

## News - - - And Views

Some people still can't take a hint. Discourteous audiences continue to be the prime reason for the scarcity of aud sessions.

Cheerleader Eugene Oxnam gave up his wild gestures Monday, November 25, for a bugle, when he left for a year's military training. Floyd Roscio, too, turned in his books and left, somewhat regretfully, for camp. Queer how pleasant a place school becomes as the moment for leaving draws near.

John Cyrus, president of the Seven's Club, puts the emphasis on fun. Two dances have already been held and more parties are planned. The sponsors, Miss Hachtman and Mr. Wilson, should be complimented on their active leadership.

Latest shots from the *Red Mill* are promising. The cast, including the singing and dancing choruses, are all working hard to make this production a success.

After three years of watchful waiting, students have at last been rewarded with a menu board in the lunchroom. But how about placing it farther back so that hungry throats waiting in line may study it thoroughly before going to the fore?

It is usually said that an understudy is not important and never gets a chance to star. That isn't so—not all the time. Ask Art Hampton—he knows.

A job and homework forced Bob Williamson, who was assigned the part of the governor in *The Red Mill* to resign. Art Hampton, his understudy, now has the part. He's working hard at it and is really happy at a chance to display his talents.

Lots of luck, Art.

### SW Has Swimming Pool But—It's in Kansas City

"Oh, yes, Southwest High has a fine swimming pool," Mr. Dee informed an astonished *Pioneer* reporter. (Don't protest, Mr. Dee was referring to Southwest High School in Kansas City.)

When he attended the M. S. T. A. in Kansas City recently, he found that the Southwest High School there is very modern.

It is a four-story building, with the lunchroom on the fourth floor. It has a large campus and an athletic field similar to that of a college.

Although the Kansas City Southwest High School has an enrollment of only 1700 students, the auditorium has a seating capacity of 2200 people. Two gymnasiums, a swimming pool and a football stadium accommodating 5000 are additional features of the school.

*Southwest Trail* is the school newspaper.

### Patrons Meeting Postponed Until Thursday, December 19

SW Patrons meeting will be postponed from December 12 to Thursday, December 19, because of the operetta.

Following the business meeting Mr. Chervenka will show motion pictures owned by the school and used regularly in the science classes.

Got Your Ticket - - - for 'The Red Mill'?

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## 'Debate' Offered As Credit Subject Next Semester

Do you have strong convictions? And would you like to express yourself convincingly? If so, your time is coming, for a debate class is to be offered next semester.

Debating—like dramatics, a half credit subject—will be scheduled during school hours. Pupils in their third or fourth year may elect the subject for either one or two years. The class will be organized only if enough pupils are interested in it.

"The art of reasoning is no mere theory," says Mr. Rush, Southwest's debate coach. "Debating on a subject requires a good solid foundation of provable, truthful facts and evidences to reach finally a sensible conclusion."

The debate squad will probably be chosen from this class.

So, debate enthusiasts, don't forget to sign up for this subject next semester!

### Don't Upset the Bottle! Pretty Hard, Isn't It?

"Drive 20 miles per hour between two posts with a clear area of only six inches on each side."

"Come to a stop 30 feet from the posts with the front wheels of your car resting on a line eight inches long and four inches wide and don't upset the milk bottle resting on the running board."

"With a 12-foot car, back into a parking place 15 feet long with only one cut, ending within six inches of the curb."

Pretty hard, isn't it? However, that's what driving students must do in order to pass the driver education and training course now given in several of the St. Louis High Schools. Teachers of the classes took a special teacher training course at Kirksville Teachers College.

## 1941 'Roundup' Pictures Scheduled Next Week

Boys, put on your best suits and ties; girls, wear your prettiest dresses. "You're gonna get your pitchers took." The business staff of the 1941 *Roundup* has announced that pictures of all clubs and organizations will be taken next week.

Two sizes will be available this semester. The large size will be six by four and one-half inches; the small size, five by three and one-half inches. Last year all cuts were the same size, five by two and one-half inches.

Available this year, as in the past, is space for writeups with-out pictures.

The price list is as follows:

Write-Ups Only	
1 full page.....	\$5.00
1 half page.....	\$2.50
1 quarter page.....	\$1.25



## Gay Dutch Costumes Transform Stage To Panoramic Setting of Old Holland

Ribbons! Ruffles! Bows! During the performances of the *Red Mill* on December 12 and 13, the stage in the auditorium of Southwest will be transformed into a panoramic setting of color and gay Dutch costumes.

A blue velvet bodice and a bouffant taffeta skirt of a paler shade of blue comprise the major portion of Geraldine Stutz's costume. Anna Belle Garner will be adorned in a red velvet bodice and bright yellow skirt; Dorothy Hutchings in a magenta bodice and blue skirt will have a crisp white Dutch cap atop her dark curls.

In a red chiffon blouse, a dark skirt and a red-plumed hat, Eileen Schneider won't be overlooked by anyone in the audience.

The boys in the *Red Mill* are fond of their costumes, too. Dick Barnard, for instance, in his long gray coat and light blue trousers looks every inch the Englishman he portrays.

Those Dutch fellows, Bob Stewart and Robert Van Houten, are arrayed in white shirts and breeches typical of that nation.

