Margaret Dallas.

THE ROVER

By Joseph Conrad

The wonderful ability of Joseph Conrad to gain the interest of his readers and hold it to the end is again shown in his last book, "The Rover." He does not paint his pictures; he molds them. He impresses them so firmly upon his reader that they will not be forgotten soon.

The story is based upon French history from the time of the revolution through the Napoleonic era, but it deals more with the effects than with the actual history. The

scene of the story is almost entirely upon a lonely farm not far from Taulon, France, and close to the sea. The plot is wound around an old, retired sea-rover and a young, self-made lieutenant of the navy, who are brought closely together by a mysterious daughter of French royalists killed during the revolution.

Conrad's characters are very refreshing and different. That is, they are different from most author's characters in that they are really natural. Their thoughts are natural, and their actions are natural, although, unexpected at times. Even the insanity of the "sans coulotte," a one-time leader of the revolution, is such that it can be appreciated. The sequence of events, as is characteristic of Conrad's writings, is rather hard to keep straight, but other than that it is quick moving and very climactic. The ending is one that will be remembered, for it is as unexpected as it is satisfying.

—Orlo Behr.

The Magazine Rack

Nothing New Under the Sun. In the Scholastic for November 26, Care Holliday shows that many new things are old. Excavations at Mesopotamia show that the permanent wave was skillfully done 4000 years ago.

East is East and West is West. Kenge Hamada in North American Review for December analyzes the eastern and western mind.

The Story of Sacred Music in the December Mentor.

The Home of Today is discussed in the entire number of Survey Graphic for December 1, 1927.

Young France of Today. Two interpretations of the French state of mind are found in Living Age for December 1, page 1005.

Shakespeare, an Italian, in Literary Digest, November 26, page 23.

Central Classics

(Editor's Note: Each week The Weekly Register will publish the best contributions from the English Department.)

'THE MAID'S REPLY TO HER LOVER'

By Helen Herckt '28

If I but knew that you were true
And loved me as you say you do,
I would not hesitate to go
And share your fortune—weal or woe.

Although I'd gladly put my trust
In one who's always fair and just,
How do I know that you will be
Ever true and good to me?

When winter leaves the green slopes bare
And Frost lends sharpness to the air,
Will your love still be just the same
As now when it burns as the flame.

From some hot fire that roars full blast
So that you'll love me till the last;
Or as the flame from dying coals
Which burns and withers lovers' souls?

Oh, promise me that you'll be true
So that my love I'll never rue,
And like the trustful turtle dove,
I'll come with thee and be thy love.

ANSWER TO MARLOWE'S POEM

By James Encell '28

You tell me that you love me true,
Should I believe in you?
I don't know why I should believe
In anything that you conceive.

You say we'll sit upon the rocks
And watch the sheards feed their flocks,
Why that would be no fun at all
I'd just as soon play with a droll.

And I don't want a bed of roses,
Nor a thousand fragrant posies
I'd rather have a nice soft bed,
And a roof under which to put my head.

I don't want a gown of wool,
For they're too hot except when it's cool,
And I've got the slippers that you mention
I bought them with my father's pension.

I'm sure you cannot interest me,
So you had better go to sea.
All your compliments can't move
A girl like me to be your love!

Opal: "You're the first man who ever kissed me."

Horace: "I believe it, dear."

Opal: "Oh, you're the first one who would believe it, too."—The Echo, Arkansas Teachers college, Conway, Ark.

Alumni

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Blanche Blundell '27 is attending the University of Wisconsin.

Alice Peake, Edith Quinlan, Dorothy Baird, and Erval Melville all '27 are working in the high school library.

Warren Shoecraft '27 was home from Wesleyan for two weeks because of blood poisoning in his foot.

Ethel Redgwick '27 is now working for Barker's Life Insurance company.

Dorothy Morrae '27 is now working in the business office of the Standard Oil company.

Ruth Schmadelwsky '27 is now attending the American Business college.

Dorothy Light '25 was recently elected to the honor roll at Central college, Fayette, Mo.

Kenneth Seely '24 is a senior at Corner college in Lincoln. He has decided to enter the ministry and is preaching every Sunday at a small town near Lincoln.

Evelyn Hansen '26 is attending her second year at the University of Omaha.

Thither and Yon

The members of the Western Reserve academy of Hudson, Wis., raised \$150 in a drive for funds for the Red Cross, an average of practically \$1 for each person.

