

Christmas Ball to Reveal Miss Central

'New Moon' Acclaimed Superb For Professional Performance

By Shirley Nelson
"Will another a capella choir ever be able to equal the splendor and artistic perfection which we saw in 'The New Moon' tonight?"
So ran the compliments paid to Mrs. Elsie Howe Swanson and her choir in tribute for their three fine performances of the widely known professional musical romance by Sigmond Romberg. The well chosen cast and the skillfully trained chorus exhibited talents which visiting music directors thought impossible for a high school production.

Helen Holtz as Marianne displayed amazing ability in both singing and acting the feminine lead. Her soprano voice carried through the auditorium with excellent quality and tone.
Daley Provokes Laughs
Singing the male role of Robert was Jack Street, who in his second year as an opera lead, lived up to expectations of his fine tenor voice. Jim Daley as the comic, Alexander, drew many laughs from the audience as he attempted to solve his problem of who should be allowed to marry him.
Ann Lueder as Julie played the part of Marianne's maid with excellent expression in singing and acting. Ronna Rimmerman as the semi-rough Clotilde portrayed her role aptly and with the confidence of a professional.

The Villian, Ribaud, acted by Mason Zerbe, was so superbly performed that the audience took an immediate dislike to that character. Ted Phillips as Captain Duval sang well and brought many laughs in his simple and ineffectual courtship of Marianne. His musical courtship, with piano accompaniment, was one of the hits of the evening.
Sam Procopio as Phillipe held the audience spellbound with his rendition of "Softly as in a Morning Sunrise". John Shea as Marianne's father, Monsieur Beaunoir, portrayed a conniving old ship owner.

Auditorium Filled to Capacity
Lloyd Richards and Martin Faier, two shipmates, acted the rough and ready sailors of the sea and had their share of laughs, especially in their devotion to Marianne.
Rodney Bertishofer as the cafe doorman, Al Heiam as the tavern singer, and Arnold Kaiman as Fouchette, played their minor roles extremely well.
The chorus contributed a great deal toward the success of the show by its animation and response to the plot as it unfolded.
For the first time at Central, an opera production was presented for three nights, and each performance received great acclaim from capacity audiences.
"The New Moon" will now take its rightful place along with the other operas which the Central choir has performed, but, somehow, this show has established a precedent and inspiration for future musicals.
It was a swell show.

Undergraduate Girls Elect Class Officers

Freshman and sophomore girls have selected class officers for the school year 1947-1948. Barbara Beck was elected president of the freshman class. Other officers are Bonnie Dohse, vice-president; Anita Reznichok, secretary; Zofia Finkelstein, treasurer; Nettie Chambers, Patti Gilmisky, Bette Ann Poska, and Elinor Rosenstock, sergeants-at-arms.

Pat Livingston was elected president of the sophomore class. Willeen Brown is vice-president; Sally Alnsow, secretary; and Nancy Bollinger, treasurer.

The presidents, vice-presidents, secretaries, and treasurers will march at this year's all girls' party, the Christmas Ball, as representatives of their classes.



WHICH ONE OF THESE GIRLS will become Miss Central XIV at the Christmas Ball Friday night? Shown holding dolls clothed by the Colleens, the candidates are (left to right) seated: Marion Saunders, Helen Wencil, Marilyn Bergh, Muriel Beebe, Polly Robison. Standing: Janie Black, Elaine Mendelson, Marilyn Vingers, Elizabeth Clark.

City to Sponsor Anti-Rat Program

"Rats are becoming a dangerous menace to our community and to our country. Their rate of increase has reached the alarming figure of one rat for every one person in the United States." These were the words of A. Miller, representative of the Levenson Chemical and Exterminating company, to the members of the Inter-city Red Cross council at their November meeting. He also stressed the importance of high school students adding the Junior Chamber of Commerce in their drive to rid Omaha of rats.

Sponsored by the Student Council in collaboration with the Junior Red Cross, Central's drive will start Monday, December 15. A film on rats will be shown to all auditorium homerooms. Elaine Mendelson, president of the Student Council, will outline the rat extermination plan at each meeting. In an interview she stressed the fact that rats are on the increase in Omaha. Babies have been bitten in bed and several cases of rat fever have been reported.

Elaine explained that with the coming of the cold weather the rats are driven indoors. Consequently, they have spread throughout the city and are even in the best residential districts.