Harold Conley and Howard Weber are destined to set feminine hearts aflutter when they appear in their resplendent uniforms.

Wayne Wachter and Dick Watkins will appear in one scene as the famous team of Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson.

The dance and choral groups as well as the several specialty performers, including Gloria Sicking, June Heger, Esther Barclay, Marilyn Webb, Katherine Spanos, La Verne Hefty, Cliff Dameron and John Cyrus, will have elaborate costumes in keeping with the story.

Write-Ups With Photos	
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## 343 Pupils Make Honor Roll; 80 on Super-Honor Roll

Of the 1,986 now enrolled at Southwest, 343 or 17.2 per cent made no grade below G for the first quarter of the school year 1940-41. Ranking first was Miss Randolph's group of freshmen, who contributed 15 names.

Eighty of these 343 made the super-honor roll by getting grades of four E's, four E's and one G or five E's. They are as follows:

**Semester 1.** Five E's—Barbara Treptow. Four E's one G—Audrey Wolters. Four E's—Martin Brummond, Edward Crosby, Dean Donadon, Lewis Farrand, Gertrude Hartmeister, Mary Frances Momborg, June Schneider, Johanna Schwarting, Lois Wilkinson, Gerald Winterton.

**Semester 2.** Four E's—Virginia Bentz, Roberta Gill, Patricia Gilmore, Marjorie Harrison, Arlene Pasek, Glenn Schultz.

**Semester 3.** Five E's — Lois Arnett, William Bernard, Robert Bosche, Mary Lou Bosche, Shirley Duessel, Jeanne Zeller. Four E's, one G — William Brauer, Calvin Kiefer, Agnes Kuehner, Donna Perkins, Bob Smith, Arline Tochtrop. Four E's—Eunice Agne, Jane Cleaneay, Virginia Everly, Francis Powers, Raymond Griffith, Jean Hale, Ruth Hardt, Tom Krill, Nedra Peck, Donald Scott, Alice Youngerman.

**Semester 4.** Five E's—Milton Lauenstein, Marilyn Mesloh.

**Semester 5.** Five E's—Harvey Cameron, Marie Morris, Rita Nickerson, Audrey Phillips, Charles Maltagliati, Elmer Zacks. Four E's, one G — Alvin Acton, Robert Robertson, Corinne Thomas, Alphonse Torretti. Four E's—Mary Ann Wessel.

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## Open House Again Meets Success

"This is the third year we have come to Southwest's Open House and we think it's grand!" said Mr. and Mrs. Canis, parents of Milton Canis, a third semester pupil, of 5036 Potomac.

On the whole, the parents expressed the opinion that the Open House idea was very successful. They seemed to think that it was an opportune time to get acquainted with the teachers and to understand the pupils' subjects better.

Mrs. C. Barclay, mother of Esther Barclay, a fifth semester pupil, said, "I think Open Houses are fine, because they help the parents, children and teachers to come to a better understanding with each other."

Approximately 400 adults attended Southwest's third Open House on November 14.

### P.-T. A. to Be Guests of Honor At Tea Given by P. H. L. Class

Members of SW P.-T. A. will be guests of honor at a tea to be given on December 17 by one of the Home Living classes. Which class it will be has not yet been decided.

During the tea an organ recital of Christmas carols will be presented in the auditorium.

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Join the Button Brigade

Another gay and colorful button to decorate your sweater front! For ten cents you can add this beauty to those you now wear so proudly.

And at the same time, in the words of the National Tuberculosis Society, you can "Help yourself to happiness by helping others to health". Or from a more selfish point of view you can help keep tuberculosis from your own door by helping to check its spread.

Although the death rate in the St. Louis district has been cut 86 per cent in the past 35 years, the work carried on by the Christmas Seal and Button fund must continue.

CHRISTMAS SEALS



Help to Protect Your Home from Tuberculosis

Tuberculosis societies the country over must continue to educate the public in the control of this disease through pamphlets and other types of printed literature, must make it possible for the continued maintenance of hospitals for the cure of the tubercular, must make it possible for research work to continue.

Today more than 4,000 are ill with tuberculosis in the St. Louis area.

When today saleswomen from the Tuberculosis and Health Society of St. Louis return to Southwest, whether you are a collector of buttons or are interested primarily in bringing happiness to others, you will want to step right up and buy your button.

Utopia—

—a common but connotative word. What is Utopia? It is a mythical country that is free from worry and trouble. Unfortunately, a place that perfectly fits this description does not exist in this harried world.

However, regarded in a broader light, the United States is Utopia. In Europe the people are, by the command of their rulers, at sword's edge with their friends and families. Last year and this, the eastern hemisphere has been in a state of turmoil: murder, plunder, war.

In the United States no blood is being shed over the political future of the nation. Personal freedom still exists.

Instead of seeking a completely perfect land, why not be overjoyed at the privilege of living here and work toward making this country even more desirable a place to live?

Truth Versus Propaganda

How can we determine what is propaganda and what is not? This question is of vital importance to every American today. For self-evident reasons it is difficult to distinguish the difference between truth and propaganda during war times.

