

New Semester Offers Many New Subjects

Algebra IV Class to Start if Enough Students Enroll

Offer Slide Rule

Public Speaking Given—Aids Student to Be Prepared for Speeches

In order to be able to get the next semester classes organized, Principal J. G. Masters has issued a list of all the new subjects which are to be offered next semester...

In the way of mathematics, algebra IV will be taught if enough students sign up for a class, and Slide Rule, a method for very quick and accurate calculation, will also be offered.

History of Drama Taught

History of the Drama will also be taught this coming semester. It will aid either in a history or an English major, because it deals with English as well as the drama...

Creative Writing Given

English IX, a study in creative writing, will be offered to all those who have a particular talent or desire for writing stories and poems of various types.

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Central Leads Other Schools in Reservations

With 223 reservations from the various Omaha high schools and private educational institutions, the "School for Scandal," presented by the Community players during the week of December 12, was an overwhelming success.

Since the "School for Scandal" is an English comedy studied in the course at Central, all students were urged to attend.

Many Different People Take Part in Various Productions—Gregory Foley

"I don't care if one of my players is a clerk at the ten cent store or if she is Miss So-and-So of the 400; if she can act, she's all right," said Gregory Foley, director of plays at the Community Playhouse...

Mr. Foley has directed plays since the playhouse opened in Omaha four years ago. He had previously taught dramatics in several different universities.

"By acting, I don't mean getting up and reading off lines—all the time trying to imitate the part. To really

Faculty Members Plan Various Happy Vacations

Numerous and varied vacation plans are being made by the folks who yield the authoritative hands around Central, namely, the faculty members. Sports, trips, rest, and unusual tasks will all be indulged in.

G. E. Barnhill, teacher of mathematics, says that he intends to take a little auto ride to Des Moines, Ia., but he doubts whether or not he will have any fun.

Miss Jessie M. Towne, dean of girls, declares "it all depends upon the weather." If the weather is "good" she will drive her Ford...

Irene Jensen, music teacher, emphatically declares that she is going to sleep; while Andrew Neisen, mathematics teacher, plans to "eat plum pudding right in Omaha."

Small Mouse Causes Great Class Uproar

"Oh, isn't he cute; where did you get him?" "Well, there's a nest of them over there by the door."

Squeals of laughter, shrieks of fright, jumping and sliding of feet, standing on chairs and benches. Then came the big hunt which produced one and one-half inches of teeny, weeny, itty, bitty mousey—the cause of 15 minutes of pandemonium.

Driven out of its haven by the past few days of cold weather, the mouse braved great dangers by venturing out into the warm, music-laden atmosphere; in other words—the auditorium.

Members of Senior Glee Clubs Sing at Brownell Hall

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A small group from the Junior glee clubs were the echo choir in the "Gloria Patri." The string quartet consisting of Bettie and Helen Zabriskie, Barbara Hobbs, and Carri-beth McGill, also played several selections, and Marie Uhlig played an original composition.

Mr. Foley leaned easily back in his chair and smoked a cigarette while talking. He talked earnestly, with an evident interest in his work.

Annual Road Show Plans in Steady Progress

Students File Acts with F. H. Gulgard—No Date for Tryouts

Ad Contest to Close

Plans for the Fourteenth Annual Road Show are progressing steadily, according to Newton Jones, president of the C. O. C., and manager of the Road Show.

Although no definite date has been decided on for the tryouts, they are expected to be held some time in February. The time between now and the tryouts is to be used in organizing and practicing the acts.

Any other information about the Road Show can be obtained from any member of the Executive committee, which is composed of Miss Jessie M. Towne, F. H. Gulgard, Miss Floy Smith and Miss Maybel Burns, of Newton Jones.

"I hope and do believe that the Road Show this year will be better and different from any of the former ones," declared Newton.

'Santa' Brings Gifts to January Senior Class

Gifts to Be Given to Central Colleens—Give Toys to Poor

A real, live Santa Claus distributed gifts to the members of the January Senior class at the January Senior class Christmas party in room 228 this morning during home room.

These gifts, as was decided last Tuesday, will be given to the Central Colleens to distribute among the children of poor families who will no doubt have no real Christmas.

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Seniors Exempted

For a reward for their steady work through Central high school, the A and B January seniors, who will be graduated in the first month of 1928, will be exempt from all examinations if they are in the upper fourth of the class.

Santa Film Shown

The mystery concerning Santa Claus' life in the north was revealed at the movie given in the auditorium this morning by the Omaha Bee-News.

School Body Wishes Various Christmas Gifts

"Brother wants a horn and blocks, and a little gun, and some chalk, a ball and bat—and a great big drum!"

How often, in the days of childhood, Central students sang this little ditty to the intense pride of their parents. Yet now, they have different songs!

Clyde Clancy wants the first two years of his high school career erased from the records so that he can carry the pigskin again next year.

The little major of the second battalion wants Santa Claus to prefix a one and a zero to some of his hundreds.

Miss Elliott, famed for her ability to detect unnatural jaw gesticulations, wants a magnet whose powerful waves will save her the many absence slips which she finds are necessary to use on Stanley Kiger.

And last, but not least, everlasting gratitude would be given to someone who could devise some answer to the pleas of those people who go yelling around, "I Want My Rib."

Most Central Boys Prefer Engineering

More Girls Favor School Teaching—Nine Boys for Aviation

As a result of Omaha university's vocational preference lists, which were distributed among the high schools two weeks ago, engineering seems to be the profession which is dominant over all other occupations and professions among the boys.

Some of the boys' occupations that were handed in, and the number voting for each are as follows: 86 for engineering, 59 for business training, 52 for medicine, 39 for law, 20 for architecture, 15 for music, 12 for dentistry, 12 for journalism, 12 for pharmacy, and 9 for aviation.

The leading girls' occupations which were submitted and the number voting for each are as follows: 113 for school teaching, 39 for stenography, 38 for music, 28 for art, 28 for dramatic and stage professional work, 28 for nursing, 19 for secretarial jobs, 13 for journalism, 13 for commercial art, and 12 for interior decorating.

Band Wins First Place in Official Inspection

After much computing and figuring, the results of the official personal inspection were announced Wednesday with the Band in their usual position of first. It is an institution for the Band to win first place in the inspections, but this time it looked as if that organization would be second.

Doing Deed for School

Do a good deed for your school and also get something in return. The Irene Johnson Beauty shop has promised to advertise in the 1928 O-Book if any Central girl has her hair permanently waved at her beauty shop.

Special Lunch Today

Did you ever eat Christmas trees and candles? Miss Chloe Stockard promises that we shall too, in the form of salads and ice cream.

