

City-Wide Colonel Will be Named at Ball

Johnny Vana Proves Ability

Talented Freshman Wins on NBC Show

Central High may soon have a new name to add to the growing list of famous people who have attended the school here. Johnny Vana, the talented freshman musician who plays just about any instrument, took another step to fame, Sunday, January 4, when he won second place on the Horace Heidt NBC talent show at the Orpheum theatre.

On the program, which was broadcast coast to coast, Johnny played the marimba, vibraharp, and drums. He was awarded a check and an autographed picture from Horace Heidt which read:

"To Johnny Vana—who will some day soon be the 'Top' man in the country."

Soon after the broadcast, congratulatory messages and offers of jobs began to pour in from all over the Midwest. Johnny also has a contract waiting for him at Sun Valley the latter part of this month.

In order to help him get a start in forming his own band, Horace Heidt has offered to take Johnny into "the Musical Knights" as the regular drummer. He would also have a special marimba constructed for Johnny to use as a part of his tap and instrumental number.

If Johnny joins the band, he will have special tap teachers and a private tutor, in order to keep up with his school work while he is on the road.

Johnny's hours of practicing and miles of traveling for special lessons are certainly now beginning to pay off with the promise of fame and stardom.

Pupils Requested To Show Cards

Of the some 1,750 students who attend Central High school, about 350 pupils get to school through rides in cars, driven by their parents, friends, or themselves. And what of the other 1,400 students? All of them are transported by the Omaha and Council Bluffs Street Railway system, either by the Dodge Street buses or various streetcars.

The strain on our purse has been much alleviated by that ingenious device known as the "Streetcar Card". This asset saves most Central student close to nine dollars in the course of a year. But what do we do with this privilege? We abuse it very badly. The bus and streetcar conductors are strictly instructed to transport no student for half fare without first seeing his or her "Streetcar Card". Although some conductors are lenient concerning the showing of the card, they only tend to spoil us. It is no wonder that during the morning and afternoon rush hours the patience of the driver is exhausted by the student who has to be asked for his card and then proceeds to fumble for a few minutes in order to produce it, impeding the progress of the bus. And then some of us have the effrontery to criticize the rightfully irate conductor! When we entrust our safe and punctual transportation to these men, the least we can do is lessen their job by a small favor. By always keeping our cards with us and in such a place that they may easily and readily be obtained, we can perform this favor. Let's make streetcar and bus drivers respect and appreciate Central High school's courtesy and cooperation.

Seniors' College Boards Given on January 24

Seniors from Central High school and surrounding territory will take college entrance examinations Saturday, January 24, at Central. Students who wish to go to colleges requiring these examinations for entrance must take the tests. The aptitude tests will be given in the morning and the achievement tests in the afternoon.



CANDIDATES FOR COLONEL'S LADY CROSS SABERS. (Left to right) Marion Saunders, Marilyn Vingers, Helen Wencel, Ronna Rimmerman, Janice Carter, and Elaine Mendelson. — By Jordan

Jack Rank to Give Shakespearean Play

Students Will Witness 'Taming of the Shrew'

Jack Rank, "the one-man theatre", will present William Shakespeare's greatest farce comedy, "The Taming of the Shrew", in an activities program for Central students, January 27. Mr. Rank is the only actor in America who represents an entire play himself, portraying all the parts, male as well as female.

With lavish stage settings, unique lighting effects and beautiful costumes, he leaves the stage, speaking lines of the current character, almost immediately re-entering by another door, and between exit and re-entrance, has changed costumes, makeup and assumed the perfect mannerisms, voice and character of the next person in the play. In "The Taming of the Shrew" he miraculously makes 35 costume changes.

Mr. Rank designs his own costumes and stage settings, executes them all, and invents his own lighting effects. Sound effects and symphony orchestral music are used in connection with the various scenes.

Mr. Rank is a graduate of the University of Nebraska (1927) and later taught dramatics there. Throughout his college and university career, he specialized in voice, piano, and dramatics.

Sgt. Haynes Joins Military Department

Technical Sergeant Edgar H. Haynes is the most recent addition to the cadre at Central, replacing Master Sergeant E. B. Hankey. He has served one year as a commissioned instructor at the North Dakota State College of Agriculture, at Fargo.

Sergeant Haynes has served in the regular army and the National Guard and has seen combat duty in Europe and occupation duty in Japan. He was wounded in the Hurtgen Forest, Germany, in 1944. Beside the Purple Heart, he holds the Bronze Star Medal for action at Brest, France, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, and five service ribbons. His three battle stars are for the campaigns in Normandy, North France, and the Rhineland. During the war, he reached the rank of captain and now holds that office in the Officers' Reserve Corps.

Before the war, the sergeant was a member of Nebraska's own 134th Infantry Regiment. In 1940, he was inducted into the army with the rest of his unit and soon was sent to the officers' candidate school at Fort Benning, Georgia, where he was commissioned a second lieutenant of infantry.

He is well fitted for his job of military teaching for he has instructed at Fort Benning, at Fargo, in the 78th division; and has fought with the 83rd Division.

Exam Schedule

Final examinations will begin Tuesday, January 30. The schedule is as follows:
Tuesday: 8:25-9:25—English
Wednesday: 8:30-9:30—History
9:45-10:45—Science
11:00-12:00—Civics and Modern Problems
1:00-2:00—Latin
Thursday: 8:30-9:30—Mathematics
9:45-10:45—French, Spanish, German
11:00-12:00—All conflicts

Tom Scott to Sing In Lecture Series

The second of the Omaha Education Association Lyceum lectures will be held Friday evening, February 6, at eight o'clock in the Central High auditorium.

At this second of the three lectures, the audience will hear Tom Scott, the ballad singer of America. Mr. Scott sings the music most Americans don't know they have. He is a nationally known recording artist, radio and concert singer, composer and arranger.

Dr. Gerald Wendt, who will complete the series, March 4, is the editorial director and founder of Science Illustrated. He is a former science consultant for Time, Life, and Fortune, also the author of "The Atomic Age Opens" and other books.

One may purchase tickets from the O. E. A. representatives at the O. E. A. office, 927 City National Bank Bldg. Season tickets (3 numbers) are one dollar; single admission, ninety cents.

'New Look' Gets Third Degree of Centralites

By Shirley Nelson

"What is your opinion of the much talked about 'New Look' in fashions?"

With the plunge of hemlines and the added drapes and flounces, discussions and debates have been held pro and con on milady's new tastes in clothes. Our roving reporter has collected statements from boys, girls, and faculty members, just to give the girls an idea what sort of reaction to expect from their current beau brummels on "that beautiful new dress".

