



REDSKINS CHALLENGE DYNAMITERS

AUDITORIUM TO OFFER FULL FACILITIES IN '54

Modern Building Will Relieve Pressure On Present Structure

The new auditorium addition is today no more than a skeletal framework of wood and steel.

But just imagine that it's September, 1954, and once again, coming to Conrad High School, you see on the northern end of the building, the brick and mortar addition, the complete finished product of '53's work and noise.

You will find that the auditorium is especially well-equipped, seating approximately 900 students. The stage can be used for many things — large musicals, dramatic productions, and graduation exercises. You will notice that there is a balcony on which there is a booth which can be used for lights, sound, or as a projection room for a movie camera. The auditorium will also have a lobby complete with ticket booth.

There will be 4½ new rooms to be used and adapted for a variety of subjects. These and the auditorium will complete Step 1 of our new addition.

Steps 2 and 3 concern the transfer of the cafeteria. The present cafeteria will be opened for classrooms, workshops, and study halls. Step 3 provides for additional classrooms which are badly needed. Construction of Steps 2 and 3 will begin as soon as sufficient funds are appropriated. It is hoped that such funds will be made available as a result of favorable action on the school tax referendum scheduled for December.

The lavatories have been switched around making one for the boys and one for the girls at each end of the building. This was done for greater convenience. If there are activities in the auditorium or in the gym, the rest of the building can be closed off as a conservation measure.

So this year, 1953, when the noise breaks up a class or gets to be a nuisance in that all important test, keep in mind that this addition is being built for the benefit of every Conradian.

—S. P.

DRAMATIC SEASON TO OPEN WITH "GOLDEN RIVER" NOV. 19

When the curtain rises November 19 and 20 on "Golden River", it will be the premier performance in this area. The first play of the 1953-54 season will boast a Sock and Buskin cast which can sing as well as act. It will all total up to something never before attempted by the dramatics department at Conrad.

The cast includes Fran McCullough as Ella Walsh; Harry Stover as Jim Walsh; Jack Simpson as George Freedman; Sophie Pyle as Karen Freedman; Charles Fuller as Pete Walsh; Barbara Dickerson as Mrs. Flora Pennington; Dorothy Hartman as Miss Fannie Baer; Joan Fisher as Cam Winters; Charles Jackson as Dr. Paul Mansfield; and Jim McGuinness as Billy Baxter. Miss Phyllis Shaw is in charge of the production.

The plot revolves around the Walsh Ranch in the West where a night club singer, a psychiatrist, a big time promoter and his daughter, and two elderly sisters—bent on living dangerously—arrive for a free vacation. The sisters get their much sought after excitement and involve everyone else as they do so. Coming on to the scene from time to time is a bear out for as much attention as possible. What else happens? Maybe you'd better come to the play and find out for yourself.

HORSE-LOVERS FORM "BRIDLE AND BIT" CLUB

A new club has been formed at Conrad for those interested in horsemanship. The club is named "The Bridle and Bit Club" and is to be sponsored by Mr. Richard George.

At the first meeting on October 7, the twenty-seven persons present elected Chris Herd as president, Mary Glynn as vice president, Mary Jane McVaugh as secretary, and Bill Peach as treasurer.

The business of the first meeting consisted of electing the above officers and forming an outline for future club meetings. The outline was only partially completed. At meetings in the near future the following will be discussed: I Types of Horses; their conformation, the various breeds, and their uses. II Care of Horses; feeding, grooming, lunging, and at first only lightly touch the subjects of first-aid and showing. III The discussion will concern saddlery; the different types of saddles and bridles, their advantages and disadvantages.

