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Superintendent's Greetings

To all of the young people in our schools, and to all members of staff, Christmas again provides the occasion for a personal message of greetings and best wishes. A truly Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all!



We are reminded at Christmas in so many ways the world over that it is only through education in its most spiritual and humanitarian aspects that mankind can fully realize the inherent promises of democracy, tolerance, freedom and justice to all. May all of us rededicate ourselves in our daily contacts with our fellow men to the fulfillment of these promises.

HARRY A. BURKE
Superintendent of Schools

Debaters Gain Tourney Wins

With the major debate season not far off, the debate squad is becoming very active. Recently teams participated in Benson's invitational practice tournament which was held December 10, after school. Teams from Cathedral and South also participated.

Centrals' teams and their records are as follows: Sherman Poska-Meyer Feldman, two wins; Jerry Brodkey-David Solzman, two wins; Alexandra Hunt-Susan Thompson, one win; Harley Beber-Bob Vavra, one tie; Arnold Kaiman-Taylor Stoehr, a win and a loss; Warren Denenberg-Don Silverman, a win and a loss; and Pat Livingston-Elaine Roddy, a win and a loss. Only three teams failed to win. Judges from Central were Avi-Ben Ora, Al Burstein, Lee Gendler, Millard Margolin, and Susan Thompson.

Coach Marian Mortensen states that the squad gained much practical experience and is improving rapidly.

The Girls' Missouri Valley tournament, the next major competition, will be held January 8, 9, and 10, at South High. Pat Livingston and Elaine Roddy will be one team in this tournament. Central's other team will have four members. Alexandra Hunt-Susan Thompson will debate on the affirmative while Rosalie Nelson and Olgamarie Reins will debate on the negative.

Though they are not quite "Famous Jury Trials" caliber as yet, members of the debate squad are having a great deal of fun in their cross examination class debates.

Faculty Members

Attend State Meet

As a representative of Omaha teachers, Miss Josephine Frisbie, sophomore girls' counselor, attended the Nebraska State Education Association Delegate Assembly. The assembly was held in Lincoln, Friday and Saturday, December 12 and 13, in the Lincoln Hotel.

Principal J. Arthur Nelson attended the assembly as a member of the executive committee.

Miss Frisbie explained that the assembly is a legislative body which plans the state-wide program of teachers' activities. Plans for next year's October convention were made.

Dean of Boys Frank Y. Knapple attended the N.S.E.A. Activities Assembly. This assembly, which covers sports, debate, dramatics, and music, was held Friday morning. It made recommendations to the board of control on issues to be voted on by member schools.

Back Johnny Vana On Orpheum Stage

The drum Johnny Vana got for his second birthday is now beginning to pay off (also his experience with the marimba and vibraharp). Johnny is the talented freshman who has had such famous music teachers as Gene Krupa, Ormand Downs, and Cozy Cole. He has played with practically every band that has come to Omaha, including Jimmy Dorsey and Horace Heidt. Johnny displayed his musical ability to Central students by his solos on the drum and vibraharp at "Sound Off", the first ROTC promotion dance.

Johnny now has a chance to win prizes up to \$5,000 and have his future assured as a professional entertainer. He auditioned for Horace Heidt's talent show and will appear at the Orpheum Theater on three nights - - - - Trap Drums division on New Year's Eve, Thursday, January 1, Marimba, and Friday, January 2, Vibraharp. Entered in three different contests, Johnny's chances at the big money are three times those of other contestants.

Counselor's Father Dies

John R. Pilling, father of Miss Ruth Pilling, senior girls' counselor, died Tuesday after a five week's illness. Burket Mortuary is in charge of funeral arrangements.

Elizabeth Clark Revealed Miss Central XIV at Ball



THE QUEEN AND HER ATTENDANTS (left to right)—Elaine Mendelson, lady-in-waiting; Elizabeth Ann (Wheezier) Clark, Miss Central XIV; and Marilyn Bergh, lady-in-waiting.

Bergh, Mendelson Are Attendants; Countesses, Officers Also in March

Marching to the strains of "Pomp and Circumstance", Elizabeth Ann Clark ascended the throne to be crowned Miss Central XIV by Ak-Sar-Ben Queen Emily Reynolds. Both queens wore their royal attire—Miss Reynolds in her gold gown and Elizabeth in the traditional purple and white robe.

Her majesty's retinue consisted of her ladies-in-waiting, Elaine Mendelson and Marilyn Bergh, her princesses, countesses, and class officers. All the girls wore pastel shade formals and carried Christmas flowers. The stage was a modernistic setting in silver and blue designed by Frank Rice and constructed by the stage crew.

Gifts Are Given to Memorial Hospital

In contrast to previous balls, this year's party emphasized the Christmas spirit of giving. Nearly a thousand gayly wrapped gifts for the convalescing youngsters of the Children's Memorial Hospital were brought by the girls attending the party and placed under a twenty foot Christmas tree in the gym. The gifts

Old Saint Nick (Mrs. Irene Jensen) reigned at the costume party in the gym. The floor show, community singing, grand march, and costumes highlighted the entertainment. Honors were given for the most outstanding costumes.

Council Directs Preparations

Mrs. Irene Jensen, Student Council adviser and originator of the all girls' party, headed preparations for the ball with WILLIAM J. Jensen, Josephine Frisbie, and Elizabeth Kiewit assisting.

Committees for the ball were under the direction of the council, faculty members, and student helpers.

The decorations were sponsored by Miss Virginia Lee Pratt and Polly Robison; concessions, W. Edward Clark, Mac Bailey, and Ted Hughes; gifts, Miss Julia Carlson and Carolyn Miller; courtesy, Mrs. Janet Dorway and Marilyn Miller; entertainment, Mrs. Alice Ingraham and Larry McNichols; coronation, Mrs. Irene Jensen, Frank Rice, and Elaine Mendelson; and music, Mrs. Wilma Hart, Joanne Jacobs, and Carolyn Graves.

Attendance Broke All Records

Other committees were ballots, Miss Ruth Pilling and Roxie Johnson; auditorium ushers, Duane Perry, C. J. Simpson, and Lloyd Richards; honors, Miss Mary Angood and Muriel Beebe; tickets, Mrs. Helen McConnell, Ruth Ann Curtis, and Barbara Ritchie; flowers, Miss Helen Lane, Mrs. Elsie Swanson, and Gwen Srb; publicity, Mrs. Anne Savidge, Miss Adrian Westberg, and John Sage; invitations, Elizabeth Ann Clark; and door, Miss Maybel Burns and Pat Wells.

