

June Seniors Elect Bock Class President

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FIVE CENTS

Ironfield, Wood, Mullens Take Other Top Offices

Busch, Steiner Sergeants-at-Arms; Miss Carlson To Be Executive Sponsor of 1945 Upperclassmen

Bill Bock was elected president of the June graduating class, defeating Joe Davis in the final election held Monday, December 11. In the close race for vice-president, Harold Ironfield received a majority of votes over the opposing candidate, Gordon Johnson. Other officers elected are Truman Wood, secretary; Frank Mullens, treasurer; and Barbara Busch and John Steiner, sergeants-at-arms. Although 49 per cent of the senior class voted in the primary election, only 43 per cent of the class cast votes in the final election. Both the primary and final elections were held under the auspices of Miss Autumn Davies' civics classes.

The newly elected class officers will serve as a cabinet and will work under the direction of the executive sponsor, Miss Julia Carlson. Their duties include arranging the various committees, planning the class activities, and attending to other details that merit their attention.

Besides being a lieutenant in the ROTC, President Bock is secretary of the Cadet Officers' club and a member of the Central High Players. He is also vice-president of the Central High Red Cross council, a member of the Inter-City Red Cross council, and president of the Boys' Bowling league.

Vice-president Harold Ironfield is active in the ROTC and is president of this year's COC. He is also a member of the Boys' Bowling league, the Inter-American club, and the ushers' detail.

Truman Wood defeated Howard Loomis for the office of secretary. Truman is vice-president of the Student Council, a lieutenant in the ROTC, a member of the COC, the rifle team, the Central High Players, and the Inter-American club.

Mullens Wins Close Race
In the closest race in the election, Frank Mullens gained a slight edge over the opposing candidates, Charles Marks and Martha Redfield. Frank is an officer in the ROTC, a member of the COC and rifle team.

Among the top five nominated for the office of sergeant-at-arms, the winners in the finals were Barbara Busch and John Steiner.

Barbara is a member of the Colleens, the Linger Travel club, the Greenwich Villagers, the Inter-American club, and the a cappella choir.

John is a staff sergeant in the ROTC, a member of the NCOC and the a cappella choir. He is active in athletics and was chosen an end for the 1944 all-city football team.

Homeroom Plans Made
The senior class will be divided into three homerooms where meetings will be held every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Every Tuesday and Thursday the class will meet in the auditorium.

On the day following enrollment for the new semester, January 23, all seniors will meet in the auditorium where the officers and class sponsors will be introduced. During the remainder of the week, seniors will meet in their homerooms to elect homeroom officers.

Homeroom lists with sponsors will be posted on bulletin boards before the new semester begins.

Seniors Rate High In English Exams

A median of 58 per cent was established by the 384 Central High seniors who took the basic English examination recently. Seventeen students scored grades of 85 or above.

The upper quartile is composed of grades ranging from 95 to 70. Seniors making grades of 85 or over represent 4 1/2 per cent of the total number who took the examination. Students who made 80 or above are in the upper tenth.

Fred Barson scored the highest grade, which was 95; however, his grade was followed closely by Mary June Schick's 93. Joan Marcell and William Bade made grades of 90, while Mary Frazee recorded 89.

Other high grades were made by Shirley Glas, Susie Carson, and Barbara Searle with 88's, and John Morris, who registered 87.

Those scoring 86 are Bill Newey, Beverly Bush, Dorothy Coulter, Lucia Grove, Phoebe Low, Martha Redfield, Dick Minkin and Carol Cathroe.

Sgt. Peterson Lists ROTC Promotions

Ten Cadets Raised to First Lieutenants; Three Receive Commissions

Technical Sergeant Palmer Peterson, military instructor of Central High school announced today that ten Second Lieutenants, Julien W. William Bock, Martin Conboy, Hugh Follmer, Harold Ironfield, Edward Loomis, John Morris, Frank Mullens, Charles Peterson, and Ladar have been advanced to first lieutenants.

Thomas Kipling, Temple McFayden, and Donald Miller received their commissions as second lieutenants in the largest ROTC promotion list of the year.

First Sergeant
Cadet Pfc. Marvin Hornstein was promoted to a first sergeant. The following cadets were elevated to the position of technical sergeants: Richard Clay, David Neely, Thomas Page, and Raul Quimby.

Sgt. Peterson also announced the promotion of Cadets Gene Anderson, John Filley, and Sidney Nearensberg to the rank of sergeants. Cadet Pfc. William Loomis was made a corporal.

Company Commander
The new ROTC battalion staff, headed by Cadet Lt. John Morris as battalion commander, was announced recently by Tech. Sgt. Palmer Peterson, military instructor.

Cadet Lt. Howard Loomis is the sergeant and training officer, while Cadet Lt. Martin Conboy is the battalion adjutant. Lt. Gordon Johnson continues as supply officer, and Lt. Harold Ironfield completes the staff ordnance officer.

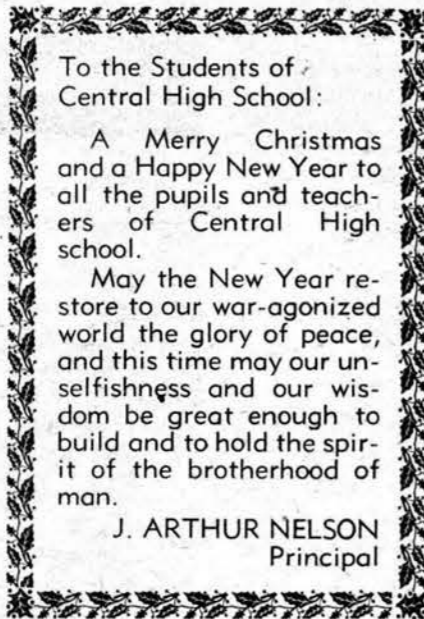
The company commanders, all of whom are lieutenants, are Julien W. William Bock, Co. A; Temple McFayden, Co. B; Hugh Follmer, Co. C; Fred Hawes, Co. D; Ralph Clark, F-1; Willis Loomis, F-2; William Bock, F-3; and Ladar Tesar, band.

Platoon Leaders Named

The following cadets are platoon leaders: John Steiner and Frank Mullens, Co. A; John Pothan and Gordon Johnson, Co. B; Frank Mullens and Charles Pedersen, Co. C; Joseph Burstein and David Davis, Co. D; Bryce Crawford and Alfred Loomis, F-1; Robert Chapman and Daniel Fidman, F-2; and David Loomis and James Krummann, F-3. These assignments became effective December 1 and will continue until the beginning of the new semester in January.

Co. A won the November full-dress inspection, while Co. D came in second. The band was third; Co. B, fourth; and Co. C, fifth.

The Central ROTC battalion again has enough rifles so that each cadet will have his own.



To the Students of Central High School:

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all the pupils and teachers of Central High School.

May the New Year restore to our war-agonized world the glory of peace, and this time may our selfishness and our wisdom be great enough to build and to hold the spirit of the brotherhood of man.

J. ARTHUR NELSON
Principal

Letter Contest for Central Students

By writing a V-mail letter to any overseas friend on the general subject "What we here in school are doing to help bring you home sooner," any high school student may be one of the three national winners of the contest offered by This Week magazine.

Each entry must be a copy of a letter actually written and must be turned in no later than January 27. Sponsored by "All School Publications," contest judges will be the following well-known personalities: Dorothy Thompson, Mark Van Doren, Bob Hope, and Sidney Whipple of the New York World-Telegram.

Every school paper will run its own contest, publish the best letters, and enter the clippings of the published letters before January 27. The students must submit to the Central High Register a copy of the V-Mail letter as soon as it is mailed.

Students Participate In Red Cross Day

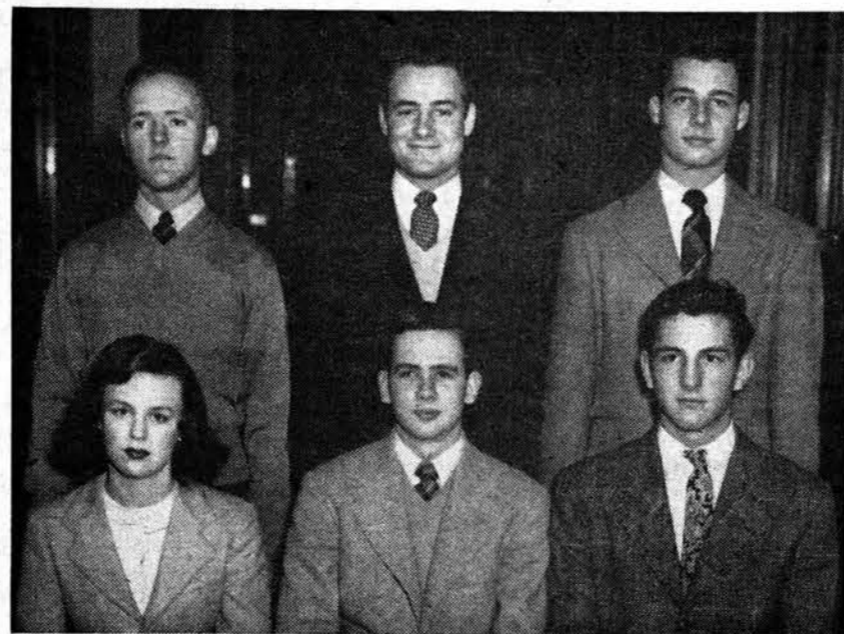
Because of Central's interest and co-operation in the work of the Nebraska Tuberculosis association, ten girls were chosen to participate in the Red Cross Bangle Day, Saturday, December 16.