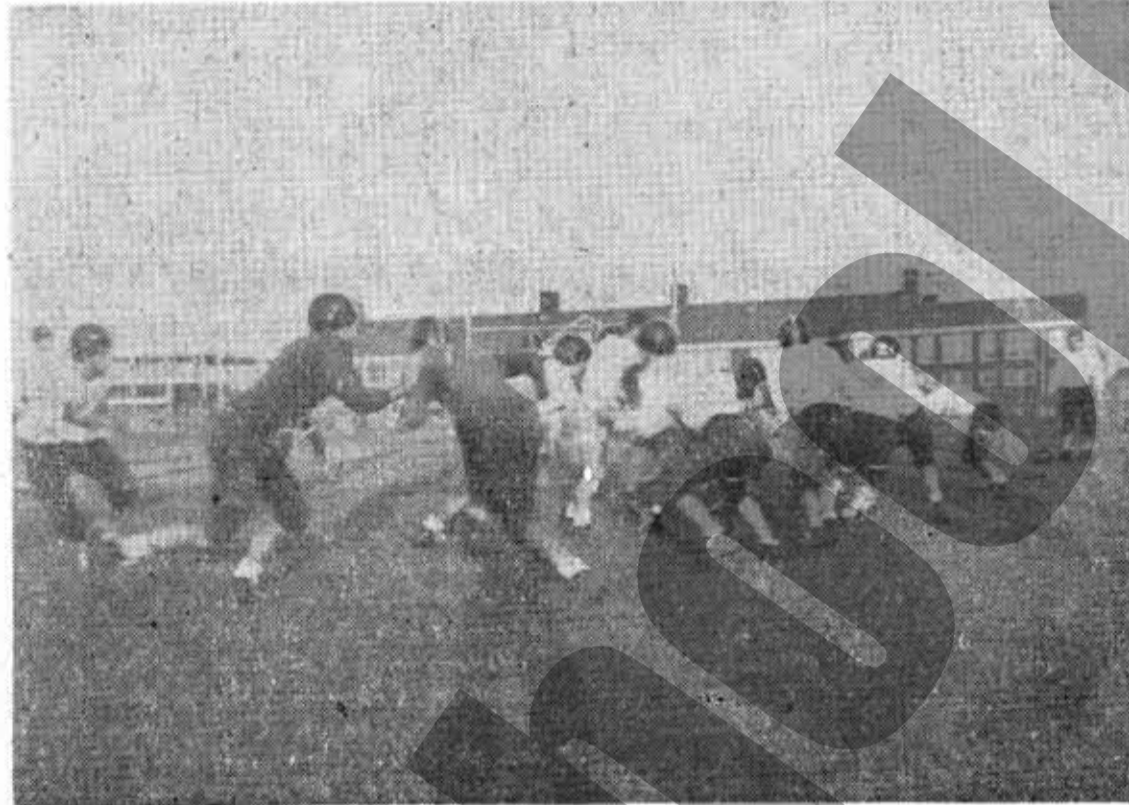
There will be actual demonstrations and guest speakers will be invited.

The attending members were: Mildred Cathcart, Wanda Bush, Rene Williams, Wayne Leasure, Jerry Bubbs, Patsy Springer, Barbara Wagoner, Ronald Brown, Ruth Pritchard, Davine Weber, Dick Burkhardt, Chris Herd, Bill Peach, Janice Knotts.

Jack Hickman, Gladys Cooke, Joan Moore, Betty Zanker, DeLores Lambert, Sandra Canter, Mary Jane McVaugh, Mary Glynn, Millie Baron, Shirl Johnson, Doris Arontzon, Bunny Hitchen, Jo Pritchard, Mr. George.

FLASH!!

Results of the Magazine Sales Drive have just been announced by Dorothy Hartman, general chairman: **Kendall Felix** and **Jack Hickman** will receive duplicate prizes as high salesmen.



'SKINS PREPARE FOR P.S. GAME

FUTURE FARMERS ELECT '53-'54 OFFICERS

Paruszewski and Derickson Go West

The Conrad Chapter of the Future Farmers of America met for their first monthly meeting September 30. Initiation was held for new members, and new officers were elected. They are as follows: Irvin Klair, president; Norman Gregg, vice-president; James Derickson, secretary; Richard Klair, treasurer; Donnie Gregg, reporter; Ted Antoine, sentinel; and Mr. D. F. Long, adviser.

The officers attended officers' training school October 1 at Caesar Rodney High School in Dover.

James Paruszewski left for Kansas City, Kansas October 11 to attend the National F.F.A. Convention, and James Derickson traveled to Waterloo, Iowa where he attended the National Dairy Congress and participated in judging contests. These trips were won by virtue of excellence in cattle judging at Newark last Spring.