The success of the Christmas Ball was assured by the attendance of spectators and girls which broke all previous records.

Costume Awards on Page 3

Colleens Entertain Faculty at Tea

Amid a setting of gay holiday decorations, the Central Colleens entertained members of the faculty at their traditional Christmas Tea, December 11, in Room 10.

Ice cream, cookies, and candy were served by the girls on the tea committee under the direction of Elizabeth Ann Clark, chairman, and Mrs. Amy Sutton, faculty adviser.

Council Members Sell Candy Canes in Hall

The sweet tooth and Christmas spirit of Central students were both satisfied and augmented this week. The occasion was the sale of candy canes by members of the Student Council.

The sales, held after school in the hallway, were heavily patronized by students. Their reaction was that the canes were delicious.

The canes were originally purchased for sale at the Christmas Ball. The council purposely over-bought so to be able to sell the canes during the week; they thought it would be a success. They had fun, students had candy, all's well that ends well.

Photo Club Chooses Tom Boyd President

Two elections were required to determine the presidency of the Photography club. The first resulted in a tie between Tom Boyd and Alvin Johnson. In the second election, which was held at the last meeting, Thursday, December 11, Tom was elected president by a close margin, and Alvin made vice-president unanimously.

At the meeting, Alvin demonstrated his Speed Graphic camera. He explained the advantages and disadvantages of the camera, including built-in synchronization, the use of the range finder, the focal plane shutter, and many other features. He concluded that its greatest advantage is high shutter speed, while its disadvantages are its size, weight, and price.

Esmond Crown, biology instructor at Central, spoke on methods of taking pictures.

Piles of Rubber Boots Give Central 'New Look'

With the coming of snowy weather, a strange transformation comes over the east side of the second floor, and similar sections. At first glance, the tops of all the lockers seem to be covered with a foot thick layer of corrugated rubber. A casual glance might indicate that hundreds of pairs of hightop fisherman's boots have been placed on the lockers. Close observation, however discloses that the objects are actually girls' boot type galoshes.

Explanations, as gathered from many galosh depositors, reveal that with the longer "new look" coats and books, and old lunches covering the bottom of girls' lockers, there's just no place for the galoshes - - - hence the penthouse depositories.

The fix in the apartment is that the boots all look alike and in the scramble many of them are mixed up and lost.

Burstein, Johnson, Are Pepsi Finalists

Two Central students, Rosamonde Johnson and Alvin Burstein, will compete in the finals of the Pepsi-Cola scholarship examinations. On the basis of their high scores in the preliminary test given last month, Rosamonde and Alvin will compete against 13 other Nebraskans for top honors consisting of a four year scholarship to any college of their choice.

The test, which will be given January 26, will consist of program one of the scholastic aptitude test given by the college entrance examination board.

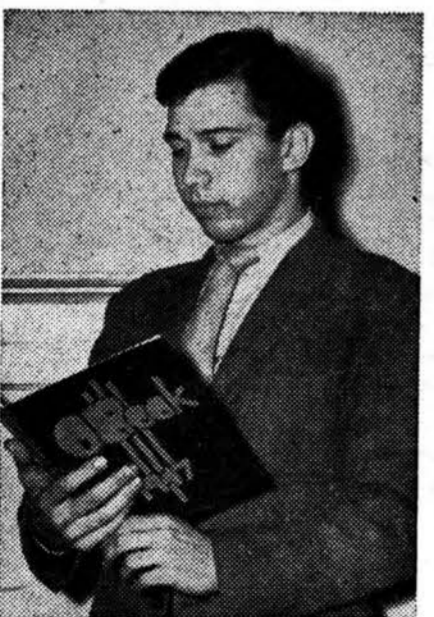
Bernard Lashinsky Heads O-Book Staff; Assistant Editors Named to Departments

Bernard Lashinsky was announced as the 1947 O-Book editor this week. Mrs. Anne Savidge, head of the Journalism department, The job of business manager of publications will be handled by Dick Billig and Bernard Leftitz.

Other editors are Martha Overholser, in the position of picture editor; Martha McMillan, senior album editor; and Doris Hanson, activities editor. Sports editors will be Paul Saltzman and Alan Burke; John W. Smith will act as military editor.

Miss Mary Angood has appointed Helen Kuklin and Mary Foucek as art editors.

Working on the Register staff for two semesters, Bernard, the newly appointed editor, is already versed in the various methods of the news and make-up departments of a paper. His activities include that of copy editor for the Register, a debate letterman, and holder of a degree of distinction in National Forensic League, and member of Junior Honor Society for two years. He is also a member of the Student Federalists, the Discussion club and the Junior Town meeting.



BERNARD LASHINSKY, 1948 O-Book editor, looks over copy of '47 O-Book. The price of the annual this year will be \$1.50 for students having S.A. tickets and \$2.00 for others. With Lee Gendler in charge of publicity, O-Book sales will begin on February 2.

Sic Transit Gloria Central

When It Rains It Pours

Miss Neale was trying to explain idea of emphasis to her second hour English V class. As an example, the teacher corrected the sentence: It rained and rained. Why? she inquired.

"You would say, 'It rained and rained and rained.' Why?" she inquired.

The immediate reply from one student was, "Because we were in Colorado."

A Perfect Zero

Mr. Knapple was giving out particularly low test grades. He asked the students whether or not they wanted their grade read aloud or not. He came to one girl, and after mentioning her name he looked up for a "yes" or "no".

"Whisper it", came the reply. Commented Mr. Knapple, "All these girls like sweet nothings whispered in their ears".

Crooner Brings Swoons

Attention all autograph hunters! Locker 1076 is the number of the new up-and-coming Frank Sinatra, Sam Procopio.

Hopes for School Activities Brightens, 400 Pupils Deny Club Membership

It is well known that hair bleached blonde is black at the roots and will eventually become completely black again. This analogy might well apply to the secret club situation at Central.

Last year, with outside pressure forcing a showdown, Principal J. Arthur Nelson was forced to take decisive action to rid the school of the banned clubs. In school assemblies, he explained the legality of the state and Board of Education bans forbidding the clubs. He then explained the program which he, after conferring with representatives of the clubs, had decided upon. He stated that he felt the students would not break faith with him.

He explained that clubs could not be made legal, and therefore called upon all members to resign their membership; the penalty being disqualification from participation in extra-curricular activities. He subsequently received about 325 resignations and the solemn promise of club members to disband their clubs and have no further dealings with other clubs.

