



MARCH 13 BOND REFERENDUM TO DECIDE CONRAD'S FUTURE

SAFE DRIVERS' LEAGUE ATTRACTS STATE SUPPORT; 100 MEMBERS

Governor Boggs Administrators Pledge at Formal Convocation

On Wednesday, February 10, the first assembly of the Conrad Safe Drivers League was held with many visiting dignitaries attending. They included Governor J. Caleb Boggs; Captain Edgar F. Isaacs, Jr. of the Delaware State Police; Walter B. McKendrick, State Highway Commission representative and general manager of the Delaware Memorial Bridge; J. James Ashton, manager of the Delaware Safety Council; Anthony Carbone, art instructor at Conrad, who designed the identification cards and seals used in the safety campaign; C. B. Patterson, President of the Conrad PTA; J. Harry Taylor, President of the Board of Trustees of Conrad School; C. B. Harris and Walter Pyle, members of Conrad board; and C. W. Cummings, our principal. Those seated

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PRINCIPAL'S LIST

(A's in all major subjects)

12TH GRADE

Kendall Felix
Doris Reed*

Natty Young†

11TH GRADE

Donald Bergner†
Fred Burns*

Carolyn Steinebach†

10TH GRADE

Dolores Barger
Joanne Cannon

Jay Francis

Eddie Hughes†

Charles Jackson

Ann Mashburn

Sophie Pyle

Neal Ramer†

Carol Schulz†

Kay Squires*

Kay Thompson*

Nancy Williams

9TH GRADE

Helen Bertrand*

Gail Cooper†

Madeline Ferrara

Janet Pierson†

Gloria Quillen

8TH GRADE

Patricia Drake

Sallie Evans*

Cynthia Harmon*

William Kibler

Bruce Macadam

John Piccolo*

Alan Ramer*

Stephen Spangler

Elizabeth Woodward*

7TH GRADE

Peggy Sue Drake

Joseph Kelly†

Melvin Warner

*-Marking period only.

†-Semester only.

Nothing—Both semester and marking period.



QUIGG AND OLSEN CROWNED AT SENIOR HOP

"King and Queen of Hearts" Reign Over Gay Affair

The annual Senior Hop was held on Saturday night, February 13 from nine to twelve. The theme of this gala event was St. Valentine's Day, and everyone danced to the music of Norm Unker and his orchestra.

The decoration committee, headed by Jane Buttles, did a miraculous job of transforming the gym into a "Sweethearts Ballroom." There was a six-foot canopy at the entrance and inside cupids, hearts, and roses danced merrily on a white background. The glider committee, under the direction of Bob Shearer, had attractively arranged several gliders and chairs. Barbara Jean Watson

The main event of the evening was the crowning of the King and Queen of Hearts. By means of a spot dance Sandy Baughman and Eddie Broadbent were chosen to select the names of the lucky winners, Jerry Quigg and Lorraine Olsen. (See photograph).

The senior class wishes to take this opportunity to thank the sponsors and all those who helped make this dance a success.—B. R.

Play Festival Entry Features Canadian Frontier Drama

Conrad's contribution to the Delaware Play Festival to be held at the University of Delaware on April 1 or 2 will be "Still Stands the House," by Gwendoly Pharis. It is a drama of the Canadian frontier. Starring in the play are Charles Jackson, Sophie Pyle, Dawn Faline, and Michael Pillgren. The play will be directed by Miss Phyllis Shaw.

First Prize for Exhibit Goes To Future Farmers

First prize for their exhibit, "Cash in on Corn," went to the Conrad Chapter Future Farmers of America at the annual "Farm and Home Show" in the new Agricultural Hall of the University of Delaware at Newark.

Each day of the week the show presented programs on topics pertaining to farm life.

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How Much Will all this Cost?

- 1) \$500,000—total cost of new addition.
 - a) \$300,000 of this will be supplied by State if the referendum is approved by the District before June 30.
 - b) \$200,000 will be paid out of local taxation. (40% of entire cost).
- 2) \$20,000 per year for current expenses to increase educational facilities, beyond the minimum level supplied by the State for all departments, buildings, and grounds. (Conrad is the only Delaware high school of its size without such extra funds.)
- 3) Total cost to the individual taxpayer:

Approximately 5¢ per \$100 of assessed valuation per year. Within two years it is hoped that this rate can be reduced to 4¢.