Book Week was celebrated in the York public school library, York, Pa. The theme, "Exploring in Bookland" was carried out in both high schools as well as in the elementary grades. This year as in previous Book Weeks the students took active parts in the work, in both classroom and assembly.

Teams for the Interclass debate of the Student Government school, Walla Walla, Wash., are being chosen now. All the classes are to be represented in the scheduled debates.

Fred Armantrout: "Is Homer a good driver?"

Hazel Gordan: "Well, when the road turns the same time he does, it's a coincidence."—The Chickasaw, Blytheville high school, Blytheville, Ark.

New Freshmen Assemble in 215 for Instructions

Principal J. G. Masters Gives Few Pointers on Subjects and Courses

Yesterday marked the annual visit of the incoming freshmen to the school on the hill in preparation for their permanent stay beginning in February.

Principal J. G. Masters welcomed them to the school in his address and also explained the various courses which are open to students in the curriculum. He then proceeded to answer the various questions that were asked him. Moorhead Tukey, lieutenant colonel, gave a short talk on military drill, explaining how it strengthens the body as well as creates a spirit of friendship among the participants.

Information cards were handed out on which were enumerated the subjects they intend to take next year.

Many Girls Attend First Volley Ball Practice of Season

Volley ball! The first practice was held in 415 Wednesday night, with a crowd of lively, wide-awake girls who fought for a hit at the ball as though their lives depended upon it. A group so big that an ideal team could be selected met in the gym and started their practice.

The regular teams were not decided by Miss Elinor Bennett, but they will be chosen soon. Only those who have the most talent and the keenest desire to fight, together with good health, will be allowed to play in the real games. This is the first sport where there was an over-supply of pep and enthusiasm.

Teacher to Return

Mrs. Constance P. Lowry, physical training teacher here at Central, who has been absent for over two months, is convalescing rapidly and intends to be back for the next semester which will start next January.

Miss Spaulding, Former Teacher, Writes Long Letter to Student Body

(Continued from Last Week)

There are quite a number of elementary schools in Hilo, and they are also scattered over all the plantations on the island. They have names like this—Waiakakai, Laupahoehoe, and Kapiolani—I have learned to pronounce them for my sister has been substituting around in them. Talking about names—our principal street here is Kamehameha and the Senior high is on Waiuanue street. I have two white people in all my classes. The greater number are Japanese, with Chinese, Hawaiians, Filipinos, Portuguese and Chinese-Hawaiians for variety. Not a one of them has ever seen the mainland. A few of the more fortunate ones have visited Honolulu. They have many questions to ask about Omaha, and they were much surprised to learn that it was larger than Honolulu. Some of them are very anxious to write to some Central high boys and girls. I wonder if you people there would be interested? It is the precedent here for the faculty rather than the students to entertain the public, and consequently I am to appear in a Senior high faculty play at a Japanese opera house. We have had two practices for the play so far. The experience will be rather unique, to put it mildly.

I have learned many things. I am not to be offended when I'm called a malihini (stranger or newcomer)

or a Hoole (white). Also I am a coast teacher even though I'd always supposed Omaha was far from any coast. I have learned to refrain from too violent an ejaculation when I see one of Hawaii's giant spiders crawling around. I also have learned to carry an umbrella always and to not expect to wear pleats. However, I cannot learn to remain calm when I see one of those awful centipedes—four or five inches long. Also I cannot learn to eat alligator pears—they are terrible, and someone is always making us a present of one.

Four of us have a cottage on the grounds of an old boarding school. This school dates back almost 100 years. Our cottage sets back under giant coconut palms, bamboo and banana trees. From one side we have a gorgeous view of the mountain and from the other the blue sea. We are above the town and can look down over the bay. We have a lovely swimming pool here on the grounds and can go swimming in it every afternoon or evening when there is a moon, and we don't want to go down to the ocean. The pool is fed by a mountain stream.

There are so many opportunities for interesting good times. A week ago I was invited out to a plantation by a friend there who had been asked to a Japanese wedding luau (celebration). I was included in the invitation, and it certainly proved to be a unique experience. Four of us were the only Hoolees (whites) there.