A program of increased school sponsored social activities was also launched. The purpose of the program was to replace the social activities of the banned clubs. So far the very successful Sports Ball and Promotions Dance have resulted from the program.

Mr. Nelson was deeply hurt this year when the "black roots" of the clubs showed themselves and he found that the students had broken faith with him.

Again outside pressure, this time

greatly increased was brought to bear. This forced Mr. Nelson to take prompt action to liquidate the clubs once more. Senior officers have not been allowed to take their offices. In addition, Mr. Nelson threatened to cancel the All-Girls' party and other extra-curricular activities unless the situation was brought rapidly under control.

In a special student assembly, Mr. Nelson gave his views on the situation. He reviewed the issues discussed last year and then narrowed down this year's issue. That issue was that the students had broken faith with him and had openly defied the law. After reaffirming his belief that the club members are among Central's best students and citizens, he stated that he had been personally hurt by their actions.

A very strict and legal course of action was then outlined. Mr. Nelson stated that all students wishing to participate in any type of extra-curricular activities would have to sign a notarized pledge that they did not belong to or participate in the activities of any of the self-perpetuating clubs.

The pledges were signed in front of Assistant Principal Andrew Nelson, who is a notary public. To date more than 400 students have signed the pledges.

Mr. Nelson believes that the clubs will disband permanently. He stated that activities during Christmas vacation will indicate whether his trust in the students is justified.



Merry Christmas



Christmas Message

We live in a world of unrest. The Christmas season's prophecy of peace on earth, goodwill to men, seems far from fulfillment.

We in the United States, being members of the richest nation in the world, have a tendency to attempt to solve the problems which confront us internally and internationally in terms of dollars and cents alone.

Yes, the outstanding need in human relations is understanding, goodwill among men. So, perhaps, we should, for this and following Christmases, revise the prophecy of peace on earth, goodwill to men.

Turnin' the Pages of

THE PRINCE OF FOXES

By Samuel Shellabarger

Court plots and intrigues to overthrow the lesser kingdoms of Italy is the keynote of "The Prince of Foxes."

The prince, Andrea Zoppo, saw, in the confusion of the 1500's, a chance to become a nobleman. He took the name of the defunct house of Ursini, and became a trusted agent of Cesare Borgia.

In return he was to receive the Citta del Monte and its lord's widow, after the lord is liquidated.

Andrea's mission was a success and he returned to Rome only to learn that an old sweetheart, Angela Borgia, was planning to marry him.

When Italy was united, Andrea was given a high position in the government.

Again, Samuel Shellabarger has scored with a historical novel. His first was the "Captain from Castille."

Jim and Ted

What Would You Like to Find in Your Stocking?

'Twas the day before Christmas and thru Central High; not a creature was stirring not even a fly;

The rooms were so quiet, more dead than alive, except for the clock in room three-twenty-five.

The day before Christmas progressed into night, it was practically time for old Santa's long flight;

The freshmen real anxious to see what they'd get, stood armed near the chimney to seize poor St. Nick;

The studious sophomores were pretty near gloom, preparing for finals upstairs in their room;

Each jubilant junior was honored by fate, by having a super time, out with his date;

The slumbering seniors were dreaming away, 'bout the pleasanter past of their junior day;

Whichever you'll do, no matter what fad, we know that there's something you want awful bad;

So whatever it is provided t'ain't shockin', just what do you want to find in your stockin'!!!!

Myra Abramson: A spinning top to keep me occupied during boring classes.

Roger Hill: A pair of homemade socks - - - knitted by Bonnie!

Nancie McGill: A wink from Mr. Sorensen—sigh!! Lois Lehmer: Boxing gloves so I can get the best of Nancy Swoboda.

Joe Kelly: A pet gargoyle! Jackie Jacobsen: A genie to hang up my clothes! Bob Mason: An electric train.

Pat McNally: To find Betty's ice skates in my stockings. Joanne Fike: A little slip of paper saying no more school for the rest of the year!

John Nelson: Des Moines! Rona Stein: A one-way ticket to California.



Holiday Happenings

Bells, holly, evergreens, and mistletoe! — mistletoe?? — mistletoe?? — oh, it's nearly Christmas—doing our bit towards wishin' you a merry Christmas, we're here to give you a few reminders of the coming vacation, and the highlights and side-lights of life at Central oh, coming down the hall are Jan Carter and Don Carlson—they're going to march in the Military Ball our queen reigned in beauty at the Christmas Ball last Friday night—we want to congratulate you, Wheeler; we're proud of you and your ladies in waiting, Elaine and Pokey Dick Billig is hoping to find a stack of bills in his pocket around Christmas, and Virginia Champine would like to see an angora sweater waiting for her to slip on now is the time for every true Centralite to be introduced to the recent addition to the Register staff—namely the Staff Car—it'll take you anywhere you want to go, especially around in circles Lots of yum-yums and goodies have been seen at such parties as Colleens, Inter-American, French, etc.—and fun, too Another long ago acquired date to march in the Ball, are June Cox and Max Maire this little toe went to the hospital, and this little toe stayed home—that's the story of Dar Coufal's bound up foot— the line formed at the right outside of Mr. Andrew Nelsen's office, or had you noticed look here, another of those happy couples marching in the Military Ball—Elaine Mendelson and Alan Blotcky we know you will be as sorry as we, when you hear our latest bit of sad news—our own Marty Faier, has lost his heart to a gal in Denver—only he won't let us in on the secret as to who it is there's a big fat race

on between Larry McNichols and Al Helam, to see which one is the fastest and ablest to catch the mostest mice —what big handsome boys won't do for excitement—what would Christmas be without New Year's?—doing our bit to get the thought of resolutions in people's heads, we started early, and found out that Pat McNally will never go skating with Betty Ann Henderson, Judy Bordy is going to attempt to get up when the alarm goes off, and JoAnne Thorn is not going to talk so much—they've gotten a good start; what about the rest of you? We know you'll all have the most wonderful vacation and so will we! so until we recuperate from our freedom, we'll not be seeing ya— Jan 'n Pokey



Musical Moment

"I didn't like to travel so much, so I quit Spike Jones and organized my own band." That, to quote Red Ingle, was how the "Natural Seven" got their start. Mr. Ingle, as you know, was at the Orpheum theater last week with his stage review of dancers, Roberta and Mack; comedian, Joey Rardin; animal trainer Gil Maison with his monkey and dogs; and with Red's seven piece band augmented by thirteen local musicians.

