

# Mystery, Romance To Be Theme of 'Crystal Ball'

Climaxing the mystery and gaiety of the "Crystal Ball" will be the coronation of Miss Central IX. The annual spring frolic, which is again under the general chairmanship of Mrs. Irene Jensen, sophomore girls' counselor, will be held April 2.

Thirty-three senior girls, nominated by the other girls in their class, will be voted on this morning by all the girls of the school. The nine receiving the highest number of votes will be princesses, and from them the queen will be elected the night of the ball. The remainder of the original 33 will act as courtesses. Student Council girls and class officers will also take part in the coronation ceremony, and Miss Jessie M. Towne, former vice principal and dean of girls, will again crown the queen. Miss Towne has performed this service for every queen since Miss Central I.

The 33 senior girls who will march are Jeanne Anderson, Barbara Brintnall, Josephine Bower, Betty Buchanan, Betty Burns, Barbara Byrne, Darlis Chambers, Carolyn Covert, Dottie Cowger, Donna Deffenbaugh, Marian Doll, Dorothy Drishaus, and Helen Gearhart. Others are Roberta Gross, Ann Haggerty, Barbara Hindman, Joan Huntzinger, Lenke Isacson, Annette Keane, Mary Jean Loucks, Reeda Magzamin, Jeanette Mallinson, Mary Mallory, Joan McCague, and Jane McFayden. Also included are Norma Jeanne Michaels, Virginia Murphy, Marilyn Nordgren, Roselle Osoff, Patsy Pattavina, Jean Rubenstein, Barbara Whitlock, and Billie Wilson.

The girls' class counselors with the Student Council girls, who are acting as a board of directors, are assisting Mrs. Jensen in arrangements for the ball. Miss Elizabeth Kiewit, senior girls' counselor, has charge of the masquerade committee, and Miss Ruth Pilling, junior girls' counselor, heads the balloting and courtesy committee. Members of Miss Pilling's committee are Betty Legge, Mary Ann Korb, Marilyn Johnson, and Beverly Bush.

For the first time in the history of the all-girls' parties, boys will have a part in the proceedings when the Student Council boys act as assistants to Miss Josephine Frisbie, freshman girls' counselor, who has charge of the doors and floor committee. The boys are Erwin Witkin, Dan Peters, Steve Plank, Bill Okeson, and Charles Peterson.

Barbara Byrne, treasurer of the council, will direct ticket sales. Salesmen will be the Student Council girls, class officers, and the 33 candidates. Reeda Magzamin will manage the grand march, and Joan Huntzinger and Betty Kirk will have charge of the floor show. Beverly Horne and Joan Webb will take care of the office display case and Lois Ann Snyder and Arlene Cooper are handling Register publicity. Refreshments are being planned by Phyllis Korisko and Emma Mae Wilson and Donna Deffenbaugh will make arrangements for the orchestra. Lighting for the ball will be under the direction of Bob Beck, head electrician for the stage crew.

For nine years the ball has been the highlight of the spring semester for Central girls. Each year they have looked forward to the election of the new queen and to the planning and wearing of interesting and novel costumes. Prizes of war stamps will be awarded for the most appropriate, the prettiest, the craziest, the funniest, and the most original. Miss Kiewit urges all girls to use their time and ingenuity in making original but inexpensive costumes.

## Plan Red Cross Drive at Central

Plans for launching a Red Cross drive at Central have been made in an effort to support the nation-wide campaign now in progress. The drive will be conducted March 29 to March 31 inclusive by the homeroom representatives, through the homeroom.

The Red Cross, worthy of its title "the greatest mother in the world," gives its service to our armed forces at home and abroad, to their families and to prisoners of war. Overseas the helping hand of the Red Cross provides recreation centers, blood plasma, canteen service, relief in times of enemy raids, medical care, and the distribution of service kits. On the

The national goal has been set at \$125,000,000. Of this sum Douglas county has pledged \$375,000. This drive is in addition to the fall membership goal.

Contributions collected in this campaign will also aid the Central Junior Red Cross, under the sponsorship of Miss Josephine Frisbie, Miss Virginia Pratt and H. O. Peterson, to continue in their important program. Some of the Central activities include knitting, sewing, compiling scrapbooks, rolling surgical bandages, collecting grease, puzzles, and games, and studying home nursing and first aid.

Colin Schack, president of Central's Junior Red Cross, urges everyone to display their patriotism by donating as much as they can to this worthy cause.

### Central Grad Designer Of Red Cross Posters

Poster for the current American Red Cross war fund drive was painted by Lawrence Wilbur '10. Since World War I, he has designed nine of the Red Cross posters for annual campaigns. This year's poster was chosen from those submitted by many of the most famous artists of the nation.

Theme of the war fund poster is "Greatest Mother in the World," the same as that used in the last war. Lawrence created the 1917 Red Cross poster as well.

### Swim Course for Senior Boys

All senior boys taking physical fitness courses now will be given an opportunity to enroll in swimming courses at the Y.M.C.A. next week. They will be excused from their regular eighth hour physical fitness class and allowed to attend the Y for these swimming classes. This course is, of course, optional.

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FIVE CENTS

## ROTC Holds Spotlight; Name Colonel, Honorary Colonel at Military Ball

### Five Girls in Line For Title; Choose Colonel From Officers

By Herbert Winer

Carolyn Covert, Donna Deffenbaugh, Mary Mallory, Jane McFayden, Billie Wilson! Tonight one cadet officer and one of these five girls will receive the highest honor that the ROTC battalion of Central High school can bestow on one boy and one girl — the ranks of cadet lieutenant colonel and honorary lieutenant colonel.

The lieutenant colonel is chosen for his outstanding ability in leading his fellow cadets; the honorary lieutenant colonel is chosen by the cadet officers to officiate as the honorary commander of their battalion.

After a roll of drums these honored two will pause majestically, for a moment and then, escorted by an honor guard of four Crack Squad members, they will make their way through the arch formed by officers' sabers.

At this time one guess is as good as another as to the identities of the lieutenant colonel and the honorary lieutenant colonel. Only Tech. Sgt. Palmer Peterson and Principal Fred Hill know who they are.

Possible candidates for the higher position in the ROTC battalion are Cadet Captains Jack Anderson, Robert Beck, Walter Clark, David Howard, Richard McFayden, Robert Mitchell, Richard O'Brien, James Ryan, and Robert Spier. Any senior cadet, however, is eligible for the higher ranks according to Sgt. Peterson.

#### Former Colonels, Honorary Colonels

In 1937, the last year of the old regiment, Robert B. Bernstein and Beth Howley were chosen colonel and honorary colonel. In 1938 when the ROTC movement was inaugurated at Central, James C. Haugh and Shirley Hoffman were selected to lead the regiment. James Duffy and Jeanette Emmert were the honored pair in 1939, and in 1940, J. Gordon Freymann and Marjorie Johnson. In 1941 when Central's ROTC unit was cut from a regiment to one battalion, George Grimes and Mary Thomas were the lieutenant colonel and honorary lieutenant colonel, while Richard Creedon and Nell Evans held these positions last year.

Tickets for the ball may still be obtained from all cadet officers for \$1.35, tax included. An additional charge of 25 cents for stags will be made at the door. Spectator tickets may be secured for 50 cents; however, no one of high school age will be admitted with a spectator ticket.

