



ALL-STATE CONCERT TOMORROW NIGHT

Stealing Our Guys Already!

Beware girls! Here in our midst this year we have two good looking exchange students who, as our picture explains, have enough of that foreign charm and talent to bewitch the President of the Senior Class, Bill Miller, and the President of the Student Council, Roger Smith.

Irmgard Voss, a seventeen year old exchange student from Germany, is overwhelmed by some of our modern conveniences. "Irma", as she is called by her new-found friends, is studying to be a teacher of agriculture, following in the footsteps of almost everyone in her part of Germany. "In Germany," Irma says, "we do not have such tractors and farm implements." When asked if she liked the machinery as compared to hand tools, she replied, "It is good."

Irma, who is staying with Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Harris of Newark, says she is amazed by our transportation facilities. "We do not have so many cars and we ride bicycles ten miles, one way, to school." Just as amazing to Irma are the automatic dishwashers and electric stoves which are not found in Germany.

Irmgard likes Conrad and says she enjoys the idea of having study halls which are new to her. Although always busy she always has time to talk to anyone. We are glad to have her with us and happy she likes it here.

The other member of our happy foursome is Tuula Vaisanen, a happy-go-lucky young lady of 18 from Helsinki, Finland. Tuula was born and raised, an only child, in the "suburbs" of Helsinki. She attended elementary school, then graduated to the Co-Ed High School of Kapula.

School, in Finland, begins at 7:50 a. m. and is dismissed at 1:20 p. m. with a 10-minute break for fresh air and a stretch between each class. Classes do not move from room to room; the teachers come to the pupils. Thus the students are together all day. This promotes a class spirit somewhat like our school spirit.

This class spirit follows through into sports. Finns are unfamiliar with the "pigskin" in that land of mountains and lakes, but they play a rough game of soccer! The girls participate in sports such as basketball, high jumping, and "pesa-pallo" (similar to baseball).

When the snow begins to fall and old Jack Frost gets frostbitten himself, out come the skis and skates. These are the sports Finnish boys and girls enjoy most. Below zero temperatures don't stop these veterans of ice and snow.

Americans seem to appeal to Tuula, for when she was asked what she liked best about America she replied, "I like the people because they are so kind and friendly to me even though I am a stranger here." She also stated that she liked Conrad because you could choose the subjects you preferred. In Finland you are required to take every subject offered. However, she still wishes there were ten minutes between

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IRMGARD AND TUULA INSPECT AUDITORIUM LOBBY

Organ Given In Memory of Dolores Megonigal

A fitting memorial is the new organ, donated to Conrad by Mr. and Mrs. Joel H. Megonigal, 3 Hayden Ave., in memory of their daughter, Dolores, who died December 13, 1949 at the age of nineteen.

Pat, as she was called by her Conrad friends, was sincerely interested in music. She sang in the choir of Old Swedes Church and when at Conrad she participated in the Glee Club and Mixed Chorus, as well as the Press Club, Sock and Buskin Club, and Latin Club. Pat's favorite pastimes were music, dancing, and writing letters. She attended the University of Delaware for one year before her death.

The organ, a Baldwin concert electric model, was selected by Mr. George and several board members after they had studied various types.

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SCHOLARSHIPS IN SCIENCE OFFERED BY U. OF ROCHESTER

Top-Ranking Seniors Have Chance to Compete

All future "Einsteins," take notice! There is, this year, a Bausch & Lomb science award offered to the most promising senior student in that subject. He or she will be chosen early in 1955, and will become eligible to apply for one of the group of major science scholarships at the University of Rochester.

This selected student will win the Bausch & Lomb Honorary Science Award and will also receive a medal at graduation. Only winners of this honorary award are eligible to compete for these science scholarships.

Initiated in 1932, this award is now given annually in 5,700 schools throughout the U. S. to encourage interest in scientific careers and to reward high scholastic achievement. In the eleven years this has been in effect, forty-six young men and women have enrolled in Rochester University under the Bausch & Lomb scholarship plan. Moreover, the University has extended sixty-six other scholarships of comparable value to other promising students. Bausch & Lomb provides for three or four scholarships a year of value up to \$5,800 based on the need of the receiver.

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MRS. ELAINE BROWN
All-State Chorus Director

Mrs. Elaine Brown of Philadelphia to Direct 140 Voices

Affair Will Mark Opening of New Auditorium

The Delaware All State High School Chorus Concert, to be held tomorrow night, October 21, will be the premiere attraction in the new Conrad auditorium. Sponsored by the Delaware Music Educators Association, an organization "dedicated to the continuity of musical growth in schools", the Chorus is under the chairmanship this year of Eugenia A. Matz. The group of about 140 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students from schools all over the state is in extended rehearsal today and tomorrow under the direction of the guest conductor, Mrs. Elaine Brown. Mrs. Brown is the Director of Chorus of Temple University in Philadelphia and also director of the Inter-racial Chorus, a project sponsored by the Fellowship House of that city.

