

Clubs, Singers Hail Christmas With Festivities

To Sing Carols in Halls Today—
French and Latin Hymns,
Pantomimes Presented

Carols Seven-Year Custom

With Christmas carolers serenading in the halls and many of the school clubs holding special holiday festivities, Central High today prepared to dismiss for a two weeks' Christmas vacation. Tonight the Central Parent-Teacher association will hold a holiday meeting in the auditorium.

This is the seventh consecutive year that Christmas carols have been sung in the halls. The singers this year are members of the Junior Glee clubs, under the direction of Mrs. Elsie Swanson and Mrs. Irene Jensen. The clubs will sing during home-room period and seventh hour.

Four violinists will accompany the carolers on their march through the halls. They will be William Hill, James Peterson, Dorothy Davis, all '31, and Glendora McLean '30.

French Class to Give Play

A French Christmas play, "Noel en Provence," will be given by Miss Bess Bozell's French III class during seventh hour today in Room 127. The entire class will sing the French hymn, "Nouvelle. Agreeable."

The following students will be in the cast of the pantomime: Alice Keogh, Calvert Lindquest, Dick McNew, Juliet Hayward, Catherine Cox, Douglass Johnson, Dan Ramsey, Lawrence Borden, Robert E. Johnson, Charles Duquette, Verne Armstrong, Dorothy Brown, Garrett Fonda, Robert Ranney, and Jack Stafford.

John Randall '30, who had the lead in the French play last spring, will be a visitor in the class. He is now a student at Dartmouth university.

Latin Club Has Bible Play

A pantomime, accompanied by readings in Latin from the New Testament, was given at a meeting of the Latin club Tuesday in Room 235. Victor Smith '33 read the passages.

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Three Anthology Sections Already Sent to Printers; Urge Alumni to Purchase

That three sections of the verse division of the "Word Hoard," English IX anthology, have already been sent to the publishers was announced Tuesday by Miss Sara V. Taylor, head of the constructive English department and editor of the anthology.

The three sections contain most of the verse to be published. The prose will be picked during Christmas vacation.

Permission has been received by the manuscript committee from Harcourt-Brace and Company, publishers, to reprint several selections of English IX verse which they have printed previously.

Letters have been sent to Central alumni who have taken the English IX course, telling of the anthology and urging them to purchase copies. Even before the letters were mailed, Miss Taylor received an order for five copies from a former Centralite.

Principal Masters Speaks To Students on Pioneers

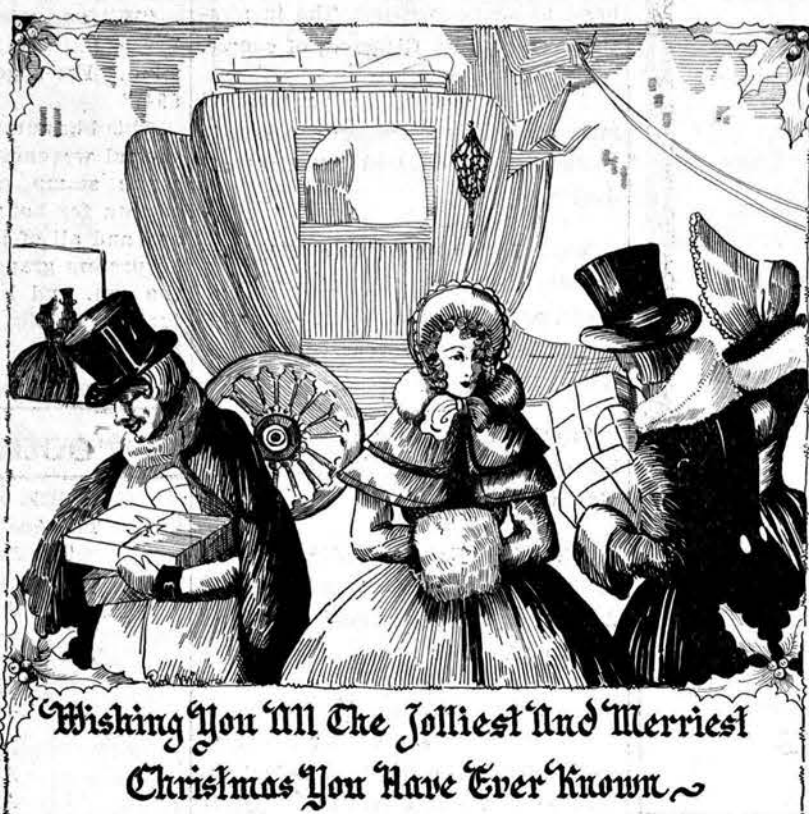
Retelling the story of the early West, Principal J. G. Masters spoke to Miss Louise Stegner's fourth and sixth hour English VI classes in Room 228 last week. Mr. Masters expects to talk to Miss Bertha Neale's English VI classes after the holidays.

"I tell the story of the fur-trappers—their personalities, their methods of travel, their fights with the Indians, and their part in opening up the West," explained Mr. Masters. "I do this to lay the background for the Neihardt epic series."

Mr. Masters is contemplating relating the "Powder River Stories," which are part of the background for the "Song of the Indian Wars," one of Neihardt's recent poems.

Gym Plans to Contractors Soon

The complete plans of Latenser and Sons, architects for Central's new gymnasium and auditorium, will be sent to contractors the end of this week, according to Mr. O. T. Eastman, business manager of the public schools. The date set for the contractors' bids is January 30, 1931.



Wishing You All The Jolliest And Merriest Christmas You Have Ever Known

Central in National R.O.T.C. Matches

Four Central Teams Compete In 12-State District—Hearst Sponsor

That Central High will enter four teams in the national R.O.T.C. Rifle Matches to compete for the trophies given by William Randolph Hearst was announced this week by Sergeant S. B. Moore, rifle team coach and military instructor. The Central teams will shoot against the teams of Junior R.O.T.C. units in other high schools.

Each team will consist of five members. A student may be a member of one team only. No substitutes will be allowed after firing has commenced. Firing will be done from four positions, prone, sitting, kneeling, and standing. The teams will not be picked until the actual firing begins.

Area Commander Judge

The targets will be furnished by the Commanding General of the Sixth Corps Area, who will be the official judge of the match. The rifles used will be of .22 caliber with a length not greater than thirty inches. Central has seven such rifles.

The prizes are to be a cup for the winning school in each of the four sections and another for the national winner. The members of the winning teams will receive gold medals.

Contest Will End April 10

Central will shoot against teams from schools in the mid-west district. States in this district are: Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Illinois, Ohio, Kansas, Iowa, Wisconsin, Indiana, Missouri, and Michigan.

Each team will fire on its own range. The targets will be mailed to the official judge of the match as soon as firing is completed. Record firing may be begun and completed at any time after February 1 and must be completed by April 10.

Elmore Hoff Made Lieutenant

In a general order read to the regiment during drill last Thursday by Captain Ralph Cunningham, acting regimental adjutant, Elmore Hoff was promoted from sergeant in Company C to second lieutenant in the same company.

Math Club Makes First Organ Gift

Donation Will Be Used to Pay For New Instrument—Club Lauded

Making the first contribution to the fund to pay for the organ which is to be installed in the new Central auditorium is the distinction achieved by the Mathematics society, which decided at its meeting last Tuesday to give \$10 to help pay for the instrument.

Informed of the donation, Principal J. G. Masters said, "This is a splendid action and one which we hope will set an example to the rest of the school. It will help a most worthy cause."

The organ was purchased from the Public Theater corporation by Central High last October. It was formerly used in the old Rialto theater. Receipts from performances in the auditorium and gifts from school organizations will be used to pay for the instrument which cost \$1,000.

Original graphs, showing the condition of various business concerns and the feasibility of investing in them, were used by Max Resnick '32 in illustrating a talk on "Statistics in Business" which he made at the meeting. Lowell Haas '31 played three selections on the saxophone, accompanied on the piano by George Shotwell '32.

May Present Road Show at Technical

If work on the new auditorium begins before March, it will be necessary to present this year's Road Show in the Technical High auditorium, Frank Wright, president of the Cadet Officers' club, announced this week.

Performances will be given on Friday and Saturday, March 20 and 21, with a dress rehearsal March 19. Tryouts for the different acts will be held the first week of January. All acts are to be submitted to Miss Towne.

"With co-operation from the school," remarked Frank, "we ought to have an excellent Road Show."

