

# CENTRAL HIGH REGISTER

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TEN CENTS

## Curtain Rises On Fall Play October 21-22

### Farrell, Bixler Cast In Leads for Comedy By Kaufman and Hart

The curtain will go up at 8:15 p.m., October 21 and 22 on another Central High Players' production, "George Washington Slept Here." This hilarious comedy by Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman co-stars Janice Farrell and Randall Bixler as Annabelle and Newton Fuller. This rollicking three-act comedy is being directed by Mrs. Amy Sutton, assisted by Mrs. Leon Marx.

The play chronicles the tribulations of a family man who craves—and gets—"a little place in the country to call his own." Everybody knows Newton Fuller, the sentimental little American who wants just a piece of land.

A record of the Fuller family, Newton and his wife Annabelle, and their daughter Madge (Joanne Braunstein), who are hypnotized into taking over one of those windowless, waterless, almost roofless houses that dot the countryside. The ensuing troubles may be summed up as a search for water; a quarrel with a neighbor, Mr. Prescott (J. Martin Graetz) who owns not only the brook but the very road that leads from the highway to the house; the attempted elopement of the daughter with a summer theater actor, Clayton Evans (Gordon Koller), and the usual invasion of week-end guests, Tom (Tom Toft), Miss Wilcox (Cynthia Zschau), Leggett Frazer (Don Kirkwood) and Sue Harrington (Karen Parsons).

### John Plays Worthless Uncle

This happy group of guests also includes a prodigal uncle (Gene Kohn), who is assumed to be rich but turns out to be just another bankrupt. It is discovered that the neighbor really doesn't own Newton's roadway. Also Newton's wife, who began by showing disgust over her husband's idleness for wanting to live in the country, decides her husband was right all along.

To this delightful concoction will add Mr. Kimber (Don Christenson) racker-barrel philosopher and caretaker of the old house, a twelve-year-old trouble-maker by the name of Raymond (Lowell Siebrass), a friendly neighbor, Mrs. Douglas (Anne Marie Hruska), who means well but is always bringing bad news, and a maid (Nora Brown), who loves one boy but marries his brother.

### Two Evening Performances

To confuse things even more, add Madge's patient boyfriend, Steve (Timon Greene), and Annie Lou Haried as the actor's wife who knows all about her husband's "way with the girls." Stir them all together and you have a fascinating comedy.

Mr. Beck and his stagecraft classes have outdone themselves on designing a superb set.

For an entertaining evening, see Central's production, "George Washington Slept Here." There will be two evening performances, Tuesday and Wednesday, October 21 and 22. A. tickets and forty cents will admit you to the Tuesday performance, eighty cents general admission.

Don't miss it! ! ! !

## Chambers Places In Talent Contest

Eddie Chambers, Central senior, captured second place August 17 in the World-Herald's Show Wagon with his drum solo, "Artistry in Tom Tom."

Entrants in the Show Wagon, an amateur talent contest for Omahans between the ages of one and twenty, were judged on the basis of talent, personality, presentation and audience reaction.

At Central, Eddie is a member of the dance band, the concert band, the orchestra and the R.O.T.C. band. Jerry Hoberman, junior, also made the finals of the contest with his rendition of Johnny Ray's "Little White Loud That Cried."

## Central Band Marches In Eisenhower Parade

Fifty-eight members of the Central High School band under the direction of Noyes Bartholomew, and Frank Tirro, student director, took part in the parade for Dwight Eisenhower, Republican candidate for president, on Thursday, September 19. The band marched through the down-town area of Omaha, and each member was rewarded for his participation by a huge "I like Ike" button.

## Teacher's Death Shocks Friends

Miss Marian Mortensen, 31, Central High's debate and speech coach since 1947, died of a blood disease on Wednesday, September 24, in a local hospital.

Funeral services were held Saturday, September 27, at 10:30 a.m. in the N. P. Swanson chapel, and burial was at the Springwell cemetery. Dr. Walter Traub of the Kountze Memorial Lutheran church officiated at the funeral, which was attended by many faculty members of Central High, students, graduates and friends.



MISS MARIAN MORTENSEN

Miss Mortensen, a graduate of Technical High school and the University of Omaha, was well known to debate teachers throughout the nation for her winning forensic teams. Her former students many times went on to gain higher honors in debate and speech work in college and university.

Miss Mortensen became seriously ill with aplastic anemia in August, and had been given blood transfusions and injections in an effort to build up her blood corpuscle count. Warren Zweiback, Central senior, was one of the blood donors.

Miss Mortensen, fondly called "Miss M" or "Mort" by her students, was known and loved by everyone at Central High. Her petite figure and sparkling smile will be missed by students and teachers alike.

### Moyer Recovers at Home

Shirley Moyer, a Central High senior, is now recovering from an acute nervous disorder. Shirley has been absent since the first week of school and has spent most of her time in both Doctors' and Lutheran hospitals. She expects to return to school sometime during the second week in October.

### 'Support Red Feather; Assist Forty Agencies'

October 13th to 17th is the time to really dig down and give. During that week Community Chest donations will be taken in your homeroom and everyone will have a chance to do his part in helping others.

Each dollar given will be split forty ways—to support the forty Red Feather agencies in their health and welfare work for the Omaha area. In spite of the increased cost of food, supplies and equipment over last year's prices, this year's budget has been raised only 6 per cent. The total amount to be raised this year is \$1,194,262. No one will know what amount you seal in our envelope, but why not make it your best?

You all pitched in and did a wonderful job last spring during the flood emergency. Remember that "The Dikes Against Despair Need Sandbags, Too" and your gift will make the difference.

## Temporary ROTC Commands Given

Master Sergeant Darrel W. Miller has announced temporary appointments of cadet officers in the Central R.O.T.C. battalion.

The staff of the battalion consists of Battalion Commander, Harrison Peddie; Battalion Executive Officer, Richard Daley; Battalion Adjutant, Ronald Grossman; Battalion Ordnance Officer, Jack Seefus; Battalion Supply Officer, Richard Fellman; and Battalion Range Officer, Robert Geer.

Officers of the individual companies are as follows: Company "A" Commander Warren Zweiback; First Platoon Leader, Ted Nittler. Company "B" Commander David Haggart; First Platoon Leader Charles Fike; Second Platoon Leader Douglas Little. Company "C" Commander, Bennett Alberts; First Platoon Leader, Joseph Lincoln, Second Platoon Leader, John Bryans. Commanding Company "D" is John Willmarth; First Platoon Leader is Avrum Greenberg, and Second Platoon Leader is Frank Kessler. Company "E" Commander is George Spence, First Platoon Leader is John Kelley, and Second Platoon Leader is Fred Walters. Robert Holsten is the commander of Company "F," Stephen Payne is First Platoon Leader, and Stephen Davis is Second Platoon Leader.

Commanding Company Band is Frank Tirro, the First Platoon Leader is Arnold Epstein, and the Second Platoon Leader is Ted Cajacob. Charles Thomas is the commander of the Junior Band Company.