Freshmen Meet in Room 215 Last Tuesday

Principal Masters Gives Short Talk on Courses Offered in Central

Tukey Speaks on Drill

"Migosh, but that fellow can talk. I wonder if he is going to talk to us? Say, Bob, who is that fellow, anyhow? I remember seeing his picture in the paper once."

Principal J. G. Masters presided over the meeting and gave a short talk on the course of study offered at Central emphasizing the studies which are the most essential and urging the freshmen to start getting acquainted with the school right away.

Justly Wolf, president of the Student Association, stressed activities and requested every freshman to take part in activities, in order to make more friends and become better acquainted with the school as a whole.

There were about 170 pupils representing almost all the schools in the city. Many teachers and principals accompanied the S.S.'s to the meeting. Purple and white handbooks were given out and information cards concerning the subjects they intend to take next year were filled out.

Students Sign to Take Journalism for Coming Year

Some Pupils Enroll in News-writing Classes—Choose Staff of 1928

Again the enrollment class for journalism I is in order, and so far 11 students have signed up as future aspirants for staff members of The Weekly Register.

Esthyre Steinberg, Margaret E. Thomas, Nena Horwitz, Tillie Lerner, Louise Ziegler, Betty Free, Lillian Kornmayer, Charles Altman, Virginia Jonas, Ruth Dunham, and Maryetta Whitney are the students who have signed up.

Students whose averages are not A or B are eligible to enroll in the newswriting I class, which offers the same course as journalism I. The Weekly Register staff for the September semester of 1928 will be chosen from students of both classes.

Teachers' Book Club to Increase Special Library

To increase the size of the special library of the Teachers' Book club, 14 new novels have been voted upon by the members. They are as follows: Anderson's "Those Quarrelsome Bonapartes"; Browne's "That Man Heine"; Erskine's "Adam and Eve"; Foster's "Aspects of the Novel"; Glaspell's "The Road to the Temple"; Graham's "New York Nights"; Green's "Avarice House"; Hemingway's "Men Without Women"; Kennedy's "Red Sky of Morning."

Langdon Davies' "A Short History of Women"; Robert's "My Heart and My Flesh"; Swinnerton's "The Casement"; Young's "Moor Fires," and Tomkinson's "The Sea and the Jungle."

John Steele Has Composing Song Words as Favorite Pastime; Uses to Advantage

"Composing is my favorite pastime above all others," said John Steele, great American tenor, when interviewed last Wednesday afternoon at the Orpheum theater.

Jack Frost Nips Centralites' Noses on Way to School

"Oh, my nose!" is the cry, which is heard as the Centralites file into the west side each morning before school. Jack Frost seems to take a certain delight in blowing his cold breath on the poor little noses of the students.

Leading Roles in Opera Play 'Prince of Pilsen'



MARGE KIRSCHNER



DALE LARSON

—Matsuo Photos.

Opera to Open on January 5 in Auditorium

Dale Larson as Prince of Pilsen—Marge Kirschner Girl Lead

Famous Chorus to Sing

Donald Patrick as Stage Manager—Norman Benson Property Manager

With the picturesque background of the Garden Hotel Internationale at Nice, France, the opera, "The Prince of Pilsen," will open the evening of January 5 in the Central high school auditorium.

Entire Cast Named

The entire cast consists of the following people: Dale Larson, Carl Otto, or the Prince of Pilsen; Herman Rosenblatt, Hans Wagner; Henry Nestor, Tom Wagner; Stanley Kiger, Lord Somerset; Harry Stafford, Francois; Harold Kendis, Jimmy, the head bellhop; Donald Powell, Sergeant Brie; Marge Kirschner, Mrs. Crocker; Frances Lefholtz, Nellie Wagner; Hope Lyman, Edith Adams; and Louise Koory, Sidonie, Mrs. Crocker's French maid.

Other attractions of the opera are the Heidelberg boys' famous chorus, the Vassar debutantes, choruses of sea shell girls, naval cadets, fox hunters, French maids, waiters, and others.

Besides directing the singing, Mrs. Pitts is in charge of the orchestra which will play several numbers preceding the performance. Miss Ruth Betts, who has been substituting in the absence of Mrs. Constance Lowry, gymnasium teacher, has been teaching the dancing steps to the various choruses.

Teachers Direct Various Phases

Miss Myrna Jones, expression teacher, has charge of properties, and Mrs. Irene Jensen, music teacher, is in charge of the sale of tickets, advertising, ushering, candy sales, and

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Banking Lower Around Time of Christmas

Santa Claus' arrival is shown by the fact that Central students are not putting their money in the bank, but rather into Christmas gifts for "mamma" and "papa" and their little playfellows.

Andrew Neisen, school treasurer, made known this astounding fact when he gave the banking results for Tuesday of this week, which were: Miss Genieve Clark's homeroom, \$2.50; Miss Helen Clarke's homeroom, \$1.25; Miss Jane Fulton's, \$1.60; Mrs. Grace McManus' homeroom, \$2.50; and Miss Chloe Stockard's, 85 cents, the total being \$8.70.

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"Composing is my favorite pastime above all others," said John Steele, great American tenor, when interviewed last Wednesday afternoon at the Orpheum theater.

Mr. Steele spent over two years in Europe, appearing on the European vaudeville stage, and he says that he prefers the American audience over the foreign audience. He is a tall medium brunette, and has dark Irish eyes which sparkle as he talks.

After his American vaudeville tour, Mr. Steele will return to the east, and will star in a new musical drama, "Dust of Erin," another Irish drama. He will write the words to the music for this musical drama, and already has written one selection, "Whisper to Me in the Starlight."

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## EDITORIAL

### JINGLE BELLS

Nothing reminds young people that they are growing up like Christmas. Birthdays denote the passing of another year, but Christmas indicates the passing of many years.

Each time Christmas morning dawns, and little sister or brother flies down the tree to behold the beneficence of Santa Claus, a pang of regret, ever so tiny, seems to strike some sensitive point inside. Gee! Wouldn't it be great to run downstairs, too, to jump with delight, to scream with pleasure at each new discovery? But, no, you dismiss the impulse by reminding yourself you're no longer a kid. You must display some degree of dignity.

Well—that new gun! The ducks'll sure come down with that. But what more can you do or say about it? If you grab it up and sort of pet it like "Danny" does his little pop-gun, your contemporaries and elders will grin at you and call you a child.

A new fur coat—how grand (or probably choice)! You try it on and are satisfied; then you must lay it aside and be a proper young lady while all the time inside you'd like to hop around and squeal with pleasure.

Awful! This growing up. But it doesn't completely dampen the thrill of lovely, new Christmas gifts, and the prospect of another gay season. And the staff of The Weekly Register earnestly wishes to the faculty and students and all of its other readers and advocates the Merriest of Merry Christmases and the Happiest of Happy New Years.

