

Debate Team Breaks Even in Dual Meet

Negative Team of Oest, Kieser, and White Defeats Lyons High School

Two Questions Used

Central Loses Two Out of Three Debates Held With Fremont High School

Splitting even, the negative team consisting of George Oest, Donald White, and Elizabeth Kieser, won the practice debate with Lyons high school, Lyons, Nebr., December 12, while the affirmative team, Harold Saxe, Joe Fellman, and Rose Stein, lost to Lyons' negative. The question debated was: Resolved that the cabinet form of government is preferable to the presidential form in the United States.



Three Debates Held

Three debates were held last Friday with Fremont, Nebraska. Central's negative teams, Donald Lintzman, Leonard Posly, and Dick Anderson; Henry Magzamin, Harry Weinberg, and Keith Wilson, debated with Fremont in the afternoon in our auditorium. Central lost both of these debates by a 1-0 decision. Central's affirmative team, Russell Hollister, Joe Fellman, and Harold Saxe, defeated Fremont's negative speakers. These debates were on the Nicaraguan question.

League Debate to Be Held

The last Missouri league debate for this term will be held today with Creighton-Prep on the league cabinet question. This league is one in which each team meets the other members of the league twice in dual debates. The schools participating in the league this year are Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln, Technical, South, Creighton Prep, and Central.

At the last meeting of the Debate club it was decided that the members of the club would go through either Drescher Brothers' plant or the Nebraska Power plant in order to earn some money for the treasury.

Miss Mary Angood's Art Classes Make Christmas Gifts

Santa Claus' helpers have been so very busy making last minute presents lately that Miss Mary Angood's art classes have volunteered their help. Tooled leather work, batiks, and block prints are a great deal harder to make, and take more time than dolls and tin soldiers, too.

"All of the classes are doing unusual work this year," said Miss Angood. "There seems to be quite a tendency towards modernistic designs, but it is all very good for original student work. For the first time we are trying work with jewelry. Most types take so much equipment that we can't try them, but the costume design class is making etched bracelets in German silver this year. Since the work is done with acids it is very exacting and rather difficult."

The Art I classes are doing illuminations for manuscripts. They take well known quotations and print and illuminate them in the style of the old manuscripts that were made in the monasteries in the Middle Ages. Other classes are making transparent pictures by painting a bright design on glass and backing it with tin foil. Different students are doing batik work, making scarfs and handkerchiefs of all sizes. One special project is a batik hanging using a modern design of deer, with a very unusual tree. This is done on white velvet.

Several people are making large block prints for wall hangings, some as large of two by three feet. One girl is painting a design on the founce of a black velvet dress. "Altogether I am very proud of the work that has been done," declared Miss Angood, "and the mothers, fathers, sisters, and brothers who receive these presents will be very lucky indeed."

Miss Zora Shields Changes Monitors Around in Library

Plan Made So As to Distribute Responsibility of a Monitor

All Monitors Changed

Changes have been made recently in the library monitorships, in an effort to carry out the new plan of the librarians to equalize the responsibility of the monitors. According to the arrangements, the students in charge of permanent tables have been shifted to registration tables have been transferred to the permanent ones.

The standing list of monitors is as follows:

First hour; A, John McMillan; B, Maxine Shepard; C, Gertrude Broadfoot; D, Robert Saxton; E, Janet Carson; F, Sol Fellman; G, Grace Peake; H, Evelyn Stout; J, Beulah Belzer; K, Carletta Clark; and L, Marjorie Drahos.

Second hour; A, Harry Stafford; B, Marvin Rexford; C, Alice Lynch; D, Mary Louise Cummins; E, Esther Johnson; F, Wilma Janak; G, Robert Glover; H, Edward Callin; J, Randolph Claassen; K, Charles Altman; L, Donald Jones; M, Fred Segur; N, Phyllis Carlberg; O, Walford Marrs; P, Grace Haney; Q, Alice Taylor; and R, Russell Hollister.

Third hour; A, Elizabeth McMahon; B, Florence Woodworth; C, Esthyre Steinberg; D, Elizabeth Kieser; E, Dorothy Strimple; F, Alfred Heald; G, Geraldine Van Arsdale; H, Jeannette Hoenshell; J, Margaret Henessey; K, Helen Baldwin; L, Frederick McFarland; M, (Turn to Page Three)

Spanish Club Gives Presents to Family

This Is Second Time This Year Club Has Helped Poor Families

Food, clothing, and toys are to be given to a poor family at Christmas by the Spanish club, it was decided at the meeting of that organization, after school Tuesday, December 18, in room 439. John Mecham is the chairman of the committee in charge of the gift. This will be the second time this term that they have helped a family, the first occasion being at Thanksgiving.

The Bible version of the birth of Christ was read in Spanish by seven members of the club, each person reading a portion of the story. After this, the club sang Christmas carols in Spanish.

The toys brought by the members were grouped together, and later each person selected a gift. Some left them to be taken to the poor family. After the exchange of gifts, refreshments were served.

Complete German Course Offered

German II, IV, VI, to be Given As Full Credit Subjects in January

The German language, that in which some of the greatest of the world's modern literature has been written, is being offered in Central high school as a full credit subject for the coming semester. German II, IV, and VI will be taught, and if enough students wish it, German I will be added to this list.

German is absolutely essential in the study of medicine and bio-chemistry as well as other sciences. Central students considering taking these courses should plan to take at least two years of the language. According to Miss Marie Schmidt, teacher of German, several medical students in Omaha universities have found it necessary to tutor in this subject in order to be able to continue in the study of this interesting language.

Grace Kropf, Central graduate attending the Northwestern university, said in a letter to Miss Schmidt that although a minimum of two years of German is required at the university in order to continue her work, she was allowed to go on with a year and a half of the work because of the unusual amount covered in Central's course.



Holiday Greetings!

May all of you have many opportunities to make love, peace, quiet, good cheer, and good will real in your own lives by giving so much of these to others.

J. E. Masters

Cadets Capture Honor Medals in Spelldowns

Captains Change Companies for Day to Take Charge of Drill

The second spelldown of the year was held last Monday afternoon during drill, at which time the captains of the various companies changed for the day and took command of different companies for the spell-downs. Wilbur Wilhelm had Company A; Fred Hamilton, Company B; John McMillan, Company C; Glen Rhodes, Company D; Paul Wiemer, Company E; and Arthur Pinkerton, Company D. William Willard commanded the band, as they do not change commanders.

In Company A, Sergeant Fisher took first place with privates Sawyer and Carrigan finishing second and third respectively. Corporal Melchior took first place in Company B, while private Voss was second and Corporal Rich, third. Sergeant Nelson, private Foy and Sergeant Houcke placed first, second, and third respectively in Company C, the competition being very close.

In Company D, Corporal Raymond took first place after a heated struggle with Private Elliott, who took second. Third place went to private Gaiha Pegg. In Company E, Corporal Nathaniel Hollister again captured first place, with Sergeant Byron taking second. Corporal Kelly took third place. In Company F, Corporal Rhooy took first place, with Sergeant Kent and Corporal Cheff, second and third respectively.

The last freshmen standing, who get to wear the third place medals but do not receive any points, are as follows: Company A, Robert Herring; Company B, Myron Olson; Company C, Ealon Stander; Company D, Lee Roberts; Company E, Dexter Nyward, and in Company F, Melvin Somers.

Alice Putnam Makes Good Use of Training Gained at Central

As president of the drama association and designer of all the costumes for use in the Christmas play to be given by the students of Mills college where she is sophomore, Alice Putnam '27 is putting to use the foundation in costume design which she gained while at Central. Alice specialized in art in her high school course, and was prominent in artistic circles, being president of Greenwich Villagers and Art Editor of the O-Book during her senior year.

Among Alice's other activities at Central are: Sergeant-at-arms of the Mathematics society, secretary of the Interclub Council, a member of the Junior Honor society, junior class reporter, and representative of Central in the State Scholarship contest three times.