#### Program to Start at 8 o'Clock

Doors to the Peony park ballroom will open at 7:44 tonight, and at eight o'clock the ROTC band, under the direction of Cadet Capt. Jack Anderson, will give a concert. Following the concert the master of ceremonies, Cadet Capt. Richard McFayden, will introduce distinguished guests. Among these dignitaries will be Major Gen. Uhl, commander of the Seventh Service Command; Brig. Gen. Clemens; Col. Briggs, ROTC officer for the Seventh Service Command; Col. Erickson, chief of staff of the Seventh Service Command; Lt. Col. Brooks, P. M. S. & T. of Omaha and Council Bluffs high schools; Mayor Dan Butler; Hobart Corning, superintendent of schools; Sam Reynolds, president of the Chamber of Commerce; Albert May, chairman of the military affairs committee of the Chamber of Commerce; and the military instructors of the Omaha and Council Bluffs high schools.

At 8:30 Gen. Uhl will present awards to the five marksmen on the rifle team who had the highest averages during competition this year. These cadets are Richard McFayden, team captain; Fred Bekins, team secretary; Harold Anway; Leonard Bacon; and Ralph Thompsett.

#### Vote Senior Banquet, Dance

Plans for the senior banquet and dance are now under way. The returns from the elections held in the senior homerooms Monday, show that 250 seniors voted for the banquet and 150 against it.

tomated to the devastating raids. The English people reflect great courage, endurance, and heroism."



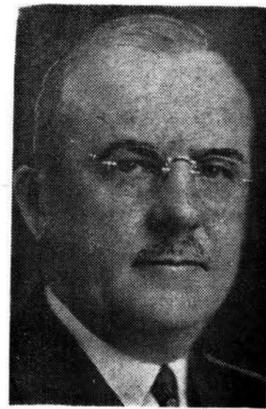
HOW TO CHOOSE ONE 'TOPS' FROM THESE FIVE BEAUTIES? One of the candidates shown above will be announced as honorary colonel tonight at the military ball held at Peony Park ballroom. Seated, center front, is Carolyn Covert; seated behind her are left, Jane McFayden, and right, Donna Deffenbaugh, and standing are Mary Mallory, left, and Billie Wilson. — Courtesy of World-Herald

### Francis Matthews Tells of Journey To Blitzed Britain

Despite the constant threat of air raids, London schools are following a policy of "school as usual," according to Francis P. Matthews, Omaha attorney. Although many students were evacuated during the German blitz, they have since returned to their homes and schools.

Mr. Matthews returned to Omaha in February, after having spent nearly two months in England and Northern Ireland. He was commissioned by the National Catholic Community service to inspect the welfare work being done for American soldiers and sailors in the British Isles.

"A few hours after my arrival in London, German bombers swept over the city in the first of nearly 15 raids I witnessed while I was in London," stated Mr. Matthews in an interview March 15. "During one of the raids a school was bombed; 48 of the students were killed and many others injured."



FRANCIS MATTHEWS

School attendance has been very materially affected by the war, he observed. Many London students were evacuated during the heavy German raids, but at the present time enrollment is increasing due to the lessened severity of the raids.

The attorney pointed out that war work in schools in the United States is growing steadily, but that it still plays a minor role compared to war work in British schools. In England everyone who is old enough to make a contribution to the war effort is under obligation to do so. They contribute their services willingly and cheerfully.

Mr. Matthews went on to say that every Englishwoman also serves her country in some capacity. Many are members of auxiliary military and naval forces, while others are engaged in civilian defense work. Anti-aircraft guns in London are manned by women and girls, many of whom have been awarded medals for exceptional bravery and gallantry.

"I was greatly impressed by the attitude of the students during the progress of an air raid," he commented. "They have lived under a great strain for the past three years, but have apparently become accus-

## Give Senior Boys Army, Navy Test April 2; V-5 Offers Aviation Program to 17 Year Old

### Successful Candidates Will Be Considered for Special Training Units

Although the army and navy aptitude test to be given here April 2 is not compulsory, Mr. Hill suggests that every senior boy take it. To qualify for this test, the student must be planning to graduate before July 1, 1943, and must be 17 years old before that date.

Eligible boys who take the test will be required to give the proctor an admission and identification certificate which may be secured from Mr. Hill. There are two types of certificates: the V-12, an application for the navy specialized training course, and the A-12, which is specialized training for the army. If a senior has no preference, he should complete either application indicating on it that he has no choice.

Successful candidates for V-12 will be asked to report at their own expense to the nearest Office of Naval Officer Procurement where they will be interviewed and given a thorough physical examination. The accepted boys will then be sent to college in two groups to be called on July 1 and November 1. A third group will be selected in the latter part of 1943 to be called March 1, 1944.

If an A-12 applicant receives an outstanding score in his test he will be invited to join the army reserve. A passing test, however, will provide the student with a certificate of qualification which will assure his assignment to a replacement training center upon his induction or enlistment in the army. If he is then considered capable of becoming an officer he will be assigned to an army specialized training unit to pursue the course of study for which he is best qualified. The A-12 program simply makes it possible for an inductee to enter an officers' training school without a recommendation from his commanding officer.

Students who apply for, or who take the qualifying test do not in any way obligate themselves nor will their status with the draft board be affected.

After April 2, these tests will not be given again for six months. For this reason, no high school graduate or senior will have an opportunity to qualify for the specialized training if he is drafted during this time.

Any boy who has a question on either the specialized training courses or the April test may turn them into the Register office. These will be printed anonymously and answered in the next issue.

### Who Takes Home More Books --- Boys or Girls?

It's a fact that girls take home more books. The quantity is greater but we can't testify as to the quality. For instance, a boy will put a few sheets of paper into his English book rather than take home the added notebook. The girls, however, aren't so conservative—they take them both home.

Last week we stood at the west entrance making mental inquiries into the book situation. Girls take home more books than they intend to study, possibly to convince Mom and Dad, as well as themselves, that they are putting their hearts into their work. Boys—we found—take home only what they have to do.

The freshmen, regardless of sex, came out with every book they owned; sophomores and juniors with only what they need, some not even that. We have yet to see a senior with a book. Suggestions—if you have to take one book home, take two. One for each arm. This balances your shoulders and you'll always have good posture. Or better yet, don't take any and take an eight year course. This way you'll get to know your teachers better and who knows, you may even learn something.

### Organize German Class

"Sprechen Sie Deutsch?" If not, join the new German class which meets once a week in Room 220. Mrs. Bernice Engle, head of the Latin department, is teaching the class.

German classes used to be very popular but were discontinued when the war cut down interest. A group of students formed the class, which is rapidly becoming larger.

### Classed as Apprentice Seamen, V-5, Until Flight Training Begins

Seventeen year old boys who plan to graduate this June will have an opportunity to enlist in naval aviation through the new V-5 program. Seniors who take the course will be classified as apprentice seamen, V-5, until they enter flight preparatory school as aviation cadets, V-5.

Approximately three-fifths of those enlisting will be given at least one year of college before entering flight school, and will be paid \$50 a month. The other two-fifths will go directly to the specialized schools where they will receive \$75 a month. The method of determining the two groups has not yet been announced, but no boy will be able to take flight training until he is 18.

To be eligible for this course an applicant must have been a male citizen of the United States for at least 10 years, and he must agree to remain on active duty for four years, including time spent in training, unless sooner released by the navy department. He must pass the regular physical and mental tests for a naval aviation cadet with the minimum weight lowered to 115 pounds, and he must stand in the upper half of the male membership of his class.

