

'Katinka' costumes catch spirit of far-off lands

Scenes set in Russia, Turkey and Austria

Costumes created for Southwest's operetta, *Katinka*, will do a big part in bringing the gaiety and romantic color of far-away countries to the auditorium stage on the evenings of December 10 and 11.

Act 1—Russia

In the first act dashing Russian costumes brighten the stage. Margaretha Evertz in the title role is dressed as a typical Russian bride, while her groom, Dayton Lierly, in the part of Boris, wears a military uniform of white with gold braid.

Jane Howlett as 'Katinka's maid, Varenka, and Mary Stulce as Katinka's best friend, Nadia, wear full skirts with many ruffles, and headdresses, bodices and boots of a contrasting color. As Katinka's mother, Tatiana, Marilyn Mesloh wears a blue taffeta gown trimmed in silver.

Girls of the chorus wear full ruffled skirts, headdresses, flowered shawls, boots, all gay with color; boys of the chorus wear dark trousers and Russian blouses. Russian dancers are dressed in gay blue jackets, matching boots and silver trimmed skirts, while the toe dancing group sparkles in rainbow skirts and black velvet bodices trimmed with gold braid.

Act 2—Turkey

The second act takes place in old Stambul, Turkey. In this act, Katinka wears two costumes, a chartreuse traveling suit and a pastel Turkish gown. Nell Funke as Olga and as Nashan (same person) wears a flowing skirt of pink and silver, a blue jacket, a pink chiffon veil and little Turkish slippers that turn up at the toe.

Girls of the chorus are in Turkish costumes of soft pastels, while the boys wear typical Turkish outfits.

Act 3—Vienna

In the final act the scene shifts to Herr Knopf's cafe in Vienna, where the entire cast and chorus appear in full dress, the girls in formals of varying

Mr. Rosenkranz at Fort Knox

Mr. Rosenkranz is now at Fort Knox, in Louisville, Kentucky. He arrived there Tuesday night, November 10, after having been transferred from Jefferson Barracks, where he had been stationed since his induction on November 4.

It seems as though Mr. Rosenkranz was truly cut out to be a teacher, for even in the army they have chosen him to instruct the boys, on whom the freedom of our country depends, in mathematics; and who knows, Fort Knox may even publish a year book before this war is over.

shades and the boys in summer tuxedos. As Herr Knopf, Gail Anderson wears a Viennese costume. Mrs. Hopper's gown is of King's blue tulle with sequin trim; Katinka's of red and gold; and Tatiana's black with gold sequins.

A white tulle gown with silver sequins is Katherine Spano's costume for a dance with Lester Allen, who is also in full dress.

What the future holds

Snapshots of seniors

All you camera-shy sevens and eights will have to overcome that fear of photographers and have your pictures taken before December 1. If you have no specification sheet, dash down to see Mr. Kent in Room 212; he will fix you up. The photographer can't snap your "pulchritudinous" profile without one.

Literary contest deadline

December 4, the closing date of the Roundup literary contest, is just around the corner. If you haven't tried, you really should. Remember—only nine more days!

Holiday game

Don't let the Thanksgiving holidays dull your interest in the Longhorns. Next Saturday's clash with Cleveland at the Public School Stadium at 3 p. m. promises to be a thriller. See you there!

Thanksgiving

Among Southwesterners' many reasons for giving thanks belong:

First, the grace period of almost two weeks before report cards are due again—a week from Tuesday's the day.

Second, the four-day Thanksgiving recess, beginning today at 3 p. m. and ending Monday at 9 a. m.

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Mueller brothers give services to army, navy

by BILL GLASTRIS



GEORGE MUELLER

"I have boys in both the army and the navy and I'm proud of them, but I do miss them," remarked Mrs. Dora Mueller, 2125 Blendon Place, mother of George and Bob Mueller, former Southwest students.

George in army air force

"My older boy, George, tried to enlist in the Coast Guard but wasn't accepted; therefore, he stayed in school until he was drafted."

George is well remembered by Southwesterners for his work as a cheer leader, his deep bass voice and his many appearances in musical productions. When he in June '40, Culver-Stockton College awarded him a musical scholarship. However, he was able to complete only two years before he was drafted last September 23.