From the first martial strains of "Tramp, Tramp, Tramp" to the last of "Temptation", the audience was convulsed in laughter. Several amusing stunts added greatly to the comedy. The lush thrush, Karen Tedder, first appeared in her role of Mrs. J. Paisley Stomp to sing "The Man With the Big Sombrero". Her fruit trimmed hat provided a mid-afternoon snack for Mr. Ingle. For the uplift of society, the "Naturals" played "Cigaretts, Whiskey, and Wild, Wild, Women", in a true testimonial fashion.

Mr. Ingle plays a "fiddle" in the show, but prefers playing his tenor sax as he did for Spike Jones. Off-stage, his tastes run to Dixie Land Jazz and even the classics. Between shows, Thursday afternoon, he entertained representatives from the local school papers in the audition room under the stage at the Orpheum theater.

In spite of the fact that Red left Spike Jones because he was tired of traveling, immediately after the release of "Temptation", he found himself again on the road and on the way to success. His newest releases for Capitol are "Nowhere" and its platter-mate "Pagan Nanny's Keep 'er Goin' Stomp". Jack and Larry

The

Christmas

Spirit

'Twas a week before Christmas And in one forty-nine Everybody was rushing In confusion sublime. Mrs. Savidge was shouting, "We must have some news;" And Saunders was a-grouching And singing the blues. The copy was short And the ads far too few. An associate editor Lay at home with the flu. Visions of Friday Danced through Lee's head; A paperless Friday, He moaned, groaned, and fied. But the show must go on, And the Register too; So—Merry Christmas to all, And a Happy New Year too—

Star Bright

Mr. Perry

In boyhood Mr. Perry lived on a farm, and had three horses all to himself. He has had many experiences as an amateur cowboy. Horses have thrown him off, have fallen on him, have run away with him; but he still speaks to horses.

At Doane college he majored in mathematics with the idea of being a civil engineer. The depression changed his mind when he found more civil engineers starving than school teachers. In high school he had considered teaching, math was always his easiest subject, and so math teacher it was! Besides, the papers are easier to grade.

After finishing at Doane Mr. Perry taught mathematics and coached athletics at Bellevue and later at Louisville. Basketball, baseball, and track have all been favorites. When he first came to Central, he coached baseball and basketball, "but I quit coaching before I got the occupational disease known as stomach ulcers. When I feel the need of exercise now, I just sit down until the feeling goes away."

Mr. Perry's teaching at Central was interrupted by the war. He served three years in the navy. With a large amount of sweat and blood, Mr. Perry survived the Battle of Pensacola. His navy nickname was "Buck".

Mr. Perry used to have a lot of trouble getting his dates home on time. One evening it started to rain while he and his girl friend were canoeing on the Blue river. In all the excitement of turning around and starting back—you guessed it! The girl was supposed to be back in the dormitory at nine-thirty. It was twelve-thirty when Mr. Perry finally pushed her through the window. And Mr. Perry holds an expert canoeist certificate, too. No one knew about this ducking until the girl told it at their senior breakfast.

Mr. Perry's first trip to our city was with his college debate team. While trying to find Omaha university he landed in South Omaha, having taken a 26th and Q street car. When he first came to Central, the maze of stairways and halls looked more like Perseus and the labyrinth, without an Ariadne to guide him.

Phyllis

Star Bright

Miss Pilling

When she ate Spanish hamburger and chocolate cake in the old basement lunchroom, quaked when she was called into the principal's office, and sat in one of the desks carved with the names of past Central students, our Senior Counselor never thought she would one day be on the other end, looking down on a sea of desks. Her plans to be a librarian changed suddenly when a University of Nebraska dean thought she was the one to go to Holdrege. For the first time, the school superintendent of this little western Nebraska town was willing to take a tyro straight from college—if it could be Ruth Helene Pilling. She thought she would try teaching for two years or so, but in less than a year she had decided to make it her life's work.

Her wanderlust for mountain climbing showed up at an early age. After learning in school about the Alpine climbers, she came home and decided to organize a hiking party of her own. She tied ropes around her brothers' waists and began to climb the mountain—a tree in the Pilling's side yard. Although she didn't go very far on that ascent, she has since then twice climbed Long's Peak, one of the highest mountains in the Rockies, with an elevation of 14,265 feet. She has also taken a course in mountain botany.

Chains clanking along the pavement after the snow has melted and hominy grits are two things on the Pilling blacklist, whereas Bach's organ music and fencing rate high among her favorites.

She has attended more colleges than most playboys have been thrown out of. Since graduating from the University of Nebraska, she has attended the Universities of Colorado, Chicago, Omaha and Northwestern.

Her Central activities included Gym club, Central Committee, and Central Colleens, organized in her senior year. One of the most vivid moments of her stay at Central came when she had to stand in line at the post office until midnight to get tickets for the Road Show reserved by mail.

Helen

Silly Santa Saga

Jingle, jingle, sugar plums fun! stockings hung chimney in-n?nf-ff

The little, white house at the South Pole was abuzz with excitement. Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus were making last minute preparations for Santa's 500th mission. Toys were wrapped and stuffed into huge bags waiting to be delivered, so Santa slipped on his little, red coat and quickly zipped his beard into it. "??? /!", chortled the little elf, and with that he ran outside to get mobilized. Packing the bags into his miniature sleigh, he waved farewell to Mrs. Claus



and flew off into the snowy night, whistling, shouting and calling his reindeers by name, "Now Dasher, now Dancer, now Donner and Mumbles." The moon shone down upon the quiet row of white houses, and in the windows wreaths shone out upon the white snow. Zooming around to look at the address, Santa landed lightly upon the white roof and alighted from his sleigh.

"This smus be t!" the last reindeer whispered and looked around just in time to see Santa's red hat disappear down the soot-lined chimney.

The little man burned brightly as he stepped from the fireplace, but being a quick thinker he rolled himself up in the Persian rug and extinguished the all over hot-foot. His eyes still twinkled and his little nose was as red as a cherry (too much Southern Comfort) as he went right to his work without a word. Suddenly a mouse scampered across the floor, holding up his right hand and mumbling something about a terrific line in the C. H. S. office, but Claus seemed to take no notice of it and continued to stuff debris into the large stocking (size 18, with a hole in the toe.) Finally deciding that the stocking was bottomless, he sat down in a chair, drank a waiting cup of cold coffee and read the note pinned to it. His broad face burst into a grin and his round little diaphragm shook when he laughed like a bowl full of pickled ham. Then, laying his finger aside of his nose, he crept back up the chimney, sprang to his sleigh, and collapsed, dead from the poisoned coffee.