Any student who has an act which he thinks will prove a success is free to submit it, but he must obtain a sponsor for his act.

School Heads Offer Yuletide Greetings To Student Body as Holidays Approach

Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year sum up the holiday messages from Superintendent of Public Schools J. H. Beveridge, Principal J. G. Masters, and Assistant Principals, Miss Jessie Towne and Mr. Fred Hill, to Central High students as they leave school today for a two weeks' vacation. Not a single mention was made in the messages of how much homework may be done in two weeks.

The following are the holiday greetings: Mr. Beveridge—I am wishing every boy and girl in Omaha a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I hope each of you may strive to make others happy. Your contribution to

the Community Chest expressed this fine spirit. You may carry on by greeting those you meet at Christmas time with a word of good cheer and a smile.

A good way to keep Christmas is to share what you have with those less fortunate. That you may do some kindly act each day of your vacation period is my wish to you.

Mr. Masters—May I wish for you the greatest delight and good times during the holiday season.

Miss Towne—The spirit of kindness, which we are all sure is a manifestation of the highest type of life we know, is the spirit of this time. It makes the joy of the time. May we all express that spirit and so enter truly into its highest joy.

Mr. Hill—In extending to you greetings for this holiday season by the traditional wishes of a maximum joy. I am reminded that this is to be achieved in a large measure by work well done, some play, healthful living, and congenial friendship. May these all be yours.

P. T. A. Meets Tonight; Pupils Will Entertain

Carols, Poetry, Music, Debate, And Play to Feature Xmas Meeting

To Begin at 7:30 O'Clock

Christmas carols, poems by the 1930 English IX students, a one-act play, a violin duet, and a debate will comprise the program at the meeting of the Central High Parent-Teacher association in the auditorium at 7:30 o'clock tonight. Mrs. John R. Hughes, president of the association, will preside, and Principal J. G. Masters, first vice-president, will give the welcoming address.

Members of the Junior Glee club, sponsored by Mrs. Elsie Swanson and Mrs. Irene Jensen, will sing three numbers, "Jingle Bells," "The First Noel," and "Silent Night." Tom Organ and Frank Underwood will sing "Cantique Noel."

Debate Chain Store Question

Several poems written by members of Miss Sara V. Taylor's 1930 English IX class will be read by Jane Myers, and members of Miss Myrna V. Jones' expression classes will present a one-act play, "The Judgment." The cast includes Laurence Forsyth, Bill Lippold, Victor Smith, and Eileen Christensen.

"Resolved That the Chain Store Is Detrimental to the American Community," will be the subject of a debate sponsored by Miss Sarah Ryan. Joel Cherniss, affirmative, and David Saxe, negative, will argue the question.

Will Play Violin Duet

A violin duet by James Peterson and Jose Masters, accompanied by Mr. Henry Cox, will complete the program.

"All parents, teachers, students, and friends are cordially invited to attend," said Mr. Masters. "It is to be a meeting for entertainment, and we hope that as many as possible will come."

Forensic Society Movie Clears Enough Money to Pay Debaters' Expenses

The movie presented by the Forensic society in the auditorium Wednesday after school proved a success. Miss Sarah Ryan, debate coach, announced Wednesday afternoon. The money cleared will be used to defray travelling expenses of the debate team during the coming season.

"The Cheerleader," the main feature of the program, apparently pleased the audience. Three short, educational features comprised the rest of the program. They were entitled "Vanishing American Animal Life," "Hoof, Horns, and Highlights of New York," and "California."

Crack Squad Practicing For Spring Performance

The Crack Squad, one of the features of the annual Road Show, which ordinarily does not begin practice until after Christmas vacation, is already polishing up on its movements.

The following men, all non-commissioned officers, will comprise this year's squad: Richard Kent, John Sandham, Robert Eldridge, Edwin Sunderland, Sam McCleneghan, Herman Goldstein, Richard Melcher, Donald Bloom, Carl Ranney, Leonard Seidell, and Frank Cowdery.

The Crack Squad, under the direction of Captain Douglass Johnson and Lieutenant Nathaniel Hollister, is sponsored by Miss Julia Carlson.

Central Orchestra to Play At North During January

In honor of Principal Edward E. McMillan of North High, the Central High orchestra will give a concert in the North High auditorium sometime during January. Mr. Henry G. Cox will direct.

The program, which will be of an international nature, will consist of the following compositions: "Pique Dame" by Franz von Suppe; "Serenade" by Toselli; "Hungarian Dances" by Brahms; "Adagio Pathetique" by Godard; and "Hedge Roses Waltz" by Tschalkowsky.

Last year the orchestra also played at North.

Frosh Lead School In Ink Fund Drive

Exclusive of Room 220, the freshman history library which alone contributed \$2.22, the Central Committee netted \$20.73 in its annual ink fund collection Tuesday. In Room 220 each table kept turning in more money in an effort to outdo the other tables in the room.

The largest piece of money received was a \$1 bill. How much change the donor helped himself to was not recorded. Tuesday night Room 235 and several smaller ones had not yet been canvassed.

It is hoped that this collection, taken to buy study hall ink, will temporarily curb the penny-throwing mania. Get out your quarters, gentlemen!

Faculty Patrol Quells Disorder in Corridors

Members of Faculty Alternate In Patrolling Halls After School

To keep order in the halls after school and to prevent them from being entirely closed as was done in 1926, a faculty patrol has been assigned to supervise the halls after school. The patrol went on duty this week.

The new plan of hall supervision was preceded by notices in the circular reminding students that halls are not to be used for social gatherings. Continued complaints by students and teachers that noise in the halls hindered study caused the patrol to be assigned.

"Usually at the beginning of the year, order is kept in the halls fairly well, but as time wears on some pupils become careless and forget that others wish to study," stated Miss Jessie Towne. "Then we have to do something to protect those who wish to use the eighth hour for study. Some move such as this has to come every year."

In 1926 a monitor was placed on each floor to see that no one went through the halls without a pass. Students were allowed to pass through the hall after school only during a four-minute period at 3:30 and again at 4 o'clock. The system was only used for a few weeks.

Teachers who were in charge this week were as follows:

On Tuesday, south and east halls, first floor, Principal J. G. Masters; second floor, Miss Juliette Griffin; third floor, Miss Autumn Davies; and basement, Miss Chloe Stockard.

West and north halls on Tuesday (Continued on Page 3, Column 7)

Secret Menu Feature at Reserves Dinner Tonight

Risking all for the sake of an evening's fun, the Girl Reserves will meet tonight at the Y.W.C.A. for a Pot Luck supper.

Each committee is responsible for one item of the mysterious menu, and each girl's contribution is to be kept secret. After the supper there will be roller-skating in the gym. Several surprises have been prepared by the social committee.

The price of the party is 10 cents, and tickets can be purchased at the door. Jane Masters '31 is in charge of the ticket sale. Eleanor Larson '31, chairman of the social committee, has planned the supper.

Office Gets Old Annuals After Circular Request

In response to a request by Miss Jessie Towne for copies of old O-Books, several copies have been received by the office. "We have more than enough now," Miss Towne said Monday. "We only needed two copies of the annuals for each year from 1924 through 1927. Many more than the required number have come in. This prompt reply is much appreciated."

Bashful Boys Slow In Yielding Pictures

Is it possible that boys are less conceited, more bashful, or just less conscientious than girls? Whatever it is, the fact remains that only a small percentage of the Central boys have turned in their stamp pictures.

"Interest among the boys has been lacking," said Miss Jessie Towne. "After all, it will probably be more necessary to identify boys than girls in order to recommend them after graduation. It is to their advantage to have the pictures taken and turned into the office as soon as possible."

1931 O-Book Abandoned As Seniors Prove Unable To Win Parents' Approval

Annual Definitely Dropped When Questionnaire Discloses Indifference of Students and Parents—Less Than Two-Thirds of Parents Favor Publication of Book

Business Depression Causes Poll of Parents

Central High will not have a 1931 O-Book. The decision to abandon the annual resulted from a poll of the parents of the seniors which revealed that the number of parents in favor of an O-Book was insufficient to insure financial success of the publication.

Questionnaires, asking the parents to indicate whether or not they believe Central should have an annual this year, were distributed to seniors at a class meeting Monday morning.

Council Will Check Club Memberships

Each Club to Turn in Cards for Members—To Make Check During January

A check on students who are members of more than three school clubs will be made during January, it was decided at a meeting of the Interclub Council Tuesday morning. No student may be a member of more than three clubs under the school club regulations adopted by the faculty last month.