Certain rules, however, familiar to the journalist in recognizing propaganda, may serve as a guide to help the amateur newspaper reader, too, in deciding what to accept as facts. These suggestions are as follows:

(1) If Germany or England announces its own losses, the reader can be certain that those estimates have been kept to a minimum.

(2) If Germany or England announces a victory over the enemy it is best to question the report unless it has been confirmed by the defeated nation.

(3) If the date line (which comes at the beginning of the first paragraph and gives the country in which the article originated) is kept in mind, the reader will be less likely to put faith in stories that result from the wishful thinking of that country.

(4) Phraseology is of great importance in spotting propaganda. The gulleless reader should be on his guard against unusual wording of sentences that lead many to believe something which is absolutely untrue.

(5) If the daily paper is quoting a foreign paper, too much confidence should not be placed in the story. Often such stories are printed during war times in order to boost the morale of a people.

The propagandist of any nation is called upon to announce victories and to exaggerate enemy losses.

Keeping these rules in mind, the task of analyzing news articles for propaganda will be simplified and the reader will have a clearer conception of actual events.

THE LAUGH HERD  
 ROUND THE RANGE

HERE IT COMES!

Christmas is undoubtedly on its way. Department stores have taken on a festive air, inside and out. Grown-ups and children gaze at the decorated windows with delight and pleasure. Noses are becoming several shades more red and fuzzy ear muffs are again being pressed into service. Red and silver. Holly and mistletoe. Yes, sir, Santa's really on his way.

As a certain senior named Jaeger might say: "I'd rather be frank than earnest."

Up and atom, as the molecule says.

This is dedicated to Phillip. Phillip who? Phillip space

What did one coffee-pot say to another coffee-pot? "Perk up; don't be a drip!"

She was only an engineer's daughter, but "Who! Who!"

DAFFNITION

Steam: Water gone crazy with the heat.

UGH!

First Indian: Let's go on the warpath.

Second Indian: We can't. It's being paved.

Sallie Gault says her father has a pull in this city. He ought to—he's a dentist.

HAS ANYONE EVER BEEN HEARD TO COMPLAIN ABOUT A PARACHUTE NOT OPENING? NO!

CLASS STONES

Freshmen: Milestone.  
 Sophomore: Blarney stone.  
 Junior: Grindstone.  
 Senior: Tombstone.

Greetings, Gates!  
 See Who Rates

Attention, Bob Hope fans! You won in balloting for favorite radio programs in Room 215, Friday and Tuesday, November 3 and 11. Of the 255 votes cast, 93 were plugging for Jerry Colonna, Brenda and Cobina, and Skinny Ennis on Bob Hope's program.

Dancing enthusiasts and swing lovers put their choices into the next three places—Glenn Miller and Tommy Dorsey tying with 30 votes each and Kay Kyser and Artie Show with 20 and 15, respectively. Three cheers for "jive"!

Information Please received 10 votes from the "intelligentsia" of Southwest, placing it sixth in rank.

Superman and the Lone Ranger are still fighting it out with six votes each. Who will win? Listen in on Monday and find out. (Oh, well!)

Jack Benny probably would be happy to know he beat Fred Allen if only by three counts.

Luz Theatre, Henry Aldrich and Blondie were popular and some votes even crept in for Southwest's own musicians — Peggy Zimmerman and Mr. Monachesi.

Some other programs named in the ballots were: Beat the Band, Big Town, Charlie McCarthy, Fibber McGee and Quiz Kids.

When it comes to reducing, alas—how many of us are poor losers!

EXAM PAPER

Question: What are the Phoenixians famous for?

Verline Brooks: Blinds.

When do leaves begin to turn? The night before exams.

A LONG FELLOW, NO DOUBT!

Florence Gorman: Have you heard that the village blacksmith is going to be arrested for forgery?

LAMENT OF A "SEVEN"

Eat, drink and be merry, For soon—January, And five subjects to carry!

As the quail said:

"Here today, gun tomorrow!"

Eleanor V.: "Anything I say, goes."

Clarence W.: "Well, come out and say it to my car!"

Nu-Jay: "Father grew a watermelon last year so big that when it was cut in half it was used for a cradle."

Pat W.: "That's nothing. I saw a policemen sleeping on a beat."

PARTING ADVICE:

Put a little water on the comb.

How's Your Vocabulary?

For each word in Column 1, find a synonym (word of approximately the same meaning) in Column 2.

ability	assign
confirm	jeer
demolish	cleverness
ferce	raging
harmony	raze
ridicule	trivial
subsidy	respect
venerate	authenticate
attribute	huge
attain	bonus
frivolous	achieve
prodigious	unity

Exchange Corral

From the Boys Town Times of November 8 comes a bit of inside dope about a new picture, Men of Boys Town, starring Spencer Tracy, Mickey Rooney and little Bobs Watson. Mickey Rooney will play the role of Whitey Marsh, Mayor of Boys Town. The picture emphasizes the expansion of Boys Town to care for more homeless boys.

According to the University News students of St. Louis University were hard-hit by the recent conscription bill. It seems that 1508 draftees, consisting of students, employees and faculty members, signed up for the defense program.

Charles Feeny, long-remembered football star of Southwest, is now a promising piece of material for St. Louis U's varsity team. In a recent game the St. Louis U. freshmen defeated Illinois College 67-0. Feeny scored four touchdowns, which made him leading scorer of the game.

