





# CHS Activities News Notes

## Student Book Club

Teenagers now have their own book club.

Mrs. Bernice Engle, head of the Latin department, has introduced a teenage book of the month club to Central.

The TAB club offers five selections a month. Members may order as many pocket book editions as they wish at twenty-five cents a copy. For every four books purchased this term, members will receive one free dividend book.

## Science-Math Club

Featuring the demonstration of a two-cycle engine operating on a hot coil ignition, the Science-Math club held its third meeting on Wednesday, October 29. Pete Soule, vice-president of the club, and Jess Fender directed the demonstration. Tachometer readings, which were taken during operation, indicated that the propeller was making 9,500 revolutions per minute. Demonstrations like this have been planned for future meetings and all members are urged to attend.

The club's newly elected sergeants-at-arms for the coming year are Lloyd Smith and Ruth Hiatt.

## New Curtains on Stage

New, red, crushed velvet curtains now hang in the auditorium. These curtains, purchased by the School Board at a cost of \$13.00, replace the old purple and white ones.

In the near future, material will arrive and draperies will be made for the two small side balconies.

## German Club

Under the direction of W. Edward Clark, English and foreign language teacher, a German club has been organized by the German I class. The meetings are to be held every other Friday during the regular class period. Ted Phillips has been elected temporary president.

## Central High Players

The winning designers of the poster contest for the Central High Players' production of "Arsenic and Old Lace" were awarded free tickets to the performance.

The first prize of two tickets was presented to John Shea, while one ticket, or second prize, went to Patty Belman. Posters selected as the best were on display throughout the building.

## Grinnell President at Central

Samuel N. Stevens, president of Grinnell College, spoke to Central High students, Wednesday, October 15, on the subject of "Education and Good Living".

"Education teaches us the fundamentals of a good life," stated Mr. Stevens. "It instills us with the wisdom of the past, teaches us to appreciate the finer arts, and helps us to find our place in life."

Mr. Stevens talked to seniors interested in attending Grinnell College during studyhall periods later in the day.

## Seniors Interview Colleges

Senior students have been given several chances in the past weeks to interview representatives from leading universities and colleges. Co-ed schools have been represented by Lawrence college, Grinnell college, and Morningside college. Representatives from three girls' schools have also been here. Those schools were Rockford college, MacMurray college, and Gulf Park college. Agents from Chicago university and Northwestern university will be at Central in the near future.

## Central Student Music Success

Johnny Vana got a drum for his second birthday. He played at it until he had knocked a hole in one head, then kept on hammering at it. Noting Johnny's interest, his father bought him a good drum with which Johnny won a contest at the age of three.

The Union Pacific Drum and Bugle Corps was the first organization to be honored with his talents, and through Union Pacific's president, William Jeffers, Major Bowes heard of him and auditioned him for his Amateur Hour in 1941. Johnny won first prize on the show, and then appeared with Major Bowes All-Star unit at the Orpheum. He was asked to travel with the unit to other cities, but Johnny decided that his schooling was more important.

## Played Piano, Marimba

When the excitement over his drum playing died somewhat, Johnny learned to play the marimba, a giant sized xylophone. At one time he was the youngest four hammer player in the country. Not satisfied with perfection of playing with mallets, Johnny learned to play also with his bare finger tips. At ten, Johnny started to learn piano, and soon mastered the instrument. A year later, he took up the vibraharp and soon was playing it like a virtuoso.

To add something else to his act, Johnny learned tap dancing which he does while playing the piano, marimba, and vibraharp. Movie Star Gene Kelly's dancing teacher gave Johnny the Hollywood Drum Dance, a complicated tap routine which few dancers in the country can perform.

## Traveled for Lessons

Some of Johnny's more famous teachers have been Gene Krupa, Ormand Downs, and Cozy Cole. Johnny has played with practically every band that has come to Omaha, including Jimmy Dorsey, Horace Heidt, Blue Barron and others. Although Johnny has traveled over 25,000 miles a year for over two years for private lessons, he has not missed one day of school.