I woke, sobbing with pity for the poor, generous, old man, then took four aspirins and sat up the rest of the night, but By George! Merry Christmas!

What's in a Teacher's Name?

- Bertha not stand, Esmond not hat, Bertha not sit, Esmond not cap, Bertha Neale, Esmond Crown, Frank not noodles, Janet not room, Frank not barley, Janet not hall, Frank Rice, Janet Dorway, Anne not calm, Roy not tree, Anne not settled, Roy not grass, Anne Savidge, Roy Busch, Frank a peach, Helen not street, Frank a pear, Helen not road, Frank Knapple, Helen Lane

Merry Models

'Twas the week before Christmas, and all through the school, You could tell by the fashions, the season was yule.

Marilyn Rogers asked Santa for a red skirt and sweater, As she sat by the tree to write him a letter.

As gay as the Christmas tree shining so clear, Was Sue Porter's sweater decked with tiny reindeer.

Jim Swanson stood trimming the big Christmas tree, In his red and green sweater, busy as a bee.

Now all that is missing is Santa Claus here, With his round, rosy cheeks and his eight reindeer.

That Santa would come was Joanne Yeager's fond guess, As she watched out the window in her ballerine dress.

Barbara Bielik wrapped presents, and did she look pert! In her new, crimson sweater and snowball white skirt.

Looking trim in a matching green hat and coat, Was Carolyn Peckham posting a cheery note.

Out rolling snowballs in a red coat so bright, Is Adrian Rice, prepared for a fight.

Max Maire, in plaid muffler, really looked sleek, Out shoveling snow, 'nuther chore of the week.

Ann Lueder stood singing of old Christmas tide, In a black velvet suit, t'would swell any girls' pride.

Dressed for the holidays, Janet Champine, we see, In a circular, faille skirt, as full as can be.

So with these words, we leave you all here— "Merry Christmas to all and a Happy New Year." Junie 'n Marti

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AA Presents Christmas Tea

Keeping with the Christmas spirit, G.A.A. members held their holiday tea after school in Room 302 Tuesday. Ninety girls and boys participated in the social gathering.

All members were asked to bring a cent gift, and some kind of canned food. The canned goods filled a Christmas basket to be sent to the Red Cross. "Ice-breaker" games, followed by Club Sponsor Miss Marjorie Treat, opened the enjoyable program. Next in line was the reading of "The Pine Tree" by Elaine Roddy. Whenever the word "tree" was read, guests, sitting in a circle, passed a gift they held to the person on their right in order to distribute them. The party was brought to a close with the serving of refreshments. The serving tables were decorated with Christmas articles, among them reindeer favors.

Donna Karr, Dorothy Fox, and Maria Olderog constituted the service committee. The program was under the direction of Virginia Leyer, and the decorations were planned by Leah Garro.

Latin Party Features Slides on Mythology

Featured at the Latin club's Christmas party, Tuesday, was a showing of lantern slides on mythology. Bob K. president of the Latin club, selected the slides from the University of Kansas. Many of the slides were reproductions of paintings by Raphael, Van Dyck, and other famous artists, each accompanied by an explanatory paragraph. Following the program, ice cream and cake were served.

Three Hundred Sing Carols in East Hall

A chorus of three hundred voices under the direction of Elsie Howe Swanson presented a program of Christmas carols beneath the evergreen tree in the east hall before homeroom this morning. The choral group is a combination of the fourth hour a cappella choir, the second hour junior a cappella choir, and the first hour girls' choir.

For the first time since the music department has taken over the yuletide singing, the group will offer the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's "Messiah". In addition to the regular Christmas songs, the carolers will sing novelty Christmas melodies.

Spanish Club Sponsors Mexican Nativity Exhibit

The Inter-American club sponsors the exhibit in the case of the traditional Mexican Nativity scene known as El Nacimiento. The scene was arranged by a committee headed by Sonya Lewis, president of the club, assisted by Barbara Gell, Marlys Swanson, Diane Cooper, Mary Anne Casaccio, Martin Nearenberg and Charles Martin.

Christmas Ball Costumes Win Special Recognition

Seventy-five girls received awards for their costumes at the all girls' party, the "Christmas Ball". Honors were awarded on the basis of originality, workmanship, and general effects.

The following girls received awards for their costumes:

- Football team: Ann Barlow, Bobbie Burdick, Sue Campbell, Nancy Losch, Marilyn Middleton, Shirley Moore, Jackie Murphy, and Marilyn Rogers.
- Santa Claus and his "reindeers": Diane Feaster, Nancy Frohardt, Shirley Holsten, Lila Jager, Marilyn Lawler, Donna Miller, Rogene Rippe, and Mary Lou Wilmot.
- Caterpillar: Nancy Bollinger and Donna Smith.
- Jack and Jill: Marilyn Sandy and Dorothy Ruby.
- Ruby: Celestine Peters.
- Best man-tramp: Jeanne Killion.
- Indian princess: Joan Jochum.
- Gravel Gertie and Sparkle Plenty: Barbara Cosgrove and Marilyn Hultman.
- Best story book character—Tom Sawyer: Marie Zalina.
- Chain gang: Rose Caliendo, Marilyn Everett, and Sue Kruse.
- Three rabbits: Cici Caniglia, Ramona Hooper, and Jo Ellen Slavin.
- Santa and his toys: Ruth Ann Curtis, Paula Diehl, Donna Edstrand, Ruth Hiatt, Marjorie Jacobsen, Cynthia Judd, JoAnne Larkin, Sonya Lewis, Elinor McPherrin, Sally McPherrin, and Barbara Ritchie.
- Old Fashioned: Doris Burnet.
- Historical: Connie Breedlove.
- Telephone and telephone book: Lorraine Will and Maxine Steinhart.
- Story book characters: Three pigs and the big bad wolf; Sally Bartling, Sue Brownlee, Mary Mackie, and Marilyn Raupe.
- Pathetic accident group: Beverly Dunlap, Dorothy Fox, and Donna Darr.
- Old Fashioned—Beckie Thatcher: Norma Gans.
- Best group—Little Black Sambo: Sambo, Pat Stone, Black Mumbo, Anne McKeown, Black Jumbo, Martha McMillan; Tiger, Elaine Roddy.
- Cleopatrah—Christmas tree: Goldie Gendler.
- Best Christmas costume—A Gift: Marlene Chesneau.
- Group—Pied Piper and his followers: Barbara Carville, Mary Ann Casaccio, Jean Dreier, Dolores Glasford, Anezka Oltman, Ann Pane, and Roberta Prai.
- Hawaiian interpretation of Christmas: Rosalie Nelson.
- Most childish: Mother, Marilyn Mann; Child, Betty McMahill.
- Most Beautiful: Gwen Srb.