Each club will be required to hand in a card for each of its members. A committee, consisting of Bess Greer, chairman, Ruth Allen, and Mary Brown, will file the cards and report the students who are members of too many clubs.

Will Revise Activities List

Fred Kerr, chairman of the committee which has been revising the activities list, announced that his committee will submit a new activities list at the next meeting of the Interclub Council, January 13.

Fred stated that he was in favor of reducing the number of activity points given to certain cadet officers, the president of the Student Control, and the president of the Speakers' Bureau. After some discussion, it was agreed that the number of points given to the president of the Student Control should not be reduced.

Limit Special Club Meetings

Representatives were warned that before calling special club meetings, permission must be obtained from one of the principals. This ruling was made to eliminate unnecessary special meetings.

Paye Goldware was appointed to attend to the tuning of the piano in Room 129. Larger attendance at council meetings was urged by the president, Jack Crawford.

Class Pin Contract Holder Suggests Eagles for Guards

A new plan for the construction of senior class pins has been suggested by Josten's Jewelry shop, represented by Ted Kolderie. This concern was recently awarded a five-year contract to furnish senior rings and pins.

Under the new plan, an eagle, with possibly the class numerals, will form the guard of the pin. In this way, the pin will serve as a school emblem, with the guard the distinguishing mark of each class.

"By this plan," said Principal J. G. Masters, "the pin may be purchased at anytime. Only the guard need be obtained at graduation."

Josten's shop plans to make samples of each type of pin and ring for reference during the life of the contract.

Halleck Rose Speaks to Classes About Diplomacy

Speaking on the opportunities for high school students in government diplomatic work, Halleck Rose, former Central student and brother of Hudson Rose '32, addressed the civics classes of Miss Autumn Davies before school this morning.

Mr. Rose is taking a course in diplomacy at Washington, D. C. He will graduate in June and enter the government service in Mexico.

Stamp Club Revises Constitution

At a meeting Wednesday after school, the Stamp club revised its constitution. Questions as to the auctions were asked and settled. The question as to the disposal of the present stamp catalogue, and the procuring of a newer one was held for further discussion next meeting.

Decision Made Wednesday

Only 223 of the 365 ballots distributed were returned with signatures favoring an O-Book. A hasty check Wednesday revealed that many of the ballots returned contained forged signatures. All ballots not returned were counted as negative votes. The ballots had to be returned by Wednesday afternoon.

That there would be no O-Book this year was announced after a meeting of the principals Wednesday afternoon.

"We feel that the seniors have decided the matter for themselves," Principal J. G. Masters stated. "In view of the general business depression, we feel it would be folly to attempt the publication of the book when many less than two-thirds of the students and their parents are enough interested to sign a statement in favor of the publication."

Attempts to Rally Class Fail

Every attempt possible was made to obtain a favorable response from the parents of the seniors. At the meeting Monday morning, Jack Wickstrom, president of the class, urged the seniors to support the O-Book. Representatives from the Speakers' Bureau visited many of the homes in an attempt to secure signatures from two-thirds of the parents favoring the O-Book.

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Tryouts for Positions On Debate Team Will Be Held January 16, 19

Tryouts for positions on the Central debate squad to participate in the Midland and Nebraska state tournaments will be held Friday, January 16, and Monday, January 19, Miss Sarah Ryan, debate coach, announced this week. Only four debaters will be picked for the school team. Outside judges will make the selections.

Fifteen debaters have entered the tryouts, which will be in the nature of a debate. Those who plan to compete are David Saxe, Ermagrace Reilly, Ben Shrier, Dan Wagstaffe, Harvey Leon, Dick Anderson, Oscar Carp, Victor Smith, Ben Leftz, James Harris, Edward Rosenbaum, Charles Durden, Paul Frumkin, Robert Long, and Martin Speckter.

Miss Ryan stated that the contestants were, for the most part, about equal in debating ability. She picked David Saxe, a member of last year's squad, as the debater most likely to succeed in the tryouts. Those competing must be able to debate on either side of the disarmament question.

Only five more shopping days left

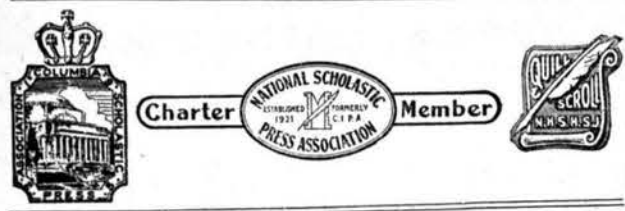


DO YOUR Christmas shopping early but do it well. If you would know where the best bargains may be obtained, read the ads in this week's Register. If your Christmas shopping is already completed, read the advertisements anyway that you may know which Omaha firms are interested in Central High and its institutions. Let the Register be your shopping guide.

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Merry Christmas!

THEY SAY that Christmas is commercialized! Well, maybe so—but if the crowds of shoppers that hurry and shuffle annoy you and make you want to push and get ahead, instead of giving you a feeling of gayety and good will—then maybe the fault is with you. If the crowded cars, the squirming noisy youngsters bother you, instead of making you laugh—perhaps there's something wrong with your attitude.

Of course it can't be denied that the "gifts for Her," "what to get for Him," and the "all done up in an attractive package, ready to send"; are rather commercialized suggestions; but looking at the question squarely—even as you "shop early" if you'll just be gay yourself, you'll find the merriest of merry Christmases!

The Secret of Success

"Dear Editor: I read in the papers that Sinclair Lewis won the Nobel Prize for literature this year. I understand this prize amounts to \$46,000. I am very interested; won't you please tell me how to become an author?"

STUDENT.

WE TAKE great pleasure in telling "Student" how to become an author, especially as he seems to be entirely disinterested in monetary rewards and only desires to write for the benefit of humanity. We have therefore put aside all our natural hesitancy at revealing the secrets of the trade and will withhold absolutely nothing.

First, you must develop a critical attitude; you must learn to realize that when Johnny says the alarm clock didn't work, what really happened was that Johnny pawned the clock so he could take Mary to a show; or that when teacher says she has decided not to give you that test after all, it's because she spent the night reading detective stories and didn't get around to making out the questions.

Secondly, you must learn to express yourself subtly, so that your readers will know when you say that you love math, what you really mean is that you love the blonde who sits in front of you in your math class.

The third and last secret for literary success is—be as personal as the libel laws will permit. Now you have all the secrets! If you don't succeed as an author you might try writing editorials.

Why We Are Lazy

HIGH school students are lazy. But why they are thus lacking inclination has only recently been discovered. Through much research and experimentation, the cause of laziness is now attributed to the inferiority complex. High school students are failing because they have been put in their places too frequently. Among the hobbies of parents and teachers not generally mentioned is that of trampling down any outburst of self-confidence in a boy or girl. Students are constantly impressed with their lack of capability, responsibility, and versatility. Yet you heartlessly term them lazy. How can an unsuspecting aspirant rank with the intelligentsia when he has been told that he is without merit, without value, without brains, without understanding, without common sense, without initiative, without leadership, and without stability of character? Cease your deprecations, and encourage the ambitious youngsters!

WHEN you pick a book at random, take it down, open it, scan it; what makes you decide whether to read that book or put it back on the shelf? Doesn't a new brightly colored cover attract your eye, and on opening a book, don't you prefer to find clear, neat type? Then too, doesn't the first sentence draw your interest? And how about your favorite author or an author whose name you've heard? Aren't these some of the things that induce you to read a book?

Kindly Old Woman Smiles on Register Office from Wall

For a long time a plain little wrinkled old woman has gazed upon the turbulent Register office from her natural wood frame on the north wall of Room 149. In the morning when the reporters entered the room fresh and gay she would smile upon them, and late at night when the weary editors covered up their typewriters preparatory to leaving she would smile again. It was a comforting sort of smile, but then she is a comforting sort of person. You could tell just by looking at her that she has risen above the noise and hurry of the life about her. She is serene among her hills.

Often the busy journalists would smile back at the ancient dame, but it is only recently that they learned she had a name. The discovery was quite accidental. The parents of one of the editors happened to visit Room 149, and immediately recognized the old lady in the picture as "Top Hus" Karen, who has for many, many years lived in a little house on the highest point in "Raebild Bakker" and made a living by serving coffee to visitors. "Raebild Bakker" is the popular national park of Denmark, and drinking coffee at Karen's has grown to be quite an institution, especially among Danish-born Americans who have returned to the "old country" for a visit.