Three teachers to attend meet at Kansas City

Mr. Jones, Miss Funk and Miss Pierce will be in Kansas City next Thursday, Friday and Saturday, serving as Southwest's delegates to the 1942 Missouri State Teachers' Convention. Mr. Jones has charge of a panel discussion on Friday morning on the subject *A Renewed Emphasis on Science Teaching*. Topics to be considered in this discussion are:

1. The recent reports of the National Committee on Science Teaching.
2. Senior high school and junior college sciences as preparation for aeronautical training.

At the American Council of Science Teachers Convention in Denver last summer, Mr. Jones participated in a panel discussion in their initial presentation. The topic is timely as

Since that time he has been in training with the medical division of the army air force, handling X-ray equipment. After his training period is over, he will probably be made a technical sergeant.

Bob, third class petty officer

Mrs. Mueller went on to say, "My younger boy, Bob, also makes me very proud. Because of his knowledge of radio, he was given the rating of a third class petty officer when he enlisted in the navy."

Bob left Southwest a few weeks ago during his seventh semester to join the navy. For years, as a "ham" (amateur radio station operator), he has sent out his call letters W9AXB to many parts of the world. Photography has been another hobby of his; and like his brother he is a talented singer.

aeronautics has just been introduced into the public school curriculum.

Waacs and Waves aud next week

Lieut. Marcia Marple and Ensign Teets on College Club program

On December 1 the College Club of Southwest will present an auditorium session of especial interest to girls featuring the W.A.A.C.'s and W.A.V.E.'s (in other words, the *Waacs* and *Waves*). As it now stands, the program will begin with a talk about the *Waacs* given by Ethel McRaven, to be followed by one of the guest speakers, Lieutenant Marcia Marple of the *Waacs*. The audience will then join in singing *America the Beautiful*.

Next Ollie Keller will make a talk introductory to the speech of Ensign Teets of the *Waves*, who will follow him immediately. The program will close with the *Lord's Prayer*, sung by Dick Watkins.

Army Day session

The club's Army Day session, presented on November 19, featured a movie entitled *Here Comes the Cavalry*. Before the picture, Ann Stokes spoke on the opportunities presented by the army; Lawrence Morgan gave a talk on the branches of the army. Then Harold Boehme electrified the audience with some lively army bugle calls. Lieutenant John L. Townsend of the army emphasized the advantages of volunteering early.

The club's recently elected co-presidents, Ray Griffith and Bud Grove, alternate as masters of ceremonies at these sessions. As Ray officiated at the Army Aud, Bud will preside on December 1.

26 now belong to SW Spelling Club

Membership in Southwest Spelling Club has increased by leaps and bounds; 26 now report for practice. From this group a team of eight spellers and two alternates will be chosen to compete in the annual spring spelling tournament sponsored by radio station KSD.

At the meeting on November 5, the following officers were elected: Audrey Wolters, president; Mary Lou Bosche, vice-president; Dorothy Schneiders, secretary. Audrey and Mary Lou, both sevens, have taken part in three tournaments; while Dorothy, also a seven, was a team member last spring.

Katinka will be here

on December 10+11

Editorially speaking

War and Thanksgiving

"What does Thanksgiving mean to you?"

"Thanksgiving? That means I get a two-day holiday with pumpkin pies, turkey, dressing, cranberries, and a trip to grandmother's farm, since we can still get gas for the car," answers the average student.

To our forefathers it was a day to praise God and give thanks for their homes and the good crop the new land had yielded them.

Today, on the eve of Thanksgiving, 1942, the United States is in the midst of a war for the preservation of liberty. What should Thanksgiving mean to you at this time?

President Roosevelt, in his Thanksgiving Proclamation, quoted, from the 92nd Psalm, "It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord." After recommending to the nation the 23rd Psalm, the President said:

"Inspired with faith and courage by these words, let us turn again to the work that confronts us in this time of national emergency; in the armed services and the merchant marine; in factories and offices; on farms and in the mines; on highways, railways and airways; in other places of public service to the nation and in our homes."



