

# CENTRAL HIGH REGISTER

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FIVE CENTS

## 1000 Sold By Feb. 28, Or Else !!

To Assure O-Book  
Students Must Sell  
400 More by Tuesday

Only two days remain for the O-Book drive to reach the goal set by Principal Fred Hill, and more than 400 books remain to be sold. The fate of the annual this year is desperate, and if the campaign fails, there is little chance for a senior book in the next few years. The only hope for an annual rests in the chance that a flood of last-minute sales on Monday and Tuesday will carry the sale over the 1,000 mark.

The issue has been placed squarely before the students. If 1,000 or more students want an O-Book and pay their money by Tuesday, the O-Book staff will go into action immediately and continue plans for a newer and better school annual. If the goal is not reached, the entire plan will be dropped, and for the first time in over 40 years, Central will have no annual.

Many Central students have the mistaken idea that the O-Book drive will continue after Tuesday if 1,000 books are not sold. As reported in last week's Register, there is no possibility of an extension of the deadline after that day. The date set by Mr. Hill and the faculty sponsors is absolutely definite. All rumors to the contrary are false and should be disregarded.

June Rose Anderson, editor-in-chief of this year's O-Book, announced plans for a much-improved candid camera section. This year's section is expected to be much improved over the same feature which was so popular last year. With the addition of many new features and with improvement of the old ones, the O-Book should be one of the best ever published at Central.

In an effort to work up school enthusiasm which has lagged considerably this year, Irving Malashock, circulation manager of the senior book, has set up in the east hall a thermometer indicating the number of books sold. Another new promotion stunt is the issuing of tags bearing the words, "I've Bought My O-Book," to purchasers of the annual. Through the thermometer, the tags, and canvassing of homerooms by salesmen, the circulation department hopes to reach the goal of 1,000.

You want to wear a tag; so buy your O-Book now, and watch the mercury rise!

## History Students Take Part in Poll

'Observer' Promotes  
Nation-Wide Survey

Seventy-three American history students in Miss Edith Field's classes took part in a survey on school and educational problems last Friday. This survey is a part of a national student poll conducted by the American Observer, a weekly publication for high school students of advance history.

Miss Mary Parker's and Miss Juliette Griffin's classes did not take part in the survey. In Miss Mary Elliott's classes, only those who wished to take part, and the results were not tabulated.

This poll is used to test the pupil's opinion on a variety of subjects. Nine questions were included on the ballot which was distributed during class periods. This poll differed from previous polls in that it dealt with educational and not political problems.

The surprising results of the questionnaire are as follows:

1. Have you decided on the vocation you wish to follow? Yes—42, No—31.
2. Have you been helped by any course you have taken in school to make up your mind about a vocation? Yes—38; No—35.
3. In your opinion is the student who makes excellent grades more likely to succeed in life than the one who does not? Yes—31; No—41.
4. Is an athlete whose grades are low more popular among students of

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## Quartet of Beauty Makes Voting Difficult



Janet Thomas Jeannette Emmert Jo Hunt Marjorie Stewart

## Identity of Honorary Colonel For 1939 To Be Revealed Saturday Night at Ball

Not until the grand march of the R.O.T.C. ball begins at nine-thirty Saturday evening will the identity of the honorary colonel and lieutenant colonel be revealed. The four girls in line for the honors are Jeanette Emmert, Jo Hunt, Marjorie Stewart, and Janet Thomas. All officers voted on the selection of the two honorary officers at a special meeting last Monday.

The program preceding the dance will open at eight o'clock with a half-hour concert by the R.O.T.C. band,

directed by Henry Cox and led by Captain Warren Johnson. After Major W. A. Mead formally opens the program, the Crack Squad, commanded by Jim Duffy, will give an exhibition, and a color guard will post the colors. E. K. McDermott, chairman of the Military Affairs committee of the Chamber of Commerce, will present arm cords to the members of the Crack Squad.

Principal Fred Hill will present the individual awards in riflery, and J. G. Masters will award a plaque to

the high five on the rifle team. Before the performance of the silent drill squad, instructed by John Barakat, Mr. McDermott will make a short speech.

The announcement of promotions by Major Mead will conclude the program. At this time all promotions, including those of the colonel and lieutenant colonel, will be announced. After a five minute recess the grand march of officers and their dates will take place. Dancing to Web Feerman's orchestra will follow the march.

