

Have A Merry Christmas - See You Jan. 3, 1955

Sophomores Have Poorest Attendance

Mr. Richard States Danger of Truancy

Shame on the sophomores! They have the poorest attendance record of any of the Central classes. Over the first nine weeks they have accumulated one-fourth of the entire school absences.

Here are the exact figures on the classes' attendance rate, percentage-wise:

M.S. (modified schedule)	93.1 percent
7B	95.6 percent
7A	95.0 percent
8B	96.4 percent
8A	94.7 percent
9B	95.6 percent
9A	95.1 percent
10B	95.4 percent
10A	95.0 percent
11B	95.6 percent
11A	94.8 percent
12B	96.0 percent
12A	96.2 percent

The total percentage of students present was 95.5. The girls have a much better attendance record than the boys.

The sophomores are again the villains of the piece as we look to the tardy list. Almost a third of these are added by the tenth graders. Another interesting fact is that for every tardy person in junior high two are added from the senior section.

This year's withdrawals exceeded the entries by thirty-five students. There were fifty-six entries after the beginning of the school year but there were ninety-one withdrawals.

Truancy is shown to be more prevalent in the fifteen-year age group. There are more "run-aways" and court cases in this group also. Mr. Richard commented, "I do not believe the students realize they may injure their chances in later life by being truant."

It seems as though nearly every day someone from an agency comes to Central to thoroughly investigate the records of some individual. Many adults wonder why they fail to get a job. The reason is that high school records are always carefully checked by employers.

One investigator stated, "The record of a high school student is the best indication of success or failure in later life. So watch those absences, kids!"

Foreign Exchange Drive To Get Later Push

Because of the numerous other drives that have been going on lately plus the fact that most of you are saving for Christmas, the Student Council decided not to push the foreign-exchange drive until after our vacation. Considering this, the results so far are pretty good.

After Christmas, however, they plan to really "get the ball rolling" by making posters and having an assembly. On January 12 some of the students from Adams will come here and tell us about their experiences in the American Field Service.

SCOREBOARD

Michigan City 73, Central 68
Riley 74, Mishawaka 61
Mishawaka 56, Culver 31
Terre Haute Garfield 57, Adams 46
Ft. Wayne North 69, Washington 63
St. Joe 44, Washington-Clay 43
Twin City Records:
Adams ----- 4-1
Washington ----- 4-1
Mishawaka ----- 4-1
Riley ----- 3-2
St. Joe ----- 2-1
Central ----- 2-3

Yuletide Decorations Adorn School

As all of us can see from the candles adorning our lampposts throughout town we again are surrounded by Christmas decorations which are announcing the Christmas season.

Central is also keeping the Yuletide season alive by donning its holiday attire. As you probably have noticed, the cafeteria is wearing its array of colors, which even helps to constitute the traditional Santa Claus figure which lends an atmosphere of Christmas.

The various rooms around the school have also been decorated with the well-known Christmas trees laden with tinsel, bells, and colored lights.

The halls, too, are being decorated for the purpose of helping us to enjoy our last week in school just a little more. It is an undeniable fact that the Christmas spirit has seized each and everyone of us here at Central and certainly everyone has put extra effort into the planning of jovial red and white decorations which we all have enjoyed.

So we are going to sign off until Christmas holidays are over. Here's hoping old St. Nick doesn't forget any of you and here's hoping also that you all have as good a time as I hope to have. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

'C'est La Vie' Classes Hold Christmas Parties

Various classes have held Christmas parties within the last few days.

Mrs. Butcher's interior decorating class held a Christmas party at Mrs. Butcher's home last week. Thirty-five students and teachers attended. A lively discussion was carried on about the pros and cons of modern decorating, etc.

An interesting talk was given by Ellen Bittle, in charge of interior decorating for Ries's Furniture Store.

Refreshments were enjoyed by all. Audrey Schanfeld, Elissa Baer, and Toby Rosenberg assisted on the refreshments.

Miss Gienand's French and German classes are observing Christmas in fashion.

An Advtakranz, which is a fancy German wreath, adorns room 320. Yule-logs, which are characteristic of delicious French pastry and sabats (the French equivalent to our Christmas stockings), are awaiting the Pere Nerl on Friday.

Several girls have become excellent pastry-cooks practicing on a buche de Noel cake for today. Students in French class today tasted the results of Nancy Prytz's, Donna Wenger's and several other's baking efforts.

These language students wish you a—

JOYEUX NOEL
FROHICHE WEIHNACHTEN!

ANNUAL ART EXHIBIT NOW IN MAIN HALL

Have you seen the annual arts and crafts exhibition in the main hall? Don't miss it, as it is one of the finest in many years.

The work is from the arts and crafts classes taught by Mr. Butcher, Mr. Paradis and Mr. Trottnow.

Featured in the exhibit are necklaces, rings, pendants, tie clasps, bracelets and bookends. The materials used were sterling silver and copper.