Numbers to be offered by the Chorus tomorrow at 8:15 p. m. are:

- The Last Words of David
- Cindy
- New-Born Again
- Clap Yo' Hands
- May Day Carol
- Now Let All the Heavens Adore Thee

and others. In try-outs held at William Penn High School on September 22, 1954, the following Conradians were selected as members of the Chorus: Norman Bogia, Elva Jean Brown, Dick Chambers, Delores Chandlee, Charles Jackson, Ken Jester, Ray Lynch, Francis McCullough, Jean Nixon, Harry Russell, Roger Stork, Norma Sutor, and Dale Taylor.

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"Doorstep" will be Fall Production

Rollin Simpson To Play Lead

Rehearsals are underway for the Sock and Buskin Club's fall production, "The Great Big Doorstep", to be presented November 18 and 19, providing that the new auditorium is fully completed by those dates.

This year's show is a heart-warming comedy that steadily increases in humor as the plot progresses. "The Great Big Doorstep" is the story of a practically destitute Cajun Family in Southern Louisiana known as the Crochets, who are striving to acquire, among other things, a better home in order to keep their huge family together.

The cast is headed by the lazy, dream-infested Crochet father known as the Commodore who, when he does anything, digs ditches, but refers to himself as a "drainage expert". The part is played by Rollin Simpson. The mother, Mrs. Crochet, a lovable, unforgettable character, is portrayed by Kathy Widdoes. Five of their children include Arthur, a restless, dog-loving son—Stoney Sarver; Topal, a seventeen year old daughter, desperate for a husband—Barbara Lamon; Evvie, a flighty younger daughter who intends to become a Little Sister of the Poor—Nancy Stryholuk; and Elna and Fleece, little twin sisters who keep popping up here and there, played by Marcia Harmon and Betty Abrams, respectively.

Outside the family there is Mr. Tobin, a lanky, overly bashful Texan—Charles Jackson; Dewey, a supposedly generous uncle—Richard Davis; Tayo, a slick, sly, underhanded barber—Bill Peach; Mrs. Dupre, a peculiar landlady—Dawn Faline; and Mrs. Beaumont Crochet, a zany florist—Barbara Burris.

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Oct.

- 20—All State Chorus Rehearsal; Hockey, Middletown (H)
- 21—All State Chorus Concert at 8:15; Teachers' Convention—No School
- 22—Teachers' Convention — No School; Football, P. S. DuPont (H)
- 25—J.V. Football, P. S. DuPont (A)
- 26—U. S. Navy Recruiting Assembly for senior boys
- 28—Hockey, William Penn (A)
- 29—Football, Wilmington High; (H); Drama Conference at the University of Delaware

Nov.

- 1—J.V. Football, Wilmington High (A)
- 2—Election day—No School
- 4—Hockey, Newark (H)
- 5—Football, Howard (H)
- 6—Future Nurses Club Dance
- 8—J.V. Football, Howard (A); P. T. A. Meeting at 8:00
- 13—Football, Mt. Pleasant (A)
- 15—J.V. Football, Mt. Pleasant (A)
- 18-19—Fall Play—"The Great Big Doorstep"
- 25—Football, Newark (A)
- 25-28—Thanksgiving Vacation

Follo-Thru

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SOMETHING TO BE PROUD OF

At long last the dreams and hopes of many Conradians have materialized for us and for Conradians of the future. The new auditorium will fulfill a need greater than many of us completely realize.

Now Conrad will be able to join the ranks of other schools who have been fortunate enough to have ample room and facilities for frequent assemblies. Perhaps more important is the fact that many students will have the opportunity to learn, through experience, a proper assembly conduct. Many community organizations and projects will be able to take advantage of our facilities. And what could be more fitting than to have our auditorium first used for the state-wide program of the All State High School Chorus.

As Conradians begin to use the new auditorium and get used to the feeling of a change, we should better appreciate that this thing of beauty, opportunity and usefulness will be a great joy for many years to come. In accordance with this appreciation we will understand that pep rally conduct is for the gym and a more reserved attitude would be proper decorum in the auditorium.

Here is reason to take an even greater pride in our school. Let's take it.

—Kathy Schulz

Letters to the Editor WHO SHALL STAND?

To the Editor:

Last year I recall that the sophomores were asked to stand during the pep rallies because of the shortage of bleachers. They were also asked to have a little respect for the juniors and seniors just as they would want when they reached these grades. The sophomores all agreed to this arrangement and stood during the following pep rallies.

This year some of us are juniors and at the first pep rally a few of the junior homerooms had to stand while some of the sophomores sat. I know many juniors, including myself, do not mind standing, but it is just the principle of the thing. I hope the sophomores will show us the respect we showed our upper-classmen last year.

—Fair Play

IT'S EASIER GOING LATER ON IF YOU BUILD A GOOD FOUNDATION



TRAFFIC JAM

To the Editor:

Have you recently looked at the condition of the halls when classes are changing? The quiet orderly halls are suddenly jammed with pushing, tripping demons who don't care which side they should be on, but are merely intent on getting across the hall to obtain a forgotten book or make a date with a friend. The manners which are laboriously taught us in our childhood are completely forgotten when we enter the halls. In what condition would our highways be if every motorist drove on the wrong side of the street and did not respect the rights of other motorists? They would surely be a sorry looking mess. Thus why can't there be some measures taken to improve the traffic conditions in the halls here at Conrad?