Project Committee Sells Candy at Opera

Almost four dollars was made from the candy sale that the Project committee sponsored at the Friday night performance of the opera. This money will be used to send two contestants to Lincoln next spring. Those who helped sell were: Elizabeth Kieser '29, Thelma Brown '31, Helen McCague '31, Anna Marie Dolphin '31, and Eva Mae Livermore '31.

F. Almy Charms Student Audience With Art Lecture

Uses Roman Art As Subject of Third Lecture in Series of Six

Several Slides Used

Taking Roman art as his subject, Frank Almy, assistant director of the Omaha Art Institute, charmed his audience on November 13 in the auditorium with his lecture and colored slides in the third of a series of six talks given for the benefit of Central students. The remaining three lectures will be given at the Art Institute in the Aquila Court.

Speaks on Pantheon

Mr. Almy spoke on the lack of originality in the Roman art and of the use of the Greek coupled with the arch. A striking example of this is found in the Pantheon, a temple built to the gods. The walls of this building are twenty feet in thickness and to relieve the great weight niches were made in which statues and other small art objects were placed.

Several slides of the "Baths" of the period were shown. Mr. Almy compared these to a glorified Omaha club, because of their elaborateness and their many departments. One very interesting picture showed clearly the manner in which the rooms were heated. Part of the floor had fallen in and the tiles which were once heated to give warmth to the room were still in place after several hundred years.

Uses Bust of Cicero

A novel bust of Cicero in which the realism was carried too far was one of the slides shown to illustrate the type of sculpture done during the height of the Roman supremacy. The development of elaborateness in architecture may be seen by the various columns and arches erected to commemorate military victories. The first of these to be erected were quite simple but later decorative backgrounds were added.

The remaining three lectures will be given at the Art Institute during the seventh hour. History and English students having seventh hour study will probably be excused and history classes meeting during the seventh hour may also be excused to attend this lecture.

MERRY

That lovely, joyful feeling caused by one of our scarce vacations, this time in celebration of

CHRISTMAS

the twenty-fifth of December, when the excited little freshmen wait up for Santa Claus,

AND

the sophomores begin to wonder if it really was the good old St. Nick, who gave them their gifts. Christmas is spoiled for the juniors, because they know at last that Santa is a myth, and

A

cynical senior is very apt to look at the bottom of the present for the price tag. However, everyone is

HAPPY

with a turkey dinner, holly, mistletoe, a Christmas tree, full, bulgy stockings, and

NEW

presents. However, Christmas ends, the tree sheds its needles, the holly withers, and it all is over until next

YEAR.

Members of Faculty Invoke Old St. Nick

Teachers Desire Unprocurable Gifts for Christmas Day Joy

There's Christmas in the air, in the shop windows, and in peoples' hearts. Even the teachers are planning what they want Santa Claus to bring them. And there's proof of that too. Yes, not so long ago the following dialogues were actually heard in Central's halls.

(Weekly Register reporter finds Miss Bozell and Mrs. Davies confabbing in room 127).

W. R. R. (This means Weekly Register reporter) "Good morning. And what is Santa Claus going to bring you?"

Miss Bozell, with a dangerous look in her eye. "Well, if the old man wants me to love him, he'd better bring me a Lincoln roadster, an ermine coat, a Russian coach hound, a villa in Florida, and a—"

Whereupon Mrs. Davies broke in. "Well, if he wants me to love him, he'd better deliver a Frigidaire or a trip to Paris."

Mrs. Jensen was positive and more so, when she said, "What do I want? I want to go home to Oregon, but there's a fat chance, yes, a fat chance."

When the reporter asked Mr. Kerrigan just what he was expecting, a happy look came over his face, and then he hesitated. "I don't know if I should tell you. You see I ask for it when it's my birthday, or Christmas, or any time and I never get it. But if you insist, well, it's \$1,000,000."

Just the same Mr. Masters expressed the popular Christmas feeling when he said, "I want everybody to have the very happiest Christmas ever."

New History Period Added to History II as a Supplement

In order to unify European history II and provide more time for study in detail of history III, the period of Absolutism in France and England, has been added to the course of study in European History II. Therefore, instead of beginning history III with England under James I and France under Henry IV, it will begin with the French Revolution and the Glorious Revolution of 1688.

"It supplements some of the material in European history II and helps make the III course less crowded," commented Miss Elizabeth Klewit on the change which took place this semester, "we are sure that it will prove more satisfactory than the old method." European history teachers have been planning and working out this alteration for the past two semesters.

"Flu" and "Grip" Cause Absences

Due to the "flu," grip, and other illnesses which are sweeping the city, more students than ever recorded before have been absent from school in the past few weeks. Miss Amanda Anderson, who has charge of the boys' excused, checked in 94 boys on Monday, December 10. Miss Anderson went on to say that many of the absences are now returning to school.

'29 Senior Meeting Adjourned Because of Poor Attendance

Senior Book Urged As It Would Contain All Features of O-Book

Money Being Returned

Due to the small attendance at the senior meeting held in room 215 Tuesday morning, no definite conclusion was reached concerning a senior book. Before business could be discussed, it was a requisite that 300 seniors be present. Since many are absent from school, the required number was not there and the meeting was adjourned without any business coming up.

Now a system of checking the seniors is being undertaken by the use of petitions. Also all seniors who have not purchased tickets are being checked in room 118 by Richard Hiller, circulation manager, and requested to buy tickets. A. J. Franklin, who is checking sales, began to return money to the underclassmen Wednesday morning. Seniors were asked to leave their money with Mr. Franklin until a definite decision could be reached.

All the interests of the senior class would be represented in a senior book. A senior album, senior officers and sponsors, faculty roster, publications, honor groups such as National Honor society, and Quill and Scroll, school productions, such as opera, and road show, senior athletes, senior military officers, administrative department, feature section, other senior honors, and seniors who are club presidents are the sections which would comprise a senior book.

German Club Holds Christmas Party

Santa Claus, Sheffel Katskee, Presides at Holiday Meeting

"Der Weihnachtsmann," or in plain English, Santa Claus, impersonated by Sheffel Katskee, presided at the German club's Christmas program in 215 Tuesday, December 18. Amusing ten-cent gifts were exchanged by the members, and the German I students, guests of the club, drew lots for three door prizes.

The program was conducted entirely in German. "Weihnachtszauber," or "Christmas Magic," a short play, was given by Louis Goldstone, Soldat (soldier), Sheffel Katskee, Humpelmann (jumping-jack), Hermine Green, Puppe (doll), and Vera Hollcroft, der junge Tag (Dawn). Henry Magzamin and Sheffel Katskee played a violin duet accompanied on the piano by June Goethe. "Der Tannenbaum," an original German story was read by Elizabeth Kieser, and Christmas songs were sung. Fudge and bonbons were served.

Miss Zora Shields Speaks at Meeting

"Buying Books As Gifts" Subject of Talk for Central Colleens

"Buying books as Christmas gifts solves many peoples' troubles," said Miss Zora Shields, Central high librarian, at the meeting of the Central Colleens Thursday after school in 445. Miss Shields, the chief speaker on the program, spoke on "Books as Christmas Gifts." She told how books can be lovely gifts when chosen wisely.

A Christmas play, "Her Christmas Hat," was presented by Miss Myrna Jones' VI hour expression IV class. Those taking part were Dorothy Dean, Betty Smith, Jane Wickersham, Miriam Leigh, Kathleen Eaton, Bernice Smetana, Jack Drew, Louis Drew, and George Lawson.

The service committee reported that the toys brought were to be given to the Salvation Army. The club voted to give \$10 from the treasury to the Good Fellows. Several old members were dropped after being absent from three meetings.

"We appreciated having Miss Shields talk to the girls for we know that she is a busy person, and her time is precious," said Miss Irma Costello, club sponsor.