All of the temporary officers have been named Cadet Acting Second Lieutenants and will keep that rank until the next temporary promotion list is made up.

Under the instruction of Master Sergeant Darrel W. Miller and Master Sergeant Harvey M. Hansen, the Central High R.O.T.C. Battalion is composed of 450 cadets this semester. Training in marching, manual of the rifle, and commands has already been started. Since there are only two regular Army instructors this year, the senior cadets have taken over the greater part of instructing the cadets in their various companies.

## Beck's Stage Crew Finishing Scenery

"Work, work, and more work. That's the only formula which will finish our job. We've got to complete the lighting, finish painting the scenery, and build more props," emphasized Robert Beck.

Mr. Beck, head director of the stage-crew, is deep in the huge task of finishing the fall play scenery before the deadline about three weeks away.

"Our first step was to design one sets. Mrs. Sutton and I started this project in the middle of the summer. The second day after school began, the stage crew started to change the plans into reality," he related.

The students do most of the actual building. Mr. Beck advises them on the technique of putting the materials together. Also, since a large part of any play depends upon lighting effects, the boys fit the electrical connections and study the different ways of combining lights to fit the different moods of the play.

Mr. Beck went on to say that a stage crew boy needs team-work, understanding, and a desire to carry out his intent. Boys who are working with Mr. Beck are seniors and juniors, with a few sophomores. They have remained after school almost every night and have come to work on the sets on Saturdays.

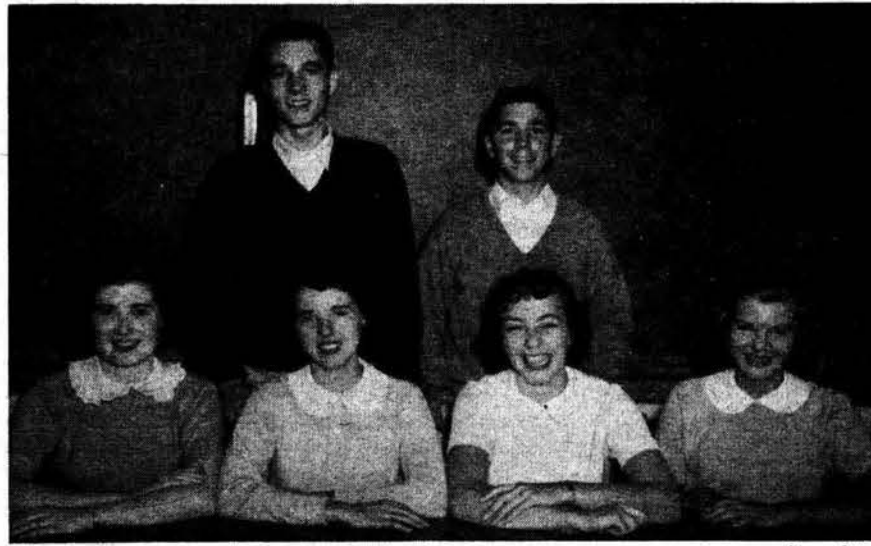
Boys taking stage crew work include Arian Maguire, Franklin M. Berg, Merlyn Cronk, Anthony Thraen, Art Hruska, Gerald Brewer, Harold Brewer, and Robert Scott.

### Auditorium Seating Plan To Follow Same Pattern

The auditorium seating plan for assemblies this year will follow the same pattern as last year's with the exception that each homeroom will be assigned half the number of seats of six rows. Previously three full rows were assigned. Seniors will occupy the middle section, juniors and sophomores the right and left sections respectively, and the freshmen will be seated in the balcony.

# Curtis Elected Council Prexy After Three Years of Service

## Student Council Officers



Bottom row: Kaywin Tomes, Annie Lou Haried, Patsy Gordon, Kay Jorgensen  
Top row: Al Curtis, Speedy Zweiback

### Haried, Gordon, Tomes Gain Office; Zweiback, Jorgensen Also Elected

Al Curtis, after three active years, was elected president of the 1952-53 Student Council at a meeting September 24 by the fourteen Council members.

Other officers are Annie Lou Haried, vice president; Patsy Gordon, secretary, and Kaywin Tomes, treasurer. The new sergeants-at-arms are Kay Jorgensen and Eugene Zweiback.

Al, last week's "Profile," is a well-known fellow in many departments here at school. He is a one-year member of Junior Honor society, make-up editor for the Register and a Hussar. At Boys' State last summer, he was elected to serve as treasurer, and was voted treasurer in last year's County Elections as well.

### Al to Assist Mr. Nelson

As president, Al will be unofficial head of all committees. He will work with Mr. Nelson and the faculty in any Council matters. Vice President Haried will assist Al and preside over homeroom representative meetings. Annie Lou, with three years in Junior Honor society, is also a member of Senior choir.

As secretary, Patsy Gordon will take care of minutes at homeroom representative meetings, write up any important activities of the Council and take care of correspondence. Patsy is a member of Senior choir and a two-year Council member.

Kaywin Tomes has a big job as treasurer. This office entails handling money for the Opera, school dances, All Girls' party and Road Show. Kaywin, a member of Senior choir, is a two-year Council member.

The two sergeants-at-arms, Kay and Eugene, will aid at homeroom representative meetings. Both are in Junior Honor society. Other Council members are Jerry Bartley, Terry Moshier, Judy Lundt, Park Ames, Fred Nelson, Jerry Ziegman, Jerry Marer and Sandy Garey.

### Mrs. Jensen, Mr. Knapple Advise

Mrs. Irene Jensen, director of activities, and F. Y. Knapple, dean of boys, are sponsors of the group.

A few of the many activities the Council will participate in this semester will be school Community Chest drive, tuberculosis tests and Junior Girls' and Boys' County Elections. They will also sell Opera tickets and represent Central on the City-wide public high school council.

Each Monday the group will meet with Mr. Nelson to discuss problems and suggestions that students give to Council members. In this way our school will have a more democratic administration.

## Register Receives Journalism Award

For the twentieth consecutive year, the Central High Register has won a superior rating as a newspaper from the Quill and Scroll international honorary society for high school journalists, which is affiliated with the Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern University.

The judges' decisions are based on six different issues of the Register. The three best fall and three best spring copies are sent to the Quill and Scroll Critical Service.

The four things taken into consideration by the judges are the newspaper as a medium to inform readers; the newspaper as a leadership medium; the newspaper as a feature medium; and the newspaper as a business medium. Out of a possible score of 1000 points covering these four topics, the Register gained 910.

According to the Quill and Scroll Critical Service, the staff also merits the Gallup Award.

Last year's editors were Don Erickson, managing editor; Joyce Jensen, editor-in-chief; Janet Page, news editor; Lawrence Chapman, make-up editor; co-sports editors, John Jones and Norman Veitler; Shirley Gimle, business manager; Janice Carman and Suzanne Sorensen, advertising managers.