PTA BACKS PLAN FOR TAX REFERENDUM

Research Predicts 1500 Students in 1959

Need for community support of the proposed referendum on special school taxation in the Conrad district was underlined at the October Parent-Teacher Association meeting when members of the Planning Committee revealed results of 6 months of research on Conrad's expected growth.

If approved, the tax, first to be levied in the Conrad district for any school building program, would provide funds for completion of Steps 2 and 3 of the new addition. For \$500,000 a new cafeteria, 13 more classrooms, fully-equipped science and office practice rooms, a modern art department, and enlarged library, agriculture.

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FIVE NEW TEACHERS COMPLETE FACULTY

39 Now on Staff

Five new teachers, specialists in a large variety of subjects and activities, have been welcomed to Conrad this fall. The latest arrivals increase the school's teaching staff to 39.

Nancy Sylvanus, a native Wilmingtonian and graduate of P.S. DuPont High School, is assisting Mrs. Washburn in the girls' physical education department, working especially with junior high girls. She is a graduate of Sargent College, Boston University. She particularly enjoys the out-of-doors and hikes and picnics, as well as all kinds of sports. Miss Sylvanus says she likes Conrad very much, and "will display no neutrality at the P.S. game." She is rooting for Conrad.

Miss Eleanor Plunkett states that "I was very floored with this business of three lunch periods in one period, and for the first week, couldn't figure out when to eat." She is from Philadelphia and attended Rosemont College in Rosemont, Pennsylvania where she majored in French and minored in history and English. Before coming to Conrad, Miss Plunkett taught for two years in a public school in St. Michaels, Talbot County.

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FUTURE TEACHERS TO APPROVE BY-LAWS OCT. 26

1953-54 officers: Sally Anne Eatough, president; Barbara Roser, vice-president; Kathy Schulz, executive secretary; Barbara Burris, corresponding secretary; Letha Williams, treasurer.

There will be a meeting on October 26 at which time the by-laws will be approved, activities planned, and new members initiated. Miss Burns and Mr. Baird are co-sponsors of the club each year.

Conrad Seeks Reversal of Last Year's P. S. Win

DYNAHS HURT BY LOSS OF JIMMY SMITH

Conrad High's Redskins travel to P. S. Du Pont to face the Dynamiters in this year's edition of the schools' annual duel tomorrow afternoon at 2:00.

P.S. has had no wins this year, losing to Howard, 33-0, and to Claymont, 14-6. With only two lettermen returning to the backfield, Harry and Nick Haldas, the Dynahs do not seem to click without the leadership of Jimmy Smith. However, the P.S. team is not to be underrated. They have a fairly good line led by letterman Foraker.

The Redskins' record is a little better, losing to Millville, 41-0, tying Salesianum, 20-20, and beating A. I. duPont, 25-6. Conrad has eight lettermen this year, with only six on the line. Nevertheless, the backfield has shown up well with Johnny Narvel doing the quarterbacking.

In last year's game the Dynamiters won by a 14-6 score, a score which the Conrad club hopes to reverse tomorrow. Every year the annual classic provides a suspenseful air as Conrad and P.S. rooters cheer their teams, and this year, especially, the team is looking for your all-out support at the P.S. game. Conrad has a potential powerhouse of a team. These two things, student backing and potentiality, can add up to only one thing—VICTORY!! Do you want it?? We can get it!

Hickman and Miller Elected Upper Class Presidents

The following were elected as officers of the senior class: Jack Hickman, president; Bob Shearer, vice-president; Leoda Farmer, secretary; and Joy Kaufhold, treasurer.

The Junior class elected Bill Miller, president; Richard Garvey, vice-president; Joyce Rhoads, secretary; and Betty Boulden, treasurer.

AN IMPORTANT SOCIAL NOTE

DANCE

SATURDAY OCT. 24

PRESS CLUB TO SPONSOR VICTORY DANCE

The second big Press Club Dance of the season will be held this coming Saturday, October 24, in the gym. The thought behind the dance will be to celebrate a hoped-for victory over P. S. duPont in the game scheduled in the afternoon.