Enameling was used and a great extent showing. For you cats who aren't hep to the facts, the art of making enameled jewelry has been popular off and on since 800 B. C.

The colored enamels are made by adding different minerals and metal oxides to colorless glass. They are made into a paste which is then applied to the prepared copper objects. The jewelry is then heated vigorously for three or four minutes.

The Austrians revived the skill before World War I. Then it arrived in the United States and now is one of the fundamental skills taught in art and craft class.

The students active in crafts this year are:

Sylvia Henderson, Lee Nicks, Pat Lowe, Charles Lynn, Alma Smith, Janet Kubiak, Bill Harrington—Mrs. Butcher.

Kevin McCarthy, Janet Love, Jake Long, Richard Aldrich, Sue Buhler, Bob Taylor, Larry Blanton—H. Paradis.

Terry Botteron, Jack Burbridge, Nancy Galos, Robert Gatlon, Ricky Lippert, Thomas Manuszak, Marlene Solot—Mr. Trottnow.

Seniors Faced Tests For Scholarship Awards

Exactly one week ago today, approximately 85 members of the senior class got a preview into what college life would be like. No, they did not visit any local edifice of higher learning but simply participated in a senior scholarship test given to all seniors in Indiana high schools desiring a scholarship to any one of the twenty-six schools co-operating in the examination.

Students checked their number one and two choices of colleges and have to follow that up by filling out an application if they are notified by their number one choice and by notifying their number two choice.

The examination, which lasted all morning, covered most fields and was supervised by Mr. Harter, head counselor. Science, Mathematics, and English were all included.

Was it hard? Well, here is what a few of your classmates have to say. Sally Mead: "My opinion of my own intelligence has been sufficiently lowered."

Jackie Papet: "It took more out of me than it put into me."

Nancy Dumont: "It was the roughest test I have ever taken in my life."



Mr. Harter

All City Senior Prom Date Set

Senior Cabinet at Work On Plans

Only 500 Tickets Available

Been wondering what's going on behind those closed doors of the senior cabinet meetings? No, they haven't been plotting the doing-in of some errant senior. Nor have they been "chewing the rag" over subjects trivial and uninteresting. At these meetings, plans are being made for the annual All-City Senior Prom.



Carolyn Whitmer

Carolyn Whitmer, senior class secretary, announced the affair and commented, "It is a good opportunity for the seniors of the city to unite and promote good feeling among the schools."

This dance, held in conjunction with the other city high schools—John Adams, Washington, and Riley—will be Friday, January 28, 1955, at the Indiana Club from 9:00 to 12:00. Micky Isley's band is scheduled to play.

The dance is open to all senior B's and A's and to all alumni. Parents are invited to attend the dance without charge. It is requested that no flowers be worn.

The preparations for the All-City Senior Prom are shared equally among the four city schools.

Only 500 tickets will be available for this affair, at \$2.00 a ducat per couple.

Taking care of the contracts and arrangements with the band and with the Indiana Club was the job given to the Central high school seniors. They have handled this efficiently with the help of Mrs. Hilda Lean.

Other faculty members assisting Mrs. Lean are Miss Agnes Frick, in charge of publicity; Mr. Herman Judd, helping with invitations; Mr. J. Roy Smith, in charge of ticket distribution at Central; and Miss Jeanette Smoger, who is now conducting a song poll around the Central halls.

The senior cabinet is headed by the 12B and 12A class presidents, Joe Boland and Jay Charon, respectively. The rest of the cabinet is composed of the other senior class officers and the senior home room presidents. Brendan Fagan, Carolyn Whitmer, Dan Hager and Pat Suran are the other class officers. The home room presidents are Bill Essig, Wade Leslie, Robert McDonald, Leon Kindt, John Holmes, Bob Govers, Bradley Bunker, Gale Pendl, and Dean Anderson.

Among the many duties assigned to the Senior Cabinet are the All-City Senior Prom, the senior class play, the senior class gift, and the school's Senior Prom in the spring.

Glee Club Carols In Halls

No! you are not hearing things at all. I'm certain you haven't forgotten Christmas vacation is so near, nor have you forgotten the annual event of the Christmas caroling in the halls before that wonderful vacation arrives.

A special group of students in the Glee Club, under the direction of Miss Helen Weber, were heard echoing both the old and the new Christmas songs throughout the school. These students have been practicing in Room 108 during their "spare moments" in order that we may all be able to join in that joyous spirit of Christmas. They sang during the fifth and sixth hours in the Central halls on Thursday, December 16, and Friday, December 17. In addition to this, they were asked to sing at the First Bank and Trust Company and the National Bank and Trust Company between 12:30 and 1:30 on Friday, December 17. Only a select group were taken on the annual trip downtown.

CONDOLENCES

The INTERLUDE, on behalf of the entire student body and faculty, wishes to express deepest sympathy to John and Alice Fill on the loss of their father last week. Mr. Fill's death resulted when, because of the icy road, he was unable to get traction and his automobile was struck by a South Shore train.