## Out Of Towners Fire Prevention Week to Be Observed During Oct. 5-11

The enrollment of new students at Central this year includes pupils from many faraway places as well as those who have transferred from high schools right here in Omaha.

New seniors are Phil Mehan, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Don Anderson, Grand Island, Nebraska; Lawrence Caner, Mounds, Illinois; Delbert Linthicum, Blair, Nebraska; Wayne Simpson, Blair, Nebraska; Evelyn Rhodes, Miami, Florida; Mary McDonough, Ogden, Iowa; Waunetta Zimmerman, Falls City, Nebraska; Carol Ann White, Kingsville, Texas; and Jerce Myers, Ainsworth, Nebraska.

Some of the new juniors are John K. Reighter, Bellevue, Nebraska; Bob Emery, Kansas City, Missouri; Bill Malloy, Eldora, Iowa; Ronald Jensen, Washington, D. C.; Ronald Harr, U City, Missouri; Jean Forbes, Mahtamedi, Minnesota; Douglas Krause, Minneapolis, Minnesota; Frank Loos, Jr., Washington, Mississippi; Jim Klehn, Millard, Nebraska; Dorothy Lane, Watertown, South Dakota; Karen Meyer, Grand Island, Nebraska; and Hubert Miller from Lintz, Austria.

Juniors who have transferred from other Omaha high schools are O'Dell Manuel, Tech; Frank Gutter, Holy Name; Ora Fultz, Tech; and Elly Peter, St. Mary's, while some of the sophomores are Jerry Brown, Tech; Lee Smith, Cathedral; John Pullum, Jr., Tech; Karl Watson, Tech; and Marshall Gregory, Tech.

Other sophomores are Elvin Green, Atchison, Kansas; Albert Eggen, Corning, Iowa; James Sawyer, Chicago, Illinois; Pat Cody, Minneapolis, Minnesota; Georgiana Stober, Seattle, Washington; Barbara Lane, Watertown, South Dakota; Marva June Jones, Cushing, Oklahoma; Ilena Thompson, Albany, Missouri; Mary Francis Hall, Greenville, Mississippi; and Myrna Sandvall, Temple, Texas.

### Eighteen Home Rooms Report 100% S. A. Sale

The S. A. ticket drive is on the way to completion. As of last week, nearly 1,400 students had purchased S. A. tickets.

Everyone in the following home rooms has bought tickets: 240—Mrs. Kern; 225—Mrs. Stewart; Stage—Mr. Beck; 29—Sgt. Miller; 24D—Mr. Eggen; 232—Miss Frisbie; 237—Miss Pratt; 111—Mr. Nelsen and Mr. Knapple; 328—Miss Phillips.

Other 100 per cent home rooms include 117—Mr. Franklin; 337—Mr. Peterson; 129—Mrs. Dana; 220—Miss Weymuller; 121—Miss Treat; 332—Mr. Karabatos; 335—Miss Bozell; 138—Mr. Smagacz.

HOLDERS of the tickets will receive a \$17.95 value for the low price of \$4. They are entitled not only to attend all school sports events, activities assemblies, the Opera, the Road Show, and the Fall Play, but also to receive the Register and reduced rates on the O-Book.

## Fire Prevention Week to Be Observed During Oct. 5-11

October 5 to 11 inclusive has been officially designated as Fire Prevention Week for 1952. Last year 27 per cent of the fires reported were due to careless use of matches and smoking. The tragedy of the situation is that these fires and the resulting losses in lives and property could have been avoided. Fire Prevention Week is primarily an effort to bring the public attention to the great task of stopping fires before they start. So do your part to help make our surroundings safe from the menace of carelessness with fire.

## Counselors' Help Guides Students

"If you need help, come in and see me."

This invitation could well be over the doorway of each of the eight class counselors: Miss Ruth Pilling and Duane Perry, freshman; Mrs. Helen McConnell and Harold Eggen, sophomore; Miss Josephine Frisbie and Andrew Nelson, junior; Mrs. Irene Jensen and F. Y. Knapple, senior.

During the past sixteen years, each entering class has been assigned two teachers who serve as boys' and girls' counselors for the next four years. In this way, each student has some one person to go to if he needs guidance.

"In a school of this size no one person can know everything about everybody," explains Miss Frisbie, "but a counselor gets to know his charges well enough to give advice if it is needed."

Some students' problems might be caused by shyness, misunderstandings, or an unhappy home life. According to Mr. Knapple, if all misunderstandings could be eliminated there would be little unhappiness.

Though there are many boys and girls who make their counselors happy there are also those who make them discouraged.

"My greatest satisfaction is seeing boys realize their ambitions and get the honors they deserve, and the most disappointing is to see boys with high promise throw their chances away by lack of effort and cooperation," said Mr. Perry.

"My greatest pleasure is seeing boys I have worked with in high school become successful in college and business," declares Mr. Nelsen.

### Central Shows Gain In Enrollment for '52

There are 1,538 students enrolled in Central High this year, as compared to last year's total of 1,527. Both the freshman class, with 448 students, and the sophomores, with 389, have increased their membership over last year's classes.

However, the juniors lost 11 students over the summer, giving them an enrollment of 360, while the loss of 21 students by the senior class drops their total to 341.



# Fire Prevention Week Near; History Shows Great Hazard

Fire produces flame, heat and light, and serves as a useful servant to mankind. Knowledge of how to make and use fire was man's first step on the road to civilization. From the moment the use of fire was learned, we have begun to progress toward a higher form of living.

Yet today, fires cost the United States \$1,112,000,000 every year, including the value of the property destroyed, which ran into the seven hundred millions in 1951. Eleven thousand persons lost their lives in fires last year, an all time high.

Yes, fire is necessary in maintaining a nation, but not to the extent where complete cities are razed, and the national forest supply in endangered. Nearly 144,000 forest fires occur each year; the greatest catastrophes in the history of the world have been caused by this peril. Nero's great Rome resembled a furnace for eight days in 64 A.D.; the London fire raged for three days in 1666 causing \$50,000,000 worth of property damage; Moscow, Paris, Copenhagen, Constantinople, Canton, Yokohama, and San Francisco in turn blazed for days at a time, causing untold loss in lives and property.

But perhaps the most tragic of American fires was one which grew out of a perfectly harmless domestic chore. The Chicago fire of 1871 is said to have been caused by Mrs. O'Leary's cow kicking over a lantern. Regardless of whether this tale is true, the fire raged for three days, entirely destroying an area of 3 square miles in the center of the city. Only 100,000 people were deprived of their property, however, 250 of the city's population never lived to see their homes again.

Out of this incident grew Fire Prevention Week. The week of October 5 to 11 commemorates the 81st anniversary of the Chicago fire, but still fire losses in our country continue to mount. The Texas City oil disaster in '47 was the most recent display of the danger of fire.

Insurance companies claim that 95 per cent of all fires could be prevented if the necessary precautions were taken. Preventive measures include the educating of the public, the fireproofing of buildings, a special study of the causes of fire, the establishment of fire bureaus, and the inspection of buildings to see that fire laws are not violated.