## 'Swede' Receives Distinction

## Warren Johnson Manages Road Show; One of Highest School Honors Attainable

Warren Johnson in his position of manager of the Road Show is carrying on the tradition of willing service and hard work set by his predecessors. The honor which he holds is one of the highest a Central student can receive since it is the only

ger in 1925, is now a member of the legal department of the Union Pacific. His successor in '26, Allen Meitzer, has entered an entirely different field of work, that of traveling salesman for a box factory in Milwaukee.

Captain in the United States army is the position held by Herbert Senter, manager in 1927, and his home station is San Francisco, California. Claud Gillespie, who was assistant manager the following year, holds a high position in the Northwestern Bell Telephone company at Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Thomas W. Austin followed Gillespie's footsteps as assistant manager, but he disregarded them as to his life work and is managing a show store in New York city. Untying legal knots for Montgomery Ward in Chicago is Frank Wright's job, and perhaps managing the Road Show in 1931 gave him some experience along this line.

Selling glass for a Chicago firm has taken the place of Road Show management for Norman J. Ogilvie, who was our executive in '34. Robert Nimmo, assistant manager the next year, is still in the managing business but has switched from stage shows to Feppo Theatre advertising.

William Cheek, Nimmo's superior officer in '35, has reached new heights at Carlton college, for last year he was president of the junior class, and this year he is president of the Carlton Student Government association. Donald McCotter and Charles McManus, manager and assistant manager respectively in 1937, are enrolled at Leland Stanford university, and the University of Omaha.

## Vocal Trio Sings At Art Meeting

Jane Sorenson '37 spoke Tuesday to the Greenwich Villagers about her recent art course at the Traphagen School in New York City.

Valentine day was the theme carried out in the heart-shaped sandwiches, candies, and cookies which were served by the officers of the club. A trio, composed of Bill McBride '40, Dan Schmitt and Bob Clow, both '39, sang two numbers.

## Register Salesmen Selected From Homeroom Students

One member of each homeroom was selected at the beginning of the semester by his homeroom teacher to be the Register representative. The duty of those chosen is to report to the circulation department the number of Registers which will be distributed on Friday. The representatives and their homerooms are as follows:

Midge Beasley, 132, Miss McChesney; Bob Best, 328, Miss Fisher; Alice Boleski, 10, Miss Stockard; Eloise Carney, auditorium, Mrs. Roush and Miss Anderson; Charles Cary, 20, Mr. Franklin; Louise Cosentino, 240, Mrs. Swanson; Bernard Cozette, 345, Miss Lane; Bernice Crouse, 212, Mrs. Turpin; Doris Dailard, 249, Miss Angood; Mary Ellen Davis, 241, Mrs. Jensen; Ned Eastlock, 238, Mrs. Rosemont; Virginia Foote, 228, Miss Stegner; Morton Frank, 230, Miss Ewing; Gloria Friedman, 120, Mrs. Knott; Bob Fromkin, 318, Miss Parker; Ephraim Gerstater, 215, Miss Burns and Miss Kiewit; Kathryn Gilligan, 38, Miss White.

Others are Peter Hansen, 348, Miss Ryan; Daisy Heath, 341, Mr. Barnhill; Erwin Hellermann, 313, Mrs. McManus; Edward Hindman, 137, Miss Fawthrop; Hays Holland, 332, Mr. Sorenson; Alabelle Hunter, 248, Miss Power; Reno Imalotte, gym, Mr. Buising; Wallace Jones, 140, Miss Jones; Bob Kalmansohn, 138, Miss Swensen; Bill Karr, 329, Miss Patterson; Bob Kenchel, 415, Mr. Morrison; Morris Kolnich, 320, Mr. Schmidt.

Others included are Carl Koutsky, 330, Miss Randall; Ken Kreeger, 128, Miss Anderberry; Knox Kuppinger, 338, Miss Judkins; Shirley Larson, 347, Miss Hultman; Marian Lindee, gym, Miss Treat; Walter Malland, 335, Mr. Bexten; Jack McGrane, 122, Miss Carlson; Lydia Me-

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## Classics Head Talks To Latin Students

Dr. C. G. Lowe, chairman of the Classics Department of the University of Nebraska, gave an illustrated lecture on Athens, Greece, to members of the Latin club, Tuesday, eighth hour and after school. Jacqueline Woodhouse '40, president of the club, and Leo Goldsmith '40, vice president, introduced Dr. Lowe.