Fishey Friends Join Biology Department

Every year the biology department adopts a pet or carries one over from the preceding semester. This list has included frogs, turtles, snails and paramecium. This year, to add to this impressive list, Miss Helen Lane, head of the department, has three goldfish.

Funny, Fishy, and Finny, are three fish, are so named because of their characteristics. Finny has some of the most beautiful fins that have ever appeared on any fish, from goldfish to shark. Fishy is so named because he seems to enjoy swimming in the water and hiding behind the seaweed, an unusual characteristic of fish. Funny enjoys his life more than any other of the three. He is constantly swimming upside down and turning somersaults.

If you are a stranger and Miss Lane has time, she will explain the ancestry of fish, to which phylum they belong, and where she got the "Three Musketeers".

Girls Witness Style Parade

"The very essence of the 'new look' in fashions is to be neat, trim, and slim," stated Miss Dorothy Ueltz at the style show presented for Central girls in Room 145 last Friday.

Miss Ueltz, representing the Simplicity Pattern Company and sponsored by the homemaking department, pointed out the newest ideas in fashions and showed the girls how they could make their own clothes and accessories. She demonstrated the many changes that can be made in the appearance of suits and dresses to make an entirely different looking outfit by changing the collar, cuffs, belt, or scarf.

The clothes, including a coat, suits, dresses, skirts and blouses, slacks, and evening gowns were modeled by girls in the homemaking department. Helen Geisler acted as the master of ceremonies.

The girls who modeled were Lois Augustow, Delores Califar, Jo Ann Darrow, Lucille DiGiacomo, Norma Dickey, and Delores Glasford.

Others in the group were Mildred Gorboll, Suzanne Graham, Delores Hutter, Doris Ihde, Dorothy Jacobson, Barbara Kolash, Anezka Oltman, Marilyn Orth, and Mary San Filippo.

Westinghouse Conducts Science Talent Search

Sponsored by Westinghouse Electric Corporation, a science talent search has been announced by the Science Clubs of America. Students took the preliminary examination Monday, December 8.

Open to any high school senior in the United States, the talent search requires both an examination and a 1000 word essay on an individual scientific project.

Forty contestants with the highest grades will be invited to the Science Talent Institute at Washington, D. C., with all expenses paid. One boy and girl attending the Institute will be selected to receive four year scholarships of \$2,400. Eight more contestants will receive \$400. Additional scholarships total \$3,000.

Other new members of the unit include Nelson Harding, Russell Hawthorne, Norman Henke, Jerome Kattleman, Paul Kruse, Frank Mallory, LeRoy Mutin, Louis Pistone, Jerald Venger, and James Wright.

The first performance of the silent platoon this year will be at the Military Ball on January 30.

Branch Leads Battalion
Second Lieutenant Thomas Branch heads the battalion for the remainder of December. Second Lieutenants Robert Rubenstein, as plans and training officer, and Jerry Lepinski, as adjutant, complete the staff. Second Lieutenant John Sage serves as freshman commander.

The company commanders for December are Co. A, Mason Zerbe; Co. B, David Cloyd; Co. C, Robert Martin; Co. D, Jack Cohen; and Senior Band, Don Carlson. The freshman company commanders include Alan Blotcky, F-1; Luther Thompson, F-2; Joseph Kelly, F-3; and Paul Bursik, Junior Band.

German Club Holds Election of Officers

As the first step in its reorganization, the German club, under the sponsorship of W. Edward Clark, German instructor, has held an election of officers. Curtis Buster was elected president; Ruth Mendelson, executive secretary and vice-president; Rosamonde Johnson, treasurer; and George Simons, sergeant-at-arms. The organization, which meets once every two weeks during class time, spent several weeks in the election of officers.

The first project of the club is the drawing up of a charter or constitution. The various committees are now being formed, and they will soon begin functioning.

Several of the German students have started correspondence with boys and girls in German high schools.

Nine Princesses Are Candidates for Queen At Masquerade Party

The newest member of Central's royal family will be crowned at the fourteenth all girls' party, the Christmas Ball, to be held Friday night, December 12.

Miss Central XIV will be elected Friday morning in four large homerooms—freshman girls, 215; sophomore girls, 235; junior girls, 325; and senior girls, auditorium,—on the basis of her ability, leadership, scholarship, citizenship, and interest in school activities. The nine princesses, from whom the queen will be chosen, are Muriel Beebe, Marilyn Bergh, Sara Jane Black, Elizabeth Ann Clark, Elaine Mendelson, Polly Robison, Marion Saunders, Marilyn Vingers, and Helen Wencil.