But foremost among these rules is this; the importance of fire prevention which should be stressed to the high-school children each year. Lectures to the schools in the state of Washington alone have cut down the fire losses one-fifth.

It is very necessary that we, as the future builders of the nation, take every precaution in our youth, so that we will have the timber with which to build, and the cities and homes in which to dwell. OBSERVE FIRE PREVENTION WEEK, OCT. 5-11

# Board of Education Generous In Improving School Grounds

To the Omaha Board of Education we say, "Thanks" — Thanks for not only providing for the academic part of our schools, but also for seeing that our building gets the improvements that it needs.

Each summer while students are in the midst of their vacations, there are people working in our school painting, putting in modern equipment and doing all the other things that make school a cheerful place where people will want to learn.

It is generally known that pupils appreciate their school more when it is kept looking nice, and the Board of Education has certainly done much for Central in this respect. Last year, our building's interior was painted in pastel shades, the lunch-rooms were modernized and the science department was completely rejuvenated. This year all the exterior windows and doors were painted and new steel bottoms were put in the coal storage bins.

The board of Education is to be praised for granting us these improvements for our school and for realizing that new desks are just as important to us as new books.

# Music

Hi ya' kiddies—

This week at the record shops has been a busy one with lots of new platters coming in from all sides. Some of the best of the crop are Ella Mae Morse's "Male Call," Kay Starr's newest sensation, "Kay's Lament" coupled with "Fool, Fool, Fool." One worth adding to your collection is the new Donald O'Conner, Barbara Ruick release, "No Two People." The Bell Sisters have a new song out which is destined to become a hit. When you have time give a listen to their "There is a Ship Coming In." By all means, latch onto nearly anything by that terrific new band, Sauter-Finnegan. Those two have done amazing things with their new sound effects on percussion instruments, and your best bet is the already popular "Doodletown Fifers." Also worth your money are "Rain" and "Sit Down! Relax! Listen!"

And now for you Voices of Walter Schumann fans, be sure to give a listen to their just released album, "Romance in the Air." Under Schumann's gifted direction, the well known songs of the score are blended superbly, making this album tops. Another album worth lending an ear to is Nat King Cole's latest, "Penthouse Serenade." Cole's "Somewhere Along the Way" is still riding high and is nearly everyone's favorite.

Les Paul's new waxing, "Meet Mr. Callahan," gets the nod as the top disc of the week. Listeners will recognize Paul's smooth style on the flip "Take Me In Your Arms and Hold Me" which is buttered up by Mille. Mary Ford. Lanza's latest, "The Song the Angels Sing" is a soft and appealing number that he delivers with a full quota of charm.

See ya at the record shops!

# Sufferers!! Take Heed from This! Free Diagnosis by Eminent Doc

If your head is whirling and you just can't think—  
If your heart is aching, and you can't sleep a wink.  
If you wake up late and still are weary,  
Your mirror shows your eyes are teary;  
The world is spinning, and you're limp as a glove.

# Glorious Staff Completed; New Editor Very Capable

This last week the journalism staff was graced with the addition of a new make out editor, Zeke Zilch. Zeke has just come to Central after spending two years studying and preparing at Westnorthern State Teachers' Normal College, where he majored in lunch and study-hall.

Zeke immediately became popular at Central and has been voted "most unlikely" by his fellow classmates. He also added to his honors by being nominated for Mr. Central MCCCCCLLLLLLLLLLXI.

Zeke showed his brilliance at WNSTNC where he wrote a thesis on "The Needlessness of Office Ninth Hours in a High School Program." The main ideas of this work were integrated into the Central Program by the far-sighted school board.

Mr. Zilch's hobby is quite unusual. Who would ever expect to see his next door neighbor raising tarantula spiders. "I just love to touch the cute little fellows," explains Zeke. Last year, at the National Spider Show, one of Zeke's little pets, Lord Wednesday McTavish, won the first prize in the smoothest coat section.

Second to spiders, Zeke's best love is dating. He prefers a tall girl, about six-six, who has a lot of personality, (just so she lets Zeke talk). All the kids have seen Zeke with his current steady Edna, roaring down Dodge in his Mercedes Four trying to get to the dance in time.

Zeke's early life also was marked by great success. He was the first boy in his sprout troop to be elected a beagle. Zeke also amazed the world by setting Yellowstone Park on fire with just one match.

# Yet to be Seen

There's been talk of seniors, sophomores, and such, But there is one subject that has barely been touched. And dear little "freshies"—it is you that we mean, So the results of a survey are here to be seen!!

### Frosh Gals

- Cutest ..... Phyllis Yoes
- Sweetest ..... Helen Hockabout
- Peppiest ..... Margaret Bottom
- Most personality ..... Barbara Hyland
- Most sophisticated ..... Rocky Cohn
- Best All Around ..... Nancy Newcomer

### Frosh Guys

- Cutest ..... Bill Dant
- Best looking ..... "Moon" Mullens
- Most personality ..... Dick Kelley
- Biggest he-man ..... Monte Mead
- Biggest bluffer ..... Larry Hagan
- Best All Around ..... Jerry Gray

# Sure Cure for Small Vocab; Takes Place of Double-Talk

- College Crime: Panty larceny
- Juvenile Cowboy: HOPPYchrondriac
- Laziness: Lassitude and loungitude
- Toupee: Top secret
- Hillbilly guitar: Yokelele
- Wife: Nix master
- Wolf: Big dame hunter
- Tact: Lying about others as you would have them lie about you
- Miracle drug: Fancy name for castor oil
- Executive: Man who wears out several suits to every pair of shoes
- Permanent Wave: Navy career girl
- Dress Designing: Living off the fad of the land
- Coronation Robe: Reign coat
- Comic Strip: Clumsy fan dancer
- Adolescent: Minor with major problems
- Dan Cupid: Character with a beau and error
- Tomorrow: Day devoted to mowing lawns, washing cars and doing homework

# Crime Doesn't Play!

Two men stood facing each other at opposite ends of a long, bleak corridor. The first, huddled in a large, bulky overcoat with a somber black fedora pulled menacingly down over his eyes, slowly, threateningly advanced toward the other. The second man, who was garbed in workmen's clothing, tightened his grip on an unknown object hidden within a hip pocket and with halting steps moved forward.

From deep within the confines of his tweedy coat, the first snarled in that gruff voice common to the underworld set, "Ya goin' 'a play my game?"

The second, continuing toward his opponent, sneered, "Naw, but you're goin' 'a play my game!"

With each step the men shortened the distance between them nearing the center of the hallway.

"I said, 'ya goin' 'a play my game?'"

"I keep tellin' 'ya, 'no! You're goin' 'a play my game!'"

"Naw, you're goin' 'a play my game."

"Yeah, well, I say you're goin' 'a play my game!"

The two men were now crouched within two feet of each other. Both held their hands tightly in their pockets. Hatred and defiance blazed in their eyes.