Boys:

"I think they look like sacks—on some girls, that is."

"Oh, I sort of like 'em; they're so sophisticated!"

"They might as well start wearing veils too!"

"It's the style; we're helpless."

"They're not bad, as long as they're not too long."

"They're swell—something different."

"It's awful the way they walk in those long skirts, especially the long

Principal Approves Ball, Road Show

Parents and Pupils Show Concern Over Club Ruling

"Large numbers of parents and students have shown genuine concern that they do not violate the law of Nebraska with respect to secret clubs. On that basis, we have given tentative approval to the Military Ball and the Road Show, and to other activities up to Easter vacation."

This was the statement of Principal J. Arthur Nelson in an open letter to Central students in the east hall display case. With this temporary approval, Military Ball practice has begun and Road Show acts have been turned in.

Mr. Nelson also emphasized that it was no longer a matter of whether the clubs were right or wrong, but whether or not students and parents were going to intentionally break the law of Nebraska.

Concerning the unapproved senior election, Mr. Nelson declared: "Unless there is evidence forthcoming shortly, I am not going to approve the senior elections. Probably, Mrs. McConnell, the senior sponsor, will carry on the senior business with the aid of committees."

If the elections remain unapproved and these committees are formed, they will be headed by senior students approved by their counselors, Mrs. McConnell, and Mr. Nelson. The only senior officers will be the class treasurer, who will handle the senior class funds. This position will be an appointive one held by a senior student.

Colonel's Lady Chosen by Officers; Award Presented to Best Jr. Cadet

By Larry McNichols

In preparation for the eleventh military ball, to be held on January 30, fourteen seniors have been commissioned second lieutenants. Two cadets, Tom Branch and Mason Zerbe, have been promoted to the rank of first lieutenant. The newly appointed officers include Rodney Bertshofer, Leonard Bush, Martin Caliendo, Jack Cohen, Jim Connolly, Robert Howell, and Mike Kulakofsky. Others included on the list are Lucien LaRue, Robert Martin, Jack Noodell, Sam Procopio, Robert Scherer, Jack Street, and Jerome Wasserman.

There will be forty officers this year, including a full colonel and two lieutenant colonels. "All of the officers in the battalion have a chance to be colonel," stated S/Sgt. J. B. McGrath, military instructor.

Six senior girls were nominated from among the officers' dates by the Cadet Officers' Club to be candidates for the honorary colonelcy. Those selected are Helen Wencel, Marilyn Vingers, Elaine Mendelson, Ronna Rimmerman, Janice Carter, and Marion Saunders. The colonel's lady will be revealed at the ball when she appears with the cadet colonel in the traditional purple and white cape and hat of her office.

The outstanding junior cadet, who will be decorated during the evening, will present a dozen roses to the honorary colonel in behalf of the Non-commissioned Officers' Club.

Debators Travel For Tournaments

The debate squad is now preparing to take the road. On Thursday, January 29, two teams will leave for an invitational tournament at Augustana University, Rock Island, Illinois. The two day tournament will include six rounds of debate with each of the schools' teams upholding one side of the current debate topic. Millard Margolin and Martin Faier will debate on the affirmative, while Bernard Lashinsky and Alvin Burstein uphold the negative.

On the next week-end, February 5-6, two teams will participate in the Northwestern District Debate tournament, held at Gustafus Adolphus University, St. Peter, Minnesota. Sherman Poska and Don Silverman make up one team; Warren Denenberg and Patricia Livingston, the other team. The teams will debate both sides of the question. In addition, Silverman and Livingston will enter the oratorical contest, while Poska and Denenberg participate in extemporaneous speaking.

Miss Marian Mortensen, debate coach, will accompany the teams to both of the tournaments.

Mrs. M. Mahoney Dies After Lingerin Illness

Mrs. Mary A. Mahoney, mother of Miss May Mahoney, Central Spanish instructor, died at her home, 4802 Capitol Avenue, early Tuesday. Mrs. Mahoney was a resident of Nebraska for 67 years. Services were held Thursday morning at the Hoffman Mortuary and at St. Cecilia's Cathedral.

Band Concert Will Precede

The officers and their ladies are rehearsing before school every day for the grand march. The intricate formations which they are practicing include one of three diamonds in honor of the regimental commander.

Tickets will be sold by cadet officers at the usual price of \$1.50. Stags will pay an additional fee of sixty cents at the door. Spectator tickets also may be purchased at the door; no person, however, of high school age will be admitted on such a ticket.

The ROTC Band, under the direction of Merwin G. Tilton, will play a forty-five minute concert at the beginning. Included among their selections are "Malaguena" by Lecuona and a march, "The Thunderer", by Sousa. John Vana will play a solo on the xylophone during the program.

The general chairman, Luther Thompson, is aided by many committee heads from the COC. The list includes Alan Blotcky, Tom Branch, Paul Bursik, Don Carlson, David Cloyd, Lee Gendler, George Knoke, Max Maire, Larry McNichols, Robert Rubenstein, John Sage, John Smith, and Victor Wilburn.

Although the complete faculty committee members have not been announced, Mrs. Irene Jensen, activities director, will be in charge.

Organization Makes Trouble With Double Meaning

An English student had just rewritten his outline and the teacher inquired if his organization was any better. Overhearing the question, the ever-present wiseacre queried, "Have they started the secret clubs again?"

Visual Education Plan Needs Students' Support

As in many other fields of endeavor, science and scientific methods are being rapidly adopted in education. Audial visual education, the use of sound motion pictures in class rooms, has been the greatest of this type of advancement and the most widely used. Though in use for many years by various schools, its real qualities were demonstrated by the Armed services during the war. With films, everything from radar to Japanese was taught to servicemen in a surprisingly short time.

Here at Central, these advantages have not gone unheeded. A program was adapted and films have been used satisfactorily in almost all departments. The shortcoming has been in the inability to obtain sufficient funds in order to get the best and newest films. Up to the present time money used for this purpose was taken from Student Activity funds and from refreshment concessions at athletic events.

For the next semester an experiment is being made. Fifty dollars to be used for obtaining new films has been taken from the school's book fund. Twenty-five new films, to be used in all departments, are now on order with local film distributors and the University of Nebraska film rental library.

It must be remembered that this is only an experiment and the money allocation is temporary. In order to advance the use of visual education a permanent fund must be established. For many years money has been obtained for work sheets in the English and history departments and for some equipment in the science departments, by charging each student a small nominal fee. This system could be easily adopted to establish permanent source of money for films and slides. However, it can only be done through complete cooperation of all the departments, and the support of the student body.