J.T.M. Discusses Controls Question

"Should Price Controls Be Reestablished?" was the subject under discussion at the December meeting of the Junior Town Meeting club. Louis Kavan, secretary of the Independent Grocers and Meat Dealers Association of Nebraska, answered questions from club members on price controls.

Al Fox and Jerry Gitnick gave short discussions on the question of price controls. The meeting was then turned over to the members for further discussions and questioning on the topic.

German Club Holds First Affair Today

The first party held by the German club will be given in Room 335 today during sixth hour. It will be a Christmas party planned by Bob Osborne, Harold Oberman, Lois Lehmer, Norma Gamert, and Manny Goldberg.

The program for the party will consist of Christmas carols sung in German, reading of letters from Germany, a skit, piano selections by Raphael Edgar and Bob Robinson, and a "Truth or Consequences" contest.

Spanish Students Get 'Pen Pal' Mail

Tom Ewall, David Belzer, and Ted Hughes are the first students of Miss May Mahoney, Spanish teacher, to receive letters from their Latin American "pen pals".

Tom's correspondent, who lives in Mexico, answered Tom's Spanish letter in English. David's new friend, who lives in Cuba, admitted loving American music, especially "Boogie Woogie" and David had no trouble at all in translating every word of the Spanish. Although Ted started his correspondence with a Puerto Rican boy of his own age, it was the boy's fifty-six year old father who replied with a long and interesting letter, asking Ted to continue the correspondence with him as well as with his son.

Y-Teens Make Plans For Christmas Dance

Plans are being made for "The Reindeer Prance," sponsored by the Fun-nite Council of Y-Teens. The dance is scheduled for December 20, at the Y.W.C.A. The Boys Town Orchestra is coming to provide entertainment, and there will be dancing, ping pong, and refreshments. Admittance to the dance is 40 cents.

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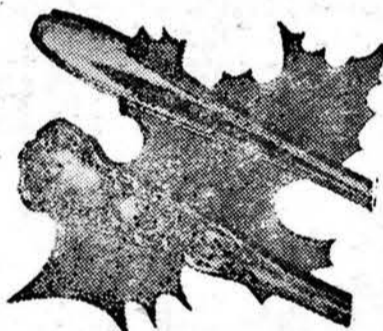
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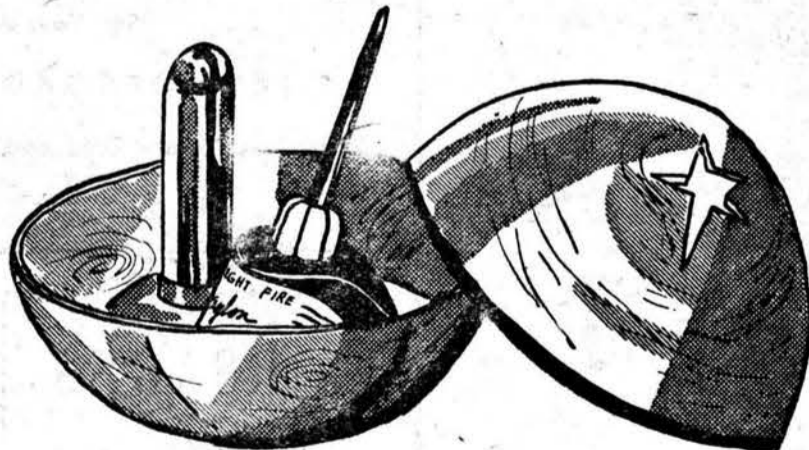
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SPORT DOPE

By Alan Burke
Sports Editor

Matmen Enter North Tourney

Although the opening games of the season have not been too successful for the Central cagers, nevertheless, it is pleasing to note in this year's squad the prospects of a winning team. Despite some streaks of poor timing and ineptness on the free throw line, the Purple quintet appears to have the "scoring punch" which is the prime requisite for a winning team. When the Eagles round into midseason form, they should provide lots of competition in the race for top berths in the Intercity league.

While on the subject of basketball, Coach Hurley was undoubtedly given a pleasant surprise by the showing of Forward Bill Hughes in the Tech game. A newcomer to the varsity, Bill paced the Eagles scorers with seven points, and also unveiled a rugged brand of defensive play. If the rangy senior can maintain this early season's pace, his chances of earning a nod at one of the starting positions are bright.

All wrestling fans will undoubtedly wish to attend the invitational meet at North High school on December 19 and 20. Most of the mat squads in the Intercity league plan to compete and the meet promises to be one of the most outstanding contests in prep wrestling circles this year. Besides featuring several outstanding matches, the meet should indicate where the real power lies in high school wrestling this season. Further information regarding the meet are found elsewhere on this page.

Central grapplers will get a real test when they meet the other wrestling teams of the Omaha and Council Bluffs high schools in an invitational meet, to be held at North on December 19 and 20. The Vikes are sponsoring the tournament to raise funds for new wrestling equipment.

Lightweights Strong

The Purples will be represented by Bob Mancuso, 85 Gerry Holst, 95; Melvin Firestone, 105; Henry Nyberg, 112; Rich Nigro, 118; Jim Ferris, 124; Jim Kais, 130; Frank Mancuso, 136; Sam Pomidora or Hi Prucka, 145; Joe Miloni, 155; Frank Hahn or Bud Beber, 165; and Rich Reese, heavyweight. This crew should prove very effective and the Eagle chances of winning are bright.

But no one team has shown itself strong enough to be considered a definite favorite. The Eagles have most of their scoring strength in the lighter weights with both Mancusos, Kais, and Nigro leading the way, although all weight divisions are well represented.

Outstanding Matches Carded

Several outstanding matches are likely to develop, which include the one between two state champs, Frank Mancuso and South's Dan Vermillion. Others are the Jim Kais, Bob Grau match in the 130 pound class and 105 pound scrap between T. J.'s Jim Aten and A. L.'s Frank DiBlasi.