Central's Boosting Units

<p>CENTRAL COLLEENS</p> <p>To collect toys from the members for the Boy Scouts to distribute to poor children was the decision of the Central Colleens at their meeting Thursday, Dec. 1, in 445. A new method of having the members check on attendance when entering will now be used.</p> <p>A committee was appointed to take any necessary amount from the treasury to provide a poor family with food for Christmas. It was definitely decided to have the Colleen's group picture in the 1928 O-Book.</p> <p>Bettie Zabriskie gave a 'cello solo accompanied by her sister Helen, and Edith Victoria Robins gave several piano selections. Miss Amanda Anderson, mathematics teacher, told the girls about her trip to Europe a year ago last summer.</p>	<p>STUDENT CLUB</p> <p>Student Control members were urged to take special duty during fire drill, at the meeting in room 240 after school on Tuesday. A pin for student control members was discussed and it was decided to let the matter rest with the office. It was also decided to have O-Book pictures taken before next semester. A report of the Interclub Council was given. Mrs. Jensen and Miss Carlson gave suggestions as to the work of the Student Control.</p>	<p>GREENWICH VILLAGERS</p> <p>From the expressions heard at the Greenwich Villager bazaar held in room 249 last Tuesday at 3 o'clock, one could easily surmise what a beautiful display of art material there was. In order to finance the annual prize fund, which gives prizes to the three June graduating seniors having the best ability in art, the Greenwich Villagers give a bazaar each year. All the work is contributed voluntarily by the members, and the business is taken care of at their meetings.</p> <p>Lovely novelties consisting of shoe trees, hand-painted handkerchiefs, ornamented bed-lamps, carved leather hand cases and pocketbooks, silhouettes, wooden spoons and forks, and many other delightful articles constituted the stock. The Greenwich Villagers acted as clerks, and there was a continuous stream of customers up to 4 o'clock.</p>
<p>Company Dope</p> <p>Captains have been told to stress that the men wear their full dress uniform all through school. Some men have been wearing sweaters or suit coats in place of the regulation drill coats.</p>	<p>Stamp Club</p> <p>At the meeting of the Stamp club last Friday, the members discussed the problem of raising money for the O-Book. The Stamp club has purchased a catalogue, and if any member wishes to take it home or from 139, he must pay three cents a day. Several albums were brought by the members, and much time was spent in looking them over.</p> <p>The next regular meeting of the Stamp club will be held in room 439 at 3 o'clock, Dec. 16.</p>	<p>Project Notes</p> <p>The long contemplated plans for carrying out an arrangement whereby European history students may register for a vacant period in the project room in order to use special reference material, will be tried next week. Announcement of the hour will be made in the circular. A slip must be secured from Miss G. W. Clark in the morning on the day that a student wishes to register.</p> <p>The new cupboard will be painted! Tillie Lerner is furnishing the paint, and Margaret Roark has volunteered to wield the brush.</p>
<p>Company E</p> <p>Company E has been practicing the objective movements with the corporals in command.</p>	<p>LAMBDA TAU</p> <p>Mesmerism and hypnotism! Thought waves and Christian Science! Conducive to nightmares? Yes. Enough to make one shiver. These subjects formed the topic for discussion at the Lambda Tau meeting last Tuesday in the club room. Harriet Hicks was the main speaker.</p> <p>A very interesting program has been arranged for next week. Part of the meeting will be taken up with a discussion by Adrian Dunn '29, who will speak on "String and Brass Instruments."</p>	<p>Banking Deposits Show Small Decrease</p> <p>Whether it is better to have the most money or the most depositors is a question, but for this week the most money comes from the least depositors. Mrs. G. H. McManus reported the sum of \$6.75 coming from one student, while Miss Jane Fulton reported the amount of \$2.00 and two students. Other homerooms had only one depositor each.</p> <p>Miss Marguerite Burke reported 11 cents and one depositor; Miss Genevieve Clarke, 50 cents and one depositor; Miss Helen Clarke, \$5.00 with one; Miss Penelope Smith, \$1.50 with one; Miss Alice West, \$1.00 with one. This is not as good as last week, in which there were 12 depositors and \$21.00.</p>
<p>Company F</p> <p>Highest individual ad honors seem to be between Sommers of Company D, and Hiller of Company F.</p>	<p>GIRL RESERVES</p> <p>Santa Claus, presents, tinsel, and the jolly spirit which is a part of Christmas were present at the Girl Reserve meeting yesterday at the Y. W. C. A.</p> <p>A short Christmas skit was presented by the following girls: Charlotte Towl, Betty Tebbens, and Annie Laurie McCall, all '31, and Katherine Aten '28. The Christmas tree was decorated by Irma Randall '29 and Miss Marjorie Upton, Girl Reserve secretary.</p>	<p>Project Notes (Cont.)</p> <p>Mr. Smith will spend one week in Omaha as production manager of the Made-in-Omaha movie. According to Mr. Smith, the movie, all scenes of which will be taken at the Riviera theatre and about the city, will take about one week to film and will cost about \$5,000. "There were quite a number of high school students at the casting party at the Riviera Monday morning," declared Mr. Smith.</p>