Sandra Solomon has been appointed chairman and her committee consists of Marjorie Putt, Nancy Swoboda, Sally Davenport, Lontia Fisher, Joy Brill, Joan Pike, Peggy Stika, Dorothy Fox, Diana Fielding, and Marilyn Groff. The girls, who are freshman and are members of H. R. 240, were chosen for this honor because of their homeroom's activity in all school affairs.

'Holiday Scramble' Today

The Roller Skating club will present the third skating party of the year, "The Holiday Scramble," this afternoon from 4 to 6 p.m. at the West Farnam rink.

Tickets can be purchased from club members and will be sold at the door.



SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS FOR 1945: Front row: Barbara Busch, Bill Bock, John Steiner; back row: Frank Mullens, Harold Ironfield, Truman Wood.

Students Take Science Exam

Participating in the fourth annual Science Talent Research, William Bade, Fred Barson, Ervin Colton and Jo Ann Pospichal took the required three hour examination Friday, December 1.

Sponsored by Westinghouse and under the direction of the Science Clubs of America, the contest is open to any high school senior in the United States. The requirements other than the examination are an essay on "My Scientific Project" and a record of scholastic as well as personal achievements.

Forty contestants with the highest talent will be invited to the Science Talent Institute with all expenses paid. Last year the Institute was held in Washington, D. C. One boy and one girl attending the Institute will be selected to receive four year scholarships of \$2,400. Additional scholarships total \$3,000.

Pupils Play Santa To Coach Knapple

Frank Knapple, Central High school coach and director of athletics, is now at his home where he is recovering from injuries received in a fall in Central's gym, December 2. His condition is very much improved.

Mr. Knapple received a gift of \$150, collected by the athletic department, from the entire school. He also received gifts from his civics classes, and from the journalism department and from the members of the faculty in the form of a Christmas tree shower.

Dramatics Teacher Marries

Miss Amy Rohacek, dramatic teacher, will be married tomorrow to Lt. (j.g.) Don L. Korisko, at the Dundee Presbyterian church. Lt. Korisko, who was graduated from Central High school, took part in the Philippine invasion.

O-Book Sales Start Tuesday, January 2

Bush, Hunt Edit Album; Gendler Directs Publicity

O-Book sales will begin Tuesday, January 2, and will end Monday, January 15, according to an announcement made by Leah Mendelson and Charlotte Dawson, circulation managers.

The O-Book, costing 75 cents with an S.A. ticket and \$1.25 without, may be purchased from one of the 32 members of the sales staff.

Other O-Book staff members have now been announced. In charge of publicity will be Irvin Gendler, while Beverly Bush and Pat Hunt will act as senior album editors.

The picture editor, Barbara Searle, is to be assisted by Sylvia McCandless, Pepi Votava, and Arlene Sconce. Sports editor will be Stanley Schack, and military editor, Howard Loomis.

The sales staff consists of the following students: seniors; Bill Newey, Bruce Poyer, Patti Nordin, Juanita Hanger, Pepi Votava, Arlene Sconce, Pat Hunt, Marie Graham, Susie Losch, Joan Harrison, Maryann Korb, Charles Marks, Carolyn Driscoll, Jean Roadhouse, and Truman Wood; juniors, Rodney Carlson, Al Feldman, Barney Kadis, Gloria Polsky, Marsha London, Lee Taylor, Betty Caldwell, and Margaret Knapple; sophomores, Don Fox, Janie Savidge, Aurel Reynolds, Dick Copeman, Harry Koch, and Joel Bailey; freshmen, Beckie Finer, Mary McFayden, Polly Robinson, and Dave Gray.

S. A. Ticket Sales Break Old Records

More Student Association tickets have been purchased by Central students this semester than in any previous year, according to an announcement made by Mrs. Anne Savidge, head of the journalism department.

With 1,688 tickets sold to date out of a total enrollment of 1,858 students, including those who have dropped or recently registered, the percentage of S. A. ticket holders is 90 per cent. However, since the actual number of students now attending Central is only 1,766, the proportionate percentage becomes 96 per cent.

Last year the number of tickets sold during the first semester totaled only 1,615, which is 73 less than this year's sales.

Red Cross Membership Reaches 82 Per Cent

With the completion of the 1944 Junior Red Cross membership drive, figures show that 82 per cent of Central students are members of the Central High Junior Red Cross.

A total of \$252.16 was collected. Ten per cent of this money has been sent to national headquarters, and the remaining amount has been retained for materials used in Red Cross projects here.

Home rooms having 100 per cent memberships are 11, 49, 117, 128, 130, 131, 140, 149, 211, 219, 220, 225, 228, 229, 230, 310, 312, 313, 315, 317, 333, 338, and 345.

'Chimes of Normandy' Acclaimed

"The Chimes of Normandy," Robert Planquette's gay and youthful story of village life in seventeenth century France, was presented on December 8 and 9 in the Central High auditorium by the a cappella choir, under the direction of Mrs. Elsie Swanson. The opera, which is filled with bright and lively scenes of the festivals of the villagers, was acclaimed by capacity audiences.

Perhaps top honors should go to the Elmore, whose interpretation of Gaspard, the old miser, was the dramatic highlight of the show. Dave Loomis quite effectively made in the second act, and his acting had a deftly professional tone. Joan Muxen played in a four star performance, giving the role of Serpolette. Her acting is rich and full, and her acting was amazingly, and pleasingly, realistic.

Playing opposite her as the timorous fisherman, Jean Grenicheux, Alan

Olsson gave another fine performance. A part as unsympathetic as this one might easily be underplayed, but Alan's fine sense of comedy kept the audience thoroughly amused and convinced. The quintet, "Cold Sweat Is on My Brow," in which he sang the solo part, was one of the most charming moments in the show.

Morris Beachy's fine tenor voice was another feature which made the opera so enjoyable. He had many excellent high notes, and all his solos and duets were carried off in a distinctive manner. Frances Bunch's clear, flexible soprano, the expert use of which gave her part sparkle and color, was heard to best advantage in the duet "My Lord, My Lord," with Morris Beachy.

Another actor who was established by his part in the show is Jim Keith, who did more with the comedy in his part than any of the other characters. He is a born comedian and the suc-

cess of most of the lighter scenes in the production is due to him.

The chorus, a highly important part of any musical, was especially effective in this production. Not only did the members of the chorus avoid woodenness, but they also managed to stay away from the opposite evil of too much bounce and false reaction. The verve which they displayed, their colorful peasant costumes, and the excellent renditions of "The Legend of the Bells" and "Silent Heroes" combined to make the chorus an indispensable factor in the opera's success.

Much credit is also due Merwyn Tilton and the orchestra. No matter what the occasion, the orchestra always manages to have music well prepared and excellently executed. Honors go also to the stage crew, who were responsible for the eye-filling sets, always so necessary to create and help carry out the mood of any show.

Peace on Earth

Revision a la McCandless

The Christmas Carol

★ Star Bright Happy New(ey) Year

"I heard the bells on Christmas day
Their old familiar—words repeat
OF PEACE ON EARTH, GOOD WILL TO MEN.
And in despair I bowed my head:
"There is no peace on earth," I said,
"For hate is strong, and mocks the song
OF PEACE ON EARTH, GOOD WILL TO MEN."

From the beginning of Christendom, bells have rung out the song of PEACE ON EARTH on Christmas day. And for many Christmas days, the irony of the song has been most evident. From time immemorial, tyrants have risen up to lead the world into the infamy of war. From time immemorial, they have been vanquished with long agony and sacrifice, only to rise again. For two thousand years men have fought bitterly, ruining fertile lands and lovely cities, destroying works of art and culture.

But for two thousand years there have been those who fought not to destroy, but to preserve and build beauty and peace, safety and freedom. In their hearts an ideal burned—a way of life that would be congruous to the wish for PEACE ON EARTH, GOOD WILL TO MEN.

Today in America we almost have that way of life. Here, although many homes are suffering from loss of loved ones who have had to sacrifice their lives to the struggle for PEACE ON EARTH, America has been spared the ordeal of destruction of our cities and our homes. Art treasures which are ours are still intact. Here, today, the Christmas festival can be celebrated without the accompaniment of roaring airplane motors and rumbling tanks, screaming sirens and bursting shells. Here we can substitute hope for hate, and still enjoy the loveliness of the Christmas season when all are more aware of laughter and grace and brotherhood.

Should the true Christmas frame of mind be extended to many more days than one day a year, and to many more countries than America today, the Christmas wish for PEACE ON EARTH, GOOD WILL TO MEN would become a reality for all the peoples on the earth.

Most Heart-Stirring War Book

BRAVE MEN By Ernie Pyle

Ernie Pyle's "Brave Men" is the most heart-stirring, eloquent book which has been written about this war. Like the author's "Here Is Your War," "Brave Men" is a collection of Pyle's Scripps-Howard columns, which have secured for him the position of best-loved war correspondent among both our fighting men and the American civilians. This book tells the story of war in the European theater, from the invasion of Sicily to the liberation of Paris.