—Hit-and-run victim

TEST YOUR HORSE SENSE

(Answers on Page 6)

- I. What sound would you associate with "feline"?
(a) oink (b) woof (c) meow (d) baaa
- II. What name would you associate with "Marseillaise"?
(a) George Washington (b) Bolivar (c) Sir Francis Drake (d) Napoleon
- III. Choose the word that doesn't belong.
(a) by line (b) credit line (c) short line (d) deadline
- IV. Choose the word that doesn't belong.
(a) Corvet (b) Mack (c) M. G. (d) Jaguar
- V. Fill in the Blank:
1. Lampreys are
2. Algonquins were
3. July is named after
4. William Bradford was a
- VI. Match 'em Up!
1. Baseball a. corner
2. Football b. diamond
3. Hockey c. court
4. Basketball d. yard line

"FEAR"

By Barbara Burris

Suddenly, through the thick sheet of rain, Donald saw the dim lights. His eyes began frantically seeking to measure the distance between himself and the oncoming beams. Automatically his hands tried to get a firmer grip on the steering wheel, but they were cold, damp, and ached from tenseness.

A few moments ago Don had been completely relaxed, in fact even to the point where he had lost all consciousness and had fallen asleep. However, the price for the few seconds of sleep came high because Don was now going to pay for it, perhaps with his life.

The lights, those yellow beams in the black night, came onward, searching Don's soul for what he knew not. They seemed to hypnotize him and he couldn't collect his thoughts. Don seemed unaware of his location or even why he was there. The hypnotism was creeping downward from his brain, paralyzing his whole body.

"Where am I? What's happening to me? What should I do?" These questions raced through Don's mind, but try as he might, he could not shake the paralysis from his brain.

His foot became frozen on the accelerator and his frantic mind caused him to press down harder and harder. Don's eyes, desperately seeking to find an escape from those cold piercing lights, lowered until they focused on the speedometer where they watched unwaveringly. The little lighted circle, that showed how fast the car was traveling, moved slowly up and around! Sixty, seventy, eighty, ninety, a hundred miles an hour!

Now, the lights had become like two golden balls of fire. Don sat, terrified, in a golden glorious spot-

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Inside the Tepee

Edited by Sandy Baughman

"For Whom the Horn Blows"

George Fisher really thought it was funny when a horn serenaded first period classes one morning. That is, he did until he learned whose car the horn belonged to. (He who laughs last, laughs best—which is just what his classmates did!)

"Waste Baskets Preferred?"

We realize there's a shortage of chairs, but—Mr. Morelli, do you always make a habit of sitting in waste baskets?

"Pennies From Heaven"

What a scramble there was when George Gardner, who was carrying the transportation money of the journalism class in his pocket, bent over to retrieve a dropped pencil. If anyone in the News-Journal composing room finds any loose change decorating the floor, please return to G. Gardner.

"Are Football Games Soft?"

Earl Evans, a senior, is one more person to acquire the new look—crutches! "Monk", one of the varsity football players, managed to survive the game at Millville, only to sprain a foot getting off the bus after the trip home.

"Dum-De-Dum-Dum"

September 29—9:21—Room 211. It was hot and sticky. As Mr. Gormley started to raise a window, he discovered foul play. The window pole was missing. The room was searched in vain. 9:25—Footsteps were heard outside the window. It was our man "Friday" on the job. The case was solved with the discovery of the window pole lying in the grass on the front lawn. We just want the facts. How did it get there?

"Meat the Judge"

By being an outstanding judge of meat, Donald Gregg, a junior, won a trip to the Future Farmers of America Convention held in Kansas City, Kansas. He left October 10 and returned October 16. Serving steaks at lunch tomorrow?

"A Queen in Our Midst!"

Virginia Osborne, a sophomore and a member of the White Oak 4-H Club, was chosen the winner of the Style Revue on 4-H achievement day at the University Agricultural Farm in Newark. She was crowned 4-H Style Queen of New Castle County by virtue of the calico peasant dress and matching handbag which she made.

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All these 11th graders are co-operating this year on the production of "Smoke Signal." Other staff members are members of the Journalism Workshop. All staff editors are named in the masthead.



Science Award

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Twenty or more of the applicants are selected by the Rochester Scholarship Committee and are notified late in March. These finalists are invited to spend two days on the Rochester campus, all expenses paid, and there, take competitive tests.

Any young scientist who wishes to be considered for this award is advised to see Mr. Johnson at least by next January to determine his or her eligibility in the scholarship competition.

Fall Play

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The play will be co-directed by Miss Phyllis Shaw and Mr. Joseph Simmons. B. J. Holdway, Carol Fleming, Diane Chalmers, and Carl Seutter will prompt. Louis Lee will announce.

Other permanent committee chairmen for the year's dramatic efforts are: Makeup, Lee Collins; Props, Betty Jeanne Holdway; Costumes, Andrea Huth; House Committee (tickets, ushers, business management), Lorraine Olsen; Publicity, Sophie Pyle; Stagecraft, Jim McGuiness. George Kenyon will serve as student director.

It looks as if it all will add up to an evening full of fun and enjoyable entertainment in our brand new, comfortable auditorium.

"Fear"

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light. The light of the world was on him and Don realized how a criminal must feel when he is seated under the spotlight and is about to confess his horrible crime. "But what crime have I committed that I must be tortured like this," cried out Donald's thoughts. The crime of carelessness never entered his mind.