Meanwhile Karen goes on smiling confident that "God's in His heaven, and all's right with the world."

Unromantic Saw Spoils Romantic Description Of Bexten Stage Crew

"And he cut it down with his little hatchet," would read the story if Mr. Bexten had not used an unromantic saw to build the rustic bridge that was used for the opera, "Chimes of Normandy." And he obtained all the boughs, sticks, branches, logs, and so, hence, thus, and sometimes while and yet, from a cottonwood tree in his back yard. And not only did he furnish material for the bridge, but he also furnished material for the stage crew namely June, Junior, Dixie, and Mr. and Mrs. N. Wallen. Mrs. Wallen was formerly Betty Bexten. A good time was had by all, according to the opinion of the said Louis, Jr.

"Darned if I know!" was his reply to what he thought of the whole business of being on the stage crew. And he readily confessed that anytime work was begun on the bridge, he would hide himself in the clothes closet. Fie on you we say. When Christmas is almost here and you, Junior, defy the good favor of your parent, there is no hope for Santa being good to you.

Big Scandal; American History Tests Disclosed In Time to Aid Seniors

To help our suffering seniors through the treacherous shoals of American history exams we are publishing a set of questions and answers taken from an actual history test. In publishing this exam we are jeopardizing not only our own existence but also the reputation of the history teacher who aided and abetted us. But even so we do it for the sake of our dear readers.

In the original test three possible answers were given to each question and the student was required to underline the correct one. To save space, however, we will only give the one correct answer.

1. What is a stockade? A part of a gun.
2. What is a dynasty? An electrical appliance.
3. What is meant by secession? A riot.
4. What is an evacuation? Lack of national funds.
5. What is a galleon? A battering ram.
6. Who were the carpetbaggers? Traveling salesmen.
7. When is a foreigner naturalized? When he is convicted of a crime.
8. What is an embargo? A law to punish spies.
9. What is a panic? A mass of people.
10. What is meant by ratification? A rear guard.

Next week we will publish the second part of the test, entitled "Character Judgment."

In place of the usual donations to the World Brotherhood fund, the Central Senior and Junior Hi-Y clubs will unite this year in giving to charity. They will gather food and clothing and give it to the poor. One of the members will donate a truck to haul the gifts.

White Christmas

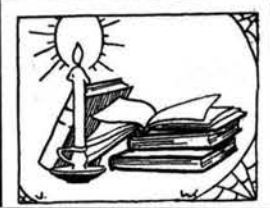
CHRISTMAS shall be white!
If no snow falls tonight
Here's what I'll do—
Listen—

I'll put red shoes on, and a crimson gown
And scatter snowflakes all around the town!
A hundred million is enough I guess,
I'll keep more in the pocket of my dress.

I'll fling the glittering things up very high
How gracefully they'll whirl and dip and fly!
Then back to bed, on tiptoe I will run
Lest someone hear and guess what I had done.

Next morning in the frosty Christmas air,
You'll wake, push sleepy fingers through your hair,
And cry out loud and merrily, with delight,
"Oh, I'm so glad our Christmas will be white!"

And then won't I be glad I did it?
—Georgia McCague '32.



Among Recent Books

London and Rural England Setting for Story with Little Plot by Mrs. Rosman

"THE YOUNG AND SECRET" is an entertaining story of modern English life. Mrs. Rosman gives one a vivid picture of London, with its narrow curving streets, its squares, and its quaint buildings. The English countryside is enchanting with its orchards and golden fields—especially during the summer. All these lovely surroundings give an atmosphere of charm to a delightful novel.

The plot is slight. Una Swithin, the only daughter of Lady Swithin, receives a quaint onyx ring from her Aunt Marion, who purchased it in Florence. Tony Corcoran, an ambitious young sculptor, had desired to obtain this ring; he had bargained for the ring, but Aunt Marion's price had been more satisfactory. But later Tony saves Tim, Una's dog, and receives as a reward the desired ring. Thus the leading characters of the story meet. Una has been left to manage her own affairs since childhood and to withdraw into the secrecy of her own mind. To her the world seems to lack justice because of its cruelty to well-intentioned people. She believes a malicious story concerning Tony, but the matter turns out to be an exaggerated tale. By her cleverness and thoughtfulness, Una untangles several affairs for people dear to her.

"The Young and Secret" is purely romantic. Its characters have a certain charm and gaiety that make it a good story. Tony Corcoran has a personality that anyone might envy. This is just the book to read when one has no thoughts or cares; it is simple, charming, gay; it is meant to entertain, and it succeeds fully.

—Rose Steinberg '31.

'Windfall's Eve' by Edward Lucas Story of Man Who Wins Wealth Suddenly

RICHARD something-or-other (the author neglects to say just what), a middle-aged British museum official, suddenly and unexpectedly wins the Calcutta Sweep. This fortune, worth many thousands of pounds, he treats as he likes, Richard decides to spend. With money enough to last him the rest of his life, he goes to live in the little town of Hilary Green where his old friend Jenny Candover is staying.

The most amusing situations in the book take place when Richard settles down at Hilary Green. He becomes one of the most popular citizens of the town. And as Jenny Candover once remarked, "One doesn't win Calcutta Sweeps with impunity"; Richard is even called upon by the villagers to name their children.

Many of the pages of the book are spent with Jenny Candover who never fails to comment on everything; her faculty for receiving and making comments is so spontaneous that she is really one of the most amusing characters in recent books. Richard and Jenny are very good friends—in fact they love each other. But Jenny has a husband—living, alas, but not with her. When asked how her husband is, she replies, "I haven't the slightest idea. He hasn't written for months. I can't think why he doesn't die. People ought to die sooner."

The ability of Edward Lucas to interest his reader in nearly every paragraph is truly remarkable. A book usually needs an exciting plot to hold the reader's attention, but "Windfall's Eve" keeps up interest solely by the witty remarks, clever descriptions, and amusing situations of the grave and gay, awkward, dignified and delightful characters that pass so leisurely across the pages.

—Abe Siegel '31.

Scattered Bits O'News

Japanese prints, ranging in price from 5 cents to \$1.50, were on exhibition at two teas held in Room 249 by the Greenwich Villagers this week. Seniors were guests Monday afternoon, and underclassmen, Tuesday.

Bright colored storm scenes, garden scenes, moonlit lakes, rivers and seas, and gray rain scenes were a few of the subjects of the prints.

Each picture was signed by the Japanese who had composed it, and a few had Japanese lettering on them. Ruth Miller '31, president of the Greenwich Villagers, poured tea.

Finishing a month-old Latin vocabulary battle, Mrs. Bessie Rathbun's fifth hour Latin I class defeated a similar class of Miss Annie Fry in a closely contested match last Friday afternoon in Room 136.

Mary Jane Christopher and Carol Wighton were the last two survivors of Mrs. Rathbun's class. The last to be downed in Miss Fry's class were Marjorie Wood and Elizabeth Holman.

Central Europe was portrayed in costume and song by Miss Angeline Tauchen in the fourth hour Music Appreciation class of Mrs. Irene Jensen Wednesday. Miss Tauchen sang Czechoslovakian songs with the accompaniment of an accordion played by her sister, Miss Irene Tauchen, a commercial teacher at South High.

An exhibit of hand embroidery and glassware was shown. Kolaches made by Miss Tauchen were served. Members of Mrs. Elsie Swanson's Junior Boys' Glee club were guests.

Miss May Copeland's fourth hour Latin class made the highest average in a recent test on Latin verb forms of any of the nine classes who took the examination. The class average was 95.76 per cent. Eight students in her class made 100 per cent.

Due to a mistake in a headline last week, an impression was formed that Mrs. Bernice Engle's Latin I class defeated Mrs. Elizabeth Craven's class in a spello-down. The class defeated was Miss Copeland's.

Contributions consisting of canned goods from Miss Grace Gilbert's homeroom will go toward filling the Christmas baskets given by the Boosters' club to needy families. All of Miss Genevieve Clark's classes are contributing.

The January seniors will hold their banquet on January 24 at the Blackstone Hotel, instead of on January 13 at the Paxton Hotel. It was decided that each student could invite one more couple to the dance that will be held after the banquet.

Candy, cookies, and an exchange of gifts will be features of the Christmas party that the seniors will give this morning.