The Trumpeter of Wentworth Military Academy at Lexington, Missouri, tells that cadet pilots will start training on a new field, which has been donated by the Lexington Chamber of Commerce.

Let's Get Acquainted

With Wayne Crow

"Well, I am in a sort of hurry," Wayne Crow admitted when we snared him for an interview. And we might add that Wayne was also "in a sort of hurry" when he placed fourth in the recent cross-country meet at the Public Schools Stadium.

About himself, Wayne was modest, insisting that he was just a normal person except for his new short haircut and his seven's button. His hobbies are sailing, reading and checker-playing. After much deliberation Wayne guessed his pet hate was washing dishes and his pet love, cocconut cream pie.

Although no longer a member, Wayne was active in the band for two and a half years, and for this is deserving of a letter whenever Mr. Monachesi finds time to give it to him. "I played on the baritone, the trumpet and Mr. Monachesi's nerves," he added, grinning.

peas in a pod; Jean and Audrey Turch hardly look like sisters; Linda and Lena Montani are two little packages practically identical; Roland and Robert Rusche are two more who aren't alike; and Claire and Barry Stevens belong to the National Twin Club.

Seeing Double?  
 Don't Worry

"Sorry, you can vote only once."

"Oh, that must have been my sister who has already voted; we're twins," said Rosalie — or was it Marjorie? Oh well, it was one of them.

Many is the time a Southwest student thinks he is seeing double. But chances are he has merely been seeing one of the several pairs of twins enrolled at Southwest.

Rosalie and Marjorie Miller, a pretty set, are as alike as two

## Junior Red Cross Contributions Aid European Children

At the time of the war relief drive last spring, St. Louis public school pupils contributed to the National Children's Fund of the Junior Red Cross. Following is the report sent to the Central office of the St. Louis Board of Education explaining how this fund has been administered.

To give shelter, clothing and emergency treatment to children of Great Britain made homeless by air raids, \$75,000 has been spent. Country homes for children under five years old were established under the supervision of child welfare specialists. A small sum, \$500, was used to buy books and toys to help sustain the morale of the children.

Twenty thousand dollars was spent to purchase clothing and bedding for children made refugees by the invasion of Finland.

Clothing, bedding and medicine for children in the "general government" area of Poland, victims of the invasion and the transfer of population which occurred later, was purchased with \$20,000 from the fund. In addition, a large number of children's dresses, boys' blouses and layettes made by members of the Junior Red Cross were distributed.

The American Junior Red Cross supplied children's underwear, hosiery, boys' shirts, blouses, trousers, blankets, sheets, pillow-cases, evaporated milk, concentrated soups, chocolate, sweet milk, cocoa and prepared baby foods, costing \$25,000, to lost, orphaned and destitute children crowded in southern France after the collapse of that country.

Another \$25,000 was sent through the League of Red Cross Societies in Geneva, to meet the desperate needs of child and infant refugees in the Paris area.

In all, \$203,000 had been contributed by American children at the time the report was compiled, September 15, 1940, and \$165,500 had been spent to help the children of Europe. The remaining \$37,500 is still being used to care for children.

## HONOR ROLL

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Semester 6. Four E's, one G—Georgia Ruth Flamme, Fred Lundberg, Marcella Thum.

Semester 7. Five E's—Julia Fremon, Jean Harpster, June Huber, Laurel Klug, Robert Morris. Four E's, one G—Ruth Cerf, George Essig, Helen Herr, George Kovaka, Gertrude Loyet, Jeanne Leilich, Marion Primrose, Isabelle Schwerdtmann, Eileen Schneider. Four E's—Dorothy Cantoni, Marjorie Guenther.

Semester 8. Four E's, one G—Catherine Coffman, June Heger, Jocille McIntyre, Irma Mecking, Arlene Weinberg. Four E's—Ruth Heinicke, Carol Travis.

## Reptile Society Open To New Members

A new reptile society, now being organized in St. Louis and St. Louis County, is open to those interested.

Telephone William Ruick, RE-public 5865, or John Garnier, CA-banne 4921, at once for full details.