The dance will be held from 8:15 to 11:00. Admission will be 40c per person and 75c per couple. Music will be by popular recordings.

Helen Paruszewski is general chairman and Mr. Morelli is faculty supervisor. The other committees are chairmanned as follows: Tommy DiMaio, decorations; Leonard Kempinski, arrangements; and John Peterson, refreshments.

HONOR SOCIETY DIRECTS ORIENTATION

This year's orientation programs were handled by the Henry C. Conrad chapter of the National Honor Society. During the first three weeks of school the society sponsored programs to help the new students find out what's going on here at Conrad.

The officers, elected at a meeting just after school closed in June, are Jack Hickman, president; Sallyanne Eatough, vice-president; and Barbara Roser, secretary-treasurer.

Other members are: Margaret Baughman, Mary Pat Cooney, Kendall Felix, Dorothy Jean Hartman, Suzanne Hayes, Joy Kaufhold, Joan Kern, Robin Kinnel, Michael Pillgrene, Doris Reed, Eleaor Samworth, Betty Winant, and Natty Young.

The members were chosen in a tapping ceremony at the last assembly in June. They were selected on the basis of character, scholarship, citizenship, and leadership.

The only club which is active during the summer, the Honor Society, is under the supervision of Miss C. Louise Jackson.



- October 22—P.T.A. Covered Dish Supper - Dance - Card Party
- October 24—Press Club Dance
- October 30—Dramatic Conference at University of Delaware
- November 19 & 20—Fall Play—"Golden River"
- November 23—College Night at Dover
- November 26-30 — Thanksgiving Vacation
- December 8 — Christmas Concert by Music Department
- December 19—Annual Press Club Semi-Formal Christmas Dance

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PLAN FOR COLLEGE NOW

Planning to go to college? Well, if you have not already filed an application it would be wise to do so now, as most colleges encourage high school students to submit their applications between October and December of the senior year. Apply to more than one college if you have not yet made your choice, and if you are accepted by more than one, make your final decision, being sure to notify the other colleges as soon as possible which one you have chosen. You are in no way obligated to attend a college just because you apply and are accepted.

Properly certified records from your school are the principal basis for admission, and a recommendation from Mr. Cummings is of value. Poor grades in one subject will not necessarily mean that your application will be turned down providing that the overall outlook is promising. Activities also play a great part in the general picture of your achievements. A student with a flawless academic record but with no activities to present stands less chance of being accepted by a good university, though this by no means holds true in all cases.

As an additional criterion, many colleges require applicants to take the Scholastic Aptitude Test given by the College Entrance Examination Board early in 1954. Check to see if the college you have in mind makes this a prerequisite. There is a fee for taking the test in return for which your scores will be sent to the colleges which you indicate.

So go to work now, for if you leave it till April like the fellow in the cartoon, you may find yourself without a college next September. —Natty Young.

TOMORROW'S JOB

This year after graduation some seniors will be faced with the problem of choosing a job. When you consider a position you should take into consideration not only the hours, pay, and working conditions, but also whether your particular talents are suited to the type of job you choose, and whether there is a future and room for advancement in that work. Some people do not keep their first few jobs but go job-shopping, trying out several before they pick one they like. You will probably be happier if you first put considerable thought into choosing your work. You then can spend your time getting adjusted to your new position instead of searching for satisfactory work. It would be a good idea for seniors to investigate several jobs while they're still in school so that they will have a definite occupation in mind when they graduate.

All seniors, regardless of their future plans, were given the General Aptitudes Battery Test last week by the Delaware State Employment Service. This test was designed to determine general intelligence. The results show the general area in which a student can be trained to the best advantage. The G.A.B.T. does not tell the particular job in which an individual will be successful, but it does give some idea as to what degree of expertness may be achieved in any one field.

Non-college prep students can benefit immeasurably from any and all chances they have to gain from experience and expert advice on job opportunities while they are still in high school. To ignore any chance to learn more about what the future can bring is the same as slamming the door on your own tomorrow. —Joy Kaufhold

The baseball season may be officially over, but here's one last poem in tribute to a trio that's especially dear to the writer.