On property valued (assessed) at \$10,000 the tax would be \$5.00 per year; \$8,000 — \$4.00; \$5,000 — \$2.50.

"Moulin Rouge" Theme Wins First Prize For French Club

Circus-Carnival Features Floats and "Dancing Girls"

This year's carnival took on a new twist and became a circus, with all the shows being staged in the gym.

Led by the T. N. T. Club, the parade of floats started at 7:35. Following the T. N. T. were the French Club, the Library Squad, the Latin Club, the Future Nurses, Junior High Boys Club, and the Spanish Club. The theme, "Moulin Rouge," won the coveted cup for the French Club (see photo page 4), while the Latin Club and Future Nurses tied for second-place honors. Judges were Mrs. Wilmer F. Williams, former Conrad teacher; Mr. C. B. Patterson, President of the PTA; and Mr. Walter Pyle of the Board of Trustees. They all deserve hearty congratulations for a tough job well done. Each float came near to being tops, so it was a particularly difficult decision to make.

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JANET MURRAY COMPETES IN "MISS DELAWARE" CONTEST

Janet Murray, Conrad senior, was invited to participate in the Miss Delaware and 1954 Cherry Blossom Princess contest held Feb. 27.

A member of the A Cappella Choir for two years, Janet's musical talent is well known. She has had some radio and television vocal experience, and has sung regularly as a member of the Richardson Park Methodist Church youth and senior choirs.

The selection she chose for the talent section of the contest was Ernesto de Curtes' "Come Back to Sorrento."

Vote Scheduled at School Saturday Afternoon

Polls Open 1:00 to 8:00

Conrad's future will be decided on Saturday, March 13, when voting on the proposed bond referendum will be conducted at the school. It is expected that voting on the \$20,000 per year operating expenses, requested by the Board of Trustees as an assist in its efforts to keep Conrad operating on a par with city and special district schools, will be permitted only between 2:00 and 5:00 in the afternoon, so residents interested in voting on both the current operating expenses and bond issue items have been urged to come to the polls during those hours. Bond referendum voting will continue until 8:00 P.M.

All residents of the Conrad district, which includes all seven elementary school districts served by Conrad, are eligible to vote. There are no property qualifications. All those residents 21 years old or older who have lived in the district 30 days, in New Castle County 3 months and in Delaware for a year are eligible. Voting in previous regular elections is not necessary, nor is registration.

The future enrollment of the school, as pointed out by research undertaken this year by the PTA, will be nearly double in 1959 what it is now. Since funds for the new addition and operating expenses requested by this referendum would not be available for several months, even though the referendum passes, the proposed construction will not be finished for at least two years. This is one reason why school authorities feel

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Majority of "Yes" Votes Will Bring

- 1) Eight new classrooms.
- 2) Five additional classrooms in the main school building which will be available as a result of remodeling.
- 3) A new, more capacious cafeteria seating between 350 and 450.
- 4) Modern infirmary and health facilities.
- 5) Adequate counseling rooms.
- 6) Improved and enlarged agricultural facilities.
- 7) New mechanical drawing and shop equipment, storage, and finishing rooms.
- 8) Fully equipped and modernized commercial, science, and home economics departments.
- 9) A new science room.
- 10) An enlarged and better-equipped library.
- 11) A better chance to attract and hold good teachers by providing additions to salaries on a merit basis.
- 12) Improvement in the maintenance of the building and all school equipment.
- 13) Improvement in grounds and care of school-yard landscaping.
- 14) Assurance that youth in this district will not be deprived of a modern full-time high school education four or five years from now.

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Half a Century In Education

Dr. John Shilling, a familiar figure here at Conrad, will retire from his position as Assistant State Superintendent of Secondary Education at the termination of the 1953-1954 school year, and for this reason the *Smoke Signal* staff wishes to pay tribute on behalf of the entire school to this great administrator.