## STUDENT COUNCIL MEMBERS

Group	Representative	Alternate	Group	Representative	Alternate
0	Ferd Mertens	Jack Koch	27	Floyd Rosoto	Kathleen Eggers
1	Robert Mueller	Albert Shepard	28	Jeanne Ruppel	Virginia Southerland
2	Jeanne Ferrell	William Schubert	29	Jean Alexander	George Swallow
3	Carline Berg	Fred Mayer	30	Phyllis Deaderick	Virginia Morgan
4	Robert Hein	Raymond Griffith	31	Doris Williams	Shirley Smith
5	Elaine Crafe	Gloria Ruth Gilber	32	Lorraine Lupicki	Eloise Malrich
6	Bob Stocker	Joe Baldes	33	Marion Goin	Meta Betz
7	John Galimberti	Benn Fucel	34	Andre Phillips	Helen Macko
8	Ruth Terry	Dorothy Bittner	35	Milton Lauenstein	Joyce Relfeiss
9	Mary Ellen Scott	Jean Hale	36	Verda Kautz	John Schaeffer
10	Harry Hammerman	William Wells	37	Fred Martin	Helen Sims
11	Delores Hall	Marion Weiss	38	George Glaisch	Bernice Sinnwell
12	Glenn Newpert	Ann Evanoff	39	Alvin Acton	Robert Kreuter
13	Jeanne Bishop	Christine Azzani	40	George Brown	Jean Walter
14	Eilee Hoffmann	Evelyn Jones	41	O. H. Jones	Betty Campbell
15	Oliver Keller	Dick Barnard	42	Ruth Massot	Edson Fortune
16	Laurel Klug	Dorothy Swenson	43	Norma Lee Outman	Shirley Haas
17	Virginia Stubbs	Frank Dockery	44	Arthur Smith	Eloise Mayle
18	Ervin Heins	Carl Hein	45	Jeanne Leilich	Lorraine Miller
19	Gertrude Ad-ignola	Evelyn Warman	46	Ruth Massot	Robert Fallert
20	Sallie Gault	Warren Miller	47	Edward Rossumanno	Bob Davis
21	Ruth Donadon	Nelda Lee Tucker	K-1	June Schneider	Dorothy Reutner
22	Helen Rotty	Charles Cantoni	K-2	Gilbert Meter	Victor Miller
23	Claire Lenney	Nancy Miller	K-3	June Schmitt	Margery Rathel
24	George Pfister	Patricia Foley	K-4	Thomas Moran	Lorraine Fink
25	Kenneth Kuehlmer	Lorraine Clark	K-5	Betty Lassater	Gwendolyn Ahrens
26	La Verne Hefty	Marion Primrose			

## Five of SW Faculty Attend Convention

Mr. Dee, Mr. Howlett, Mr. Williams, Miss Skinner and Miss Funk attended the annual Missouri State Teachers Association in Kansas City, Missouri, on November 6, 7, 8.

Mr. Dee, in reply to what he thought was the highlight of the convention stated: "The highlight of the convention to me was the Friday evening session when a great scientist and a great editor pleaded with the teachers of Missouri to build up the spiritual resources of America by seeing to it that religion had its proper place in our public educational system."

To the same question the other delegates replied as follows:

"Pop" Howlett—"The meeting of the mathematical section was unusually good, with Professor Betz of Missouri University speaking on the teaching of mathematics at the present time."

Mr. Williams—"The plans for the physical education program are aimed toward National Defense preparedness. This includes physical education, recreation, health and school camps."

Miss Skinner—"In keeping with the spirit of times, the theme of the convention—Education for National Defense—was developed by each of the scientists, educators, and other guest speakers who addressed the general sessions. Other convention activities which we enjoyed included the presentation of a dramatic sketch, 'Youth Meets Uncle Sam,' by Station KMBC, and a fashion tea, following a trip through the Nelly Don Dress Factory."

Miss Funk—"We, as teachers and students, can best serve in our national defense by becoming well-informed, by keeping ourselves physically fit, by learning to respect the rights and views of others, and above all, by recognizing and cherishing the splendid heritage which is ours as Americans."

## VOCABULARY QUIZ ANSWERS

- ability—cleverness
- confirm—authenticate
- demolish—raise
- ferce—raging
- harmony—unity
- ridiculous—jeer
- subsidy—bonus
- concurate—respect
- attribute—assign
- attain—achieve
- frivolous—trivial
- prodigious—huge

## Meet Your Neighbor

Mrs. Stocker, who lives at 4946 Arsenal, one house west of Southwest, opened the door in answer to our knock and smiled as she announced proudly, "I've lived in this neighborhood for twenty-six years and certainly do like it."

This neighbor has no children but she has sixty chickens and a beautiful yard to occupy her time. Mrs. Stocker is very proud of her chickens and a glow of satisfaction could be seen in her face when she mentioned them.

"I really enjoy living near Southwest and I haven't a word to say against it. I'll have to admit though, that I was a little worried when the school was first built, but all I can say now is 'They are such a fine bunch of children.'"

Mrs. Stocker said the noise of school life bothered her very little.

"No, I didn't have the opportunity of going through a public high school when I was young. You see, I'm a country girl and didn't move to the city till I married Mr. Stocker. All Southwest students should be proud of the chance to go to such a beautiful school."

## Do You Know That

1. A bookworm is really an insect?
2. *Cute* originally meant *clever*?
3. There is a Southwest High School in Kansas City?
4. Central High School was the first high school on this side of the Mississippi?

## FASHIONS AND FANCIES

BY BARBARA LANCTOT

**Snooping Suzy** with her magnifying glass, pass keys and horn-rimmed specs notices Harold Conley and his hicups that become peculiarly apparent whenever he sings "Drink To Me Only With Thine Eyes" (must be powerful stuff); John Galimberti's reading sonnets almost as well as he carries a football; Kay Koetter's artistic genius expressed on the blackboard in 215; Betty Wolfrom and her three-inch safety pin; Nell Funke, a term four edition of her well-known sister; Ruth Topping in a bright red sweater triumphantly finished after two years of dogged ripping and fresh beginnings; the stamping and "sawing your partner" heard from the first floor gym on Mon-

## Boys Use Fire Truck To Deliver Baskets

By Ervin Heins

Pitching and swaying in a fire truck, Louis Doerr, John Stradel, Bob Mueller and I learned the day before Thanksgiving just why charity is the greatest virtue.