Ernie Pyle has never attempted to report on war strategy; his war is the struggle of the individual soldier. Because he, too, is often homesick, worried, uncomfortable, and afraid, Pyle gives us a truthful picture of our fighting men, what they say, and what they do. Although he is cosmopolitan enough to write of many divisions of work, from that of a gun crew to the job of the air corps, he frankly admits that the infantry is his true love. He makes us realize that the common foot-soldier is one of the greatest heroes of this war.

Ernie Pyle's dispatches prove that a writer can express himself beautifully without using words which stretch a column width, and the reader realizes that behind his simple, chatty style of writing lies a job of ace reporting. He is amazingly versatile, capable of arousing any emotion. He paints for us a vivid picture of the opening of the second front, "so that you can know and appreciate and forever be humbly grateful to those both dead and alive who did it for you." Who can forget the story of the dead soldier, covered by sand except for his feet, with the toes of his GI shoes pointed toward the land he came so far to see?

But Ernie Pyle shows us too that "lots of things besides shooting and dying can go along with a war." With a subtle humor he tells anecdotes of the mistakes he and the soldiers made and of the things they chuckled over, from their wet feet to the dogs they adopted. There are scores of skillfully written character sketches of the men with whom he associated and an occasional description of gripping beauty.

"Brave Men" would be an excellent choice for your Christmas shopping list. In reading pleasure it tops all the latest novels that have come to this reviewer's attention. —Bev Bush

Question Box

- "What are you going to do on New Year's Eve?" Lyle McBride, sophomore—"I'm going to Swing Inn." Gloria Lincoln, senior—"Wait for midnight." Dick Duda, junior—"Thanks, anyway, I already have a date." Carolyn Peckham, freshman—"Resolve to get a date next New Year's Eve." Roswell Howard, junior—"Nosey, aren't you?" Joanne Bergman, senior—"Time will tell!" Barbara Carleman, junior—"Well, dear—sit at home while everyone else has a gay time." Harold Schoultz, junior—"It's a long story—" Sally Curry, sophomore—"Stay home and read." Bob Knight, senior—"Doesn't everybody know?" Helen Kirk, senior—"Bucky says it's a big surprise." Johnny Schroeder, freshman—"Hm—" Marilyn Carman, senior—"Censored." Martha Eastlack, junior—"Knit two—purl two." Barbara Curtis, senior—"The usual—a big hen party." Ralph Clark, senior—"I'll drown my shipmates at midnight."

Well, old Marley had been under a slab for seven years, and his partner, E. Scrooge (a strictly greedy Joe), was sole owner of the business firm of Marley and Scrooge.

After years of searching for more dough, Scrooge had indeed become a sad sack. Even Christmas meant nothing more to him than a day when the clerks were absent and still got their time cards punched—a dirty deal. He hadn't exactly mooned over Marley that day, so, after trotting home to the heatless, cheerless, war-time apartment, to see, in place of the knocker, a chiller-diller replica of old Marley's face that gave him a 500-volt jolt.

This sight almost "sent" Scrooge—no need to say where—and he hurried up the stairs, into the apartment, through the door. He locked the door, too. Ebenezer ate some oatmeal and hovered over a shivering radiator for a while; suddenly, all the bells in the house began to ring like mad—and they were clang, clang bells, not southern or Christmas belles—a metallic clanging sound approached the door. "Someone's been eating too many pleasant little I-Y tablets," thought Scrooge.

Enter: Hep Ghost

Then Marley, trussed in chains, cash boxes and all, strained himself through the door (BELIEVE me, that takes practice), told Scrooge that this, too, could happen to him if he didn't repent, that three spirits, Scotch, Bourbon and Rye, would visit that night. With this cheery message, old transparent Marley picked up his King-size ankle bracelets and walked out the window. Scrooge dug a foxhole in the bed.

The first Spirit came in on the nose—just at one. Scrooge said, "Dig me, Jackson." To which the Spirit replied, "I am the Ghost of Christmas Past," and both of them did a Superman out the window, back through the years to the old homestead where, with a few well-timed illusions, the Ghost completely got the drop on Scrooge, who admitted he was a goon-child. Before you could say "Journalism II" our mincing miser was back in his own little bed, snoring like bells.

Bowling! said the clock. Ebenezer dear jumped out of bed, tripped into the next room, and what do you suppose?

Senior Belles Brighten Yuletide

Jingle bells, holly, mistletoe, and Santa Claus—it's Christmas!

Looking luscious as a peppermint candy cane is Belva Hawkins, in her white and red dress of flannel wool.

Green and bright as a Christmas tree is Joan Harrison's crepe dress. The tiered skirt and gold braid give the dress a gay, Xmassy air. Peggy Whitlock is ready to pour tea, or dance under the stars when she dons her formal of orchid plaid taffeta. Christmas calls are loads of fun—so thinks Bobbie Busch when she keeps warm, and looks gay in her fitted coat of holiday green, with a tiny collar of black Persian lamb.

Barbara Mallory wishes for a white Christmas, and shows a lovely example of it in a snowy wool dress. The full-gored skirt is topped off by a high round neck-line. A present anyone would love to find on Xmas morning would be a life-sized doll resembling Patty Nordin in her billowy, pink net formal. Bright fuchsia velvet ribbon laces tightly up the front of the bodice in a lattice effect—this same shade adorns the neck-line. Yes, fuchsia seems to be one of the most popular shades of the season. More proof of this fact is the smart dressmaker suit of Jeanette Larson's, and the crepe tea dress belonging to Nancy Low. The v-neck and sophisticated pepin puts Nancy at her best.

Maybe you don't believe in Santa Claus, but who was that man coming down your chimney last Christmas eve?

Extra special—Central's two Christmas trees this year—also seventeen days of freedom instead of the usual fourteen.

Remember all the things that happened last Christmas?—The Chermot burned down—consequently Danny and Patton's crowded prom?—and

Remember when some boys asked Joanie Vingers if the sparkly stuff in her hair was dandruff?

You all know I suppose that a senior, not to mention her name, would much appreciate receiving Hugh Follmer in her stocking.

Cheery holidays to you, Pres., but shucks, I knew all along that you'd get the "supreme honor."

Have you heard that Santa's son, Noun Claus, and his cousin, Subordinate Claus, are helping out with the Christmas rush.

Rush, rush, rush—can't you just see all the happy little ones pouring out of the gloomy halls Friday afternoon.

I just can't tell you how happy I am that you have read this epistle thus far.

Simply terrific are the dates all the gals have during vacation. Sure wish I was as lucky.

This above all for Christmas. I want—a few more brains to use in the inevitable finals.

Mistletoe—that beautiful green stuff which is found hanging on so many Centralites' doors come the holiday season.

All the things that Christmas remind me of—teas, Christmas carols, dances, snow, and I might add—the presents!

Silly isn't it to tear around shopping when a war bond booth is so handy.

pose? Yes, ghost of Christmas Present! Santa had remembered after all. Off dey went, and everywhere the people were touched with the Spirit of Christmas. Even Bob Cratchit and family were gay. Nephew Fred was gay—then drank a toast (toasted a drink? drank their toast? toasted in drink? drunk on toast? toasted a drunk?), amid much rude merriment, to old baggy uncle Eb, and wished him a Merry Christmas. After a few more touching scenes, Scrooge felt pretty crummy. Second fade-out.

The hour for inner sanctums struck—bong! bong! bong! bong! and so forth—and a great big old black thing scrunched up but wouldn't even speak—just pointed, which showed where HE came from. Scrooge knew this was the Ghost of Christmas future, and was about to ask if Roosevelt was still running, but thought the better of it as it might still be a dangerous thing to ask.

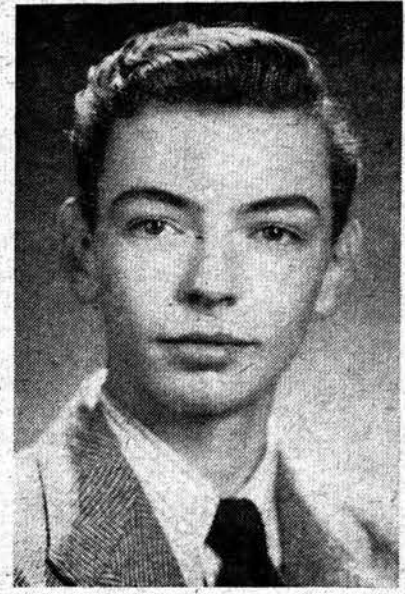
Tim Daid as Daid

You all know of Tiny Tim; well, he had kicked off—all because breadwinner Bob had never had a raise; a body lay in Scrooge's apartment without a shirt because the charwoman had swiped it (shirt); a poor man and his wife were rejoicing because the unmentioned HE was daid as daid; and only a few gravediggers went to funeral. Eb was almost in the groove (I mean grave) when he stuck his features into a disgustingly little granite deal which said "Ebenezer Scrooge." Fade out.

