

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 countesses. 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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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 Thompson.

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.

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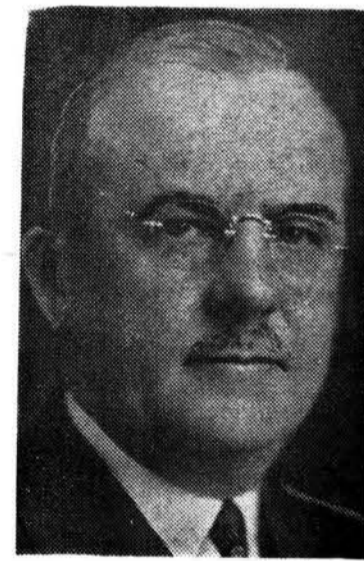
HOW TO CHOOSE ONE 'TOPS' FROM THESE FIVE BEAUTIES? One of the candidates shown above will be announced as honorary colonel tonight at the military ball held at Peony Park ballroom. Seated, center front, is Carolyn Covert; seated behind her are left, Jane McFayden, and right, Donna Deffenbaugh, and standing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

Francis Matthews Tells of Journey To Blitized 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.

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.

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.

