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# REDSKINS CHALLENGE DYNAMITERS

#### AUDITORIUM TO OFFER FULL DRAMATIC SEASON TO FACILITIES IN '54

Modern Building Will Relieve Pressure On Present Structure

The new auditorium addition is framework of wood and steel.

But just imagine that it's Sepaddition, the complete finished partment at Conrad. product of '53's work and noise.

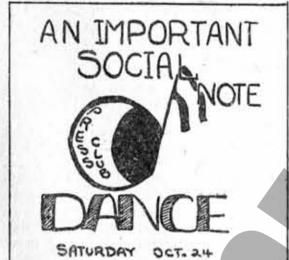
You will find that the auditorium is especially well-equipped, er as Jim Walsh; Jack Simpson seating approximately 900 students. The stage can be used for many things - large musicals, dramatic productions, and graduation exercises. You will notice that there is a balcony on which there is a booth which 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 41/2 new rooms to of subjects. These and the audiour 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 conservation measure.

ant test, keep in mind that this er. addition is being built for the benefit of every Conradian.



#### PRESS CLUB TO SPONSOR VICTORY DANCE

this coming Saturday, October 24, in the gym. The thought behind the dance will be to celebrate a hoped-for victory over P. S. du-Pont 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 record-

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

## OPEN WITH "GOLDEN RIVER" NOV. 19

When the curtain rises November 19 and 20 on "Golden River", today no more than a skeletal it will be the premier performance in this area. The first play of the 1953-54 season will boast a tember, 1954, and once again, Sock and Buskin cast which can coming to Conrad High School, sing as well as act. It will all you see on the northern end of total up to something never before the building, the brick and mortar attempted by the dramatics de-

> The cast includes Fran McCullough as Ella Walsh; Harry Stovas 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 be used and adapted for a variety night club singer, a psychiatrist, a big time promoter and his torium will complete Step 1 of daughter, and two elderly sistersbent 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 the building can be closed off as a 7, the twenty-seven persons present elected Chris Herd as presi-So this year, 1953, when the dent, Mary Glynn as vice presinoise breaks up a class or gets to dent, Mary Jane McVaugh as secbe a nuisance in that all import- retary, and Bill Peach as treasur-

> 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.

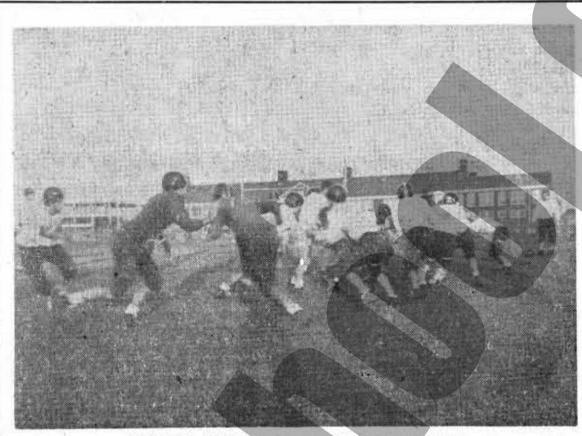
> There will be actual demonstrations and guest speakers will be

The attending members were: Mildred Cathcart, Wanda Bush, Rene Williams, Wayne Leasure, Jerry Bubb, Patsy Springer, Barbara Wagoner, Ronald Brown, Ruth Pritchard, Davine Weber, The second big Press Club Ruth Pritchard, Davine Weber, Dance of the season will be held 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 Sepwere elected. They are as follows: Irvin Kiair, president; Norman Gregg, vice-president; James Derickson, secretary; Richard Klair, treasurer; Donnie Gregg, reporter; Ted Antoine, sentinel; and Mr. D. F. Long, adviser.

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 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, fullyequipped science and office practice rooms, a modern art department, and enlarged library, agri-

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worth, Betty Winant, and Natty Young.

#### **FIVE NEW TEACHERS** COMPLETE FACULTY

39 Now on Staff

Five new teachers, specialists in a large variety of subjects and actember 30. Initiation was held tivities, have been welcomed to for new members, and new officers 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, work-The officers attended officers' ing especially with junior high girls. She is a graduate of Sargent College, Boston University. She particularly enjoys the out-ofdoors 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 by virtue of excellence in cattle 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 comig 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 cosponsors of the club each year.

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

Semi-Formal Christmas Dance

by Music Department

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 Sam-

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.

HONOR SOCIETY DIRECTS ORIENTATION

Conrad chapter of the National Honor Society. During the first

three weeks of school the society sponsored programs to help the new

are Jack Hickman, president; Sallyanne Eatough, vice-president; and

students find out what's going on here at Conrad.

This year's orientation programs were handled by the Henry C.