Scrooge woke up hugging a bed post and enunciating "Mairzy doats and dozy doats, but I'm a different Scrooge than I was last night. Honey." To tell the truth, he was so filled with exuberant exuberance, the old bug shagged around the room, yelled "Merry Christmas" out the window, dressed in his cocktail clothes, found a boy to buy a 20 pound turkey which was probably black-market, caught a cab (and on Christmas morning, too) so the turkey could trot over to Cratchit's, and then—whad'd'ya know—that afternoon of Christmas, PROMenaded over to dear old Fred's for food and a great big Merry Christmas and lived happily ever after and the same to YOU. —Sylvia McCandless

Plenty of oomph will suit him fine. But he simply can't stand a gal with a line. People who gush are also taboo. We know who he is—do you?

This week we present to you another outstanding Centralite . . . Bill Newey. Besides being president of the Central High Players, he is a member of the National



BILL NEWEY

Thespians, choir of the Junior Honor society. He has participated in the Road Shows, four plays, and three operas. So, you see, Bill is a very fine boy . . . in school as otherwise. Females take note! If you're 5' 2", have ash blonde hair, gray eyes, and are interested in the theater, and answer to the name of "Marty," you're in Second place can get by with two eyes, month, and a convertible! In the way of food, Bill prefers a variety, and plenty of it! But shoe strings, potatoes, malts, egg salad sandwiches, and brownies a la mode will fill the dish! Bill also has a mad fascination for "Superman" and could be mildly satisfied by switching on Ben Goodman's "Stompin' at the Savoy."

For Bill's most embarrassing moment, or moment we'll refer you to Peggy Jo. Ask her about the "vice!"

To date, Bill's most thrilling moment occurred when he saw the gay musical hit "Oklahoma." The dazzling sight of the chorus girls proved to be too much even for Bill's iron constitution. He's been in a perpetual daze ever since. We're placing our bets for top honors, however, on a particular meeting which has been planned to take place July, 1952, on top of the Empire State building.

To be the star of a Broadway musical hit, or to take his place in the world as a second David Belasco is Bill's ultimate goal in life. We'll be waiting for the day we can say, "we knew you when."

For frosh only! Bill's words of wisdom run as follows: take it easy—you'll be a senior some day—maybe! —Arlene and Pepi

'Kismet' Symbolizes Hollywood

"Kismet" by M-G-M is best described by all the adjectives so typical of Hollywood. It's lavish and extravagant and full of "gorgeous girls." The scene is Bagdad when the city was shiny and new.

"Kismet" is, in a word, finished. It is a series of fascinating things; it is Marlene Dietrich with her repainted gold, her hair arranged so it looks like silk ropes of platinum, her body weighted down with enough hardware to start a ten-cent store; it is Ronald Coleman with a British accent, alternately being a king in a giant red turban, and a beggar, in a greasy, pseudo-Persian rug; it is Edward Arnold strutting through a Hollywood palace in Hollywood's conception of regal garments; it is Hugh Herbert being a candy salesman, but, more important, being the same Hugh Herbert who's been acting the same un-hinged way he's been acting for twenty or more years.

The plot consists of the efforts of Ronald "King of the Beggars" Coleman to get his naturally luscious daughter married to a wealthy potentate. There are complications aplish this end, he is working with and for the grand Vizier (Edward Arnold) who is desirous of becoming Shah. There are complications, naturally, but in the end Coleman get Dietrich, Coleman's daughter get her prince, and Arnold gets his throat cut, as befits the heavy in any production. —Bill Newey

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Cadet Officers Announce Military Ball Committees

Dance Is March 23; Ironfield, Davis Head ROTC Organization

Under the leadership of Harold Ironfield, president of the Cadet Officers' club, plans for the military ball, to be held on March 23, have been formulated and most of the committees have been chosen.

Assisting the president in planning the ball are the other officers: David Davis, vice-president; William Bock, secretary; Julien Bahr, treasurer; and Eugene Tetrick, sergeant-at-arms.

Peterson Arranges Grand March

Arrangements for the grand march will be handled by Charles Peterson, chairman, and his committee of Hugh Follmer, Howard Loomis, and Truman Wood.

William Bock heads the committee in charge of the ball, on which Temple McFayden and Truman Wood serve, while Hugh Follmer and Lad Cesar are in charge of the orchestra.

Hugh Follmer, who is in charge of the invitations and honored guests committee, will be assisted by Willis Steinberg, Gordon Johnson, and Howard Loomis.

McFayden Directs Decorating

Temple McFayden has charge of the decorations committee, which consists of William Bock, John Poth, and Fred Hawkins; and Martin Donboy will command the military police detail with the assistance of John Morris, Ralph Clark, and Eugene Tetrick.

Julien Bahr will direct the ticket sales for the ball with the help of Charles Pedersen, Frank Mullens, and John Morris.

Five Seniors Enlist in Armed Services

Central's latest contribution to the armed services are five young men who have enlisted. Paul Hickman '5, Jerry King '45, Bob Roberts '5, and Ernie Vrana '45, all signed Uncle Sam's register before they had reached their eighteenth birthday in order to obtain their service preference. Carl Flemmer '45 has joined the army.

Paul left school November 27, and Jerry King dropped classes on November 13, and left for San Diego, California. Bob Roberts dropped November 20, leaving November 23, for Barragut, Idaho.

Carl left Central November 29, and Ernie left December 3.

Harry James Band Wins Top Honor in Central Music Poll

Last week students of the journalism classes, and members of the orchestra and band voted for their favorite musicians of 1944. Top honor went to the Harry James band, who placed first as the pupils' favorite swing band. Tommy Dorsey held a close second, and Stan Kenton's powerful crew, practically unknown last year, came in third.

Centralites put Glenn Miller at the top of the sweet band bracket, and Sammy Kaye's much improved outfit just nosed Tommy Dorsey out of second place.

The King-Cole trio, in their first year of big time, was unanimously selected for the favorite small combo, with the Benny Goodman boys sharing honors for second place.

Crosby Beats Sinatra

Much to the surprise of all Sinatra fans, Bing Crosby won an overwhelming vote for the favorite male vocalist, (not with a band), with "The Voice" coming in second, closely followed by Dick Haymes. Thanks to the many records that she has made, Dinah Shore was voted number one female vocalist, (not with a band); Ginny Simms ranked second; and Jo Stafford, star of the Johnny Mercer show, rated third.

The biggest surprise of the poll was the Ink Spots' first place rating for the top vocal quartette this year. The Delta Rhythm Boys, who gained much popularity through their recent movies, came in second.

Jones Still 'King of Corn'

Continuing its past record, the Spike Jones band again took all honors as "The King of Corn." Harry James was selected as favorite soloist of the year, followed by Benny Goodman and Tommy Dorsey.

Taking another honor, Harry James nosed out Ziggy Elman, ex T. D. star, for the title of top trumpet player. Roy Eldridge ranked third. The closest race in the poll was between Gene Krupa and Buddy Rich for favorite "drummer man." Krupa won by only two votes.

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'All Dis Meat and Mashed Potatoes'

Central men and gals will never be remembered either for their dainty appetites, or for any dislike of desserts sweet and rich. The following notes on favorite foods are hot from the cafeteria kitchen.

First on the tray parade comes mashed potatoes and meat loaf. Whether this dish "sends" the eating student body is not known, but it does indicate that the students don't worry excessively about their waistlines—it may be added that mashed potatoes are a big hit by themselves.

Hamburgers Rate High

There are also a number of people who care for hamburgers! In fact, good ol' hamburgers rate second place as a main dish. Salisbury steak, a dignified type of ground beef, is a favorite among the more expensive (10 cent) dishes. The cafeteria, of course, has many other good, wholesome foods, which appear on the counters regularly, but the foods mentioned "take the cake."

Thinking of cake seems to make members of the freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior classes think of "chocolate"; in fact, chocolate anything is a favorite dessert—all are eaten with spoons and enthusiasm. With perhaps even more spirit, students choose cherry pie. Because pie can be made only once a week, an absolute minimum of 100 is baked.

Homestyles Are Favorites

Last in the list of favorites are homestyles. Chocolate, vanilla (with grapes and without), peach, cherry, strawberry, all are tried and enjoyed daily by six or seven hundred fellow inmates of this institution. Even after graduation the homestyle urge continues, as witnessed by a graduate of Central, now a member of the armed forces, who visited the lunchroom and devoured six malts.

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Clubs Present Christmas Programs

COLLEENS

Central Colleens entertained the club members at the annual Christmas tea held Thursday, December 14, in Room 10. Faculty members were guests at the party, which was planned by the tea committee, headed by Nancy Watkins and sponsored by Miss Amy Rohacek. Hostesses were Beverly Bush, Colleen president; Maryann Loomis, vice-president; Barbara Dunn, secretary; and Marian Cooper, treasurer.

Other Colleen activities for December include a Christmas donation to the USO canteen by the social committee, of which Carolyn Lawson is chairman and Miss Dorothy Cathers, faculty sponsor. Miss Bertha Neale's big sister committee has completed its first afghan.

GIRL RESERVES

A special Christmas meeting of the Girl Reserves, held in Room 145, December 13, featured a play, "The Cornhusk Doll," presented by Marilyn Miller, Dexter Peterson, Roberta Olsen, Dave Elmore, and Alan Townsend. Refreshments were served after the program.

As in past years, Girl Reserves dressed dolls to be distributed among children of underprivileged families. The dolls were collected through the schools and repaired by Camp Fire girls.