Ak-Sar-Ben Queen Will Participate

About ten o'clock the girls attending the party will go to the auditorium to witness the coronation. Down the aisle will come the queen's lovely retinue—the Student Council girls, the class officers, the countesses, the princesses, and the ladies-in-waiting, followed by Miss Central and her four pages from the freshman class. Presiding at the coronation will be Ak-Sar-Ben Queen, Miss Emily Reynolds. Her majesty will be dressed in her royal attire.

Two girls were selected from each of the senior homerooms to march as countesses at the ball. They are Carlye Bero, Geraldine Cohn, Ann Cuthbertson, Nancy Davis, Joan Evers, Joan Fike, Dorothy Fox, Marilyn Groff, Rosemary Hanson, Rosamonde Johnson, Virginia Lawson, Ann Lueder, and Carman McAndrews.

Others are Marilyn Miller, Shirley Nelson, Gloria Olderog, Ilene Overbaugh, Martha Jean Overholser, Norma Poliz, Ronna Rimmerman, Norma Ryan, Betty Schiratte, Marie Scigliano, and Nancy Swoboda.

Costume Prizes Will Be Given

To carry out the Christmas spirit of giving, girls attending the party are asked to bring gifts for the Children's Memorial Hospital. The gayly decorative boxes should be of suitable interest to convalescing children. As the girls place their gifts under the tree, their costumes will be judged by a group of teachers and students. Over fifty honors will be awarded for the most beautiful, witty, original, unusual, and novel costumes.

Tickets may be purchased by girls marching in the coronation. Girls' tickets are thirty cents and spectators, fifty cents.

Debaters Attend Prep Tournament

As part of their program of preparation, a group of Central's beginning debaters attended a tournament at Holy Name High school. The invitational tournament, held December 4, included teams from Central, Holy Name, and North.

Central's debaters were paced by Jerry Brodkey and David Solzman, who won both of their debates. Two other teams, Eleanor McClelland and Charlotte Oden; and Sherman Paska and Meyer Feldman, had one win and one loss each.

Coach Marian Mortensen declared that the tournament made all debaters eligible for membership in the National Forensic League.

Millard Margolin, Warren Denenberg, and Don Silverman, all from Central, acted as judges in the tournament.

The next debate activity will be in the form of two round beginners' practice tournament with Miss June Pickard's Benson squad. It will be held December 10 after school at Benson. Experienced debaters from both schools will act as judges.

For the next two weeks, all debaters will be studying the Oregon or cross-examination style of debate. Debates of this type will be held between teams in preparation for future tournaments.

The squad's next major event is the Girls' Missouri Valley debate tournament, to be held January 8, 9, and 10.

Burstein to Direct Jr. Town Meeting

Officers for the coming year were elected at the November meeting of the newly organized Junior Town Meeting club. Alvin Burstein was selected as president; Jack King, vice-president; Jerry Gitenick, secretary-treasurer; and Maxine White, sergeant-at-arms.

The subject selected by the members for discussion at the next meeting is "Would the restoration of price control lower the cost of living?" Two members, Al Fox and Jerry Gitenick, were selected to present a short discussion of the question.

The Junior Town Meeting chapter at Central is affiliated with the National Junior Town Meeting League. The new club is sponsored by Miss Verona Jerabek, and holds its meetings on the last Thursday of each month. All students interested in joining may contact Alvin Burstein or Miss Jerabek.

22 High-Ranking Seniors Take Pepsi-Cola Test

Twenty-two seniors, selected from the upper fourth of the class, took a two hour general scholastic aptitude test November 21 for the Pepsi-Cola company's fourth scholarship competition.

The fifteen students in the state who receive the highest scores in the preliminary test will be eligible to take a later examination.

40 ROTC Cadets Promoted at 'Sound Off'; Gendler Acts as Master of Ceremonies

"Sound Off", the military department's first promotion dance, Wednesday, November 26, celebrated the promotion of forty cadets in the battalion.

Lee Gendler served as chairman of the planning committee and master of ceremonies at the dance. The other members of the committee were Alan Blotcky, Jerald Lepenski, Max Maire, Larry McNichols, and Luther Thompson. At the intermission, John Vana entertained with his drums and vibraharp. Among the numbers John played were "Whispering" and "White Christmas."