'Tis being rumored about that Bill Burkett, of all people, is an expert hand at sonnet writing. The inspiration? Why, Ruth Claassen, of course.

And now Central's never-satisfied male students are trying to persuade Alice Keogh to attend Central all day.

Well, Jack Kinnard, the fifth hour Physics class suggests that you bring a sucker to class with you, and save that new ever-sharp for some other time.

"Gin" Gibson, how does it feel to be told that your ear is like a little pink sea shell?

After that Saturday night episode in the opera, it has been unanimously decided that Frank Underwood and Evelyn Chandler hold the endurance record for kissing.

All you boys are certainly out of luck! Dorothea Waechter has just announced that she would much prefer a new Ford to a good date.

Evelyn Walters would love to have a katty about her published, but hesitates to reveal anything about her secret passion for tall red-headed men.

Marjorie Jene Maier says she doesn't know about "baby" but she just loves to be called "little girl."

So Dorothy Haugh is one of these girls who asks a person to a dance; then puts him in training for two weeks.

Voice on phone—Is he there yet? Eloise Barnhart (all hot 'n' bothered)—Who? Same voice—Santy Claus!

Irving Chudacoff: An oboe is an ill woodwind that nobody blows good.

Item of interest: John Sandham, while ushering at the opera Saturday night, suddenly became fatigued, and sat on the lap of the statue in front of the Register office. Now, Jonnie, don't tell us that you've gone in for publicity stunts!

Miss Clarke: Ruth, who was defeated at Waterloo? Ruth Swingle: General Pershing.

Murder Seems Best Punishment for Gum Chewers in Classes

Somehow, sometime, someplace, we're going to murder the next person who nonchalantly stumbles into the class room chewing his last stick of gum while we sit in silent misery, our heads aching with the unaccustomed exertion of studying and our tongue dying for the touch of a cool, invigorating stick of spearmint. (Mr. Wrigley will receive a statement the first of the month for this boost, payable in merchandise.)

There should be a law against it. (The solo gum chewing, we mean.) If you can't have a chorus or at least a duet, why bother about it at all, says we. Why doesn't someone organize a Society for the Providing of Chewing Gum to Poor Centralites? It would surely replace these useless ones such as Support the Starving Armenians or something like that. We can get along without the Armenians, but what would we do without that lasting flavor? Oops, I swallowed my gum!

Institute the Order Of "Window Openers" At Central Hi School

A new institution has been introduced in Central High School recently. This is the order of the "Window Openers." Not can openers, window openers. An opener is assigned to open the windows at the end of the hour in his particular class room and to close them at the beginning of the next hour. The victim does not receive any compensation for his hard task or labor or whatever you want to call it.

So if some ambitious person would only hand in a petition whereby these poor mistreated souls would obtain an all-day sucker or a stick of gum, Santa Claus would certainly reward him and bring him more than he is worth which is not much. And now for the sake of mankind I, too, will stop and therefore get in good with Santa Claus. Remember only five more days until Christmas.

Central Stars

A NAME that immediately reminds one of the square root of $x + y$, the Pythagorean theorem, or the system of compound interest is that of Harry Rosenstein '31, business manager of the 1931 O-Book. Harry is also business manager of the Register, and a member of the Latin club, Junior Honor society, and the Mathematics society.

"Wit and wisdom are born with a man," said Mrs. Bessie Rathbun, Latin teacher. "Harry has a brilliant mind. For a good description consult Aeneid II, line 694."

This big number man of Central has one hobby and several weaknesses. His favorite pastime is posing for comic stamp pictures. "Rosy" could sit before a camera for hours and allow himself to be snapped in any and all of the "goofy" poses he can imagine. But he prefers grapefruit and waffles to any viands under the sun, and his favorite flower is the "rose." For further details apply to any one of his numerous friends.

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Foothills of Parnassus

THE YEAR, A GAME OF CARDS

The Ace of the game—the Summer
The Jack of the year is the Fall,
The King of the season—Winter,
But Springtime is Queen of them all.
—Lane Kemper '32.

—o—

TO A SWALLOW

The swift, sinister swallow
Like a feathered dart
As swift as an arrow
And as brown as a tart.
—Donald A. Hughes '32.

—o—

THESE MEN

I saw:
The ant carrying food, storing it for winter;
The bird, forever busy
Carrying morsels to its young,
Watching over them;
The busy bee sucking the
Luscious honey from the flowers,
Flying to and fro, preparing for winter;
A woman scrubbing the porch,
Getting her hands blistered and red—
And a man sitting on the piazza
Peacefully smoking his pipe.
—Rosella Perlis '32.

—o—

FOG

When a silent, shrouded shape steals across the land
And I discern such monstrous figures close at hand,
When low and sibilant sounds whisper through the
mists,
Then I know that spectral Fog is wandering where he
lists.

When phantom beacons beckon through the dim-
blurred haze,
When soft and padding footsteps come from out the
maze,
And ghostly thoughts grasp and hold my fearful mind,
Then I hasten swiftly, nor do I look behind.
—Ermagrace Reilly '32.

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BENEATH THE WILLOWS

There's a spot that I've found where the willow trees
grow,
And the cottonwoods tower most high,
As they lean o'er the river to look at themselves
In the water that's hurrying by.

A canoe passes swiftly beneath drooping boughs;
Then it idles along in the sun.
Oh, the best of all sports is to take a canoe,
And to paddle, when day's just begun.

Gray green shadows of leaves paint themselves on the
waves,
And the sunlight gleams golden between;
Summer skies smile their bluest, and clear is the air
In the loveliest spot ever seen.

Though a bend in the river screens views far ahead,
There's no doubt that what's hidden is fair;
So it seems with our lives, on this bright summer morn,
As we paddle ahead without care.
—Frances Hansen '33.

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On the Magazine Rack

Why shouldn't we live such a fast life when we rise at 8:10 a.m. and have to dress, eat, and get to school before 8:38 a.m.?

"And now we will tell a horse tail. (Pardon the error. It should be "a horse tale.") Troy fell because it was wild over a wooden horse. The Prince of Wales fell because he was wild over a horse.

The moral, of course, is, "Don't fall for a horse."
—Central High Times, St. Paul, Minnesota.

—o—

New shoes
New hurt
Remove both
Begin work
Teacher calls
I rush
No shoes
I blush
—The Phillipsite, Chicago, Illinois.

—o—

My girl is taking Chemistry,
I guess I'll have to drop her,
For every time I take her out,
My silver turns to copper.
—Central High News, Kalamazoo, Michigan.

—o—

He tears his hair in grim despair,
He wrings his hands in pain,
He leaps up in the air,
And then straightway comes down again.
Yet grieve not for his woeful lot,
And of him have no fears.
A maniac? Why no, he's not.
He simply leads the cheers.
—Parsons School Reporter, Parsons, Kansas.

—o—

This summer we discovered that an anteater was only a picnicer.
—Spilled Ink, Fort Collins, Colorado.

Chemistry Vie Entered by 35 Central Pupils

Members of Dr. H. A. Senter's Classes Choose 14 of 18 Offered Subjects

Ninth Annual Contest

Members of Dr. H. A. Senter's chemistry classes, who plan to enter the ninth annual essay contest of the American Chemical society, reported last Friday the subjects on which they plan to write. The tally showed that thirty-four students in the three chemistry classes plan to enter the contest.

Awards for the contest are furnished by Mr. and Mrs. Francis P. Gavan, of New York City, in memory of their daughter, Patricia. The national prizes consist of six four-year scholarships to any recognized college or university in the United States with an annual allowance of \$500. In each state six \$20 gold pieces and six certificates of honorable mention will be awarded.

This year there will be eighteen topics for discussion instead of six as in former years, each topic having been divided into three sub-topics.

