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JOHN DICKINSON — Colonial Delaware’s Statesman and Thinker
EDITORIALS

Thoughts...

For Thanksgiving

During the first Thanksgiving the Pilgrims celebrated by feasting, having foot races and games with the friendly Indians, and counting their blessings.

On this Thanksgiving Day there will still be feasting with turkeys, stuffing, and assorted pies, but how many people will think of the things for which they should really give thanks.

The fact that our country is still free from foreign invaders, that food is abundant on our Thanksgiving Day tables, that there are sturdy roofs over our heads, and that we have so many modern conveniences—these things alone are worth being thankful for. But there are many intangible ones, such as the right to vote and the freedom of speech, which too many Americans take for granted.

This Thanksgiving, isn't it important to take the time during the half between the football game and the Thanksgiving dinner to do as these early Pilgrims and give thanks for our many blessings?

Are you a Help or a Hindrance

"Spirit," a word of many meanings, according to Webster, can be defined very simply when used in the term "school spirit." It's just plain loyalty and enthusiasm and it seems to me we could use a great deal more of it here at Conrad.

All of us, teachers, administrators, and students alike, come to school for a purpose, a purpose which could mean a great deal more to all of us if we approached it with greater enthusiasm and loyalty.

Some students may excuse themselves from participating in school activities because of the split sessions and crowded conditions. They overlook the fact that we still have good school facilities and our share of able administrators and dedicated teachers.

Lack of interest in the Smoke Signal and the Conradian is an example of the school spirit which we seem to be losing. Unless the student body gets behind these projects they cannot be carried on successfully. Up to now only 40% of the students have subscribed to the Smoke Signal.

Interest in extracurricular activities is also lagging. Fewer of the students are attending school affairs. Efforts of the Student Council and class officers are going unrecognized by a large part of the student body. Respect for fellow students and school discipline is on the decline.

Conrad High School means a great deal to all of us, and it deserves our enthusiastic and loyal support. Think it over. Are you a part of the problem or a part of the solution to the problem?

a student speaks ...

The Theme Menace

The theme is a creeping menace. It hits one in the face with those deadly words—DUE TOMORROW. The panic potential of a theme assignment is even greater than that blood-curdling sentence from the P.A. system, "Come to the office immediately."

Consider the student who faces his English class with such an attitude. This is bad enough—but what should he be asked to do besides write a paper on his assignment, the Elastic Clause of the English Teachers' Constitution? "Go ahead, write about anything you want..." Now, with his nerve utterly shattered and his mind paralyzed, he proceeds to the rest of his classes and does not recover until he is caught trying to walk through the Student Store on his way to lunch. When he finally nods the strength to write, the stigma of choosing a subject still remains.

The theme assigned with no specific subject has the prime purpose of making one think. Now, I have nothing against good, wholesome thought, but thinking can go on—and ON. By the time the student has decided on a subject, it's 11:30 at night. Pencil Paralysis has begun and the little voice in his head says, "Sleep." If we dare to assume that the student finds some free time for writing before class the next day, he might find himself in a carpool (hangover is a better word) from that session with the gray matter the previous night. And because he is preoccupied with his subject, he is unable to write effectively.

What can be done for our unfortunate student? The answer lies in a constructive analysis of his assignment. Had a subject been suggested to him he would have been well on his way toward writing his theme. He would gain practice in writing before meeting the equally difficult job of choosing a topic, and, to ease this task, what could be better than a class discussion to help develop ideas?

But all these are roundabout schemes. The real solution will attack the heart of the whole theme-writing problem. I have in mind an act of Congress prohibiting the use of paper in English classes.
Military Ball

Honrietta McKelvey, Conrad Band President, has reported that the Annual Military Ball which was held again this year at Conrad on November 22 from 8:30 until 12:00 with the theme being "Autumn Leaves" was a great success.

This was a closed dance for members of the various marching bands from the schools Conrad plays in football and their dates. It was formal with boys wearing their band uniforms and girls wearing gowns. Music was supplied by the dance bands of the different schools represented. The purpose of this affair was to promote good fellowship between the members of the bands.

Committee heads for the dance were as follows: Refreshments, Bonnie Merrill; Publicity, Carol Oliver; Photography, Jackie Peck; Decorations, Jim Barger; and Clean-Up, Bruce Jackson.

Honor To MR. WOOD

Mr. W. Calvin Wood, director of physical education, has been honored by the Delaware Association for Health, Physical Education, and Recreation. He has received the association's Professional Honor Award and statewide recognition for his years of service to Delaware's youth.

Library Donation

Mrs. Herbert Jenney of 515 North DuPont Road in Richardson Park has donated to the school library a set of books entitled, The Universal Anthology—a collection of the best in all periods of literature.
Clothing Drive

Conrad's Student Council is conducting a used clothing drive from December 8 to 12.

Students and teachers are asked to bring any extra old clothing to their homerooms during that week. Students unable to bring clothing to school can have it picked up at their home by submitting their name to their homeroom representative.

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New Teacher

Mr. King Victor Boyce, a native West Virginian, was added to our faculty in October. He received his Bachelor of Science Degree at Salem College, in Salem, West Virginia and his Master of Science Degree at West Virginia University. Before teaching 10th grade biology and 12th grade physics at Conrad, he taught at a small consolidated school, Northfork-Elkhorn High School in southern West Virginia.

He has been married for eighteen years and has six children. Mr. Boyce likes Conrad and is impressed with our well-equipped labs and our big campus. When asked about the split sessions he replied, "they're new but I like them."

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Christmas Dance

A "Winter Wonderland" will be set before us as a tentative theme for this year's Christmas semi-formal. The gala affair, sponsored by the Conradian Press Club will be held Saturday, December 13. It is the annual highlight of the school's winter social season.