### RALLY ROUND

Columbus, as the story goes, discovered America quite by accident while searching the seas for a short route to India. From India, the brilliant Genoese seaman planned to bring back to Europe spices, precious stones, and silks because these articles were obtainable nowhere else.

Thus it came about that America was discovered by a sailor who was not patronizing home industry. Considering the results of Columbus' lack of loyalty, however, the modern world finds it impossible to condemn it. But, when the traveler of today takes a trip and comes home loaded with merchandise from foreign points, there is no hesitancy about his condemnation.

How can a city grow or develop without the constant circulation of money? The citizen makes his money by selling to his fellow citizens. Then he proceeds to purchase his personal needs, not at home from his patrons, but out of town anywhere. What could be more obvious treason?

Nearly everyone who travels returns with all sorts of articles which he declares, partly in apology, partly in ignorance, could not be found at home. There may be fascination to things bought away from home, but there is a duty to home and home industry to which fascination should be sacrificed.

Now, little children, don't feel bad because on Jan. 2, the school will open again for your approval.

### WHAT NEXT?

The main thing about morals is to have something to argue about. One of the principal subjects now for argument is the way women dress. The Bible lays down a strict injunction stating, "The women shall not wear what pertaineth to a man, neither shall a man wear what pertaineth to a woman, for to do so is an abomination."

Hundreds of specific commands, equally important, are laid down in the Old Testament, but few of them receive the neglect that this one does. Now, Parisian modistes are prophesying trousers for women. Mrs. Grundy says they'll have to hurry or there'll be no skirts for which to substitute.

Right here in school are evidences of this change. To begin with, there are the belts, ties, and shirts, which look suspiciously like "borrowed plumage," on the "weaker sex." Perhaps it's their own, if mere money can make it so.

Mannish sweaters, mannish lumberjackets, mannish bobs.—Woman! Where is thy originality? Society has presented you delightful styles, undisputedly your own. But instead of adhering to these, you wander around aping and thereby flattering the "male."

Now that they've disillusioned us about Santa, next they'll probably tell us, "There ain't no Jack Frost."

### THE PRINCE OF PILSEN

Once upon a time, a sausage-maker from Cincinnati took a European trip with his son and daughter. When the sausage-maker arrived in—but, no—that's not fair. What??? Why, to tell that story!

Let everybody see the opera without knowing the plot. Sausage-makers are extremely interesting, especially when they're stout and are mistaken for—but, no! no! no!

The secret must be guarded, but not for very long because Jan. 5, 6, and 7, the Senior Glee clubs are presenting "The Prince of Pilsen." A 50 cent ticket will admit you to this performance, which, as you have no doubt learned from ticket salesmen, "is easily worth twice the money." You'll see all your musical friends at their musical best and an extremely clever opera, besides.

And now that Santa has arrived safely, the teachers may expect improved behavior—they may—.

### 'Not Afraid of Anything,' States Jill Cossley-Batt

"I'm not afraid of anything," was the unusual but not surprising statement of Miss Jill L. Cossley-Batt,



famous girl explorer, when she was interviewed at the Elk's club Monday afternoon. She says the world gives an individual very little credit for the dangers one goes through in such explorations as she has made, for the world can't realize the conditions of the countries.

Masqued as a Hindu boy and posing as a deaf mute, Jill Cossley-Batt spent two years in India studying the habits and secrets of the natives. She was the first white woman to enter Tonga, the south Sea Island kingdom of King George II, whose snuff spoon she now has among her numerous curios and relics that she has collected during her journeyings.

"Traveling is just like writing and other things. If one has the craze or determination for traveling, he'll do it in spite of anything. That's how it got me. I just started out to see a little of the world, and I grew to like it so that I had to keep it up," said the renowned explorer.

Besides traveling, Miss Cossley-Batt has done numerous other things. She was graduated from the universities of Oxford and London and then took up work on the London Times as a special correspondent.

"That was my first and last newspaper job. I don't care for journalistic work, for in it one doesn't have the freedom of expression that is essential to creative writing," said the former journalist.

During the war she served in the British chemical warfare department, after which she started her travels which lasted for nine years. Since then she has spent her time writing scenarios and lecturing.

"When Americans do something, they immediately write the whole thing. That isn't my way. I'll have plenty of time to write about myself when I can't go any more."

With only a compass as her guide, Miss Cossley-Batt has traversed the entire globe, studying peoples, collecting material, and experiencing the unique feeling of entering first, regions that no other white person has entered.

"The orientals are the most wonderful people in the world. Everyone knows they are far ahead of the occident. In Japan mental telepathy is one of the courses of study in the schools. They begin the study by concentration, groups working on individuals and transmitting to them their thoughts."

Miss Cossley-Batt gave three lectures this week at the Elk's club ballroom all concerning her adventures and relating some of her discoveries in connection with the peoples she has studied.



And Clyde Clancy thought the Holy Grail was a woman until Miss Mueller held up a picture of it.

Paul Wiemer, since when have you had a locker among the girls?

"Torvy" Hansen knew what a "walking delegate" was, all right, but he just wasn't thinking of the same one Mr. Knappie was, that's all.

Why is it that "Les" Huff's books are always in Dorothy's locker instead of his own?

Mrs. Jensen says that all the boys do seventh hour sit and powder their noses.

Oh, Ed Beal, those beautiful eyes. And are the girls just WILD about them?

Alton Harris is getting to be a wonderful filibuster. Almost as good as—

Marvin, honey, what is this strange power you have over women?

Clyde Drew seems to think he is quite capable of playing the part of Ophelia in "Hamlet."

Justin, do you carry your poison on the inside of your ring, also?

How does it feel to be a girl, Dow, even if it is only for a few minutes?

Be sure nobody else wishes those rings on Marjorie before the time's up.

### 'Merry Christmas to All'—

All through the frosty dawn of Christmas morn  
The sparkling sunbeams shed their golden light,  
And all the darkly brooding hills of night  
Soon fled the glow 'mid which our Christ was born.  
The midnight cloak of darkness now is torn  
To show a snowy-smothered world of white.  
The glist'ring trees with icy gems bedight  
Now sparkle like the hills they well adorned.  
The blushing holly in the window shines,  
A spicy odor blows from all the pines,  
And snowflakes flutter lightly in the air.  
Now that the Christmas spirit's everywhere,  
Instead of fancy greetings, frilled and new,  
A good old MERRY CHRISTMAS is sent to all of you.

—Helen Herckt.