Mrs. Joseph B. McGrath, wife of S/Sgt. McGrath, and Mollie Rubin made the drawings for the two sets of door prizes. The couples winning the door prizes were Sharon Casey and Harris Polly, and Jerry Evans. S/Sgt. Joseph B. McGrath and Mrs. Irene H. Jensen were the faculty sponsors.

Five Are Commissioned
Forty cadets were promoted on November 26 in the largest promotion list posted this year by S/Sgt. J. B. McGrath. The new first lieutenants are Gordon Anderson, Robert Rusk, and Neal Schneideman. Second lieutenants include Paul Bursik, Lee Gendler, Ray Goodwin, John Smith, and Robert Sveska. Heading the

non-commissioned officers' list are the appointments of James Holmquist, Kenneth Kremers, Joe Malec, Dan Neff and James Swanson to the rank of first sergeant and Wilbur Fullaway, Robert Martin, and Richard Whitlock to technical sergeants.

Promoted to the rank of staff sergeants are William Basler, Edward Claeson, Lucien LaRue, Robert Malashock, Lloyd Richards, Kenneth Roth, Marvin Swartz, and Robert Zlotcky. Those assigned the rank of sergeant include Floyd Abramson, Chet Christenson, Allan Demorest, Stanly Goldenberg, and William Goodrich.

Other cadets promoted to sergeants are Bernard Greenberg, Russell Hawthorne, Nelson Harding, Joseph Innis, Wilbur King, Martin Nearenberg, Robert LaShelle, Alan and Marvin Newman, Thompson Snyder, Taylor Stoehr, Jerry Venger, Noland Vogt, Harry Wise, and John Wolf.

Silent Platoon Organized
The 1947-48 silent platoon was organized last week under the direction of Second Lieutenants Lee Gendler and George Knoke. The twenty-seven members were chosen from the battalion on the basis of their military bearing, competence in performing the rifle manual, and scholastic grades. This crack unit drills with Springfield rifles and execute intricate formation during their performance.

CHS Activities News Notes

Freshmen Make Illustrated Map

Freshmen students of Miss Genevieve Clark and Mrs. Ida Kirn's World Geography classes are giving their maps a "new look" this semester.

The students are not merely drawing pictures on the maps to represent the products of the various countries, but are gluing the actual items right on the maps. For example, cotton tufts are used to represent cotton, pennies for copper, rubber bands for rubber trees, match sticks for lumber, and kernels for corn. Bits of coal, wheat, sugar, and coffee are also used.

The pupils of Miss Clark's II, V, and VII hour classes having outstanding maps of the United States, Australia or South America are: Gary Fuller, Thelma Gosney, Gerry Lewis, Anne Maryott, Alice Middlekauff, Nancy Mulready, Bill Nelson, Frances Peterson, Dorothy Souder, Roberta Strange, Dorothy Ware, and Juandell Williams.

In Mrs. Kirn's II and VII hour classes, the students with the best maps of Europe, Asia, or Africa are Myra Abramson, Sandra Brown, Chris Crowder, Betty Du Bas, Patty Gilinsky, Alice Gilinsky, Sorulee Lemen, Permella Mattson, Betty Ann Poska, Ellnor Rosenstock, Dorothy Seig, Margie Shapiro, Susan Stoehr, and Claude Watts.

Girls Solve Problems

Empty pens and running noses are no longer a problem for the sophomore girls!

In their homeroom meeting, Wednesday, November 19, the girls decided to donate pennies and nickels for the purchase of Kleenex and ink, which will always be at their disposal in the office of Miss Josephine Frisbie, sophomore girls' counselor.

tea for members of the faculty tomorrow afternoon in Room 10. The party, which promises to be one of the loveliest affairs of the school year, is under the direction of Elizabeth Ann Clark, chairman of the tea committee, and Mrs. Amy Sutton, faculty sponsor.

One major project has been completed so far by the club. Fifty 10 inch dolls have been dressed by the club members for the Goodfellows Charities. Each doll has two complete outfits as well as a blanket and pillow. They will be distributed this Christmas to unfortunate children.

A number of the dolls have been on display in the case outside the main office. The exhibit was arranged and set up by Miss Virgene McBride, club sponsor, and Sandra Solomon, Colleen's president. Their assistants were Joan Alexander and Sue Porter, committee chairmen.