Second Council Dance Planned for Tonight

Man, that band is the most to say the least! Prepare yourself for remarks like that at the student council dance tonight. A jazz man from the deep south, Toby Lawrence and his band, will furnish the music.

The first post-game student council dance was such a success that another one has been arranged. However, this will be the last of them. The reason? Only two dates are given to each school each year and Central has used up its two openings.

From all indications this dance will be even better than the first one. No tickets will be sold at school, but as students enter the door they will be stamped.

In charge of the details is the original committee, composed of, Gordon Eslig, chairman, Joan Machalski, Carol Posick, Barbara Wheeler, Alan Rensberger, and Bob Govers. This dance is under the sponsorship of just the Student Council.



Yearbook Drive Closes Short of Goal

Got your Yearbook? If not, it's too late now, as the subscription campaign ended last Friday. Including an extra week, the drive netted only a little more than 1181 subscriptions, or about 75% of the goal of 1500.

As an extra help to those students who forgot their money, or were financially embarrassed at the time, the closing date of the drive had been extended from December third to the tenth.

Unfortunately, because of printer's and binder's deadlines, the campaign could not be extended further. But

since only a dollar down payment was necessary, such an extension would have only added delay.

A complete breakdown of the figures is not available now, but a few sales trends can be released. The seniors, of course, were almost 100% behind their Yearbook, while the other classes trailed behind.

The staff, despite mediocre backing from the student body, is still going to do its best to make this year's annual the best ever. Everyone is working to turn out a finer Yearbook this year than in years past.

which was that Central sells more yearbooks than any other South Bend school.

The main reason for the rather limited response to the book was its raised price. However, the staff feels that next year, when the students realize the quality of the book, its acceptance will be almost universal.

The yearbook staff, despite the missing 25% of their goal, have fond hopes of better luck next year. They feel students will buy the book when they view the high class edition.

- Dec. 17—Vacation begins at 3:00. (Need we say more?) Basketball—Central vs. Goshen.
- Dec. 18—Basketball—Central vs. Lafayette. (Here)
- Dec. 21—The team is really keeping that round ball busy this vacation. Central vs. Marion. (There)
- Dec. 29—Holiday Tourney begins. We play Elkhart at Elkhart.
- Dec. 30—Holiday Tourney. Central vs. Elkhart.
- Jan. 3—Take your student's weeds out of the moth-balls again, kids, care-free days are over. School re-opens.

ASSEMBLIES MAY BE CANCELED

Wise up, students of Central! Pep assemblies stand a good chance of being cancelled until students show indications that they are ready to cooperate and act as high school students should at pep assemblies.

The plan was put into effect at Adams and Washington and has worked very well. Their recent assemblies have had the utmost attention of the student body.

Chief among complaints is the steady undertone of talking and apparent disregard for the speaker. Mr. Ferrell pointed this out last week and as a result we had what many term as "our best pep session yet."

Junior High and freshmen students sit in the balcony and there is usually quite a disturbance there. They are not alone, however, for a senior section in the south-east corner on the main floor also contributes many unwanted shenanigans.

Certainly we wouldn't want one of our most prized possessions, the right to relieve the monotony of daily classes by assemblies, taken away from us because a few of us don't know how to act. If you are one of those accused, better think about your age in relation to your conduct. How does it stack up?

Last week's pep session received very good attention and after the first few yells the cheering was very good. Let's try to duplicate that fine effort and show our team that we are behind them and, as Mr. Ferrell says, "Bring down some of that plaster for the painters."

INQUIRING REPORTER

Q. What do you want for Christmas?

Fred Toth—A pair of 1955 be-bop glasses.

Sharon Pollack—Diet pills!

Bob Zarembka—Marilyn Monroe!

Pat Kaman—R. C. (and not the cola).

Marcia Milliken—A daddy with a "Caddy"!

Barbara Johnson—Nat "King" Cole.

Peggy Toth—A monotone gutted muffler.

Betty Hoehn—Snow!

Jack Hipsack—M. M. (Could this be candy?)

Maria Saffiuk—I don't know his name but it's some Fred in 3rd hour.

Kay Crawford—Something Santa can't get me.

Pearl Matthews—I want 26 tongues. (Languages.)

Sue Tarnow—Dick Judd . . . but what will Tom say?

Carol Mager—A Hollywood contract to play Mrs. Frankenstein.

Maryanne Wilson—An umbrella so that my hair won't get so covered with paint when I walk through the halls.

"PEACE ON EARTH GOOD WILL TO MEN"

As another Christmas season approaches we are again wrapped in beautiful thoughts of the meaning of the day. Since the time we were very small we have been told the beautiful story of Christ's birth on Christmas Day and now, with Christmas swiftly approaching, the story is again told in many homes throughout the world. The beautiful story of a tiny baby born into this world humbly in a stable becomes more vivid in our minds whenever we view a scene of the Nativity. Could we possibly give God a greater "Christmas Present" than to observe the familiar words "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men" during this Christmas season? So do not let us forget, on this Christmas Day, to pay tribute to the greatest person ever born, the Christ Child.