### Former Centralites Honored in New Book Published by Minneapolis High Script Club

The Script club of the West high school, Minneapolis, Minn., has edited a book of high school poems written by students. Central feels greatly honored in having four former students represented in this book. They are Betty Fradenburg, Beatrix Manley, Virginia Wilcox, and Christine McGaffin, all recent graduates of Central high school. Following is a poem from each:

"AND OUR OLD MEN SHALL DREAM DREAMS"  
By Christine McGaffin  
"And our old men shall dream dreams  
Seeking with mellowed hands  
To sweep the mist  
That swirls before their eyes.  
Thick, vast, and white,  
The mist moves, ever  
Sweeping and swirling,  
Ever hiding from the dreamers  
Their immortality.  
One dream is theirs,  
One dull and cloddish dream.  
Yet when those hands  
Have drooped,  
The heavy mist ascends,  
And melts in moving."

"ON THE G. A. R. FIFE AND DRUM CORPS AS THEY STOOD PLAYING IN FRONT OF THE COURT HOUSE"  
By Beatrix Manley  
We stand, three frail old men, and  
play faint tunes,  
While thousands stare, or brush us  
by in harsh, bewildering haste;  
We play the songs which stirred  
men's blood to fire,  
We crack the whips which flicked a  
nation's ire,  
On our lips is the taste  
Of battle; dimly these great crowds  
which press  
So close on us with half-pitying scorn  
Are hazy figures on a blood-crazed  
plain,  
Smoke-swept; convulsing in wild din  
and stress.

"APRES TROIS ANS"  
After the French of Paul Verlaine  
By Betty Fradenburg  
Pushing aside the narrow portal, half  
unhinged,  
Which guards the entrance to a garden,  
dim  
With memories where the morning  
sun in joy  
Once spangled the flowers with a  
diamond gleam,  
I enter.  
It is all the same; the baggy willow  
chairs  
Still stand within the wine-clad bow-  
er's shade;  
The jet of water, once so silver-  
voiced,  
Falters in aging accents slow its  
plaint  
Of glitter.

"DUSTY WEEDS"  
By Virginia Wilcox  
The dusty weeds stand stiff in the  
breathless heat,  
The lazy insects swarm upon each  
leaf  
And from a mass a proud stalk lifts  
her face  
Grown coarse from waiting long. But  
bright with hope,  
She watches still the glory of her  
god.

### Alumni

- Mary Elizabeth Jonas '27, who is attending Smith college, will spend the Christmas vacation here.
- Lea Rosenblatt '27, who is now attending Wisconsin university at Madison, Wis., will arrive next Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents.
- Evelyn Adler '27, who is now attending Ohio university in Columbus, O., will spend the Christmas holidays with her parents.
- Betty Steinberg, Ida Tenenbaum, Frances Simon, all '27, and Grace Rosenthal '26, all of whom are attending the University of Nebraska, will arrive Wednesday evening to spend the Christmas vacation with their parents.
- Sophie Rosenstein '26, who is now attending the University of Omaha, teaches one day a week for practice at Washington grade school.
- Helen Baldwin '27, who is attending the University of Nebraska, spent part of the week-end in Omaha.
- William Lamoreaux '26, who is attending the University of Nebraska, spent the week-end in Omaha.
- Al Wadleigh and Gordon Reif, both '26, spent the week-end in Omaha.
- Anazillah Glaze, ex '28, who left Central to attend school in Chicago, Ill., will visit Omaha during the Christmas holidays.
- Neva Heflin '27, a student at Rockford college, will return home to spend the Christmas vacation tomorrow.
- Margaret Wigton '27, who is attending Hastings college, will return Wednesday to spend Christmas vacation with her parents.
- Katherine Allen '26, a student at the University of Colorado, returns tomorrow for the holidays.
- Sue Hall '26 will return from the University of Nebraska to spend the holidays at home.
- Wesley Waltz and Nancy Mitchell, both '27, are attending the University of Nebraska this semester.
- Virginia Jackson '27 is attending the University of Omaha this semester.
- Helen Cozad ex '28, who is attending Mt. Vernon Seminary will spend the Christmas vacation here.
- Lillian Field '27 will arrive here from Wisconsin on December 22 to spend the Christmas vacation.
- Among the Central alumni to come home for the holidays from Grinnell college are Edward Tyler '27, Arthur Cox '26, Bernard Tebbins '27, Ruth Gordan, Lois Horn, and Ruth Willard, all '25, and Nora Perley '26.
- John: "Why do girls always smile at me?"
- Mary Jo: "Perhaps they are to polite to laugh out loud."—The Manhattan Mentor, Manhattan high school, Manhattan, Kan.

### Central Classics

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

### CONFESSIONS OF A JUNIOR ESSAY READER

By Tillie Lerner  
Aeropagittica  
Proposition: The greatest liberty is that of the press; the thing of supreme importance in human life is reason; and free choice is essential in morality.

Long and sonorous, almost unreadable in places, but showing a greatness in thought, a magnificence in style, and a vividness in phrasing—such is Aeropagittica. But Milton's defense of that noble principle, free press, is loose, disjointed, formless, and too long. It does not show careful structure; it is jagged, uneven in places; the coherence is not plain, and it doesn't ring true. I don't see the champion of "That liberty which is the nurse of great wits," or the man who said that knowledge is the true protection from evil. Instead I see the dour, bitter old Puritan and father who would not educate his daughters because "one tongue is enough." Now where are your champions of liberty? No wonder they ran away from home, poor, unfortunate girls. How did they know their dad was a classic? He probably seemed the longest winded papa on the street, and yet they were compelled to read him long things they did not understand, or write down his longer poetry about nymphs and shepherds, when they wanted to go out and look in ship windows, discuss clothes with other girls, go upstairs and fix their hair—anything except to follow their dad's dictates. Yes, Milton is spoiled for me.

### CONFESSIONS OF AN OPIUM EATER

Proposition: The history of the migration of the Tartars.  
De Quincey is incomparable—for his rhytmical, impassioned, rich, imaginative prose poetry; for his rare individuality; for the development and sublimity of feeling. He is a mixture of the Bible, Rachel Lindsay, Amy Lowell, Donn Byrne, and well—his own distinctive self. De Quincey holds the attention like a piece of noble music. The passages in which he reaches the most sublime and exultant heights are full of gentle, swelling undulations of sound; of beautiful melodiousness, each word painting a melody—my powers of description and vocabulary are inadequate for describing his works. Only by reading them can the feeling be gotten.  
The "Confessions of an Opium Eater" is especially interesting to any student of modern psychology because of the author's knowledge of the effects of opium and his interest in the workings of the mind.  
The "Revolt of the Tartars" should be studied in English IV along with the other great epics—it is a history of the migration of a Tartar nation, moving in an irresistible march across the continent. Although it is supposed to be plain prose history, it has the feeling and music of a great poem and the breathless interest of a novel.  
I don't want to criticize De Quincey. There is too much adornment in places for plain prose, and I am sometimes lost in his great parentheses, but he is vivid, he has a really fine sense of humor, and he never carries a point too far.  
De Quincey has been a rewarding experience. He has suggested new possibilities of expression to me. Yes, he is incomparable.