The officers, elected at a meeting just after school closed in June,

The only club which is active during the summer, the Honor December 19-Annual Press Club Society, is under the supervision of Miss C. Louise Jackson.

## 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.

# Smoke Signal

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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 restaurant. Then we felt better 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 jub 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, Wait-

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



#### 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 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 (13a) Lanzendorf-66 KR. Kulmbach, Ofr. Germany/Deutschland

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 about the frequent fire drills of

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! A. I. got a touchdown. I'm not 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. . . . Boy, am I tired! 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 touch-

down!

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 blushingpink 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 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

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! 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.



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 Shen-andoah, 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.



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 fol-lows: Mrs. Boyce, sponsor: Gloria conquest of Mt. Everest was relows: 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 Pat Lamplugh. landed at Cherbourg, France, where she crossed the English 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 200 West Market St. crowds on the eve of the Coronaleased. As for the procession it-self, "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 turned from Japan on September 8, 1953.

Welcome home!

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**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

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 structed and already paid for, activities planned during the year. | would be essential if the school is

#### 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,

The next scheduled meeting is on Monday evening, October 26, Channel to London. From there, 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**

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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, treas-

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.

#### P. T. A.

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culture and individual arts depart-

ments can be made available. Several more classrooms would be provided by remodeling the former cafeteria. These improvements, above and beyond the auditorium and 41/2 classrooms now being conto 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

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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# Sports Review

#### FOR BOYS ONLY FOOTBALL PLAYER ROUNDUP

Even though we are familiar with the football players, sometimes we don't realize the fact that they are active in other sports in and out of school. We would like to help you to become better acquainted with each of them by highlighting some of their various other talents.

Ken Felix, co-captain and end, is a senior. He stand 6' 3½" and weighs 170. He has had experience in basketball, baseball, and track, besides three years of football. He also enjoys bowling whenever he finds the time.

Bucky Magargal, a tackle, is 6' tall and weighs 225. Also a senior, he has had three years of basketball and two years of baseball, besides three years of football. In his spare time he enjoys swimming, bowling, golf, and fishing.

Richie Reed, the clown of the team, is a senior. He is 5' 11" and weighs 160. He has two years of football behind him. His main outside diversion is hunting.

Co-captain with Ken Felix is Bob Shearer, a senior. He is 5' 10½" tall and weighs 185. He plays defensive tackle and offensive center. He has four years of football under his belt. In spare time he enjoys tinkering with his Barbara Washburn as our very

Bill McKee, a senior, is 5' 9" and weighs 165. He has played three years at guard in football. In grade school he competed in bas-ketball and baseball. Hunting is one of his extra-time activities.

Frank Pugh, a senior, now on the injured list, has had at least two years of basketball, baseball, and football. Standing 5' 10" and weighing 165, Frank plays center. His other activities include summertime baseball and playing the

Norman Gregg plays end, standing about 6' 1" and weighing 165. He is a senior and has racked up one year of basketball and two of football. In his spare time he enjoys hunting, swimming, and bowl-

Denny Sloman, a junior, has played end for the last two years. He is 5' 9" tall and weighs 140. Last year he played basketball and baseball. He is also a very skillful artist, as the cartoon on this page clearly indicates.

fensive mainstay in the center of During the winter he likes to ice built a hydroplane.

and weighs 160 pounds. He plays offensive guard and defensive end. In grade school he played baseball.

Sandy Chapman, who was ineligible for the first three games, is in the 11th grade. He is 5' 111/2' and weighs 163. He's got three years of football under his belt and during grade school he participated in all three major sports.

Eddie Broadbent, another junior, has two years of football to his credit. He weighs 170 and stands 6' 2" high. In grade school

Frank Irwin, a senior, is 6' 1" and weighs 159. He has been out for football and basketball for three years. He plays end posi-tion. At Conrad he played baseball two years ago and also plays baseball during the summer.

Jerry Blackway plays center. Only a sophomore, he weighs 150 and is 5' 11" tall. He engages in all three major sports outside of school and during grade school he played basketball.

Robin Kinnel, another senior, stands 6' tall and weighs 187. He has played two years at tackle position. His main outside diversions are golf and swimming.

Bill Swagler, at end, has been on the injured list for the past five weeks. He is 5' 11" and weighs 150. He played football last year.

#### FOR GIRLS ONLY

This year's varsity hockey team is made up of four seniors, five juniors, and two sophomores. The seniors include Polly Joyce at right inner, who has played this posi-tion for the past two years; Doris Reed as left halfback and Marie Grier as center halfback, who have played varsity hockey the past two years. All three were seen on the junior varsity team in their tenth grade year. Barbara Hobson is playing right fullback on the varsity team for the first time this year. She played junior varsity before this.