During the time we are celebrating our holiday of Christmas the Jewish people will be celebrating their holiday of Hanukkah. Hanukkah begins this year on the 20th day of Kislev by the Jewish calendar. This feast lasts eight days and its purpose is to celebrate the deliverance of the Jewish people from the Tyrant, Antiochus IV, King of Syria in the year 167 B. C. During this eight-day celebration the Jewish people light eight candles, one for each day, and offer their prayers to God much in the way as other people offer their prayers on Christmas. Hanukkah is a time of games, entertainment, and exchange of gifts, throughout the eight days.

Regardless of how each of you celebrate, however, may you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy Hanukkah.

Let's DO Put Christ Back Into Christmas!

Many, many years ago a bright star shone over the stable where the Christ child was born. He was wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger. The shepherds brought what little they could, such as small lambs. The three wise men from the East brought gold, frankincense, and myrrh. All of them came worshipping the new born Babe and glorifying our Heavenly Father.

As the Christmas season comes upon us what are our thoughts? We think of all the fun we are going to have at the parties and the dances. The girls' minds naturally wander to the thoughts of the clothes that they will wear to the various parties and special occasions. On the other hand, all the boys are beginning to wonder where all the money is going to come from to finance this Christmas social whirl. It is important to us whether we will get out our cards in time for Christmas. Our minds are busy with the idea of what to give Mom and Dad for Christmas. And, of course, we think how wonderful it is that our vacation is just beginning.

This is all very well and good, but have we missed anything? I definitely think that we have left out something very important. Have we really seriously given much thought, if any, to the Christ-child?

It is His birth that we are supposed to be celebrating. Let us resolve this year to think, even just a little, about Christ. Let us think of why He was sent into this world. If Christ had not been born, our lives would be very different today. How much we owe to Him! We will get so much more out of Christmas if we will only examine its beautiful and glorious inner meaning.

As has been said so often, "Let's put Christ back into Christmas."

—Dinny Dunlap.

SCHOOL'S OUT! CHRISTMAS DANCES REIGN

Starting NOW, Central will close her doors for sixteen days, which, translated into hours, make 396 of them. Faced with this wonderful fact, your first thought might be, "All that time to myself." How terrific!

Those of us who have jobs will be getting up early in the morning and trudging downtown with many a dark thought for our lucky friends at home in bed.

After struggling down to the kitchen for breakfast (I mean lunch) perhaps some of us will get out our shoulder and head to the closest lake. Maybe some of the perpetually "young at heart" will borrow little brother's sled and enjoy a speedy trip down a nearby hill.

Those of us who have not done our Christmas shopping as early as we should will jump on a bus and brave the crowds.

And most important of all, the evenings! There will be lots and lots of parties. And there are also all the dances that are being held. Central is having a basketball tourney again this year, so be sure to attend that. Also in the evenings will be lots and lots of concerts and plays. Various churches will be presenting excerpts from, or the entire, "Messiah." Many groups will be caroling on Christmas eve. You won't want to miss the Demolay, Rainbow, Progress Club, Handy Andy and Junior League dances, just to mention a few.

Have a wonderful vacation everyone and MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

PEP BAND PROVIDES HOT MUSIC AT GAMES

The fans at Central High basketball games have been seen doing strange things during the half-time intermissions. Stamping of feet, clapping hands, and choruses of "go-go" accompany the fast beat struck up by the Central pep band.

In addition to their jazz rhythms, they also turn in sparkling renditions of the visitors' school song, our school song, various fight yells, and the national anthem.

Following last year's pattern, the pep band is divided into two groups. The groups, consisting of 15 members each, are called the Orange and the Blue. The bands alternate with each other at games, thereby giving as many band members as possible the opportunity to play.

In previous years the entire band played at games, but last year, the faculty and other advisors decided to follow the Southern example of having pep bands. Central was the first school in South Bend to use this idea. Adams followed suit but as yet no other high schools have attempted the idea.

The Pep Bands' playing is appreciated by the team and the fans. Along with boosting the team's morale, it also shows the other schools that Central High School is definitely behind their team.

"Cool Yule" Party

How about that "cool Yule" party? Wasn't it the most? The combo was really gone, man!

Goodies galore were available for all the lads and lassies. Marilyn Miller was heard to exclaim, "This food is delish!" The coffee, milk, cocoa, and brownies were provided for by the refreshment committee under the chairmanship of Brendan Fagan.

A tree complete with trimmings and many lovely decorations added gaiety to the festive occasion. Does anyone know why Nancy Griffith and "Mert" Carroll were wandering in the direction of the mistletoe? Carolyn Whitmer, Leon Kindt, and Tom Hill planned this part of the program.