Ours was the task of distributing the baskets of food donated by the students of Southwest in their annual gesture to the neighborhood needy. The job was not simple. The jolting conveyance, our non-acquaintance with the districts we visited, the inclement weather were none too agreeable features. Indeed, the classes we left behind seemed pleasant by comparison. Visions of the turkey dinner being served lucky students at Southwest were all too recurrent. But the faces of the school's beneficiaries, their manifest need for the gifts was ample reward for our sacrifice.

We left school shortly after the first period and our troubles began almost immediately. We underwent nearly insufferable difficulty in locating some of the stopping places, a certain Argus Street eluding our tortured gaze for almost an hour.

Louis Doerr can display a neat tear in his coat sleeve as an unpleasant memento of one rough point of the journey. At another juncture a guileful saloon proprietor essayed a novel bit of bribery, offering to take one of our baskets in exchange for one of his wares, specifically a bottle of Scotch. Our dutiful driver, of course, rejected the offer.

## CLUB DOINGS

**Ice Skating**, for boys and girls of Southwest, occurs every Friday afternoon at the Arena. Admission is 26 cents with the card held by each member of the club. Boys and girls wishing to join must return signed parent consent cards to Miss Williams or Mr. Wilson, who serve as sponsors.

At a recent meeting of the **Hiking Club**, which assembles every other Tuesday in room 218, with Miss Randolph as sponsor, the following officers were elected:

Elizabeth Schomaker.....President  
Alice Yungermann.....Vice-Pres.  
Helen Roschke.....Sec'y-Treas.  
Leetta Davis.....Pioneer Reporter

The club recently visited the Chrysanthemum Show in Shaw's Garden. They were interested to note the many new varieties of plants which had been developed for this year's display.

**The Spelling Club**, strengthened by captain Jerry Schorsch, Marie Morris, Gordan Freise, Leo Mayer, Frances Ruf, Laurel Klug and Elsie Leaver of last semester's team, has an enrollment of 19, the largest since the club was organized.

Members are trying to locate additional able spellers to take part in the Greater St. Louis Interscholastic Spelling Contest, to be held next spring. Meetings are held in room 308 every Thursday afternoon with Mr. George as sponsor.

Officers of the **Latin Club**, elected at the regular meeting on November 7, are as follows:  
Alvin Acton.....President  
Isabelle Schwerdtmann.....V.-Pres.  
Eunice Agne.....Secretary  
Edith King.....Treasurer  
The club, under the sponsorship of the Latin Teachers, meets every other Thursday in Room 303.

The Senior Girl Scout Troop of Southwest, led by Mrs. Appel, at their first meeting on November 18, elected the following girls to office:

Olive Appel.....President  
Virginia Anderson.....Vice-Pres.  
Jocille McIntyre.....Corres. Sec'y.  
Jeanne Marie Zeller.....Rec. Sec'y.  
Anita Carner.....Treasurer

Under the auspices of the **Math Club**, Mr. J. L. Stevenson, president of the Aloe Optical Co. of St. Louis, spoke on fundamentals and mathematics of optics to a large group on November 27, after school, in Room 400.

## Albert Hencke's Brother Wins Legion Essay Prize

Albert Hencke, third semester student at Southwest, has a famous brother. It's Charles Hencke, senior at Roosevelt High School, who received first prize in the American Legion city-wide contest for his essay on "Americanism."

On November 22 the Fred W. Stockham Post awarded him a golden trophy and a wrist watch.

## North Outscores South, 33-19 SW Band Takes Second Place

8,000 fans saw football in its most spectacular aspect as the North outscored the South 33 to 19 in last Friday's benefit game at the Public School Stadium.

The relay feature was by no means the only novelty of the wide open contest. One of the rarities was the fourth

quarter resort to flood light illumination when old Sol's beams proved inadequate. Another was Central's first touchdown of the year on a surprise lateral maneuver after Roosevelt's kickoff, while the Midtowners' unsuccessful conversion attempt may readily be ascribed to lack of experience in that department of pedal nicety.

Roosevelt had drawn first blood when Schallert plunged over from six yards out, after a succession of fumbles and pass interceptions had nullified previous Red and White efforts. The Rough Riders came back after the Central tally with a pleasing overhead game and an ever present ground threat to score again before the close of the first quarter, Whitworth hitting pay dirt on a one-yard buck.

McKinley entered the game for the South after the first quarter and contrived to shove over a touchdown before Central was replaced by the champion Soldan aggregation. The Tigers then marched 70 yards for a score, with Lombardo and Todorovich doing the heavy work, Lombardo going over and the half ended with the South leading, 19 to 13.

After the intermission, Soldan returned to action, facing Southwest for ten minutes. The Longhorns took the kickoff, moved for a first down and barely missed a second at midfield before kicking. Soldan put the ball in play on their own 35 and swept 65 yards on a sustained offensive, Lombardo again scoring. Lombardo's conversion gave the North the lead for the first time.