Suddenly, the paralysis broke! "You must act quickly, Don, if you are to save yourself," his mind told him. He lifted his foot from the accelerator and pressed it down on the brake. His hands gripped the steering wheel and tried to turn the car away from the oncoming lights. But the jerking, swaying movement of the car caused by the sudden pressure on the brakes counteracted the movement of the steering wheel.

It was too late! Seeing that all was done, Don threw his hands over his eyes and lowered his head.

The air was filled with a horrible scream. Then the scream joined with a great crashing sound as the car and truck met, destroying not only two human lives but also those two evil, brilliant lights.

Quietude descended and nothing could be heard except the constant thump, thump, thump of the rain. The dark, robed figure of Fear stood by in the silent night, watching his victims with an amused eye, thinking to himself, "A job well done."

Six Teachers Added To Staff

Their Varied Experiences Will Enrich School's Offerings

Six new teachers have been added to our staff at Conrad, bringing the grand total up to 42. They are as follows:

Miss Mary Boyle

Miss Boyle is a native of Pittston, Pennsylvania. She attended Saint Johns Catholic High School in Pittston. After graduating from Misericordia College in Dallas, Pennsylvania, she was employed at the Delaware Hospital as a dietician. Miss Boyle is now studying at the University of Delaware for her Masters Degree in Education.

She likes Conrad very much and enjoys teaching her three science classes and two home economics classes. She will sponsor the Junior Future Homemakers of America Club.

Miss Trudy Gilgenast

Miss Gilgenast, Conrad's new teacher of German and English, is a graduate of P. S. DuPont High School and the University of Delaware.

She has just recently returned from Germany, where she had been studying for a year at the University of Munich on a Full-bright Scholarship.

She also spent the summer of 1952 studying German at the Middlebury College Language Summer School in Vermont.

Miss Gilgenast is highly in favor of the European-American exchange student program, especially on the high school level. As for her opinions of Conrad, she likes the teachers and students a great deal and hopes that in the future more students will take "the living language", German.

Mr. Herschel Johnston

Mr. Johnston, our new manual training teacher, is from Bowling Green, Iowa, and he is a graduate of Shelby High School. He graduated from Bowling Green State University in 1945, and has had twelve years of teaching experience.

Mr. Johnston likes Conrad and finds it to be an average school. He is married and has three children.

Concert

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Members of the Chorus who live too far to commute will spend the night in homes in this area, under a plan set up by Mr. C. Richard George, chairman of the Conrad committee for arrangements. Other members of the committee who are serving as hosts and helping with arrangements are: C. W. Cummings, Tamar Read, Dorothea Rothwell, Harold Johnson, Jean Burns, and Malcolm Baird.

Conradians extend a sincere welcome to all connected with the Chorus and hope that their stay and associations here will always be remembered with pleasure.

Miss Tamar Read

Miss Read was born in Farmerville, Louisiana, and attended Farmerville High School. She received her Bachelor of Music Degree from Louisiana State University, and her Master of Music Degree from the University of Michigan. She also has a professional teacher's diploma from Columbia University. On week-ends she is studying privately in New York. At one time she was director of an Inter-racial Amateur Chorus in Brooklyn. She has also been guest conductor at the Union Theological Seminary.

Miss Read has a great interest in the violin, and hopes to organize a string orchestra in time for the Christmas concert. At Conrad, she will teach vocal music, and hopes to have string classes after school.

Mr. Michael Visnovsky

Mr. Visnovsky was born in Windler, Pennsylvania. He attended Thiel College where he received his Bachelor of Science Degree. After serving in the United States Air Force for four years, he received his Masters Degree from the University of Pittsburgh.

He is quite generous with his homework, but usually gives about fifteen minutes of the period to do it in. His favorite hobby is sleeping.

Mrs. Elizabeth Work

Mrs. Work was born in Washington, D.C. She attended the Maryville College in Tennessee.

She teaches plane geometry, functional math, and one section of eighth grade English.

She likes teaching math very much, and says that the students here at Conrad are an average group, full of fun, but most of them want to work hard.



"String Bass Lessons, Anyone?"

Miss Read displays her favorite friend to Mr. Visnovsky, Mr. Johnston, Miss Gilgenast, and Miss Boyle.

Scene: New music department office.

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BLUEPRINTS FOR 1955 ADDITION NOW IN PLANNING STAGE

Auditorium Open House When Lighting Is Completed

With the 1954-55 school year well under way, many new things have been added here at Conrad High School.

The Board of Trustees met on September 28 and discussed the future plans for our new addition. Those present in addition to the Board were: Miss Louise Jackson, head of the English department; Miss Virginia Powell, head of the commercial department; Mr. Harold Johnson, head of the science department; Miss Mabel Conaway, head of the home economics department; Mr. Darrel Long, head of the agriculture department; and Henry C. Conrad's "building mason," Mr. C. B. Harris, chairman of the building commission.

Mr. Curtis Patterson, last year's PTA President, is a new member of the Board, and Dr. Millard Squires is the Board's new President.