Conradians and their guests will dance from 9 to 12 P.M. to the music of the Serenaders.

Refreshments will be served and a program is being planned.

Because of the crowded conditions at Conrad, only the first 225 couples who signed up in the cafeteria at lunch time may attend. Tickets are $2.00 per couple.

Chairmen of the committees are Jane Sarius, Nancy McLean, Johanne Bush, Sherry Scott, Carol Carew, and Peggy McGinnis.

Guidance Department Announces Tests and Goals

Conrad students recently participated in several different testing programs. These tests will aid in class placement for new students and may bring financial aid to some seniors.

The California Test of Mental Maturity was administered to all sophomores, other new students, and to college preparatory seniors. A number of these seniors also took the Scholarship Qualifying Test of the College Entrance Examination Board.

Future tests will be given by Juniata College, the American Council of Education, and the University of Delaware. Students who have properly registered by November 15 will take College Boards on December 6. Other dates for the Boards include January 10, February 14, and March 14. Many juniors will take the College Board series for practice on May 18. They must register and pay their fees by April 18 and may do so now through their deans.

1958 Conradian Earns 1st-Place at Columbia

The staff of the 1958 Conradian was proud to receive the "A" rating given to them by the Columbia Yearbook Association at Columbia University in New York. This is the first time since 1939 that such a high honor has been attained at Conrad. The yearbook was in keen competition with books from all parts of the United States. It was placed in the class of schools with an enrollment of 750 to 1150 pupils, one of the largest categories. Congratulations were extended to all those responsible, especially last year's editors-in-chief, Jim Davis and Barbara Schulz, and the Yearbook's faculty adviser, Mrs. Sara Richardson.

COLUMBIA SCHOLASTIC PRESS ASSOCIATION

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CONRADIAN
HAS BEEN AWARDED THIS
FIRST PLACE CERTIFICATE

[Signature]
Hard Work Today, but Worth It Tomorrow

Junior Achievement is a nationwide program established by business, educational and civic leaders. It organizes groups of teen-agers between the ages of fifteen and twenty-one into miniature companies of their own. Although it means a lot of hard work, Junior Achievement teaches what it means to own, manage, and work for a business enterprise. As they work, the members meet many new friends and everyone has fun learning, working, and laughing together.

This year nearly six hundred and fifty teen-agers from twelve high schools in and around the Wilmington area are getting valuable experience and much pleasure by planning, producing, and selling various products. These products range from rubber door mats and Christmas decorations to fragrant colognes for the women and toy boats for children.

Junior Achievement of Northern Delaware consists of approximately twenty-five companies of twenty-four members each. These companies meet once a week from seven to nine in the evening. They meet at Junior Achievement Headquarters located on the second floor at 836 Market Street.

Each Junior Achievement company is sponsored by a leading Wilmington concern. The sponsor provides adult advisors to assist the teen-agers in becoming successful businessmen and businesswomen.

At the first meeting of the new company, the members meet their advisers and learn the purpose of Junior Achievement and what they should accomplish during the year. The advisers introduce a product to the company and tell how it works and give some good pointers on making it a success.

At the next meeting, the board of directors is elected and the selling of shares of stock is explained. Every company must have a budget, and this determines the number of shares that must be sold. The budget includes salaries, material, and overhead and payroll. There is usually some money remaining for a reserve fund in case of emergencies. When the right amount of fifty cent shares of stock are sold, the company purchases its necessary material and implements and starts production. Everyone is assigned to a certain job and the production speed depends on the cooperation of everyone.

Since the business end of Junior Achievement is managed by the teen-agers, the selling of the product must also be taken care of by the teen-agers. When an ample supply has been made, each member receives a sample, then goes to work to sell the product from door to door. The company will often ask a local firm to display the Junior Achievement product and sell it for them.

James Alexander, (seated) selling J.A. Stock.

One J.A. Product: Mosaic gold coast trays

This has proved to be successful.

At the year's end, when the companies are liquidated, stockholders may receive dividends according to the success of the company. A stockholders' meeting is held in May to discuss these matters.

At the annual dinner in May or June, members who have accomplished outstanding honors in J.A. work receive special prizes. Some of the top awards are all-expense paid trips to the National Junior Achievement Convention and scholarships to any college of the recipient's choice.

American Field Service Expands Exchange Programs

For the first time the American Field Service is sponsoring three programs to enable students with good scholastic standing to go abroad.

The first is the regular A.F.S. summer program. Under it definitely one Conrad student will be able to spend the summer with a European family. The student will not be able to attend classes, since the visit will be made during summer vacation, but he will have the opportunity to learn first hand the customs and way of life of a European family. The A.F.S. will cover all expenses.

The Delaware Federation of Women's Clubs, in affiliation with the A.F.S., will also send one student abroad for six months. This student, chosen on a county and state basis, will leave in August and spend the first semester of his senior year in a foreign school. Under this program there is no cost to the student. However he must have successfully completed the college board entrance examination, which will be given on December 6 of this year.

The third A.F.S. program enables a student, chosen on a national basis, to leave in February of his junior year and spend six months in New Zealand. Since this program is new this year, the A.F.S. cannot furnish the funds to underwrite the expense. Therefore all cost must be born by the individual and his family (approximately $1000).

Mr. John Lacek is in charge of A.F.S. planning at Conrad this year. Parents and students interested in any aspect of the A.F.S. program should contact him for further information.
Linda Pollock, Wayne Ashley, Van Tribuani, and Marilyn Bujak in a scene from the Sock and Buskin Club’s Fall production.

"The Curious Savage"

is Smash Hit at Conrad

John Patrick’s Broadway hit, "The Curious Savage," was given two performances by the Sock and Buskin club, under Mr. Donald Morgan’s direction on November 14 and 15.