Before they are examined, accepted applicants must present the following documents:

- Birth certificate properly executed with signature and seal of the Registrar of Vital Statistics or other proper custodian of the record.
- Transcript of school work completed, showing studies pursued and grades received.
- Three letters of recommendation from responsible citizens who are in a position to testify as to the applicant's character, etc. These letters should be written on the business stationery of the person making the recommendation.
- A resume of not less than 50 words in applicant's own handwriting covering all occupational and military service or training, and a statement as to whether or not the applicant has had any flight training.

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## Our Part

War is hell.

Mustard gas spread over rice fields to eat away the legs of Chinese peasants; long-range bombers designed to reduce buildings and women and children to rubble; classes held to instruct German women in mass human production — modern warfare is much more chaotic and inhuman than Dante's classic "Inferno." Why should civilized man continue to squabble with the little boy next door, to grab his toys and beat him up? Why hasn't man grown up in twenty centuries?

"After this war we will have a long armistice, a strong federation of nations, and free trade," propose post-war planners throughout the world. Again we hear the worn-out phrase, "This is the war to end wars!" On the other hand isolationists are packing the Congress post-war planning committee, and in England parliament has tabled the Beveridge plan for freedom from want. Let us hope, however, that we have learned the lesson of Versailles and will formulate a lasting peace.

Meanwhile casualties are mounting, the march for victory on the African and Russian fronts has been delayed. With cold precision, increased output of planes and ships, and courage, the American soldiers must face and defeat sly Nip snipers and tough Panzer divisions. When Japanese boys reach the age of 14, they begin their studies in the fighting manual of trickery, murder, and rape. German youths at an early age leave the new-order classroom for active service in the Reich's program of conquest.

In the United States, high school boys train for the victory of democracy in gym, in match and science classes, and in military drill. After school they go bowling or get a coke, not murdering and pillaging. The Axis partners are in for a surprise if they are planning their strategy on the assumption that American youth is soft.

"To qualify the student as a leader, whether in war or peace" is the mission of the ROTC, as listed in the junior manual. Fifty years ago the Central Cadet Regiment was formed in our high school and was replaced in 1937 by an ROTC division. One of the ten most outstanding Junior ROTC units in the nation, Central's organization has won the Hearst rifle trophy twice, and its crack squad was the first organized in this section of the country.

To prepare students for any branch of the service, the ROTC is offering infantry drill, rifle marksmanship, map reading, and scouting and patrolling to some 250 pupils. The 1943 crack squad, silent platoon, and rifle team are drilling not only for the military ball and winning of trophies but for Tokyo and Berlin, for victory and for peace.

## Spring Snow

Do you have little tell-tale flakes on your clothes? Do you lose friends because of this carelessness on your part? Don't worry, there are remedies!

The exact cause of dandruff is not known; in many cases it seems to be the result of excessive oiliness or dryness of the scalp and hair. In mild cases it is often sufficient to wash the scalp two or three times weekly with a good soap, taking care to rinse the hair thoroughly to remove all the soap. When this is not successful, special advice should be obtained.

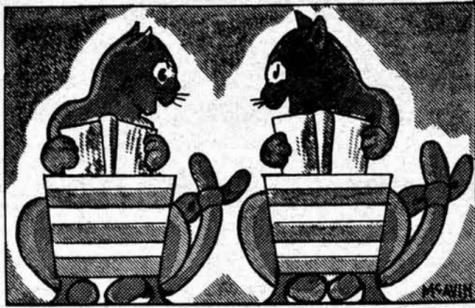
If the excessive dandruff has not been of long standing, the scalp can recover entirely, though frequent washing may always be necessary. There is evidence to suggest that the trouble may sometimes be contagious and therefore individual hair brushes, combs, and towels should be insisted upon.

It may be embarrassing to ask your best friend if she has dandruff, before you borrow her comb, but it's either that or take a chance on contracting this unwanted little bug. After all, you can't just go around picking up all the germs you can't see—it isn't healthy.

Remember —

Clean hair and scalp  
Dirty ol' dandruff does rout.

MIKE



## Strictly Stuff

"Whadsa madda, baby?" quoteth the Baby Beeautiful Editors as they drooled their way through the stacks of former diaper cuties. Just peeked and saw Rosie Osoff running around in a most alarming attire . . . consisting of one pair of panties . . . no more, no less. Ain't you ashamed, Rosie? After gazing hourly at so many baby beautiful pitchurs, G & M News (ye baby ed.'s) only smile blissfully and gurgle out, quote, "goo"—unquote.

'N that wolf who approached the coy senior gal carrying her baby replica to 149 had the right idea when he t. l'd her, "Well, cheeld, they used to call you baby, but now they call you babe! Woo, woo!"

Aw, we wanted to put " " instead of "woo, woo" but we just couldn't spell it. You get the idea tho, it's a half-breed between tch and cluck. When you see a "V" girl walk down the hall you naturally " !"

You say that you will never see  
A poem purty like a tree  
You'll take this poem and like it, see  
Cuz I ain't gonna send no tree! . . .

freshly grewed by Dottie Mayhall, the little sapling.

Oh Johnny, how you write themes! Seems as tho Johnny Marks in a rather confused state handed in some other info besides his English lesson. 'N fact a whole set of tele. numbers that had gremlinishly slipped in with his theme papers. Oh well, it sounded rather inviting, Johnny—"Daily Preparation—Gl. 2342!"

Book of the Month: "The Dead Light Bulb" or "Mazda's in de Cold, Cold, Ground." Very light reading.

Oh, what to hoard, what to hoard. It must have been shoe rationing that made all the kids wear their rubbers last week, or did you notice the individual scrap piles atop the lockers. Henrietta say: "When snow, wear rubbers; when rain, wear shoes; when sun, stay home . . . "Oh Henry!"

. . . jus' confiscated the sealed orders for troop movements to Military Ball —  
Embarkation point: Any point due west on Dodge street.  
Mode of Transportation: Nearest available cattle truck bound for Alliance.

Class "A" Pass: Street car card (with homeroom stamped).

M. P. Assignment: Assist couples to "fall out" cattle truck at Peony gate.

Release: Date when approaching dance floor . . . to make it look good.

Suggested Revitalization after Grand March: Calisthenics (haw).

Escort home: Present arms!  
. . . dismissed

## Rolling Along

greetings jerk:  
well, wadda ya know, no shoes!!! what'll mrs. jensen say when chs fems wander around school in bare feet . . . the little stinkers!!! puzzle for the week:  
a man having a seven gallon measure and a four gallon measure and no other container of any description goes to a well to get exactly five gallons of water . . . how does he get it?

Answer:  
he fills the four gallon measure and pours it into the seven gallon measure . . . then he refills the four gallon measure and pours from it into the seven gallon measure as much as the latter will hold or three gallons . . . this operation leaves him with one gallon in the four gallon measure . . . he completely empties the seven gallon container and pours the one gallon remaining in the four gallon measure into it. then he again fills the four gallon measure and empties it into the seven gallon measure, which gives him the desired five gallons . . . confusin' but of riff run-out.  
amusin'.

weather forecast:  
monday . . . mist.  
tuesday . . . mist.  
wednesday . . . bull's eye, made it!!  
the little gremlin

## Sandwich Sallies

Girls, girls . . . quiet please . . . QUIET! . . . thanks, now we're all going to make these sandwiches for the soldiers tonite as quickly as possible, ARE-n't we? All right, find a table and set up work . . . well, now isn't this fine—Guinvere! It isn't at all necessary to sing "Praise the Lord and Pass the Ammunition" that loud, just ask for more bread and we will give it to you, that's all . . . here you are . . . cute kid . . . Hi, Emma, yes, I've heard that moron joke. Tell Emma, tho, she is so ignorant she thinks you drink gin rummy. Nowa, who would like to clean up . . . well, it's not as bad as it sounds . . . actually it's a lot of fun . . . Emma, how about you? All right, all right, don't scream. Well, as the old saying goes: we will pass that bridge when we see the river. Humm, that's the general idea anyway. Oh, that Emma, she is eating all the crusts . . . could be that is why she is so dry. A noble thought, that. Now, girls, we are all through and who would like to clean up, hmmmhmmmmmm? Hey—where's they all go. No one's left. Who's going to clean up? Oh, well, I've always wanted dish pan hands. La-de-da. Gurgle.