Peppy Mass Meeting Held for Big Game

F. Y. Knapple, Coach of Basketball Delivers Speech on Supporting Team

Clancy Presides

Venetian Gondoliers Play Several Numbers; Frances Lefholtz Sings

Turning out enthusiastically to welcome the opening of the basketball ball season, Central students Thursday morning attended a tremendously peppy and well planned mass meeting. The meeting was a runner-up to the first game of the season which is to be played on Saturday with Hastings.

An eight piece orchestra, the Venetian Gondoliers, played several snappy numbers. Two of the boys in this orchestra were Central students. Marvel Linville, dancing the Varsity Drag, was well received, as was Frances Lefholtz singing several blues numbers. Frances was accompanied by Marie Uhlig on the piano. F. Y. Knapple, head basketball coach, delivered a short but vivid talk on basket ball. The cadet band under the direction of William Willard played a number of pieces throughout the program.

Schedule Cards Given Out

A number of schedule cards of the basketball games to be played were given out during the homeroom. Five of the cards given out were blank on the back side and the holders of these cards have been offered prizes by the Gould Drug Co. The prizes have been kept secret but the holders of these tickets may receive the prizes by calling at the drug store.

Clancy Plans Program

Clyde Clancy, newly elected captain of the basketball team and president of the Student Association, presided at the meeting. Clyde also planned the entire program of this extraordinary mass meeting which proved to be one of the most successful held this year.

Members of the Student Control organization under the direction of Mrs. Irene Jensen, sponsor of the club, keep the halls outside the auditorium quiet during the meeting.

Literary Field of Great Interest in "Scholastic" Contest

In the annual contest held by "The Scholastic" magazine, the literary field is especially of interest to Central students because of the excellence of the English course offered at Central. Prizes are offered for poetry, short stories, and familiar essays, but no prize will be awarded this year in the drama field.

The Witter Bynner Scholastic Poetry Prize is given for the best poem or group of poems, the maximum number of lines that may be submitted by any one contestant being limited to 200. Prizes of \$100, \$50, \$25 and ten prizes of \$10 each will be awarded.

The limit of words for the short story is 3,000, and the same prizes will be given for the short story as are given for the poetry. The essay prizes will be awarded for the best familiar essays on any subject. The maximum length permitted for each essay is 2,000 words. Prizes will be awarded in this section in the same proportion as in the two previously mentioned.

The judges for the poetry contest are Witter Bynner, author of "Greenstone Poems;" Orton Lowe, former director of English instruction, Pennsylvania Department of Education, now with Miami university; Hughes Mearns, novelist, author of "Creative Youth;" Charles Swain Thomas, professor of English, Harvard Graduate school of education.

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EDITORIALS

WHAT ABOUT OUR CHRISTMAS SPIRIT?

Why all this talk about the Christmas of today and that of yesterday? Is it true that there is such a difference in the manner in which we observe this wonderful holiday, and the way it was observed in former times? Are we losing a genuine spirit of generosity and kindness that has been prevalent in earlier days?

Some individuals are prone to believe that we are. In fact, they are rebellious against the modern mode of yule-tide celebration. They argue that Christmas today is commercialized, and that people have become shallow, disregarding the season's true significance. Perhaps this is true, to a certain extent. There are always certain ones to whom a criticism may apply.

The claim that Christmas is commercialized is founded on the policy of merchants in advertising and displaying their goods, and making it attractive to the public. But advertising is the principal factor of success in buying and selling today. Old business methods have been entirely revolutionized. Why should merchants revert to policies of their great grandfathers during a certain season for the year any more than people would in selecting and giving their gifts? Doubtless one of these "past diggers" would be insulted if presented with a stereoscope and a set of handsome post cards for a Christmas gift. Yet this is no more absurd than their suggesting (if any) for remedying a too-commercialized system of Christmas season business.

If we look around just a bit and see the people, listen in on what they are saying, observe what they are doing, we cannot help but feel that there is just as much generosity and kindness as there ever was. Crowds of people are down town shopping every day, hurrying from store to store, laughing, talking, bright-eyed, happy to think that they are doing something for another's happiness.

People find just as much thrill in giving as they ever did—if this weren't true, merchants would not have the business they do, nor would they be able to put out products on such a scale as to permit the most financially embarrassed to buy some little gift for Christmas cheer.

Taking all into consideration, we aren't so terribly worried about the "waning Christmas spirit." In fact, at this present writing, we, who like to believe that we are quite modern, are beginning to get a little thrill at the thought of Christmas, and can hardly wait to get our gifts and cards off to their proper destination. And, we are sincerely moved to say, "A Merry Christmas to you all!"

SENIOR SPIRIT—SENIOR BOOK

Where's the peppiest senior class that was ever to have graduated from Central? As far as evincing any enthusiasm at the senior meeting they are nil.

After the fate of the O-Book had been decided, and as the result of the surges of anger that were displayed, when the result was known, one might expect a little class spirit shown over prospects of a senior book—but no. When the class was called upon to discuss this project there were only 194 people present! This showed that 156 people were not even interested enough to appear. Is that class spirit or loyalty to the school?—NO! The underclassmen showed more loyalty in supporting the O-Book than the seniors did.

Let's get behind this Senior book and show every one in general just what we are made of!

Are we slackers, quitters, ambitionless worms? We know we aren't, but let's convince others of it.

Here's for a better and bigger Senior Book !!

THE LIBRARY MONITOR.

We have here in this great institution, among the many organizations, one which is great in itself, but is misunderstood and not appreciated by the students, namely—the library monitor.

Why are these monitors so unpopular? They do only their duty. Are they not trying to make a greater and better Central? Don't think that just because the monitor gives you an error, he is a nuisance. You know yourself that he is doing it for you, for us, and for the school. Aren't you proud of your library and its wonderful student organization? You are. We all are. It makes us proud to be able to say that no matter when one comes into the library he will find it a place of dignified silence, students studying, and all in an orderly manner. It makes one want to say, with a puffed up air, "That's my library. That's where I study and that's where my friends and classmates study, without being bothered or interrupted." And, if ever you will stop to think, all this is brought about by the monitors with, of course, the co-operation of the students.

Date Dope

Friday, December 21.
 Math club, 439.
 Wednesday, January 2.
 Return to School after Christmas vacation.
 Gentlemen's French club, 8 o'clock, 127.
 Girls' French club, 439.
 Thursday, January 3.
 Central Colleens, 445.
 Friday, January 4.
 Central Committee, 128.

Central Classics

A little white candle gleamed bright on the pane
 Of a window that alone was forlorn,
 And the meek little candle flickered in shame,
 That so humble a thing as itself should proclaim
 Of the Child, the Christ that was born.

It forgot to remember in its silent shame
 Of the Christ who loved all, great and small;
 That it was with great love that he quietly came
 And gave all he had to honor the name
 Of his Father, who rules over all.

Then the meek little candle flamed up in the night
 Of the Christ who had suffered and died
 And it gave its small light
 To Gladden the night,
 Great joy flamed up in its pride.
 —Frances Rivett '30

CHRISTMAS TIDE

The Christmas tide of olden days
 'Tis here again, at last,
 For although new folks celebrate,
 They imitate the past.

Whether Christmas is spent in a mansion,
 Or whether it is spent in a lane,
 To rich or poor all the world o'er
 The spirit is the same.

For some may revel in riches
 And fine things from the store;
 Others have only home-made gifts,
 Which bless the donors poor.

For man and woman, babe and child,
 All give with spirit fine,
 The very best they have to give
 And earn a love divine.

And though the ways of man are strange,
 And many their faults may be;
 When e'er the Christmas season comes,
 Love blossoms like a tree.

Then doth the Holy Spirit come
 To reign in hearts of men,
 As it did come when Christ was born
 In holy Bethlehem.
 —Soren Munkhof. '31

Our Christmas Gift

Christmas bells are gayly ringing,
 There is music in the air,
 With angel voices singing,
 Gifts have come from everywhere.