Born at Frankford, Delaware, on March 3, 1884, John Shilling was educated at Dickinson College, from where he was graduated with a Ph.B. Degree in 1908, and seventeen years later, as a Phi Beta Kappa student, he acquired an A.M. at Columbia University. In recognition of his significant work in the field of education, Dickinson has since awarded Dr. Shilling an honorary doctor's degree.

His career started in 1902 when he began teaching at Canterbury School in Kent County, and the years 1904-1918 were spent at numerous schools in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, among which were Model School, Trenton High School, and North East High School of Philadelphia. It was during this period that he married Laura Dix of Carbondale, Pennsylvania.

The year 1918 was an important year for Dr. Shilling, for he returned to Delaware to take the post of Kent County Superintendent of Schools. From this office he quickly advanced to Assistant Commissioner of Education in Delaware, and in 1921 he attained the position which he now holds, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education. This berth, however, did not keep Dr. Shilling from teaching, for in 1930 he became a member of the faculty of the University of Delaware, though for the summer sessions only.

Dr. Shilling's other positions are noteworthy and extremely varied.

He has been state representative of the Accrediting Board of the Middle Atlantic States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools since a Delaware high school was first accredited. He has, in addition, aided in making surveys of both public and private schools for this agency.



DR. SHILLING

(Courtesy Journal-Every Evening)

Dr. Shilling served for many years as the liaison officer between the State Board of Education and the General Assembly (State Legislature), and the passage of the School Code of 1919, which contains many of the laws by which our schools are regulated today, is in a great measure due to his work.

Still another achievement of this versatile man is the position of State Director of the N.E.A. (National Education Association), a position which he held from 1946 to 1952.

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I FELL WITH NO CHUTE

by Paul Baskin ('55)

Of the hundreds of parachute jumps I have made as a barn-stormer, there is one I will remember as long as I live.

It was at the Labor Day air show at Palmar, Alaska. I was one of the jumpers, and I was up to make my second jump of the day. The act called for me to ride the top wing of an airplane through a series of three loops; when the plan was inverted on the third loop, I was to fall off and descend by parachute.

It wasn't a difficult routine. I had done it hundreds of times before. I was always calm and relaxed. No sweat was pouring from my face or from the palms of my hands. My breathing also was always regular, not fast as if I were excited. All I had to do was sit on the wing with my toes wrapped around some guy wires. It's not especially comfortable, leaning against a 120-mile an hour wind on the dive preceding the loop, your arms outstretched and only the wind preventing you from falling into a whirling propeller three feet in front of you.

We made the first two loops without incident, climbed to the proper altitude for the third, and approached the airport for the jump run. Because of the wind, we were doing the jumping over a river that bordered the airport. I was supposed to drift back to the airport during the descent and land in front of the crowd. Finally we went down on the last loop. The propeller screamed and I leaned forward against the roaring wind, my legs and toes numb from the strain.

When the plane was pointed straight up and its speed had slackened, I unhooked my toes

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from around the guy wires, checked the position of the ripcord, and waited. As the plane became inverted at the top of the loop, I could feel myself rising slightly off the wing. The pilot exerted a slight forward pressure on the stick, and suddenly I was free of the plane and falling end over end through space.

I fell free for several hundred feet to clear the airplane; then I pulled the ripcord to my main chute. I waited for the shock as the chute opened. Then suddenly I realized that it wasn't going to open! I started crying and sweating and couldn't breathe. I reached for the ripcord of my reserve chute. My hands were so cold, wet, and stiff I could hardly get a grip on the ripcord. I waited for the chute to burst out and stop my plunging descent. Nothing happened.

Then I knew why my main chute hadn't worked. It had opened, but as the plane came around to complete its third loop it had come between me and my parachute canopy cutting away all 28 lines. These lines were now wrapped around my reserve chute.

I could feel my mind going blank. I didn't feel as if I were breathing. Suddenly my mind reasoned that if I released my reserve chute from the cords of my main chute my reserve chute would open. With one of my almost helpless hands I tried to free my reserve chute while the other hand held the ripcord. Suddenly the freed chute sprang into the

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Letters to the Editor

Students: Support Civil Defense!