## Ladies' Man

Fellas, do you claim to be well dressed and well groomed? You might think twice after you hear what various girls think about your concoctions.

Bow ties and long "Toscanini" hair-dos remind Billie Wilson of the paramount of all jerks. On her approval list are casual tweeds and suspenders, and "tuxedos make most anyone look handsome." The catch there is where can you wear them nowadays? Dottie Cowger gives her whole hearted approval to pipes as they create that certain "man about town" appearance, but in her opinion there's nothing quite so greasy looking as hair oil.

Mary Mallory puts in her bit on crew cuts by saying that practically everyone looks like a shaved poodle. Equally as bad in her estimation are fellas who are too lazy to take time out for a shave. On the other side, Mal just adores those snappy ROTC garrison hats, and dark haired fellas wearing white shirts.

The okay is again stamped on bright and classy suspenders by Barbara Whitlock. She also adds colorful, but not too loud, ties. Barb loves any sweaters except cardigans and the sweat shirt type, and those she abhors.

A consensus of opinion on the subject of bow ties seems hard to establish as Mary Munger and Janis Bailman cast their vote with a hardy approval, claiming, "They're neat!"

"I simply melt at the sight of cashmere sweaters, especially yellow or blue," were the words of Jeanne Rubenstein when asked about her favorite masculine apparel. Simply "ugh" is Mary Andre's report to lil' Abner shoes. Letter sweaters and those snappy track uniforms, especially when worn by John Cottingham, particularly appeal to Rosemary Eastlack and Helen Gearhart.

Betty Kirk goes in for plenty of color in socks, preferably argyll style. If you are in doubt as to what she means look at any of Hugh Carter's. Tan sport jackets worn with contrasting colored pants are tops with Joanne Rapp. Plaid shirts, as far as Norma Jeanne Michaels is concerned, can stay in Scotland.

The standings, as in comparison with a similar poll taken last year are: Lil' Abner shoes, hair oil and plaid shirts still out; bow ties debatable, while suspenders, bright ties and socks remain in style.

Well, fellas, are you still well-dressed?  
—Carrie and Barb

## Morbid Mystery

Two girls wind their way up a cold, damp staircase. Each dreads what is to come. Each fears what she knows will have to happen. Each is frightened and trembling. They reassure each other as to the necessity of this . . . they can't either of them get by without it. One of them stumbles on a loose step, the other grabs her and helps her up. They stand as calmly as possible as they hear piercing screams resounding through the hollow building.

"They must have arrived before us."  
"Yes, we better hurry."  
"TAKE YOUR HANDS OFF MY NECK!"  
"Don't be silly, I'm nowhere near you."  
The one stumbles to her knees, struggling with something at her neck.  
"You ought to know better than to put your suit on backwards, that would choke anybody."

With one final effort she pushes the other in the swimming pool and the other girls in the gym class laugh loudly.



## Disc Chords

Dinah Shore has hit high again with "Murder, He Says," one of the newer novelties. Gordon Jenkins' orchestra, who has been Dinah's background for some months, has really started rocking.

One of the few current releases is Horace Heidt's idea of "That Old Black Magic." It's a fine waxing with Charlie Goodman somewhat improved. Donna and her Don Juans finish up the back platter, "If I Cared a Little Bit Less," in fine style.

Russ Morgan has recently come out with a mellow rendition of "Please Think of Me." The backing, "From the Coast of Maine to the Rockies," is a clever, patriotic tune.

Since Woody Herman's recent engagement here, his releases—new and old—have been going like mad. Just about tops is his "Deep Night," which is the first sweet side of any real distinction by the band. Hy White, guitarist for the Herman mob, puts the disc way up with his simple playing of the melody. The reverse, "Whistle Stop," features Woody, who doesn't do it any harm.

Sold for five fans are Benny Goodman's latest jump tunes, "Tuesday at Ten" and "Air Mail Special." Cootie Williams and his trumpet do some hot sending on both sides, while Sidney Catlett beats his drums around.

Count Basie has been noted for his hot jazz and he says with tradition for "Blue and Sentimental," that features Lester Young on the clarinet. "Doggin' Around," the other side, is one continuous round of solos and plenty

A couple of the greatest two beat bounce pieces of all time have recently been recorded by Jimmy Lunceford. "Dream of You" is one of the best examples of band rocking yet and shows why bands for five years have tried to copy Jimmy's style. The back, "Hittin' the Bottle," is the more famous on the disc, and puts Eddie Durham and his guitar in the spotlight.

JEANNE AND DANNE

## Star Bright

# Jolly Jo



★ JO BOWER

Being secretary of the senior class, sergeants-at-arms of the Spanish club, chairman of the social committee of Colleens, a member of Central High Players and Linniger Travel, and an active backer of the Victory corps doesn't stop Josephine Bower from enjoying all the rest of life's little pleasures. She still finds time to roller skate occasionally, and to wish for escalators in Central constantly.

She likes Reader's Digest, Harry James, lemon pie, Pepsodent, and Mrs. Miniver. Because she likes to draw pictures, she also enjoys biology, and Central will always be okay with her as long as it has swell teachers, and students, and the MARVELOUS second page in the Register.

Calling her "Josie" is not good if you're trying to be pleasant, but lots of people get by with "Sodaphine," although she wonders why. And any of you men stand a chance if you're 5' 11", or over, with dark hair, blue eyes, pep, and not too silly. Oh! And you must be able to dance. (Arthur Murray can teach you dancing in a hurry.)

Some spring you'll probably find her on the tennis courts with Norma Jeanne Michaels. . . the terrible two-some. Or if it's extra warm you'll find her swimming.

Next year she's going to college, and hopes some day to be in the F.B.I. That will be after her job as engineer on a train has been completed though.

Jo is helping to win the war by making sandwiches for the soldiers and putting A.W.V.S. kits together. As far as theories on the war are concerned she's keeping them to herself for the duration. Here's one girl who's lip won't sink a ship.

When she was elected secretary of the senior class, she was really excited, and now she has realized her ambition to become star bright. So as we leave "Sodaphine" now, she is very happy and smiling. Let's hope she'll always be that way.

—Mal 'n' Billie

## Tuneful Tidbits

- Breathless . . . . . Janis Bailman
- Black Magic . . . . . Ted Mallory
- You Must Have Been a Beautiful Baby . . . . . Bob Jacobson
- Slender, Tender, and Tall . . . . . Betty Jo Briggs
- Looking for Yesterday . . . . . Bob Klopp
- Snowballs in the Air . . . . . John Hall
- No Need to Be Sorry . . . . . Mary Stubb
- Can't Get Out of This Mood . . . . . Jim Protzman
- Wait Til It Happens to You . . . . . Gerry Chait

## The Bookshelf

G.B.S.: A FULL LENGTH PORTRAIT "With the single exception of Homer, there is no eminent writer whom I despise so heartily as Shakespeare when I measure my mind against his!" spatters George Bernard Shaw in one of his more convulsive slams against his arch enemy, the Bard of Avon. After reading the biography of the world's most quoted man, one is immune to shock and filled with admiration for the bewhiskered devil who advised Stalin to keep his powder dry and told us Americans off, saying he didn't need any Academy award for him to be aware of the genius of his play, "Pygmalion." Although he abandoned his bicycle at the age of eighty, Shaw is still prancing around England and making life most uncomfortable for those stupid capitalists "sentenced to life in parliament."