The recently completed addition to our school consists of eight classrooms and a band room, plus a large auditorium with a capacity of over nine hundred people. Open house will be held when the lighting fixtures for the auditorium are complete. The newly dyed curtain for the auditorium is terra cotta (shade of red.)

At present, plans are being made for another addition which will involve approximately twelve rooms and will have a capacity of 1,200 students. The plans were drawn by architects Stanhope and Manning.

Our badly needed bleachers for our football field were used at the first home game against Sallies.

A new parking lot for faculty and students will be completed in the near future.

Inside the Tepee

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"Unmatched Beauty"

On September 25, as the school bus carrying the Conrad rooters neared Millville, New Jersey, the gaiety suddenly ceased. Then out of the silence, first a few and then all of the students joined in singing "The Lord's Prayer." Those who were there must feel that the sublime beauty of those few moments is well worth remembering.

"Inspirational Moment"

The scene is a football game and the crowd is full of gaiety and school spirit. Following the band's pre-game performance, the football teams take their places on the field and the band begins the "Star Spangled Banner." An almost unbelievable calm blankets the stands as the stirring music fills the air and the Stars and Stripes flutter in the breeze. It could only happen in America.

FIRE BATONS ON DISPLAY AT P. S. GAME

Ronald Brown and Carol Bishoff To Lead

Each year the baton corps produces a breath-taking show of fire twirling. Conrad has the largest fire baton corps in the state and this year Mr. George intends to use its talents even more frequently.

In the game on October 22, with P.S., the band will portray the current problem of racial and religious prejudice and form the Statue of Liberty with the baton twirlers as the torch, twirling their fire batons.

As a grand finale, at the last home game of the season, the twirling corps will be featured in a spectacular display of fire batons.

An added attraction to the band is the new drum major, Ronald Brown. His job will consist of leading the band, while Carol Bishoff, the band's versatile majorette, does fancy twirling.

Mr. George hopes to have a drum major, as well as the majorette, each year.

JACKSON WINS LOCAL OPTIMIST CLUB 1954 ORATORICAL CONTEST

Charles Jackson, Conrad junior and co-news editor of *Smoke Signal*, has received the Optimist Club award for his entry in the organization's 1954 oratorical contest. "The Power of Optimism," his winning speech, is printed on this page.

INSURANCE PLAN OFFERED BY STUDENT COUNCIL

Group Plans For State Convention

Tuula Vaisanen and Irmgard Voss, the exchange students from Finland and Germany, were made honorary members of the Student Council at its first meeting this year.

The initial project of the Council was serving as a collecting agency for a group insurance policy. Students subscribing to this policy are covered while attending on the school premises, one hour before school and one hour after school, and while participating in a school-sponsored activity. It will pay medical expenses in excess of \$10.00.

The next major activity of the Student Council will be conducting the State Student Council Convention in November.

THE POWER OF OPTIMISM

By Charles Jackson
(Grade 11)

August 5, 1945. It is 8 a.m. and life is beginning to stir in the beautiful Japanese city of Hiroshima. The modern electric trolleys move along the smooth streets, stopping here and there to pick up and let off passengers.

It is 8:10. Women amble to market, some dressed in the familiar kimono, others in more modern costume.

Suddenly there is a bright flash, then a terrific explosion. Buildings are flattened like organs, the trolleys and rickshaws are completely demolished, and the trees, animals, and thousands of human beings are instantly fried to a crisp.

Yes, August 5, 1945. A date that will long be remembered, for on that day a new era was born, which was to become known as the Atomic Age. We, the youth of today, must play an important part in determining the progress and outcome of this age. Though it was born in an environment of destruction, it is our duty through optimism and proper positive thinking, to nurture and direct the course of this era, so that some day its wisdom and power can be converted into progress. That is what we pray for and intend to do.

When in the spring a man decides to plant a garden, after selecting a suitable spot, he must clear off the stubble and discard the weeds that would prohibit the growth of the seeds. Many times he returns and discovers new weeds which have sprung up and threatened to strangle the struggling baby plants. So time and again he must diligently pull up and discard the weeds so that the plants may some day yield their fruit.

So, likewise, in youth's dream garden of an idealistic world, harmful weeds, known as the powers of negative thinking, threaten to rise up and choke off youth in its struggle to develop fruitful and peaceful ends.

You ask, is there a way to combat these negativist weeds and their desire for world dominance? The answer is "Yes". They can be challenged and defeated by a power having more potentiality than the greatest atomic weapon, and yet, this might is so small that it is embedded in the heart

of every freedom-loving human. It is the power of optimism—or the power of positive thinking. And like the gardener's hands, this power of optimism uproots and throws off these detrimental influences.

Certainly the Communist and Fascist propaganda might sound convincing to some. But the few who are lured astray from the path of freedom and progress, sooner or later realize, perhaps too late, that they are the victims of a mind-strangling philosophy. The majority of youth, however, possessing the positive power of real optimism, are largely protected from the harmful influences of negative thinking.

"As long as I am President of the United States I shall do my best to remove racial and religious discrimination from America. There must be no second-class citizens in our country."

—President Dwight David Eisenhower

"The foundation of every state is the education of its youth."