Grant Ivory pounding on the piano, Porter Thompson beating on the drums, Willie Winston and Otis Bailey blowing on the tenor and alto saxes, respectively, Henry Chandler cutting out on the bass fiddle, and Mickey Jones strumming the guitar—made up that gone combo. Those guys were really great! No guff! All the chicks and cats had a ball jitterbuggin' to the rollicking music.

The Senior cabinet, composed of home room presidents and class officers, worked on all the committees and did a terrific job. Mr. Hughes, the school janitor, was a big help in solving many of the technical problems. Miss Staples and the cafeteria staff did a very good job with the refreshments.

Chansonettes Busy Caroling

You say that you're all tuckered out from buying your gifts and getting ready for Christmas? You're not alone in your preparations. The Central Chansonettes are right with you. Living up to the name of being one of the busiest groups at Central, these girls have been practicing and practicing for the carol singing at the downtown banks and the Christmas assemblies at school.

Even though they have to do all of this preparing, the Chansonettes still maintain a steady schedule of singing engagements. During the first week of December they sang for the Methodist Women's Circle and the Kiwanis Auxiliary. Then they performed before the Children's Aid Society, and just yesterday they sang at St. Peter's Church on LaSalle street. By the full schedule that the Chansonettes have you can easily see why some of the invitations which they receive must be turned down.

The Chansonettes will be performing at two of the downtown banks with other members of the Glee Club. Besides "O Holy Night" and other traditional Christmas carols, they will sing "Shepherd's Story," "Gesu Bambino," and "There Were Shepherds." So if you're downtown in the vicinity shopping for your Christmas presents, drop in and have a listen. You'll be glad you did.

NOTICE

Barbara Vargo was recently appointed temporary assistant advertising manager.

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The U-NAME-IT Column

This is my own column. Gosh, those five words look good in print. Whoopee, my own private column. I can put anything I want in this space, as long as it doesn't have to be censored.

I'm so happy I can't even think of anything to write. I've labored long and hard to get my own column so that I can write on the same level as my distinguished cohorts, Aunt Verie, Cubskin, and even Kopy Kat.

I'd like to get a few things off my mind right here and now. I'll summarize them so that if you aren't interested you may stop reading: (1) a rehash of the (ooh, it hurts me to say the word) knee-sox situation. (2) a plea for a name for this column.

Starting with the first and most important, knee-sox, I would like to throw out a potlite slam at my colleagues (mentioned above) who wouldn't even give me column space to retaliate for the male species. Cubskin was on the brink of loaning me a measly two inches (80 words) in his column, Bear Facts, but then KK suggested to him, "See here, Cubby old boy, yours is a sports column. Let's keep it that way."

Right then and there my hopes went down the drain. (1) Disregarding the article appearing in last week's edition, I would like to remind my feminine counterparts that way back in the fourth grade they would wear long sox and hate them. Now they condone the wearing of such. This is a gross inconsistency. Way back then, they wore pigtails. Where are they now? Again an inconsistency.

I hereby make a statement and declare that from this issue henceforth, not a word about the abominable footwear will be printed. "The knee-sox fad is rapidly on the way out of existence so don't contemplate receiving or giving any for Christmas. They are done, gone, finished, disintegrated, evaporated. No more (I hope).

(2) Everybody that is anybody has a name for their column. Before I was a man without a column, now I am a column without a name. Please help me out and drop suitable suggestions (go easy with the suggestions, femmes) into the Verie Sauer box in front of the main office or tell me about it personally. Who knows, maybe by next issue I will have a name. Might even develop into a school observer type somewhat similar to "Carroll's Corner" in the local bugle, the S. B. Tribune.

Well, that's it for this week. See you after New Year's, if we need some space filler. "See ya later, alligator. (Now you answer, 'In a while, crockadile'.)"

Dig This!

To skip, or not to skip; that is the question:
 Whether it is braver to face
 The onslaughts of outrageous teachers,
 Or to throw on coat and hat,
 And by evasion knock off. To skip:
 to leave;
 No more; and by our exit to say we end
 The hand-crank and the thousand other tasks
 That we are stuck with, is but Utopian vision
 Devoutly to be wished. To skip, to knock class;
 To cut: perchance to be caught: ash, there's the shaft;
 For behind that door in Zimmer's what teachers may come
 When we have rolled our knee-sock to half mast,
 May give us trouble: there's the trap
 That makes skipping such a rough sport;
 But, who can stand the insolence of Central boys,
 The impromptu themes, the teachers' stony stares,
 The remarks about knee-sock, the poor work slips,
 The smell of obnoxious paint and
 The endless study halls we must endure,
 When we ourselves might our departure make
 With a forged note? Why should we cats bear
 To grunt and sweat under such a weary life,
 But that the dread of something on an attendance sheet,
 Questions from the home room prof, mind with horror
 The fourth degree from Pop, fills the And makes us rather bear the mess we have
 Then jump into the fire from the pot? Thus skipping doth make cowards of us all;
 And thus our failed plans
 Return us all to three-D cubes,
 And enterprises such as missing tests, etc.,
 With the practical thought stifle in reality,
 And lose the name of action.