Spanish Club Holds Fiesta

The Christmas party of the Inter-American club was held December 9 at the First Presbyterian church. During the supper hour, an exhibition of El Janabe Tapatio, the national dance of Mexico, was given by Las Senoritas Reyes, native Mexicans. Following the supper, Miss May Mahoney related the story of Mexico's two most popular legends, Virgin of Guadalupe and La China Poblana. The latter story tells of the origin of the typical Mexican Fiesta costume. Sonya Lewis, president of the club, modeled the costume. The evening ended with the singing of popular songs and Christmas carols in Spanish.

Principal and Mrs. J. Arthur Nelson were honored guests of the club.

Members of the committee in charge of the party include Harry Mallo, Ed Gross, Robert Rusk, Bonnie Bernhard, Nancy McBride, Rosemary Simpkins, Barbara Gell, and Ruth Ann Curtiss.

Students in Radio Program
Five Central students participated in the "We March With Faith" last Thursday afternoon. The consequences of being a moocher were pointed out by Janet Champine, Norma Gamert, Renee Micklin, Larry McNichols, and Tom Snyder in the script, "What's Mine Isn't Yours". The program was re-broadcast last Friday.

Pupils Tour Offices

In the past few weeks business training classes have visited the Northwestern Bell Telephone Company and the Federal Reserve Bank. The purpose of these trips is to broaden the student's interest in commercial work. Tours of the Western Union Telegraph Company and the Union Pacific museum are also being planned.

Honor Students Omitted

Four additions are made to the mid-term honor roll published in the last issue. Patti Gilinsky '51 and Bob La Shelle '49 made nine points; El Weinberg '51 rated seven and one-half points, while Mac Bailey '50 made six.

Due to lack of space, the freshman point honor roll was not listed. They are Shirley Johnson, Shirley Karsawe, Jean Madden, Cheryl Nerberg, Marjorie Shapiro, Juandell Williams. Also on this list are Bill Buffett, David Ewert, David Solzman, John Peel White, and Kenneth Young.

Santa Visits Players

Santa Claus visited Central yesterday to find out what the Central High players want for Christmas.

At the Christmas party held by the players, an entertaining program was presented which included Sandra Brown, dancing; Helen Holtz, singing; and Leonore Marks, reading.

After refreshments were served, Perry Mooberry's characterization of Old Saint Nick gave an amusing conclusion to the party.

Colleens Sponsor Yule Tea

Central Colleens will act as hostesses at their traditional Christmas

Officers, Party, Display Planned by Latin Club

Mysteries of the future were unveiled at the Latin club meeting on Wednesday, November 12, when Jo Anne Larkin reenacted the part of an ancient Roman sooth-sayer. Club members learned the answers to their questions concerning romance, careers, and finances.

Another feature of the meeting was the informative talk given by Nelson Harding on Christmas celebrations. Tentative plans were made to use these Roman customs for the theme of a Christmas party.

Jack Chedester and Virginia Champine were announced as the new sergeants-at-arms. Nelson Harding and Kathleen Johnson were appointed delegates at large.

Heading the club's agenda is a Latin exhibit to be sponsored by the advanced Latin class and to be held at Joslyn Memorial in February or March. The purpose is to familiarize the general public with old Roman customs, and to demonstrate the similarity between ancient and modern culture. Jeanne Stern is the general chairman for this project.

Performers Have Opportunity

For Radio Program Audition
Talented performers have an opportunity at winning prizes ranging up to \$5,000 and a future as a professional entertainer. Auditions for the new radio show, "Opportunity Night With Horace Heldt", are being held from December 8 through December 13 at the Orpheum theatre. Central students who are interested should mail or phone their names, addresses, and phone numbers to the Orpheum theatre, and they will be notified when to appear for an audition.

Stage Crew and Orchestra Members Provide Atmosphere for 'New Moon'

"Watch that curtain! Move those tables to the left! Dim the footlights!"

These shouts came from the members of the stage crew as they prepared the sets for "The New Moon", the Romberg operetta.

Rice Directs Stage Crew

Under the direction of Frank Rice, the VII and VIII hour stagecraft classes designed, constructed, and decorated all but one of the settings for the operetta. John Shea designed the Desert Island background.

Ron Maguire, as head electrician, was assisted by Chi Farber, Marls Green, Richard Reed, and John Mettlen. Jerry Bokowski, Bill Harrington, and John Nichols took charge of the curtains.