To the Editor:

Civil defense is a major part of the United States' national defense and security program.

At present civil defense is not so strongly supported as it should be by everyone. To set up a strong program we need volunteer workers who are willing to take charge in case of an enemy attack. There also must be captains for various shelter stations ready to give immediate attention to the public for the same reason.

Civil defense is a job for everyone and it is up to each individual to do his or her part.

Urge your fellow classmates to support every effort towards civil defense which is being made by Mr. Carbone's new squad here at Conrad. —B. R.

Learn Those Cheers

To the Editor:

Conrad lost another game! Those are the headlines we see.

What is the reason for this? One reason is that there isn't enough enthusiasm at the games. I think if everyone who comes to the games would learn the cheers and yell them, we would find our team coming out on top more often.

This is true with every sport played at Conrad. —E. B.

On Feminine Intuition

To the Editor:

I believe feminine intuition is purely fictional. Women can't tell anymore what is going to happen than men. The reason why things women predict sometimes come true is that they imagine and predict everything at one time or another and some of their predictions are bound to come true. Men could probably have intuition too, if they went around talking all the time!

Someday perhaps I will change my mind and believe that there is such a thing as "feminine intuition," but that remains to be seen.

—C. J.

Any comments from the feminine point-of-view? (Ed.)

All Play and No Work Makes ...

To the Editor:

A little bit of cooperation goes a long way. I direct this letter at the lack of cooperation which was shown when committees were drawn for the recent carnival.

It seems that people are always ready to have lots of fun, but it also seems that if any work is connected with this fun, people become very, very busy before they can say, "Gee! I'll help."

Sincerely,

—A Disgusted Student

THAT'S CONRAD

—The long line that waits patiently (?) in front of the deans' office each day for absentee excuses.

—The cries of "I forgot to read that!" when those teachers spring all those (sneaky) quickie quizzes.

—The hammering, drilling, and pounding of the workmen at the north end of the hall.

—The ones who rush madly every morning for their homeroom door to get in just one-sixteenth of a second before the 8:30 bell rings.

—The utter confusion, head-scratching, and hurry-up calls in the journalism workshop when the deadline is only one day away.

—The delicious, hunger-stirring aroma of chocolate, cakes, or cookies floating invisibly down the hall when the home ec students are cooking.

—The search for a chair and the long wait in the lunch line every time you're late for lunch.

—The "ooh, my head hurts" or "I cut my finger" of the many "goldbricks" who pay a visit to Miss Albers every day.

—The gathering up of books and the rustling of papers three minutes before every bell.

—The clickity-clack of forty-odd typewriters and the ring-a-ling of the time-clock when the ten-minute timed writing is done if you should happen to have class in SLA or Com. A.

—The sly, furtive glances and quick steps of all those sneaking candy in study hall.

—The dum--da-da-dum or do-re-me of the music room sounding out every seventh period.

—The ear-piercing shouts of "save a seat for me" every night in the mad rush for the buses.

—The "to-be-or-not-to-be's" of every aspiring actress and actor in Art A or Room 7.

—The old, forgotten posters in so many rooms that tell of an event that happened a week or more ago. —Betty Winant

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The editorial staff of the *Smoke Signal* extends its thanks to the following members of the typing staff who cooperated to make this issue possible:

Joyce Will, Marvin Tibbett, Sarah Hitchens, Barbara Davis, Jackie Cox, Rebecca Morgan, Beverly Harris, Kathy Schulz, Betty Kauffman, and Betty Winant, typing editor.

Thanks Expressed to Library Squad

To the Editor:

The faculty would like to express appreciation to the members of the Library Squad and to Miss Swayze for the informal and very pleasant tea arranged for us last Tuesday. Speaking for all of us let me say thank you and drop a hint that we would like to come again!