### Date Dope

- Friday, December 16—Central Committee, 128 at 2:46.
- Monday, December 19—Basket Ball, Genoa Indians at Genoa.
- Tuesday, December 20—Basket Ball, Albion at Albion.
- Monday, December 19, to Monday, January 2—Christmas vacation.
- Monday, January 2—Gym club, 415 at 3.
- Tuesday, January 3—Reyna Spanish club, 439 at 3.
- Lambda Tau, 439 at 7:45 p. m.
- Wednesday, January 4—Boys' French club, 439 at 8 a. m.
- Le Cercle Francais, 439 at 8 a. m.
- Thursday, January 5—Interclub Council, 439 at 8 a. m.
- Central Colleens, 445 at 3.
- Junior Hi-Y, Y. M. C. A. at 6 p. m.
- Friday, January 6—Central Committee, 128 at 2:46.
- Senior Hi-Y, Y. M. C. A. at 6 p. m.

### One of Latest Books in Library

MULTITUDE AND SOLITUDE  
By John Masfeld

From the author's box in a crowded London theater to a deserted village in the center of the sleeping sickness district of savage Africa is the sudden shift in atmosphere of this unusual book by John Masfeld, author of "The Everlasting Mercy," "The Widow in the Bye Street," "Captain Margaret," and other novels.

The story deals with the life and thoughts of Roger Naldrett, an English writer who has had the misfortune of producing an unsuccessful play. After being forced to sit through an evening of hoots and hisses from the audience, he decides to go to Ireland, his home, to stimulate his discouraged mind. Only on arriving there does he discover that Ottalie Fawcett, the woman he loves, was drowned in a shipwreck. This particular tragedy does not fall upon the reader as suddenly as it might, as it is too well foreshadowed.

After a disheartening series of misfortunes, Naldrett, who has, in a peculiar fashion, become interested in sleeping sickness, seizes an opportunity to go to Africa with Lionel Hazeltine, a pseudo-scientist. The remainder of the book describes the lonely horror of a squalid native village whose inhabitants are wretchedly wasting away in sleeping sickness, the crashing fury of tropical storms, and the fever ridden horror of the jungle swamps.

The story is largely psychological, revealing the fancies and thoughts of the two men's fever-clogged brains. On the whole the story is unusual, vivid, and full of remarkable descriptions.

—Caroline Sachs.

### Company Dope

The corporals of Companies A, B, C, E, and F have taken their objective tests. Corporals in A, B, and C took the tests a week ago Wednesday, while those in E and F took them Monday.

While the corporals were away in E and F, the sergeants took charge of their squads and drilled them on the manual and the objectives.

Company F is still in the lead in the ad contest, with D second, B third, C fourth, E fifth, A sixth, and Band last.

The officers and sergeants are beginning to practice up on the second objective. Tests for this objective will be held soon.

All the Father and Son banquet tickets were turned in to Lieutenant Beal on Monday.

Large attendance was urged for the joint Hi-Y-meeting held Thursday.

Company B made a remarkable jump in the ad contest. From next to last to third place is not so bad, according to Bob Vierling, top soak.

It is rumored that the two star Titans, Amos Wright and Clyde W. D. Spearmint Drew, are being beseeched by Andrew Towl to allow him to enter their exclusive society. Towl meets few of the requirements.

Results of the inspection were announced Thursday. At the first of the week there was some speculation as to whether Company B or the Band would win.

### Thither and Yon

Forty-three students of Marshalltown senior high school attain second period honor roll. The sophomores lead the roll with 19 students. There was a market increase from the first six weeks.

The cast for "The Romancers," the February class play of the Hillsborough high school, of Tampa, Fla., has been selected. Twenty-two students will take part.

She: "Hurry up, we'll be late for the party."  
He: "What time is it?"  
She: "My watch isn't going."  
He: "Oh, wasn't it invited?"—The Orange and Blue, Cleveland high school, St. Louis, Mo.

Betty Free, a junior in Central, is buying all kinds of Christmas wreaths for this year. Any students who know of material of this kind will be able to find a market upon seeing her.

### Junior, Senior Hi-Y Groups Hold Meeting

Clubs of Entire City Assemble at "Y"—Final Meet Before Christmas

#### Bednar Presides

As a grand finale to one of the best Hi-Y years in the history of the organization and as a fitting climax to the end of the first year of rule by Claire G. Fairchild, Omaha boys' Hi-Y secretary, a joint banquet of all of the Hi-Y's in the city of Omaha was held at the Y. M. C. A. last Wednesday at 6 o'clock.

The banquet was held at the Y. M. C. A. in the Hi-Y dining room, where an eight-piece orchestra, the Day and Knight orchestra, entertained during the banquet. The orchestra is composed of boys from all of the high schools of Omaha. Central's representatives were Harman Stewart, who played the saxophone, and Robert Day, who presided over the drums. James Bednar, vice-president of the Central Senior Hi-Y, presided at the banquet.

Adjourning to the Y. W. C. A. auditorium, Dr. Elmer B. Whitcomb, who came from St. Joseph, Mo., especially for the banquet, was the principal speaker. The subject of Dr. Whitcomb's talk was "Christmas," Dr. Whitcomb was a former resident of Omaha.

Another feature of the featureful meeting was a song, "O Little Town of Bethlehem," and other Christmas carols by Marian Fischer. Miss Fischer, who is well known to all radio listeners of station WOW, recently won the Nebraska state-wide vocal contest, held at the Woodman of the World building over station WOW.

At the meeting at the Y. W. C. A., Roger Chastain, president of the Benson Hi-Y, was the presiding officer. Here, as at the Y. M. C. A., intense school enthusiasm was shown by the songs and yells given by the various delegations.

Tickets for the meeting could be purchased for 40 cents till Tuesday night and after that were sold for 50 cents. There will be no meetings of the Central Hi-Y clubs till January, due to the Christmas vacation.

### Faculty to Add Subjects Next Term

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A new class in the art department for all those interested in art work will be opened. Any one may take this subject whether or not he has taken any art before, regardless of his grade. Any graduating seniors needing one credit for graduation may take Music Appreciation I in order to make up that lacking credit. History of Music will also be taught as a full credit subject, and may also make up a credit necessary for June graduation.

Subjects lists were distributed among all of the teachers last Tuesday for tallying the number of students enrolling for each subject.