Biographer Pearson may believe the blurb that Shaw has found his Boswell, but credit for the book's charm and wealth of background goes to its subject and an industrious American professor, respectively. Thirteen years ago Archibald Henderson of the University of North Carolina collected and coordinated a mass of material on G.B.S. Helping himself to many of Henderson's quotes, Pearson with typical English understatement mentions in a final note that he received some help from the American professor. No matter who compiled the material, the book is notable in that it attempts to explain impartially the twentieth century's enigma.

Packed with Shaw's quips, idiosyncrasies, and anecdotes of his unrivaled vitality, this biography contains material which would cause Mr. Meek to roll on the ground in a fit of apoplexy. This Irish playwright is as secular looking on the outside as many people imagine him to be within his cerebrum. A scrawny, fantastically dressed six-footer with a face like a poached egg, his favorite hobby at 87 is turning somersaults. Mentally, also, he is a four-star athlete: his convictions based upon the doctrines of socialism, atheism, vegetarianism, and cremation. Shaw never remembers learning how to read; at the age of eight he could whistle an entire opera.

Besides being the foremost dramatist and critic of his time, "Saint Bernard" applies his level headedness and intense drive to the field of politics. He led the strikers through Trafalgar square on Bloody Sunday, preached socialism from city hall to church throughout England, and now he is one of the few Englishmen to have kept faith in Russia throughout the war.

In "The Full Length Portrait" one reads Shaw's columns, excerpts from his plays, and his love letters. The grand old boy mines no words. He knows he's good and tells you so through 380 pages of a Shavian fantasia.

—Helen Gearhart

# 'Best Foot Forward' To Be Presented by Senior Class

Production Scheduled for April 30; Miss Jones to Direct This Year's Play

Tryouts for this year's senior play, "Best Foot Forward," a comedy by John Cecil Holm, were held last Thursday and Friday. Miss Myrna Jones, head of the expression department, will direct the play which is to be presented on April 30.

"Best Foot Forward" revolves around the annual dance given by Winslock High school and the complications which arise when one of the boys invites a has-been movie star in need of publicity to attend the dance as his guest. She accepts, and the eternal triangle begins again when the boy's girl, Helen, finds out about the invitation.

Also attending the prom are Minerva, a vivacious blond who is everybody's pal; Blind Date, a girl with a "heart of gold and a voice of brass"; and Miss Smith, the perfect example of what girls do not want in a chaperaone.

Originally written as a play, music and lyrics were added to "Best Foot Forward" for the New York presentation. Central's version is without music.

New York reviewers have acclaimed this play highly. "Best Foot Forward" turned out to be a youth movement by itself—bright, breezy, and brash"—Journal - American. "Pleasing—lively—as fresh as milk in a pail"—PM.

"The humor is not found in the lines, but rather in the situations of the play," said Miss Jones. "For this reason the play will be very difficult to stage. After 300 performances on Broadway, 'Best Foot Forward' is still a sell-out, so I feel sure that it will be a success."

## Mr. Rice and Stage Crew Aid Success Of '43 Road Show

One thing a critic nearly always forgets in crediting a stage success is the work the stage crew does to make the production a hit. Frank Rice and his stage crew deserve recognition for their outstanding work on this year's Road Show.

The scenery for the production ranks with the best in stage settings. The "I Smell Smoke" set was done in a comical manner, the stage backs having an exaggerated dresser with drawers painted on it in a variety of colors and from these stream the belongings of the apartment's occupants. This scene was designed by stage artist Dean Morrill under the supervision of Mr. Rice and was executed by the stage crew.

### Morrill Designs Two Scenes

Credit for designing and decorating the "Rhythm Queen" set also goes to Dean. The setting had a cluster of lavender flowers painted on the background. The side backs were decorated with flowers and birds. The spots of purple and green lights on the set created a gay atmosphere. Music stands were elaborately decorated with the letters R and Q in white upon a dark blue background.

A hazy mood for "Meditation" was made by dropping a transparent gauze curtain between the actors and the audience. Included in this act were two 12 foot staircases leading up to a balcony on which "the spirits" stood.

Although no scenery was used in "Priorities of 1943," the scarecrow and gypsy dances were carried out with stage lights up and a blue curtain as back.

### Finale Features Movable Stage

The set for the finale "The American Way Revue" was the most magnificent of all with a white dais and a maroon curtain behind it. The movable band platform was pushed to and fro by the stage crew.

Another "something new has been added" was the disappearing microphone built by Bob Beck. The disappearing mike is one of two in Omaha . . . the other one being at the Orpheum theater.

In order to build the mike it was necessary to cut through six inches of cement floor. All of the lighting effects were designed by Bob Beck, head electrician. The student stage manager was Don Gorman with Dean Morrill as assistant. Other members of the stage crew are Francis Simonds, Warren Ennis, Dick Erwin, Wallace Helaney, Al Myers, Russ Gorman, Harvey Meehan, Charles Mancuso, Dick Trimble, Dick Weels, Elwood Epperson, Bob Lauritsen, Saul Greenberg, Byron Melcher, and Calvin Wellauer.

ant colonel. Sgt. Robert Hall will then present the honorary colonel with a bouquet of roses from the Non-commissioned Officers' club. The officers and their ladies will go through intricate formations before the colonel and his lady in the grand march. After this, the first dance will be reserved for the officers and their ladies.

### Boyles College

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By Hugh Mactier

With the announcement that Cadet 1st Sgt. Robert Hall was selected as the outstanding junior cadet of 1942-43, all that remains a secret about this year's C.O.C. are the choices for lieutenant colonel and honorary lieutenant colonel. Hall is first sergeant of Company D and is a member of the Crack Squad.

By virtue of the 10 points won on Road Show ticket sales, Company D climbed into an 11 point lead over Company C. Company D now has a total of 99 3/4 points as compared with 88 1/2 for C company. Company B is in third place with a total of 80 1/2 points while Company A remained in fourth place with 71 1/2 points. The band has 44 points to its credit.

In the freshman companies, F No. 2 continues to hold first place with a sum of 111 1/2 points. F No. 1 is second with 95 1/2 points, while F No. 3 is third with 93 3/4 points.

Central's rifle team has qualified in the Seventh Service Command Intercollegiate rifle competition. Firing will start as soon as the National Intercollegiate targets arrive.

The full dress inspection, originally scheduled for March 26, has been postponed to Monday, March 29, so that all uniforms may be cleaned for the military ball.

According to a new order recently posted, saluting will be done in all rooms pertaining to the military department except the one housing Tech. Sgt. Petersen and Col. Brooks. It was also ordered that from now on all junior officers will salute their senior officers. This order was posted because of the lack of discipline existing between cadets in the battalion.

The second year men in the battalion are currently studying military courtesy, while the freshmen are studying national defense.