Gifts that tell how baby Jesus,
 Came to earth on Christmas day,
 From his home in heaven to lead us
 In the life, the truth, the way.

How he said, "love one another,"
 And "unto yourself be true,"
 And "you do unto your brother,
 As you'd have him do to you."

That his light is brightly shining,
 Over every land and clime,
 That our hearts have ceased repining,
 And grow stronger all the time.

That some day when we are ready,
 He will open wide the door,
 And we'll enter into heaven
 To live happy ever more.
 —Betty Ann Bedwell '32

We Recommend---

New material has been found about Lincoln and his love for Ann Rutledge and in *The Atlantic Monthly* for December, some of this discovery is presented in the first article of a new series about "Lincoln the Lover."

How do men pass, triumph, fall, and die in the lonely hostile Polar spaces? Why do men, knowing all the dangers of these regions, return again and again to such hazards? An article about the heroes of the Poles is told in the December issue of the *North American Review*. Read it.

Will the Vestris teach us what we failed to learn from the Titanite? Are the 113 men and women who perished to leave from their fate no lesson for us? Find the answers in "What the Vestris Tragedy Teaches" in *The Literary Digest* for December 1.

Big Push Proves Fatal to Lone Male

The one lone male was thrust malleously into the hall. The door was closed and barred against him. It was none too soon. The girl who guarded the entrance turned to face an onrush of femininity, clad in the gayest of costumes.

There was a furious pounding on the door—it went unheeded. It was well—in an instant gowns were pulled over tousled heads, and everything was in a tumult. Hats went one way—hose another. Still came the incessant pounding from outside—again it was unheeded. Time was flying. There was a rush, a scurry—and then the bell rang. It was over. Room 141 was again transformed from a dressing room to a school room, the pictures of the opera had been taken, Lazar Kaplan was again admitted to his beloved (?) classroom, and Jane Matthal (even though they were not her own) had a pair of hose.

Alumni

Ruth Correa '28 visited Central Monday, December 17.

Rosaline Pizer '28 has returned to Omaha for the holidays from the University of Wisconsin.

Clarke Powell '07, head of the Chamber of Commerce and father of Clarke Powell, Jr. '28, died last Thursday after a short illness.

Beth Cole '25 will arrive home tomorrow, December 22, from Northwestern University to remain until January 8, with her parents.

Mary Woodland '28 will arrive home tomorrow to spend the Christmas holidays. Mary now attends the Frances Shimer school.

Blanche Blundell '28, who attends Mills college, returned last Saturday to spend the holidays with her parents.

An unexpected extra two week Christmas vacation was given to Mary Claire Johnson '27 who attends University of Chicago. Five hundred students attending the university were taken with the grippe on the same day, so school was adjourned until January 7.

Miss Caroline Sachs '28 will be home tomorrow to spend the Christmas vacation with her parents. She is attending Northwestern.

Margaret Wigton '27, who is now attending Oberlin college, has as her guest at her home for the holidays, Theodosia Reid, her room mate.

Emmet Solomon '27, former colonel of the regiment, returned from the University of Wisconsin to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents.

Dick Woodrow '27, Bud May '27, Gay Holmquist '27, all returned from the University of Wisconsin last Sunday to spend the Christmas holidays with their parents. Dick Woodrow is on the rowing crew at Wisconsin.

Helen Searle '28, who is a student at Oberlin college, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Searle.

Mary Ann Glick '28 returned home for the Christmas holidays, Wednesday.

Nissers Play the Part of Santa Claus in Denmark; Celebrations Last for a Week

"In Denmark the little children don't have a Santa Claus to wait for, but they believe that there are little men, called Nissers, everywhere at Christmas time," explained Ben Engskov, Central junior who was born in Denmark, when interviewed for *The Weekly Register*, Tuesday. Ben added that no matter whether a Santa Claus or Nisser, the Christmas spirit was the same.

"In olden times people on the farms put out plates of food for the Nisser, but I don't think anyone does any more," Ben said. "I lived in the town of Aalborg in northern Denmark. We always had a Christmas tree, and gave Christmas presents, oh, a lot more presents than people give here. And in Denmark the Christmas celebrations last for about a week, beginning on Christmas Eve. Ben was very eager to give the reporter some ideas of a Danish Christmas. "It is not so much different from the American celebration," he said. "People want to think that it is all so different, but Aalborg was just like an American town. It is hilly, just about like Omaha, but it is a harbor town. There is fishing and manufacturing, and occasionally



Now the Colonel comes out with the startling announcement that he will hold tryouts for his C. O. C. date in 117 today after school. And we all thought that he had decided on his date when he had two dates with the same girl two nights in succession. But you never can tell what these Colonels will do!

Bettie Haynes wishes to announce that anyone calling her "Battie" here after, is in danger of his life.

It looks like Jane Matthal is in for some bad luck getting thirteen bouquets over the week-end and breaking her locker mirror Monday morning.

Just what do you mean, Olive when you said the "Greeks fell" in Vergil. Poor things! Were they suffering from the grip too or did they just slip on the ice?

Mr. Kenneth Haynie and Miss Doris Dunn wish to announce that everything looks rosy for them and it's coming along fine.

"Chuck" Peebler is considering being a publisher. The first book will be "Bright Remarks" and perhaps he'll share the profits with Mr. Knapple's third hour class.

Continued from last week: Will the person who said that Betty Gardner was a relation of Charles Gardner please address all apologies to the Register office. In care of the Circulation Manager.

If you want to see something funny, ask Joe Fellman to laugh.

We wonder what George Shotwell did with the stockings that Twila Evans claims to have lost Saturday night.

Oh, My! Oh, My! Gene S. But you must have felt a peculiar sensation when you discovered one shoe black and the other tan. And you were on your way to see Jane, too!

If anyone wants to know what Mrs. Pitts thinks about chewing gum and singing, ask Dick McNow.

Jane Herron knows what she wants from Santa Claus; a book of one hundred sure fire excuses for lost history outlines.

Harry Barber has quit eating a lunch at noon. Dieting? No, just getting ready for Christmas dinner.

After almost two months' absence Al Forbes said, "I can't understand it, I have been gone more than a month and the school is still running."

It is all right to wear derbies, boys, but when you have to crash to get into the Opera, it looks pretty bad. Next time you had better save your money for tickets, don't you think?

As "Wally Olson says to Herman in Physics, "Just because you are built like a stove is no reason that you are hot."

Betty Tebbins and Charlotte Towl spent the week-end visiting Santa Claus.

Among the Latest Library Books

The Cavalier of Tennessee

by Nicholson
 Romance! Adventure! What a great future lay in store for Andrew Jackson, the dashing Cavalier of Tennessee. He was a typical pioneer of the early Cumberland regions—brave, rugged, adventurous. He stood for all that America had been and was to be. Only men like him could hope to plunge beyond the mountains and conquer the West.

Born and reared in the Waxhaw region near the Carolinas, young Jackson grew up in the midst of war. Although only fifteen when the Revolution broke out, he took a lively part with other young boys and men in driving the Tories from the country. The war over, he could not rest until he could set out beyond the mountains into the new Cumberland. His mother whom he fairly worshipped, died while he was on his way, but he kept on because she had wished him to take part in this new work.

Everyone in the new land recognized the superior qualities in Jackson and greatly respected him. He grew to exert a great deal of influence; he won a splendid reputation as a lawyer and was elected as representative from Tennessee when that state became the 16th state of the Union. He made a host of friends at Washington; he was the leader of the war in the South at New Orleans. When he came home he had expected to rest, but he found that he was candidate for the presidency, which he won in the end. But great sorrow came to him when before they moved to Washington, his wife died.

It is just a realistic story of human sufferings and of the triumphs of a brave man over troubles when all the odds seemed against him. In this book Nicholson has woven an interesting story of the private life of "Old Hickory" Jackson; this book is, in fact, a history and novel in one.

—Darlene Freed

Black Majesty

By John W. Vandercook

In *Black Majesty*, Mr. Vandercook brings to many readers a new figure—the negro.