For a few cents each student can secure for himself new knowledge, variety and pleasure in his education.

We can't afford to lag behind in education.

Guard Your Future

A favorite trick of wily politicians, who realize that it is much easier to unite the electorate against a common foe than it is to unite it in favor of an enterprise of doubtful merit, has been to label all opponents of that dubious enterprise as "fascist," "communist" or what ever term is currently most distasteful to the voting public. Then, in reprisal, the enterprise's opponents label its supporters with political epithets. The net result is that the issue becomes thoroughly confused, and the voter is faced with the choice of taking either a "communist" or "fascist" viewpoint. Apparently the only way to stay a politically pure American is to refrain from forming any opinion and to stay away from polling booths.

As voters-to-be, high school boys and girls should be concerned with the extent this labeling process has become part of the American political system. The spread of this system is dangerous in that it makes unnecessary, indeed, makes impossible, cool logical thinking with regard to political enterprises and candidates. And as soon as the voting public can be weaned away from political thinking and forced to accept ready made opinions, the stage is set for a totalitarian government.

All around us in this presidential election year of 1948 are increasing evidences of this ready made political generalization being injected into the coming campaigns. The voices are already beginning to whisper "Henry Wallace is a red, a Russian lover" or "Robert Taft is a reactionary, a fascist."

We must refuse to listen to these voices! We must resolve, if political freedom is to persist in America, to let no one formulate our opinion for us. The past performance of every political incumbent is available to you. Make use of these records. Stimulate discussions. Be wary of generalizations.

Our republic can remain great only as long as its electorate remains enlightened.

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The Lady's Lyrical Letter

Dear Laura,
It seems like Years and Years Ago that I got your last letter. Why don't you write Once in a While?

I just got a new Deep Purple dress, but I don't like it as well as My Sweet Little Alice Blue Gown. That dress makes even me look like a Rhapsody in Blue!

Our old School Days chum, Kate, from Tennessee, has moved into the little house Just Around the Corner. She told me Tuesday, "I'll Be Around," so I expect her to drop in Some of These Days.

Oh, yes, before I forget, My Cousin Louella—you know, the one that looks 'Xactly Like You did When You Were Sweet Sixteen—is back in town For a Little While, and the other night, she had a date with My Old Flame. I still kinda like him—guess it was just Jealousy! His name is Ragtime Cowboy Joe, and he hails from the Hills of Colorado. He hasn't been out in Civilization very long, and the way he acts—well, You Call It Madness!

I wish you could come for a visit sometime Soon. It's really a Winter Wonderland this time of the year. I really Miss You. Maybe I can be Near You before too long. That's My Desire!

I guess that's all for now. Say hello to Louise — And Mimi.

As Always,
The Lady from 29 Palms

Turn' the Pages Of

BACK HOME
By Bill Mauldin
Here is one of the finest post war satires by the author of "Up Front." Bill Mauldin. It contains the best of his cartoons since his discharge from the army, along with some well thought out, well put, well chosen prose.

Bill Mauldin is very much like the late Ernie Pyle in that he knew and understood the fighting men. He has the courage and ability to write and draw what he feels.

When he returned to America he found that his book "Up Front" has amassed him a sizeable amount of money. His syndicate wanted him to start producing cartoons immediately so they could cash in on his wartime popularity. He toured the United States in search of cartoon material and everywhere he went he was treated like a celebrity.

Mauldin began losing his circulation when he produced cartoons on much debated issues and on various committees and institutions. He panned the many "helpful" veterans' organizations. Though most of his beliefs are to the left, he can see all sides of the questions that he portrays in his cartoons.

Bill grew up in the Southwest and received his education in Chicago. He joined the army when he was eighteen and during his five years in service he saw action in Italy, France, and Germany with the 45th Division.

He started attracting attention by drawing cartoons for his division's newspaper. When the army paper "Stars and Stripes" began publishing in the Mediterranean region, the editors signed him on immediately. From then on he skyrocketed to success. Most people figure that at the degree of maturity he has reached at the age of twenty-three.

While you may not agree with his ideas you will admire Bill Mauldin for the honesty and frankness with which he set down his ideas and his experiences. His cartoons and his prose will give you much to think about.

Jim and Ted

Some Senior Similes

Pretty as a picture.....	Pokey Bergh
Sharp as a razor.....	Nancy Swoboda
Bright as a light.....	Jim Minikus
Personality plus.....	Audiee Greenberg
Slow as a snail.....	Jack Neiman
Happy as a lark.....	Joanie Fike
Brave as a lion.....	Bill Tetrick
Big as a minute.....	Lols Lehmer
Timid as a rabbit.....	Baa Billig
Cool as a cucumber.....	Annie Lueder
Slick as a whistle.....	Al Helam
Busy as a bee.....	Miss McBride
Tough as leather.....	Rich Reese
Smart as a whip.....	Rosamonde Johnson
Sweet as honey.....	Dede Warren
Round as a ball.....	Marty Faler
Cute as a bug's ear.....	Joanie Evers
Wet as a blanket.....	The Authors

Cadet Officers Choose Ladies

At last... the big news you've all been waiting for... the official list of the officers and their ladies, marching in the Military Ball. They are: Cadet First Lieutenant Gordon Anderson and his lady, Helen Cortelyou; Cadet First Lieutenant Thomas Branch and his lady, Mary Mackie; Cadet First Lieutenant David Cloyd and his lady, Marilyn Vingers; Cadet First Lieutenant Max Maire and his lady, June Cox; Cadet First Lieutenant Larry McNichols and his lady, Helen Wencel; Cadet First Lieutenant Robert Rusk and his lady, Janet Champine; Cadet First Lieutenant Neal Schneiderman and his lady, Maureen Sherman; Cadet First Lieutenant Luther Thompson and his lady, Mary Ellen Martison; Cadet First Lieutenant Victor Wilburn and his lady, Willene Brown; and Cadet First Lieutenant Mason Zerbe and his lady, Elizabeth Ann Clark.

Others marching are Cadet Second Lieutenant Rodney Bertishofer and his lady, Patricia Christensen; Cadet Second Lieutenant Paul Bursik and his lady, Virginia Lawson; Cadet Second Lieutenant Leonard Bush and his lady, Esther Zorinsky; Cadet Second Lieutenant Donald Carlson and his lady, Janice Carter; Cadet Second Lieutenant Jack Cohn and his lady, Audrey Greenberg; Cadet Second Lieutenant James Connolly and his lady, Lynn Harper; Cadet Second Lieutenant Lee Gendler and his lady, Sandra Solomon; Cadet Second Lieutenant Raymond Goodwin and his lady, Sally McPherrin; Cadet Second

The Movie Marquee

The most diabolical character you've seen in some time is on exhibition in "The Unsuspected". He is a delightful, soft-spoken gentleman who will make your scalp creep in seventeen different directions. He is the kind of murderer who is so casual about it that it doesn't seem like murder at all.