VERIE SAUER SAYS:

Teen Talk 'Tis . . . all the tests this week . . . The Christmas decorations downtown; all this last minute shopping is not only hectic but bad on the health . . . the dance after the game tonight; let's see all of you there . . . swim meets; those suits really looked neat last week, guys! . . . orchids to the kids in "Amahl and the Night Visitor;" it was terrific, no guff . . . Hurry! Hurry! only a few more snatchin' days left for gettin' dates for those neat dances coming up! . . . this humble rumor-cluttered office hopes against hope (and better sense) that all ye dolls and cats get together and cooperate and enjoy (aw, you know what I mean) a Cool Yule and a really Frantic First!!!!

Quite Interesting:

Shirley Scott and Don Sharpe
 Judy VanRavensway and Jack Woodham
 Sharon Dunham and Jack Powell

Keeping the Mailman Busy:

Barbara Stout and Harlan Bourdon (Army)
 Audrey Sossoman and Kenny Little
 Josette Newsom and Jerry Rohde
 Sue Hodge and Jim Shedd
 Jean Houch and Pete Peterson

Seen by Santa Claus—around the halls of Central: Barbara Cieslik and Jim Zelinski, Susan Steiniger and Paul Gast.

Wanted:

DATES FOR CHRISTMAS VACATION DANCES!!!!

The Central grapevine has it that Roberta Fink and Jim Grant, Mary Michaels and Dixie Powers (Riley), Marlene Clarke and Terry Botteron are hitting it off!

Something for the Books:

Nancy Whitlock and Doyle Knight
 Charlotte Anderson and Commie Waltz
 Joanne Shaw and Lonnie Mantentful (Riley)

Predictions:

Marilyn Miller — Bruce Dwyer
 Charlotte Hoffman — Bob Vargo (Adams)

Dear Diary: Had a very good gabfest today. Found out that Betty Kendeweger and Norman Genish, Betty Swartz and Bill Wright, Sue Fertz and Neil Workman, Phyllis Bailey and Fred Scott, and Laura Lark and Virgie Simmons are dating.

How About the Student Council Dance Tonight????

Verie understands that Pat Groat and Dick VanRavensway, Joanne Bell and Jay Codwell (N. D.) and Sally Rice and Tom Wetter (Cent. Grad.) were at the "flicks" together!!!

Just One of Those Things:

Esther Shoemaker and Murray Moody
 Carol Campbell and Leland Yockey
 Nancy Robison and Hayvard Brannon (Grad.)
 Marjorie Robison and Jim Young
 Brenda Qouse and Andrew Johnsons

Here's something to tide you over till next year:

Flood: A river that's too big for its bridges.
 Comet: A planet with a hot foot.
 Bore: One who is here today and here tomorrow.
 Wedding ring: A tourniquet; it stops circulation.
 Mandate: Appointment with a young man.

Something Interesting Here:

Mary Wilson and Joe Yeager (N. D.)
 Mary Russell and Jim Agostino (St. Joe.)

Happy Birthday, Marilyn Coddens — seems you were 17 Wednesday!!

Congrats to Audrey Schanfeld who just received a dazzler from Lou Orly (Hammond)

What's Bruin':

Betty Ransom and Fred Barnes
 LaVerne Boone and Charles Cheer

BITS ON HITS

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Excerpt from Fifth Symphony—Beethoven.

The opening notes of this symphony were used during World War II as a victory slogan. This has been put to music to symbolize great human struggle.

Unfinishey Symphony—Schubert.

This tune has what we call sheer beauty of sound. This is a song with no rivals. It has power over the temperaments of all listeners. Romberg took *Song of Love* from this with a slight change of rhythm.

Grand March from Aida—Verdi.

This war song is a march which is liked by all. It accompanies the triumphant return of a young Egyptian soldier.

Piano Concerto Number 1—in B flat minor—Tchaikovsky.

This is just one of Tchaikovsky's tunes that has become a great help to the popular tunesmith. Here is the original source of *Tonight We Love*. This is proof that classical does not mean music without a popular appeal.

Waltzes from Rosenkavalier—Richard Strauss.

A superb piece of work, often used as the source for tone poems and operas, this waltz underscores the flirtatious remarks of Baron Ochs, who is in love with a pretty young maid. It is disappointing, but she loves a handsome young man nearer her age.

Fifth Symphony—(From the New World)—Dvorak.

The familiar tune in this symphony is known more widely as a Negro spiritual, *Going Home*. The title, *The New World*, stems from the fact that Dvorak did most of his work in and about America.

Finladia—Tone Poem—Sibelius.

Just let your imagination roam as you listen to this piece. Visualize

great sweeps of flat Finnish country, covered with forests and big sparkling blue lakes. Think of the rugged people and their wonderful spirit. Right, now you're in the mood.