It is a historical romance woven round the life of Henry Christophe who was born a slave and died as the black tyrant king of Haiti. With intense excitement we follow the adventures of the negroes in their mighty struggles in the cause of liberty under the leadership of such men as Toussaint L'Ouverture, Jean Jacques, Petion, and finally under King Henry, all men who have risen from being mere slaves till they are generals and ruler of the negroes against the French.

The massacre of the white people and the defeat inflicted upon the supposedly unconquerable troops of Napoleon, whom they finally drove out of Haiti, are among the many thrilling happenings in this stirring story.

The evolution of Haiti from a colony to an empire composed of negroes only, the crowning of Henry as King, the organization of a gay court, and the formation of a distinguished military entourage are vividly narrated. One can almost picture the "ebony knights" and their sovereign, the Grand Marshals and chamberlains, the Dukes and the other members of nobility. One can almost see the regiments attired in bright blue French uniforms as they pass in review before their black ruler.

The book is brought to a dramatic end by the death of King Henry who "put a golden bullet, molded long ago, through his brain."

The book is well written, exciting, effectively arranged; it will furnish the reader a thrilling entertainment. Don't miss this book. Read it. You are sure to enjoy it.

—Fred Ackerman.

Christmas in Russia

In preparation for the Christmas season in Russia, for seven weeks no meat, milk, butter, any kind of cheese, cream, or eggs are eaten, but instead, the people substitute for these foods sunflower seed oil, fruit, and vegetables. On December twenty-fifth, at seven o'clock in the evening, everybody has to taste some corn pudding and go to church. After ceremonies are finished, a wild rush is made for home where turkey, eggs, milk, butter, and all the eatables that they hadn't eaten for the seven previous weeks, are set on the table.

As soon as supper is finished, all the boys put on costumes, just as we do in America on Halloween, and go around from house to house singing Christmas songs, telling all kinds of jokes, and asking for donations for the church.

On the third day of Christmas, all the people gather at the stream which passes through the town. A great cross is erected of ice and all the people bow down in prayer. After all this is done, the priests of the various churches sprinkle holy water on the throng. On the sixth of January there is a parade stretching for miles. The holidays last two weeks, and during this time all the stores are supposed to be closed.

—Morris Roitstein.

Aid for Shoplifters

Hear Ye! Only two more shopping days until Christmas! So for the aid of all who get their presents by shopping or shop-lifting, cash or credit, .10c or \$10, this list of ideal presents is helpfully submitted.

For the Sweet Young Thing:
 If she counts each split calorie religiously and turns pale at each added ounce—One five pound box of nougat, fondant, candied cherries, chocolate, almonds, pecans,—ooo, my.

If she is one of those sophisticated 13-year-olds who would rather die than have it known that she is a freshman—A cuddly baby doll.
 And if she is almost any Centralite—some "good sensible overshoes, a good wool muffler, and some nice, comfy mittens on a string.

For the Big He Man:
 If he has visions of fighting armies single handed, and leaping precipices on his faithful steed—The Story of Red Riding Hood, in durable binding, with linen pages that cannot be torn.

If he studies just the "Minimum Essential,"—a copy of the *Encyclopedia Britannica*.

If he's almost any Centralite—A nice fur cap, and some nice quiet gray sox.

But really and truly, speaking seriously, for all the teachers and students—A nice vacation, all wrapped up in tissue paper, and tied with mistletoe and holly.



Oh the incongruity, the impossibility of life.

Do your shopping early,
 But my pocketbook has dents.
 How can I do mine early?
 With thirty-seven cents.

Thirty-seven cents! Oh, the unbearable, heartbreaking, heartrending, crushing, tragedy of those words. Pale and wan and listless, I creep through the halls—in my mind the refrain of 37 cents, 37 cents, 37 cents; weary hours I sit thinking 37 cents—I dash my head against the stone wall—37 cents; the hollow mockery of "Do your Christmas shopping early"—with what—37 cents. Two dimes; three nickles; and two pennies—two cents for lollypops for baby sister; ten cents for—and, I can't give you anything but love, baby.

Seeing may be believing, but then we see Johnnie Vogel every day; and we still can't believe—

Christmas Reminders

Ever green—Freshmen.

Nuts—Any of us.

Santa Clauses—That big hearted school board which let us stay in school a whole extra week.

Bell(e)s—Phyllis Greer and Alyce Taylor.

Stars—Jane Matthal and Harry Stafford.

Silent Night, Holy Night—Thursday night in the Register office.

Yes, chilluns, someday you too may be a dignified senior. Then you too can make wise cracks about everything and everybody; except those alumni; grrrrrr.

Gone! Vanished forever! Nevermore can we feast our eyes on that mustache which so reminded us of football (no, not eleven on each side but first down). Nevermore again will we see it. Clyde Clancy cut his mustache off.

Oh, I'm a nervous woman; this may be my opportunity; now two cents for lollypops and ten. . . . suicide might be the best way.

Well, remember to hang up the biggest stocking you can find; beware the mistletoe and . . .

Without the door let sorrow lye
 And if for cold, it hap to dye,
 We'll bury it in a Christmas pye,
 And overmore be merry!"

TILLIE THE TOILER.

Ex-Teacher's Compositions Given Honors

Miss Eunice Stebbin's Articles Appear in Papers and Magazines

Herald Publishes Work

Several articles written by Miss Eunice Stebbins, former teacher of English at Central, have appeared in newspapers and magazines covering a period of the last three years. The work was purely professional and was accepted on such a basis by those publishing it.

"The Eclipse" appeared in the Detroit News and the Milwaukee Journal, while in the Poland magazine appeared "Jeszeze Polaska." The latter is the title of the Polish national anthem and means "Poland shall live." "Miss Nobody in Florida" is a personal experience of Miss Stebbins when she visited in that state. She refers to herself as "Miss Nobody" because, as she herself terms it, "I am not of the elite!" This article appeared in the Detroit News.

One of Miss Stebbins' poems appeared in the Omaha Bee-News, and a story which told of shopping in the West Indies and which Miss Stebbins wrote while on board ship was printed in the Omaha World-Herald. In the Chicago Tribune appeared a story called "Quaker" which was published at the time when the interest in Hoover was at its peak. "Among my Souvenirs" was printed in the travel magazine of the Cunard ship line. The West Indies again served as the topic in this feature.

Miss Stebbins took a correspondence course from Columbia university and from Chicago university in preparation for her work. When asked about the value of such a course Miss Stebbins said, "They are invaluable, and I believe that I could have written what I have if I hadn't taken these courses. The courses offered by universities seem more valuable to me than those offered by private schools, and the professors at the universities are kind, yet critical, to the students in the course."

Ruth Manning '26 Receives Honor

Ruth Manning '26 visited Central last Tuesday. Ruth is planning to attend a western university next semester although she has not yet decided between the University of Southern California, and University of Washington. She plans to take a chemistry course.

Recently Ruth was one of two to receive an "A" grade in Knox college, Galesburg, Ind., for a difficult biology course. There were 176 students in the department. She had one year of biology and one semester of botany under Miss Stringer while at Central.

Library Monitors Plan to Exchange Tables Quarterly

Changes in Library to Equalize Responsibilities of Monitors

(Continued from Page One)
Alice Murphy; N. Dorothy Q. Nelson; O. Virginia Seabrooke; P. Edith Copeland; Q. Eleanor Liechnosky; and R. Louise Wright.

Fourth hour: A. Lillian Kornmayer; B. Kathleen Spencer; C. Nancy Marie Catania; D. John Bath; E. Kenneth Russell; F. Ethel Foltz; G. Arthur Cohep; H. Edwin Jackson; J. Margaret Secord; K. Florence Binkley; L. Helen Secord; M. Richard Cowdry; N. Lucy Panek; O. Consuelo Doriot; P. Kathryn Hain; Q. Richard Hiller; and R. Pauline Pounds.