The first, overpowering his foe, yelled, "Aw right, buddy. I'm askin' 'ya for the last time, 'ya goin' 'a play my game?"

"What is your silly game?"

Whereupon the other leaned closer and reached out a long arm and said, "Tag, you're it!"

## Central Profile

# Stars on the Horizon

### Randall Bixler

The house lights dim; the orchestra pounds out the strains of the overture; the curtain goes up. The stage setting is that of the blessed stable in Bethlehem. Enter the three wise men and the shepherds ... but, wait a minute! What's this?!



— Photo by Matsuo  
RANDALL BIXLER

Christmas play, to that of Newton Fuller in this year's fall production, "George Washington Slept Here" is quite a jump! But Randall, or "Bix," as he is more commonly known, has taken it all with the greatest of ease.

This aspiring stage Romeo left his home town of Shenandoah, Iowa, to come to Omaha at the age of nine. His talents lay hidden at Beals school until his big chance arrived in eighth grade. While the critics didn't acclaim this belated performance, Randall was convinced that the stage was the life for him, and consequently made his debut on the Central High stage as a junior. In "Our Miss Brooks" he gave a very convincing performance as a boy who suffered from indigestion. In fact he was so outstanding, that Bix was consequently awarded the leading role of a dauntless middle-aged man in "George Washington Slept Here" who has a peculiar affinity for the country.

Randall shows his interest in the theater in other ways also. He is a faithful member of Central High Players, and last year added to his stage laurels by being elected to the presidency of Central High Players. Bix also holds an office in the French club, and is a member of Hi-Y.

When talking about himself, our hero is rather an immodest chap, but upon questioning, his friends all agree that Randall "Bix" Bixler is one swell guy, besides being a good actor!

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## Central Profile

### Janice Farrell

Reciting a poem in a Sunday school program was Janice Farrell's introduction to the theater, but she has progressed a long way since then. From "Trees" to the part of Annabelle Fuller in the fall play "George Washington Slept Here" was a hard trip, but she made it.



— Photo by Matsuo  
JANICE FARRELL

"Grace," as this peppy Centralite is frequently called, thrives on travel. She's been to Canada, and last spring Grace Momma, and Poppa visited the West Indies and the tip of South America. Okoboji to her way of thinking, runs a close second to the exotic islands.

This summer, Jan and the "girls" spent nine days roughing it at the Lake. It was really rough on seven digestive tracts, as Grace took over as chef. Her specialties were pancakes and bullet biscuits which sent her friends running for the bicarbonate box. The second day out, the funds began to dwindle, and the ingenious Farrell mind started to function. Jan kept everyone in bed until 2:30 in the afternoon so that they would have to eat only two meals a day.

Relaxation comes easy for this auburn-haired lass who says, "Sleep—my favorite pastime. I can fall asleep anywhere—just so I have at least four soft pillows that have been pre-chilled in the icebox."

Besides a mad craving for french fried onions, steaks swimming at OCC, crew cuts and bow ties, Jan likes to abscond with the family car and take fast trips to Tiner's.

In the male department, she prefers the variety that can Charleston, drive a Rolls-Royce convertible, excel in athletics, and smoke a pipe. Any of these requirements may be omitted, provided the man in question is sweet and considerate. All those who qualify run—do not walk—to 149 immediately. If you're dressed in levis and a white shirt, you'll probably receive immediate consideration, as Jan loves to see fellas dressed in very casual attire.

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# Club News

## Science Fiction Club

J. Martin Graetz was elected president of the Central High School Science Fiction Club at the balloting held last June. The other new officers are Margery Radek, vice-president; Jerry Watkins, secretary; Jerry Turner, treasurer; and Susie Rusk, sergeant-at-arms.

At the first meeting, held September 23, a committee was chosen to set up a new constitution. Those on the committee include David Dwosin, chairman; Marcia Roberts, Margery Radek, Jerry Ferer, and J. Martin Graetz.

Something new which has been added to the club this year is the Science Fiction Exchange. This library will be at the disposal of the members of the club. Books and magazines will be contributed to the library by members, who will be allowed to check out the material. Librarians are Jerry Ferer and David Tepperman. Miss Feymuller, sponsor of the club, will advise the boys on the technical aspects of the Exchange.

## Colleens

The first business meeting of the Central Colleens will be held on the second Thursday of October, with resident JoAnn White presiding.

Heading the committees for this year are Janice Farrell and Betty Branch, Tea; Darlene Campbell and Toni Wells, Adopt-a-Family; Betty Ostford and Camille Wells, Doll; Kay Carter and Mary Curtis, Tag; Mary Lou Hiebenthal and Jane Fellows, Hospital.

Others are Lois Shapiro and Elaine Ehrenreich, Service; Mary Ann Naggs and Colleen Mick, Scrapbook; Barbara Bialac and Nora Brown, Publicity; Jeanne Hannibal and Cris Mastos, Christmas Tree; Shirley Marshall and Mae Warren, Favors.

## Latin Club

The Latin Club of Central High School held its first meeting of the school year Thursday, September 18, to elect this year's officers and plan various activities.

Ray Kelly was elected to preside over the club meetings this year, while the three vice-presidents are Jeanne Loomis, Nora Brown, and Camille Wells. Other officers elected are Sally Smith, secretary; Stan Davy, treasurer; and Eugene Zweiback and Lineve McKie, sergeants-at-arms.

The Latin Club plans many new and original programs for the year. All students who have completed a year or more of Latin are invited to join.

## Y-Teens

Last week Y-Teen president, Delores Caster announced the 1952-53 Y-Teen committee chairmen and committee members.

The committee heads are Kay Talty and Jody Glissman, program; Marcia Roberts and Chandra Danielson, membership; Kay Jorgenson and Marlene Martison, service; Marlene Taylor and Donna Harris, social; Jackie Witt and Cathy Hubenka, poster; Elaine Jensen and Georgia Pakieser, project; Tani Kvaal and Carol McBride, publicity; Anne Marie Hruska and Barbara Scott, financial; and Gratia Monroe, point system.

## German Club

W. Edward Clark, Central German instructor, has announced that the first meeting of the new German club will be held October 7. Only students who are now taking German or who have taken the language before and those who have been to Germany are eligible to join.