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Past, present, future

Yesterday

Yesterday we were children enjoying life as care-free Americans. We were playing in our back yards. Brother and sister came home after school and raided the icebox. Father spent the evening peacefully pondering over a newspaper. But yesterday is gone. It is now—

Today

Today we are youth, American youth, with a part to play in the greatest battle ever fought. If we are to play a part in this battle we must be properly prepared. Whether our part is on the battlefield or in the factory, we must be ready to do it well. While we are still in school, we must prepare ourselves so time will not be wasted in going to military or technical schools to learn the algebra, physics, mechanical drawing and other subjects we will need. Prepare, youth of America, so we may sooner realize a victorious—

Tomorrow

Tomorrow we will be men and women in business and raising families in a free nation at peace. To have a free and peaceful nation tomorrow is worth any sacrifice. Study, work and fight today, youth of America, so your children of tomorrow may enjoy childhood as you enjoyed it yesterday.

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'It is good to give thanks'



What other high schools are doing

They do their part

Beaumont's Boys' Glee Club has written a War Bond song, called *Friends of Uncle Sam*, which will be used by the U. S. Treasury Department.

Beaumont Digest

The Webster Echo staff is forwarding copies of their paper to all Webster High Alumni in the armed services.

Some Problem

When Noah sailed the water blue,
He had that trouble same as you;
For forty days he drove the ark,
Before he found a place to park.
What! No gas rationing?
The Griffin—Blewett High

Three hundred Christmas boxes containing useful items such as tooth brushes, tooth powder, soap and wash cloths have been donated by Cleveland's Junior Red Cross Unit, to be sent to war-ravaged countries.

Orange and Blue—
Cleveland High

Swingeroo quickies

Cap'n Miller marches on

'Juke Box Saturday Night' captures lead in SW 'Hit Parade'

Remember a shy voice bellowing at you, "What's your favorite popular record and who's it by?" Well, after a body with a parched throat and mangled fingers tallied the notes, the result was so super it was really out of this world.

No foolin', Glenn Miller fans, you're really in there. Even though Glenn's wax wonders are limited, his latest hit shot through in first place. It's a record that just about melts the wax—

Juke Box Saturday Night with *Sleepy Town Train* rolling along on the other side.

For the more solemn souls,

SW has own Glen Miller

We thought he had dissolved his band and become a captain in the army, but now we find he's enrolled at Southwest. Who? Glen Miller!

Glen, a quiet, brown-eyed, third semester boy of Mr. Riegan's group, explains that he is used to wise cracks about his name and points out that Glen in his case is spelt with one n.

His favorite Miller record? He's loyal—likes 'em all.

Quotation Quiz

Who's who? The following quotations are from well-known people. If you guess one, end it all; two, you peeked; three, you're in step; four, you're getting intelligent (?); five, oh, so you're one of those; six,—stupor—natural.

1. "Quiet, please!"
2. "Veni, vide, vici."
3. "I'm glad my next period is lunch."
4. "With malice toward none and charity toward all."
5. "Last one out of the dressing room comes out on all fours."
6. "For tomorrow's lesson."

For answers, see bottom of column four.

Who's Who, SW edition

This column proposes to turn the spotlight on students who distinguish themselves both in studies and in activities. Attention for this week focuses on—

Ellamae Berblinger

One of the best little dancers here at Southwest, she has appeared in every musical production given in the past six terms. Making four E's and one G hasn't cramped her style at all; she participates in the tap, toe, ballet and czardas groups, and is a member of the Student Council. Believe it or not, she wants to become a secretary.

Ann Stokes

She spends most of her time being a "good neighbor" secretary for the Southwest Pan-Am Club and the Pan-American Council of St. Louis. Although she's only a five, Ann is in the senior adv. composition class; she steps along with the dance group, sings in Girls' Glee Club and takes a great deal of interest in the College Club. All this and four E's and one G, too.

Arline Tocktrop

Being an eight doesn't effect her grades; her last report card still shows four E's. For several courses each day she goes over to Hadley Technical High School, where she is working hard to gain the technical skill she needs to work as a comptroller. Arline was an active member of the Skating Club last year.

Gilbert Meler

He's a five, who had five E's on his last report card. He takes Spanish and German, subjects he expects to make good use of in his chosen profession, engineering. Gilbert has been active in the Archery Club.

Bob Zlervogel

Here's another four with four E's on his last report card. He is a "big little" tennis player and is also quite a star in track, where his classification is a midget.