Beaumont relieved the Tigers, with 20 minutes of the contest remaining, and promptly marched from midfield to a touchdown. Tevis cracked center from the three-yard line after a pass, Tevis to Exler, had set up the tally. In the final period, the Blue Jackets covered a Cleveland fumble on the Carondeleters' 15-yard line. Then, on a reverse, Exler cut inside his own right flank to score.

A band contest furnished the half-time color, Soldan winning and Southwest receiving second award.

## Thirteen Boys Make Above 200 in Bowling

As the season of the popular sport of bowling reaches the two-third mark, there are, as in most sports, many boys who have excelled in their play.

The Boys Bowling League recommends the following boys to the Hall of Fame for having bowled one game above 200 during this semester's schedule.

In the Gold League: Oliver Obenhaus, Nick Marino, Clarence Tebeau, Wallace Warner, William Heath, Robert Hanneke, Walter Heisner, Ray Kessler, John Flavin, Donald McClaren, Reese Penfield, Ervin Helms and Jack Adelman.

In the Green League: Kenneth Kalisch, David Rhees, O. H. Jones, Robert Kreutzer, Carl Hunike, Eugene Bean and Al Duwe.

## THEY'RE ALL STARS NOW

Southwest gridders Crocker, Keaton, Galimberti and Danner, are no longer merely ordinary pigskin chasers. They're all-stars now, by virtue of selection on one or more of the mythical squads which bloom so profusely at the season's close.

## SW Cage Team Loses to Roosevelt; Twelve Games Scheduled This Season

Southwest's basketball team lost its first practice game to Roosevelt by a score of 31-22 on November 15 at Roosevelt High School. With many weeks of practice to their advantage, the Roosevelt quintette was playing in mid-season form and led throughout the game.

With two baskets in the first period and two free throws in the second, Southwest tallied 6 points while Roosevelt scored 23.

In the second half, the Longhorns held the Rough Riders to 8 points while they scored 16 points.

The schedule for Southwest is as follows:

- Dec. 3—McBride.
- Dec. 6—Maplewood.
- Dec. 10—S. S. Catholic.
- Dec. 13—Beaumont\*.
- Dec. 18—Western M. A. (Alton, Ill.)
- Dec. 20—C. B. C.
- Jan. 3—Central\*.
- Jan. 10—Cleveland\*.
- Jan. 24—Roosevelt\*.
- Jan. 31—Soldan\*.
- Feb. 7—Blewett\*.
- Feb. 14—McKinley\*.

\*Indicates league games which are played at St. Louis University gym. All other games are to be played at the opponent's court.

## AVOURIS ASKS THE QUESTION

Do you think Aud Sessions are of any value?

It's question time again with Avouris, the question popper, giving you all the answers. Here they are with every semester represented.

**Jimmy Leon**—first semester student—"I haven't been to any, but from what I've heard they are very good entertainment."

**Jane Krebs**—second semester student—"Auds give the school a chance to see kids who have earned letters in different activities."

**Jim Vellios**—third semester student—"They are instructive, because I have learned much in fire prevention from speakers of the fire department."

**Dorothy Grandinetti**—fourth semester student—"The students have a chance to show visitors how well Southwest pupils are mannered."

**Donald Schaeffer**—fifth semester student—"Everyone gets to hear good music by various bands which can and should be appreciated by the students."

**Helen Rapp**—sixth semester student—"It gives you the opportunity to see and hear well-known people who always speak for the good of the children."

**Donald Hahn**—seventh semester student—"Motion pictures on safety and health are very helpful to every high school student."

**Margaret Lasater**—eighth semester student—"Classes are missed, but on the whole Auds are very educational."

If you have a question in mind which would be a vital interest to the school, deposit it in the Pioneer box in 215.

More boys will be added as the schedule is finished.

## SW Swimming Team Meets Beaumont, December 13

On December 13, Southwest's 1940 swimming squad will meet Beaumont in the first league meet of the season.

With many boys from last year's squad again on the team, Southwest is expected to be one of the top teams in the league. Those boys who were on the team last year and again this year are as follows:

Dick Barnard, Elmer Crowder, Calvin Duke, Lawrence Fuqua, Bob Golden, Purdue Gould, Welden Huckins, Melvin Karr, Edward Moore, Frank Piskos, Mack Stone, Burton Turner, Ralph Boekemeier, Jack Seeler and Dan Wheatcroft.

## Little Longhorns Close Season; 8 Wins, 1 Loss

The "B" football team breezed through the football season with comparative ease, winning eight times and losing only one tilt.

They achieved such results only as a result of work; seldom an afternoon passed that the team was not on the campus, practicing in some way.

In the public high loop they took every contest, winning from Roosevelt twice, 6-0 and 7-6; beating Soldan, 18-0; and laying it on Cleveland, 25-7.

In other games of season Southwest whitewashed South Side Catholic, 19-0; Normandy, 26-0; and McBride, 12-0. However, Christian Brothers College turned the tide, trimming them 6-0.

In the last game of the season between Southwest and St. Louis U. High, Southwest emerged the winner by a 7-6 score. So when the season was completed, Southwest rolled up 115 points against the opposition, while 25 points were scored against them. A better record could hardly be asked.

