

Student Players Give 'What A Life' Tonight

Central High Student Council Elects Stan Yergey President

Jack Busch Is Vice President; Other Officers Are Evans and Carey

Stan Yergey is the new president of the Central High Student Council, succeeding Duane Carey. Other officers are Jack Busch, vice president; Mary Joan Evans, secretary; and Duane Carey, treasurer.

Yergey, Busch, and Carey were members of the council last year. Jack Busch served as vice president of the Central States Student Council convention held at Central, October 18 and 19.

Officers of the Student Council are elected by ballot by the council members. The group, consisting of 24 members, plans to divide into committees later.

Stan Yergey will preside at the Student Council meeting every Monday during eighth hour. The vice president, Jack Busch, is the presiding officer over the representative assembly on Monday morning for homeroom representatives.

Stan, the new president, said Wednesday, "There is a lot of work to be done which can be accomplished only through the cooperation of the officers and members of the Student Council. I am glad we have so many members from last year on the present council because their experience makes the group a more unified body."

According to Jack Busch, "Central has a very active council, whose members are all working together. The council will probably get twice as much done this year as last because of the early start in electing officers and organizing the council."

Mrs. Irene Jensen and F. Y. Knappe, sponsors of the council, believe that the Student Council convention held here was an inspiration to our council, as the members learned of constructive work being done in other high schools.

Type Students Pass Achievement Tests

Students in Miss Marguerette Burke's Type III classes who passed their first achievement test this semester are Virginia Brewer, Norma Drexel, Barbara Brock, Marion Palmquist, Margery Sittler, Charles Macchietto, Virginia Foote, Emma Dus, Darlene Heinlen, Adele Pangle, Georgia Penhollow, Florence Rundell, and Betty Williams.

Lois Middleton was the only Type III student to pass the time test.

Girl Reporter Interviews Congressman

DIES SEES NEED FOR INTERNAL DEFENSE AGAINST FIFTH COLUMNISTS AND SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES

By Mary Louise Rowsey

Handicapped by an infected arm and an attack of bronchitis, Congressman Martin Dies, chairman of the House committee on un-American activities, spoke to the district convention of the Nebraska State Teachers' association, Thursday, October 24.

"Youth must be loyal to our country," declared Mr. Dies. "It was the youth that supported Hitler and put him into power in Germany. Lack of work and wages drove young people to support Hitler, but this must not happen in America."

Speaking of the conscription bill, Mr. Dies believes it is the only fair way to call men to service. "It is well to be prepared for war, but we can go too far and militarism could destroy the country," said Mr. Dies.

Speaking with a southern accent, the Texas congressman expressed the need of emphasizing to our young people the terrific price of freedom. "A democracy gives greater opportunities for work. If we lose our democracy, youth is doomed," declared Mr. Dies.

Student Uses Perfume as Glass Cleaner--Yes, He's a Freshie

Freshman Darwin Fallis has a new crease in his gray matter. He has just learned to identify the smell of perfume.

Last Sunday evening he found the window-cleaning atomizer in his mother's dressing table. Quite innocently he set about cleaning the windows of their apartment with this strange smelling fluid. He received a rude awakening when his mother returned to find her favorite perfume, with which she had filled the atomizer, dripping from the windows and scenting the entire building.

Central High Register Sends Fifty Students To Press Convention

Luncheon, Banquet, and Dance Planned for Delegates' Entertainment

At least 50 members of the Register staff will attend the Nebraska High School Press association meeting at Lincoln, November 8 and 9.

After registration on Friday, the delegates will tour Lincoln. Sectional meetings are scheduled for student discussions on various subjects relating to the publishing of a paper. At each meeting a student chairman will preside. John Plank, managing editor of the Central High Register, will serve as one of the chairmen. Sponsors of papers with highest ratings in the state contest will speak at the meetings.

Friday noon a luncheon is planned at which several speakers will talk on newspaper work. For Friday evening's entertainment, a banquet and dance will be given in the ballroom of the Student Union building. George Grimes, managing editor of the Omaha World-Herald, will be the banquet speaker.

After the advisers' meeting on Saturday morning, a business meeting will be held for delegates at which the officers of the Nebraska High School Press association will be elected to serve for the following year, and the location of the next year's convention will be determined.

At this same meeting the ratings of the Nebraska High School Press association newspaper contest will be announced. Last year the Register received the top all-state honor rating.



Meet Barbara Pearson and Henry Aldrich . . . Russ Gast and Mary Thomas. These two are a part of the swell cast that is presenting "What a Life" in the auditorium tonight. You'll see the same show that made such a smash hit on Broadway last year.