Yours truly,

—Malcolm E. Baird

Vice-President of the Conrad Classroom Teachers Association



DRIVERS' LEAGUE

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on the stage in order to sign the certificates along with the Governor and Mr. Cummings were Miss Doris Reed, President of the Student Council; Captain C. Preston Poore, Director of the Driver Licensing Division of the Motor Vehicle Department; and William E. Garfield, Student Council sponsor.

Neither Mr. Cummings nor the Student Council realized, when they first began to consider the possibilities of a Drivers' League, that their plans and hopes would ever reach such a goal so soon. However, soon after Mr. Cummings and Mr. Harold Johnson outlined the purpose and aim of the League, they began to realize that Conrad really had something that was sure to spread throughout the State as well as the nation. When Governor Boggs heard of it, he asked to be included in the ceremony and, of course, we were honored to think that he would be coming to Conrad.

February 10 finally arrived and it found the whole school on its best "company" behavior. The assembly began at 9:00 A.M. and was preceded by the members of the Safe Drivers' League marching into the auditorium. Following the invocation by the Reverend Harold H. McConnell, Jr. and the rendition of "Give Me Your Tired, Your Poor" by the Conrad A Cappella Choir, the band played the processional march and the guests were escorted into the auditorium.

The following oath was then administered by Governor Boggs: "I do solemnly pledge before these witnesses that I shall endeavor to follow safe and courteous motoring practices when actively engaged in driving a motor vehicle. In so doing, I promise to drive a motor vehicle only when it is known to be in a safe operating condition, when driving conditions permit safe operation of such a motor vehicle, and when I know that I am physically and mentally able to safely operate such a vehicle.

"I further declare that should I willfully violate my pledge, I automatically forfeit any and all benefits derived from the Conrad Safe Drivers League, and that I shall surrender any and all emblems or other specific identifications with the Conrad Safe Drivers League to the directions of officers of the same.

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sky and I thought my troubles were over. But the first thing I saw not forty feet below was the river. My body went stiff as I thought what would have happened if I had jumped right over the airport. I would be dead by now.

I took a deep breath of air just before I hit the water. I would need it for a desperate fight to get out of the chute before it would drag me under. Luck saved me. I hit in the shallow section of the river. A terrific pain went through me as my knees hit the rocky bottom of the river bed. I struggled to my feet as fast as I could and pulled as fast as I could to keep the canopy from falling with water. I fought hard. I was so exhausted I could hardly move; I was slowly losing my battle to stay above water.

Just as I started under I jumped up with all the strength in my helpless body and like a miracle I landed on the bank some feet away. As I lay exhausted on the bank I saw the main canopy float by. I was still helpless from my fight to live.

I don't know how long I lay on the bank but as I struggled to get up I saw people overhead asking if I were all right.

I was.

REFERENDUM

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that the situation is urgent enough to warrant an all-out campaign to urge school-minded residents to come to the polls on Saturday. All plans for the future rest upon approval of this referendum, which would tax Conrad residents directly for the first time in over 17 years. The present addition and auditorium are being built entirely with state funds. No local taxation for this essential project was requested.

Some action has already been taken to relieve the load on Conrad's standing and sitting room. The State Board has indicated that 7th graders will not be sent to Conrad next September, and that the Junior High grades will gradually be eliminated. This would still leave the school in a seriously overcrowded condition in a few years if the referendum is not passed.

All students have been urged to encourage their parents and friends to vote on Saturday. Babysitting and car-pool services will be available, courtesy of the PTA, which has wholeheartedly voted its support of both phases of the referendum. Now it is up to you and your friends and neighbors to help decide Conrad's future and the future of high school education in this district.

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CONRAD PERSONALITIES

(Interviewed by Kathy Schulz and Beverly Harris)

An American from Scotland

Chris Herd arrived in America six years ago from Scotland and now, along with Natty Young, she has become a defender of the Crown. Chris would like to return to Scotland — but not to remain, she emphasizes. Chris is a blend of the tastes and ideas of two countries. Her favorite dish — fish and chips — is decidedly European, but she has the American's dislike of "people who don't quote me properly."

At school Chris is in our A Cappella Choir, the Future Teachers of America, and is also the president of the newly organized Bridle and Bit Club.

Chris enjoys the record "Love Makes the World Go 'Round."