An informal holiday dance will be given by Central High Girl Reserves for the ASTRP cadets who are training at Creighton university. It will be held on December 16 at the Y.W.C.A.

A Christmas ball, sponsored by the intercity council, will be held at the Y.W. on December 22. This will be a formal dance with Bud Brown's orchestra. All Central students are invited. Admission is one dollar.

FRENCH CLUB

As its main Christmas activity this year, the French club choir will sing Christmas carols at the Alliance Francaise luncheon and party, Saturday, December 23, at the Regis hotel.

Joining with choirs from other Omaha schools, the group will sing in French "Silent Night" and "Cantique Pour Noel" as well as the old French carol, "Nouvelle Agreeable" and, the French national anthem, "La Marseillaise."

Members of Miss Bess Bozell's French classes have been learning the carols as part of their regular class work.

CENTRAL HIGH PLAYERS

A skit presented by Helen Wilson and Dexter Peterson, entitled "Home Sweet Home," highlighted the traditional Christmas party of the Central High Players, held Wednesday, December 13, in Room 140 and 145.

A short business meeting was held with President Bill Newey presiding, and refreshments, consisting of popcorn balls and candied apples, were then served by the committee in charge of the party, headed by Gloria Polsky. Wendy Corkin was in charge of the committee on decorations.

INTER-AMERICAN CLUB

A Dr. I.Q. quiz program was the highlight of the Inter-American club meeting, December 6. Eugene Nesselson portrayed the learned doctor while Irvin Gendler and Alan Blotcky went through the audience to obtain volunteers.

LININGER TRAVEL CLUB

Culminating the school holiday projects and festivities, Lininger Travel club held its Christmas party and program for members last Monday, December 11, in Room 145.

The program preceding the party consisted of a dramatic sketch on Christmas given by Sandra Solomon '48. After the singing of Christmas carols, refreshments were served.

As its customary holiday project, the club has again decorated a Christmas tree for the school. After school dismisses for the holiday vacation, the tree will be given to the Hattie B. Munroe Home for Crippled Children.

In addition to its regular club activities, Lininger has sponsored the Sixth War Loan drive at Central this month. Striving to attain a 90 per cent record of purchasers of stamps and bonds, the club's activities for the past few weeks have been centered around this program.

Work on New, Enlarged Office for Nurse Begun

Work was started several weeks ago on the new nurse's quarters which will be located on the south side of the first floor, formerly Room 122.

In comparison with the old quarters, which contain only a waiting room, a single cot room, and a small private office, the completed project will include separate cot rooms for girls and boys, a waiting room, a lavatory, and a private office for the nurse.

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Former Centralites Christie, Pehle, Dimke, Green Reported Casualties

Grads Killed in Pacific, European War Theaters

During the month of November five former Centralites have been killed in various theaters of war.

Lt. George R. Dimke, ex '40, was reported killed in action in Europe, November 10.



LT. DIMKE

Lt. Dimke, an infantryman, was fighting with General Patton's army. He entered the service in October, 1942, and was commissioned a second lieutenant in April, 1943. He went overseas in August, 1944.



LT. PEHLE

Word has been received from the war department that First Lt. Richard C. Pehle '35, who previously had been reported missing in action, was killed in France, October 24.

Lt. Pehle was in Anzio, and took part in the liberation of Southern France. An infantryman, he had been in the army since March, 1941, and was commissioned the following year.

A native of Omaha, Lt. Pehle attended Creighton university and received his degree from the University of Iowa. His identification in the O-Book reads "Carefree and determined to enjoy life—that's Dick."

Corp. Billy Burton Christie '33 was killed in action on Leyte in the Philippines October 21, according to word received by his wife from the war department.



CORP. CHRISTIE

Corp. Christie was a field artillery man with the First Cavalry division. He attended the University of Nebraska before enlisting in 1940, and he has been overseas since June, 1943.



PFC. GREEN

Pfc. Clark O. Green, ex '42, has been reported killed in action on Bougainville, October 26, according to word received by his parents from the war department.

A native of Omaha, Green was employed in the shipyards in San Francisco before his induction. He went overseas in Nov. '43.

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Nebraska Weather, Accent Fascinate School Newcomer

One of Central's new students is a senior boy with a southern drawl—in the person of Gaylord Vaughn from way down South in Little Rock, Arkansas.

This colorful newcomer transferred from Little Rock Senior High school to Central this November and doesn't seem to regret it, although he wants to head right back to the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville after he graduates in June. Of course, this is merely a future dream. What he will do, no doubt, is enlist in the Navy before his eighteenth birthday in May.

Gaylord finds Omaha not so different from Little Rock. In fact, Central even resembles his native place of learning to the extent of differing only in the length of its lunch periods—there they were five minutes longer.

Well, here's where Gaylord's cute smile and captivating drawl are accentuated handsomely, for he seems to be quite opposed to Nebraska's cold weather—or as he so ably put it, "The cold here in the North." Snow fascinates the boy, and our different manner of speaking also tends to put him in a state of wonderment. As if we have an accent. . . .

Football was his favorite pastime in the sunny South. He was on the third string and insists that because of his true school spirit shown in his yells from the bench, he cheered his school on through an undefeated season.

History Exam Grades

Additions to the mid-semester examination grades are as follows: Lyle McBride, Hubert Bath, John Merriam, and Warren Thompson, all receiving 99 in World History II.

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Ramblings

Transferring from Topeka High school, Topeka, Kansas, is Michael Wolpert '46.

Billie Rose Canterbury '47 has recently entered Central High from Woodrow Wilson High school in Long Beach, California.

David Steinhelmer '47 has entered Central after transferring from Hollywood High School, Los Angeles, California.

Entering Central High school last week from Central Junior High school, Rock Island, Illinois is Frances Searcy '48.

Alvin Abramson '47 is ill with scarlet fever but will return to school after Christmas vacation.

Jean Moreland '46 underwent an appendectomy last week.

Helen Rosenberg '46 is ill with a streptococcus throat infection, and it will be several weeks before she returns to school.

Lucille Foxhall '47 has recently had her appendix removed and will return to school after the Christmas holidays.

Stanley Shack '45, sports editor of the Central High Register, appeared on the radio Wednesday, December 6, with John Connelly, Charles Martin, Edward Micek, and John Duncan, sports editors of Benson, Tech, South, and North High school papers, respectively.

The editors reviewed the past football season, the inter-city team, and the prospective teams of next year.

Central High school was represented at the Joslyn Memorial thir-

teenth anniversary, November 29, by Barbara Busch who illustrated costume design, and Marie Graham who wove on a hand loom.

Thursday, December 7, the War Relocation Office of Omaha presented a film which disclosed to the public for the first time the loyalty of the Japanese-Americans and what they are doing in the army. The movie was shown in the auditorium each hour of the day for the benefit of the social studies, history and civics students.

Betty Legge '44 arrived home Sunday for her Christmas vacation. She is attending Mills college in Oakland, California.

Alice Christiansen '44 was crowned queen of the Missouri Military academy war bond dance at Mexico, Missouri. Her election was determined by over 150 thousand dollars worth of bond votes the cadets bought. Alice is a student at Lindenwood college in St. Charles, Missouri.

Rosemerry Easlack '44 has recently pledged Phi Lambda Beta sorority at Stephens college, Columbia, Missouri.

Etta Marcus, former Central High school student, has just returned from a short stay in New York City.

Robert Allen '44, a member of the V-12 program at Doane college, Crete, Nebraska, will arrive the week-end of December 17 for the family's early Christmas celebration.

David Neely '45 recently received the "Luftwaffe," a pair of German army officer's wings, from a friend in Belgium.

Jorgensen, Traub, Gaither High in Shorthand Test

Members of the Shorthand III classes who passed the November Gregg award test for 100 words per minute are Harriet Taub and Marion Gaither, Mrs. Mabel Malony, shorthand instructor, announced.

Ellen Jorgensen will be awarded a Gregg shorthand pin for passing the November award test for 120 words per minute.

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Classes Debate Peacetime Draft

Subject of the debates held Monday, December 4, in Miss Elizabeth Kiewit's World History II classes was the proposed congressional amendment for peacetime conscription of young men between the ages of seventeen and twenty-three for one year's military training.

Debaters second hour were Bill Hinchliffe, affirmative, and Robert Biggs, negative, while Hubert Bath was assigned the affirmative and Lyle McBride the negative in the third hour class. Fifth hour, John Merriam took the affirmative and Denny Kountze argued the negative. Participating sixth hour were John Campbell, affirmative, and Jim Haggart, negative.

Ex-Teacher Home on Leave from WAVES

Sp (T) First Class Thelma Barnes, a member of the WAVES and a former history teacher at Central, was home recently on a 15 day leave from Pensacola, Florida.

Miss Barnes operates a celestial link. The purpose of this instrument is to train pilots in celestial navigation while they are still on the ground. This work is part of the Naval Air Force.

A member of the first group of WAVES trained in celestial link, Miss Barnes has been in the service for 21 months.

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Peterson Heads Thespians Society

Resnick Is Secretary; Club Largest in History

Dexter Peterson '45 was announced president of the Central High chapter of the National Thespians recently by Miss Myrna Vance Jones, faculty sponsor. Dorothy Resnick will be the new secretary-treasurer.