He dood it!

During the touch football practice on November 9, Ted Schuster and Benny Pucci were both trying to cover the same pass; unfortunately for Ted, Benny got there first. The result was a broken collar bone and pulled muscles. While Ted had his arm in a sling, friends autographed the cast. Pucci, the human steam roller, wrote, "I dood it."

QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Miss Cordell
2. Julius Caesar
3. Mr. Detering
4. Abraham Lincoln
5. Miss Williams
6. Mr. Brew

Don Scott now editing 'Roundup'

New editor predicts best yearbook yet

"This spring will see the best yearbook that Southwest has ever produced, if all of the members of the *Roundup* staff pitch in and help as never before," predicted Don Scott in an interview apropos of his recent appointment to the editorship of the *Roundup*.

"We're not certain about the date of issue yet, but we think it will be about next May. Increased difficulty in obtaining materials, however, may influence our publication quite a bit."

"Scotty," known around school as the director of the Transportation Club, was selected from a number of candidates for the job by Miss McIntire, *Roundup* sponsor. This post, which carries with it many responsibilities, such as general supervision of the staff and of makeup of the book, also has its privileges, and these Don is going to use. He says, "I will try, with Miss McIntire's assistance, of course, to cut down unnecessary expenses and give the buyer of the book his or her money's worth. While sacrificing none of the previous quality, we can eliminate costly trivia to make a really interesting yearbook that every SW student can be proud of."

Don's favorite study here is, of course, journalism, and he plans to make it one of his major studies in college. SW Transportation Club, organized by Don and Miss Woody in 1941, is a carry-over from his railfan activities in Wheeling, W. Va., his former home, where he spent much of his time car-riding and engaging in other railfan activities.

Glad to be back in school swing, Miss Smith says

Seated again at her old desk in 318, Miss Smith spoke smilingly to a *Pioneer* reporter on her return, November 16, from a ten weeks' leave of absence because of illness, which began during her summer vacation at Santa Fe, New Mexico. She said enthusiastically that she was glad to be back in the swing of things at Southwest.

Hospitals and beds are particularly tedious to one as active as Miss Smith but during her few weeks of convalescence at home, she found, as she puts it, "The time just flew by."

"Teachers and pupils were very thoughtful and sent me kind remembrances," continued Miss Smith; "I am very grateful to them and I appreciated their thoughtfulness more than words can express."

'Katinka' to feature creations by Zerbes

Talented SW art student designs all operetta costumes

by Jeanne Hale

One of the reasons the forthcoming operetta, *Katinka*, promises to be a hit is the beautiful and clever costumes, worthy of top-notch Hollywood designers. Yet these creations are not the work of any professional designer; they were worked out according to Miss Hachtman's suggestions by another talented Southwesterner, Bernice Zerbes, seventh semester student of Mr. Whitehouse's group.

"I love drawing the operetta costumes," says Bernice enthusiastically. "I guess I like anything, though, as long as it has some drawing in it for me."

An art student since her second semester here, she has frequently demonstrated her talent in publicity posters for Southwest enterprises, most recently the Mother Goose clock for the *Pioneer* sales campaign and the sparkling glamour girls and boys advertising the Band Show. The costume sketches pictured on page one are hers, as were those that appeared in the *Pioneer* of December 3, 1941, advertising *The Fortune Teller*.

"Next to drawing, my favorite pastime is swimming, or really almost anything along the sports line," she tells us. An A Cappella member, Bernice is one of the lucky girls who on December 10 and 11

will parade in Zerbes creations.

"My favorite costume? Well (after a moment of deep thought), I think the Turkish girls. They wear jackets, full, ankle-length skirts of the same pastel shades as the skirts with bands of a contrasting pastel and matching marquisette veils. They'll have bells tied around their ankles. My costume is in lavender and deep purple."

As you might guess, Bernice's favorite subject and her hobby are one and the same—art.

"I like to draw anything, but especially pictures of people. I want to make illustrating my career," thus she sums up her ambition.

Gilk pursues rare hobby

Hobbies are usually unusual, but Frank Gilk has an unusually unusual one. Frank, a first term, who lives at 4959 Kemper Park, has gone in for pigeon raising. Asked how he happened to take up such a hobby, he said, "I asked my father to get me a pet and he brought me eight pigeons."