Mr. Wetmore, the coach, says: "I was fortunate to have a sturdy group to work with, and enjoyed it very much."

The boys on the team and their positions are as follows: Gordon O'Neill, L. E.; Ralph Hoek, L. E.; Glenn Schultz, L. G.; Bill La Mothe, L. G.; Francis Miller, L. T.; Jack Ebinger, R. T.; Bob Smith, R. T.; James Jones, C.; Roland Hamman, Jr., C.; George Bonomom, R. G.; Charles Steiner, R. G.; James Thompson, R. E.; Gordon Garrey, R. E.; Art Meyers, E. G.; Jim Watts, R. E.; Art Smith, O. A.; brose Perotta, L. H. B.; Ronald Middleton, L. H. B.; Bob Huning, R. H. B.; Kenneth Lee, R. E.; Donald Clader, F.; Charles Posco, F.; and Guy Minnella, Waterboy.

## ESSIG'S LONGHORN LORE

With the football season officially closed (all teams having completed their schedules) a fair ranking of the public high elevens may now be predicated on performances rather than on records of previous years of returning lettermen or other yardsticks utilized by pre-season clairvoyants.

Conceding with due regard that comparative scores are often of little value in rating football machines, the Public High Loop falls rather easily into three divisions (two clear cut, the other indefinite) roughly representing superiority, mediocrity, and inferiority.

**Group 1.** Beaumont, by virtue of its convincing victory over Soldan, must be given top honors.

**Group 2.** Soldan, Southwest, Cleveland, McKinley, and Roosevelt. Take them in that order or otherwise. Remove the Beaumont defeat from the Soldan schedule and the Tigers are championship calibre, yet Cleveland defeated by Soldan 40-14 managed to tie the Blue Jackets. Also Cleveland slipped by Southwest but lost to McKinley, which in turn was beaten by Southwest. The picture just isn't clear. This second group might easily be submitted as a perfect example of the unpredictability of football or one good rea-

son why gridiron dopsters frequently go mad. Roosevelt wins reluctant consideration by deadlocking McKinley and beating Central.

**Group 3.** Central—the circuit's doormat—scoreless in league competition this year.

One statement may be made without reservation: the best football in the district was played in the Public High School League. Results of inter-league games furnish ample confirmation.

## Amusing Sidelight

An amusing sidelight of the recently closed football season was the continued allusion to the Southwest team as the "baby" of the circuit. Coined last year, the term rather aptly phrased the inability of Southwest to cope with its more established rivals. But the efforts of the squad this year were far from infantile. The "baby" idea is ready for the ash heap. A more connotative epithet is in order.

## Senior Survey

Hello again, Seniors:

Well, with Thanksgiving past, Christmas is sprinting ahead with graduation running a close second. No, chillin, it won't be long now.

Someone should take June Belle Cravens aside and explain to her the difference between a cow and a pig.

Arlene Weinberg and Victor D'Haringue sure did some fancy stepping at the eights' dance. And swing must have deposited its rhythmical beat in the heart of Charlie Reichold, for he sure does jive.

Just why did tears come to a certain cheerleader's eyes when a certain football player was roughed up a bit at the Soldan-SW game?

Congratulations, Jean Fitch, on those songs you have been writing lately. But what we would like to know is, who inspires you?

Did you see what we saw at the Sevens' Jamboree? Yes, that's right . . . Freshmen!!!

Well, Jimmy Dreyer, doesn't it feel rather chilly now that your home-grown ear muffs have been forcefully stolen from you? Personally though, we think the gym teachers did a pretty good job.

## AT RANDOM

Paul Magoon's familiar blush when Elaine Huebner asked him to dance . . . Eloise Mallrich's diamond ring on the left hand, third finger . . . Bob Williamson losing his equilibrium at the eights' dance . . . Dorothy Schmidt dashing home to hear "Superman" . . . Frank Jaeger doing a bit of jitterbugging . . . Four senior girls getting sick on stolen pears (See Dorothy Weckler for details).

We laughed when Ethel Repohl said she was going to become in-

## Mr. Rosenkranz Speaks At English Convention

Between sips of his soup and amidst "wisecracks" from Messrs. Clark and Wilson, who were sitting at the same table during the fourth lunch hour, Mr. Samuel Rosenkranz gave an account of his trip to Chicago to attend the National Convention of Teachers of English, which was held from Thursday afternoon, November 21 to Saturday afternoon, November 23.

Mr. Rosenkranz attended the annual convention to take part in a panel discussion with four other teachers representing schools in different parts of the United States.

At the convention, which was held at the Stevens Hotel, were 3607 teachers from all over the country, including Alaska and Hawaii. Among some of the celebrities who attended were: Louis Bromfield, I. A. Richards, and Mark Van Doren, who are best known for their writings, and such educators as Professors Dora Smith and Mortimer Adler, author of the recent best seller, *How to Read a Book*.

Mr. Rosenkranz's part of the panel discussion was a speech delivered on Friday afternoon, on "How to train gifted students for leadership in a democracy." In his speech he talked about what kind of work gifted students should be given, what is to be expected of them, and the attitudes they should develop toward average persons in a democratic society.

telligent. We didn't know she was reading a book entitled "Development of the Infant's Mind."

As ever,

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