There are a great many people involved in this murder. Here are brief sketches of each one, and included in the list is the murderer, although you won't have much trouble guessing him anyway.

Stephen Howard (Michael North), who was engaged to a girl who supposedly committed suicide, wants to investigate her death. Althea Keene (Audrey Totter), and her husband Oliver, who drinks too much. Victor Grandison (Claude Rains), who narrates murder mysteries on the radio. A frightened little man named Press (Jack Lambert), and a sleek, expensive, career woman named Jane Moynihan (Constance Bennett).

These people are all joined by one link --- murder. Some of them don't know it and some do. The ones that do are very close to death. Stephen Howard, because he doesn't believe the suicide story about his fiancée, is a definite subject to murder. Stephen gets acquainted with all these people by claiming to be the husband of Grandison's adored ward, Natalie (Joan Caulfield). Actually he has never met her before but had heard about her from his fiancée who was Grandison's secretary.

The clues are many and varied. Some of them are half-finished letters, a vicious argument behind closed doors, and a record that should never have been played. When death finally threatens Stephen, it comes in as frightening a form as you can possibly imagine.

Thelma and Joanne

Morbid Memories

Oswald was a cruel man,

He chopped up his nephews and nieces.

When they were dead, their tombstones read:

"May they rest in pieces."

New Year-New Look

We're leading off with a bang by resolving to gather plenty of material for ye old clothesline. Got to make those inches, 'ya know!

As Annie Cuthbertson fashions her flaming red suit, we discover the Christmas colors are still prevailing. The jacket is fitted with a peter pan collar and elbow-length sleeves. Tiny gold buttons adorn the front, and the skirt boasts of one kick pleat... 'nuther Yuletide mode is Jo Ann LaShelle's green corduroy suit. It's really a knock-out with that tricky jacket effect, and the long, tight fitting skirt.

Joe Kelly has the honor of being a man among girls. Those kelly socks are a product of Lois' own making... green for the Irish, that is.

Something different in the line of sweaters is Natalie Schapiro's argyle pullover. Shirley Moore's powder blue sweater and plaid skirt combination is really smooooth. The predominating blue in the skirt matches the sweater to a "T." Smart 'n' tailored is Sally Lange in her pin-striped skirt. She selects a soft white sweater, worn inside, with a belt about her waist.

No winter blues for Lou Ann Focht. Could be her steel blue coat with a hood and flare back is the reason. But wait, that's not all... folding back the coat, we spy a gay and colorful plaid lining.

What gals can't do with scarves! Two that caught our eye were those worn by Jan Carter and Pat Warkow. Jan chose one with soft shades of brown to wear over her skirt and sweater outfit of the same color. Pat's is splashed with aqua and tucked beneath the jacket of her cardigan suit.

The Gibson Gal is still out in front... Did you notice Norma Gager's white blouse featuring French cuffs and a pointed collar. She alternates large bow ties in accordance with the skirt of her choice. Shirley Nelson's ballerina dress of navy blue would be a favorite with any gal.

Phyllis Daugherty tops sophistication in a sleek, midnight blue satin dress. Long, tight sleeves and a slightly draped skirt add the final touch of glamour.

Join the clan girls... the tuck-your-hair-back clan, that is. Pokey Bergh catches her hair with a large bow while Helen Wencel uses two gold barretts. Well... that's all for now...

Junie 'n' Marti

Central Profile Just Plain Bill

Bill Hughes

Big feet, big hands, big chest, and big shoulders add up to Bill Hughes—big shot. Patterning after Papa who played baseball for Central, Bill started his athletic career

with one of the Top Sawyer baseball bats for tots. After proving to his Dad that he could knock out car windows against the kitchen floor, he was graduated to the big boy size.

Basketball is his favorite although he does equally well in baseball. A freshman start in both has made Bill a first teamer. He and his Dad both made their first letters in baseball as sophomores. During his sophomore and junior years Bill played

on the second basketball team. He wants to play professional basketball after college, but he would settle on being a big business man.

The first baseball game Bill played for Central he dropped the ball and lost the game. Later, he more than made up for his mistake by bagging a single in the only baseball game Central won that year. Basketball playing seems to have the jinx on Bill. He was knocked down three times in one minute and had his nose broken in less than a second.

Don't get the idea that Bill is all brawn and no brains. He made the Junior Honor Society for two years, and plans to finish his eight semesters of math this term. Besides all these sports, he still finds time to go out for the O-Club and Homeroom Representatives.

Boxes of chocolates are a menace to Bill as he never knows what flavor he is getting until he gets his teeth in. Teachers who consider gum chewing an offense and relatives who keep giving him books for Christmas are on Bill's black list.

Phyllis

Widdo Wee Crunchies Presents- Myrtle's Mangey Mutt Herkimer

Today Widdo Wee Crunchies, the combination breakfast cereal and glue, bring you fresh adventures in the transcribed story of Myrtle's Other Husband's Third Wife's Best Friend's Puppy, Herkimer. Now for a word from our sponsor. Do you move around too much? Are you overactive? Do you have too much pep? If so, try the new different Widdo Wee Crunchies. Their new patented ingredient will keep you in bed for weeks. Try them today. They're made from the choicest horses' hooves ground to perfection in our spotless factory. And now we interrupt our commercial to present to you today's episode of Myrtle's Other Husband's Third Wife's Best Friend's Puppy, Herkimer. After an average morning of being run over by two cars, shot through the head by a neighbor boy, and poisoned by a competitor's breakfast cereal, we now find Herkimer padding morosely along the street. His New Foundland face is wreathed with wrinkles as he wonders how he, the only witness to Helio trope's murder, can tell the jury that it was Hannibal, not Oscar, who murdered her. As we join him, only one sound breaks the stillness, arrf. And now a message from our sponsor. Widdo Wee Crunchies have an added feature. For a strong resilient glue, just add water and stir. Join us again tomorrow for another episode. Will Herkimer discover a way to tell the jury who is guilty of the murder? Will the villain succeed in poisoning our hero tomorrow? Listen in for another exciting adventure in the life of Myrtle's Other Husband's Third Wife's Best Friend's Puppy, Herkimer.