That was three years ago. Since that time Frank has added to his collection and now has 106 birds, which he keeps in back yard shelters. He stresses that there are different kinds of pigeons, just as there are various breeds of dogs. In his flock alone he has an assortment of Homing, Berning-ham Rollers, and Kings.

"More people ought to raise pigeons," Frank said; "they aren't any trouble and they're interesting to watch in flight. For instance, whenever I let a roller out, he will fly about 250 feet in the air and roll over."

Pigeons are being used extensively in army communication work; some day Frank may be training pigeons for Uncle Sam.

Band Show yields \$300

Ticket returns for the 1942 Band Show are not yet completed, but since expenditures were low, the school expects to make 300 dollars profit. Federal amusement tax will take ten cents on each matinee dollar and 12 cents for the evening show.

Part of the money will be used to pay for band letters; the rest for replenishing the general school fund used to pay expenses not met by school board appropriations.

Highlights were scenes in the Province of Quebec, showing the typical French atmosphere; the historical city of Boston; the great St. Lawrence and its 1000 islands; Mount Morency Falls, one and one-half times as high as Niagara, located on the grounds of Kent House, the former summer home of the Duke of Kent.

'Pioneer' to print addresses of SW boys in service

Southwest has contributed much to the war effort through graduates and former students in the armed forces. Many of these names have appeared in former issues of the *Pioneer*, but boys in service wrote asking that addresses as well as names be printed. The boys, it seems, want to correspond with their former classmates.

If you know anyone whose name does not appear in this issue write the name and service address on the blank provided by the Student Council and either give it to your Council Representative or put it in Miss Pierce's mail box.

Now for addresses as space allows.

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More next issue.

Pioneer Sports Editor stars in several fields



by BOB MEYER

Those who know him, agree that Glenn Schultz, nicknamed "Chippo" by friends, is an all-around-star. Not only has he made a name for himself in SW sports-light by starring at right half on the Longhorn team, holding two track letters, and earning a state letter by running the 440 in 52.8 seconds, but he is also sports editor for the *Pioneer*, Student Council representative for two years, Special Service member for one year, and to top this list of achievements, has received 20 E's and one G in 21 final semester grades.

Glenn is a sixth semester student in Mr. Kelbaugh's advisory, group 24. One may well see from his appearance why "Chippo" has done so well with football; for he is tall, about six feet, heavily built and muscular. He can probably be best distinguished by the crew cut

he displays during the summer months (which, by the way, brought him his nickname) and his big laughing smile. About his studies, Glenn says, "My favorite study in school is science, physics right now. After high school I plan to take a medical course."

Hurt in Beaumont Game

In the course of the Southwest-Beaumont game on Saturday, November 7, Glenn was injured and taken out, to the grief of Longhorn fans. He was, however, back to school Monday, "feeling only a little tired."

This is probably the first time in *Pioneer* history that a reporter interviewed a track and football hero, and then did not turn the article in to the sports editor. Since Glenn, besides being a star athlete is *Pioneer* sports editor, I'm not taking any chances of his modesty ruling out my article. Instead I'm turning it in to Jeanne Zeller, managing editor in charge of page three.



Green and Gold to buck Cleveland in final game of season Saturday

Want to know how Southwest stacks up against the Carondelets? Well, here's the dope:

On the basis of comparative showings against common opponents, the Dutchmen appear superior. Though Southwest and Cleveland both lost to Beaumont by 13-12 scores, the Fenengamen trounced Central 19-0 and Roosevelt 12-7, while the Longhorns were pressed to beat Central 6-0 and tied the Rough Riders 13-13. Against Soldan, both Southwest and Cleveland won by six-point margins. Cleveland and McKinley produced a scoreless tie, and at the time this paper went to press it was uncertain what Southwest would do against the Goldbugs.

Cleveland outpoints SW

In five games Cleveland has scored 56 points against their opponents' 27, while in four games Southwest has scored 37 points against 26 for their opponents. For the results after the McKinley fracas add on the points scored by each side. In order to equal Cleveland's number of points won-lost, the Steers must have had a net gain of 18 points over the Goldbugs.