She has worked in summer camps during recent years, and horseback riding and swimming play important parts in her summer schedule. At the moment Chris is looking forward to the Press Club's New York trip.

Trumpet-Playing Sophomore

Bob Sagers, a sophomore, came to Conrad from Hockessin School in the seventh grade. Now he is taking the general course, and lists his favorite subject as speech.

Bob plays the trumpet in the band, and consequently his record-of-the-month is Eddie Calvert's trumpet version of "Oh Mein Papa." He also says that "practicing the trumpet" is his pet peeve. In his spare time Bobby likes to watch television.

Working for his father at carpentry occupies most of Bob's time during the summer vacation; however, he says that his family takes a trip about 200 miles northwest of Harrisburg to the mountains in August, and there he swims and "does whatever else you would do in the mountains."

Bob says "school's okay with a few exceptions." When he finishes school, Bobby wants to be a draftsman. Southern fried chicken is Bob's favorite dish. When asked how he liked the caricature of him in this month's Smoke Signal, Bob replied, "It doesn't do me any harm, I guess."

PAUL GALLOWAY

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Hockessin Musician

A talented young lady from Hockessin who plays the piano and clarinet is Cynthia Harmon, an eighth grader. She has studied piano for six years and plays the clarinet as a member of Conrad's band. Cynthia's school activities include the Naiads, Junior High Service Club, and in connection with this, the Junior Red Cross meetings. Raising rabbits has been Cynthia's 4-H project for the past few years but she has now undertaken clothing and gardening projects.

Ping pong, ballet dancing, sports, and the outdoors occupy Cynthia's spare time.

Nursing is her ambition. When asked how her summers were passed she replied, "with my four sisters and brother." Church and 4-H camps comprise her other summer activities.

Grade 7 Redhead

Although you cannot tell it from the drawing on this page, Roger Hall is a redhead and he follows the accepted decorum common to most of these special individuals. He has no hobbies but prefers to act "on the spur of the moment."

He is a graduate of Stanton School which he attended until the seventh grade. This year Roger played on the junior high football team and is very much interested in that sport.

Roger is interested in other sports, too. Playing baseball is one of his favorite summertime activities, as is swimming.

Roger answered the query: "Who would you like to be if you could be anyone else? With an evasive, "I'll answer that later!"

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Oklahoman Joins Faculty

Gilmer Replaces Mrs. Boyce in Teacher Vacancy

A man from the West has recently joined the Conrad faculty. He is Mr. Gene Gilmer who has come here to replace Mrs. Boyce. Mr. Gilmer was graduated from West Liberty State College in West Virginia, and he received his Master's Degree in August, 1953 from the University of Oklahoma. He worked his way through college by playing in a dance band.

Mr. Gilmer previously taught mathematics and coached different sports at Las Vegas, Nevada and Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He has also sponsored a Hi-Y.

Mr. Gilmer is married and has a little girl; and his wife is expecting a "little boy" in the near future. He is interested in physical education, coaching, and guidance. He likes the West very much, but says "the students at Conrad are very friendly."

Dr. Shilling

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The duties of Dr. Shilling's position as Assistant Superintendent include consultation with the administrators of secondary schools concerning instruction, supervision, and administration; encouraging and aiding school faculties in curriculum studies and development by visiting the schools; assisting in filling teacher vacancies and solving any other special problems which may arise.

Not to be overlooked is Dr. Shilling's role in our own school's foundation. He worked in conjunction with Mr. Cummings to set up the first curriculum and locate the faculty, and since that time has given his untiring attention to our development. Conrad owes much to the constructive suggestions, criticism, and help of this great Delaware educator.

—Natty Young

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Sports Review



BASKETBALL BLUES

Having encountered some difficulty in winning games this season, our basketball team has a record of only three wins and nine losses. The team has lacked that fundamental unity which is all important to a winning squad. Although we do have the scoring and ball-handling ability, we have been together as a team in only about four games out of twelve. However, I believe that our team has developed that unity since the A. I. game and might be able to stage a comeback in the latter part of the season. By the time the Smoke Signal goes to press, the story may appear a little brighter.