Waltz From the Sleeping Beauty—Tchaikovsky.

This music has all the affect of a sleeping beauty, with a beautiful melody to remind you of that beautiful girl. One part, under the title of *Aurora's Wedding*, is still widely performed.

From Les Sylphides—Chopin.

There is no story to this enchanting tune—just a vision of ballerinas in the moonlight. You can just picture four soloists in filmy nineteenth-century half-length skirts with garlands in their hair and little wings on their back. (Sylphide means a sylph!)

Intermezzo—Cavalleria Rusticana—Mascagni.

Ave Maria has been fashioned out of this interlude into a one act opera. This is a story of revenge, where a little lady tries to forstall bloodshed—then *Intermezzo*.

Piano Concerto Number 2 in C Minor—Rachmaninoff.

What should we hear here but the tune from which *Full Moon and Empty Arms* was taken? This symphony was written after the failure of a past work. The Doctor had given Rachmaninoff a hyponotic treatment and ordered him to compose with facility an excellent concerto. This was the result, which was consequently dedicated to the Doctor.

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"And the next Saturday?"

"Gotta Date."

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"Whiz Kids" Face Busy Holiday Schedule

MEET FORT WAYNE CENTRAL IN TOURNEY

Coach Elmer McCall's fighting Central High "Whiz Kids," who have gained two victories from five opponents and too-happy officials, face a busy holiday schedule as they play five games during the Yule recess. Starting off the busy program, the Bears play host to the Goshen Redskins tonight, and the Lafayette Jefferson Broncos tomorrow night. Next Tuesday, the Bruins journey to Marion to play the Marion Giants. Finally the "Whiz Kids" play Fort Wayne Central in the initial game of the holiday tourney at Elkhart, December 29 and 30.

Coached by Hank Clason, the Redskins will field a starting five consisting of Phil Keim, 6-1, and Dean Gorsuch, 6-2, forwards; Larry Essig, 6-5, center; and Paul Hinckley, 6-0, and Keith Swihart, 6-0, the guards. The Redskins have lost their last two outings to Elkhart and John Adams, but played Middlebury last Tuesday night (sorry, no results due to press time.)

The Broncos, a perennial winner coached by Marion Crawley, will field a veteran team with a fine record to date. The probable starting lineup will see Mike Costello, 6-2, and Don Good, 6-1, at the forward posts; Dude Taylor, 6-4, center; and guards Eddie Becker, 5-9, and Ronnie Fisher, 5-11.

When the Bears journey to Marion, they will find Coach Woody Weir's team consisting of eight returning lettermen. Sorry we have no probable starting lineup for the Giants.

The Fort Wayne Central Tigers, coached by Herb Banet, are ranked as one of the top teams in the state by the various polls. Featuring a lineup of four returning starters plus a fifth letterman, the Tigers will be extremely rough. The probable starting lineup will see Walt Bonham, 6-1, and John Flowers, 6-5, at the forwards; Wilbur Davis, 6-6, center; and guards Chas Bates and Dave Shearer, both 5-8.

Herb Lee, the sophomore flash, continues to lead the team in scoring with 93 points and a 19 point average per game, while Leland Yockey continues in his stellar role as playmaker. Danny O'Donnell, Lee McKnight, Dale Rems, and John Coalman are becoming demons on the boards and have seemingly found the range. All in all the Bruins are getting better and better and with a few breaks, they will go a long way.

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MATMEN SPLIT WITH UPSTATE TEAMS

Last Thursday, Coach Bob Jones' matmen suffered their first defeat of the season at the hands of a het-up Thornton Fractional team at Calumet City by a 24-16 score.

The following day the Bruins crushed East Chicago Washington here at Central, chalking up 51 points to the Senators' 2. There has not been a Central mat team since the days of Bob Hepler and Jim Booher that has totaled up as many points in one meet as the squadd did last week. (Winning 11 of the 12 matches and drawing one, the Bears won eight by falls.)

Next Thursday the team travels to East Chicago to take on a powerful Roosevelt team. The loss to Fractional, being the first of the season, gave the Jonesmen a 2-1 record.

The summaries of the East Chicago Washington meet:

- 95-lbs. Newburn (C) pinned Vice (W) 3:20.
- 103-lbs. Phillips (C) pinned Beckwith (W) :33.
- 112-lbs. Foster (C) drew with Dominguez (W).
- 120-lbs. Atherton (C) pinned Pacurar (W) :52.
- 127-lbs. Ieraci (C) pinned Scolas (W) 5:30.
- 133-lbs. Stavros (C) pinned Hedeilius (W) 4:14.
- 138-lbs. Strozewski (C) pinned Fanno (W) :51.
- 145-lbs. Hager (C) decisioned Wilmont (W).
- 154-lbs. Beissel (C) decisioned Verduzco (W).
- 165-lbs. Million (C) pinned Ctasley (W) 5:18.
- 175-lbs. Nailon (C) pinned Falcone (W) 4:53.
- Heavyweight Rems (C) decisioned Ranich (W).