## Chess Club

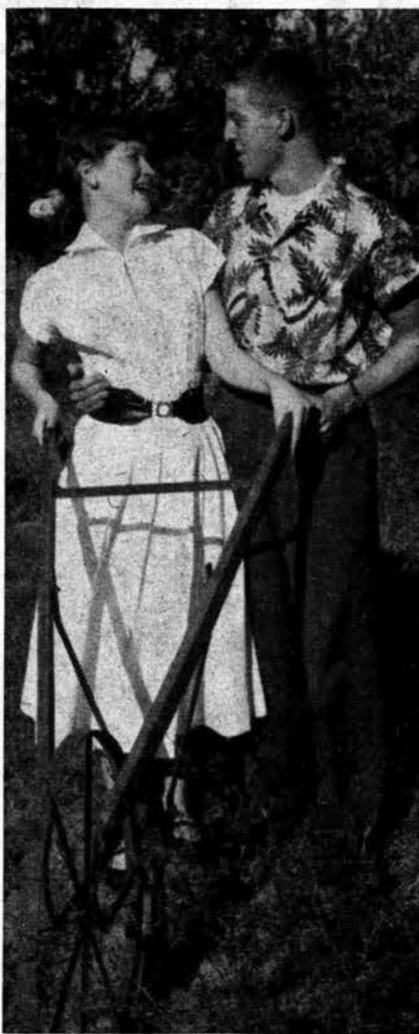
Moans of pain and shouts of joy again echo down the hall from Room 328. To you newcomers, it isn't one of Central's famed torture chambers; it's just some of the members of the Chess Club passing the time with their favorite occupation, playing chess.

Since 1938, Central has been the scene of many organized Chess matches. This year the members hope to achieve the goal of being Omaha's strongest high school chess club. Much of the load will rest on the shoulders of the club's newly elected officers. Mike Bleicher, president of two years ago, has again taken the helm, while Jerry Turner, last year's prexy, takes the position of vice-president. Other officers are Ernie Kaiman, secretary; Max Bear, treasurer; Dave Schenken, sergeant-at-arms; and Charlie Pike, tournament director.

## Jr. Red Cross Council

The first meeting of the Junior Red Cross Council was held Monday, September 15. New members are Raymond Kirke, Eugene Kohn and Bob Schrock, who were officers in the grade school intercity council last year. The Red Cross will make favors again this year for the polio ward at Douglas County hospital.

## Romantic Leads



— Photo by Ronnie Grossman  
**CRUCIAL MOMENT**—Joanne Braunstein and Timon Greene.

## Chance Unites Pen Pals Junior Sees Letter Writer

A girl from Central has been united with a girl from India as the culmination of four years of correspondence. In 1948 Audrey Samms '54 spotted Marie Pereira's name in a comic book under a global list of mail-hungry readers.

Marie, whose lifelong ambition was to come to Omaha, finally arrived two weeks ago. She is taking a course in pharmacy at Creighton University. She hopes that Audrey will be able to accompany her when she returns to India.

## Individual Homerooms Elect Representatives

This year's homeroom representatives have stepped into their duties in full stride. During the semester the representatives will not only convey news to their individual homerooms, but they will also help with special jobs such as the Red Cross and Community Chest drives.

Representatives for the senior class are as follows: Room 038, Sylvia Conover, Dick Lundgren; Room 121, Chris Mastos, Glen Rhoades; Room 130, Janice Augustson, Jerry Davis; Room 212, Lois Shapiro, Jim Gabrielson; Room 218, Ruth Slavin, Ned Sackett; Room 312, Susan Rusk, Janice Farrell; Room 318, Doris Raduziner, Eleanor Engle; Room 320, Betty Branch, Nancy Mitchell; Room 328, Warren Zweiback, Byron Jessup; Room 340, Barbara Foot, Ed Gustafson.

The Junior representatives are: Room 128, Everett Richardson, Russell Skavari; Room 137, Shirley Palladino, Jerry Hoberman; Room 138, Don McIntyre, Bruce Miller; Room 140, Jean Wilhelm, Larry Epstein; Room 229, Carole Kratyk, Ramon Somberg; Room 237, Sam Marvin, Bob Lincoln; Room 315, Carol Hammons, John Jordan; Room 330, Lawrence Thomas, Joe Vaccaro; Room 333, Carol Paton, Bob Kessler; Room 338, Suzanne Richards, Harlan Nodde; Room 342, Nancy Farber, Ronnie Nemer.

The Sophomore members are: Room 011, Mary Strater, Dorothy Larimer; Room 049, Connie Rhoades, Allen Abramson; Room 129, Bob Goldstein, Gifford Tomkins; Room 131, Lineve McKie, Cynthia Zschau; Room 145, Nancy Gassaway, Roger Robinson; Room 249, Paula Dickson, Phil Shrager; Room 329, Jack Baker, Ejner Jensen; Room 332, Jo Ann Carlson, Dean Jones; Room 335, Michael Saltzman, Nancy Reed; Room 347, Julie Martin, Charles Leane; Room 348, Peggy Kuntzelman, Prudy Morrow.

## Choir Heads Chosen; Central Alums Return To Witness Ceremony

The a cappella choir was honored Friday, September 19, by the appearance of two former members, Robert Stryker and Ted Mallory, who came to participate in the creed-card ceremony. Bob, a lieutenant-colonel in Air-ROTC at University of Omaha, gave a short talk entitled "What Choir Spirit Means to Me."

Ted sang several numbers, including "My Heart Is a Lonely Violin" and "When I Have Sung My Songs." New members received their creed cards from Mrs. Swanson and participated in the singing of "Salvation," the Senior choir's traditional song.

Taking over this year's duties as choir president is Dick Daley '53. He will be assisted by Ozzie Katz, Pat Vogel and Lois Shapiro as librarian, music check-out and secretary, respectively.

Representing the Freshman class are: Room 048, Jim Shapiro, Margaret Bottom; Room 119, Babbette Clause, John Hansen; Room 120, Miyeko Watanabe, Sally Scott; Room 149, Raymond Kirke, Jennie Vacanti; Room 211, Owen Duffey, Bonnie Haken; Room 228, Sarah Van Ryckeghem, Marvin Abramson; Room 238, Dorothy Campbell, Jim Hannibal; Room 240, Joyce Canall, Bruce Donaldson; Room 313, Helen Vann, Stanley Kaiman; Room 336, Susan Lipp, James Keiser; Room 337, Edith Shroeder, Wally Bryans; Room 425, Ruth Counsell, Nathaniel Goldston; Gym, Dick Kelley, Wesley Hildreth.

Special homerooms are: Room 029, Dave Haggart, Dick Frank; Room 220, John Marcell, Tom Thomas; Room 225, Suzanne Festersen, Judy Lewis.

## Bolas Enjoys Trip And Plunge in Mid-Atlantic

Swimming in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean may sound a bit hazardous, but this was just one of the things Virginia Bolas '54 did on a trip to England and Scotland this summer. The Britannia, on which she returned, had a swimming pool, and upon reaching the exact center of the ocean Virginia took a dip.

Since Virginia's father came from England, the Bolases spent a lot of time visiting relatives as well as sightseeing.

"I've never seen so many churches, graves or relatives in my life," she remarked.

Virginia liked England, but the famous tea almost got her down.

"They wake you up with tea, give you tea at 10, tea for lunch, tea at 3, tea at 5:30, tea for dinner at 9, and they put you to bed with a cup of tea," she shuddered. "The tea is delicious, but the pastry they serve with it is terrible."

Dates in England require energy, for they usually consist of a walk or a swim in the canal. Movies are too expensive for the average person, "Which is one reason I like America better," Virginia laughed.