The play concerned a wealthy widow, Mrs. Savage, who was committed to "The Cloisters" for irresponsible acts; about her three step-children, Lily Belle, Samuel, and Titus, who wanted her money; and about the other guests at "The Cloisters" who became her friends. It was a heart warming comedy.

The cast and committees were as follows:

CAST:

Florence – Judy Whitmarsh, Marilyn Bujak (alternates)
Hannibal – Van Tribuani
Fairy May – Kay Burkholder
Jeff – Wayne Ashley
Mrs. Paddy – Judy Toy
Miss Willie – Doris Jean Walton
Titus – Bob Lidums
Lily Belle – Gloria Lambert
Samuel – Mike Hall
Dr. Emmet – John Arey
Mrs. Savage – Linda Pollock

Student Director – Shirley Donn mue
Prompter – Carolyn Phillips
Production Manager – Sally Megonigal
Lighting – Richard Sutor
Business – Barbara James

Committees:

Publicity:
John Arey, Gloria Lambert, Margaret Burns, Judy Toy, Shirley Fernandez, Sally Helwig, Lois Hurst, Karen Croney, Barbara Magl.

Property:
Delores Eutzy, chairman; Sally Helwig; Margaret Burns; Beverly Esterling; Judy Cross; Judy Gollis.

Ushers:
Katy Worley, Christine Morgan, Becky Harssanyi.

Make-Up:
Carol Oliver, chairman; Sally Helwig; Margaret Burns; Sandy Van Arsdale; Karen Croney; Lois Hurst; Eileen Rank; Christine Morgan.

House (tickets, programs, etc.):
Doris Jean Walton, chairman; Becky Harrison; Katy Worley; Carolyn Phillips; Linda Pollock; Lee Clark.

The sky was once a peaceful place,
Untouched by human hands.
Its lovely stars shone bright each night,
Enlightening hearts and lands.
The air smelled sweet and fresh
And in every heart it stood
As a shining symbol of everything
That was loving, kind, and good.
But now as we gaze to the sky
Our hearts are filled with sorrow,
To know that each dark, monstrous bird
Could bring an end tomorrow.
Oh God, that I, before I die,
May see how it shown before,
That our land would again be a place of peace
With love at every door.

Student Council Needs
Student Body Support

The most important organization in our school—in any school—is the Student Council. If it did not exist, we would probably lose many of the activities and services which we now have.

Under the leadership of George Pariss, President, assisted by Lorna Hoehn, secretary, and Anne Pearson, treasurer, our Student Council plans to carry out a number of interesting and beneficial activities this year.

Some of its planned aims and activities for this year: Sell refreshments at basketball games; sponsor clothing drive in December; arrange for Student Government Day, with the assistance of the Future Teachers of America Club; send a group of students to the United Nations Conference in February; prepare the principal’s and dean’s lists at the end of each marking period and consider revisions in requirements; participate in the meetings of the state and student council associations; and plan and carry out School Improvement Week.

Of course, this list is not complete, for as new problems and situations arise the schedule will change.

The council meets every other week during periods four, five or six and at night whenever it is necessary.

If you have any questions, problems, or suggestions, feel free to submit them to your Student Council Homeroom Representative whom you have helped choose to voice your opinion at meetings.

Your Student Council is only as effective as the support it gets from the student body.
Conrad's Home Economics

Here at Henry C. Conrad High School, our homemaking department's subject matter is not of the cut and dried variety. Rather, it is a fascinating field of study where girls and boys learn skills they can use now and later in life to great advantage.

This particular subject, guided by our two capable and efficient teachers, Miss Mabel Conaway and Mrs. Thomas Hoff, tries to prepare the girls to carry on the jobs they have as members of their respective families today and as future wives and mothers tomorrow.

As in previous years, General Homemaking, a full credit course, is being offered to any Conrad girl. This course deals primarily with cooking, meal preparation, textiles, sewing, family relationships, and home decoration. Like most subjects, General Homemaking is set up in such a way that the students work within the limits of their own ability.

For the career-minded, a background of general home economics opens limitless possibilities in the fields of industry and business.

The second phase of our homemaking department is Garment Construction. This one-half credit course offers instruction in sewing and improving sewing skills exclusively.

Boys' Cooking, another one-half credit course, is open to any junior or senior boy who desires to learn the intricacies of cooking combined with a knowledge of the nutritional aspect of the culinary arts.

This course emphasizes especially the type of cooking a boy might do, as outside cooking or taking over while mother's away. Regardless of what the boy intends to do with his life, learning to cook can be a valuable assistance.

As it now stands, over 150 students should have an enjoyable and rewarding year in a well-appointed and staffed homemaking department.

DYFA Plans Director's Board, Traffic Signal Project

At a recent meeting of the Delaware Youth Association, the Board of Directors, a list of prominent men to be contacted was suggested. Among them were doctors, judges, lawyers, and other officials. These men will be invited to offer advice to the D.Y.F.A. whenever it is needed.

Most of us have realized the need for a traffic signal at the intersection of Boxwood Road and Jackson Ave. The D.Y.F.A. is trying to secure one, but this involves much red tape. In order to start any action at all we must first have an accurate account of vehicles and pedestrians traffic at the corner. The counting will be done by juniors and seniors before and after their morning sessions and by sophomores before and after their afternoon sessions. If a student is interested in helping his school and community in this project he should contact Betty Lue Fisher.

The Student Store is now open on regular hours: (7:20 - 7:45; 12:40 - 12:55; 1:30 - 1:55; 3:55 - 4:10). It is located between the Band Room and Choral Room, room 114. All school supplies and many extras are available here, at moderate prices.