The slides are reproductions of woodcuts, etchings, paintings, and lithographs, dating from 1660 to the present day. Dr. Lowe did not do the copying himself, but had a German artist reproduce them from books. The illustrations are unusual in that they show the effect of the Turkish conquest on the ruins of Athens.

After spending six years in Greece, Dr. Lowe returned to the University of Nebraska, where he has taught for the past two years.

## Hill To Supervise Scholarship Exams

University of Chicago  
Has New Type of Test

A new type of competitive examination for scholarships to the University of Chicago will be held at Central High school on April 15, according to announcements from the university this week.

The examination has been framed to test clear and critical thinking, familiarity with significant ideas and sources of ideas, understanding of words, knowledge and appreciation of effective language, and ability to deal with numbers and quantitative relations. In previous years each student was permitted to select three classroom subjects for examination.

Any high school student in the Omaha territory who graduated in January or will graduate in June will be eligible to take the examination, but he must have his name sent to the entrance counselor of the university not later than March 15 by his principal. Fred Hill, Central High principal, will supervise the examination here. Last year Irving Rosenbaum of Central High won a half scholarship in the competition.

## Introduce Prologue In '39 Show

First Section Recalls  
Former Presentations  
Of Famous Road Show

"Listen, my public, and you shall hear, The history of our Road Show from year to year. Back in '14. . . We salute the past, three cheers, yessiree, On this Twenty-Fifth Anniversary."

This is part of the opening patter written by Mrs. Elsie Howe Swanson for the prologue of the 1939 Road Show, which promises to be one of the most novel and elaborate productions offered at Central.

In keeping with the twenty-fifth year anniversary theme, a prologue will be presented for the first time in the history of the Road Show. The purpose of this introductory section is to recall past shows to the audience by presenting short skits and reminders from former presentations.

After an overture and fanfare by the orchestra, a group of girls dressed in old-time costumes will appear and bring back the old days by historic references in their song. They will also serve to introduce the rest of the acts in the prologue.

The girls included in this group are Pauline Bruett, Phyllis Carter, Betty Jane Ernst, Beulah Galbraith, Jane Griffith, Ruth Haney, Betty Hatteroth, Barbara Koll, Betty Maenner, Betty Nellor, Mary Ellen Newman, Billie Shurtz, Virginia Slabaugh, Marge Stewart, Dorothy Thomas, and Betty Jane Thompson.

Among the rest of the acts are a "War Medley," a "Burlesque Opera," and a "Swan Ballet." The medley, sponsored by H. G. Cox, is a musical number by a small portion of the band, while the opera pictures America laughing at its depression tragedies. It consists entirely of boys, and is sponsored by Mrs. Irene Jensen.

The ballet, sponsored by Mrs. Elsie Swanson, promises to be one of the most beautiful ensembles in the entire Road Show, for while the girls dance about a large mirror on the partially darkened stage, they will be accompanied by girls from the choir singing Saint Saen's "The Swan."

Some of the acts in the show which follows the prologue are a group of girl baton twirlers, a detailed tap act, an impersonator's skit, several plays, and the final review. The Crack Squad, under the direction of Jim Duffy, will give its usual fine performance.

A more detailed description of the second part of the show will follow in next week's paper.

## Drastic Financial Cut Necessary

Board Uses Insurance  
Fund to Cover Debt

Omaha's school system is in an extremely distressing financial condition at the present time, with an even darker outlook for the future, unless something is done to offset the increase in expenditures and the decrease in income.

The income has been so reduced that in 1937-38 the funds available for current expenses were \$1,200,000 less than in 1930-31. Since 1926, the school levy has been the same, 13 mills, but assessed valuation has decreased \$100,000,000, cutting the school income accordingly.

In 1936-37, the income was \$251,000 less than expenditures were; in 1937-38, even with a special effort put forth to collect delinquent taxes, the income was \$120,000 less; this year, there will probably be over \$200,000 less. To make up most of this deficit, the Board of Education will apply the reserve fund and the insurance fund so that by September 1, 1939, there will be no balance in any of the funds and a remaining deficit of \$26,000.