Below are the names of the Central contestants this year with the subject each will discuss:

- The Relation of Chemistry to Health and Disease
 1. Chemistry and Public Sanitation Vera Chandler, Elliot McClure, William Johnson
 2. How Chemistry Protects the Public Health in My Town Jack Wickstrom
 3. The Purification of Municipal Water Carlton B. Goodlett, Lowell Haas, Maage La Counte, Martha Watson
- The Relation of Chemistry to the Enrichment of Life
 1. Chemistry and Labor-Saving Devices Harry Rosenstien, William Scott
 2. The Role of Chemistry in Music, Painting, Radio, and Motion Pictures Ted Boswell, Robert C. Weakley, Joe Goldware
- The Relation of Chemistry to Agriculture or to Forestry
 1. Fertilizers in Agriculture William Freiden
 2. The Control of Insect Pests by Chemistry Richard Boyer, Joan Guion, Eleanor Robertson
 3. What Chemistry Can Do to Utilize Waste Materials in Agriculture and Forestry Ellet Drake, Nat Hollister, Ruth Wiston
- The Relation of Chemistry to National Defense
 1. Chemistry and Aviation Helen Frohardt, Milton Himeistein
 2. The Relation of Chemistry to the Development of an Industry or a Resource of the United States Harold Eggers
 3. The Relation of Chemistry to the Automobile and to Cellulose Alister Finlayson, Frank Wright
 3. Chemistry and the Utilization of Waste Products Leigh Eggers, Samuel Rees, Dorothy Helen Thompson

Quartet Entertains at Dinner

The Central High quartet sang two selections for the women's division of the Chamber of Commerce Wednesday evening. The selections were "Blow, Blow Thou Winter Wind" and "Punkin Sue." Frank Underwood and Tom Organ also sang "Cantique du Noel."

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Central Clubs Hold Xmas Programs; Prepare for Christmas Activities

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Characters in the play were Ruth Herron, Mary; Ellet Drake, Raymond Young, and Charles Horejs, the three wise men; and Sam Rees and Paul Ward, shepherds. After the pantomime, two Christmas carols were sung.

"Saturnalia," a talk on the Roman holiday corresponding to Christmas, was made by Evelyn Epstein '32.

Japanese Talks to Linings

Yo Chita Son, a Japanese girl, who has been in America only four months, was the main speaker at a meeting of the Linings Travel club last Wednesday in Room 318.

She told of some of her experiences while attending Mission school in Yokohama. This city was the scene of a great earthquake in 1923 in which hundreds of lives were lost. Yo Chita Son described Japanese customs and related several folk tales.

In the report by the Christmas committee, Ruth Krcal '31 asked club members to bring 10 cent toys to Room 328. The toys will be given to the Family Welfare association which will distribute them to needy families.

Colleens Collect Toys for Xmas

Toys, broken and new, were brought to Room 331 this week by the Central Colleens to be given to needy families for Christmas. The Colleens collected the toys with the help of the Girl Reserves. The broken toys will be given to firemen to be mended and distributed.

Carols and a Christmas play were the features of a Colleen meeting held yesterday afternoon in the auditorium. "Why the Chimes Rang" was presented by Miss Myrna Jones' Expression IV class, with the following cast: Bill Metzger, Bill Lippold, Lawrence Forsyth, Gwendolyn Wolf, Fred Dunn, Jack Groupe, Twila Evans, Victor Smith, Jeanne Thompson, and Jack Melcher. The play was directed by Eileen Christensen.

Under the direction of Mrs. Irene Jensen, a selected group from the Boys' and Girls' Junior Glee clubs sang Christmas carols.

Give High Latin Students Places on Honor Legion

As a reward for averaging 90 percent or more in preparation tests, five students of Miss Jane Fulton's Latin classes have been placed on the Decima Cohors, the Latin honor roll.

Those who are now on the roll are: Hazel Niles, Leslie Green, Annie Laurie McCall, Donald Prohaska, all '31, representing the Vergil class; and Glenn Carman '32 from the second hour Caesar class.

Names are changed after each five to seven preparation tests. The Decima Cohors is named after Caesar's tenth legion and was started by Miss Fulton many years ago. The pupils are seated, starting from the back of the room, in the order that their grades average.

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Epstein Acts as Santa Claus

Jack Epstein, president of Der Deutsche Verein, acted as Santa Claus at a meeting of the German club after school Tuesday in Room 49. He distributed among the club the gifts brought by club members. Members of the German I classes participated in the exchange of presents. Miss Marie Schmidt, club sponsor, reported that she had found a family to whom the club could give their Christmas basket. Several German Christmas songs were sung. Miss Schmidt spoke on her travels in Germany.

Lois Horeis, Marie Hook, Fred Dunn, Louise Hoefener, Elizabeth Holden, Harold Eggers, Lillian Koom, Julius Hornstein, Irving Chudacoff, and John Miller took part in the musical program.

A holiday party will be held December 29 at the Fontenelle park pavilion for members of Mr. Lampman's classes. Features of the affair will be indoor games, prizes, refreshments, and dancing.

Boosters' Hold Christmas Party

A Christmas party given by the Boosters' club Wednesday started with a play, "The Old Lady Muddles," and ended with dancing and general hilarity.

Refreshments consisted of purple and white cake, ice cream, candy, and purple and white napkins to match the cake. An exchange of ten cent gifts revealed everything from snakes which sprang from apparently innocent jam jars to drums and tiny hot water bags.

A tiny silver tree was the only decoration used. It was contributed by Mrs. Byron S. Peterson.

Rotary Club to Hear 80 Centralites

Eighty members of the Senior Glee clubs of Central High have been chosen by Superintendent of Schools J. H. Beveridge to sing at a district meeting of the Rotary club next Wednesday noon at the Fontenelle hotel. The Glee clubs will sing Christmas carols and other selections.

Stock Market Investigated By Students of Economics

Learning the fundamentals of buying, selling, and exchanging stocks and bonds is the present work of Miss Autumn Davies' third hour Economics class.

The students in the class have been taught to select stocks and bonds and to learn their qualities as an investment.

Miss Davies said that, as a whole, the students were showing ability as investors. By means of the Wall Street Journal and other financial publications, the students are able to follow the progress of their money.

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O-Book Failure Caused by Lack Of Enthusiasm

Parents Fail to Show Interest; Students Slow to Push Sale of Tickets

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The lack of interest in the O-Book was shown also by the slow progress of the sale of the books. Only about thirty books had been sold Wednesday after a three days' drive by fifty-two salesmen. A sale of 800 books was the goal.

Explain Expenses to Parents

The statement which was sent to the parents read in part as follows:

"Because of the present financial situation in Omaha and elsewhere and because of some question as to what is desirable, this year, we are asking you to express your opinion below as to whether we shall have the high school annual or senior book. We feel that it is possible to drop it out without interfering with the educational value of the year, that while it is a much treasured memento for the senior class, its final value is rather small in proportion to the expense and effort involved."

List Graduation Expenses

The expense of the O-Book to each member of the graduating class was listed as \$1 for the book and \$3.75 for the cost of each senior picture.

Other graduating expenses were also listed. The cost of the cap and gown used in the graduation ceremony was given at \$2. Other expenses, not obligatory, such as the class banquet, senior play, rings and pins, and camp fees raised the sum to well over \$10.

Book Reviewing Elements Defined by Club Sponsor

That all magazine reviews written this week should be taken from January issues of magazines was stated by Miss Zora Shields at a meeting of the Book Reviewers' club Monday.

Miss Shields stated that each word in a review should portray motion, color, atmosphere, mood, or should bring a picture to the eye of the reader.

"Book Reviewing as It Appeals to Me" is to be the name of a paper that each book reviewer is required to hand in before the end of the semester. The essay is to state the critic's attitude toward some book read, his judgment of the book, and his method of reading.

The reviewers were asked to criticize any strength or weakness that he sees in the present system of assigning books and magazines for review.

Central Appetites Relish Eve's Fruit

Central is a truly charitable institution. This was proved Wednesday, for when an unemployed world war veteran came up to the school with a basket of apples, many students and faculty members reached into their pockets and purchased an apple.

Of course the fact that it was almost lunch time when the veteran first appeared and that the big, juicy, red apples which he had with him were large enough to satisfy even the hungriest may have encouraged some of the Centralites who bought.

Coming in the east entrance, the veteran sold his first apple while he was asking a Student Control officer where he would have to go for permission to peddle his wares. By 3 o'clock he had sold his supply of 300 apples which wasn't at all bad.

The sale of the apples is sponsored by the American Legion and is helping many world war veterans to carry on during the winter months.

Treasurer's Report Given at Meeting

Student Control Congratulated On Success of Convention; Discuss Closed Halls

The Student Control held a meeting Wednesday in Room 120. President Raymond Young '31 presided. The treasurer's report of the expenses of the recent Student Council convention was given by Ellet Drake '31, treasurer, showing a profit of sixteen dollars. Two letters, one from Coffeyville, Kansas, and the other from Omaha South congratulated Central on the success of the convention.