Fifth hour: A. Harriet Acer; B. Olive Hosman; C. Robert Day; D. George Oest; F. Mollie Bartos; G. Leora Wood; H. Clifford Gash; J. Glenice Goodrich; K. Lillian Robertson; L. Nena Horwitz; M. Fred Ackerman; N. Roger Buedefeld; and O. Virginia Jonas.

Sixth hour: A. Burtis Smith; B. Eloise Catherwood; C. Mildred Whitmore; D. Agnes Sundsboe; E. Henry Voss; F. Nena Rossitto; G. Ralph Roberts; H. Leona Kern; J. Etta Alice Howell; K. Ralph Thomson; L. Pauline Beaver; M. Faye Olcott; N. Maryetta Whitney; O. Virginia Hunt; P. Francis Barth; Q. Margaret Landers; and R. Doris Gudath.

Seventh hour: A. Virginia Mancusi; B. Marie Sabata; C. Ruth Musil; D. Mildred Gibson; E. Mary Alice Rogers; F. Cathryn Flynn; G. Helen Johnson; H. Bernice Thorsen; J. Dorothy Meyer; K. Gertrude Broadfoot; L. Irene Hruban; M. Genevieve Mead; N. William Ellsworth; O. Jean Hall; P. Lucile Davis; Q. Paul Prentiss; and R. Mary Alice Kelley.

Central's Fast Typists Receive Type Awards

"Practice makes perfect," so goes the old saying, and with daily practice, speed also increases in typing. Thus many awards have been given in the past week after almost a whole term of practice. The highest speed was made by Mildred Whitmore, 45 words per minute, on a Royal machine; other Royal awards went to Mary Clevenger, 39 words, and Opal Miller, 35 words.

Those gaining awards on the Woodstock were: Sylvia Chait, 27 words; Faye Henderson, 30 words; Harry Rosestein, 37 words; Frances Turner, 36 words; and Marjorie Vaught, 26 words. Nena Rossitto, 43 words; Anna Hendrickson, 31 words; Ethel Foltz, 35 words; and Alma Kastman, 33 words, won awards on the Smith machines.

Central's civics classes visited the city jail last Tuesday. They were shown through the various departments, and saw the convicts in their cells. Several Centralites had their fingerprints taken at the fingerprint bureau, but hope the police depart-

Opening Cage Game Pep Leaders Chosen

Chadbourne Moorehead, and Charles Hansen are the two cheer leaders selected to lead Central fans at the opening game of the season with Hastings, December 22, at the Knights of Columbus gymnasium. Purple boosters should be ready for a game of pep and noise. The cheer leaders promise a new set of tricks to encourage the cagemen.

As decided at their meeting two weeks ago, the pep squad plans to select two boys for each game. Probably the outstanding junior man and one of the veterans will be chosen at each practice meeting. Miss Smith will carry the entire squad until the end of the season; then will award O's to the most deserving.

Greenwich Villagers Arrange to Provide for Three Baskets

Central Organization to Give Christmas Basket to Poor Families

Arrangements for providing three needy families with Christmas baskets were completed at the regular business meeting of the Greenwich Villagers, last Tuesday. The members of the organization will each bring two potatoes, fresh fruit, a canned vegetable, and a dime with which to buy meat and candy. The baskets will be decorated attractively and delivered on Friday. Dawson Adams, Isham Reavis, and Anna Macken will furnish cars to deliver the baskets.

In case sufficient funds are not donated for the meat and candy, the money will be taken from the treasury.

D. A. Holbrook '08 Sees New Central

D. A. Holbrook, who graduated from Omaha high school in 1908, and who was a student in the natural science department under Miss Caroline E. Stringer in 1904, visited Central last Monday.

Mr. Holbrook is a Los Angeles real estate promoter. Ruth E. Lake, who graduated from Central in 1910 is his wife. In 1908 Central was still located in the old capital building although the east wing of the present building had just been completed. Miss Stringer had just begun teaching in 1904 when Mr. Holbrook was a freshman science student.

Girl Reserves Hold Christmas Program; Present Short Play

"Gift Bringers" was the title of the Christmas program of the Girl Reserves held at the "Y," Thursday, at three o'clock. After a short business meeting, Etta Alice Howell took charge of the devotional period. She chose the Christmas story found in Matthew II: 1-11. Betty Tebbins, music chairman, led the community singing of Christmas carols. Jane Myers and Maxine Stokes gave readings.

Virginia Jonas had charge of the play, "The Return of Christmas." Those who took part were Maxine Stokes, Marjorie Cooper, Louise Senez, Dorothy Hughes, Cynthia Morton, Marie Sabata, and Janet Weed.

Library Acquires Books of Poetry

Some of the newest and best of the present day books of poetry have been added to Central's library. These books, which are ordinarily one day books, can be checked out today for reading during the holidays.

Among the new books are: "Best Poems for 1927" by Strong; "American Poetry, 1927," a miscellaneous collection; "The Tower" by Yeats; "Trivial Breath," Wylie; "Happy Ending," Guiney; "Jealous of Dead Leaves," O-Sheel; "Selected Poems," Reese; and "Reading from the New Poets," Ellsworth. The newest of these books are "The Tower," "Trivial Breath," and "Jealous of Dead Leaves."

Miss Jessie Towne, dean of girls, who has just finished a reading of "Jealous of Dead Leaves," says, "The book is interesting because it is a collection made by the poet himself of what he considers his best. Such a judgment made by the artist makes the reader think. The poetry itself shows great mastery over words, a power to use them for pictures and for feeling. Some of the poems seem to be real art, having a lasting quality which distinguishes them from much now being written."

Miss Clark's Classes Attend Dual Debate

An assignment in European history III, the members of Miss Genevieve Clark's three classes attended the dual debate in which Central participated on Wednesday after school in rooms 140 and 129, and wrote a report of the debate which they attended. The plan was that of Miss Clark and was enthusiastically received by the students, who have been studying on the subject of the debate: Resolved, that the English cabinet system is preferable to the American presidential system.

Two book reports on historical subjects which are being prepared by the literary students in the first hour class are to be read before the class early next week. Perry Garber will report on "My Friend Robespierre" and Jack Wickstrom will review "Napoleon I, the Little Corsic."

Class Studies Customs

Reports on "Saturnalia and the Origin of Christmas," "Business Life in Rome," and other topics concerning life in Rome about which Mrs. Bernice Engle's IV hour Cicero class have been investigating, were given during this week by Cicero students before the members of Mrs. Engle's I, II, III, and VI hour Latin I and III classes.

Doing this work are Chadbourne Moorehead, Eileen Leppert, Margaret Browne, Helen Clarkson, Allan Davis, Julius Goldner, Edna Maystrick, and Kathryn Waldo, all '30. The students did their investigation work last month from a special reserve in the library. Mrs. Engle especially commended Chadbourne Moorehead's report which consisted of a dialogue.

To prove that the Romans were not superstitious, Mrs. Engle has collected and mimeographed Roman tales of omens, with Cicero's comments upon them.

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Many colleges and universities, including the University of Nebraska, give college credit for advanced mathematics as taught at Central. Besides being a source of easy college credit, the study of these subjects gives one a good foundation for much of his college work.

Any student who is contemplating going to an engineering school or who intends to study science or mathematics at college should take as much mathematics as possible at Central. Geometry is required for admission to most engineering colleges. Trigonometry is very helpful for college physics.

Because of the illness of so many of the girls, regular practices for the girls' basketball tournament were postponed until after Christmas. The freshmen and sophomore girls met last Tuesday and the juniors and seniors on Wednesday in 425 to go over some of the rules.

Elgin E. Osbury of the Cuscaden School of Music wishes all his friends and students a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

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Central Cadet Receives Prize in Campaign

Dave Moriarty of Company D Wins Eight Tickets to Brandeis

Ernest Doud Second

As a reward for selling 35 out of the 464 tickets sold for the Father and Son banquet which was held Friday, December 4, David Moriarty, 1st Sergeant, Company D received eight tickets to the Brandeis theatre from Mr. E. J. Moneghan, manager of the theatre. Mr. Moneghan donated 22 tickets to be given to the three highest individual sellers.