Expenditures have been decreased to the point where the quality of the educational program in Omaha is seriously affected. In order to reduce

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SPORTS SPOTLIGHT

Central Humbles Benson And A. L. in Intercity Wins

Kriss Sets Intercity Record with 27 Points Against Benson Bunnies

Central's inconsistent Eagles turned in their annual upset victory last Friday evening when they trampled over the league-leading Abraham Lincoln team in a rough 36-29 game in the Bluffs. The Purple offense, led by Jim Kriss and his 18 points, was never headed throughout the game.

Hard luck under the basket held the smooth passing Central five down to six points in the first quarter. Jenks, flashy little forward, tallied twice in the second quarter to give the Lynx a short-lived 10-6 lead. Kriss drove in for a setup, Basso swished a one-hander, and Kriss dribbled around the shaky A. L. defense to send the Eagles into a 12-10 lead at the half.

The Eagles came out of their first half scoring slump with Kriss punching through for four quick setups to give Central a 25-17 lead. Two long swishers from the middle of the floor by Herd, Lynx forward, whittled the lead down to 25-21. Kriss boosted Central's margin only to have Herd get two more baskets to keep A. L. in the ball game.

In the last half Kriss cracked the Lynx defense for six baskets, and Britt contributed two. Herd was the shining light in the Lynx offense with ten points in the last half, but he received little help from his mates.

Podrouzek was a diamond star on Mr. Knapple's American Legion team, and in proving of the recent theory about baseballers being smarter than other athletes, "Wimpy's" brown-haired head is the life-saver of his friends in their algebra homework.

Small fry: To dispel superstitious beliefs, we report that it was Kriss' thirteenth game in which he cracked the record with 27 points last Tuesday. Incidentally, Jim didn't have one personal foul against him, an amazing feat for so long a period of play.

Howard Schonberger, Sports Editor

North Upsets Central Riflemen 916-881

Suffering the first defeat in years by an Omaha high school, Central's rifle team came out on the small end of the score when it fired North High's rifle team Wednesday, February 15. The score was 916 to 881.

TOP BOWLERS
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1-Hickey 9 1,494 166
2-Muskin 9 1,364 151
3-Westerling 6 909 151
4-Jettors 9 1,350 150
5-Dudley 9 1,350 150

Sparked by the brilliant play of Jim Kriss, a rejuvenated Central cage quintet completely outclassed the Benson Bunnies in our gym Tuesday afternoon. Kriss smashed the Intercity scoring record by scoring 27 of the Eagles' points in the 45-26 victory.

The Eagles got off to a 10-2 lead in the first quarter. In the second period Kriss opened the proceedings with an easy follow shot. Basso dropped two baskets, and Kriss closed the period with two more buckets. Meanwhile the Bunnies began to warm up and tallied seven points to raise the half-time score to 20-9.

The Bunnies opened up the third quarter with a rush, scoring three points before the Central attack began to function. Kriss tallied two points, Seb Distefano dropped a long shot, and Kriss sank another follow to make the score at the end of the third period, 26-20. In the final period Kriss turned the heat on the Bunnies and tallied 13 points. Nine of these points were made in succession.

Basso was a large factor in the Central victory. He made 11 points himself and fed the ball to Kriss for many setup shots. Andresen was the top player for Benson with eight points.

Central (45) vs Benson (26) stats table with columns for player, fg, ft, pf.

Abe Lynx Seconds Nip Central 32-29

Abraham Lincoln reserves eked out a victory over the Purple reserves last Friday evening, 32-29, at the Lynx gym. The young Eagles led 24-23 going into the fourth quarter, but their defense weakened, and the alert Lynxmen drove through for four baskets and a victory.

In a hectic last half that saw the lead change sides several times, Central had the edge on scoring with Jones' four baskets. With two minutes to go, Price of A. L. sent the Lynx into a 32-26 lead. Bernstein, Eagle center, took a pass under the basket and rammed it in for two more points, and Christianson, Central guard, tallied from the free throw line as the gun ended the game and a fierce Central rally.