High scoring was not the deciding factor in the games that the team won. It was teamwork in those games; and no one person was particularly outstanding. In the Mt. Pleasant battle the boys played an especially good game and won in the overtime through brilliant teamwork.

—R. K.

CONRAD MAULS TIGERS IN 48-34 VICTORY

The Redskins used good teamwork to their advantage in downing the A. I. duPont quintet. Paced by high scorer George Gardner, all our boys played in the game. But most outstanding was the brilliant defensive work of the team in keeping down the opponent's score. Even though some misplays occurred offensively and shots were missed, it was the defensive which won the ball game.

R. K.

J.V.'s BUILD FOR NEXT YEARS' VARSITY

The junior varsity basketball team coached by Mr. Cal Wood, has so far had a better season than the varsity. The record stands, to date, at 4 wins and 8 losses. Led by Dick Rutter, high scorer of the team, Jim Strickland, Fred Burns, Lew Holdren, and Bill Rowe, these future varsity candidates have played good ball all season, especially in the recent game with A. I. duPont. Others on the team include Jack Covert, Earl Curry, Harry Russell, Paul Boswell, Paul Baskin, and Carson Callahan.

—J. H.

HI-Y AND F.F.A. TEAMS COMPETE IN LOCAL BASKETBALL

Two basketball squads that strangely are seldom noticed on the court scene here at Conrad are the Hi-Y and the F.F.A.

The Hi-Y team is tied for first place in the city Hi-Y basketball league with a record of 8 wins and 1 defeat. Paul Alexander is coach of the squad, which includes Bob Duphily, Frank Pugh, Dave Boulden, Herbie Alfree, Dennie Sloman, and Gary Schaffer.

The F.F.A. team has only played two games, both of which were with the Newark F.F.A. Even though they lost these two, the squad of Jarrell, Klair, Farmer, Annand, Antoine, Toppin, and DuVall are still playing hard, waiting for that first victory.— J. H.

Girls' Varsity Completes Fifth Undefeated Season

The girls' basketball team has completed its fifth successive undefeated season with its victory over Claymont.

The team, consisting of eight girls, has played superbly in its campaign to reach its 51st win.

Polly Joyce, a forward and one of the high scorers with 99 points, had this to say when recently interviewed:

Reporter: Polly, you are a forward. How long have you played varsity basketball?

Polly: Two years.

Reporter: What do you think has been the toughest game of the season?

Polly: Howard.

Reporter: How about the team? How did the girls play this year?

Polly: There has been a great deal of team work, and good sportsmanship.

Reporter: Can you give me one of the highlights of the game?

Polly: During the Howard game in the last few minutes Howard had the ball and froze it. We finally got possession of the ball in the last twenty seconds and went on to win.

Doris Reed was also asked to express her opinions.

Reporter: Doris, you have been a guard on the varsity team for two years. Can you tell me some things about the guards?

Doris: Well, during the Howard game our guards were fouling because Howard's forwards are short and we are so tall. Everyone was tense and nervous.

Reporter: How about the other games?

Doris: The other games weren't so tough. The forwards played great games. There was a tremendous amount of team work between both the forwards and guards.

The other members of the varsity team are: Joan Kern, Mary Lou Walmsley, Helen Blunt, Joyce Rhoades, Ann Horisk—the high scorer with 105 points, and Nancy Williams.

Mrs. Barbara Washburn has done a wonderful job in coaching the team for the last two years. The girls feel that much credit should be given to her for their victories. Barbara Hobson and Carolyn Golden both have done an excellent job as managers of the team.

—M. N.

MITES BUILD BEST BOYS' BASKETBALL RECORD

Mr. Washburn and Mr. Kuschinka's "mites of the court" have rolled to the most successful season among our various school teams. The "mites" have compiled a record of 3 wins and 3 losses with two games yet remaining. Squad members are Talley, Webster, Trivits, Abrams, McCallister, Turulski, Holdren, Piccolo, Leasure and Sanders.