—Diogenes

Throughout history all great men and women have had two things in common. One wasn't money, for though Carnegie had millions, Lincoln had nary a cent. One wasn't looks, for because while Anthony could sway even Cleopatra, Napoleon was a mere stump of a man. But they all were optimists and each had an attractive personality. Is it not possible that optimism and an attractive personality are synonymous? History tends to prove this to be true. Certainly, then, in this Atomic Age, youth can well afford to remember the power of being an optimist.

These three things—protection from the evil powers of negativism, positive thinking, and optimism—when co-ordinated, are the guide posts we the youth of today must follow on our journey into the Atomic Age, an age which, though born in the midst of an act of destruction, shall live and grow to build good will among men, through using that dynamic force buried in the hearts of each freedom-loving youth, known as the Power of Optimism.

"Education makes a people easy to lead, but difficult to drive; easy to govern, but impossible to enslave."

—Lord Brougham



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PARADE OF CLUBS

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To acquaint all students with the various clubs and activities, their officers, sponsors, and special activities, this new column has been inaugurated. In this issue, and others to follow, **Smoke Signal** will try to give the reader a birds-eye view of as many of the undertakings of these organizations as possible.

Commercial Club

President Betty Boulden
 Vice-President Lois Clugston
 Secretary Marie Parker
 Treasurer Jean Nixon
 Sponsors: Miss Stella Chitek; Miss Dorothea Rothwell; Miss Virginia Powell.

On October 18 a buffet supper was held for last year's members.

On November 15 a demonstration of correct telephone technique will be the chief feature of the evening's program.

T. N. T. Club

(girls only)

President Barbara Bunnell
 Vice-President Doris Arontzon
 Sec.-Treas. Anise Russell
 Sponsors: Miss Rothwell, Miss Chitek.

Initiation of new members was held on October 12.

Sock and Buskin Club

President Barbara Burris
 Vice-President Betty Jeanne Holdway
 Secretary Lorraine Olsen
 Sponsors: Miss Phyllis Shaw; Mr. Joseph Simmons.

Activities: A trip to the University of Delaware is planned for October 28.

Hi-Y Club

(boys only)

President Dennis Sloman
 Vice-Pres. Jerry Quigg
 Sec.-Treas. Bob Samworth
 Chaplain Herb Alfree
 Sponsor: Mr. Joseph Gormley.

Y-Teens

(girls only)

President Joyce Rhoades
 Vice-Pres. Carol Graham
 Secretary Lorraine Olsen
 Treasurer Kathy Schulz
 Sponsor: Miss Nancy Sylvanus.

Future Teachers of America

President Barbara Burris
 Vice-Pres. Kathy Schulz
 Secretary Carol Graham
 Treasurer Joanne Cannon
 Sponsors: Miss Jean Burns; Mr. Malcolm Baird.

The club hopes to be able to attend a meeting of the legislature at Dover when education bills are up for discussion.

On October 27 there will be a Hallowe'en Party and initiation for new members.

At the November meeting Dr. Albert I. Oliver of the University of Pennsylvania School of Education will be the guest speaker.

Safe-Drivers League

President Jimmy Strickland
 Vice-Pres. Tommy Turner
 Sec.-Treas. Ellen Pyle

New members this year are: Pat Geesey, Ralph Drake, Edward Broadbent, George Fisher, Betty Fisher, Betty Shoemaker, Joan Owens, Gail Roberts, Lorraine Olsen, Kathy Schulz, David Boyer, Kaye Squires, Anise Russell, Virginia Ramsey, Jim Paruszewski, Paul King, Floyd Weber, Joyce Strahorn, Betty Kauffman, Ray Woodward, Neal Ramer, Charles Taylor, and Sophie Pyle.

Library Squad

Plans are being made for the second annual Faculty Tea to be served after school by club members on November 16.

The club meets on the third Tuesday of each month from 7:00 to 9:00. Miss Miriam Swayze is club sponsor.

AN S.O.S. FOR BOOKS

If your home is one of those containing books which you have discarded, please send any which are in good condition to the Conrad Library or bring them to the November 8 meeting of the PTA.

Books not usable by the Conrad Library will be put on sale at bargain prices in the cafeteria after the regular business meeting to raise money for the PTA and the library collection of new books and magazines.

Your contribution will be a big boost to Conrad's observation of Book Week, November 14-20.

Future Nurses of America

President Jane Kopshinsky
 Vice-Pres. Kaye Squires
 Sec.-Treas. Lorraine Olsen
 Sponsor: Miss Jean Albers.

On October 18, Miss Eleanor Bader spoke on physical therapy.

On November 6, there will be a dance sponsored by the F.N.A.

On November 22, the F.N.A. will be entertained at the Delaware Hospital and will see the homes of the nurses.

German Club

President Roger Smith
 Vice-Pres. Robert Samworth
 Sec.-Treas. Fred Burns
 Sponsors: Miss Dorothy Kaeks; Miss Trudy Gilgenast.
 Meeting time: First Monday of each month.

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TWIRLERS ADD RED CRINOLINE, NEW ROUTINES

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In accordance with the many innovations at Conrad this year, the flag twirlers, under the sponsorship of Miss Eleanor Plunkett, have planned several changes.

One of the most noticeable improvements will be crinoline petticoats, made of nylon horsehair, which will be worn under the uniforms to make the skirts stand out.

The crinoline will be red which will give contrast to the gray skirts.