## Pan American Club Hears Foster May Speak on Mexico

A visit to a picturesque Mexican hamlet, a trip by burro to a mountainous Indian village, and a journey through Guatemala were described to Pan-American club members March 18 by Foster May, noted Omaha radio commentator.

"Our first day in Mexico, after driving through desert country similar to that of Texas, we arrived at a genuinely pretty little village," related Mr. May. "It was a great surprise after the town of ramshackle huts and men with big sombreros which we had expected. It was an entirely different from anything we had ever seen as day from night."

The picturesque little houses were every color of the rainbow, he continued, describing also lovely patios often glimpsed from the narrow streets. Inhabitants of the village were perfectly normal, no handlebar mustaches or big sombreros.

"Monterey is one of the most typically Mexican cities that we visited," stated Mr. May. "It changed our opinion of Mexico considerably, for we suddenly found that its people were like our own except that they didn't speak our language."

Mr. May also described an Indian village which he and Mrs. May reached by riding burros up a narrow mountain trail. He discovered that the Indians were very friendly and hospitable, and that although they are different in many ways from their Spanish neighbors, they are nevertheless of the same temperament.

"While I was in Guatemala, I found that people from foreign countries are particularly fond of this Central American republic," he remarked. "The climate is especially ideal since it is throughout the entire year equivalent to that of early June in Nebraska."

Mr. May went on to describe Guatemala City, which General Ubico,

## ★ Boys at War ★



Jack Chuda

From cots in a naval mobile hospital somewhere in the south Pacific March 11 comes the story of the heroism of a group of marines, who were stationed on the cruiser Chicago which was sunk. Pfc. Jack Chuda '38 and his fellow members of the No. 1 gun crew stayed by their guns ready to fight off any returning enemy planes while their shipmates were abandoning the cruiser. The refusal of the gunners to abandon their posts followed the main engagement in which they took a toll of 11 or 13 attacking Jap torpedo planes.

Chuda and his crew were among the last to leave the ship. The wounded marines had been lowered earlier from the foremast by their buddies. All of the men of the marine contingents were rescued, some after more than an hour in the water. The extent of Jack's wounds was not given. His injury was not a surprise to his parents, for as his mother explained, "When we heard the Chicago was sunk we had a feeling Jack would be among the wounded because we knew he would stick to the last."

Jack, a former war department finance employee, joined the marines last May. At San Diego he was selected as the outstanding member of his training platoon.

Kurt Knoblauch '43 is now stationed at the naval training station, Farragut, Idaho.

George Morton, jr. '37 has been promoted from ensign to lieutenant, junior grade, in the navy, and assigned to special P.T. boat service. For the past year Lt. Morton has been at naval headquarters issuing office, Miami, Florida.

John V. Peterson '17, commander of Patrol Wing 10 at the Surabaya Naval Base in the Solomon Islands, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. Commander Peterson was mentioned in Cecil Brown's book "Suez to Singapore."

president of Guatemala, has made one of the most unique cities in the western hemisphere. "The wide streets are kept exceptionally clean, and are swept three or four times daily. Gambling is outlawed in the city; even dominos and bridge cannot be played in public."

Emphasizing the importance of an extensive study of the Spanish language, he pointed out that there are unlimited business opportunities in Latin-America for persons who speak both Spanish and English. A secretary or stenographer who speaks both of these languages is priceless in South America.

Poster May is heard locally on radio station WOW Sunday afternoons with his program of "News, Views, and Interviews." He also presents another radio program which is not carried by local networks.

Edmund Barker '37 has been appointed American vice consul to the French Colony of Noumea, New Caledonia, in the South Pacific, Loyalty Island group. He will be second in command. Edmund began preparations for his present position as early as his freshman year in Central High and on the advice of Principal Fred Hill, concentrated on history, languages, social studies and speech. He was president of senior class and a member of National Honor society.

Before entering the service of the war department as a junior clerk typist, December, 1940, Edmund was employed for several months at the Live Stock National bank in South Omaha. At the time of his consulate appointment, he was enrolled in the political science department of Georgetown university graduate school.

Aviation Cadet Bernard Johnston, jr. '35 was last week appointed cadet lieutenant colonel of the communications detachment at the army air force technical school at Yale university. He was elected to the commission by his fellow cadets. Bernard was tied with another cadet for the honor but his record at Central, and at the University of Nebraska swung the balance in his favor.

Pennell Leary '39 has been graduated from air corps technical school at Yale university. He has received his second lieutenant bars, and is assigned to Wright field, Dayton, Ohio.

Victor Boker '41, who was enlisted in the army air corps reserve, left February 20 for Jefferson barracks, Missouri. His brother Harold '42, a member of the enlisted reserve corps, has received his notice to report on March 25.

Gerry Gordon '34 and Howard Humphreys '38 have graduated from the San Antonio Preflight school and have been assigned to primary flying school. They are training to become combat pilots.

## V-5 Requirements

Continued from Page 1

- e) Consent of applicant's parents to enlist for aviation training in the U. S. Navy.
- f) Two head and shoulders pictures of self, approximate size—2 1/2 x 2 1/2 inches, front view, without hat or cap.
- g) A certificate from the administrative head of the high school.

These should be sent to the local board as soon as possible as only 200 boys are accepted each month. The address of the board is the Naval Aviation Cadet Selection Board, 1210 Bryant building, Eleventh street and Grand avenue, Kansas City, Mo. The navy will furnish transportation if it is requested, but you are asked not to go until sent for.

If for any reason an enlisted man drops out of high school or fails to graduate before June 30, he will be immediately transferred to general naval service and ordered to active duty.

## Sailor's Day Is Long and Hard

★ Seaman Jerry Rosen Tells of Navy

Jerry Rosen '43 has been stationed at Farragut, Idaho, since his graduation in January. The following letter, giving an account of an apprentice seaman's day, was received by Bette Borden '43, Register staff reporter in charge of the Boys at War column.

Dear Bette: Finally got a breather today, so am trying to catch up on some back correspondence. Charlotte Sommers wrote me that you would like to have all the details of a navy day. Will try and give out with the details so you civilians back home can see just how Uncle Sammy trains his men.

- Thursday:
- 5:30 a.m.—Rise and shine "gobs," there is work to be done. We are given 15 minutes to wash and make our beds (sometimes more).
  - 5:45—Grab a broom, brush, or swab and start cleaning the barracks.
  - 6:30—Stop all work, and line up for "chow." Beans for breakfast along with cereal, milk, French toast, and a jelly-roll.
  - 7:30—Fall in for colors.
  - 8:00—Colors.
  - 8:05—Swim period, and general physical drills.

- 9:05—Educational movie at Regimental Headquarters. Today we learned about personal hygiene and first aid.
  - 10:05—Drill and execute manual of arms.
  - 11:00—Mail call.
  - 11:30—"Chow"—meat loaf, mashed potatoes, salad, coffee, bread, ice cream.
  - 1:00—Study period in which we are required to read the "Blue Jacket's Manual." Our lesson for Thursday described the various types of ships from a heavy cruiser to a small P.T. boat.
  - 2:00—Drill in large hall to military music.
  - 4:00—Mail call.
  - 4:30—"Chow"—hash, potatoes, salad, cake, coffee, bread.
  - 4:30-9:00—Free time for recruit.
- Oh, yes, there is a typical day at Farragut, Idaho. You can't beat those regular hours, so all in all life is wonderful in the navy.
- Hope things are great back home, and rationing isn't getting anyone down. Best regards to Mrs. Savidge and if you get some time drop me a line.
- Bye now,  
JERRY

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# Coach Schmidt Anticipates Successful Track Season

### Six Lettermen Return to Head Cinder Team; Outlook in Field Events Exceptionally Good

With the close of the basketball and wrestling seasons, the sports spotlight turns to the opening of spring sports, headed by what some rate as the most colorful of all athletic contests—the track and field meet.