On October 22, a mass meeting was held in the auditorium for sophomores interested in D.Y.F.A. activities. Each chairman explained the aims of his committee and named some of the proposed projects for the year. After the meeting, the students signed up for the committee which interested them most.

On Election Day D.Y.F.A. members drove people to the polls and baby-sat for voters free of charge. This was part of Service, an important D.Y.F.A. committee. The organization's goal is to serve America through service to the community and students themselves. Hence, the name, Delaware Youth for America.

Bob Cannon and John Caldwell

CLIPPINGS
FROM OTHER SCHOOL PAPERS

Interested in other schools and their activities? Then don't miss this column! The column will cover student council news, humorous excerpts and more interesting news from other high school papers.

Student Council

Due to new officers being elected at this time very little information was available on the activities of Student Councils of other high schools with the exception of the following:

Through one of the activities of the Student Council each pupil of William Penn High School is a foster parent of a thirteen-year-old Greek boy. This was possible through the adoption of the Foster Parents' Plan which enables generous people to help the less fortunate children in Europe, Korea and other communities. The Oreads attempt this on a smaller scale, here at Conrad.

Thoughts for the Month

"To err is only human, but when you wear out the eraser before, you’ve used up the pencil, you’re overdoing it."

Whisp – Wilmington High School

"Drive carefully: Watch the car in back of the one in front of you."

-OAHS Broadcaster, Oxford, Penna.

"It's all in the way you look at it—a flea is delighted to learn that his children are going to the dogs."

Whisp – Wilmington High School
Class Officers, Advisors Listed

The 1958-59 junior and senior class officers are as follows:

Senior Class Officers
President—Thomas Hanna
Vice President—Ralph Cicconi
Secretary—Pat Hendrick
Treasurer—Sue Skinner
Faculty Advisor—Mr. Anthony Carbone
Junior Class Officers
President—Peter Cloud
Vice President—John Caldwell
Secretary—Rose Ann Reed
Treasurer—Mike Brown
Faculty Advisor—Mr. John Lacey
Tom Hanna

Tom Hanna is the senior class president and, as always, is doing an admirable job. Tom is very well known around Conrad and very well liked.

Because of his work after school, Tom will be unable to participate in his favorite sport, basketball, this year. However, he will continue to serve as a member of the Student Council.

Tommy has been a great success at Conrad and will probably continue to be so in future years as a chemical engineer.

Pete Cloud

Pete Cloud, the sophomore class vice-president of last year, has been elected junior class president. Pete, who went to Krebs school before Conrad, is one of the stars of our varsity basketball team and is a member of the Student Council and Varsity Club. While Pete is an active participant in basketball and baseball, he is still able to maintain a high academic average. Although he plans to attend college, Pete is undecided about what he would like to do following graduation. Any suggestions, anyone?

PTA DIRECTORY

P. T. A. 1958-59

Officers
President—Frederick O. Fulmer, Krebs
1st Vice Pres.—Vacancy
2nd Vice Pres.—Joseph A. Palermo, Faculty
Treasurer—George M. Ford, Marshallton
Secretary—Mrs. Henry C. Lautenkos, Conrad

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Louis L. Dymond Faculty
Warren Briggs Faculty
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Mrs. Sara C. Richardson Faculty
Michael J. Visnovsky Faculty
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George Parris Student Council
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Mrs. Fred K. Loveless Oak Grove
Mrs. R. Edward Barlow Richardson
Charles H. Toland Park

Ralph Carter Stanton
J. Edward Philbrick Stanton
Raymond M. Warner Stanton

1958-59 Program Theme:

Know What Conrad Offers

Dec. 8: Guidance—3 workshops—
Jan. 12: Our Legislators Speak—public forum
Feb. 9: Our School Administration and School Board Speak—Conrad district structure, finances, expansion program.
Mar. 9: Participation in American Field Service Program.
Apr. 13: Parents Speak—What do parents expect from Conrad High School; nomination of officers
May 11: Youth Speaks—student panel—"What Conrad Has Meant to Me;" election of officers

Program Committee
Raymond M. Warner, Chairman
Mrs. William Alsenter
Mrs. William Goldyn
Miss Virginia D. Powell
Ralph Carter
Malcolm E. Baird
JANET AUSTIN

This Majorette Took No Lessons

"I have never taken baton twirling lessons!" said Janet Austin. This surprising information will doubtless come as a shock to many Conradians who have gazed in awe at this attractive senior high-kicking at the football games.

"I became interested while watching majorettes at football games and elsewhere," she continued. "I just picked it up from others."

Janet was also a cheerleader and majorette in 8th and 9th grades at Richardson Park. She went on to become head majorette in Conrad's band.

Janet has an avid interest in sports. "I played softball, basketball, and hockey in my sophomore and junior years but so far this year my interest is mainly in hockey." She says that she prefers "casual sports clothes" which reflect her interest in sports.

"My favorite food is subs but I also like root beer milk shakes," she said, when asked about things she especially likes. When asked about her dislikes, she replied, "I don't have any special pet peeves, but I do not like to see girls smoke in back of the school."

Janet's plans for the future include becoming a chemical technician and getting married. As for the latter ambition she will be, "not over 24 years old and not under 70" when she takes the final step.

Dolores Strahorn Wins Grange Award

Dolores Strahorn, 11th grade, has won the Delaware State Grange highway safety contest. She will receive the award at the December 2 meeting and has already received a letter of congratulations from the National Highway Safety Council in Washington, D.C.

SCIENCE COLUMN

Don't believe them--your eyes, that is. They can deceive you and, in fact, have done that just now if you read the words "science column" at the top of this article.

The straight and curved lines that make up this headline don't actually spell anything, but they give your mind a chance to make up what's missing. This is the basis for the optical illusion: your mind's willingness to "see things that aren't there."