The five juniors are Ann Horisk, Doris Kennedy, Ellen Pyle, Josie Nichols, and Audrey Stewart. Kennedy is playing for her second year on the varsity team. Her position this year is left inner. Horisk will be seen at the left wing and Pyle at center forward. Stewart is taking over the job of goalie for the first time this year. Nichols is playing left fullback also for the first time.

The two sophomores playing varsity are Ann Mashburn and Nancy Williams. Mashburn is covering the position of right wing and Williams, right halfback. They are both playing for the first time on the varsity team.

Again this year we find Mrs. able coach. She is assisted by two managers, Barbara Jean Watson and Phyllis Skinner.

Good luck and top-notch hockey -Gerry King to you all!

Johnny Narvel, our quarterback, is a junior who stands 5' 11" and weighs 155. Last year he played baseball and basketball. He makes a hobby of studying all sports and during the summer he plays baseball.

Ray Durham, a senior, plays fullback. He is 5' 111/2" and weighs 190. He has had experience in all four sports at Conrad: football, basketball, baseball, and track.

baseball in grade school and base- 14-0. ball at Conrad.

Bill Miller, our other halfback, is 5' 9" and weighs 145. He has played football, baseball, and bas- ing the half-time score 20-0. ketball ever since junior high.

ability in baseball, basketball, and the line, stands 5' 11" and weighs soccer. As a hobby, this summer, 185. He played football last year. in addition to playing ball, he

Earl Evans, a junior, is 6' tall 155, and plays fullback. Last year as a sophomore he played the three major sports. During the summer he enjoyed baseball.

Jack Covert, a junior, stands 5' 10" and weighs 160. Last year he played football and in grade school played basketball and baseball. His outside diversions are hunting and swimming.

Irvin Klair, halfback, a junior, stands 5' 10" and weighs 155. Last year he played football. He is an active member of the 4-H Club and enjoys tinkering with cars.

he played baseball and basketball.
In his spare time he likes to go camping.

Frank Irwin, a senior, is 6' 1"

Charles Taylor, a tackle, is a sophomore. He stands 6' 1" and weighs 180. Last year he played basketball and football. His favorite outside pleasures are hunting and fishing.

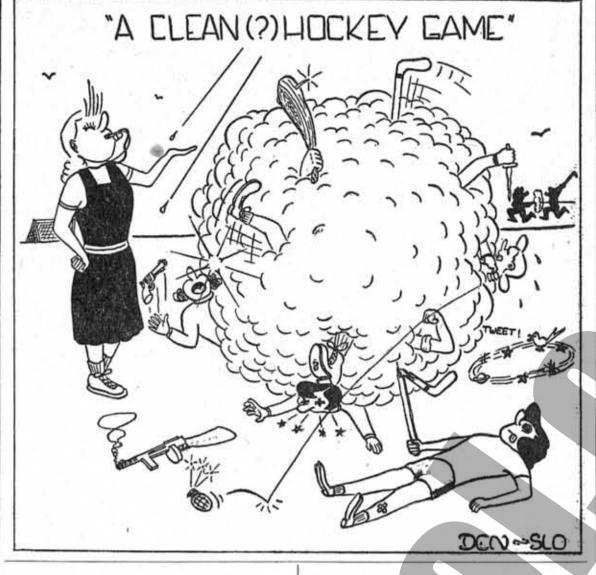
> Jack Hearn, on the injured list, is a senior — 6' tall and weighing 145. He has football and basketball experience at Conrad and plays baseball during the summer. His pigskin position is halfback.

> Noel Lloyd, a junior, is 6' tall and weighs 155. He played football last year. Swimming and fishing are his favorite outside-school occupations.

Other boys who have been dressing for the games:

Louis Holdren, Ronnie Trivits, Ray Woodward, Dick Rutter, Wayne Henretty, Stan Macel, Louis Rigdon, Dick Chambers, George Gardner, and Lee Stafford.

-Robin Kinnel



#### FIFTEEN ON JUNIOR HIGH FOOTBALL TEAM

Seventh Grade: Lee Bergen. Bruce Eastburn, Roger Hall, Joseph Kelly, Bobby Leasure, Peter Pardee, Jim Schorah, and Howard Stanley.

Eighth Grade: John Piccolo, Jack McAllister, George Wright, Steve Soltow, John Turlski, George Hartman, and Paul Walton.

#### CONRAD SWAMPED BY MILLVILLE IN OPENER

Score: 41-0

The Millville football machine started to roll early in the first quarter, and after making a 30yard run, Wilson, Millville's quarterback, crashed over for the touchdown. Making good on the extra point was Brecht, the Millville halfback who holds a New Jersey record for kicking 12 straight conversions. The first second half of the Sallies game quarter ended with a second TD despite the fact that they had Scotty Powell, fleet scatback, is a for Millville as a result of a Con- practiced as a team only three senior who weighs 138 and stands rad fumble deep in her own terri- times. 5' 5½". He played basketball and tory. Bracht's conversion made it

The second quarter resulted in another Millyille touchdown, mak-Bracht missing the extra point. cartist, as the cartoon on this page early indicates.