Central Committee

Plans for a new study hall project were discussed in the meeting of the Central Committee, held last Friday in 439, and a complete change of committees was made. Eleven new members were elected to the Committee. Edward Gerin, Paul Grossman, and Gertrude Lanktree, seniors; George Oest, Billy Tree, and Ethel Foltz, juniors; Robert Clark, Mary McCully, Frances Morgan, Chadbourne Moorhead, and Blair Adams, sophomores, are those who were admitted.

Father-Son Meet to Be Held Jan. 13

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to be the guests of honor. The 15 letter men are as follows: Glenn Cackley, Clyde Clancy, James Connolly, Graham Cooksey, Gilbert Edwards, Harlan Haulman, Roscoe Haynie, Leslie Huff, Parley Hyde, Clarence Johnson, Wesley Laugel, Melvin Levin, Wayne Nelson, Harold Pollack, Peter Sawerbrey, Moorhead Tukey, John Wright, and John Eplon.

Captains of the regiment will have charge of the ticket sale. Some lack of enthusiasm has been shown, but it is hoped that this attitude will be changed before Tuesday, according to Lieutenant-Colonel Moorhead Tukey.

Among the Centralites

- Bettie Zabriskie '28 will take part in the Omaha Symphony concert.
- A jazz orchestra consisting of Sidney Epstein, Louis Roucek, both '28, and Jack Epstein, Tom Organ, Nate Mantel, all '30, played at the Roseland theater, South Omaha, last Sunday.
- Mrs. William Burton substituted in Miss Pearl Rockfellow's French classes during the early part of this week. Miss Rockfellow was appearing in court in a law suit.
- Nellie Grant '29 was absent from school last week because of illness.
- Carl Rasmussen '31 was absent from school last week because of illness.
- Bluma Neveleff '31 was absent from school last week because of the death of her father.
- Frances Edwards '30 was absent last week because of illness.
- Dorothy Pollard '30 has been absent for a week because of illness.
- George Harris '28 was absent for over a week on account of an injured leg.
- Alice Graham '28 has been absent for over two weeks on account of illness.
- Ben Stein '28 was absent last week on account of illness.
- Tobie Goldstein '28 will spend this week-end in Lincoln, Neb., at the Sigma Delta Tau house.
- Pearl Rockfellow, French teacher, was absent from school last Monday and Tuesday on account of illness.
- Edith Victoria Robins '28 played at the Leavenworth Presbyterian church last Sunday afternoon.
- Elly Jacobsen '28 was absent from school Monday and Tuesday because of illness.
- Virginia Paxton '28 is employed as organist at Dietz Memorial Methodist church.

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Central Girl Wins Christmas Seal Story Contest

Second place in the annual Christmas Seal story writing contest, conducted by the Nebraska Tuberculosis association in the high schools of Omaha, was won by Margaret Brown '30, a Central high school sophomore. A North high school student, Doris Chase, won first prize; her story is entitled, "The Fairy Seal." Other students winning prizes are Margaret Cain, Benson high school, Olga Lorraine Dyba, South high school, and Dorothy Sanderson, Technical high school.

The judges were Keene Abbott, Miss Abba Bowen, and Mrs. Henry Doorly. Miss Chase's story was read over WOW Saturday evening by Mrs. Anita Mae Marsh, acting head of the Misner School of the Spoken Word.

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Conflicting Dates Cause Glee Clubs to Change Opera

Teachers Select Final Cast of Characters Within Past Week

Due to conflict in dates, the dates for the opera, "The Prince of Pilsen," were set forward one week, from January 12, 13, and 14, to January 5, 6, and 7. Much conscientious work has been put forth and the opera will soon be ready to be played. Because of the shortening of time, practice has been held in the morning and after school. There might also be a necessity for practice during the last week of Christmas vacation; this depends upon the progress before that time.