The subject of optical illusions reaches far into psychology for its explanation. But you needn't delve into these to enjoy the illusions--just take a look below, look again, and check with your ruler.

Which horizontal line is longer?

Which line on right is an extension of the one on the left?

Top view or bottom view?

Is the white square larger?

Are the two diagonals parallel?

Are the 3 vertical lines the same height?

Is the hat as wide as it is tall?

A vase--or two faces?

* If you really must know, these optical illusions are based on the lack of the third dimension, the comparison of unequal surfaces as equal, and the tendency of the eye to see vertical lines as longer than horizontal lines of the same length.
Conrad and Science Camp
Follow President's Idea

DELAWARE SUMMER SCIENCE DAY CAMP VIEWING UNIVAC COMPUTER AT DU PONT'S LOUVIERS BUILDING, NEWARK

This summer Conrad again was represented in the second annual Delaware Summer Science Day Camp sponsored by the Delaware Section, American Chemical Society, and local industry. Interested students from all over Delaware were given an opportunity to learn more about science informally through lectures, demonstrations, and plant tours.

In 1957 Conrad had only one participant, Sam Simmons, but this year there were three—William Alsenzer, Bob Beauchamp and Marilyn Bujak. Over forty applied throughout the state but only twenty-six were accepted to share the four-week opportunity. Requirements were high—based on classroom grades, intelligence quotient, expressed scientific interest, teacher recommendation, and parental approval. The program was given recognition by President Eisenhower's Committee on Scientists and Engineers who said that it was an example of local action in the promotion of science and engineering. For the past two years this program has been limited to sophomores wishing to explore science and industry.

Conrad showed local action also this summer with an advanced summer school of its own, offering advanced math, science, geography, and English. Conrad was the first high school in Delaware to have a program of this type. It will be expanded next year, according to Mr. Long.

Pink Football Uniforms for Dickinson High?

From the name of our present school we adopted long ago the title of Conradians, partially because it is situated on an old Indian site, and the nickname given our teams is the Redskinds, but what name will the students of John Dickinson High School go by?

"Dickinsonians" might be okay, but it would be more original to have a name that didn’t end like our present one. "Dickinsoners" just doesn’t sound right, but how about "Dickinsonites?" What ever is decided upon it is certain to be difficult to pronounce because of all the syllables that will be used.

Now, what nickname could the sports teams of the new high school use? "Dickinson Cowboys" would be appropriate since it goes along with the western type nickname, Redskinds, but were there cowboys in Delaware? The "Dickinson Dickens" seems to be it, but what a tongue-twister! The "Bombers" would be somewhat along the same lines as the Dynamiters from P.S., but it would make the school seem as if it were designed for the training of airplane pilots.

Another problem is that of the school colors. There will not be too big a choice since just about every combination of colors is used by the various high schools around the area. Red and green would be nice but would only be appropriate during Christmas. Or how about pink and black, but then can’t you just see the football team with pink on their uniforms?

These are some of the weightier problems that the new school will have. Who knows, possibly one of our students will be the one who solves them.

Each December Smoke Signal has sponsored a giant all-school Christmas art and literary contest to encourage creative thinking among Conradians. To spur on the brains and originality, prizes totaling $30 will be presented for the most deserving entries.

Contest rules are posted in all English classrooms, so check the bulletin board today. Since the deadline on all entries is Monday, December 1, there is no time to waste. See your entry in print (if it rates with the best) and earn Christmas money besides.
New School Honors John Dickinson

Last summer the Conrad Board of Trustees began to consider carefully hundreds of names for the new Milltown Road high school suggested by teachers, parents, students, and the general public. It became a very difficult task since the Board realized that the school could not be named after a location in such a large district or for a living person. Finally the Board found, in a list of historical names given to them by the University of Delaware, the name “John Dickinson.” After careful consideration they decided the new school would bear the name, John Dickinson High, because of Dickinson’s great contribution to the history of Delaware.

Dickinson’s Life and Writings

John Dickinson, remembered in history as the “Penman of the Revolution,” was born in Talbot, Maryland on November 13, 1732. At the age of 2, he and his family moved to a large plantation in Kent County, which was then a part of Pennsylvania. Later they moved to the Dickinson Mansion at Dover, which is now open to the public as a museum. In 1768 he published his celebrated “Letters to the Inhabitants of the British Colony by a Pennsylvania Farmer,” in which he advocated the idea that Parliament had no power to tax the colonies. In his letters there appeared for the first time the term “No taxation without representation.” He wrote these letters as an individual, expressing his opinions which were shared by most of the colonies, in an authoritative way. Enlisting as a private in the army when the war broke out, he was later raised to the rank of brigadier general. Dickinson drew up many important documents for the Continental Congress, including the famous “Petition to the King.”

However he disapproved of the Declaration of Independence, because he thought the act was premature, and therefore refused to sign it.

His pen helped prepare the draft of the ill-fated Articles of Confederation, which welded a people into a league, if not a nation. His last years were spent in Wilmington where he died on February 14, 1808.

Our nation for forty years had struggled to unite their people, form a nation, and maintain a position with other nations. In all this, Delaware’s Dickinson played an important part. Thus it is only fitting that a center of learning in his adopted state should bear his name— the name of a Delaware individual who dared to think and write with candor.
Linda Frederick's
Teacher of the Month
Mrs. Hoff

Miss Jean Leonard, now Mrs. Thomas Hoff, had a large carat, and I don't mean the kind you eat, on her third finger left hand several months before school let out for summer vacation. When she returned to teach home economics this year, instead of introducing herself as Miss Leonard and writing it on the board so the girls could see how to spell it correctly, she proudly wrote "Mrs. Hoff." She really had an exciting summer vacation!