For several weeks now, Central's track coach, Papa Schmidt, has been drilling his squad of some forty aspirants in preparation for the season opening April 17, and at present it appears he will again come up with one of the finest teams in the city.

#### Early Workouts Indoors

All early workouts have been confined to running indoors, but the arrival of good weather will permit the Eagles to make regular trips to the Creighton oval and also to begin work on the field events.

On the track Central has six dependable lettermen—Ken Allwine, in the hurdles; George Moore and Bob Towne, in the dashes; Harold Paulsen and Dick Tosaw, quarter-milers; and Ralph Kunkle, miler. Missing, however, are such stalwarts as Wilson, Potts, Smith, Gilmore, Grimes, and Emery, none of whom can be easily replaced. To fill these vacancies Pop can turn to a host of reserves, including Mel Sherman, Dick Fowler, Duane Hovorka, Bill Berner, and Clarke Kountze.

#### Strongest Weight Crew in City

In the field the outlook is exceptionally bright, for Central can assemble the strongest weight crew in the city and will flash power in all the jumps but the vault. Phil Barber and El Epperson should place one-two with the discus in more than one meet, as should John Hiffernan and Epperson in the shot. Allwine can hurl the javelin as well as he can run; Berner, Moore, and Hovorka are outstanding high jumpers; Sherman is a fair broad jumper; and Leroy Holtz may solve the pole vault difficulties.

#### Six Meets Scheduled

Six meets are scheduled this year, and one or two triangular or dual meets may be added later. The season for all Omaha schools opens with the Tee Jay relays April 17, and closes with the Intercity meet May 21-22.

The state meet is set for May 14-15 but because of transportation difficulties, a new and more severe plan will control qualification. Previously, one had but to score in any of certain approved meets to qualify; this year, only those registering marks of championship caliber will be accepted.

## Marksmen Display High Firing Power In National Matches

By Jack Chesnut

After a lengthy vacation from competition, the Central rifle team has made the limelight again by qualifying in the Hearst trophy and National Intercollegiate rifle matches.

By placing among the high ten teams in the Seventh Service Command Central is able to compete in the National Intercollegiate finals. To qualify for this match, a unit must enter a ten man team. Each man fires ten shots in each of these positions: prone, sitting, kneeling, and standing.

The yearly participation of the team in the William Randolph Hearst trophy match is one of the highlights of the season. Central's squad has entered two teams of five men each in this contest. All the team members have fired five shots in each position for a possible score of 200. The scores of the higher team have been entered in the contest. Although firing has been completed, Central's standing is still unknown; however, the scores turned in by the number one team are rather high, and should bring in dividends. The scores:

|                |     |
|----------------|-----|
| Fred Bekins    | 185 |
| Harold Anway   | 184 |
| Dick McFayden  | 182 |
| Ralph Tompsett | 181 |
| Leonard Bacon  | 162 |
|                | 894 |

In both 1937 and 1939 the team won first place among the high schools in the Seventh Corps area in the national Hearst trophy match. In 1941 it ranked among the nation's ten high in Intercollegiate matches.

During the absence of rifle coach Sgt. Peterson, the team has practiced three times a week.

## The Gardenia Says:

By Boots

Although spring vacation is just around the corner, Central's athletes will have little time for relaxation. This is the busy time of the year in high school athletics with the baseball, track, tennis, and golf seasons beginning soon.

The baseball nine looms as a great possibility to bring home the bacon. With only Creighton Prep and Tech as chief contenders, the Eagles should put up a great fight for the crown. The loss of last year's lettermen will be a handicap to Coach Ekfelt, but there are enough old-timers remaining to stabilize the newcomers.

Track is a question mark in the Central hopes, but Pop Schmidt has never been known to turn out a poor team.

#### HALL OF FAME

One of the finest exhibitions of fighting spirit seen in a long time was that of Central's Walt Podrouzek in the state wrestling tournament. Walt broke his collar bone in the last minute of his final match, but after a few minutes' rest, he came back to whip his man and take the 130 pound title. Hats off to Podrouzek; he came through against both his opponent and his own physical disability. It wasn't just a determination to win; it was raw courage which carried Walt to the victory he so richly deserved.

It seems that the fellows of our great institution of higher learning are not the only ones interested in the life of a pool hall. Anyway, last week-end a group of gals went down to Holmes' Recreation center for a little relaxation. After sneaking cautiously into this very high class establishment, the girls were quietly asked to remove themselves from the premises. The gals left rather embarrassed. If you want further information on this subject, just come into Room 149 eighth hour and ask any of the gals with pool chalk on their face.

Last Tuesday Major E. M. Robertson was reported missing in action. Not many people in this school knew



MAJOR ROBERTSON

Robie except a few teachers. In 1926 Robertson graduated. He was one of the best football players to emerge from this institution. With the great Blue Howell and Wally Marrow, he formed part of an unbeatable combination which won the Intercity championship.

Robertson is missing in action. We know not how many other Central boys will be listed as missing or killed. There is no way we can bring them back except to support them on the home front. Hoping is not the solution. Only by buying more war bonds and stamps can we hope to shorten the length of this conflict and bring our boys home.

BRUCE E. GREENBERG Associate Editor

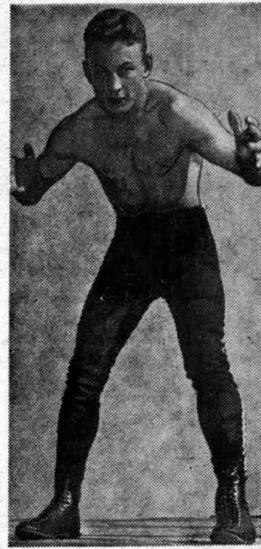
By MIKE

## Ex-Centralites Star in Track, Wrestling

Two former Central athletes, George Grimes and Cadet Bob Elshire, made impressive showings in track and wrestling contests last week.

Grimes, who is a pre-medic student at Stanford, nearly upset favored Thelmo Knowles of San Jose State in the one thousand yard feature of the Olympic club meet at San Francisco. Grimes stuck with the long striding Knowles all the way and even held a lead for the first two laps. Coming into the last lap, Knowles held a scant yard and a half lead, but he managed to outfight Grimes in the stretch. Grimes came back to run a leg on Stanford's winning mile relay team.

Cadet Elshire, who was on Central's mat team two years ago, also showed that his experience at Central was not wasted as he won the 158 pound wrestling title at St. Mary's pre-flight school. He easily pinned his final opponent to give his battalion the regimental championship.



CADET BOB ELSHIRE

Courtesy of World-Herald

## Eagle Nine Will Lack Experience

### Early Practice Starts Under Coach Ekfelt; Only Six Vets Back

Although the Eagle nine will lack experience this season, Coach Vernon Ekfelt is determined to build up a very efficient baseball team.

From the 45 men who assembled in Room 325 last Friday, Coach Ekfelt will select this year's squad. Only six lettermen are returning: Chick Mancuso, Sam Distefano, John Hiffernan, Bob Jacobson, Ken Leibe, and Bob Hammer. With Bob Griffiths, Ross Ossino, John Potts, Lee Urban, and Tony Capocchia gone, the team will be weak in the infield and the outfield. Catcher John Cannella will not see action this season because of his broken leg received during football season.