A vivid discussion followed on the question of closed halls and the misconduct of students in study halls. A committee consisting of Edward Clark '32, chairman, Harold Stein '34, and Robert M. Brown '31 was appointed to consider the hall question.

Nine Girls Tutor Latin Students

Nine girls in the Latin department are now receiving Student Control activity points for tutoring backward students. Six of the girls are tutoring Latin I students, while the other three, all Cicero students, are tutoring Latin III students. They work in Room 248 every night after school. The girls are Virginia Lundburg, Harriet Rosenfeld, and Ermagrace Reilly.

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CENTRALITES

Various new classes will be offered next semester. The following is a list of those practically determined upon by the office: English History, Contemporary History, French and Spanish Conversation, Slide Rule, Algebra IV, and Trigonometry.

Eva Mae Gem Wong '31 has returned to school after a three day's absence.

Mr. Andrew Nelsen, mathematics instructor, is planning to spend the holidays in Galveston and Dallas, Texas. If the weather is suitable, he will drive; if not, he says he will take the train.

Ruth Miller, Cora Leard, Ruth Ellis, and Evamae Livermore, all '31, spent the week-end in Lincoln.

To promote interest in typing, the 8 o'clock Type III class of Mrs. Edna Dana has been divided into two sides. The teams will compete against each other for the highest marks in fifteen minute tests.

Warren Wallace '30 visited school last week.

Miss Angeline Tauchen and Mrs. Edna Dana, commercial teachers, will attend the National Commercial Teachers' convention in Des Moines, Iowa, December 30 and 31.

Miss D. Rindone substituted for Miss Pearl Rockfellow on Monday.

Bill Hart Tells of Mexican College—Speaks in Spanish

Speaking entirely in Spanish, Bill Hart '32 told the Spanish club of the University of Mexico, Tuesday at the club's regular meeting. He spoke of the history of the university, the special courses offered to foreign students, the culture of Mexico, and the beauty of Mexico City itself.

"The National University of Mexico is the oldest university on the American continent," he said. "It was founded in 1555 by royal order of Charles V of Spain. Contrary to the opinion of the greater number of Americans, Mexico is a country of culture."

A short business meeting was followed by a piano solo played by Robert Butts, and two vocal selections sung by Rebecca Kirshenbaum, accompanied by Rose Steinberg.

Teacher Patrol Maintains Order In All Corridors

Announcement in Circular Bans Social Gatherings After Seventh Hour

Patrol Begun This Week

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were supervised by Miss Pearl Rockfellow, first floor; Mrs. Elsie Swanson, second floor; and Mr. Louis Bexten, third floor.

On Wednesday the positions were as follows:

East and south halls; first floor, Mr. Fred Hill; second floor, Miss Bessie Fry; third floor, Mrs. Grace McManus; and basement, Miss Pearl Judkins. West and north halls were assigned on Wednesday to Miss May Copeland and Miss Doris Hosman on the first floor, Mrs. Bernice Engle on the second floor, and Miss Helen Lane on the third floor.

Choose Teachers Each Day

Halls on the east and south sides were taken care of yesterday by Miss Bess Bozell on the first floor, Mrs. Anna Haynes on the second floor, Mrs. Edna Dana on the third floor, and Mr. O. J. Franklin in the basement. The west and north halls were assigned to Miss Helen Sommer on the first floor, Mr. J. W. Lampman on the second floor, and Miss Jennie Hultman on the third floor.

Seven on Duty

Today, Miss Maybel Burns will supervise the east and south halls of the first floor; Mrs. Elizabeth Craven, the second floor; and Dr. H. A. Senter, the third floor. The basement was in the care of Mr. H. R. Jacob. The west and north halls were in the care of Mrs. Bessie Rathbun on the first floor, Mme. Barbara Chataleine on the second floor, and Miss Alice West on the third floor.

Johnson Plays for French Clubs

Robert E. Johnson played parts of the opera, "Our Lady's Juggler," and explained its meaning at a meeting of the French clubs Tuesday in Room 129. He also played for the clubs while the members sang the French national anthem, "La Marseillaise." Following this, Elizabeth Fore gave a reading, "La Petite Marchande D'Alumettes." Elizabeth Hayward presided at the meeting.



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EMMERT CAPTAIN

By HOWARD WILCOX
With Max Emmert at the captain post, the Eagle basketball team will go to Harlan, Iowa, tonight to meet the Harlan High quintet in the first Central basketball tussle of the season.

The game will be a trial tilt for the Purple basketball team, and they are expected to emerge victorious by a more or less decisive score. With five veterans in the lineup, one of them an All-Missouri Valley guard, Central has hopes of overwhelming the small town boys.

However, while nothing is known of Harlan's basketball team, the Iowa town has pulled a few fast ones before in the story of progress and may add a victory over Central to its list of achievements.

Ten Men to Go
Coach Knapp plans to take with him to the Harlan game Everett, Emmert, Brown, Carlsen, McFarland, Hughes, Howell, Jorgensen, Chadwell, and Altsuler. Brown will probably start at center, Everett and McFarland at guards, and Emmert and Carlsen at forwards.

John Howell, lanky first squad sophomore, has an eagle eye and will probably see service in the course of the combat. If John possesses any of the athletic ability of his brother, "Blue," he should garner a great many athletic honors while at Central. In case you have been sleeping during the last decade, "Blue" Howell was an All-American football threat who got his start at Central and gained fame at the University of Nebraska.

Emmert Able Pilot
While Max Emmert did not play regularly last year, he made a letter and proved himself a clean, consistent basketball player. He should pilot the cagemen to a victory tonight.

Everett will be captain in the West Point game, January 2; McFarland will lead the Eagles in the Oakland game, January 3; and Brown will be pilot at the Creighton game, January 6.

Will Rotate
Captains of the other Central games will be determined by having Emmert, Everett, McFarland, and Brown rotate in the order named; thus, each will be acting captain every fourth game until Everett, mid-semester man, graduates. The graduation of Everett will only give the other seniors the captain's job more often.

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Indoor Golf Stars, Mostly Centralites, To Tee Off Jan. 12

To date the high school miniature golf tournament, to be held shortly after Christmas vacation at the Omaha indoor golf links beneath the bus terminal, looks like a purely Central affair.

Of the thirty-four names already in the lists, eighteen are Centralites. Among the indoor golfing stars at Central we find Max Lohse, Willis Taylor, Neil Miller, Elbert Moshier, Dan Wagstaffe, Allen Roessig, Wesley Russell, Howard Wilcox, Wayne Edgar, Milton Robinson, Stanley Gregory, Richard Kinman, Bud Songster, Charles Rachman, Myron Tarnoff, Billy Stevens, Carruth Wagner, and Bob Engle.

The date of the meet, originally set for December 18, has been changed to January 12, a week after school resumes. On that day the thirty-six hole qualifying round will be played, after which match play will continue in flights.

In case there are enough entries to form three flights, a watch will be awarded the winner of the championship flight and fountain pens to the winners of the two lower flights. Several more entries are expected before the tournament begins. There is an entry fee of twenty-five cents, which takes care of the qualifying round.

BEGIN BASKETBALL

Girls Abandon Hockey; Attempt Basketball

The closing of the hockey season and the opening of basketball are the main events on the calendar of Girls' athletics this week.

So far this year, fifty-two girls have signed up for basketball, and many more players are expected to turn out.

Mrs. Glee G. Case is to have charge of the freshmen and sophomore teams, and Miss Elinor Bennett is to coach the junior and senior teams. As an added incentive this year, the two winning teams will be sent to represent Central at the all-city basketball play day.

The winning hockey team, captained by Mary Rigg '31, will be entertained in 425 Friday afternoon by Virginia Boucher's team. The records of the hockey tournament was one tie, three victories for Mary's team, and one victory for Virginia's team.

Girls' Gym Club to Play Santa Claus to Families

Christmas baskets containing food for two poor families will be distributed next week by the Girls' Gym club and the G.A.A. Dorothy Porter and Julie Baird, both '31, are responsible for the delivery of the baskets.

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Omaha Principals in Conference Accept State Basketball Tournament Plan

Cage Openers In Inter-City Camp Tonight

Benson Displays Power in Blair Game — Played Tee Jay Last Night

SOUTH TO PLAY LYNX

A display of power by last year's basketball champions featured the beginning of the cage season last week. The 1930 edition of Adams' Bunnies overwhelmed Blair 65 to 5 to break all city prep records.