Johnny, now a member of the class of '51 at Central, says the secret of success is his parents' attitude. They are behind him one hundred per cent. Johnny feels that anyone with a little determination can learn to play music well provided his parents will buy him a good instrument and pay for private lessons.

## New Books On Library Shelf

On the shelves in the Central library this week are a large number of new books. Mrs. Hazel Stewart, head librarian, said that the volumes cover poetry, drama, civics, history, and psychology.

Some of the more interesting of these are: "All My Sons," by Arthur Miller, recipient of the drama critics award for the best play of 1946-47; "The Country Year," an autographed copy of poems by Mark Van Doren; "The Fables of Aesop," a new translation by Bewick; "Aesop's Fables," a Special Heritage Press edition, written by Munroe Leaf, and illustrated by Robert Lawson; and pamphlets on United States poetry, issued by the State Department.

Others are "Wilderness Road," by Robert Kincaid; "Midwest at Noon," by Graham Hutton; "Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature," April, 1947; "Current Biography," 1946, both annual editions; and "Counseling and Psychotherapy," by Carl R. Rogers, professor of psychology at the University of Chicago.

## Clark, White Star in Playhouse Production

Starring in the Community Playhouse production "The Importance of Being Earnest" were W. Edward Clark, English instructor, and Douglas White, graduate of '46.

Mr. Clark, a graduate of Central '32, has appeared at the Playhouse in "Elizabeth the Queen" and "Male Animal". He was also active in the opera and dramatics while at Central.

Douglas played the comedy leads in the opera of '45 and '46. He also held the lead in the senior play in 1946. Previously Douglas played in "The Great Big Doorstep" at the Playhouse.

## Join the Junior Red Cross! Miss Cathers, Junior Red Cross Sponsor Directs Activities and Membership Drive

Join the Junior Red Cross! - - - That will be the theme next week of the Central High Junior Red Cross Council.

Behind the council and their drive is Miss Dorothy Cathers, sponsor and director of all the Junior Red Cross activities at Central. Miss Cathers and the fourteen council members are being helped by the homeroom representatives in making the membership drive a complete success.

## Assembly to Start Drive

The enrollment assembly next Monday will start the drive and will be followed on Tuesday and Wednesday by homeroom collections. Miss Cathers explains that a contribution is not necessary for membership. She urges everyone to become a member and make a contribution.

This is Miss Cathers' fourth active year as Junior Red Cross sponsor. One of her many jobs is to attend and act as counselor at the monthly

council meetings held in Room 328. She also attends the monthly meeting of all intercity councils at one of the other schools. One of her more important jobs is to supervise the important school wide election of Red Cross council members each year.

Miss Cathers is assisted by Miss Rose Gitter, in directing most of the work. Together with the Colleens, the council sends forty-five favors each month to the Douglas County hospital polio ward. In addition they are now working on a city wide project to send letters and gifts to convalescent children listed by the Red Cross.

## Long Central Tradition

Miss Cathers came to Central in 1944 as a member of the social studies department. At present she teaches four Spanish classes and one American History class. She has a unique background in that not only she but also her parents are Central High graduates. As a student she was second page editor of the Register and was active in many school activities.

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# Eagles Drop A. L. for First Win

## 12-6 Win Over Iowans Snaps Two Year Drouth

### Fairchild, Maseman Score; Attack Sparked by Miloni; Reese, Tetrick, Hahn Star on Defense

After two years of losses, the Eagle football team came out of the cellar as it defeated Abraham Lincoln 12-6 on the Iowans' field October 28.

The Eagles completely outplayed A. L. in the first victory since the gridsters defeated Thomas Jefferson 13-6 during the 1945 season. The defeat leaves A. L. in last place of the Missouri Valley and Intercity leagues.

## Maroons Defeat Fighting Purples

Faced by Ray Novak's passing and Harold Taylor's running, the Maroons of Tech High downed the Eagles, 13-0, in an evening contest at Benson field, October 17.

In the first quarter Central made the better showing, but was kept in its own territory by Novak's long kicks. On the last play of this quarter, Frank Mancuso broke through the line for a 41 yard run to the Tech 33 where, to open the second stanza, Bob Fairchild crashed through to the 20. The Purple attack then fizzled out and Tech took over on its own 24.