The final cast was finally decided upon. They are as follows: Hans Wagner will be played by Herman Rosenblatt; Tom will be played by Henry Nestor; the Prince of Pilsen will be Dale Larson; Francois will be Harry Stafford; Artie will be played by Stanley Kiger; Nellie will be Nynne Lefholtz; Mrs. Crocker will be played by Marge Kirschner; Sidonie, by Louise Koory, and Edith by Hope Lyman. These are the main characters in the play.

The opera orchestra was chosen Monday, and is practicing daily.

Numerous Students Win Type Awards

Writing the greatest number of words on both the Royal and the Smith machines, the following people received awards in type for the past week. On the Smith machine, they were: Mirlam Wells, Florence Binkley, Arthur Dahl, John Dressler, Dorothy Dinneen, William Bledsoe, Alice Lynch, and Esther Morgan. On the Royal machine, Isabelle Sailors and Catherine Riordan received awards.

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Knapple Divides Squad

With the first game of the season, that with Underwood, Ia., less than a week away, the basketballers are working hard on fundamentals and scrimmaging among themselves in an effort to make Central the big one in basket ball circles this year. Prospects are bright for a championship year with three lettermen back and an abundance of material to pick from.

Coach Knapple has divided the squad into two divisions, one under himself and the other under Martin Thomas, former all-state football star and holder of several track records. The two squads scrimmage among themselves in order to learn the fundamentals of basket ball.

The 1927-28 schedule of the basketballers includes eight games away from home and nine home games, which makes one of the hardest schedules to be played by any Omaha team this year.

Here is the schedule:
 Dec. 15—Underwood, Ia.—there.
 Dec. 19—Genoa Indians—there.
 Dec. 20—Albion—there.
 Jan. 6—Beatrice—there.
 Jan. 10—Creighton—there.
 Jan. 13—Lincoln—there.
 Jan. 20—Sioux City—here.
 Jan. 24—Abraham Lincoln—here.
 Jan. 27—South—there.
 Jan. 31—Benson—there.
 Feb. 3—Grand Island—there.
 Feb. 4—Thomas Jefferson—there.
 Feb. 10—St. Joseph, Mo.—here.
 Feb. 14—North—there.
 Feb. 17—Lincoln—here.
 Feb. 21—Fremont—there.
 Feb. 24—Hastings—there.
 Mar. 1-3—City tournament.

Central to Meet Lincoln in Football

A game with Lincoln high school is the feature of Central's 1928 football schedule which was drawn up last Tuesday evening at a meeting of the coaches of Omaha. For years the Central-Lincoln game was the classic of Nebraska grid circles, but for the past several years there has been no game between the two schools. The game with Lincoln is to be played on an Omaha field. Lincoln, in the past few years, has been the strongest team in Nebraska, and has achieved national honors by winning inter-sectional games.

The remainder of the schedule is comprised of the same teams as were played in the past year excepting Fremont, with whom no game has been scheduled this year. There is, however, a possibility that Creighton will replace Sioux City on the 1928 schedule. Following is the probable grid schedule for next year:
 Oct. 6—Central at Beatrice.
 Oct. 13—South at Central.
 Oct. 20—Central at North.
 Oct. 27—Lincoln at Central.
 Nov. 3—Sioux City Central or Creighton at Central.
 Nov. 10—Abraham Lincoln at Central.
 Nov. 17—Central at St. Joseph.
 Nov. 24—Tech at Central.

"Has Albern gone yet?" "No, he hasn't; I just saw Katherine Gray in the library."

Central's Retired Grid Mentor



PAPA SCHMIDT

Play Off First Two Rounds of Tourney

Most Teams Very Unevenly Matched—Very Large Scores Feature

With the first and second rounds of the fourth annual Open Tournament completed, the four teams fortunate in surviving through the preliminary rounds or play will clash in the semifinals tonight after school. The finals will probably be played on Monday.

The teams were very unevenly matched as such one-sided victories as 30-to-0, and 20-to-0 scores were chalked up in most of the games. The high scoring honors of the tourney to date go to the Bearcat quintet, who defeated the Jackrabbit five by a score of 30 to 0. The Bearcats' scores came mostly through the accurate shooting of Wilbur Wilhelm, who registered a total of 12 points during his stay in the game. The other cagesters who scored more than two baskets each were Rodney Bliss and Bill Baird.