THE NEW LOOK IN DP'S

Something new in baseball? Do you mean Bobby Shantz? No, something that resembles Tinker, Evers, and Chance.

Now I know the answer; Bring that trio up to date For a DP combination That's won the title—great

They're playing for the Phillies— Let's see, what is their name? Ya surely oughta know it 'Cause it's brought 'em lotsa fame.

That's Kasanski at shortstop— (And he misses very few.) And there's Hamner at second— (To him that job was new.)

Then to complete the trio There must be one more Phil: And competent Ed Waitkus Is on first to "Phil the bill."

So when a rally's started— And their pitcher gets in trouble, Those 3 quickly douse the fire By reeling off a double.

It irks opposing players but The fans it sure does please. Kasanski, Hamner, Waitkus: They're the new look in DP's.

Ya can talk about the oldsters And their feats of bygone days But ya gotta think of 3 Phils When it comes to double plays.

And when ya want clean fielding And make with the 'ahs' and 'gees', Look for Kasanski, Hamner, Waitkus: They're the new look in DP's.

When the crowd lets out a holler, It's clear for all to see— Kasanski, Hamner, Waitkus: They've made one more DP.

—Betty Winant



If you have as much trouble with names as I do, are we in trouble! Miss James-Mrs. Boyce; Miss Pace - Mrs. Bedwell; Miss Glassmire-Mrs. Glynn; Miss Butler-Mrs. Washburn. And to add to the confusion Miss Simon is making a switch. Now if we only knew which Mr. George was which. But thank heaven for small favors: Mr. Jones is still using his maiden name. AND

While we are on the subject of confusion there are a few more things which I find exasperating. The first is the switch of the lavatories on the ground floor. Jane Buttles almost made the mistake of the year when she opened the door to view a new blue-grey paint job. There was a screech and Jane made tracks for the blushing-pink sanctuary at the opposite end of the hall which perfectly matched her countenance. . . Another change in our plan of things is the moving of the lost and found department from the infirmary to the main office. Miss Swayze would appreciate the return, to that department, of a missing potted plant. Be on the look-out for a green leafy-looking object in a white pot. It was last seen on the library window sill. If it is found please administer first aid in the form of water and contact the library or the lost and found department. AND

Now that your editor has quit looking over my shoulder I can tell you something which I've been dying to tell. Natty Young, who has played a little golf in his day, is blaming the sport for his inability to type accurately. But, frankly, I don't think he has too much of a quarrel with golf. After all, it did take him to the Coronation and get his picture on all the sport pages in the area. Oh, in case you don't know what I am talking about (and few people generally do) Mr. Young earned his way to England by caddying, and upon his return made short work of capturing The Delaware Junior Golf Championship. (This is one way to use up space). AND

If you have been complaining about the frequent fire drills of the past weeks, you may as well stop. The men out on the construction at the side of the building think that we are just out on recess when we march out. "Those days are gone forever." AND

So you don't like this column. Well, listen "Pal", don't blame me. I only write it. You make it. And as hard as I might try I can't be every place at once. When there was a request for cub reporters to help with the information to be used there were only two offers of assistance. You folks in the junior high complain about not being recognized. All right! Here is your chance. If you want to do something about it contact Mr. Baird or yours truly in the very near future. This is the last call.

AND THAT'S ALL!

—Helen Paruszewski

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

AN OPEN LETTER TO ALL CONRADIANS

Lanzendorf, September 14, 1953

Dear Teachers and Students of Henry C. Conrad High School:

I think it is about time that I let you hear from me. It is one month since I arrived in Germany. The last days in the States passed away so fast, that I did not have the time to say "Auf Wiedersehen" to my teachers. I hope you excuse that.

I had a good trip home, in spite of the fact that I got seasick twice. When I first arrived in Frankfurt I thought there must be something wrong. The cars, the fields, everything was so different. I did not think that it was like that, when I had left my home one year ago.

We had not had anything to eat for almost a day. Therefore the first thing that we did in Frankfurt was to change our last dollars into German money and find a restaurant. Then we felt better for the last piece of the "big" trip. I arrived at home at 2:30 in the morning. In spite of that the station was crowded with friends and relatives.