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### Central's Boosting Units

**LAMBDA TAU**  
The evolution of brass instruments from the period before the Christian era to modern times was the topic of discussion at the Lambda Tau meeting last Tuesday evening. Adrian Dunn '29 gave an interesting talk on three brass instruments, the French horn, the trumpet, and the trombone. "The French hornpipe today is a descendant of the horns used in battle before the Christian era. The trumpet resembles the clarion used in the eleventh century. In the eighteenth century, a mouthpiece and keys were added so that the chromatic scale could be played. The trombone is originated from the buisnye—on the same order as the trumpet, only longer. The slide was added." These statements are some of the fact which Adrian gave. The topic for discussion next meeting, which will be January 3, 1928, is the "Practicability of War."

**GERMAN CLUB**  
Expecting a surprise and a good time, the German society met in room 49 last Tuesday. Lois Small and Freda Bolker read stories written in German, telling how Christmas is celebrated in other countries. Dorothy Dinneen played a piano solo, and Regina Maag recited a German poem.

The German I students who were invited to attend this meeting were pleasantly surprised by a German play written by Margaret Gloe. The characters were portrayed by Hermine Green, Helen Poynter, Nell Adams, Carl Haase, and Richard Geisler.

**FRENCH CLUB**  
"Help the poor" was the motto that was adopted by the Boys' and Girls' French clubs at a joint meeting in room 439 before school Wednesday. It was also decided that the girls would give \$7.00 and that the boys would give \$4.50 to buy food for a poor family. A decision was also made to give \$7.50 to the Inter-club Council, assessing each member 15 cents.

**MONITORS' COUNCIL**  
To remove all permanents in the library who cause excessive disturbance was the decision of the Mon-

### Late? Tough!

"Go to the front of the room!" says a certain English teacher in 215 every second and sixth hour, and an embarrassed little boy or girl stalks up to the front of the room and spends the whole hour on the front seat. But no one can really object to this harsh treatment because the guardian of the study hall warns the children that if they are not in their seats by the time the bell rings they will be counted tardy and must sit up in the front of the room.

Can't one just imagine little E. V. Robins blushing and coughing and timidly walking up to the front of room 215 filled with laughing school children! Oh, dear! But the teacher has the system, and maybe after vacation everyone will be in his or her place on time, so cheer up, front seats—it won't be long now!

Directing the radio station WOW is the job of three former Central boys, Harold Palmer '22, Lester Palmer '19, and Eugene Konecky.

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### Dad-Lad Banquet Proves Successful

Large Number of Fathers, Sons, Turn Out for Annual Event

To bring about closer relationship between Central boys and their fathers was the purpose of the Father and Son banquet held at the Ad-Sell restaurants at 6 o'clock on Tuesday evening. Over 1,000 fathers and sons attended. Harry A. Tukey, president of the Central Parent-Teacher association, presided. Charles R. Gardner, secretary of Aksarben, led some songs. Tracy-Brown's orchestra provided music throughout the dinner, and Wayne Fargeson sang some songs.

Frank Latenser, a former Central graduate, spoke about the relationship between the fathers and sons. He gave two examples of father and son companionship that brought out his point. "Stan and Dale," Central's famous singing combination, sang two songs and were clapped back for three more. Arthur Dahl and his dancing partners gave a short number. Alfred Heald, state contest winner, gave two clarinet solos.

**SPANISH CLUB**  
Miriam Aye and Frances Lefholtz singing "My Blue Heaven," Della Jane Bowman and Harriett Harris giving readings, and community singing by the Spanish club, made up the program at the Spanish club meeting in room 439 Tuesday afternoon immediately after school. The club also discussed its plans for the Christmas basket to which it is going to contribute the toys.

**GIRL RESERVES**  
That the spirit of Christmas may reach the unfortunate who must spend Christmas in hospitals, the Omaha Girl Reserves will visit all local hospitals on Christmas Eve and sing carols. Edna Izen, of Technical high school, is in charge of securing trucks for transportation, while Mrs. Walter Dale Clark, prominent in Omaha's music circles, will lead the singing.

### 'Prince of Pilsen' to Have Opening Evening of Jan. 5

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### Among the Centralites

Mary Jane Lemere '28 will spend the Christmas vacation visiting in Villisca, Ia.

Dorothy Dawson '28 will spend part of the Christmas vacation in Rochester, Minn.

Jeanne Howell '30 is in the Wise Memorial hospital recovering from an operation on her leg. She probably will not return to school this semester.

Virginia Ralph '29 visited friends in Sioux City last week-end.

Principal J. G. Masters spent last Friday in Lincoln.

Isabelle Neumann, office clerk, will spend Christmas in Randolph, Ia.

Dorothy Impey '28 will spend Christmas vacation in Chicago.

Alton Harris '29 will spend Christmas vacation in Evanston, Ill.

Janice Palm '31 will spend Christmas vacation in Chicago.

Maxine Sleeper '28 was absent from school last week for several days on account of illness.

Melvin Levin '29, and Arthur Redfield '28 attended the Central-Underwood basketball game at Underwood, Ia., Wednesday night.

Betty Baughn '29 will spend Christmas vacation visiting relatives in Denver, Colo.

J. G. Schmidt will spend the Christmas vacation with his family in Minnesota.

Since Council Bluffs schools and Technical high school have dismissed for Christmas vacation, teachers of these schools visited Central this week.

Miss Martina Swenson, English teacher, was absent from school Monday on account of illness.

Louise Styles '28 returned to school Tuesday after an illness of more than a week.

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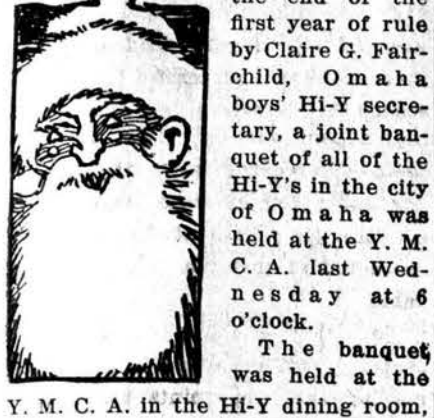
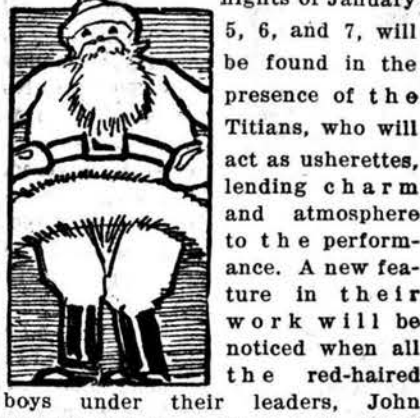
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## Coach Ryan Times Ducks in Practice

Swimmers Show Good Form for Early Season Splash

### Point System Changed

Brushing the dust off his stopwatch for the first time this year, Coach Denny Ryan timed a few of his proteges at the Knights of Columbus tank, Friday, Monday and Tuesday. No world's records were broken or even endangered, but some exceptionally good records were made for this early in the season.