Ernest Doud, who was the second highest individual seller, received six tickets; he is a private in Company F. Third place was tied for by William Gordon and William Baird, 1st sergeant of A and 1st sergeant of B, respectively. Each received two tickets.

The ticket sale for the banquet was conducted by the regiment.

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News, Books and Stationery
Christmas Cards and Candies

Among the Centralites

Donald Hessler, who was a freshman at Central, died Tuesday, December 11, after an illness of several months.

Charlotte Purdy, ex '29, who now attends the Denishawn School of Dancing in New York, will spend ten days of the Christmas holidays in Omaha.

Lincoln, Nebraska will be visited by Miss Elizabeth Kiewit, history teacher, over Christmas vacation. She will visit her brother.

"Golden Autumn," a water color of an autumn scene has been brought by Miss Elizabeth Kiewit, history teacher, and hung on the wall of 218.

Miss Isabelle Neumann, office stenographer, will visit relatives and friends in Breckenridge, Colo., over Christmas vacation.

Miss Jennie Hultman returned to school last Monday after three days' absence due to illness.

Dorothy Tongue '29 returned to school Monday after an absence of two weeks.

Frances Cummins '29, Mary Jane Thomas '31, Mary Elizabeth Tagg '30, Dorothy Gearhart '30, Lillian Dvorak '30, and Margaret Moore '32 all returned Monday after a week's absence on account of illness.

Miss Amanda Anderson, mathematics teacher, was absent from school Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, December 10, 11, 12.

Meyer Goldner '29 returned to school Monday after a week's absence with the "flu."

Janet Carson '29 will spend Christmas in Lincoln visiting relatives there.

Marjorie Jene Maier '31 will spend the Christmas holidays in Colo., Ia.

Dorothy Blanchard '29 will spend the Christmas vacation in Chicago, Ill.

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PURPLE SEASON BEGINS TONIGHT

Purple Hoopsters Meet Tabor Today

Team With Three Veterans Expected to Start First Game

Game at Tabor

Opening the basketball season with two games this week-end, Central's hoopsters will journey to Tabor tonight to meet the cage artists from that city. The other game is with Hastings in the K. C. gym tomorrow night, when the team will make its first appearance before the home crowd.

Expect Close Game

As neither Central nor Tabor have had any game this season, little is known of the strength of the two teams. Central played Tabor in the opening game of the season last year and came home the victor 26-22 in a very close and rough tussle. The Tabor squad was composed of many six footers drilled mostly on the fundamentals of the game, with little knowledge of the finer points of the game, and played a rather rough game for the smaller squad of Central players. It is expected that they will present the same sort of a team this year, and the boys are prepared for a hard battle against the Tabor "giants."

As Central's squad has not had any outside scrimmages, little is known of their power, but the workouts in the K. C. gym have shown that the boys are improving rapidly and should be ready to go with full force tonight.

Three Veterans Back

The five that Coach Knapple has been using lately is Thompson, center, Clancy and Means, forwards, and Gloe and Lungren, guards. This combination has been working together the best, and, although "Yost" will give no definite lineup for the game, it is expected that these five will be on the floor when the game starts.

Wrestling Team To Have Special Gym

Clancy, Lungren, and Means all saw service last season and should be able to fill their posts very well. Thompson, who is the "big boy" of the squad, played center on the second team, while Gloe played on Tech high's seconds. Other men who have When the 1929 wrestling team met for its initial practice in the special wrestling gym, Coach R. B. Bedell found that he had veterans of last year's team in every weight.

Many Lettermen

The veterans returning are John Giangrasso, 95 pounds; Salvatore Noble and Alfred Cattano, 105 pounds; George Sevicik 115 pounds; D. Giangrasso, 125 pounds; Captain Harry Brown, and Charles Saxton, 135 pounds; Dick Peterson, 145 pounds; Sol Levine, 158 pounds; Tom Johnson, heavyweight. Harry Brown, captain again this year, and Tom Johnson are the only Central men to have reached the semi-finals in last year's city meet, although Dominick Giangrasso is a city champion in the 125 pound. He earned this title while attending Creighton Prep two years ago.

Schedule Announced

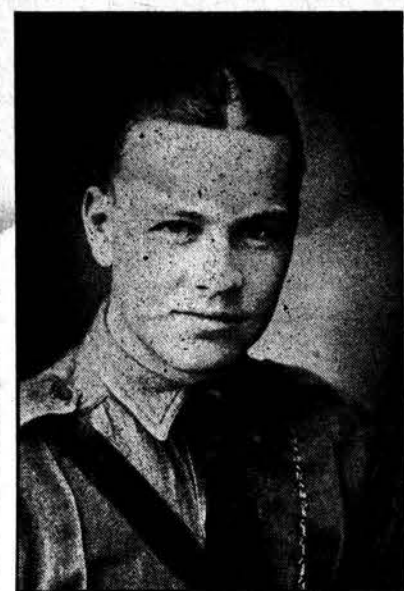
According to Mr. Bedell it looks as if the boys are going to show up very well this year because most of them are seasoned to competition, but he expects that since most of these veterans are only sophomores and juniors that in years to come and matmen will take their place with the rest of the winter sports. The wrestling sport is almost new in Omaha as it was only two seasons ago that it was introduced here in the high schools.

Although nothing has been definitely decided about a state meet and outstate competition in wrestling for this year, Central will enter teams in all of these this year. The inter-city schedule as drawn up at a meeting of wrestling coaches is as follows:

- January 11—Technical.
- January 16—Bye.
- January 25—Creighton.
- February 1—South.
- February 8—North.
- February 12—Technical.
- February 15—Bye.
- March 1—Creighton.
- March 8—North.
- March 11-15—City Meet.

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Clyde Clancy New Basket Ball Captain



Clyde Clancy is the newly elected captain of the basket ball team for the coming season. Clyde was elected by the members of the squad after the practice against South Tuesday afternoon. Clyde is very active in school, being president of the Student Association and an officer in the regiment.

Centralites Ready to Meet Hastings

Central opens the home basketball season tomorrow night with a game with Hastings high at the Knights of Columbus gym at 8 o'clock. Last year the Eagles met defeat at the hands of Coach Dwight Thomas' cagers, and they are eager for a second win while Centralites are out to even the count with the out stagers and start the home season with a win.

It is reported that the Hastings squad has four veterans from their last year team, and this indicates that the Purplemen are in for a real battle when the two teams come together tomorrow evening. Central's first showing under fire will be tonight when the Purple plays Tabor, and this should give Coach Knapple a chance to select a suitable lineup for the Hastings game the following night. Central's probable lineup will be Clancy and Means, forwards, Thompson, center, and Gloe and Lungren, guards.

The guard positions are undecided but "F. Y." has been using Gloe and Altsuler the most with Levinson and Rhoades the second best combination. Most of these men saw some action last year and have been working together for the last two weeks and should present a smooth working offense, coupled with a good defense.

Swimming Classes for Girls at K. C.

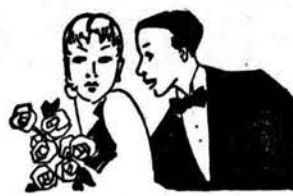
Although Central has no pool of its own, beginning next semester Central girls may learn to swim at the Knights of Columbus pool under the direction of Mrs. Gleo Gardner Case, Central gym teacher. A class in beginning swimming will be held seventh hour three times a week, Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Half a credit will be given for this work.

"This is a fine chance to learn to swim and to earn the school credit in addition," Mrs. Case remarked. "There are enough girls to start an advanced swimming class in addition to the beginners, but I will not be able to supervise it this semester."

Forty-five girls have already signed up with Mrs. Case in 415 for the class.