Now I am almost used to my Germany again. Everything seems O.K. But I always think back to the United States, especially school. I came home with the best of impressions. . . .

Last week we had national elections. Believe me, there was just as much propaganda here as last year before your elections. I am very glad that the Christian Democrats with Konrad Adenauer won. I am even gladder that the Communists got only about 2.5% of all votes. The same party had 6.5% in the elections before. Our biggest trouble and our greatest hope now is that we soon will have a reunified Germany, which can live peacefully with the other nations.

Of course we are all glad that there is peace now in Korea, even though it did not concern us directly as much as it did you.

I want to close now and want to say "good luck" to each and every one in Conrad. Of course I would be very glad to get some letters, but I don't really mind, if you don't have the time to do it.

Your thankful student,

Dieter Ludwig
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PATRONIZE OUR ADVERTISERS

DEAR EDITOR:

As I understand it, last year at the first football game, the field was dedicated to, and named for Dr. J. William Urie. Since then everyone seems to have forgotten that day. I have heard the football field referred to as "Boxwood Field" and almost anything but its real name, "Urie Stadium."

Most of the old Conradians and many of the new ones can remember how much Dr. Urie gave to Conrad. He was as much a part of the scene at a football game as the team itself. He not only gave his time by attending the football games but he also served Conrad in many other ways.

I think we all agree that he well deserves this honor that we have given him. Nevertheless we still call the football field by any old name.

Let's have a drive to make its rightful name familiar, not only here at Conrad but outside of the school too. It would probably be a good idea for the Student Council to write the newspapers in Wilmington and the Alumni Association in order to set them straight on the right name. It would also be a great help if every student would take it upon himself to help spread the real name around. Whenever you hear the wrong name mentioned, why not correct whoever is speaking in order to get "Urie Stadium" well known.

—Pat Howell

WATCHING A FOOTBALL GAME

By JUDY SWIFT
(Grade 11)

Here comes the band marching on the field. Wow! Is it every noisy. Look at all the people wearing our school colors. Yea! Conrad. . . I wish that boy would keep his popcorn out of my face. . . Now for the kickoff! He sure muffed that. Oh, well, at least he tried! . . . Wait a minute while I sneeze. The girl next to me has on angora mittens. Gee! I wish I wasn't allergic to angora. . . What a guy that Richie Reed is; he just made a touchdown. . . Oh, how I wish that boy would stop ringing that cow bell in my ear! . . . Listen to the cheerleaders yell. They are really good. . . I wish those girls would sit down. I can't see a thing. Hey you! Down in front! . . . What a pass. Run, Durham, run. Another touchdown!

It's the half. Now at last I can get something to eat. Those hot dogs really do smell good. . . Gosh! I'm just about getting mangled in the crowd. . . Here comes the band on the field already. . . Those flag twirlers are really good. There's Doris Kennedy. Hey, Doris! . . . I guess I'd better get a seat. Here comes the team on the field again. Get that ball! Oh, gee! A. I. got a touchdown. I'm not worried. We'll beat them. . . Hey, boy, one soda up here. Oh, I spilled it all over myself. . . Oh, well, I guess that's all in watching a football game. The game is over. We won! Maybe we'll even have an almost undefeated season. . . Now to go home and go to bed. Boy, am I tired!



Y-TEENS WILL MEET ON FIRST TUESDAYS

The Y-Teen officers for 1953-54 are as follows: Polly Joyce, president; Joyce Rhoads, vice president; Barbara Hobson, secretary; Gerry King, treasurer.

Meetings are scheduled for the first Tuesday of each month where the members plan projects for the needy as well as social events to be held in conjunction with the Hi-Y.

HOMEMAKERS SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO DOVER

Mary Lou Derrickson, Ann Mashburn, Phyllis May, and Nancy Williams, all state officers of Future Homemakers of America, and Virginia Van Vechten, delegate from the Conrad Chapter, attended an executive council meeting in Dover October 12.