Music Makers

Staging a comeback from his years of retirement, Horace Heidt and His Musical Knights played a week's engagement at the Orpheum theater recently. His program included the hilarious novelty tune "And the Green Grass Grew All Around" with all the band chiming in. A feature of the show was the participation of local talent trying for honors on Heidt's Sunday evening Philip Morris show. The amateur winner was Dick Contino, of Fresno, California, who was selected from entrants including Johnny Vana, Central drummerman. Dick, incidentally, played a mean accordion in his spot on the show.

The reign of the King of Corn, Spike Jones, and his royal train of clowns has been and gone. His loyal fans marched into his Musical Depreciation Review and were kept in veritable stitches of laughter by his doctors of mirth, Sir Frederick Gas, Dr. Horatio Q. Birdbath, and Doodles Weaver.

Brilliant sidemen like George Rock, the 200 (plus) pound trumpet man greatly enhanced the show. George's falsetto renditions of "I'm Forever Blowing Bubbles" and "Our Hour" have made quite a hit with Victor Records fans. All those old familiar Jones numbers, "Glow Worms," "Laura," and "Liebestraum" were there too. But the thief who stole the show amid the hilarity was Doodles Weaver, alias Professor Fittlebaum, whose favorite trick was blowing his pitchpipe and then sounding like a seal.

The review will be presented in London before its proposed return here in the spring.

The king of horn, Harry James, and his powerhouse crew stopped here for a one nighter at Peony Park ballroom shortly before the holidays. His only comment on the present musical situation was that he thought the entertainment business is tightening up and the chance for newcomers attaining success is getting slimmer.

Jan and Pokey

Larry 'n' Jack

Wonderlands Lure Faculty!

Adventure, Relaxation Reign
As Teachers Tour America

Although many members of the faculty stayed home and "took it easy", others traveled as far as the states for their Christmas vacations. Miss Martina Swenson and Miss Emma Costello chose New York City for their holiday. They spent many exciting days seeing plays, musical comedies, and the Metropolitan museum. One of the most interesting of their experiences was watching the United Nations Security Council in action. A highlight of W. Edward Clark's trip to New York City, was a meeting of Helen Hays backstage of her current show, "Happy Birthdays". Besides going to musical shows, operas at the Metropolitan, and stage plays, he attended a rousing jazz session in Greenwich Village.

Kiewit Visits Hollywood

Miss Elizabeth Kiewit was entertained at Redondo Beach and Hollywood, California. An impressive part of her trip was the concert by John Charles Thomas at the Country House, a home for retired screen actors, in Los Angeles. An entertaining feature of Mrs. Anne Savidge's visit to Brentwood, California, was a special Christmas program at which she saw many film personalities such as Van Johnson and Henry Fonda. A sunny southern California made a hit with Miss Grace Fawthrop in her travels to Orange and Los Angeles to visit her sisters and their families.

Miss Angeline Tauchen took advantage of her cousin's Southern hospitality in New Orleans with breakfast in bed, dinner at Antoine's and trips to various museums.

The climax of Mrs. Elsie Swanson's vacation was an airplane trip to Chicago to attend Sonja Heinle's ice show.

At his cabin in Estes Park, Colorado, C. J. Simpson spent most of his time hiking in the woods. Also in Colorado was R. B. Bedell, staying at Pine Cliff in Estes Park. Miss Julia Carlson traveled to Denver by train.

Others Vacation Outstate

Trips to Cleveland, Ohio, and Bradford, Pennsylvania, to visit members of her family, constituted the vacation of Miss Marian Treat. Mrs. Edna Dana divided her time between Redwood Falls and Minneapolis, Minnesota. Returning to Saint Louis for a visit was a treat for Mrs. Sylvester Taylor.

Outstate Nebraska was a popular vacation spot for some members of the faculty. Miss Josephine Frisbie visited her family in Red Cloud; Miss Mary Elliott journeyed to Columbus for the two weeks. Visiting relatives at Chester was Mrs. Mary Kern's vacation choice. Mrs. Hazel Stewart spent part of the two weeks with her niece at Grand Island, and part with her brother at Curtis.

"I'll Just Die if I Fail,"
Wails German Students

W. Edward Clark, German instructor, has devised a new method for entertaining his pupils while driving those pesky, hard German words into the heads of his students. They play "Hangman". A scaffold is drawn on the blackboard with lines below representing each letter in the word that is to be identified. At each mistake a limb of the body is drawn from the noose. If you don't find the word, you are soon dead!

237 Boosts School Activities
By Clever Blackboard Exhibit

"Ernie" Bebb, an advanced art student, is 237's homeroom representative and is promoting participation in school activities in his homeroom by snappy displays on the blackboard.

Hoping to go into commercial art in the future, Ernie has been drawing the advertising for the Student Council on such projects as the all girls' ball and the opera. He is now working on promotion for the Military Ball.

One hundred per cent participation in the S.A. ticket sale, the school's highest homeroom contribution in the Red Cross drive, and an exceptional response to the Chest drive are indications of the students' response to Ernie's promotion.

Red Cross Aids Children

Smiles and chuckles were the order of the day at the Hattie B. Monroe home on Tuesday, December 23. Three members of the Central High Red Cross council went to the home to distribute the Christmas animals they had made. They also brought the children many other treats such as ice cream and cake. The Council members attending were Mary Evenson, Donna Karr, Jean Levenson, and Miss Dorothy Cathers, sponsor of the group.

Thirty-three Seniors
Score 100 in Exam

Senior students took a general mathematics test on Wednesday, January 7. Andrew Nelsen, assistant principal, said, "The senior math tests are given primarily for the purpose of assuring us that all students that graduate from Central have a minimum knowledge of mathematics."

The median of the senior class for the exam was 70 per cent. Anyone scoring 40 per cent or below in the test will be required to take a course next semester in refresher math. Any other senior who wishes to take the course may do so. There will be two refresher math classes.

Thirty-three seniors received 100 per cent in their tests. The grades this year are about the same as they were last year.

Girl Debaters Place
High in Valley Meet

Central's debaters took part in the Girls' Missouri Valley Debate tournament, held on January 8, 9, and 10, at South High School. The team composed of Rosalie Nelson, Olgamari Reins, Alexandra Hunt, and Susan Thompson, placed fifth in the tournament. They lost only one of the five qualifying rounds but were defeated in the finals. Elaine Roddy and Pat Livingston, the other team, were eliminated in the preliminaries.

The final rounds of the tournament had to be held over to Monday because of tied teams. In these rounds, held at Central, Tech took first place, with North and Thomas Jefferson, second and third.

Thespian Members
Formally Initiated

Formal initiation of new members of National Thespians was staged by the president, Marilyn Miller, at the meeting held Friday, January 9.