Mrs. Hoff taught home economics for the first time last year, and since she was new in this role we sophomores thought we would really give her an extra large dose of all the things she had in store for her as a teacher.

I can remember when she gave her first demonstration on how to sift flour. All of the girls sat there so quietly taking everything in that Mrs. Hoff became very nervous, the least she had expected us to do was talk a little, but we didn't even make a sound. She looked so puzzled that she asked the class if anything was wrong. Immediately laughter rang through the entire classroom. Her face was really red.

Another demonstration was given on how to use an electric frying pan. As a surprise to the class Mrs. Hoff brought in some popcorn to pop or attempt to pop. It turned out to be great fun for everyone, including Mrs. Hoff. First of all, she didn't let the oil get hot enough before she put it in the corn and it was at least five minutes before it began to pop. When it finally did, start popping, some stuck to the bottom, a lot of it burned, and when she took the lid off some even popped out. After all that trouble, we ate it to keep from hurting her feelings. I wonder if we would do it again.

Every time you walked into class you would find Mrs. Hoff tinkering around with the sewing machines with her little screw driver. She should have been a lady mechanic.

She was constantly getting upset with us for something and three days out of every week she would keep us after class for a few minutes. The longest we ever had to stay was five minutes.

Mrs. Hoff makes some of her clothes and they really have that professional look.

I'm just wondering how her home economics is helping her in married life. Mrs. Hoff, why don't you treat your husband to a great big, bowl of your famous popcorn? I'm sure he would enjoy it! We did!

Calendar of Events

Nov. 26—Annual Interscholastic Turkey Shoot at Rodney Square... Turkeys will be released from the saddlebags of Caesar Rodney's horse at 12 Noon...

Nov. 29—Faculty Poker Game...7 p.m. to Midnight in the Band Room Corridor...

Nov. 30—Dec. 6—National Pickles with Chocolate Syrup Week...


Dec. 16—Presentation of Driver Education "Fender-Bender of the Year" award...

Dec. 19—30,000th Anniversary of the invention of the wheel...
Meanwhile, Back in the Mountains

July 14, 1958—Went to the railroad station in Wil with the Hits today to see Alex (my other Swiss brother) off to camp. It was very interesting. All of the scouts came marching down the road to the station. Alex is a bugler and the buglers played while marching and just before the train pulled out. In the evening I went to see the alphorn blower of Wil and was able to get a picture of him and his son. He is from the Bernese Alps. Originally the alphorn was used for calling men together in time of war.

July 15—Have learned the ropes so far as buying groceries is concerned. Each day we must go to the store for bread, milk, etc. Many of their customs are quite different. For example, there is no question about tipping the waitresses in the restaurants, because the waitress waits around until you give her her tip. Their eating habits are quite different—eat, cut, eat, cut, use fork in left hand, etc. They use no salt on the table, have their largest meal at noon, and have hearth-baked loaves of bread (not formed and sliced as ours). The stores are not self-service. Bread and other foods are not packaged, being more like our old general stores. Most farm work is done by hand and with horses—very little machinery. Their milk is always heated, and they never drink cold milk as we do. They usually drink coffee—half milk and half coffee.

July 16—This evening we drove to Constance and took a ferry over to Meersburg, Germany. It was a beautiful drive. We were driving through a woods and, when we came out, there we were in a valley and all around were mountains. We went to a night club and had a really good time. All the night spots in Switzerland close at 12 o'clock, so when the Swiss want to live it up, they go over into Germany.

July 17—Went with Richard to a farm to get some more of those delicious cherries. Boy, these Swiss mountains may be beautiful, but when it comes to hauling a bike up them, it is another story.

July 19—Left today with Richard and Mr. Weibel for a trip through Switzerland into the French section. This trip was to cover a good part of the cross section of Switzerland. The trip was absolutely beautiful with great snowy peaks and green rolling rugged slopes, and mountains poking their great heads into the clouds. We stayed at Château D'Oex, where Mr. Weibel's sister lives. We drove to Interlaken, which lies between two lakes with mountains all around. We drove for approximately 350 miles through nothing but mountains—the roads aren't paved part of the way. We walked through a glacier where the Rhone River has its beginning. I went in here in shirt sleeves and came out blue with cold and really wanting a hot cup of coffee, even though I had never drunk coffee until I left New York.

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Prestowitz Papers

July 22—A typical day. Got up at nine, washed, ate (boy, that bread and jam is really good). Started to write a letter but went out instead with Mr. Weibel on his rounds. I came back, finished the letter, ate and went to Richard’s house. Also I went to the stores for Mrs. Weibel in the morning. You must always go to a different store because it is a small community, yet there are a million stores and you try to patronize all of them. Played chess with Richard, then went home and played with Freddy (my Swiss baby brother). In the evening, Mr. Weibel and I worked on the lawn for a while. He likes every little thing on that lawn just so.

July 25—Went to a museum in Wil with Richard today. The museum is in the place where Rudolf of Halpburgh came to hold a meeting at one time. I saw money which dated back to B.C. and a piece of stone from the Bronze Age (one of the oldest in Switzerland). This evening we went to the Yodel Club. They really were good. They got a lot of fun out of just being together and singing.

July 26—Alex came home from camp today, and as the train pulled into the station the buglers were playing. Then they all marched to the town headquarters and had a little ceremony.

July 27—Went to the mountains in the Appenzell, Switzerland is nothing but beauty. On the mountain, at the foot of which we stopped, is the highest television station in Europe.

August 1—Well, today is the big day in Switzerland-- their Independence Day. We all went swimming and in the evening met Beatrice and her mother who were just returning from their vacation in Vevey. We went to the Holpplaz in Wil where they had a speech and then singing by the men’s chorus of Wil. Then we went to one of the hills behind Wil where we could see all the fires (there is a fire on every hill) and all the fireworks.