It is expected that gray flags will be added to the red ones to match the red and gray uniforms.

The twirlers are working now on a reverse routine which will make possible considerable more variety in the performances.

Also new will be a name for the organization, which at the time of this writing is still undecided.

CLUB OF THE MONTH

Is your secret ambition to make a bomb, or a vile smelling gas? If so, the Science Club is the club for you. The club, this year, has approximately 60 members on roll and the officers are as follows: Ellen Pyle, president; Donald Bergner, vice president; Patricia Geesey, secretary; Tom Dempsey, treasurer. A varied and interesting program is being planned this year, including a movie of scientific interest and a field trip at some time later in the year. All program meetings are open to any student and parent interested. The club meets on the third Tuesday of each month. Sponsors are Miss Dorothy Kaeks, Mr. Harold Johnson and Mr. Stewart Washburn.

—S. P.

Megonigal Organ

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The organ will be available for use and practice by any piano student, after he has signed up with Mr. George. It is hoped that students will be able to use the organ during their free periods. It is adaptable to both serious organ music and hot jazz.

The organ will be heard for the first time at the All-State Chorus Concert tomorrow night, at which time a guest concert organist will present a short program of varied music. It will also be featured along with the choruses in a large Christmas program.

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Mr. Di Iorio's daughter and son are in business with their father. Both are graduates of Conrad High School and have been very loyal to their alma mater. The idea for the scarlet and gray delivery truck was taken from Conrad school colors.

Mr. Di Iorio does the dry cleaning for Conrad's football and band uniforms. He has been very faithful in buying advertising space in our school publication, the **Conradian**, and the football programs.

In a few years Mr. Di Iorio hopes to have more stores in surrounding communities. A new \$25,000 expansion project has been built in Richardson Park. This new plant will permit one-hour cleaning and pressing service. It will use a fireproof cleaning process and will provide faster service and personalized attention. Mr. Di Iorio also specializes in custom made tailoring and alterations in men and women's clothing.

We pay tribute to Mr. Di Iorio and his rapidly growing business.

Stealing Our Guys

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each class. Tuula also enjoys her study hall, when it is put to good use (some good sound advice for all of us), and is amazed at the number of clubs and organizations at Conrad. "The long weekend," as she calls it, is most appreciated, since they have to attend school on Saturday back home.

In Kapula they aren't permitted to use lipstick and at home dating doesn't begin as soon as it does in America. She misses the "good" music she listened to in Finland. "Jazz is O.K. for a time, but too much is not good."

Tuula is quite happy in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank D. Laymar in Pleasant Hills, and enjoys the use of all the modern conveniences such as television, washing machine, and refrigerator.

Don't fret girls. Irmgard has a good number of beaux in Germany and Tuula is going steady. (We wonder if their fellows are as handsome as ours?)

—Nancy Williams
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STARTING LINEUP

This year Conrad looks forward enthusiastically to a fine year in sports. As in the fall of every year we are well on our way already in football. This year the team is in good shape under the fine coaching of Mr. John Chancowski and his able assistants, Mr. Joseph Palermo and Mr. Michael Kushinka. The J.V.s are shaping up well under the coaching of Mr. Stewart Washburn. The boys have been working hard and have shown progress.

The team will have to go some to equal last year's record of six wins, two losses and one tie because of the present time we have several of last year's stalwarts in both the backfield and line. The boys have a lot of spark this year but so far they have come up against strong opposition.

The varsity squad consists of ends Ed Broadbent, Fred Burns, Wayne Holmquist, Irvin Klair, Dennis Sloman, Lee Stafford and Ray Woodward. The tackles are Earl Evans, Noel Lloyd, Jay Stenger, Allen Stoops and Chuck Taylor. The guards are Herb Alfree, Jack Covert, Louis Rigdon and Ronald Trivits. The centers are Ron Baunchalk, Jerry Blackway and Sandy Chapman. The quarterbacks are John Narvel and Dick Rutter. The halfbacks are George Bell, Tom DuVall, Louis Holdren, and Bill Miller. The fullbacks are Grafton Brittingham, Gary Goudy, Jim Hackman, Allen Webster and the injured Louis Winfield. The J.V.'s include Don Cazier, Sheldon Schultz, Dick Stradley, Jack Delancey, Westley Sanders, John Piccolo, Ed Rembecki, Joe Abrams, William Bursler, Don Gregg, Jack McAllister, John Yarruso, Robert Wolf, Don Strader, Ralph Kurland, Dick Greenhill, Tim Buonamici, John Kirchner, Jim Kirwin, Billy Joe Webster, Fred Norris, Joe Trzcinski, Warren White, Richard Broadbent, Robert Wilson, Lawrence Swartz, William Earle, Ken Holdren, Jack Gracie, Bill Wilson, Steve Salto, Jim Schorak, George Hartman, John Michner, Wayne Leasure, Francis Annand and Jay Francis.