The Purple splashes will face about the same menu this year as last. A home and home agreement has been made with all of the Omaha schools, and plans are under way to complete a similar agreement with Lincoln high. A change in the awarding of points in the dual meets was agreed upon at a meeting of the swimming coaches. Henceforth, six points will be given for first and three for second. Formerly five points were given for first and three for second.

### Time Good

Bill Kelley, brother of Whitney Kelley, one of last season's many luminaries, and Charlie Gallup, state champion backstroke, made the best time in the 50-yard free style, with 31 seconds flat. Hoenig, Gardner, Cannam, Morris, Cotton, and Powell came close on the heels of these men. Kelley is a freshman with a future ahead of him, while Gallup is a junior with a state-wide reputation as a swimmer and diver.

Joe Wilfong, breaststroke artist, clipped off the hundred in 1:32.2. Captain "Myre" Thomas was timed unplaced in the 100-yard backstroke in 1:26, fair time. Gallup has not been timed yet, but he is still swimming like a champion should.

A huge gap must be filled in diving, for Palmer Gallup, last year's star, is no longer swimming for the school on the hill. His younger brother blossomed forth as a prospect last March when he got into the finals of the state meet. One "Jimmy" Morris '30 will make a strong bid for a berth as diver along with Cotton, Glover, Hanson, Powell, and Swinning.

### Many Plungers

Connolly, Faire, Epstein, Crouch, Shukert, Kerr, Poff, and a few others have been making rapid strides toward plunging fame, but they will have a mighty hard time to fill the vacant shoes of Larkin and Smith, the boys in Purple, who thrilled the swimming world last year by breaking a record or so every time they got against any kind of competition. The coaches and captain are working exceptionally hard to get the green team in shape for the first meet. Forty-two men still remain on the squad, but 10 or 12 more will be dropped after vacation.

## Nebraska Coaches Pass Eight Semester Ruling

In spite of the opposition of many Nebraska high schools, the eight semester and age limit rules were passed by the Nebraska coaches at a meeting at Lincoln last Saturday. The eight semester rule provides that no boy can take part in athletics for more than four years, and the other ruling is that no player can take part in school athletics after he is 20 years old.

The eight semester ruling will affect several Central football fellows but the age limit will not have any effect on athletics at Central this year. Cackley and Levin, guards, Clancy, halfback, and Cooksey, fullback, will be ineligible to compete in football next year as a result of the four-year ruling.

## 'Boys Should Avoid Strenuous Training'—Farmer Burns, Former Wrestling Champ

"Boys who are training to be wrestlers should not attempt any strenuous training," said Farmer Burns, former world's wrestling champion and prominent national wrestling instructor, when interviewed in his private gymnasium at his home in Dundee last Saturday morning. Instead, he says, they should practice more on fundamentals, rope-jumping, track work, and other such exercises.

Though he is now an elderly man, Farmer Burns still possesses a wonderful physique. He has wrestled over 6,000 matches in his career, and has succeeded in winning all but seven of these. From 1895 to 1897 he was heavyweight champion of the world, and has never been defeated by a light heavyweight. When wrestling, he weighed only 170 pounds and won many matches by falls from many men weighing over 300 pounds.

When asked where he got his nickname, "Farmer," he replied, "When I was a young man in my twenties I had received a pass to Chicago with a load of cattle. Many things of the city interested me, but none as much as an advertisement of "Strangler" Lewis, who was appearing at a local theatre, stating that he would give \$25 to any one who could stay 15 minutes in the ring with him.

"The next day I went on to the stage sockfooted and wearing overalls, to meet the champion. After I had stayed the 15 minutes with Lewis and had collected the prize, the newspapers christened me "Farmer Burns," the name which has stayed with me for the past 40 years.

"Wrestling develops the body better than any other sport," continued the wrestler, "and since good physical condition is necessary to every boy, I believe all boys should know something about wrestling." Mr. Burns is a pal of all the boys and instructs thousands of fellows on wrestling through the mail. At the present time Farmer Burns has 90,000 men and boys learning wrestling from him by mail. During the time he has given private lessons he

## Schmidt, Barnhill Train Class Fives

### Many Men from Last Year's Second Team Will Play with First Squad

While Coach F. Y. Knappe is running his varsity basket ball squad through daily workouts at the Knights of Columbus gym, the second string five, which is slated to be under the control of J. G. Schmidt, is still in a stage of embryo. Due to officiating in the open "flippit-ball" tourney, which is in progress in the north gym, Schmidt has found no time for second team drills.

According to present plans, class teams will be organized, Coach Schmidt instructing freshmen and sophomores, and "Uncle Gilbert" Barnhill tutoring seniors and juniors. The usual class tournament will, in all probability, be held again this year.

As to second team prospects for 1927, losses are the main guideposts which show themselves at present. Clyde Clancy, Clary Johnson, Ogie Lungren, Cliff Montgomery, and "Al" Chadwell, are a few of the second liners who have advanced to Knappe's crew.

All second team games will probably be played just before the first team struggles again this year, as was the case last year.

### Marrow Will Go to Nebraska

"Wally" Marrow, another former Central all-state half, who dropped out of school last semester, is expected to enroll at the university in January, and, by taking work in summer school, to be eligible for football next year. "Wally" lettered in the gridiron game as a sophomore.

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## Syndicates Win School Tourney from Monarchs

Score Even at Half—Bell, Dodson, Smith Star for Conquerors

### Both Teams Play Hard

Before a frenzied crowd of rooters, loudly yelling for either the Monarchs or the Syndicates, the latter team copped a close game from the Monarchs by the score of 21 to 17 in the west gym last Wednesday night, to win the open tournament championship.

During the first quarter with Condit sinking the first point for the Monarchs, and Masters following up with a field goal a few minutes later, the game looked all Monarch. However, Smith and Bell caged some pretty shots during the first quarter and the second quarter to knot the count at 10 all at the end of the half.

### Monarchs Fighting Till End

Both teams went out on the floor at the end of the intermission with a do or die look on their faces, but the dusky lads proved too good at the art of slinging baskets. With the score against them at the end of the third quarter, the Monarchs came back on the floor to make a fighting finish, but with Smith and Bell sinking basket after basket, the Monarchs were forced to come off the field in second place.

With less than two minutes to play, Condit sank a long shot to put the count at 21 to 17 where it remained till the fatal whistle brought to the end one of the closest and hardest fought contests in the history of the open tournament at Central. Smith, Dodson and Bell were the leading players on the winning team while Masters and Condit excelled for the losers.