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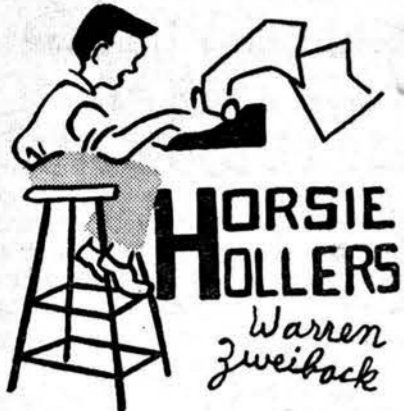
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Soos Tonight

Central's lack of a gridiron victory to date is bringing on more than mental discomfort to the football squad.

That verbal pact was made about September 10th, and it's now October 3rd. Three games have gone by the boards, and the peach fuzz is beginning to turn to Abe Lincoln type beards.

It's rumored that to keep in step with the whiskered men, the baby skinned boys like Dick Lundgren, Jerry Bartley, and Bill Moores are resorting to the burnt cork method of growing a stubble.

As much as I hate to do it, I'll have to go on record as predicting that the pummellers won't be able to reach for their soap and razors tonight after the Sioux City battle.

Actually though, exactly what the Sioux Citizens have this year is a mystery. Because of the early fall polio epidemic up in Northern Iowa, the Tall-corn State boys didn't start football practice until a few weeks ago, and tonight is their first official game.

The fact that the Hawkeys have had limited practice, and no game competition at all this year leaves plenty of hope for the Eagles.

Whatever happens, your sports staff and a fair size aggregation from the Hilltop will be on hand up in Sioux City tonight to try and cheer the boys to their first win this fall.

Possible Chance

Even though Leon Chambers' thrill-packed 98 yard run last week was called back because of technicalities, it is still the general topic of conversation in the halls.

Leon might, with good blocking, break loose a couple of times tonight and lead the Purples to an upset victory in Iowa. The sports staff is hoping and we all have our fingers crossed.

South Next

Next Friday night the gridgers are going against Cornie Collin's South High Packers.

Try as we may, the upperclassmen can't forget last year's 20 to 7 loss at the hands of Emil Radik and company in Municipal Stadium.

If the Eagles don't get to shove this evening's game in Sioux City, I'm predicting they'll end their win drought in Municipal Stadium next Friday.

Madgett, Lang, Hoffman, Berg Top Manager Staff

It's one hour after practice is over. The showers are silent and so is the locker room. Four figures are intent upon their work.

This year Central is very fortunate in having four good-natured, energetic, willing young managers in Frank Berg, Robb Madgett, Larry Lang and Dan Hoffman.

Seconds Best North, Benson in Season's First Two Contests

The Central reserves, behind the left arm of Norman Hudgins and the fleet footed running of Gene Williams, rolled to two victories in their initial starts in reserve inter-city play.

In their first start the seconds eked out a 6-0 victory over the Benson Bunnies. The hilltop touchdown came as a result of a 40-yard pass from quarterback Norman Hudgins to end Fletcher Bryant.

Seconds Sneak by Vikes

In the reserves second game this season, they won a close seesaw battle from North, 7-6. The little Viking eleven drew first blood as they scored on a sustained drive, after having intercepted a Central pass on the Eagle forty yard line.

The important Norseman try for the extra point was wide and to the left of the goal posts, and the North Omahans led 6-0.

Warner Shines

The Eagles came back strong in the second quarter on a drive from their own forty. Gene Williams scampered the last 20 yards to pay dirt with the help of some beautiful strategic blocks by Norm Hudgins and Joe Warner.

Seconds after the downtowners touchdown, Warner plunged for the extra point which was to decide this hard fought contest.

The reserves' next game October 9th, is with Abraham Lincoln at the Council Bluffs Field. Game time next Thursday is 4 P.M.

Rough T.J. Hands Baby Eagles Loss

Coach Bob Harris's freshmen eleven ran into a stone wall last Friday as Thomas Jefferson handed the baby Eagles a crushing 7-0 defeat.

Except for the TD drive, the midget Eagles, were able to hold T.J. to small yardage throughout the remainder of the game.

Ground Attack Impressive

Offensively, the Eagles showed that they potentially have a threatening squad. The backfield, made up of Wally Bryans, Jerry Gray, Dick Kelley and Bill Roark, displayed exceptional speed and shiftiness, and with the aid of a few downfield blocks by the line the final score might have been different.

The Gray-Kelly pass combination clicked twice for a total of 65 yards and a near touchdown. Fullback Gray attempted 15 passes but only completed four for a total of 80 yards and three first downs.

The Purple hopes for victory were dimmed on the fourth play of the game as Monte Mead, husky Central center, fell victim to one of T.J.'s twelve roughing penalties.

Rocca Leads Line

The sparkplug of the Eagle defense was Sandy Rocca, a rugged 175 pound linebacker, who knifed through the T.J. line time and time again to snag key tackles.

Powerful Sioux City Sports Fifteen Returning Lettermen

Even with the loss of three All-Staters, Sioux City Central figures to be a threat to all comers.

The Iowans are sporting 15 returning lettermen and a team average of 174 pounds (Omaha Central's nears 150). Coach McLarnan's boys have lost three weeks practice due to a polio threat, but it had no effect on the number turning out.

Table with 2 columns: Date and Game Location. Includes games for September and October.

Intercity League Standings table with columns for Team, W., L., and T.

Prep Defeats Smagaczmen

A stubborn Eagle eleven startled a confident Creighton Prep crew last Friday night before the Junior Jays rallied in the second half for a 20-0 win at Creighton Stadium.

It was the third time in as many weeks that Central had been held scoreless. Central nearly chalked up their first touchdown of the current season as Leon Chambers, speedy fullback, dashed 98 yards to paydirt only to be called back on an off-side penalty.

Again in the third quarter, the Eagles narrowly missed scoring as End Ken Korinek dropped an end-zone pass from Chambers.

Eagles Muff TD Opportunity

Central's third chance to hit the scoring column came early in the fourth quarter when the Eagles rolled to the Prep eight-yard line, but Purple hopes were cut short as Chamber's pass was intercepted on the thirteen-yard line.

It was the Junior Jay's "secret weapon," Jerry Spetham, whose strong passing arm led Prep to victory. He completed nine of seventeen passes for a total of 110 yards and two touchdowns.

A surprisingly strong Central forward wall, headed by Rod Wead, Bill Moores, Rich Gross, and Robin Nordell, held the shifty Jay backs to five first-downs the first half.

The Eagle line weakened in the second half, however, as evidenced by the number of tackles made by the linebackers. Secondary Ned Sackett, Dick Henkens and Junior Terry Moshier plugged the line all night.

Sackett, lightest member of the squad, in David and Goliath fashion, is currently leading the team in tackles. Another stalwart on defense was End Ken Korinek who broke up the Prep plays time and time again.