—Paul Boswell

MILLVILLE PLOWS THRU TO 26-7 WIN

Conrad High's 1954 football season was opened by Gary Goudy as he kicked off to the Millville Thunderbolts at Millville on September 25. Five plays later Ed Goodwin of Millville scored on a 6 yard run. Before the first quarter was over, the Thunderbolts had struck again making the score 13-0. In the second quarter Millville scored once making the score 20-0 at half-time. The third quarter was scoreless for both teams, but on the first play of the fourth quarter, fullback Jim Hackman drove over for the first Conrad T.D. Quarterback Johnny Narvel converted, making the score 20-7. Later, Millville scored again making the tally 26-7. Players who stood out in spite of the Redskins' defeat were linemen Jack Covert and Monk Evans, while the outstanding backs appeared to be Johnny Narvel and Jim Hackman.

NARVEL SPARKS DRIVE BRINGING CONRAD'S FIRST VICTORY

Led by quarterback Johnny Narvel, who passed for two touchdowns and set up a third, Conrad scored its first win of the season by trouncing A. I. Dupont 32-0. The outstanding play of the game occurred when Jack Covert intercepted a pass and ran 75 yards for a Redskin touchdown. Other T.D.'s were scored by Jim Hackman, Bill Miller, Ed Broadbent, and Lou Holdren, while Johnny Narvel made two extra points.

CROSS COUNTRY BOYS SCORE VICTORY OVER W. H. S.

Meet With A.I. This Afternoon

The cross country team has been practicing ever since the opening of school. This is only the second year a cross country team has been fielded at Conrad and last year we did well for a starter. Coach Joseph Gormley has been working hard with the team and hopes for a good season.

An outstanding member of last year's team and captain of this year's squad is Jerry Quigg. Other team members are: John Doto, Wayne Wehde, Bob Satterfield, Ken Jester, Bobby Wolf, Donald Harper, William Smith, Joseph Comer and Lee Dobson.

The rest of this year's meets will be held at Rockford Park on the following dates:

Today, October 20, A. I. Dupont; October 27, Claymont; November 3, State Meet; November 13, State Open Meet.

Any resident of Delaware may participate in the State Open Meet.

In the first meet entered by Conrad's cross-country team this year, Mr. Gormley's aces won out over Wilmington High. The score read Conrad 22, W.H.S. 34. For the benefit of the uneducated, in a cross-country meet the team with the lowest number of points wins.

REDSKINS TRIPPED BY SALLIES, 19-7

On the first play of the Sallies game Conrad's George Bell broke away for a 50 yard gain. Things looked rosy for the 'Skins after quarterback Johnny Narvel hit Bill Miller with a long pass. Miller, after making a fine catch, carried the ball to the Sallies' 2 yard line. On the next play Bill carried it over. After Johnny Narvel's conversion the score stood 7-0 in the 'Skins favor. But in the same quarter the Sallies scored once and then failed to make the conversion. At halftime, after a scoreless second period, the score stood 7-6 in favor of Conrad.

In the third period a revitalized Sallies team tallied two quick touchdowns and added one extra point. Although the 'Skins threatened, they failed to score and the game ended 19-7.

GIRLS' SPORTS



This year's varsity hockey team consists of five seniors, two juniors and four sophomores.

The members of the varsity on the forward line are: Martha Tweddle, left wing; Ann Horisk and Joan Wilkinson, left inners; Ellen Pyle, center forward; Dorothy Finn, right inner; and Marian Finn, right wing. The backfield is made up of Sylvia Taylor, left fullback; Lois Clugston, center halfback; Nancy Williams, right halfback; Audrey Stewart, left halfback; Elizabeth Huber, right fullback; and Kathleen Kinneel as goalie. The varsity is coached by Mrs. Stewart Washburn.

Ann Mashburn, Joyce Fennimore, Carol Turner, Linda Green, Janice Hurlock, Susan White, Carol Graham, Judy Edwards, Joanne Fuller, Mary Glynn, Kaye Squires, Myrna Horowitz, Phyllis May, Judy Wilkinson, and Bar-

bara Jorison make up the junior varsity team. Miss Nancy Sylvanus is the coach of the junior varsity squad.

The managers are Pat Greenhill, Kay Hayman and Vivian Havian.

SPORTS SPOTLIGHT ON SENIORS

Dorothy Finn, "Dot", is a new student at Conrad this year; she came here from Lansdowne-Aldan, Pennsylvania. Hockey is one of her favorite sports; however, this is her first year on a varsity hockey team. Dot is always right up there on the forward line ready to receive the ball from anyone on the team.

Ann Horisk has been playing varsity hockey for two years and is left inner on the forward line, but last year she played left wing. Ann is also interested in other sports and wants to become a physical education teacher.

This is Lois Clugston's first year on varsity. She plays halfback effectively, as Conrad's opponents will testify.

Center forward is Ellen Pyle's position on the team. She has played in this spot for two years, and has done so with spirit and enthusiasm.

Audrey Stewart has been on the varsity for two years. She was goalie last year but she is now playing halfback. She is always there to back up the forward line if the ball should happen to get by them. Like Ann Horisk, Audrey is planning to become a physical education teacher.

Support this top-notch squad and watch it travel!!

—Joan Wilkinson

VARSITY DROPS FIRST HOCKEY GAME; JV'S WIN, 1-0

The varsity girls lost their first game with Mt. Pleasant on October 5, with the score 2-0. The junior varsity won 1-0.

The girls played a better game in the second half because they had lost a good bit of their initial nervousness.



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—S.P.

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