BEAR FACTS BY CUBSKIN



Cubskin was delighted to see so many of you students travel up to Michigan City last Friday; let's keep up that good representation at our out of town games; the team can always use that extra support. . . . We were also very proud of our team even though they went down to defeat. Cubskin thinks that if the "Whiz Kids" could have had a break here or a break there the score board would have read a little differently. The team did a very good job in all ways and means except the personal foul category; of course, you can blame some of the fouling on their great desire to win. . . . Cubskin has been in and around the game of basketball for a long time and has never known or seen a player who gives more to his team or has more determination to win, than Leland Yockey. "Yock" gives everything he has and maybe a little more in all games. He tries to build spirit, and does a worthy job of it. So this week Cubskin would like to extend a word of congratulation for a job well done to Central's little playmaker, Leland Yockey. . . . We, here at Central, have both a wrestling and a swimming team! We should be proud of them. What say we get out and give them a little support!

RESERVES WIN FIFTH STRAIGHT

Coach Bob Turnock's reserve team got off on the right foot in the conference race last Friday evening when they defeated the Michigan City "B" team 35-22.

After being held to a slim four points in the first quarter, the junior Bears began to burn the nets, and retired to the dressing room at half time with a 16 to 11 edge. The second half was a replica of the last three games, which featured a strong offense and a non-breaking defense. At three-quarters the score board read 24-17 and at the final whistle,

35-22. Again, as in the four previous games, the reserves showed a balanced scoring attack. In the City game, Jim Dunn with ten tallies lead the scoring; Dunn was closely followed by Joe King with eight points; Lee Reed dumped in six; Lamar Gemberling, five; and Henry Chandler, Molhar Hobbs and Leroy Campbell all contributed two points to the cause. Gene Stachowiak also saw considerable action for the reserves.

This victory was the fifth for the "B" team.

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Bears Succumb To Imps, 72-68

An optimist once said: "Those who take advantage of the advantages given them will win many possessions." This phrase could very easily be applied to the South Bend Central-Michigan City game played last Friday in Michigan City.

The Red Devils, who were benefitted by Central's numerous, personal fouls, posted their sixth consecutive win in downing our "Whiz Kids," 73-68.

Again it was a story of a hazardous third period that ruined the Bears. Entering into the three-fourths mark, the Bears had a nine point lead, 39 to 28, but that lead had vanished before you could say "Jack Be Quick." It was in the third quarter that the Bears were really hurt by fouls; it was in the third quarter that the Bears traveled, double dribbled and threw bad passes; it was in the third quarter that the Bears were held to a mere eleven points compared to City's thirty tallies.

In the fourth quarter the McCall men outscored the Red Devils 17-15, but again were hampered by fouls. At one point in the stanza the Devils had a 71-56 lead but good shooting, plus a pressing defense, narrowed the score.

Herb Lee with twenty-six points led the Bears' scoring parade. Dan O'Donnell and Leland Yockey tallied nine apiece; John Coalman, Lee McKnight, and Dale Rems dumped in eight points to complete the Bears' scoring.

TANK MEN WIN AND LOSE OPENING MEETS

Mr. Hoyer's swimmers, facing powerful Culver Military Academy, lost their initial meet of the 1954-55 season to the Academy, 53-20, on December 8. John Perkins captured the only first (100-yard) breaststroke for the Bears.

Central also captured four seconds and three thirds. Although soundly whipped, the Bears posted excellent times for this early in the season.

On December 7, the Hoyermen traveled to Calumet City, Illinois, where they met Thornton Fractional High School. Here they annexed their first win of the season, 45-30. Along with the improving times Central also captured six blue ribbons.

- SUMMARY**
- 40-yd. freestyle: Won by Mezykowski (C) second, Hidd (C) third, Pactwo (TF). Time: 20.5.
 - 100-yd. breaststroke: Won by Perkind (C) second, Gustafson (C) third, third, Nowak (TF). Time: 1:14.9.
 - 200-yd. freestyle: Won by MacDonal (C) second, Mason (TF) third, Holdeman (C). Time: 2:16.5.
 - 100-yd. backstroke: Won by Boland (C) second, Bowell (C) third, Mickey (TF). Time: 1:11.4.
 - 100-yd. freestyle: Won by Wilhelm (TF) second, Millar (C) third, Grant (C). Time: 59.5.
 - Diving: Won by Pless (TF) second, Isaacson (TF) third, Burbridge (C).
 - 120-yd. individual medley: Won by Gustafson (C) second, Meier (C) third, Mason (TF). Time: 1:23.0.
 - 180-yd. medley relay: Won by Central (Millar, Grant, Boland). Time: 2:03.7.
 - 160-yd. freestyle relay: Won by Thornton Fractions (Hill, Wilhelm, Hughes, Mason). Time: 1:25.9.

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