Later in the same period the Maroons' passing attack began to work, and a six-yard Novak to Cimino pass with a lateral to Dworak netted six points. A place kick for the extra point was blocked and the half ended with Central trailing, 0-6.

The second half was pretty much dominated by Tech with another score coming in the third quarter, when a reverse set Scatback Taylor loose for 71 yards and another score. The extra point was good and this terminated all scoring.

The whole Eagle line, consisting of Fred Bruning, Bill and Houghton Tetrick, Frank Hahn, Tom Harper, Rich Reese, and Tony Roth, played a stellar game. Frank Mancuso led the backs with Bob Fairchild and Joe Miloni turning in good performances.

By Alan Burke

## Team Shows Spirit

Co-Sports Editor

With the final game being played this week-end, the 1947 football season at Central is just about wrapped up. Despite an unsuccessful record, anyone who has been following the games closely must notice a definite improvement over the squad of last year. Although sometimes outplayed, this year's team has never been outgotten, and the spirited play of the underclassmen on the varsity has shown that future Eagle squads will be definite factors in Intercity competition.

It is pleasing to note a definite improvement in the school spirit of the student body. The cheering and attendance of the students at this season's games and pep assemblies

have shown a definite improvement over that of former years. The Central following of a losing team has been definitely superior to that of other Omaha high schools whose teams have had more successful seasons. Our heartfelt congratulations to the student body!

Speaking of school spirit, Central High rooters were no doubt given a definite lift by the appearance of that ensemble for the furtherance of fine musicianship, the German Band. Comprised of Jack Smith, Larry McNichols, Harry Wise, John Bergquist, and Don Carlson, the band played at many of the games and pep rallies throughout the season.

We wonder how many of our readers have heard about that very "exclusive" faction of the football team, the "333" club. For details just ask the club president, Dale Adams, or any other member of the varsity football team.



DON MASEMAN TACKLES Lynx ball carrier as Rich Reese, Tom Harper, and Fred Bruning close in.

## Beauty and the Beast

That old question once again arises in the mind of all football rooters: Who's the handsomest member of the varsity team? Following is a survey of popular opinion. Joe Murphy—Rich Reese and Tom Harper. Sure faith and beauty, and they can't be beat. Betty Ann (I hate the name Betty) Henderson—Varsity? I thought all the beautiful men were on the reserve team, huh Pat McNally? Jerome Wasserman—I knew I should have gone out this year. Mary Mackie—Houston Tetrick. He's so - - oo - - oo nice. Rose Baumgarten—Have you seen number 2? Mr. Clark—Now if I said Fred Bruning was the handsomest player on the team, what would Tony Roth think of me?

## Improved Eagles To Test Lincoln

### Purples Ready Pass Attack for Encounter

Coach Norman Sorensen's Central High gridsters will be trying to bring the 1947 season to a successful conclusion next Friday evening, when they tangle with a rugged Lincoln Central squad on the Links' field. Kickoff is scheduled for 8 p.m.

### Purples Are Underdogs

Although heavy underdogs, the rapidly improving Eagles should be able to give the undefeated Lincoln team quite a tussle. In their last two starts the Purples have shown greater power in their running attack, and a decided improvement in that vital department, pass defense. If the aggressive Eagle line is backed up by an alert secondary, the Purples may well be able to topple the favorites.

### Moore to Lead Link Backs

In this year's game, the Omahans will be facing some of the top prep players of the state. The Links possess an ace runner in John Moore, and two stellar tackles, Mockett and Hellenbrand. The line play of End Ed Weir has also been outstanding.

Comparative scores give a decided edge to Lincoln. In their two games with Omaha teams this season, the Links managed narrow victories over South and Tech. Both of these teams decisively defeated the Eagles. However, in each of these games, the Central defeat was largely due to the inept pass defense, which has steadily improved. In any event, the margin will be considerably narrower than the 59-0 rout which marked last year's game.

### Links Undefeated This Year

The Eagles enter the game with a record of one victory against six defeats, while the Links have won all of their conference starts this season.