Stage Managers Bill Hall and Martin Holland were assisted by the crew which included Bill Kittoe, Bob Cremeens, George Fowler, Joe Murphy, Joe Miloni, Frank DiMauro, and Jack Sacca.

In charge of properties were Sam Anzalone, Ronny Cohn, and Al Turco.

Tilton Directs Orchestra

Musical background and accompaniment for the operetta, was provided by the Central High orchestra under the direction of Merwin Tilton.

Members of the orchestra and their instruments are as follows:

Violins: Darlene Kanner, Selma Hovdet, Joyce Hamilton, Shirley Winberg, Dick Planck; violas: Evelyn Skelbeck, Annine Dinkel; cello: Larry McNichols; basses: John W. Smith McNichols; basses: Donna Fada; oboe: Don Carlson; bassoon: John Bergquist; saxophones: Joanne Wilson, Beverly Mason, Barbara Cosgrove; french horn: Beverly Harrington, Bill Bloomer; trumpets: Norman Osheroff, Allen Demorest; clarinets: Joe Malec, Frank Mallory, Frank Mallory, Frank Burhorn; percussion: Johnny Vana, Paul Alperson; piano: Pat Boukal; vibraharp: Johnny Vana.

Hightower Will Instruct General Shop Classes

The general shop classes, which were interrupted for two weeks by the sudden death of E. H. Shelley, veteran Omaha high school teacher, were resumed on Monday, December 1. Kenneth Hightower, who previously taught shop at Tech, replaced Mr. Shelley. Mr. Hightower was graduated from the University of Omaha and spent three years with the army in the Pacific theatre of operations.

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By Paul Saltzman
Sports Editor

Matmen Compete In School Meet

Nigro, Miloni, Reese Show Ability in Wins

Central students got a preview at what the Eagle wrestling team will offer in intercity competition this year. Finals in the school tournament were held in the gymnasium, December 1.

Though winning in the 145 pound class, Frank Mancuso will drop to 136, and Sam Pomodoro will handle the 145 pound weight. Also Jim Kais, victor at 124 pounds, will move up to 130, and Jim Farris will continue at 124 pounds.

Mancuso Wins Opener

Following the winning habits already established by the "Mancuso Clan", Bob Mancuso captured the 85 pound berth by pinning Al Turco in 1:37. In the 95 pound class, Gary Holst had a near fall as the match ended but won 6-0 over Sam Virgileto.

At 105 pounds Melvin Firestone gained an early lead in points, but Bill Kirhofer came from behind to pin Firestone in 4:43. Henry Nyberg won the 112 pound class with a 4-3 decision over Harry Nystrom.

Richard Nigro showed that he is headed for state honors as he disposed of sophomore Bob Groll, pinning him in 3:07 and again in 5:29. Jim Kais had to go the limit to gain a 4-3 win over Jim Farris at 124 pounds. With the impressive record established by his brother, fans will be watching for a repetition from the younger Kais.

Heavyweights Get Pins

Ronald McCoy came from behind in the 130 pound division to pin Bill Kittoe in 4:41. Ed Handleman and Joe Prucka wrestled one of the strongest contests of the tournament at 136 pounds. Prucka squeaked out a narrow 9-7 decision.

Frank Mancuso managed to pin Sam Pomodoro in 4:45 in another strong match. Joe Milone netted the fastest pin of the tournament as he flattened Bob Peterson in :44 at 155 pounds. Richard Reese captured the heavyweight division by pinning Benny Kaiman in :56.

Mat Champs Here

A rare treat was witnessed by the Central wrestling team last Friday afternoon. Coach Paul K. Scott and four champion wrestlers of Cornell College, who are in town for the AAU convention, were the guests of Coach Norman Sorensen.

Cornell College holds both the NCAA and AAU championships, a most unusual feat for one school. The four boys who accompanied Coach Scott were Dick Hauser, 121, who is a NCAA champ; Leo Thompson, 128, who placed third; Lowell Lange, 136, holding both a NCAA and a AAU championship; and Roger Snook, 145, gaining second place in both tournaments. Both Lange and Hauser have a remarkable string of consecutive victories, the former with 79 and the latter with 93.

These wrestlers demonstrated to the Eagle grapplers the different holds and positions, and then worked with the boys individually in perfecting them.

Central Sharpshooters Defeat Bonnie Squad

In a match held December 5 on the Benson range, the Eagle rifle team squeezed by the Bonnie squad by a 30 point margin. Paced by the sharpshooting of Bob Sveska, the Central cadets succeeded in defeating Benson for the second consecutive time this year. The total of the five high Eagle scores was 1331 compared with 1295 for the five high Bunnies.