Of all nation-wide high school clubs, the National Thespians is one of the most prominent. In many schools this organization is the only club in the dramatic field, but in Central it is a unit of the Central High Players and is thoroughly professional, not social.

Club Founded in 1931

The expression department was given a charter for the society in 1931, when it was organized under the direction of Mrs. Doris Hosman Hahn. Dues are paid only at the time of joining the society, and then the individual is considered a Thespians for life. Each new member receives on membership payment a year's subscription to the popular Thespians magazine, Dramatics.

The requirements for membership are prescribed by the National Thespians organization according to definite dramatic achievements. Central Thespians are active in the fall and senior plays and in the Road Show, at which time they present a short play.

New Members Announced

This year's organization is a large one compared with that of previous years and as to date a membership of 32 students.

New members this year are Peggy Carter, Thelma Chrisman, Donna Christopherson, Charlotte Dawson, Marjorie Deck, Jean Doran, Betty Edwards, Irvin Gendler, Lucia Grove, Juanita Hanger, Helen Holtz, Charlotte Kavan, Elaine Lashinsky, Marilyn Miller, Roberta Olsen, Dexter Peterson, Dorothy Resnick, Stanley Schack, Violet Sharpnack, Dorothy Stoklas, Marcia Tepperman, and Jane Wilson.

Other members are Harry Alloy, Carolyn Bukacek, Frances Bunch, Patricia Hunt, Shirley Krajccek, Bill Newey, Patti Nordin, Betty Wiesman, Helen Wilson, and Bobbie Wiseman.

Ham, Meat Loaf Cooked to Order

A thick slice of ham, surrounded by banded orange slices and garnished with parsley; Spanish steak topped by slices of onion and green pepper; horseradish meat loaf, forming a thin, delicate crust as it slowly browned—these were the results of a demonstration given by Mrs. Frances Hettler, a representative of the National Live-Stock commission, on Tuesday, December 5, to the members of the homemaking and nutrition classes.

The purpose of the demonstration was to advise the potential homemakers of the proper method of cooking certain cuts of meat. Broiling and braising were emphasized, with the ham used as an exhibit for the former method, and the Spanish steak for the latter.

As Mrs. Hettler prepared the various dishes, she disclosed why she had chosen one particular method, and mentioned several helpful hints that would aid in storing, seasoning, and serving meat. Because of the utility and commercial grades of meat now on the market, special attention was given to braising and stewing, which are the best methods of cooking less tender cuts of the animal.

Referring to charts, tables, and recipes in a booklet which had been distributed to the students who witnessed the demonstration, she explained to variety of meat attainable, and answered questions brought forth by the girls in an open discussion. Mrs. Hettler presented a set of pyrex dishes to Mrs. Fern McCready of the homemaking department, for use in the cooking laboratory.

Tea Honors J. Arthur Nelson

A Christmas tea honoring Principal J. Arthur Nelson was held on Wednesday, December 13, in Room 11 after school by the Central High faculty. A Christmas tree and holiday decorations centered the tea table.

Clark Joins Air Crewmen

Ralph Clark '45 left Tuesday, December 12, for Memphis, Tennessee, for entrance in the navy combat training service. Ralph, who was active in ROTC, is training to be an air crewman.

CHS at War

By SHEILA PRADELL

Sgt. Lane B. Kemper '33, an Omaha photographer in France, has been awarded the Air Medal with two clusters, according to word received from Lawrence Youngman, World-Herald correspondent.

Sgt. Kemper was with the Thirty-Fifth Infantry division, and was transferred to a Signal Corps photo laboratory in California in February, 1942. He then went to Ireland for six days of intensive training which qualified him as an aerial gunner.



Sgt. Kemper

He made seven combat flights in B-26 planes, eight in A-20's, and also participated in some glider flights. At the present time Kemper's unit is filming air-force activities in support of ground troops.

First Lt. Charles Craft '39 has been awarded the Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters. A fighter pilot, Lt. Craft was decorated for meritorious aerial flights over enemy-occupied Europe. He has been serving in the European theater of war since May, 1944.

Lt. Craft

S 2/c Harold Weinstein '43 has graduated from boot camp at Great Lakes, Illinois, and is attending boat-swin's school at Little Creek, Virginia.

Second Lt. Donald W. Werner '39 has completed training as a photo-reconnaissance pilot at Coffeyville field, Kansas, and is undergoing last minute study before being sent overseas.

Second Lt. Emory B. Auracher '41 has been awarded the Air Medal at an Eighth AAF Liberator station in England, where he is navigator of a B-24.



Lt. Auracher

Ph. M. Kenneth R. Cain, ex '42, is with the Marine division that was cited for action on Saipan and Tinian. He wears the Silver Star, Purple Heart, and the Presidential Citation.

Servicemen Write Teachers

Ned Eastlack Describes Africa, France; Ex-Sports Editor Tells of English Customs

The following are letters from former Central students who are now in the armed services overseas.

Ned Eastlack wrote to Miss Juliette Griffin, history teacher, from somewhere in France:

"I was so glad to get your letter. I had several nice talks with Miss Young—we knew the same people in Omaha, and of course we talked over the alma mater together. I spent more than a month at the Paradise Rest camp just before coming to France. It is really a paradise. I got a very nice tan—we had ice cream and Coca-Cola there, too—something quite rare over here.

"Your M. I. T. friend and I have something common in the Southern France situation, though I disagree with him on the minor shooting! The footwork was and still is a problem for that matter. We've had rain off and on for the last month and a half here. My daddy told me there'd be days like this in France, but he didn't say there would be so many of 'em!

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"Anyway, France is a very beautiful country. The people are so much friendlier and more congenial than the French we met in Africa. I've seen the French Riviera, have visited several famous places in France. I've seen some very old churches and cathedrals, dating back to the eleventh century. I imagine the trip would be much more pleasant in peacetime—anyway, it isn't costing us anything now.

"I was in Africa for a year and a half, and needless to say was quite glad to leave the place. While there, I was in Morocco, Algeria, and Tunisia. I saw Casablanca and the famous Anfa hotel where Roosevelt and Churchill had their conference. I saw the Prime Minister himself, General Montgomery, General Eisenhower, and others in person at Marakech in December of '43. I was also in Oran, Algiers, Bizerte, Tunis, and many other smaller towns in between. I really saw a lot of country in Africa and had some pleasant and memorable experiences. The only unpleasant experiences were some air raids in Bizerte in the summer of '43—I still smoke too many cigarettes from the nervousness caused by that or-

deal! Our mess hall disappeared three different times from air raids there!

"I haven't been doing any signal corps telegraphic work since this last summer. I've been doing prisoner of war liaison work the past couple of months. We work with Italian prisoners of war. The work is interesting, but it gets rather monotonous. I've

"Looks like I'll spend my second Christmas in a row overseas—have been across 21 months which is a long, long time. Do you remember when we used to have those talks on the international situation in history class? We didn't realize that someday we'd be over here in the very lands we were discussing!

"Everything is pretty quiet here now. We live in a building where it's warm and dry from the constant rains. The food is good, we have hot showers, and a few of the comforts of home. I see I'm almost out of space again, so I'll close, wishing you in advance a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

Cottingham Writes from England

John Cottingham, sports editor of the Register in '43, wrote the following V-mail letter to Mrs. Anne Savidge from England:

"We see now why the natives claim, 'There will always be an England.' Their confidence must be based on the fact that this island hasn't washed away. Not far from our camp is a green and treeless hill. If we can see the hill, it's going to rain; if we can't it's raining.

"Everyone here is halfway between friendly and hungry. The kids are not at all reserved and mobs of them follow G. I.'s, chorusing, 'Any gum, chum?' This Christmas they will see their first orange in a year—what shambles those little characters would make of an American drug store—chemist to them.

"Although limited to four or six pages, a British newspaper has more information than a month of Chicago Tribunes. Their make-up is good and so is straight news, but their feature writers and the ever-present 'I' are like P. G. Wodehouse's dullest fops.

"May your Christmas be merry and good luck to Stanley Schack."

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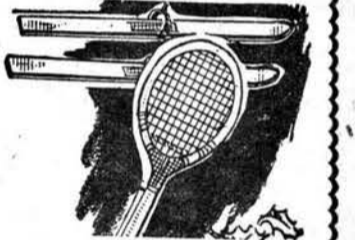
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Lt. Devereaux was a member of the FBI until shortly before his enlistment in the Navy reserve in March, 1942.

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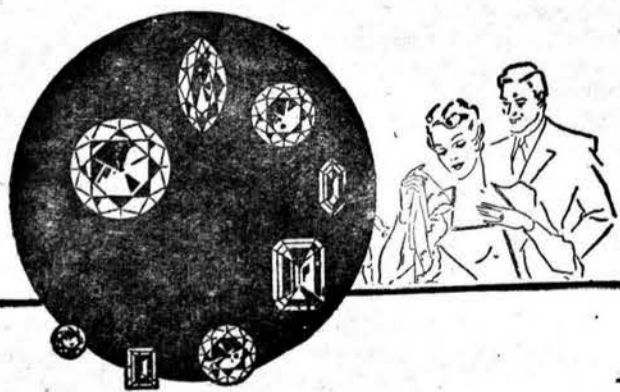
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Eagle Wrestlers Crush Abraham Lincoln 56-0 in Season Opener Cagers Bow to Elkhorn Attack

Record Established By Amazing Total

Displaying championship style, the Central strong boys pinned their way to a 56-0 win over Abraham Lincoln grapplers at Council Bluffs December 8.