But this week's fray will demonstrate the real ability of the Benson crew as well as test for the first time the basket aggregations of several other inter-city schools.

Inter-City Contests

Last night the Bensonites tangled with Thomas Jefferson, always a tough foe, on the Bunnies' home floor. Tee Jay was minus their scoring champ of last year, Olsen, who graduated last June.

Other inter-city cage meets, including Central's match with Harlan, will all be played tonight. South will cross the river for a battle with Abraham Lincoln. North journeys to Glenwood for a warmup tussle. Creighton Prep is host to Missouri Valley in a game that will go far in showing whether the Hickey aggregation has the power of the quintet of that institution in 1928, when Smith and Dugan baffled the city cagemen into the season's title.

Six Games in Two Weeks

After the holiday vacation Central's basketball will be plenty busy. A series of six games will be played in the space of two weeks. The Friday and Saturday before school, January 2 and 3 by the calendar, Central will play two warmup tussles with West Point and Oakland respectively.

January 6, the day after school is resumed, the Eagles will stage their first city meet with Creighton on the Prepsters' floor. According to veterans, Central outclasses the Junior Jays, but with both teams untied at the present it is difficult to foretell the outcome.

Ten Day Rest Period

After that three games follow in close succession until January 17, when the Knapplemen will get a ten-day rest period. January 9 Central plays South, January 13 we meet Abraham Lincoln, and January 17 is the date of the big Tech tangle.

Central's first home game will come on January 27 with North. The gym for this match has not yet been selected.

Archer Archie Arches Archly beneath Arches

"Bye-lo baby bunting, Archie's gone a-hunting." However, Archie did not hunt rabbits as the old saying goes, but did his arching under the arches of the east hall. The victim? A poor little innocent pigeon who was seeking shelter from the Arctic blasts at the expense of the tax-payers.

Archie Everett, on hearing the sad plight of the little pigeon, immediately went to the rescue. Bringing the bird into Room 149, the Register office, Archie attempted to lodge "Flea Wings" (that's what he had) in the desk of the news editor. Flea Wings did not take a liking to drawers.

Then, at the suggestion of the sports editor that "birds of a feather flock together," he (the bird, not the editor) was finally taken out of doors and thrown to the mercy of the winds.

Scott Reports Cage Reserves Are Improving

Beh, Spiegall, Kline, Daubenhayre, Altsuler Best

Practicing faithfully every day at the Jewish Community Center, the second basketball team is gradually rounding into form. The squad is under the direction of Johnny Scott, assistant football and basketball coach.

About eleven men are reporting for practice daily; however, this number will probably be increased by men eliminated from the first squad. The second team aggregation is almost completely composed of underclassmen, the purpose of the team being to train men for service on the first squad in the future.

Best Combination

"The team is improving their defense constantly," stated Coach Scott, "and the offense should improve as the team gets more experience and develops team work."

Beh at center, Spiegall and Daubenhayre at forwards, and Altsuler and Kline at guards seem to be the combination that is functioning best up to the present time. Beh is long and lanky and usually gets the tip-off, but he cannot hit the hoop with a good deal of accuracy.

Spiegall Has Eagle Eye

Spiegall, the only senior on the team, is the mainstay of the aggregation. Although built heavily, he is fast on his feet and has a dead eye. Altsuler at guard is playing a very heady game. He is only a sophomore.

CAGE DOPE

By ARCHIE

During the last week McCann has encountered some difficulty in keeping Harry Call from telling what he knows. The "house that Jack built" seems to be on a shaky foundation.

Every great basketball player has his pet peeve. Among those at Central are Bernice, Margaret, Virginia, and DeVona.

Captain Frank Wright was selected as the third team quarterback on the World-Herald's All-State football team. McFarland, Porr, Coren, and Condon were all given honorable mention.

"We enjoyed the opera exceedingly," was Connolly's only statement for publication when questioned about the "soph twins."

John Ellis, former Central tackle, now attending Wentworth Military Academy, was judged as the best tackle in the conference of which Wentworth is a member.

Where is our patriotism? Even "Deacon" Brown, lanky Central basketballer, has deserted the girls of Central for one from Technical.

Coach F. Y. Knapples scrimmaged his quintet against the Union State Bank five last Friday. The bankers' team is composed of Frank and Gibby Horacek, Jerry Cheek, John Pattullo, and Horace Jones, all former Centralites.

For the second year Parker Davis, former Central athlete, is making a bid for regular guard position on the University of Creighton basketball team. He has a fair chance to play on the Jay quintet this winter.

Members of the Central quintet who will probably start in the Harlan game will average seventeen years, eight months, and three days; an average of 150 pounds is attained; the average height comes to 5 feet, 11 inches; and the quintet is of five different nationalities. Those considered were Emmert, Brown, Carlsen, McFarland, and Everett.

There is a Santa Claus after all! Maybe it's only the Christmas spirit among the members of the school board. Anyhow, taxis are transporting the Purple cage squad from Central to the Tech gym.

McCreary Is Awarded Grid Letter at Grinnell

Dewitt McCreary '28 has been announced winner of a letter in football this year at Grinnell. He plays in the backfield and was seen in action here when Grinnell met Creighton. He is also a letterman in basketball, having won this award last year.

At Central Dewitt was an all-around athlete. He won three letters in baseball and two in the hoop sport. He played third base on the ball team and was captain of it in his senior year. In basketball he was a regular guard. "Mac" also played in the tennis and golf tournaments.

Athletics were not the only things in which he participated in during his stay here. Dewitt was treasurer of the C.O.C., chairman of the entertainment committee of the senior class, and member of the Gentlemen's French club.

Award Letters At Annual Grid Squad Banquet

Pigskin Men Hold Dinner at K. C. Grill Room

Central's pigskin men held their annual banquet at the Knights of Columbus grill, Wednesday, December 10, for a last get-together meeting and the awarding of the football letters.

Coach F. Y. Knapples climaxed the evening's entertainment by awarding football "O's" to the following: Captain Frank Wright, John Blackburn, Carsten Carlsen, Shelley Condon, Henry Coren, Jack Douglas, Robert Eldridge, Brownie Egelston, Elmore Hoff, Robert Levine, Morris Loder, Jack McCann, James McFarland, Norman Porr, Robert Rich, Charles Scallan, and Kenneth Macumber.

Mr. Hill, director of athletics and dean of boys, was toastmaster. The following gave speeches: Principal J. G. Masters, Mr. J. G. Schmidt, Mr. Andrew Nelsen, Mr. Bexten, Mr. Barnhill, Dr. Fouts, Coach John Scott, Coach Knapples, Captain Wright, McFarland, and Coren.

Others attending were Binkley, Burdick, Connolly, Cunningham, Hessler, Munkhof, Peterson, Polyzois, Thorsen, Trobough, and Weiner. Managers Everett, Thompson, and Fry also ate.

Say City Will Enter Quintet In Prep Meet

On Condition of No Obligation to Enter in Future Tournaments

'IMPOSSIBLE IN 1932'

That Omaha will send a representative to the state high school basketball tournament this season but will not do so in the future was decided at a meeting of high school principals at the City Hall Wednesday morning.

If it is desirable to the state athletic association, an Omaha school will enter the tourney, but there can be no obligation to participate in future years. The action in regard to future tournaments was due to the requests of the North-Central Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges, which has organized a committee to reduce state, regional, and local tournaments.

"We cannot be obliged to continue beyond the present year," opined Mr. Masters. "Next year we will find a regional tournament impossible."

There is a movement all over the country to abolish regional tournaments. The national meet was dissolved this year, and several athletic associations have advised against large tournaments. Besides any other objections the regional tournament is not beneficial to the physical condition of the players.

The abolishment of the city tournament and the decision to discontinue Omaha participation in the state tourney after this year leaves the city schools with only their season's records with which to determine their comparative standing. According to present day opinion, that method is a fairer one.

Elmer Greenberg '27, former Central high football star, received honorable mention on the official All-American football team.

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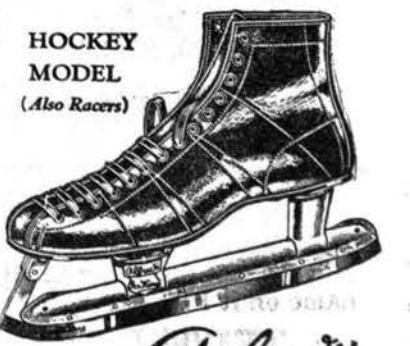
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