Mighty Midget Opens Path

Guard Dick Lundgren, leading the blocking, opened big holes in the Prep line which Eagle backs slipped through for long gains. Lundgren's stellar play gave him the captainship for the Creighton game.

Hard-running fullback Jerry Bartley proved his worth by making key tackles when the chips were down.

The Central attack was stymied time after time because of blocked punts and intercepted passes. Illegal formation and offside penalties also hampered the Eagle offense and set back many key plays.

In the second half, the only spark of light in the Eagle offensive attack was the shifty running of Fullback Bartley and the excellent downfield blocking of End Korinek.

Score by periods and Creighton Prep scoring Touchdowns table.

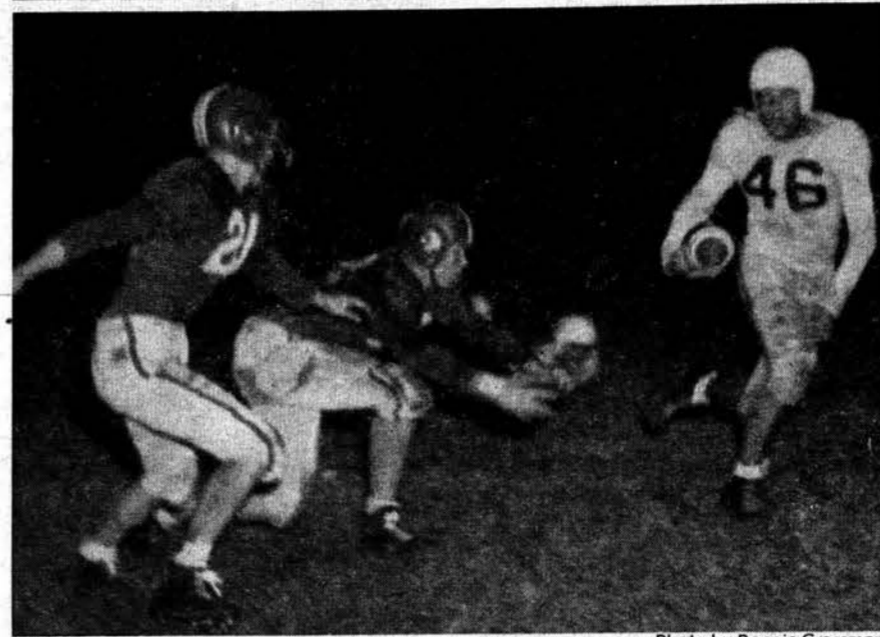
Girls' Sports

Future cheerleaders will never be a worry at Central. Miss Marian Treat reports that nearly fifty girls have tried out for freshmen cheerleading.

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Spirited Eagles Wither Under Fierce Bunny Air Attack In Heartbreaking Loss To Benson



CHAMBERS (46) eludes Prep tacklers on way to 98 yard run.

Pigskin Personalities

By Barry Veret

\* TACKLE—DON ANDERSON—A real gift to the Central line this year is rugged Don Anderson, a senior transfer from out Grand Island way.

\* TACKLE—ROBIN NORDELL—This 170 pounder is a senior line-man who has come up through the ranks to Garner his present high standing position on the Purple and White eleven.

\* GUARD—DICK LUNDGREN—Although this guard is not big as front wall boys go he makes up for his small build with plenty of courage and downright never-say-die play.

\* CENTER—BILL MOORES—This gangling senior was the powerhouse that held up the center of the Eagle forward wall throughout the first three weeks of play.

\* CENTER—DICK JOHNSTON—A rugged boy at center is senior Dick Johnston who is sure to see action a-plenty in that position this fall.

\* GUARD—TONY CANIGLIA—A junior on the squad this year, Caniglia is an example of the weight problem in the Hilltop line.

\* GUARD—DICK BREHM—At 157 pounds, Dick Brehm is one of the toughest linemen on the '52 squad.

\* TACKLE—TOM THOMAS—This is one of the Purples who is needed a great deal to bolster a line which can use a little beef.

\* TACKLE—AVRUM GREENBERG—A rugged fellow who was missed a great deal last week due to an injured ankle is this senior tackle.

Football Statistics

Table with 4 columns: Name, Times carried, Yd'age, Aver.

Boys' Bowling Begins

Forty boys have signed up to bowl in the Central High boys' bowling league for the 1952-53 season.

The league is headed by newly-elected president Henry Pollack and Secretary-Treasurer Bob Kully.

Early Touchback Plus Airborne 58 Yard Drive Give Hares 8-0 Victory

Central's plan to roast the Benson "Bunny" backfired as the "Cottontails" took advantage of Eagle mistakes, and rolled to a 8-0 victory over the spirited Hilltop eleven.

In the first quarter, Central managed to cross the goal line for the first time this season, but the score went up on the wrong side of the ledger.

Leon Chambers, Eagle seatback, tried for a catch of a high Benson punt near his own goal line. He had it, then dropped it, and the pigskin rolled back into the end zone.

Howter Scores for Cottontails

At this point, Don Harden, the Cottontail jack-of-all-trades, put the Bunnies on the march. He flipped an aerial to Hare end Stu Howter for a 30-yard gain.

The try for the extra point failed, and Benson, led at the intermission 8-0.



BARTLEY (41) skirts right end.

In the second half, the always dangerous Eagles penetrated to the Bunny eight-yard line, but were stopped on downs.

Perhaps the only bright spot in the Eagle's point-getting attack was the outstanding play of fullback Jerry Bartley.

The bulk of the "Fly-boys" running attack was handled by Bartley, Leon Chambers and Dick Henkens.

The story of Benson's air supremacy was clearly told in the statistics as the Bunnies gained 75 yards in the air, compared to a scant nine for Central gridgers.

The Smagaczmen defense was highlighted by the bruising tackling of Ned Sackett, Robin Nordell and Leon Chambers.

Greenberg Out of Line-up

Av Greenberg, gritty Eagle tackle, was lost to the team for some time due to a sprained ankle received the rough and tumble fourth quarter.

The run-down of the Eagle loss: Ends—Korinek, Miller, Thomas, Wead. Tackles—Anderson, Greenberg, Nordell, Thomas.

Guards—Caniglia, Lundgren. Center—Moore, Johnston. Backs—Bartley, Chambers, Cousins, Havlu, Henkens, Sackett, Stearns, Moshier.

Center—Moorhead. Backs—H. Anderson, Gregory, Har Knott, McCoun, Morse, Rigg, Sappen Thoma.

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Benson scoring—Touchdown: Anderson, Stearns; Chambers of Central covers fumble in zone; two points given to Gregory.

Referee—Carol Gast, Wayne Teachers. Umpire—Tom Chapman, Creighton University. Linesman—Cy Yordy, University of Nebraska.

Statistics Central Benson First downs 8 97 Yards rushing 97 97 Yards passing 9 106 Total yardage 106 203 Penalty yardage 50 50 Passes attempted 11 11 Passes completed 1 1 Intercepted by 1 2