All but two of the Eagle matmen succeeded in throwing their opponents in short order. Jerry Ries 112 pounder took a closely contested 5-3 decision from Wood of the Links, while in the 145 division Dave Mackie stole the show with a 3-1 decision over Jeffers. Jeffers, who was slated to give Mackie a rough going over, found himself tangling with a greatly improved wrestler.

Hendrix's fall in 1:42 by Central's Fred Pisasale was the quickest pin suffered by the Bluff boys during the match.

Displaying midseason form in the first match of the season, the Purple muscle men proved that they are able to take over where they left off last year when they were undefeated.

All men equalled or surpassed expectations, and the fine shape the wrestlers were in is due in no small part to Coach Vernon Ekfelt. The 56 point total is somewhat of a city record, and will be something to shoot at, since it is only four points short of a perfect score.

Results:
85—Fowler (C) forfeit
95—Nyberg (C) threw Jerkovich, 5:42

105—Zevitz (C) threw Chevalier, 3:54

112—Ries (C) decisioned Wood, 5-3
118—Vacanti (C) threw Van Meter, 2:56

124—Kias (C) threw Harter, 4:43
130—Pisasale (C) threw Hendrix, 1:42

136—Rotella (C) threw Raygor, 3:23

145—Mackie (C) decisioned Jeffers, 3-1

155—Boker (C) threw Hansen, 2:47
165—Reese (C) threw Howarth, 2:29

H.W.—Gorman (C) threw Jenkins, 2:27

Matmen to Tangle With Strong T. J.

Although the Eagle wrestlers are expected to sweep the Intercity and state titles this year, they can expect some tough competition from Thomas Jefferson of Council Bluffs.

Te Jay has a number of returning lettermen, among whom the top performers are Dick Holst, who wrestles in the 112 pound class, Paul Rindone, who will grapple in the 130 pound division, and Orville Fried who doubles between the 95 and 110 pound classes.

One thing has come up to darken the hopes of the Council Bluffs boys and that is the injury their heavy-weight suffered in their recent match with South. He will probably be unable to face Central's Russ Gorman when the Purples and Tee Jay meet.

Te Jay won their first match of the year by blasting South, 38-8. However, Central appeared even more promising in their 56-0 conquest of Abraham Lincoln.

Seniors Discover Gym Helpful; Learn Dances

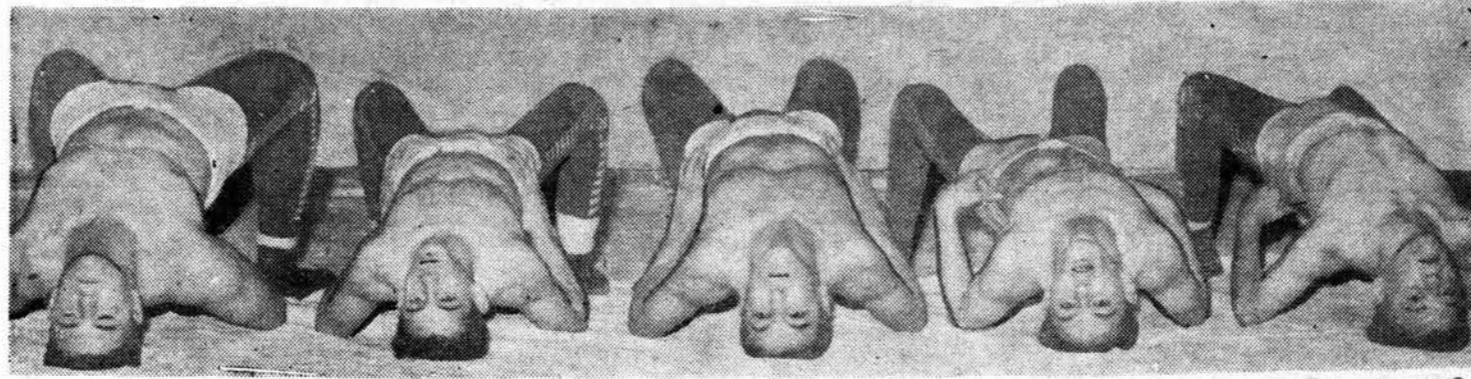
Gym is a required subject for all senior and freshman girls. Most seniors look forward to gym, at first, with definite misgivings. There is, however, nothing so terrible about this course.

Girls' senior gym is alternated with home nursing, first aid, or nutrition. The girls' gym suits are one-piece shorts. Most of them are white, although a few girls are now wearing pink models, because a red sweater got in the laundry with the suits the last time they were washed. Suits and towels are provided, but the girls are asked to buy their own shoes, which must be either regular tennis shoes, or street shoes with rubber soles.

For the most part, the gym period is spent in doing calisthenics, knee-bends, push-ups, etc. However, the girls learn folk-dances, such as polkas. They are also taught to play basket-ball, volley-ball, tennis, and have relay races of all kinds.

Gym is a helpful subject, because it develops good posture, good carriage, grace, and also develops skill in many sports.

Comfortable Boys?



CENTRAL'S ALL-STATE WRESTLERS (left to right): Russ Gorman, Sam Kais, Louie Rotella, Joe, Vacanti, and John Nyberg.

Ronohs Regain Top Bowling Positions as 4 B's Lose Ground

STANDINGS

Team	W.	L.
Ronohs	27	6
4 B's	26	7
Pin Poppers	23	10
Gutterball Quartette	21	12
Jokers	17	16
Gutter Kings	12	21
K-Dets	12	21
Sharpshooters	11	22
8 Balls	9	24
4 F's	8	25

The Ronohs, featuring a tremendous championship bid, moved back into the first place spot in the Central High Boys' Bowling league Monday at the Music Box alleys, after trailing the 4 B's for four consecutive weeks.

The leaders, who have won nine games straight since beginning their drive for the top, climaxed their climb by annexing three games from the faltering Sharpshooters while their 4 B contenders were absorbing a two-game thumping at the hands of the third place Pin Poppers, who always prove to be a tough match for any team. The Ronohs now lead the league by one game.

After eleven weeks of bowling, four keggers have averages of 150 or above. The new member of the high five is Frank Mullens of the Gutterball Quartette who has been bowling in sensational style during the past five weeks to move into the number four spot on the High Five.

Pat Thomas, Joker, copped the high single game for the ninth week of bowling with a smooth 190. Mullens rolled the high individual series of that week, a 472. A hot 604 was enough to give the Gutterball Quartette the high single game team series for week number nine.

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Alleys	Teams
1-2	Gutterball Q. vs. Ronohs
3-4	8 Balls vs. Sharpshooters
5-6	Jokers vs. Gutter Kings
7-8	4 B's vs. K-Dets
9-10	Pin Poppers vs. 4 F's

Milt Parker stole the high single game honors for the tenth week with a 177 game. Combining games of 161, 163, and 151 for a 475 total, Dave Rice annexed the high individual series of the week. For the second consecutive week the Gutterball Quartette pounded the pins for the high single game team series, a 623 effort.

Rolling a strong 200, Jack Focht, K-DET, copped the high single game Monday. Mullens had high individual series, a torrid 503. The 4 B's in winning their last game Monday, compiled a 599 for the high single game team series of the day.

HIGH FIVE

Bowler—Team	Avg.
Beachy—Pin Poppers	153.2
B. Chapman—Ronohs	151.8
Rice—Ronohs	151.6
Mullens—Gutterball Q.	150
Schmidt—4 B's	146.5

Guess Who?

Age—16.
Height—5 feet 7 inches.
Weight—150 pounds.
Hair—Black.
Eyes—Brown.
Activities—Football, basketball, baseball.
Ambition—To pass home nursing.
Favorite song—Beat Me Daddy 't Salomé Roll.
Last Guess who was Charlie Mancuso.



By BRUCE POYER

Anybody who watched our football team closely enough throughout the past season couldn't help noticing and admiring the strong team spirit that represented Central on the gridiron. At the same time, the observer could not help giving Mr. Knapple nine-tenths of the credit for inspiring the efforts that went into every play. Without exception, both line and backfield did its best for Knapple and Central, and this fact makes those losses to Tech, Sioux City, and Lincoln seem more worth while. At any rate, the football season has slipped past and a lot of fans may not know it, but these football players who did such a commendable job for the Purple and White missed the Intercity championship only by the muscle in the right arm of one Dominic Fucaharo.

This gentleman performed in the football department at a certain preparatory school which has held a monopoly on Intercity championships for the last several years. He specialized in throwing desperation passes which twice found receivers and pulled his school out of defeat and into victory. Either of these games if lost would have given Central another gold cup. So Fucaharo, together with the ill-fated Tech game (where both audience and band abandoned the idea of winning and came out with "Hold that Tiger" instead of school spirit), put a leak in Central's boat which managed to stay afloat until the last game of the season when Prep beat Tech for the honors.