TEACHERS

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Maryland. She was a member of Easton Players, an amateur theatrical group, and hopes very soon to join the Wilmington Drama League. Besides dramatics, her interests include music, and she spends some of her spare time at the piano. Miss Plunkett will sponsor the Naiads, and would like to start some kind of a debating club later in the year. She says "Everything is very new to me here at Conrad, and I get a big kick out of it."

The new teacher who has taken on the title of Dean of Junior High Girls, is Patricia Jenkins from Lansdowne, a suburb of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Miss Jenkins, or "Mademoiselle Jenkins" as she is known to her French students, is a graduate of Wooster College, Wooster, Ohio. She also went to Switzerland on her own to study. Her interests include dramatics and languages and she even enjoys trying her hand at art work once in a while. Miss Jenkins says she likes her classes because "they are small enough for informal conversation in a foreign language."



GEORGE, JENKINS SYLVANUS, PLUNKETT, KAEKS

Miss Dorothy Kaeks was born in New Jersey but has lived in Wilmington since she was eight years old. She graduated from Wilmington High School and the University of Delaware where she majored in biology and minored in German. Consequently, during her first year as a teacher, Miss Kaeks is instructing the first German class at Conrad, and most of the biology classes. She notes she is very busy now "getting animal projects underway." Miss Kaek's interests include reading, knitting, music, dancing, and watching football games. When questioned as to where her sympathies would be at the Wilmington High vs. Conrad game, she replied, "When you get to know the people (especially the football players) and work with them, you kind of hope they will win."

Downstairs in the shop you can usually find Mr. William George instructing his courses in industrial arts. Mr. George is from Shenandoah, Pennsylvania and is a graduate of Pennsylvania State College. Before coming to Conrad, Mr. George taught way up near Elmira, New York. He enjoys all crafts, leathercraft especially, and also likes baseball. Mr. George thinks that Conrad "is a very nice school."

To these new teachers Conrad extends a hearty welcome and hopes that their stay will be happy and successful.

THE LOWDOWN

One-sixth of the school year is over. The first marking period ends today, meaning that report cards will be out a week from Friday. . . . The first issue of **The Conning Tower**, Parent-Teacher Association Information Bulletin, has been circulated throughout the community, with each student receiving a copy for his parents. . . . The November issue will include a detailed report on PTA Planning Committee recommendations, as well as information concerning the training and preparation of Conrad's faculty members. . . . The **Smoke Signal** staff is in desperate need of boys interested in working on the sports staff. Free passes to boys covering games! See Robin Kinnel, sports editor, if you are interested. . . . The mailman is looking for more letters to the editor from students and teachers. Make them brief, interesting, and challenging—and the more the merrier. . . . Leave all letters and any other contributions for **Smoke Signal** in Mr. Baird's mailbox in the office. . . . Letters can be on any printable subject. . . . Any gagsters in the house? **Smoke Signal** needs a couple of writers quick with the jokes and brilliant repartee. See Natty Young if you think you fill the bill. "Help wanted" in the joke column business. . . . What a look on Mr. Morelli's face the night of the first press club dance when, after grabbing the microphone to castigate a certain party for parking its car on the inside of the entrance drive, he took a second look at the license number and realized he was the guilty guy!

SERVICE CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS

Officers of the Junior High Service Club for 1953-54 are as follows: Mrs. Boyce, sponsor; Gloria Quillen, president; Joanne Boulden, vice-president; Janet Pierson, secretary; Marlene Ford, treasurer; Cynthia Harmon, Red Cross representative.

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GLOBE-TROTTING CONRADIANS REACH EUROPE AND JAPAN

Roser, Young, and Jester Are Among 1953 Travelers

Three more globe-trotting Conradians have been added to the list of our school's world-travelers.

On October 1, one of Conrad's seniors, **Barbara Roser**, left on the first lap of her five-week tour of Europe. Barbara left New York on the famed Queen Elizabeth and landed at Cherbourg, France, where she crossed the English Channel to London. From there, she will go to Edinburgh, Scotland, and then to Coventry before returning to London.

Barbara plans to visit Paris, and then proceed to Luzern, Switzerland. After Switzerland, she intends to visit Rome and Florence, Italy.

Then, homeward-bound, Barbara will fly from Rome to London before making the trans-Atlantic flight back to America.