#### Diamond Men Will Take Tests

This year the diamond nine will not only practice baseball but also will take several tests on rules so that the coach can find out just what the players know about baseball.

During the first few weeks of practice Coach Ekfelt will spend most of his time looking for a promising catcher. The lack of an experienced backstop will handicap the team greatly, but with John Hiffernan and Chick Mancuso swinging the stick and Sam Distefano pitching, the diamond men should do all right.

The Intercity league this year will consist of Central, Creighton Prep, North, South, and Tech. No definite schedule has been made by the athletic directors of these schools.

#### Tech, Prep Strong

Although hurlers Al Wittmer of Tech and Rex Barney of Prep will have green squads behind them, the Eagles will have their hands full with these two teams. North should have a fairly strong outfit, while South is a question mark.

Until the weather permits outdoor playing, you may see the baseballers on their way to Room 415 to do as much practicing as possible.

## Twenty-Seven Win Hoop, Mat Awards

Nine basketballers and 18 wrestlers have been recommended for letters for their work in the 1942-43 season.

**Basketball:**  
Sam Distefano John Hiffernan  
Vernon Dyas Chick Mancuso  
Elwood Epperson Mel Sherman  
Fred Forrest Jim Slater, mgr.  
Bob Fry

**Wrestling:**  
Marshall Boker Jerry Ries  
Don Gorman Anthony Salerno  
Russ Gorman Art Sholkofski  
Ed Gustason Don Solo  
Sam Kais Vito Sutera  
Ralph Kunkle Joe Vacanti  
Rudolph Kunkle Dick Weekes  
Kenneth Leibe Ed Podrouzek,  
Harvey Meehan manager  
Walter Podrouzek

## Golf Tournament To Decide Team

Although two of last year's regulars are gone, the prospects for a good golf team this season are very bright.

Dick Klopp and Tom Shea are the returning lettermen who helped win the city title last year for the Eagles. These two players and two other hopefuls who lead the playoff tournament will make up the team.

The tournament starts any time now, and the first round matches must be played by April 14. After the 11 winners in the opening round are decided, the best man will receive a bye and the other 10 will play each other. This elimination will cut the field to six, who will play each other. The three winners will be on the team, one as an alternate.

- Here are the first round pairings:
1. Dick Peters vs. Fred Bekins
  2. Jim Lyle vs. Skippy Porter
  3. Harold Anway vs. John Hugenberg
  4. Sandy Crawford vs. Dick Fowler
  5. Bill Berner vs. Gordon Johnson
  6. Bob Allen vs. Bob Harms
  7. Dick O'Brien vs. David Rice
  8. Bob Knight vs. Jim Krumman
  9. Bill Olson vs. Dick Johnson
  10. Walter Grayes vs. Bruce Poyer
  11. Phil Wilson vs. John Cottingham

## Netmen Look for City Championship

In spite of the loss of two top players, Central's tennis squad looks forward to another successful season.

The team will be under the direction of Norman Sorensen, who won the junior tennis title of 1905. He replaces Allie Morrison.

Two lettermen, Jim Harris and Dave Davis, are returning from last year's team. Harris will take over the number one position vacated by Jack Busch. Davis and one of three newcomers, Jim Lyle, Pete Isacson, or Dick Carlson, will probably form the doubles team.

Harris had experience at the number one post last year and promises to be the best singles player in the city. He advanced to the semifinals of last year's state high school tournament.

The tennis season will not officially begin until after spring vacation, and all those interested in trying out see Mr. Sorensen and get the thrill of your life.

## 'Forfeit Boys' Top Bowlers as Regular League Play Ends

#### TEAM STANDINGS

|                        | W  | L  |
|------------------------|----|----|
| Midgets                | 39 | 15 |
| Supermen               | 37 | 17 |
| Four B's               | 35 | 19 |
| Tenth Street Merchants | 34 | 20 |
| P.A.R.'s               | 33 | 21 |
| Klassy Keglers         | 24 | 30 |
| Foul Four              | 23 | 31 |
| Victory Four           | 15 | 39 |
| Crap Shooters          | 14 | 40 |
| Peckers' Limited       | 12 | 42 |

The mighty Midgets captured the regular season championship of the boys' bowling league last Monday as they swept their second series in a row by forfeit.

But although the regular season has ended, something new has been added. There will be a playoff among the top four teams beginning next Monday. In the first round the Midgets will battle the Tenth Street Merchants, and the Supermen will bowl the Four B's. The first round winners will square off for the championship April 5.

#### SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

- Best game of the year—223 by Norton Garon
- Best series of the year—541 by Dick Fowler
- Best team game—703 by Supermen
- Lowest game of the year—60 by Harold Weinstein
- Lowest series—256 by Bob Cappel
- Best shot of the year—Hugh Mactier's bounce ball
- Luckiest shot of the year—any of Ah-manson's that stay in the alley
- Loudest team—P.A.R.'s
- Most colorful bowler—Richard Newman

The final day saw an overflow of high games to bring the season to a glorious finish. Dick Fowler's 220 furnished the biggest surprise, while Bruce Greenberg's 198 and Colin Shack's 189 also came in for their share of attention. Fowler hung up the day's high series with a 541. Greenberg was runnerup with a 518 total.

Jim Hossack wound up the season at the top of the High Five with an average of 151 pins. Fred Bekins finished in the second spot with an average of 147.

#### HIGH FIVE

|                | G. | Tot. | Avg. |
|----------------|----|------|------|
| Jim Hossack    | 45 | 6796 | 151  |
| Fred Bekins    | 43 | 6318 | 147  |
| Dick Carlson   | 51 | 7396 | 145  |
| Pete Isacson   | 54 | 7745 | 143  |
| Ken Batchelder | 48 | 6861 | 142  |

## Girls Participate in Ping-Pong Tourney; G.A.A. Stresses Red Cross Activities

Fifty-three girls are participating in the ping-pong tournament that started this week. The elimination-consolation method of playing off the games is being used in the intermediate division because the majority of the girls were modest and signed up in that bracket.

The regular round-robin system will be used for the advanced and beginners' groups, which have fewer participants. When the winners in each division have been determined, they will then play each other to see who is the grand champion.

At the G.A.A. meeting last week, Red Cross activities were re-emphasized. It was decided to start work on an afghan and to call in the scrap-

books that the girls have been working on. Every girl is turning in one scrapbook, and some are contributing as many as three or four.

Your reporter has just found out that another G.A.A. officer has joined the ranks of Uncle Sam's war workers. Linda Sue Colley '42 is working at the Martin plant here in Omaha. The other girl is Shirley Vernon, also '42, who is at the Mead plant at Mead, Nebraska.

The Central girls' tennis team has won both the singles and doubles city championships for the last two years, but this year, because nearly all the team graduated last January or June, Central will not be able to do it unless some of you loyal Eagles contribute your talent. Everyone who is interested in the tennis team should go to Miss Treat's office and talk to her about it as soon as possible. If there are any girls interested, a time will be provided to practice in the gym until outside courts become usable.

## Guess Who?

- Age—16
- Height—6 feet 3 inches
- Weight—170
- Hair—Brown
- Eyes—Blue
- Nickname—Slim
- Activities—Basketball, football, and track
- Ambition—To be just like Mr. Sorensen
- Favorite song—"Strip Polka"
- Fitting song—"Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Wolf?"
- Favorite saying—"They're loaded"
- Hobbies—Swimming and hiking
- Last Guess Who was Vernon Dyas.

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