August 3—Went to a steeple chase this afternoon. It was a big affair with practically the whole town present. We had only standing room and my back feels like it’s been through a cement mixer. The first event was for good horses and then the second event was for not-so-good horses. The third and last was the most difficult and it was in this that the funniest thing happened. Many riders were thrown and three or four horses went down. But in this one the horse had to jump a hurdle into a lake. Well, the horse jumped and the rider went head over heels into the water, but the horse went the entire length of the lake. The rider was so mad he almost popped.

August 9—Went to get my first haircut in over 4 weeks. The barber shop was old-fashioned and when I got there the barber was shaving a man with the old brush and lather method. The chair was just a regular house hold chair with variations. Went to St. Gallen this afternoon to meet Beatrice and go souvenir hunting. We went to the same store about sixteen times before we were satisfied with our shopping.

August 10—Today we went to the Trachfest in Appenzell. We stopped and ate and then drove on to Seealpsee. Here we had to get out and climb a mountain but it was worth it. When we got to the end of our climb, there was a large green lake and towering above the lake on three sides were rugged mountains. On our return to Appenzell we stopped again for the Trachfest parade. Everyone was dressed in the costume of the Canton and carried the tools of his trade. The ladies’ dresses were fabulous. They were embroidered with beads and gold thread in exquisite designs.

(To be concluded in next issue)

Class Rings Delayed

Hold up! Literally, that is.

It seems that those Juniors who are expecting their class rings before Christmas are in for a disappointment. The reason is that we missed the measuring date and therefore have to wait until December to get it done.

The rings should be ready by spring. Prices for girls and boys are $14.50 and $15.50, respectively.

Start saving!
WAMS Jockey Spins for HI-Y Rally Dance Tonight

Elaborate preparations have been made for this year's HI-Y Thanksgiving Day Dance by the Conrad HI-Y dance committees and Harry Bratton, president of the HI-Y, in hopes of making this annual occasion one of Conrad's best HI-Y dances. The dance is scheduled for tonight, Wednesday, November 28, the day preceding the Redskins-Newark game, the last football game of the season. Last year's rally dance was one of the most exciting moments in the school's fall social season.

It is expected that a WAMS disc jockey will sit in with the hops in pop recordings. Along with the tops in pops the HI-Y has tentatively planned on having tops in entertainment during an intermission at which time a professional magician will present a few tricks he has up his sleeve. Plans in this area were still tentative at press-time.

Floor lamps will be used for lighting purposes instead of the overhead gym lights, and it is hoped that this atmosphere will add to the dancing pleasure. Cokes and pretzels are to be served as refreshments.

Part of the profits raised from the dance will be used by the HI-Y to send six Conrad HI-Y boys to Cumberland, Maryland to attend the HI-Y conference, held annually there. The rest of the proceeds will be set aside for the HI-Y's share in helping bring foreign students to Conrad.

The dance will be held from 8:00 to 11:00 P.M. and the admission will be the regular price, $60.00 stag, $1.00 drag.

Prom Committee Appointed

The following seniors--Jim Hamilton, Virginia Willard, and Harold Opsann--have been appointed to work with a junior class committee in the search for facilities adequate to accommodate a Junior-Senior Prom. It is the desire of both classes to have the affair as a joint venture rather than being conducted individually. This committee of juniors and seniors will report its findings to the classes for final consideration.

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Football Season in Review

REDSKINS TIE TIGERS 12 – 12

On Saturday, September 27, our Redskins met the Tigers of A.I. duPont.

In the first quarter the Redskins scored all their points on two quick touchdowns, making the score Conrad 6, A.I. duPont 0. The attempt at conversion was blocked and Conrad kicked to the Tigers. Within a minute or two the Redskins were again in possession of the ball, because of a fumble by the Tigers. The Redskins scored again, and again the conversion was foiled. The Conrad Redskins were in great spirits, out in front 12-0. But the Tigers showed that they were a second half team and came from behind to tie, the final score being 12-12.

REDSKINS FIGHT SALLIES TO 55-0 LOSS

Saturday, October 4, was the day of the yearly battle between Sallies and the Redskins.

Conrad kept the Sallies quiet for the first quarter but then the Sallies started rolling, holding Conrad scoreless, while acquiring three touchdowns, in the second quarter, two in the third, and three more in the final quarter, making the final score Sallies, 53 - Conrad, 0.

CLAYMONT BEATS CONRAD 32-13

The 4th game of the season was held at Claymont where our Redskins met the Indians from Claymont High.

For the first time since the first game Conrad carried the ball over the goal line, with the honors going to Mike Brown and Don Cecil, with one extra point being added by Rick Gross. Still, it wasn't enough as Claymont continually crossed our goal line to the tune of 32 points.

REDSKINS BLOWN BY DYNABS 26-0

The first period was fought to a scoreless tie, but then P. S. pushed across two touchdowns in the 2nd quarter and one in each quarter of the last half to take a hard fought ball-game, 26-0.

JUNIOR VARSITY FOOTBALL

This season Conrad's Junior varsity football team has a record of two wins and five defeats. Mr. Schutze's crew has beaten Claymont, 13-0, and Wilmington High School, 13-0. They have been set back by A.I. duPont, 13-0, Salesianum, 12-6, William Penn, 20-0, P. S. duPont 21-7, and Brandywine High School, 20-7. The sophomores who play J.V. Football are Joe Cavalier, Ken Frederick, Fred Loveless, Dave Stevens, Paul Cato, Lester Kerstetter, George Sinex, Gerald Abrams, Tom Spain, Rick Benoit, Bill De Virgilio, Rick Gross, Joe Conoy, Gary Marshall, Bob Bried, Ron Marshall, Buddy Hazel, Jerry Pell, Jim Robinson, Eddie Kider, Rickard King, and Frank Henderson.