Natty Young, another senior, flew to London last May just in time to see the Coronation. Natty sat on the sidewalk all night in order to get a good position beneath historic Big Ben, from where he saw the entire procession. He was greatly impressed by the spirit which rested over the crowds on the eve of the Coronation, especially when news of the conquest of Mt. Everest was released. As for the procession itself, "It was the most awe-inspiring sight I ever saw," he says.

In addition to the Coronation, Natty saw the British Open Golf Championship, and the England-Australia cricket matches.

After visiting relatives and friends in England and Scotland, he flew to Paris where he saw the Eiffel Tower, the Louvre, the Arch of Triumph, and many other Old World landmarks.

From Paris, Natty flew back to Scotland, and returned home in August.

Yet another lucky Conradian is **Ruth Jester**, who visited Japan during the past year. Her first sight in the "Land of the Rising Sun" was Fujiyama, which she saw immediately after docking.

During her stay, she enjoyed the luxuries of rick-shaws and coolies. There are few automobiles in Japan, bicycles being the popular mode of traveling.

Ruth learned a little of the Japanese language, though she found it extremely difficult. The schools did not differ greatly from those of the United States, for the teachers were sent from this country. She had all the comforts of home, even a roller-rink. She returned from Japan on September 8, 1953.

Welcome home!

—J. S.

FUTURE NURSES CLUB NAMES LEADERS

1953-54 officers of the Future Nurses Club are Polly Joyce, president; Jane Kopshinsky, vice-president; Peggy Baughman, secretary-treasurer.

Ways and Means Committee members are as follows: Barbara Hobson, Barbara Roberts, Lorraine Olsen.

Thirty girls have joined the Club this year, according to Miss Albers, school nurse and F.N.A. sponsor.

CHOIR MEMBERS SELECT OFFICERS; PLAN MEETINGS

The choir has elected the following 1953-54 officers:

President Ray Durham
Vice President Bucky Magargal
Secretary Barbara Roberts
Treasurer Leoda Farmer

Plans have been made to hold meetings on the first Monday of every month in order to discuss activities planned during the year.

Commercial Club to Entertain Graduates at Oct. 26 Session

The newly elected officers of the Commercial Club are: President, Harriet Green; vice-president, Lynn Gadsby; secretary-treasurer, Pat Lamplugh.

The next scheduled meeting is on Monday evening, October 26, at which time the Club is planning to entertain the 1953 Commercial Club graduates at a dinner meeting.

KAUFHOLD CHOSEN AS OREAD LEADER

Officers of the Oread Club have been announced by Miss Morrison and Mrs. Bedwell, sponsors.

Election Results

Joy Kaufhold President
Peggy Baughman .. Vice President
Lorraine Olsen Secretary-Treasurer
Cynthia Pease .. Publicity Director

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T.N.T. EXPLODES WITH INITIATION OCT. 28

1953-54 officers: Thomasanne Di Maio, president; Shirley Irelan, vice-president; Sharon Fuller, Secretary; Charlotte Painter, treasurer.

The T.N.T. held a picnic on September 24 at Rockford Park at which time the old members made plans for the coming year. Initiation of new members will take place at a party on Wednesday evening, October 28.

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culture and individual arts departments can be made available. Several more classrooms would be provided by remodeling the former cafeteria. These improvements, above and beyond the auditorium and 4½ classrooms now being constructed and already paid for, would be essential if the school is to keep pace with its mushrooming enrollment. According to PTA figures the enrollment at Conrad next year is expected to be 935, as opposed to 804 this year. In 1955 it will reach 1069, in 1956—1241, in 1957—1351, in 1958—1440, and in 1959—1537, a total increase of almost 100% in less than seven years.

It was made clear at the meeting that funds for Steps 2 and 3 will be made available in the near future **only if the tax referendum is approved** in December. The state has agreed to provide 60% of the expense if the community will tax its assessed property evaluation for the remaining 40%. According to best-informed experts, the tax rate would not reach beyond \$.10 per \$100 of assessed evaluation. Since it would be about two years from the date of approval of the referendum to the time when these new rooms could be occupied, the need for prompt favorable action on the referendum this year is obvious.

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