This elimination meet is scored giving points to the top four men in each division in a 6-4-2-1 ratio. The tournament should be one of the best high school athletic events of the year, and all Centralites are urged to attend and support the team.

New Members Added To Purple Rifle Team

Twelve new members have been added to the Central rifle team. They are as follows: Ray Hampton, Bill Pagett, Salvador Ciculla, John Wilmot, Dick Hendrickson, Conrad Carmony, Lucien LaRue, LaVerne Sledge, Curtis Buster, Bob Rusk, Jim Connolly, Irl Craven.

The team will be idle this week and shoot a match with the Union Pacific rifle team after vacation.

Central Wrestlers Defeat A.L. Crew

Central wrestlers showed that their earlier loss to North was all a mistake as they outpointed Abraham Lincoln 30-14, December 12, at A.L. The grapplers started fast as Bob Mancuso, and Gary Holst pinned their opponents in less than one minute.

- Results:
- 85—B. Mancuso, Central, threw Zaccone in 56 seconds.
 - 95—G. Holst, Central threw Silverstreet in 55 seconds.
 - 105—F. DiBlase, A.L., decisioned M. Firestone 9-5.
 - 112—Alfred, A.L., decisioned Nyberg 5-4.
 - 118—R. Nigro, Central, decisioned T. DiBlase 7-1.
 - 124—J. Farris, Central, decisioned Dollen 3-2.
 - 130—J. Kais, Central, decisioned Keller 8-2.
 - 136—F. Mancuso, Central, threw J. McKinley in 2:40.
 - 145—D. McKinley, A.L., threw S. Pomidora in 4:23.
 - 155—J. Milone, Central, decisioned Hamilton 3-2.
 - 165—Tromonte, A.L., decisioned Thompson 6-1.
- Heavyweight—R. Reese, Central, decisioned Thompson 6-1.

Murphy Starts Basketball League in Gym Classes

Any student who would like to see a thrill packed basketball game may do so by visiting any of the boys' gym classes. The games are carried on between squads which number from 5 to 7 boys in each group. In order to make the competition keen, the better teams are placed in an "A" league and the less experienced boys in the "B" league.

While the games are in progress, Tom Murphy, boys' gym director, keeps an eye on all promising players. Those with sufficient ability are recommended for the varsity or junior varsity squads. Since it is impossible to provide a referee for each game, the boys have to make all decisions among themselves and so far the players have done a fine job of catching their miscues.

Eagle Squeeze by T. J. Matmen 22-20; Miloni, Ferris, Shine

Bud Beber managed to stay away from Leland Munson just long enough to give Central a 22 to 20 victory over Thomas Jefferson at Central, December 17.

Bob Mancuso continued his fast pace by pinning Coosway in 1:06. The only other pins of the match were by Jim Farris over A. Benson, and Ryan over Bill Tetrick. Tetrick was filling in for Rich Reese who had injured himself earlier in the week.

- Results:
- 85—Bob Mancuso, Central, decisioned Coosway in 1:06.
 - 95—N. Taylor, T. J., decisioned G. Holst 5-3.
 - 105—J. Aten, T. J., decisioned M. Firestone 8-1.
 - 112—H. Nyberg, Central, decisioned R. Redmand 3-0.
 - 118—J. Farris, Central, pinned A. Benson 5:22.
 - 124—W. Furler, T. J., decisioned R. Nigro 3-2.
 - 130—J. Kais, Central, decisioned H. Carmichael 3-2.
 - 136—F. Mancuso, Central, overtime E. Lane 4-3.
 - 145—S. Stark, T. J., decisioned S. Pomidora 3-1.
 - 155—J. Miloni, Central, overtime 6-4.
 - 165—L. Munson, T. J., decisioned B. Beber 3-2.
- Heavyweight—Ryan, T. J., pinned B. Tetrick 3:17.

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Purple Cagers to Face Victorious Opponents

Returning from their Yule vacation the Central cagers will find North and Benson, the first and second place teams of the Intercity race, ready to entertain them.

Benson has already defeated Wahoo, Thomas Jefferson, and South. Coach Scotty Orcutt is working on a very capable squad, with Bruce Zepelin, Stu Erickson, and Bud Schaffer forming the backbone of the team. Rich Olson, Homer Smith, Wally Hron, Jim Harris, and Lorren McNeely provide the rest of the strength for this aggressive squad.

North boasts a young but capable crew. Robert Lindberg is the only senior on the team. North has already trounced Tech and Benson, while losing one game to Boys Town.

John Leads, Ron Roeder and Robert Penney will provide a tough problem for the Eagle team to solve. Coach William "Spec" Nelson will also draw able assistance from Bob Schapp, Chad Taylor, Jim McCart, Don Fitch, Jerry Guinane, and Bob Moscrey.

Girls Active in All Sports

As a result of the girls' basketball game held December 10 after school in the gym, Dorothy Fox and her team still hold first place. This game, played against Jeanne Hardenbrook, ended with a score of 12 to 4 in favor of Dorothy's team.

Among the three highest bowlers at the Music Box, Tuesday, December 9, was Lucille DeGiamo with a score of 168. Her name was omitted from last week's list.

Hurley to Employ Fast Break in A. L. Contest; Wilcox to Lead Rivals

By Dick Undeland
Assistant Sports Editor

Striving for their first Intercity win, the Central High Eagles meet the Abraham Lincoln cagers tonight in Council Bluffs. Game time is eight o'clock sharp. The Lynx, last year's champions, are the favorites, although the tricky Purples have a good chance to score an upset.

Four A. L. Lettermen Return

In all games so far, A.L. has shown plenty of scoring punch. The Lynx have averaged 36 points in the three games they have played. Big Hughes Wilcox, a 6 foot 5 inch forward, leads the Iowa scorers. Wilcox is especially valuable for snagging rebounds and controlling play off the backboards.

Others on the tall Lynx quintet are Doug Freyden, 6 foot 3 inch center; Bob Wambolt, forward; Doug Lawson, guard; and Jim Adams, a 6 foot 2 inch guard. Four of the varsity squad are returning letterwinners and Wilcox was also chosen to the All-city squad. A.L. employs a firebrand type of game which has been very effective.

Starting Lineup Indefinite

The Purples plan to use their fast break system to make up for their lack of height. If the Eagles can make their attack "click" and manage to get a reasonable share of the rebounds, an upset is extremely probable.