New members this year are Chet Christensen, Dorothy Gallagher, Mary Hartman, Thelma Goldstein, Alexandra Hunt, Betty Jensen, Leonard Leitz, Joanne Levey, Sandra Solomon, Carolyn Stevens, Jack Street, and Beverly Wood.

Students See Cut
Version of Picture

Those students who attended the free movie in Room 317, after school last Wednesday, January 7, received a special treat. The movie was a forty-five minute version of Charles Dickens' novel "Tale of Two Cities". This book, which is read by English III students, is a tale of the French revolution, with the action taking place in both France and England. Among the stars who appeared in the movie were Ronald Coleman as Sydney Carton, Edna May Oliver, Basil Rathbone and Donald Woods. Although many of the outstanding speeches and scenes were cut to shorten the movie, the main plot was well portrayed.

Five Spanish Students
Attend Dinner Program

Five students of Miss Dorothy Cathers' Spanish I classes were guests at a dinner of the Omaha Spanish club on Saturday, December 20, at the Wellington Hotel. They were Jean Ellen Christoff, Barbara Allen, Nieves Varela, Hugh Clatterbuck, and Sol Cohen.

The students sang Christmas carols accompanied by Miss Ida Blackmore, a member of the group.

A Cappella Choir Reduced

Due to the large number of the students in a cappella choir, the job of elimination has been taking place this week in Room 240 and 145. Mrs. Mary Kern has been testing the girls' voices and Mrs. Elsie Swanson, the boys'.

Next semester the choir will be smaller in size. This program has been undertaken so that the choir's music will be smoother, lighter, and less harsh in quality.

Crayfish Initiate
Biology Students

Do you feel sick?
Do you turn green when you walk on the third floor halls?

Do your friends tell you that you have the "new look"? Hmmm?? If you qualify under any of the preceding questions you may place the blame on Rooms 345, 347, and 340.

During the past two weeks the biology department has added to its collection of past and present pets, some 100 dead, preserved crayfish, known to biology students as members of the Austacia family.

In order to preserve and disinfect the dead bodies of the crayfish, formaldehyde, an odiferous gas, is necessary. It is the smell of this gas and its reaction on the untired pupils that makes this period in biology interesting to a veteran onlooker.

Miss Helen Lane, head of the department, remarked that her pupils are reacting quite favorably to their first formal introduction to the crayfish and formaldehyde.

Biology students who are continuing next semester have something else to look forward to - - the dissecting of the frog and its interesting interior.

Eastman Kodak Sponsors
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The third annual snap-shot contest sponsored by the Eastman Kodak company will begin February 2 and will end May 7. \$3,500 in prizes are offered to students of high school age. Pictures may be entered in any of the following categories: school projects, people, still life and scenes, animals and pets, and babies and small children.

Additional information may be obtained in the Register office.

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CENTRALights

● **Divide and Conquer**
The young Centralite was vainly trying to board a bus that was crowded only half way back. In disgust, he marched to the back door and stuck his head inside.
"Will you people please move to the back of the bus?" the boy demanded.
He returned to the front door and proudly entered.

● **All or Nothing at All**
Deep sighs, a few fainting spells, and shrieks of joy were all in order for the three days following the senior mathematics test.
In spite of the universal sensation of relief after the tests, a roving reporter saw a senior boy, who, upon

hearing his grade, started banging his head on a locker until his face was red and purple - - his grade was 90 per cent. The Register staff sincerely hopes this was the only case of hysteria.
Congratulations to all you smart seniors who passed.
As for the junior class, don't feel so lucky; just wait till next year.

● **'Light Brigade' Charges**
The bell for first lunch had just rung and the stampede of hungry humans up the steps to the North lunchroom began. As the herd thundered past the line of Central grade students (who had been taught to be very quiet and orderly and were watching the commotion with shocked amazement), one little grade school boy turned to the one in back of him, "I wonder how soon the Gold Rush will be over."

● **Stop That Thief**
Amid the after school confusion of everyone trying to get into his locker at once, one cute little junior girl reached absent minded behind her into her locker for her bandana. Withdrawing her hand, she began to put the bandana on. Suddenly a hand gripped her shoulder and took the bandana - - she had gotten into the wrong locker.

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Central Quintet To Meet Links Saturday Night

Gerlach, Good, French Lead Weyland's Crew In Important Contest

When the Purple cagers arrive at the Capitol City, January 17, they will have a chance to score another mild upset; this time over the state's third ranking team, Lincoln Central.

So far this season the Links have won 3 out of 5 games, including a 35-14 loss to Grand Island in contrast to a 56-7 conquest over Nebraska City.

Coach Lyle Weyland's probable lineup will be Jim French and George Hitz, forwards; Stanley Gerlach and Joe Good, guards; and Phil Hall, center. French, Good, and Gerlach are returning lettermen, while Hall is the tallest player at six feet. Chick Battey, Harlan Lessman, and LaVern Groanquist can also be depended upon for outstanding play.

Lincoln's real strength cannot be determined by its record thus far. Two of the victories have been to the same team, while one loss was by one point to St. Joseph, Missouri.

Considering the decisive victory over the Bunnies, and the outcome of the North game, you can figure Central's chances of subduing the Links. The Red and Black have a game with Tech High, January 16, which could change the odds.

Buses will be chartered for students who intend to go to the game. Complete information in regard to time and costs have been given in the school circular.

Rich Nigro Garners Quickest Pin During North Mat Tourney

Dick Nigro, Central lightweight wrestler, proved his grappling skill by winning the 118 lb. division of the North Invitational Wrestling tournament, held December 19 and 20, in the Viking gym. Nigro succeeded in scoring the fastest fall of the day by pinning Glasford of A. L. in 1:28.

Probably the most exciting match of the tournament occurred between Frank Mancuso of Central and Red Vermillion of South, both state champs. The match was exceedingly hard fought all the way, with Vermillion scoring a narrow 5-2 decision.

Other Eagle wrestlers who were defeated in the finals after winning preliminary matches were Henry Nyberg 112 lb. and Bill Tetrick, heavyweight.

Tumblers to Give Exhibition For Underwood Organization

For their first public appearance of the season, the Central High tumbling team will give an exhibition before the Underwood Community club, Monday, January 19, at the Underwood gym.

They will compete against the Underwood High tumblers in the various forms of mat tumbling and trampoline.

The Eagles who are to participate in the match are Ira Epstein, Bill Vorester, Russell Hawthorne, Ernie Chiganos, Henry Godboy, Curtis Hunnigan, Jim Ferris, Sandy Green, and Ruth Sloger.

Others are Joan Jochum, Belle Stratton, Sarah Jane Black, Barbara Wilkerson, Irene Anderson, and Eleanor Fredkin.