Gary Goudy, a sophomore, is Two successive fumbles by the Some Wilson, a junior, our deback. In grade school he displayed TDs, and a final tally made the score 41-0.

> Conrad's injury-ridden line could not stave off the powerful Jimmy Hackman is 6' 1", weighs Millville attack, although the game ended with Conrad threatening to score. —B. S.

#### JAYVEE FOOTBALL SQUAD

End	Billy Knowland
Tackle	Dick Rutter
Guard	Ronny Trivits
Center	Joe Abrams
Guard	Wayne Henretty
Tackle	Allen Stoops
End	Ray Woodward
Quarterback	Lou Holdren
Fullback	Eddie Rembecki
Right Halfback	Wesley Sanders
Left Halfback	George Bell

#### JV RECORD

The JV team lost their first game of the season to Sallies JV team 18-0; however, they marched to Middletown where they scored a triumphant victory over the Middletown High School, 26-6.

Coach Schaefer remarked that the team looked very well in the

#### Schedule of JV Football Games For 1953

A. I. duPont	Oct.	12	Home
Claymont	Oct.	19	Away
P. S. duPont	Oct.	26	Home
Wilm. High	Nov.	2	Home
Howard	Nov.	9	Away
Mt. Pleasant	Nov.	16	Away
Newark	Nov.	30	Away

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REDSKINS TIE SALLIES IN

HARD-FOUGHT DUEL

Score: 20-20

The Conrad gridders started the fray with a terrific first quarter, with Johnny Narvel, Bill Miller, and Ray Durham making big gains through a somewhat depleted Sallies line. Then mid-way through the quarter John Narvel went over from the 2 for Conrad's first score of the year. With Narvel's extra point good, Conrad was well on its way to winning its first game.

The game produced no further score till the third quarter when the Sals started to run through our line as if it were paper. They ended the quarter by scoring 13 points. Then with the Redskins back to back with their goal line, on a trap play, Ray Durham took the ball and ran 96 yards for a score. Bill Miller threw a great block for Ray on the Sals 20.

In the fourth quarter Sallies still continued to run down Conrad's defensive and scored 7 more points to make the score 20-20. And then time ran out and the game was over.

It was a tie game, our boys fought hard, but morally it was a victory for Sallies for they came back from the short end of a 20-20 score to tie the Redskins at the end of the duel.

#### SKINS TOPPLE A. I. FOR SEASON'S FIRST WIN

Score: 25-6

After a scoreless first quarter. the Conrad Redskins went on the warpath for touchdowns in each of the succeeding periods to rout A. I. duPont, 25-6. Johnny Narvel passed for two Conrad scores hitting Scotty Powell with a 10-yard toss, which the latter carried the remaining 50 yards. The other Narvel aerial was a 15-yarder to Ken Felix. Powell and Ray Durham added the other 6-pointers on line plunges. Narvel completed only one of four extra-point attempts. The losers' lone tally came on a 98-yard runback of the second-half kickoff. -J. H.

#### SYLVANUS TO COACH JAYVEE HOCKEY

The following girls make up this year's Junior Varsity Hockey Team, which will be coached by Miss Nancy Sylvanus:

Mary Jane Derickson, Joan Wilkinson, Barbara Fritz, Norine Cole. Mary Ann Nowak, Lois Clugston. Carole Graham, Louise Jones, Gail Roberts, Janet May, Pat McMahon, Phyllis, May, and Pat Howell.

#### GIRLS LOSE FIRST ENCOUNTER TO CLAYMONT

The first game of the season

with Mt. Pleasant was rained out. On October 8 the team played for the first time this year against Claymont. The lineup of the varsity team was as follows: Ann Horisk, right wing; Polly Joyce, right inner; Doris Reed, left halfback; Marie Grier, center halfback; Joanne Nichols, left full-back; Barbara Hobson, right fullback; Audrey Stewart, goalie; Ann Mashburn, left wing; Nancy Williams, right halfback; Joan Wilkinson, left inner; and Ellen Pyle, center forward. The only goal made by Conrad was donated by Ann Horisk. The final score was 2-1 in favor of Claymont.

The JV game started solidly. It was a tight game as the team held back Claymont until the second half when Claymont scored one

The lineup was as follows:

Barbara Fritz, Doris Kennedy. Norine Cole, Louise Jones, Mary Ann Nowak, Gail Roberts, Carol Graham, Mary Lou Derickson, Janet May, Lois Clugston, Pat Mc-Mahon.

Final score 1-0 in Claymont's favor.

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