Central's starting line-up is indefinite. Tony Roth and Bill Hughes, the mainstays of the Tech game, will share the left forward spot, while John Shea and Bob Reynolds will hold down the other forward position. Chester Scott is a probable starter at center. Subby Ruma, Fred Bruning, and Bob Fairchild, are probable starter at the guard positions.

Defense Impressive

To date, the most pleasing aspect of the Eagle squad has been its consistently stubborn defense. The Eagle zone held up very well during the first half against Tech, and the man to man system, which was used briefly, proved equally effective.

Eagles Drop Cage Opener to Tech, 38-24

Sparked by a torrid third quarter rally, the Tech High Maroons downed the Central High cagers, 38-24, on December 12. It was the opening game of the season for the Purples.

Despite a hard fought first half, which saw Tech held to a three point lead, lack of height and inability to control the backboards eventually spelled defeat for Central. The majority of the Eagle squad was unable to find the hoop consistently, and the fast break system failed to "click". Spotty passing also throttled the Purple attack.

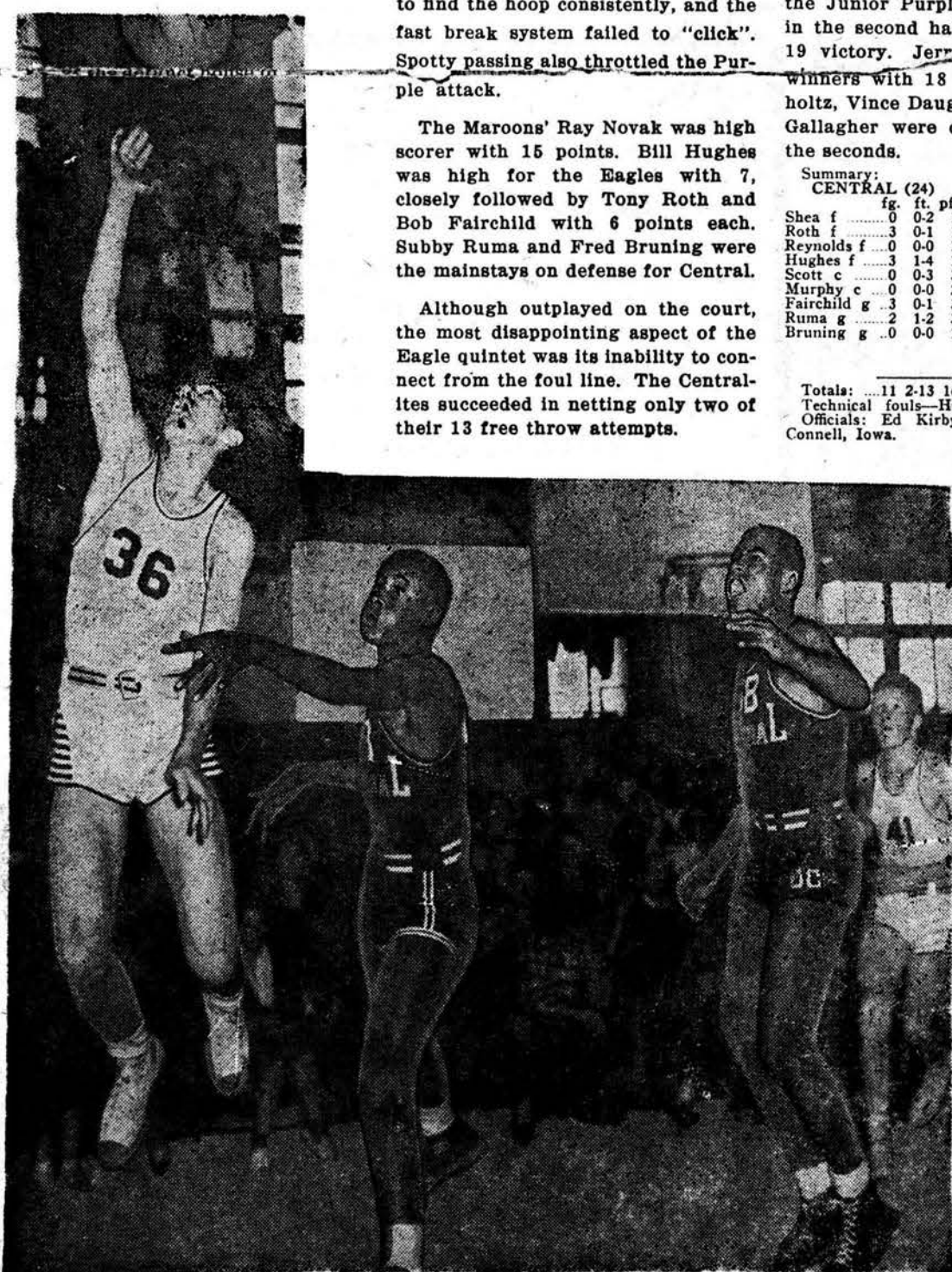
The Maroons' Ray Novak was high scorer with 15 points. Bill Hughes was high for the Eagles with 7, closely followed by Tony Roth and Bob Fairchild with 6 points each. Subby Ruma and Fred Bruning were the mainstays on defense for Central.

Although outplayed on the court, the most disappointing aspect of the Eagle quintet was its inability to connect from the foul line. The Centralites succeeded in netting only two of their 13 free throw attempts.

While outplayed during the main event, the Eagles maintained some prestige by scoring a convincing victory over the Tech seconds. Displaying superiority in every department, the Junior Purples found the range in the second half to coast to a 44-19 victory. Jerry Smith paced the winners with 18 points. Bill Shainholtz, Vince Daugherty, and Brendon Gallagher were other standouts for the seconds.

CENTRAL (24)		TECH (38)	
fg.	ft. pf.	fg.	ft. pf.
Shea f	0 2	Novak f	6 3-6
Roth f	3 0-1	Nev f	1 1-4
Reynolds f	0 0-0	Weikert f	0 3-1
Hughes f	3 1-4	Boonstra f	0 0-0
Scott c	0 0-3	Beasley c	0 1-3
Murphy c	0 0-2	Meadows c	1 0-0
Fairchild g	3 0-1	Mosiman g	3 2-3
Ruma g	2 1-2	Hamilton g	1 0-1
Bruning g	0 0-0	Zoroya g	2 0-0
		Abdouch g	0 0-0
		Scherzberg g	0 0-0

Totals: CENTRAL 24-11 2-13 16
 Technical fouls—Hughes, Fairchild.
 Officials: Ed Kirby, Omaha; Church McConnell, Iowa.



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