The following are the complete results of the first round: Jackrabbits 0, Bearcats 30; Rinkydinks 18, Cubs 0; Monarchs 20, Olympics 15; Pow-Wows won by forfeit; Never-Miss 30, Flyers 3; Eagles 8, the Syndicate 18; Phantoms 20, Terriers 6; Fighting 8 19, Homeroom 330; Gunners 18, Bulldogs 8. The second round scores could not be obtained by the time the paper went to press.

Central Rents K. C. Gym for Cagesters

Prospects for a successful basketball team were brightened considerably with the vote of the Board of Education to rent the Knights of Columbus gym for the Purple basketballers. Principal J. G. Masters presented the Central case to the board by stating that if a gym was not provided for the hardwood artists, the Central opponents would enjoy an unfair advantage over the Purple cohorts.

So Mr. Gulgard has found the champion gum chewer! And it's a "her"!

Central Ducks Practice Hard

Meeting of All City Coaches Decide on Point System and Other Rulings

With practice now going on in full swing, the Central tanksters are developing in great fashion under the skillful direction of the coaches, Denny Ryan and Jack Foster. The schedules and minor points in regard to meets were decided on at a meeting of the coaches last night, and suits for the squad have already been purchased. Following is a list of the foremost ducks and the event in which they intend to participate:
 50-yard free style: Kelley, Gardner, Currey, Reavis, Voss, Powell, Rhodes, Hoening, Kingery, Glover, Hansen, Elliott, Prentiss, Marsh, Cotton.

100-yard free style: Steavenson, Ellis, Hendrickson.
 220-yard free style: Kelly, Hoening, Segur.

100-yard back stroke: Gallup, Thomas, Schwager.
 100-yard breast stroke: Wilfing, Drew, Elliott.

Plunging: Epstein, Poff, Connolly, Crouch, Wakely, Fiddler, Kerr, Fair, Shukert.

Diving: Cotton, Glover, Morris, Powell, Gallup, Deems, Hansen.

Others who are considered as likely material for the team are Austin, Clarke, Hyde, Condon, Baker, T. Hansen, Sonderegger.

City Tourney in March

The second annual city high school basketball tournament will be held on March 1, 2, and 3, in the city auditorium as a result of the meeting of high school coaches held last Tuesday at the City Hall. Last year Central was defeated in the first game but recovered to win the consolation.

The state tournament will be held March 8, 9, and 10, at Lincoln. The Omaha teams, as in the past two years, will probably not enter the meet.

'Keep Cool in Basket Ball'---Coach Schabinger

"In basket ball one must keep cool at all times," said A. A. Schabinger, head basket ball mentor at Creighton, when interviewed Wednesday morning at his office on the second floor of the Creighton gym. Coach Schabinger went on to say that in football one could get "fighting mad" and play a good game, while in basket ball he must keep collected and have perfect control of his body at all times if he expects to sink the ball in an 18-inch hoop. "For this reason," Coach Schabinger continued, "many football stars can not play basket ball."

"Some fellows, I believe, are born with certain athletic talent and these if they cultivate their ability, are going to be star athletes. However, fellows that do not have natural ability can develop themselves and become athletes by training and practicing hard, though they probably will never be great stars, they will be first team men. On the other hand, these talented boys, if they do not train, will not even make an ordinary team. Take, for instance, in basket ball, a boy that has an extraordinary

tactil sense has an advantage over the ordinary boy and if both of these boys practice equally hard the first is apt to be a star, and the other an ordinary athlete," Mr. Schabinger asserted.

Coach Schabinger has been head basket ball coach at Creighton for the past six years and has developed many great teams during his period of coaching. Before coming to Creighton he coached at the Kansas State Teachers' college at Emporia, Kans. He played college football and basket ball when going to school at Emporia, and also while attending a physical education school at Springfield, Mass. He uses the five-man defense theory on all his basket ball teams.

"In basket ball, more than any other sport, I believe, the athlete must be in perfect physical condition. In football there isn't so much of

Farewell Banquet for Schmidt

At a banquet that assumed the nature of a farewell to "Papa" Schmidt as the coach of Central high's first football squad, 17 members of this year's football squad were awarded certificates for letters for participation in first team football. Those boys who received letters are Edwards, Wright, Tukey, Haulman, Pollock, Cackley, Levin, Haynie, Johnson, Nelson, Clancy, Sawerbrey, Cooksey, Huff, Hyde, Connolly, and Laugel.