As an added attraction, there will be a specialty dance by Eleanor Fredkin and a piano solo by Ira Epstein.

LEADING SCORERS

After five games, Subby Ruma leads all Eagle cagers with 51 points. He moved ahead in the Benson and North tilts, in which he scored 23 and 17 points respectively. Other high scorers are as follows:

Player	FG	FT	Total
Fairchild	15	9	39
Hughes	11	7	29
Bruning	6	6	18
Reynolds	5	5	15
Brown	4	4	11
Roth	3	0	6

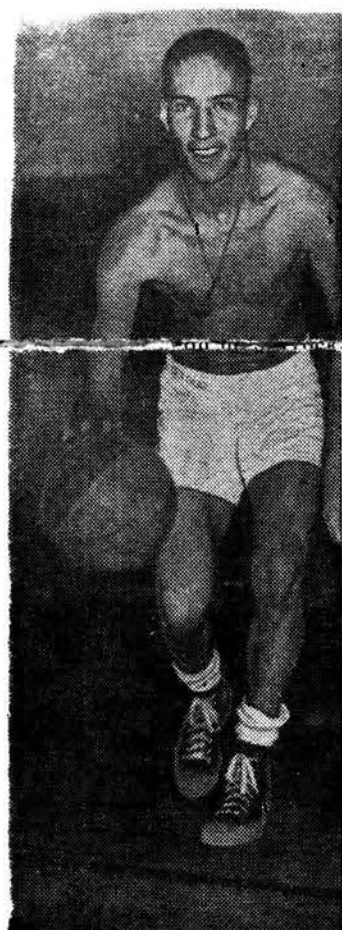
'Lucky Ladies' Remain Atop Pack; Slavin High

Jo Ellen Slavin earned the highest individual score, 146, when the GAA bowlers met last Tuesday, January 6, at the 40 Bowl alleys. The Lucky Ladies hold top place among the team averages. Dorothy Fox, Virginia Layher, Sarah Garro, Carol French, and Shirley Ebright are the members of this team.

The Girls' Athletic Association Christmas party netted a full bushel basket of canned food, which was distributed among needy families. The next big event on the GAA calendar is the initiations which will be held soon.

Rugged Ren!!

This week we salute Bob Reynolds, one of Central's ace athletes. The loss of Bob, who graduates in January will be greatly felt by the basketball and baseball coaches, for they are bound to have trouble in finding players to fill his shoes.



BOB REYNOLDS, mainstay of this year's Purple quint.

"Ren", as he is popularly called, has played basketball for four years, gaining three varsity letters. Last year he garnered an honorable mention on the All-City squad, and if he were here to finish the season he would be a probable choice for this five. Bob's laurels rest largely on his expert dribbling and ball handling.

Last summer he led the American Legion League in stolen bases and turned many bunts and infield balls into hits. His biggest thrill came in the Decker game, when he preserved Bob Offerjost's no-hitter by scoring the only run on a walk and three stolen bases.

Around school "Ren" is noted for his shy, retiring manner, which pays big dividends with the women. His many friends have nicknamed him "Lady killer", and the "Casanova of 235." Bob is also active in the O-Club, where he has been a member for three years.

Saltzman Scribbles

By Paul Saltzman
Sports Editor

Attention all girls!!! If you're one of those shy, bashful, Central "femmes" who's always yearning to meet one of those "s-o-o-o-o-o-o handsome athletes", now's your chance. For their initial extra-curricular activity of the year, the O-Club is presenting the first annual "SOX HOP". The dance, to be held January 23, after the South basketball game, will be presented in the Central gym. Due to the newly refinished floor, shoes will be omitted from the regular attire to prevent scuffing. A suitable prize will be awarded for the loudest pair of socks. Remember ---- "SOX HOP", January 23, 10:30-12:30, Central gym, 20 cents admission. Loudest action of the 1947-1948 sports year will undoubtedly be the recent O-Club decision to form their own cheering section at future athletic events.

Glancing over our local daily, one notices many Centralites making "big news" in the field of pugilism. Notable among the amateur boxers are Eugene Brown, Reggie Hughes, Jack Ward, and Gene Besch, all participants in the Golden Gloves tournament. These boys, who have gained considerable polish through much needed experience, are expected to go a long way in amateur boxing.

By moving the wrestling squad into the dark catacombs near the boiler plant, Central has created a mild sensation. The Eagle athletes can now claim the only reducing salon among Mid-Western high schools. Opening introductory offer, advertised by proprietor Norm Sorensen, includes a combination workout and steam bath at half price.

To the delight of "hair-combing" athletes, Central's gym floor has been gifted with a smooth, glassy surface. An entire week was spent by workmen in sanding and polishing the complete surface area. During the drying process, the Purple cage team was forced to continue practice sessions on the Tech High basketball court. Noteworthy comment after the frosh game with South last week ---- "That Central bunch has really got spirit and hustle."

Purples Suffer Third Loss to Tall Lynx

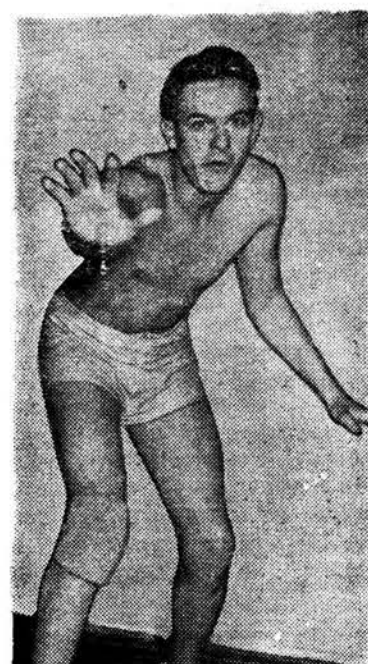
A torrid third quarter proved to be the decisive factor as the Abraham Lincoln cagers downed Central, 37-31, in an evening tilt on the Lynx floor December 20. Paced by big Hughes Wilcox and Bob Wambold, the Iowans used their height advantage and a fast break in winning.

For two periods both squads fought on equal terms, with the score at intermission standing at 19-18 in favor of the Bluff's crew. Later two quick baskets drew the Eagles up into a tie at 24-24, but A.L. then rushed to a six point lead and was never headed. Throughout the entire contest, the Purples outfought their opponents, but the Lynx' height was unsurmountable.

Coach Al Hurley's squad played heads up ball as Bill Hughes led the scorers for the third straight time with eight markers. Bob Reynolds chalked up five points; while Al Brown, Fred Bruning, Subby Ruma, and Bob Fairchild followed with four each.