Russ Gast Plays Henry Aldrich in Famous Show

Mary Thomas as Barbara Pearson Heads Large Supporting Cast in Annual Fall Production

Former Central Girl Is Queen of Ak-Sar-Ben

Gwendolyn Ruth Sachs, a Central graduate of 1935, and William Jeffers, president of the Union Pacific railroad, took their places on the royal thrones at Ak-Sar-Ben coliseum last Friday night to reign as monarchs of the court of Quivera for 1940.

Attending Her Majesty were 20 princesses, wearing gowns of lotus pink and grotto blue. Elizabeth Ramsey, Cornelia Cary, and Bette Ann Moon, all '36, Florence Kennedy '37, Ann Thomas, Alice Ann Hascall, and Catherine Tunison, all '38, and Joan Metcalf '39 were among the princesses who are Central graduates.

At Central Gwendolyn was active in the French club, Central committee, and Loquax. She belonged to National Honor society and participated in the Road Show. In the 1935 O-Book she was described as "sleek and sophisticated."

Group Gives Program For Visiting Students

The Central High Players entertained delegates to the Central States' Student Councils' convention, Thursday evening, October 17, in the auditorium. Miss Frances McChesney was in charge of the program with Jim Robinson as master of ceremonies. Cheryl Church gave a reading entitled "Children's Party" and Geraldine Bernstein read "The Waltz."

Advanced expression classes presented "Clean and Press," with a cast of Rosie Meyerson, Lillian Mirowitz, Virginia Gilmore, Don Slama, and Albert Brooks; and "Five for Bad Luck," with Dorothy Cappel, Adele Pangle, Diana Barnes, Mary Thomas, Russ Gast, Bill Stieffer, Eugene Hauge, and Walter Mailand taking part.

Homerooms Elect Representatives

The following students have been chosen as homeroom representatives and alternates during the coming year.

For Mrs. Harris, Room 11: Betty-lee Purdy, representative and Jacqueline Mangel, alternate; Mr. Perry, Room 20: Sam Distefano, representative and Bert Olsen, alternate; Sergeant Wyatt, Room 29: Burton Howard, representative and Moya Freymann, alternate; Miss Stockard, Room 38: Grace Buresh, representative and Mildred Fishberg, alternate; Mrs. Roush, Room 49: Rosalie Rubin, representative and Donna MacLean, alternate; Miss Treat, gym: Betty Legge, representative and Jane Weinhardt, alternate; Mr. Rice, stage: Ray Helaney, representative and Bob Beck, alternate.

Miss Kiewit, Room 117: Rosemary Webb, representative and Roberta Gross, alternate; Miss Burke, Room 118: Bob Kline, representative and Ed Binder, alternate; Mrs. Knott, Room 120: Jane Sellers, representative and Ida Longo, alternate; Miss Burns, Room 121: Jack Busch, representative and Eileen Joseph, alternate; Miss Carlson, Room 122: Lucille Chilise, representative and Jack Payton, alternate; Miss Bozell, Room 127: Burke Clements, representative and Tom McManus, alternate; Miss Anderberry, Room 128: Wesley Soland, representative and Rosella Sherman, alternate.

Miss Johnson, Room 129: Bobby Fromkin, representative and Bernice Pospiechal, alternate; Miss Clark, Room 130: Dorothy Kulhaneck, representative and Dick Hill, alternate; Miss McCoid, Room 131: Dan Peters, representative and Jo Ann Srb, alternate; Miss McChesney, Room 132: Fred Holmstrom, representative and Marilyn Manske, alternate; Mrs. Rathbun, Room 136: Laurel Childre, representative and Everett Gantz, alternate; Miss Fawthrop, Room 137: John Abrahamson, representative and John Martin, alternate; Miss Swenson, Room 138: Ruth Kulakofsky, representative; Miss Hoegemeyer, Room 139: Bill Cook, representative

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Polls Show That Central Students Are Most Interested in World Events

National election day, Tuesday, November 5, will be election day at Central.

On this day, as citizens of the United States are deciding who shall lead the nation for the next four years, Central students will have the opportunity to choose their candidates for important offices.

The election will be carried on in the homerooms under the supervision of the homeroom representatives. The selection will be made from these nominees: president, Franklin Roosevelt and Wendell Willkie; vice president, Henry Wallace and Charles McNary; governor of Nebraska, Terry Carpenter and Dwight Griswold; senator, Roy Cochran and Hugh Butler; and congressman from the second district, Charles McLaughlin and Ted Metcalf.

Central Girl Receives Several Gun Wounds

Sally Swiler '44 received wounds from a shot gun while she was going home from school Monday. She is suffering from eight shot gun pellets in her head and back.

Alighting from the bus, Sally heard a shot as she neared Fifty-second and Davenport streets. She said she heard another shot as she fell.