GIRLS' VARSITY SCORES

Conrad vs. Middletown	43-21
Conrad vs. A. I. duPont	41-12
Conrad vs. Mt. Pleasant	29-23
Conrad vs. Middletown	49-20
Conrad vs. Newark	33-23
Conrad vs. Wm. Penn	25-21
Conrad vs. Howard	37-35
Conrad vs. Claymont	23-17

JV SQUAD IN WIN COLUMN

Cole	Forward
Greenhill	Forward
Waggaman	Guard
Owens	Guard
Holdway	Guard
Mashburn	Forward
Wilkinson	Forward
Nixon	Guard

Cole and Greenhill are high scorers. Victories placed the JV in win column this year.

F. F. A.

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Credit should be given to the following FFA members for the fine job they did on Conrad's exhibit: Co-chairmen: Jack Covert and Herbie Alfree; other members were Donald Gregg, Richard Greene, Fred Smith, Ellen Pyle, Irvin Klair, Grey Harris, Jim Paruszewski, Francis Annand, and Richard Klair.



Joan Kern, Michael Pillgrene, Leonard Kempinski, and Robin Kinnel in Winning Carnival Float

CARNIVAL

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The talent show, ably emceed by Mr. Simmons, was really loaded with talent. Nancy Williams and Sandra Stradley gave out with some cool acrobatic and tap dancing; Janet Murray and Dick Chambers were top-notch, as always; and Robin Kinnel did a hot harmonica rendition of "Lady of Spain." Between acts Bill Smith paged Mr. Cummings with an ever-growing sun flower.

The Harem, presented by the Hi-Y, was almost indescribable. The dancing girls were Jerry Quigg, Earl Evans, Herbie Alfree, Sandy Chapman, Eddie Broadbent, Bill Sanford, and Dennis Sloman. But which one was which, only each boy knew.

A successful evening was ended with dancing until 12 to music

provided by the Serenaders. Vocalists Janet Murray and Mr. Simmons added much to the performance. Between acts Mr. Simmons auctioned off cakes.

The Music and Dramatic Departments wish to thank every person who gave of his time and talent to make the circus a startling success. Their special thanks go to the cooperating parents and to Stan's, Jackie Carol, Steinle's, and The Three Little Bakers for donating cakes for the auction.

—S. H.

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DRIVERS' LEAGUE

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I further understand that this is a covenant between me and the Conrad Safe Drivers League only, and that all identification with the latter shall be removed from any motor vehicle in my possession before permitting it to change ownership."

Following the oath, certificates of membership were presented to the 100 students who joined the Safety League.

This is by no means the end of our campaign for safe drivers, but merely a beginning. We still have a long way to go, but judging from the letters of thanks from the Governor, as well as many of the other safety officials, we feel as though something has been achieved and as Mr. Cummings has said, "If one life is saved, we have fulfilled our purpose."

Manhattan Draws Journalists For Round of Conferences and Tours

Press Club Workers To See "Can-Can" and U. N.

An exodus of journalists will begin next week when members of the Press Club head for New York, March 11, 12, and 13, to attend the Columbia Scholastic Press Association Conference. Twenty-four girls and two brave males will stay at the Hotel Statler during the extended week end. Miss Acitelli and Mr. Baird will be supervising the expedition. The group will leave by chartered bus, and have the use of the same transportation while in New York.

Tentative plans call for seeing the hit show, "Can Can," making a tour of the United Nations, the NBC Building, and Radio City. In between sightseeing, convention sessions will be attended.

Members earning the right to make the trip are Dorothy Hartman, Sue Hayes, Delsie Gooden, Eileen Kelly, Carol Schulz, Sally Anne Eatough, Eleanor Hitchen, Chris Herd, Beverly Harris, Kathy Schulz, Thomasanne Di Malo, Jackie Cox, Peggy Baughman, Judy Reilly, Sarah Hitchens, Joy Kaufhold, Ann Jackson, Joan Owens, Helen Paruszewski, Gerry King, Betty Kauffman, Pat Geesey, Jack Simpson, and Ronald Deamer. Janet Diffendall and Barbara Naumann, veterans of last year's excursion, will be on board again this March.

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