It now remains for the basketball squad to go after the Intercity title which the football team tried so hard but failed so narrowly to get. It is certain that Mancuso, Gorman, Green, Abboud, Weekes, Steiner, Reese, and the rest really set a high-standing example for team spirit for the 1944-1945 sports season. They proved that every good team always proves, that spirit means ten times more than talent. True, Gorman and Green were far above average when it came to talent. But big Russ won his all-state honors for being a brilliant team player and not an individual stand out. Team spirit produced Central's victory over the stubborn Vikings when hard-driving Green was out with a cut hand. The three touchdowns the line set up in the 24-6 trouncing of Abraham Lincoln showed beautiful coordination between line and backfield.

The biggest job now is for Minkin, Lustgarten, Franks, Slogr, Wright, Moore, Poyer, and the rest of the basketball team to carry this record through the long hoop season. It might be well to add that if the veteran-studded cage squad picks up the matter of team spirit where it was left during the close of last year's regular playing season, the championship outlook will be dark and doubtful. But if the cagers can begin where the football team left off, then nothing in the world will stop Central anywhere along the rough road stretching between tonight's game and the finals at Lincoln next spring.

Rifle Team Bows in Union Pacific Match

In the first competitive match of the season the Central High rifle team, led by Lieutenant Frank Mullens, bowed reluctantly to the Union Pacific sharpshooters from Council Bluffs in a bang-up match December 6 on the Central range.

The match added another feather to the perfect crown of the Union Pacific team, but the score indicated improvement on the part of the Central squad, for the Iowa win was by a slimmer margin than ever before.

The match's high score was fired by U. P. and tipped the marker at 275. Frank Mullens served notice that he would be the top man for the Eagles when he popped up with 269 hits out of a possible 300.

Score

Mullens	269
Kipling	264
Stewart	259
Nearenberg	244
Bahr	237

The team this year is strengthened by three returning lettermen and four veteran squad members, so the outlook for the rifle team is bright. The team and newly elected members include Frank Mullens, Tom Kipling, Tom Page, Dick Stewart, Sid Nearenberg, Pat Thomas, Howard Loomis, Julien Bahr, Truman Wood, Jack Smith, Kirby Smith, Daryell Outka, Don Miller, Art Abariotes, Elden Filley, and Ed Zorinsky.

Lincoln Central Next Cage Foe

With Intercity competition forgotten until after Christmas vacation, Coach Vic Jennings has his Central High basketball brigade tuned to a high pitch for tonight's important Missouri Valley contest with the ever-potent Lincoln Central cagers. The biggest Central drawback will be the slippery Jackson floor with its baskets pushed up against the walls, but Lincoln will have several disadvantages also.

With only three exceptions, last year's squad is returning to the capital city this evening and an added year of experience goes with the cagers. These Eagles will have in mind the 38-11 trouncing they received last year at Lincoln.

Another Central advantage in tonight's game is the lack of experience in Lincoln's line-up. Last year's Lynx squad, which did so much damage during the regular season but lost to South in the preliminaries of the state meet, is now minus such outstanding players as Harry Meginnis, Rodney Cox, Hudkins, Klein, Leikan, and several others. Eagle fans remember Cox as the one-man team who ran wild on the Central floor last year, scoring ten points in the last minutes of the game to break a 24-24 deadlock and sent the Eagles down to a 34-24 defeat.

Defense Only Bright Spot in Losing Game

A small but scrappy Elkhorn quintet invaded the Central gym last Tuesday, forced the big overconfident Class A Eagles to play their type of basketball for four quarters, and came out of the game on the long end of a 15-12 score. If the victory was advantageous to the Central team in any way, it probably served notice to the players that the stiffer competition to come will demand much better showing on their part.

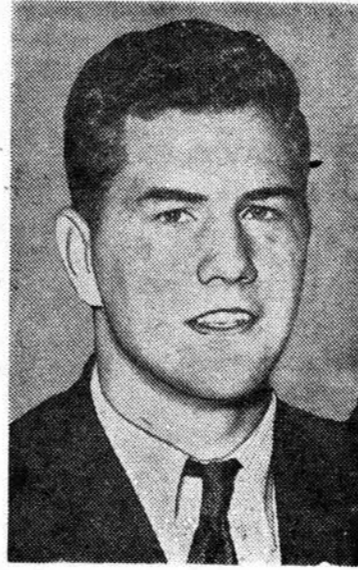
What was supposed to be nothing but a warm-up game for Central started with Elkhorn taking a lead they never once gave up. Fouls were costly to the Eagles from the start, and on their own part they were very miserable from the free-throw line, missing nine tries out of 15 attempts.

Purple Offense Rugged
Percentage of shots made came to an all-time low for Central. During the first half, the Eagles failed to make a field goal, and they went down at intermission with Elkhorn owning a 9-4 advantage. At the start of the second half, the team showed a spark of form and Franks and Slogr hit to make the score 11-8. Minkin and Lustgarten followed with free throws while Elkhorn got another gift toss and a basket. Poyer brought the count up to 14-12 and it looked as if the Eagles might rally for their first win. But they were all through, and the red-clad Antlers added a free throw to finish scoring.

Eagle Defense Smooth
The Eagles were wild on everything but defense. All of Elkhorn's points came from far out, and had the home team been able to get the lid off the basket, a much different score would have resulted. Central's fast break failed to produce a point, and in some cases, never got beyond half court. Passes were poor and shots rolled around the rim time and time again without dropping in.

The second team, coached by Jennings since Hull left, dropped its first game to Thomas Jefferson seconds by 24-23. Don Downs was the sparkplug in the Eagle attack.

Green, Gorman Named to All-state Team



RUSS GORMAN

It appears that in Frank Slogr, Steve Lustgarten, Joe Franks, and the rest of last year's returning veterans, there is sufficient talent to take practically any league if only the spirit is there also.

Tech is setting the pace for Intercity teams, having played three league games already. The Maroons have failed to look impressive so far in edging South and North. Creighton Prep woke up from a miserable showing against St. Francis to hand the Tech boys their first defeat.

Benson started off the season with 110 points against Papillion and Thomas Jefferson, teams not even rated with Elkhorn. The Bunnies proved themselves in handling South, and the drug-store congregations are already picking Prep, Benson and Central as the teams to beat this year.

The Eagles, always the last team to swing into action, will get a big Missouri Valley test tonight. The Eagles don't hit any Intercity opposition until January 5 at Tech, when the season will be out of its early stages and into full swing. Here are a few predictions on tonight's games:

A great distinction came to Central High school last week when two Eagle gridders were chosen to the all-state football team. Those players so honored were Bill Green, ace back, and Russ Gorman, star lineman. Both players were unanimous all-city choices, but faced tough competition before winning the additional honors.

The balloting for honors is conducted annually by Gregg McBride, sports writer for the World-Herald, and some 500 coaches and officials throughout Nebraska.

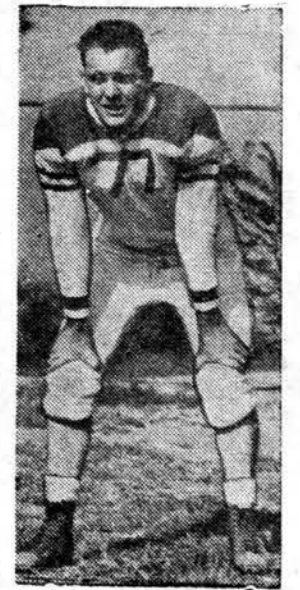
Green Dangerous on Offense
Green and Gorman were the first Purple players to be named to the all-state squad since Ernie Weekes, brother of this year's team captain, Dick Weekes, gained a team berth.

Green was the backbone of the entire Central attack. His rugged driving and shifty running softened up the opposition so that they were off balance for his timely passing which was his main forte. Considered one of the best kickers in the region, he continually put the foe in the hole with his far-bounding quick kicks. To sum it all up, there is no doubt that Green was the best all-around back in the Missouri Valley region, and his great ability received tribute justly deserved.

Gorman Dead on Defense
Gorman was the bulwark of the Eagle forward wall. The most talented lineman in the city for the past two years, he lived up to expectation by always being on the alert, and becoming, without doubt, the most deadly tackler hereabouts. Russ earned second team last year, but moved up a notch to the top spot in his division.

The only other Omahan to be chosen to the team was Subby Salerno of Creighton Prep. Salerno was the best pass snatcher in the city, but most experts considered John Steiner his peer in all-around ability.

The Eagles with Norfolk were the only schools to place a pair of men on the all-Nebraska eleven. In the final state tabulation, Central ranked ninth.



BILL GREEN

Grid Players Present Gift to Injured Coach

This year at least one man in Omaha will have good reason to believe in Santa Claus. Eagle grid coach F. Y. Knapple, who suffered serious injuries in a recent gym accident, was presented with a gift of \$150 by the members of the football team on behalf of the school. The money will be used to defray hospital expenses.

A familiar sight around the lunchrooms and halls two weeks ago was that of Charlie Mancuso and Russ Gorman "collecting" from the students. This should prove that even the big, tough, footballers and all the students who contributed are really all "Santa Clauses."

Coach Knapple, who has been confined in Doctors' hospital, is now at home and is recovering as well as can be expected. A note of thanks to all students of Central was placed in the circular last week by Coach Knapple.