Police are investigating the case, since Sally saw a boy and girl with a gun. The gun used in the shooting is believed to be a .410 double-barreled shot gun.

Teachers Attend State Convention

Central Girls' Octet Entertains at Meeting

Approximately 3,200 Nebraska teachers were in Omaha last Thursday and Friday, October 24 and 25, to attend the Nebraska State Teachers' convention. From out of town came 2,000 of the teachers, and the remaining were from Omaha.

Highlights of the convention were speeches by Martin Dies, congressman from Texas and chairman of the committee on un-American activities in the House of Representatives, and by Linton Wells, foreign correspondent and radio commentator. The Graff ballet, the second ranking ballet in the world, performed Thursday evening.

The girls' double quartet from Central sang for the rural teachers' meeting in the Central High auditorium, Thursday afternoon, October 24. They sang "O Divine Redeemer" by Gounod, and "Nocturne" by Cain.

The theme of the convention this year was "The Abandonment of Narrow Purposes in Education": that is, to make education broad and to cover new fields.

vade the United States. It is not a feasible plan in modern warfare. Hitler is exhausting his supply of materials to work an army over the 150 miles of territory now warring. How could they bring an army three thousand miles and attack the United States?" he asked.

"One method of combating subversive activities," Dies said, "is to enforce the immigration and deportation laws against persons disloyal to their adopted country." The congressman explained that America is the only country today that admits aliens.

In eastern Texas Mr. Dies owns a farm which is his only hobby.

"I support the farm. It doesn't support me," laughed Mr. Dies, "because of the many luxuries on it."

Father of three sons, Dies appreciates the difficulty youth has in finding jobs. His oldest boy attends the University of Virginia, another is in high school in Texas, and little Jackie proudly tells of his experiences in kindergarten. A great admirer of his father, Jackie is collecting toy guns. One of his prize possessions is the toy machine gun he bought in Omaha.

"Hitler or Stalin could never in-

The Central High Players under the direction of Miss Frances McChesney will present "What a Life," the story of Henry Aldrich's adventures at Central High school, tonight at 8 o'clock. This play, written by Clifford Goldsmith, has been shown both on the screen and as a road show production.

Adapted to simulate life at our own Central High, the play will remind everyone of his school experiences. Henry, played by Russ Gast, is a poor fellow who gets the worst breaks—even when he does not deserve them.

Mary Thomas as Barbara Pearson, Henry's girl, lives up to her reputation as the sweetest and most popular girls of the junior class. But even she is discouraged when she has to lead the assembly. "Honor is a hollow thing," she declares.

Mr. Nelson, the assistant principal, played by John Anderson, is Henry's only understanding friend on the faculty, and it is he who shows Henry the way out of his difficulties. Opposite him is Miss Shea, the principal's secretary, portrayed by Beverly Weichel. Young, attractive, and hardly out of school herself, she can readily understand the problems of Barbara, but is at a complete loss about Henry.

Play Represents Typical School

Irving Rector as Mr. Bradley and Jean Koleszar as Mrs. Aldrich have the dignity accredited the older and more experienced, Bill Ginn as Mr. Ferguson, the bored detective, and Don Slama as the Italian parent, Mr. Vecchitto, are amusing in their character roles.

Mr. Patterson, the irate Roman history teacher, played by Eugene Hauge, spares no love for Henry. Diana Barnes is Miss Eggleston, brusque teacher who is harassed by Henry. Miss Pike, the tropical vegetation teacher, is portrayed by Kathleen Anderson. Joan McCague takes the part of Miss Wheeler who has charge of the band instruments which are the center of the plot.

The parts taken by Dorothy Cappel and Bill Parr are typical of scatter-brained high school students. Bob Knoll as George Bigelow, the school bully, and Lois Turner, Gisa Neuhaus, and Barbara Osborne as teachers also play supporting roles.

All the action takes place in the principal's office. The stage crew, under the supervision of Mr. Frank Rice, built this setting.

Fifty Pupils Enter T.B. Essay Contest

More than fifty pupils of Central High have submitted entries in the essay contest sponsored by the Nebraska Tuberculosis association and the Nebraska State Medical association auxiliary.

The subject for this year's essay is "Tuberculosis — Everybody's Problem."

Last year Colin Schack '43 won first prize of \$10 and a silver cup which is now on display in the trophy case in the east hall. Other prizes are \$5 for second place, and \$2.50 for third. Mrs. H. W. Benson of Oakland, Nebraska, is head of the essay contest committee.

Pupils in all public and parochial high schools in the state are eligible to compete. So far, 23 schools have entered the contest.

Entries are limited to 700 words. The contest closes November 15, 1940. Any pupils desiring further information should see Don Warner, debate coach.