In the last game of the girls' volleyball tournament the freshman team played the junior-senior team in 415 Thursday, December 20, after school. Each of the three teams, freshman, sophomore, and junior-senior, were required to play four games.

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Omaha Central, Omaha Tech, Sioux City Central, Sioux Falls, St. Joseph Central, and Lincoln are the prep schools to comprise a new athletic association covering South Dakota, Nebraska, Iowa, and Missouri, if the plans of representatives of the six schools are accepted.

Plan Track Meet

Basket ball, football, baseball, track, and minor sports will be included in the new circuit. At a meeting held Saturday noon at the Ad-Sell restaurant, principals and coaches discussed the possibilities of an organization and decided upon December 29 as the date when the new association may be formed. If an agreement can be reached, the first official competition will probably be a track and field meet.

Competition in basket ball would be a double round robin schedule, and in football a single round robin. However, since most of the schools have filled their 1929 gridiron schedules, the football race would not begin until 1930.

Better Competition

Principal J. W. French and Coach W. H. Browne of Lincoln are the originators of the plan, which they hope will eventually include 12 schools throughout the Missouri Valley. The conference would be divided into two parts which would each select a champion, the two to meet to decide the Missouri Valley championship.

The new circuit will have as its purpose better competition and sportsmanship among the leading schools of this section. Officials plan to work up a traditional relationship to give prep school athletics higher standards.

Fundamentals Being Taught to Classmen

With the class teams organized and practice started, the teams that will play in the interclass tournament will be well prepared. Fundamentals of basket ball are being taught the classmen, but due to the illness of most of the members of the squad practice has been suspended for the present.

Coach Barnhill and Schmidt's proteges are learning the ground work of the basket tossing game and all of the upper classmen are looking forward toward the stellar positions on the first and second squads with envious eyes. Basket shooting, passing, and light scrimmages have been the main points in the practices of the teams. Using a four man passing combination against five man defense has been one of the strongest points in the practice sessions. The coaches are using this style of practice to train the men to hold the ball, pass it, and take it down under the basket through a defensive team.

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Omaha Quintets in City Tourney

The question, that of whether Omaha high school quintets will take part in the state basket ball tournament at Lincoln this year, has been definitely decided by the principals of Omaha schools. Last week on Wednesday morning the principals of the various high schools met and made the decision that Omaha preps will not partake in the district or state basket ball tourney at Lincoln this year.

Players and fans, then, will have to be satisfied with a city tournament, the schedule of which is to be composed of eight different teams. The city auditorium, which has been used as a gym for the local cage carnival, has proved to be far too expensive, the result of which the opposing teams will have to play on some neutral basket ball court of Omaha. This is not definitely settled as yet, but it is expected that this will apparently be the result.

With this method of playing in various gymnasiums, the expense will be limited considerably and local interest will be increased as the games will be played in every part of the city. Each school is to supervise the game that is to be played there on their court.

Ira Jones is to make the drawings and set up the schedule for the city tourney. The last and final game of the whole contest is to be played at the Creighton gymnasium.

Seconds Work Hard for Stiff Schedule

In the Knights of Columbus gymnasium, the second team basket ball squad is working hard under the tutelage of Coach Bexten. Fundamentals have been stressed in the practice each night and very little scrimmage has been permitted.

With their schedule announced the second stringers are smoothing out the rough spots in their passing, pivoting, dribbling, and other elementary requirements of the game. The second team has not been definitely announced as yet and the first and second squads are working as on unit. A definite second squad will be announced after the first of the year. At present the seconds' squad is made up of underclassmen and the seniors are being given a chance on the first squad. The seniors who prove unworthy of their positions on the first team will be demoted to the second squad and the best men on the seconds will fill up the gaps on the first team.

The schedule for the seconds' this year will be much the same as the first team's with the exception of the out of town games.

Swimming Squad to Use K. C. Pool

Central Ducks Start Swimming Season Against Prep January 18

Many Fancy Divers

After arranging for the use of the Knights of Columbus pool for the Purple's aquatic sports, swimming should be a very active sport at Central this year as well as at Tech, South, and Creighton Prep.

Schedule Announced

Plans for the aquatic season were formulated Friday night at a meeting of the coaches, and at Central practice is well under way. The team is progressing well and each day's practice is devoted to work on starts, turns, and perfection of form and stroke. Several of the paddlers have been attracted by the board and are working hard on diving. This elementary work will continue for the first few weeks until each swimmer has mastered his stroke.

Central will open its season this year with Creighton prep on January 18. Then on February 1, the Purple will engage South. February 22, is the date of the city meet to be held either at the Tech or K. C. pool. All teams will enter this contest. Again Central will engage Creighton in the second group of the round robin series; this time the date is March 1. The Centralites swim against South, March 8, and against Tech, March 15, March 22 and 23 are the dates of the state meet.

Add New Event

The state championships are to be held at Tech, March 23, with preliminaries on the previous day. The teams that will probably enter the meet are: Fremont, Lincoln, Norfolk, Grand Island, Hastings, Tech, South, Creighton Prep, and Central.

At the coaches' meeting an optional event was added to the program for the dual meets. The event will be a 75 yard individual medley, each contestant swimming 25 yards free style, 25 yards back stroke, and 25 yards breast stroke. The event will be included as a regular feature later in the season. No other changes in rules or events were made.

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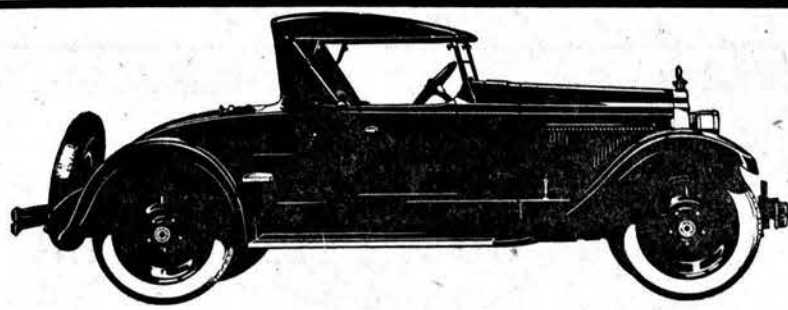
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Jots From Yonder

Students, do not fall to attend the big game with Hastings tomorrow night as it will be a thriller of a game. Hastings has almost an all-veteran team and can be expected to perform in a way which shall make all gasp at their speed and ability.

Here is a real one on one of our football men known as "Brute." "Were you hurt while on the eleven," asked a pretty little girl.

Football man: "No, I was hurt while the eleven was on me."

Mr. Reyna: "I played golf yesterday for the first time."

Mr. Hill: "How did you get along?"

Mr. Reyna: "Oh, fine. I made a home run right off the start. I batted the ball into the tall grass in the left field and ran around the entire field before they found it."

Not only the boys of this school are swimmers, but also the girls. Next semester will find many girls out for the aquatic sport. All classes will be held at the Knights of Columbus. Meets with other school will probably be arranged at a later date.

Mr. Robert Watson, one of our worthy janitors, was all dolled up on one of the nights of the opera. We wonder if the attraction was some of the feminine folks in the opera, or just Mr. Watson's way of coming to school on such occasions?

Malted milks will be the reward of the lucky fellow who can throw the most free throws in the entire squad during the time of one week. The high man gets the malt and the low man pays for it. (We wonder why "Henchman" Haynie and "All-State" Masters say that they are going to be out of town?)

Have you noticed the basket ball boys eating in the cafeteria lately? Since they have started training (or rather attempted training for the season) the sale in all foods in the lunch room has taken a sudden drop. Practically no cake and ice cream is being sold, while the sale in all sweets is very lax. (This story was given to us by a member of the squad, but has not been confirmed by the cafeteria.)

Mr. Knapple: "And so, students, we come to the conclusion that nothing is impossible."

John Gloe: "Well, I'd like to see you ram this umbrella down your throat and open it."



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