The seconds turned on the heat in the last quarter to swamp the Lynx seconds, 40-15.

Swisher Ruma



SUBBY RUMA, last week's Mr. Hush, this week's All-City prospect.

Central Bonebenders Rock Hapless South

The Eagle matmen moved a step closer toward the Intercity wrestling championship as they disposed of South, 27-16, January 13.

Jim Kais registered the fastest pin of the match. He flattened S. DeGado in 35 seconds. Bob Mancuso provided the only other Central pin as he took down A. Allen in 1:47. South's only pin was by Kenneth Fisher over Frank Prucka.

State Champion Vermillion of South had to go the limit to decision Freshman Joe Prucka. Frank Mancuso moved up two weights to 155 pounds, and even with a 20 pound handicap decided D. Bryant.

Results:
85-B. Mancuso (C) pinned A. Allen in 1:47
95-G. Hest (C) decisioned J. Mayo 2-0
105-R. Jackson (S) decisioned M. Firestone 2-0
112-H. Nyberg (C) decisioned R. Newville 3-2
118-J. Farris (C) decisioned D. Burson 1-0
124-Rich Nigro (C) and E. Reyes drew
130-J. Kais (C) decisioned S. DeGado in :35
136-Vermillion (S) decisioned J. Prucka 4-0
145-K. Fisher (S) pinned F. Prucka in 3:17
155-F. Mancuso (C) decisioned D. Bryant 2-1
165-Marinkovich (S) decisioned J. Miloni 2-1
Hvt.-R. Reese (C) decisioned D. Burson 1-0

Tigers Gain Two Point Win

Central's second attempt at victory was squelched by Fremont with a 26-28 loss, December 18, in the Eagle gym. There was never more than a four point difference throughout the thrill-packed contest.

Several times Coach Al Hurley had to quiet the fans who were decidedly against the 'close refereeing of the game officials.

Al Brown put Central ahead in the second half, but the lead quickly changed to a two point Fremont lead which the Eagles were never able to overcome. Fremont's Bader led the scoring parade with eight points followed by Bill Hughes of Central with six.

To avenge the main event, the Purple seconds trampled the Tiger reserves, 41-17.

Torrid Cagers Get First Wins of Season Over League Foes; Ruma, Fairchild Star

To the delight of 1,750 loyal students, the Central basketball team met the highly favored Benson and North squads and beat them into complete submission. For two years the cagers were able to win only four games, thus making the recent victories most pleasing. Although meeting defeat in their three initial contests, Coach Hurley's ably schooled squad has now created considerable work in the minds of their future opponents.

The Eagle team, led by Subby "Swisher" Ruma, Bobby "Bouncer" Fairchild, Fred Bruning, Bill Hughes, Bob Reynolds, Johnny Shea, Brown, et al, are unanimous in their theory of "a fighting team + a rugged defense + an occasional point = a winning year."

Benson: 42-29

Rugged defensive play and a sensational scoring streak by Central's Subby Ruma, combined to give the Purple varsity a 42-29 victory over an inept Benson crew last Friday night on the Bunny court.

Ruma sparked the Eagle offense by netting 23 points, mostly in difficult shots from the side court, which completely baffled the Benson zone defense. The torrid senior accounted for all the Central scoring during the first period with six counters, and racked up eight tallies in the third to pace the Purples' second half rally. Bob Fairchild, playing his best game of the season, was second high man with eleven points, while Homer Smith led the Bunnies with seven.

Eagles Lead at Half

Although trailing 8-6 at the end of the first quarter, the Eagles came back to grab a 16-14 advantage at the intermission. After a scoring spurt early in the third stanza, the Purples were never in danger of being headed.

The Central defense, strong point of the squad this season, functioned almost perfectly. Bunny forwards were constantly bottled up and the majority of the Benson scoring came in long shots from the back court. For the first time this season, the Eagles gained control of the backboards. Bobby Fairchild featured this phase of the game by continually outjumping and stealing the ball from the taller Benson players. Fred Bruning and Bob Reynolds further spiked the Bunny offense by repeatedly intercepting passes from their center and forward slots.

First Win of Season

In annexing their first win of the season, the Hurley-coached quint showed a great improvement since their last tilt with A.L. If this trend continues, the underdog Purple cagers may yet be a factor in the race for top berths in the Intercity league.

Only one dark note marred the evening. The Benson seconds toppled the hitherto undefeated Junior Purples, 36-21.

Marksmen Prepare for Hearst National Tourney

In preparation for the Hearst National Rifery tournament, the Purple sharpshooters have been drilling hard for the past several weeks to perfect their accuracy. Although a Central squad has not won the Hearst trophy since 1939, this year's team should be a top contender, with good chances of annexing the coveted cup.

North: 52-35

Paced by the sharpshooting Subby Ruma and Bob Fairchild, the Eagles piled up a twenty point first half lead and then went on to thump North, 52-35, in an Intercity league game at Central, December 14.

Bruning's Floor Game Stellar

The Vikes opened scoring with a free throw, but Ruma immediately countered with a basket and from then on, the Purples were never headed. Midway through this game the score stood at 8-1, then 12-0 and finally ended with Central ahead 15-7.

The second quarter was pretty much of a repetition, Coach Hurley crew rolling up 17 points against the demoralized Norsemen. Ruma and Fairchild again were the big gun, racking up first half totals of 17 and 7 markers respectively. Fred Bruning's floor game was spectacular, getting more than his share of rebounds and working most effectively in the pivot slot.

Completely overcome by this first half splurge, the Northsiders were never able to recover and at the intermission, the Eagles held a convincing 32-13 lead.

Eagles Rally in Third

Coming into the third period, the Central quint slowed down its attack and from then on was content to merely match Vike scoring. What the third quarter drew to a close, the Purples maintained their lead as the score stood at 42-21.

The next stanza was the least interesting. Four of Hurley's starting five, Fairchild, Bruning, Ruma, and Bob Reynolds, had four fouls, and consequently the play slowed down. Midway through this period, Ruma fouled out, and from that point Hurley substituted freely. Every member of the team got to play. The final score of 52-35 tells the whole story; the Vikes, outclassed in every department, never made a serious bid to overcome the vastly superior Eagles.

Ruma Paces Scorers

Playing their best game of the season, Coach Hurley's squad displayed great scoring punch. Ruma headed the scorers, netting 17 points and Fairchild, besides playing an outstanding floor game, chalked up 11 markers. Bruning followed with 9 and Reynolds got 6. North's big gun were Ron Roeder with 9 points, and Penny and Leach with 7 tallies each.

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