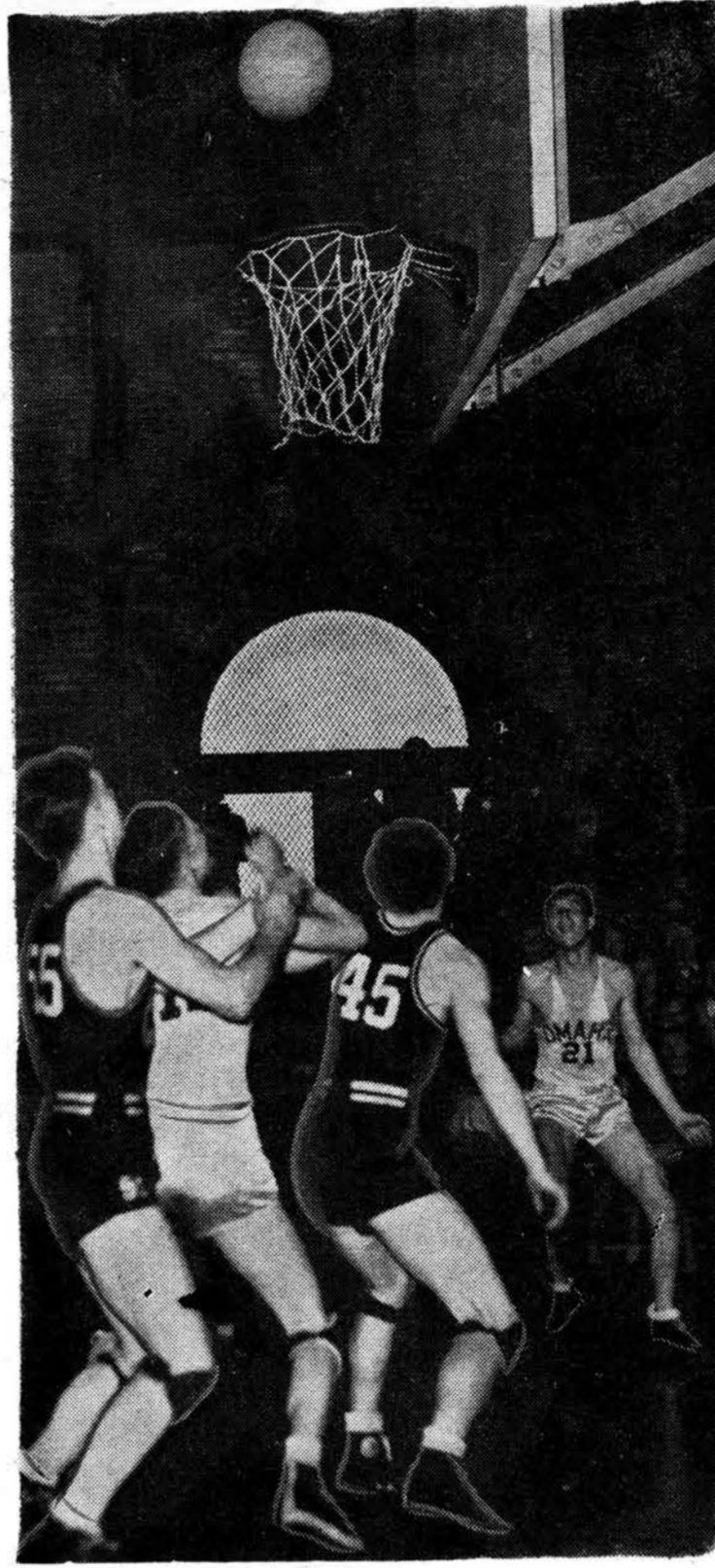
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Age—18
Height—5 ft., 11 inches
Weight—163
Hair—Wavy blond
Eyes—Baby blue
Favorite song—"Margie."
Fitting song—"I Must Have Been a Beautiful Baby"
Favorite saying—"Bull's eye!"
Activities—Rifle team, teaching the girls how to shoot
Hobby—Collecting guns
Ambition—To own a big home
Pet peeve—Unfaithful women (he ought to know).
Bad habit—Sounding like Santa Claus when his medals jingle.
Last week's whosit was Doris Vermillion.

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Marquiss Misses Side Shot as Bohan and Swanson Look On

Eagles Play Tech High Five Tonight

Win Over Tech Would Put Wrendmen in First Group of Intercity Ranks

BASKETBALL STANDINGS table with columns for team, W, L, Pts., Opp.