### Probable starting lineups:

Omaha Central	Lincoln Central	
Bruning	RE	Yowell
H. Tetrick	RT	Hellenbrand
Harper	RG	Phelps
Reese	C	Reigert
Hahn	LG	Hansen
B. Tetrick	LT	Mockett
Roth	LE	Weir
Maseman	QB	Ruby
Mancuso	HB	Henricksen
Fairchild	HB	Mitchell
Miloni	FB	Grabowski

### Rifle Team Holds Tryouts

Tryouts for the Central rifle team are being held this week. Candidates for the team registered for tryouts from October 27 to 29.

Since Monday, November 3, these candidates have been competing for berths by participating in the various firing positions. The boys with the twenty highest scores will form this year's rifle team.

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## Freshmen Clinch City Honors!

By drubbing South 6-0 and Prep 12-8, the Eagle frosh squad is assured the championship in the City Freshman League. With only one game against Benson left, Coach Tom Murphy's gridsters are atop the pack with four wins and no losses.

In an afternoon game at South, October 17, the Purples made tough defensive play and a blocked punt pay off. Roger Madsen dumped the Packer backs for two long losses on consecutive plays back to their own 10 yard line. On the next play big Mel Hansen broke through to block a South punt, which Madsen fell on in the end zone for six points.

The defensive line play of Ed Handlemann, Roger Madsen, Dave Allen, Bud Smith, Mel Hansen, and Bassie Johnson was superb with Jack Taylor and Emmett Dennis, the work horses in the backfield.

The Prep game was played on a muddy field, November 1, and consequently the play was ragged. Central drew first blood in the second quarter when, after Taylor, Dennis, and Morton had lugged the ball to the one yard line, John Rydberg crashed over for a touchdown. Later in the same period Dennis fumbled the ball in his end zone for a safety, and Central led at the half, 6-2.

Early in the third quarter, Morton streaked to pay dirt to end a 60 yard drive. Prep came back and returned a punt for a touchdown to end the scoring.

The line play again was good with Bob Mancuso, Keith Weideman, and Jim Clark along with Taylor and Dennis sparking the backfield.

## Bunnie, Vike Seconds Down Eagle Gridsters

Unable to break into the win column, the Central seconds dropped two games, one to Benson and the other to North, by the scores of 19-0 and 24-0. In both of these games the Eagles showed some offensive spark, but never quite enough to score.

In the Benson defeat two long passes from Bill Shainholtz to John Roseland and Pitman Foxall moved the ball to the Bunnies 14 yard line, but the half ended and the Purples couldn't get up another drive. In losing, Curtis Hunningan, Bob Groff, and Ben Nachman sparked the Eagles.

The North game saw Central move to the Viking two yard line, but a fumble thwarted the Eagles' only bid for points. The gridsters played much better ball in the second half by holding the Vikes scoreless, but the damage had been done.

## Pesky Eagles Bow To Vikings 13-6; Purple Line Tough

The taste of victory was sweet but short for the Central football team, as it dropped a 13-6 contest to North on a muddy Benson field, October 31.

The rain-swept field proved to be the liking of the heavier Viking backfield. Lynn Hooton and Lloyd Boone were the mainstays of the powerful North offensive.

The Vikes capitalized from a Central fumble on the Purple 25 yard line. Hooton passed to John Leach on the five, and Danze went over on the next play. Danze repeated for the extra point.

The hampered Eagle crew countered with a touchdown before the half ended. Beginning a drive on their own 39, the Purples advanced to the North 13 yard line, through a series of passes by Don Maseman and some fancy running by Joe Miloni. Fairchild scored from the 13 for the lone Eagle tally.

Central end, Tony Roth, provided the play of the game. While running out for a Maseman pass, Roth slipped in the mud and fell. While lying there, he reached up and snagged the pass which would have fallen far short if Roth had maintained his footing.

The Purple line failed to exhibit the strength it displayed in previous games as the North offense consistently opened large holes. The speedy Eagle backs were also checked, not so much by the Vikings, but by the muddy field.

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