Individual Purple scores were Bob Sveska, 283; Tom Branch, 270; Mike Kulakofsky, 263; Ed Claeson, 262; and Alan Blotcky, 253. Ted Kolderie and Jack Marshal led the Benson scoring with 271, followed by Dave Nelson, 260; Don Overholt, 249; and Douglas Rogers, 246.

In overcoming the Bunny squad, the Purple rifleman kept their undefeated record intact. Despite the narrowness of the deciding margin, the Central marksmen are the "team to beat" in this year's Intercity competition. The consistent accuracy of Bob Sveska, Tom Branch, Ed Claeson, and others, indicates that this year's team contains some of the finest individual marksmen in the state.

Veteran Alumni Edge Eagle Cagers

Led by Chick Mancuso and John Potts, the Alumni stormed back in the second half to squeeze past the Eagles 33-29, in an afternoon tilt at Central, December 5.

Opening play for both teams was very poor and ragged, with Central leading 5-2 at the end of the first quarter. The tempo was faster in the second canto as both teams' plays began to click, and at the intermission the Purples held a slim 12-10 lead.

The squads must have been completely rejuvenated during the half, for as many points were scored in the third quarter as in the whole first half. Chick Mancuso and Chester Scott each potted three baskets with John Shea right behind with two, as

the Alumni pulled ahead for the first time, 22-21, on Dexter Peterson's free throw.

To open the final stanza they padded their advantage with three quick baskets, one by Potts and two by Mancuso. The Eagles narrowed the margin on baskets by Fred Bruning, Subby Ruma, and Scott; then Scott sank another one from the side to tie up the score at 29-29 with two minutes left. But once more Mancuso found the range for two points and just as the gun sounded Potts added two more with a tip in.

The Alumni squad was pretty much a two man show, paced by Mancuso's 14 points and Potts' 10. Scott was the Eagles' big gun, getting 13 points. Ruma, Shea, and Bruning followed, each with four.

The Purples looked very good at times, but throughout the game they showed three great weaknesses. The first two are pretty much the same, missing easy shots and throwing bad passes. Another handicap is that they were playing older men, and also they were constantly being pushed out of position for rebounds and consequently didn't control the backboards.



NEW VARSITY CAGE MENTOR Al Hurley discusses strategy with returning veteran Bob Reynolds.

Impotent Eagle Grapplers Defeated By Greatly Improved Viking Squad

A greatly improved North wrestling squad upset the championship Central team in a match held December 5, in the Viking gym. Coach Sorensen's boys showed a definite lack of experience in losing to the North grapplers by a decisive score of 28 to 20. Although the competition in the lower weights was keen, North overwhelmed the Eagles in the heavier brackets.

The hardest fought match of the

evening, between Sam Pomodoro of Central and John Fabian of North, featured several near falls by each man. The referee called the match a draw after neither of the boys was able to forge ahead in two overtime periods.

Results:

- 95—Litel (N) decisioned Connors 10-4
 - 105—Kirhofer (C) pinned Bernhardt (N) 2:54
 - 112—Carpender (N) decisioned Nyberg 10-9
 - 118—Nigro (C) decisioned Maddalena 3-0
 - 124—Farris (C) decisioned Freeman 4-1
 - 85—Davis (N) decisioned B. Mancuso, 4-0
 - 130—Grau (N) pinned Crum 5:31
 - 136—F. Mancuso (C) pinned Nicklin 1:48
 - 145—Pomodoro (C) and Fabian (N) drew in overtime 11-11
 - 155—Nicholson (N) pinned Milone 1:28
 - 165—Krengien (N) pinned Beber 1:58
- Heavyweight—Gerhardt (N) and Reese (C) drew in overtime 2-2

Tumblers Prepare for Underwood Exhibition

Preparing for their first main event, Coach Esmond Crown's tumblers are getting in shape for the exhibition to be held before an Underwood community function early next year.

This year Central is represented by a capable squad, consisting of eight veterans. Three letter winners Ira Epstein in tumbling, Sandy Green in parallel bars and trampoline, and Jim Farris in parallel bars lead the way.