In the good old "one-two punch" tradition, Abraham Lincoln was counted down and out of the Intercity race for first place. The first punch was administered by Central in the surprising upset of last Friday, while the additional slug was delivered by the surprising Thomas Jefferson quintet.

Creighton Prep was crowned the new Intercity champion by virtue of Tee Jay's upset victory over A. L. with a record of eight wins and one loss. The Prepsters climbed out of second place when they smothered North's Vikings, 45-19, on Tuesday, February 14. They kept one jump ahead of the pack when they eliminated South last Friday in a rough game, 20-18.

South's Packers were raised into second place without playing as a result of the Tee Jay victory. Last week they lost two hard games to Prep and Tech, losing to Tech in a 19-18 thriller.

Tech High remained in fourth place in the standings with its victory over South. Friday night Tech swamped a plucky gang from Lincoln High, 48-20.

Tee Jay's fortunes changed with the victory over A. L. after its 39-22 loss to the Bunnies last week in a slow game. Central pushed up a notch higher in the standings by defeating the Benson crew, 45-26.

Central plays its last Intercity battle of the year in our gym tonight against the fast climbing Maroons of Tech High. The Purples are much improved over their early season performances and are apt to turn the tables and lick the Techsters. The game is scheduled for 8 o'clock.

In an earlier battle this year, Tech put on a late rally and beat the Eagles, 29-23. Tech, however, lost to A. L. twice, while Central won from the Bluffs boys, 34-23 last Friday. A victory over Tech would put the Eagles in a tie for fourth place with Tech and Thomas Jefferson.

The annual district tournaments to select the two Omaha teams to compete in the state tournament begins next Wednesday at Tech. The Eagles will be in the same bracket with Creighton Prep and North unless tonight's game changes the situation.

Central's reserve team plays at 7 o'clock immediately preceding the main game. The undefeated sports writers' team will play a team of football players during the half-time period.

Packers Win Intercity Mat Title; Purples Beat Creighton Prep to Wind up Fourth

INTERCITY WRESTLING STANDINGS table with columns for team, W, L, T, C. P., A. L., North.

The Intercity wrestling title has again gone to the South High Packers, who completed their twenty-second dual meet without defeat last week by pinning North, 33-3. Second place is held by Thomas Jefferson.

Tech had no city match last week but will defend third place today against the Vikings from North. The Junior Jays ended in fifth position. Abraham Lincoln and North are the stragglers, holding down ranks as sixth and seventh.

Coach Morrison's grappler closed their wrestling season with a 23 1/2-10 1/2 victory over Creighton Prep last Thursday on the Prep mats. This boosted Central's total of victories to four. The Eagles used three second string men in their easy victory over an improved Prep team.

Podrouzek of Central and Donovan of Prep wrestled to a draw in

the feature match of the meet. This was Podrouzek's second draw of the season. Central opened and closed the meet with falls in the 85 pound heavyweight classes, 85 pounder Slyter over Healey and heavyweight Chaloupka over McCarthy. Seb and Sam, "the Campagna cousins," came through with decisions in the 145 and 155 pound classes respectively. Central's strong finish has raised Morrison's hopes for the state wrestling championship.

85 pounds—Slyter (C) threw Healey (CP) 4-44
95 pounds—G. Evans (C) decisioned Reefs (CP)
105 pounds—Langley (CP) decisioned Ryzner (C)
115 pounds—Walsh (CP) decisioned Bachman (C)
125 pounds—Calhorn (CP) decisioned Grimes (C)
135 pounds—Podrouzek (C) and Donovan (CP) drew
145 pounds—Seb Campagna (C) decisioned Rush (CP)
155 pounds—Sam Campagna (C) decisioned Grier (CP)
165 pounds—Al Caniglia (C) decisioned Gill (CP)
Heavyweight—Chaloupka (C) threw McCarthy (CP), 2:24

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Hickey Boosts Record to 255

Harold Hickey's 255 game topped all performances in the bowling league for the third week. Hickey led the Comers to victory in their match with the Lefties. In other outstanding contests the Tramps won three games from the Lasses, and the Skippers copped two out of three from the Silent Squad.

After three weeks of bowling three teams are still tied for the top position. The Tramps, Central Champs, and Skippers have won seven and lost two games.

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