J. F. Woolery acted as chairman of ceremonies with "Mac" Baldrige, former grid star; Dr. McDermott, former football player; Joe O'Hannon, halfback on last year's team; Bud Muxen, captain of the 1924 eleven; W. E. Reed, Central graduate and former president of the Board of Education; and Mr. Clancy, father of Clyde, halfback on this year's team, and H. A. Tukey, president of the Parent-Teacher association making speeches.

"In 1893, when I was attending Central, athletics were not nearly as well established as they are now. Then it was a task to get up 11 men and the only teams we had to play against were town teams made up of town bullies, and the game used to end up in a fight," said H. A. Tukey.

According to Principal J. G. Masters, "It is hard to get interest in athletics at Central because of the many conflicting interests, but Central has

always had high athletic standards as has been testified by all the schools she has played."

"In regard to the resignation of Coach Schmidt, I believe he has done one of the greatest things in all of his career," said Dr. McDermott. "New blood in the coaching line might bring more winning teams to Central, but it cannot bring a team that has any better ideal of sportsmanship than the teams under the regime of Coach Schmidt. It isn't the fact that you lost or won but how you played the game, that counts," he concluded.

As a climax to one of the best "O" club banquets Central has ever had according to one of the members of the team, "Papa" Schmidt gave his farewell speech as coach of the first football team. "Some other man might have the golden key to new plays that would win more games, but this condition of winning every game they play like Lincoln does is bad for the school, for it makes the students think they're unbeatable and this is bad for the team, so losing a game now and then is good for an aggregation." In closing, "Papa" said that when letters are awarded in athletics at Central, the actual time a man plays is not the thing that is taken into consideration, but did the player play the game as well as he could when he did get into the game.

Former Radio Room Basket Ball Homeroom

A new wrinkle in athletic homerooms was established when the call for basket ball homeroom was made with room 43C, the former radio room, as the headquarters. There with pictures of famous basket ball teams of the past staring them in the face, the cagesters talk over basket ball problems and plays that will make Central the "big one" in basket ball this coming season.

About 20 boys who are members of the first team basket ball squad, go to 43C every morning. Of course, Franklin Masters, candidate for all-state waterboy, and James Connolly and Roscoe Haynie, basket ball managers, are found there too, when the 8:38 bell rings.

Four Lettermen Will Return for Football

Many of City Championship Second Team Will Be on Hand for Next Fall

To the successor of "Papa" Schmidt will go the job of building next year's team around the nucleus of four lettermen, Connolly, center, Nelson, end and guard, Edwards, quarterback, and Sawerbrey, fullback. The others, either by graduation or the eight semester rule, will be unable to don the football garb next fall.

Connolly is only a sophomore, and has two more years of football. This last year he alternated with Haynie at center and also played guard. Edwards filled the shoes of quarterback in an excellent fashion when Laugel was injured. He is an excellent passer as well as a fast backfield man. Nelson, who played end on the Aurora team two years ago, developed into a scrappy guard during the past season and will be excellent material next year. Sawerbrey, all-city fullback, will be back next year for another good year.

Officials Plan Semester Rule

Masters, Schmidt, Knapple Strong for New Ruling

Small Towns Oppose

The most discussed and important question before the high school coaches and athletes of today is whether the eight semester rule, which provides that an athlete cannot compete in first team athletics if he has been in school more than eight semesters. Principal J. G. Masters and Coaches Knapple and Schmidt hold the same idea on the rule, that it would be a great benefit.

"To my mind, this eight semester rule would make high school athletics for high school boys, not for boys who are too dumb to get out of high school in eight semesters and who only come back to school to engage in athletics," is the opinion of Coach J. G. Schmidt.

Of the Nebraska towns that are opposing this rule, Hastings and Columbus are outstanding. The small towns have the belief that the material they have is not of the best, and if a man who is a good athlete must quit athletics at the end of eight semesters, instead of going to school till graduation, he will probably quit school and seek employment. They contend that athletics is a means of keeping athletes in school who are somewhat backward till graduation, and if the eight semester rule is passed, some of the athletes who would stay in school till graduation, if they could be in athletic competition, would not do so.

Another provision of the rule is that no athlete may compete who is over 20 years of age, instead of 21. If the eight semester rule becomes part of the constitution, it would go into effect in September, 1928. A state-wide discussion on whether the rule should be passed or not will be held soon.

I. H. Masters of Pocatello, Idaho, and E. A. Masters of Riley, Alberta, Canada, will spend the Christmas holidays with their brother, Principal J. G. Masters.

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