Girl Tumblers Return

The three girls who gave a demonstration during the state meet, Joan Jochum, Ruth Slogr, and Janie Black, all return this winter. Other holdovers are Elinor Fredkin and Curtis Hunnigan. Bill Tetric is the new strong man, replacing last year's Charlie Mancuso and Len Schluter.

Many underclassmen have turned out this year, but Coach Crown would like to see many more. Anyone interested can contact him in Room 340.

Although tumbling has been taught at Central for two years, few know much about this sport for there is no interschool competition. Four types of tumbling are being offered; they are the trampoline, side horse, parallel bars, and ground tumbling.

Crown Experienced Mentor

In Coach Crown we have a well qualified instructor. During his prep-school and college days, he participated in gymnastics, although tumbling was not then considered one of the regular school sports. Later he turned professional and joined a troupe on the West coast. He has taught tumbling in high schools for seven years. One thing that convinces people of his ability is his execution of different trampoline jumps and flips with his glasses on.

Purples Face Tech Friday In Cage Tilt

Pesky Maroons Are Initial Intercity Foe; Veterans Lead Way

When the Central cagers play the first Intercity game with Tech Friday night at eight o'clock, they have their hands full. The supposedly weak Maroons gave highly touted North a real fight before succumbing 23-24 last week.

Two returning lettermen, Ted Mosiman and Ray Novak, lead the Cuming Streeters, both turning yeoman jobs in their opening game. Other probable starters are forward Ted Neu, center Jack Beasley, guard Claud Hamilton. This crew displayed magnificent poise against the veteran Vikes, and will be gunning for their first victory Friday.

Varsity Has Experience

On the other hand, the Eagles are led by holdovers from last year and those who played under Coach Hurley on the second team, which give Central an edge in experience. Quintet of Shea and Roth at the forwards, Scott at center, and Ruma and Bruning at guards looked very effective at times against the alumni. With a little smoothing out of the passing and not missing easy shots under the basket, the Purples will be hard to beat. They worked the plays well, the one with Scott shooting from the side the most constant point getter. Their defense looked pretty good, but they used only the 2-1-2. How they can handle the 3-2 and the man to man is not known.

Initial Attendance Disappointing

And now a word to the Central citizenry. The attendance at the Alumni game was very poor at all events and the team got the impression that you don't care what the team does. The cagers are trying to pull Central out of the basketball mire that we have been in for the last three years. Let's show the team that the first game was just a mistake and have the gym packed Friday and at all subsequent games.

Fox, Darby, French Lead G.A.A. Bowlers

Warren Kelley, manager of the Bowl alleys, spoke on the history of bowling before GAA members at the last meeting, Nov. 18. He explained the different methods of delivery and gave the girls many tips on how to improve their game.

The GAA bowlers, who meet at the 40 Bowl and Music Box alleys, have completed three weeks of their league. Highest individual scores last Tuesday were Dorothy Fox, 173; Paula Darby, 160; and Carol French, 155. The high teams at the 40 Bowl alleys are Lucky Ladies, Termites and Sluggers, while the three high teams at the Music Box are High Tri, Eagles, and Interfeimus.

GAA members should plan to attend the Christmas party, scheduled for Tuesday, December 16, in Room 340 at 4:15 immediately after school. The girls will exchange small gifts and play games. Refreshments will be served.

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Boys' Gym Classes Compete in Exciting Volley Ball Tourney

Final results of the volley ball tournaments held in the boys' gym classes were announced by Instructor Tom Murphy, November 24.

First hour winner was the High-jacks captained by Orrin Berg. They established a record of 20 straight wins. Myron Marko, Ed Kluzka, Elwyn Mayoach, John Davis, Bary Comle, and Bob Herbs completed this outstanding team. Jim Skola's Fighting Six took second place.

Captain Bob Mancuso, Bernie Feinberg, and Richard Robinson formed the backbone of the second hour victors. Joe Prucka, John Miller, and Charles Kuncel led the second place Blue Hawks.

The third hour winners were the Mosquitoes paced by Tom Lake, Hugh William, Lew Morgan, and Don Hoberman. Jack Lee, Leonard Falk, and Dudley Johnson were outstanding for the second place team.

Joe Spellic captained the Skippers to first place in the fourth hour contest. Joe Hogrefe, Don Marks, and Emil Hynek also displayed good form for the victors. Ed Logan and Bob Hanson, brought the Rambling Wrecks into a close second place.

Teams averaged from six to twelve players. Many of the teams were hampered in that some members have gym only two to three days a week.

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