22 YEARS OF FOOTBALL

For the interest of our fans, here are the past performances achieved by our Redskins 'elevens'

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Bill Alsentzer, Lee Hauge Win in Tennis Singles

Jim Wilson, Bill Alsentzer, Betsy Fisher, Lee Hauge

The first tennis tournaments on Conrad’s new tennis courts were recently held; about thirty students participated. Bill Alsentzer, a junior and top-seeded in the boys’ singles, defeated Jim Wilson, a senior and second-seeded, 7-5, 6-0, to establish number one position at Conrad. Wilson, as well as Alsentzer, is a very fine player and will be a valuable asset to Conrad’s varsity tennis program which will get under way in the spring.

Third-seeded in the boys’ tournament was Richard Alexander who lost to Francis Fernandez in the quarter finals. The boys who reached semi-finals were Bill Alsentzer, Francis Fernandez, Jim Wilson and Jay Parthemore. A boys’ doubles-tournament was started but not finished. Top-seeded in this tournament were Bill Alsentzer and Bob Beauchamp.

Lee Ilaoge, a sophomore and unseeded in the girls’ singles, defeated second-seeded Betsy Fisher, 6-3, 7-5 to gain first position in the girls’ tournament. Girls who reached the semi-finals were Betsy Fisher, Lee Hauge, Ellen Oat, and Lynne Rutter. Seeded in the girls’ tournament were Lynne Rutter, Betsy Fisher and Fay Coverdale, respectively.

Mr. Joseph Gilligan and Mr. William Keay, tennis coaches, were very much impressed by the play of Lee Ilaoge, Francis Fernandez and Jay Parthemore, all sophomores, in this tournament.

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Scarred by lack of experience and the injury of our fine quarterback, Clyde Prestowitz, our Redskin "eleven" has fallen into the hands of defeat in four out of six games. The other two games resulted in a win and a tie. Lately, however, coach Jesse Malin's "chargers" have been improving steadily and could very well become a championship team within the next two years.

In the "Blue Hen Conference" our team is still looking forward to its first victory and first score after three straight setbacks. In all three tilts, however, we have come close to pay dirt on numerous occasions. But each time we encountered an overflow of penalties or the opponent's hard charging line.

The team actually has done better than its record indicates. An example of this is the P. S. duPont fray. In that game we pushed the "Dynahs" all over the gridiron, displaying excellent ball control. In the third period, P. S. was limited to only four sets of plays. But thanks to some long runs by their speedy backs, Clarence Henry and Jake Getty, we came out on the short end of the score by a 26 to 0 count.

With two weeks remaining in conference play, Newark has already clinched the league's first title. The storming "Yellowjackets" are undefeated in eight games and thus far figure to be tough when we invade them on their home field Thanksgiving Day. But just don't count those "Redskins" out yet because they are fighting hard and will be out to win this one. So should we as "Conradians," get out to the old gridiron and fight too! By fighting, I mean, with every ounce of strength you have to cheer our team onward to victory. Remember, the team needs your support, for without it they will die.

THE BLUE HEN CONFERENCE
as of November 12

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*Brandywine

*Ineligible for title

MIKE BROWN
CONRAD LICKS WEIGHT
IN WILD CATS 21-18

After a scoreless 1st quarter
Conrad scored on a 52 yard run and
Don Jester added the extra point on a
plunge. The Redskins, taking heart,
scored more touchdowns before the
4th period on runs by Jester and
Lee McMaster, with Jester scoring
one extra point.

While this was going on, Howard
was busy scoring three touchdowns,
but it wasn't enough, as Conrad gave
Mike Brown the ball on a silver platter
in the fourth quarter and told him
to give it that old Conrad try, which
he did by packing the pigskin 45
yards for the final score of the day,
as Conrad won its first game of the
season, 27-18.

REDSKINS DROP LAST HOME
GAME TO RED DEVILS, 21-0

For the 6th game of the season,
the last at home, the Conrades
faced the Red Devils of High School.

The first period saw a very unusal
score made by Wilm., the
safety. High School also scored
three touchdowns, keeping Conrad
scoreless, to take the game 21-0.

LEADING SCORERS

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TD – touchdowns
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Girls' Hockey
Windup

The girls' varsity hockey team ended its season with four losses, no wins, and one tie. The JV's had three losses, one win, and one tie. The seven senior players on the varsity were Janet Austin, Beverly Bried, Carol Carew, Louise Maske, Freda Reese, and Elizabeth Mitchell, captain. Others members were the six juniors, Paulette Bailey, Nancy Corrie, Karen Ellis, Lillian Hughes, Carol MacDonald, and Leta Martin.

The JV team members were Sandy Craig, Sharon Doochack, Leslie Elliot, Pat Johnson, Naomi Jones, Diane Lane, Joan Lange, Joanne Mansfield, Barbara Moreland, Georgie Nash, Barbara Nichols, Carolyn Rickards, Janet Soltow, Joanne Szczesniak, Judi Walker, Alice Watts, and Sue Phillips, captain.

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Cross-Country
Season Ends

The cross-country team finished its season with a 3 win, 4 loss record. Coach Gormley's thirteen were Josh Baine, Chuck Beeston, Nat Cloud, Pete Cloud, Jack Crelling, Dick Durham, Roy Jernigan, Larry Kinesley, Tom Kolasiński, and Don Lenhoff.

In September it was feared that not enough boys would go out for cross-country, but the squad was finally found in time for the first meet.

While Roy Jernigan, a senior, sparked this year's team, the underclassmen show great promise for the 1959 season.

Conrad in the past has had many fine cross-country teams. Until 1957 the teams boasted a 36-meet winning streak.

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