### Olympics Win Consolations

In the preliminary game to the main contest, the Olympics won the consolation title of the tourney in a walk-away contest by the score of 23 to 8. The Jackrabbits defeated the Flyers and the Olympics defeated the Terriers in order to participate in the final round of play.

By virtue of defeating the Rinkeydinks by the score of 20 to 2, Tuesday night, the Monarchs won the right to participate in the championship battle. The Syndicate had drawn a bye. The referee of the championship contest was Mark Thomas, while Coach F. Y. Knappe officiated as umpire, and "Uncle" Gilbert Barnhill held the watch.

Every member of the championship team, the Syndicates, will receive a bronze medal with the picture of a basketball player on the front of it and the words, "Open tournament champions '28" on the back. A picture of the team was taken for the O-Book on Thursday.



Farmer Burns

has taught personally and instructed 2,800 young men.

Farmer Burns has such a muscular neck, that no one can possibly choke him. In a good many cases he has let many powerful men attempt to choke him but none could succeed. In one instance a rope was tied around his neck and he was suspended, but he was not even hurt.

## Parker Davis, Johnny Wright Cage Captains

Before the basket ball game at Underwood, Ia., last Wednesday night, Coach F. Y. Knappe announced that Parker Davis and Johnny Wright would be the joint leaders of the Central cagers for the coming year. The plan is to have one captain officiate in alternate games, so as Parker held the role of captain in the contest last Wednesday night, Johnny will hold down that position in the next game.

Both men won letters in basket ball last year and were prominent in other athletics. Parker Davis, besides copping a letter in basket ball, won the honor to wear an "R," the reserve letter presented in football, and was also a letterman in the swat sport.

Johnny Wright, otherwise known as "red-hot," "Amos," and by several other cognomens, is one of the very few three lettermen at Central now. He won his circles as a member of the football, basket ball and track teams. Besides being prominent in athletics, "Amos" is a major in the regiment and president of the Junior Honor society.

The next contest the basketballers will engage in will be one on Saturday afternoon, when they play a team composed of alumni of Central high school.

### Fouts Makes Frosh Quintet

From Urbana comes the news that Leon Fouts, star center on last year's quint, is earning a position at guard on the University of Illinois freshman basket ball team.

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### Cagers Will Travel

While other Centralites are studying hard on their lessons over the Christmas vacation in order to receive "A" grades during the new year, or are industriously working to earn a little Christmas money, or are merely "lazing," the lucky members of the Central high cage squad will be sleeping in small town hotels or traveling around the large state of Nebraska on their barnstorming tour, which covers three Nebraska towns.

Starting out on Monday, Dec. 19, the Knappe-coached basketballers will have the Genoa Indians as their first foe. On the next night the basketballers will journey to Albion and play the local high school team there. The final game of the tour will be played against Newman Grove on Wednesday, and the basketballers will journey homeward Thursday.

## Nebraska State Throws Banquet for Omaha Men

A banquet for all the senior athletes who received letters in high school football during the past year at the various Omaha high schools, was held at the University club by the University of Nebraska on Thursday, Dec. 8.

R. B. Van Orsdel, former president of the school board, was the speaker of the evening. Mr. Van Orsdel gave his reasons for thinking that the men who composed the University of Nebraska football team were good enough to be the All-American team this year.

Most of the University of Nebraska players who received letters attended the banquet, among these being "Blue" Howell and Vint Lawson, former Central football players. Ray Randels, giant Husker tackle, and Glenn Presnell, Nebraska's only representative on the 1927 All-American team, were absent due to the fact that it was necessary for them to do some outside studying in order to participate in the East-West game in California, which will be played soon.

The Central seniors, graduating in June, who attended the banquet, were John Wright, Wesley Laugel, Parley Hyde, Roscoe Haynie, Leslie Huff, Moorhead Tukey, and Harlan Haulman. Although Harold Pollack and Clarence Johnson were invited to attend the banquet, they were unable to be present.

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## Five Vets Report to Coach Bedell

Season Opens for Tumblers in Near Future—New Mat Purchased

Five veteran "massage artists" responded to Coach R. B. Bedell's call for wrestlers Monday and, from first showings, the Central mat crew should be right up among 'em when the season opens on Dec. 21.

Last year the Central stranglers barely pulled through a mighty tough schedule. "Big Lowell" Fouts, Purple heavyweight, was the only Capital Hill lad to survive the early rounds of the city mat tourney held at Tech high. However, with such men as Peterson, Brown, Levin, Smith, and Stockham back within the fold, improved undoubtedly by one year's experience, Coach Bedell should have a fairly optimistic outlook.

In addition to having a goodly number of "vets" in stock for this season, Coach Bedell will be endowed with a real, permanent wrestling mat. It was found necessary last year to borrow one from some other institution, but now the boys can drop each other just as hard as they please and at the same time avoid cracking skulls.

Charlie Saxton, 135-pounder, "Young" Race, 95-pound lad, and Dick Sevick, 135 pounds, are three of the outstanding first year men. With Race and F. Smith, Bedell's other lightweight, in the running, a good chance can be conceded the Dodge team to cop high honors in the 95-pound division. Smith last year made valiant efforts but failed to qualify for the city-wide competition.

## Former Rivals Get Captaincies of Grid Team at Nebraska

Another honor was added to Central's already long list when "Blue" Howell, former Central all-state half, was elected to be one of the captains of next year's University of Nebraska football team.

The other captain will be Elmer Holm, guard, former Tech high star. Holm and Howell were bitter rivals in their high school days, but are the best of friends now. Many of Howell's gains through the line have been made through a hole opened by Holm.

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## Central Cagers Defeat Iowans in Close Game

Purple Five Dedicate New Gym by Trimming Underwood

### Rich, Davis, Feature

Although the Central basketballers were just supposed to dedicate the new gymnasium of the Underwood high school of Underwood, Ia., they went a step farther and dedicated themselves to a successful basket ball season by defeating the Underwood high school team by a 25 to 22 score. As the score indicates, the contest was hotly fought from start to finish and the play kept the spectators on their feet during a majority of the game.

To Harry Rich, who played the center position, goes the honor of making the first points for Central and from this time, although threatened several times, the Central cagers were never headed. During the first quarter each of the starting five for Central caged a basket while the Iowans tallied two field goals and a free throw.

In the second quarter the Underwood aggregation scored another five points while Central was ringing up six. Something the Underwood coach told the Iowa boys during the intermission between halves must have got their goats for they crept up to within two points of the Eagles when the third quarter ended with the count 21 to 19 in favor of the Purple.

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