The Cleveland gridmen, under the able tutelage of foxy Bert Fenenga, operate from an unconventional "T" formation using an inverted quarterback, and do not hesitate to resort to the unusual if by so doing they can win a ball game. So watch out for the long fade-back passes, delayed reverses around the weak side of the line, short basketball pass-laters over the line, and perhaps even a punt back to SW after they receive the kickoff.

SW best under stress

However, Coach Kittlaus and Co. and certainly not letting any grass grow under their feet. Everyone knows that the Longhorns fight best when the going is the toughest, so come on out this Saturday and watch the "T" Party.

Because inclement weather ruled out last Saturday's Southwest-McKinley contest, the account of that game, for which this column was reserved, could not be made ready for this issue. A summary of that game, together with the regular write-up of the Southwest-Cleveland tilt, will appear in the next issue.

Bradbury wears green, gold shoes

If you see a pair of green and gold shoes walking about the corridors, you will probably find Bob Bradbury's feet in them. This energetic cheer leader created the design and painted the shoes green at heel and toe, and yellow in between the letters SW shown conspicuously in the middle.

Bob has been engaged to paint four more pairs for enthusiastic admirers.

Start the ball rolling

AN EDITORIAL

At a recent football game, after the referee had imposed a penalty on one of the teams, certain students jeered at him as he carried the ball down the field. Later in the game these same students were very discourteous to the cheer leaders of the other school. That was a Southwest game. The students showing such poor sportsmanship were Southwest students.

What has happened to the old spirit of "let the best man win?" At one time Southwesterners were the first to cheer for the opposing team; now they have lowered themselves to the extent of "booing" them.

One of the purposes of interscholastic competition is to create good sportsmanship and a better feeling between the students of the different schools. If students persist in such conduct as has been shown recently, this purpose will undoubtedly be defeated. Although Southwest is not the only school at fault, one school (Southwest) could start the ball rolling in the right direction. People are like sheep, they will follow a good example as well as a bad one. What do you say, Southwesterners, shall we try it?

Football benefit game nets \$1500

The St. Louis public high schools' emergency fund for injured athletes netted nearly 1500 dollars in the benefit football game at the stadium on October 9. About the game, Mr. Chervenka, in charge of the ticket sales, said, "Although the general attendance was disappointing, possibly due to lack of interest on the part of the schools whose teams did not take part, Southwest did its part, selling 425 tickets. However, as the proceeds go to such a worthy cause, we really expected more students to attend."

Hobbies help relieve many war-time strains

Sir William Osler said long ago: "No man is really happy without a hobby—anything will do, so long as he straddles a hobby and rides hard."

Hobbies relieve physical and mental tension, permitting us "to unwind." Great discoveries and life jobs have been obtained through hobbies. James Watt played with a teakettle, Benjamin Franklin studied electricity. Carl Hubbell played sand lot baseball and Harry James played the trumpet in a circus. Now results speak for themselves.

How about you, do you have any hobbies? Many Southwesterners do, for instance:

Bob (Ham) Mueller is an amateur radio operator and is also fond of chemistry, as is Ronald Waldau.

Alice Kane collects tennis rackets, while the Ziervogel boys indulge in the game itself.

Ronald Middleton, a great athlete, goes in for baseball, football, track and anything that is left in the way of sports.

Paul McFadden is always working on some biology project or other.

Tell the Pioneer about your hobby.

Girls' Sport Whirl

by Audrey Wuest

Girls, can you swim? Would you be able to save a drowning person's life, if necessary? That is what the girls of the Swimming Club will be able to do after they pass all their tests. Now don't go thinking that it's just as easy as eating pie to pass these tests. It takes time and energy.

First of all, the girls are divided into three groups; the beginners, the intermediates and the swimmers.

All girls in the beginners group have to accomplish 20 feats before passing into the intermediate group. Some of these feats are breath-holding, rhythmic breathing, front kick glide, back kick glide, arm stroke, finning, plain front dive and the ability to swim the width of the pool.

The intermediate group must master 12 feats before they may enter into the swimmers group. A few of these feats are leg and arm strokes, 100 yards selected stroke, underwater swimming, five-minute swim, standing front dive and running jump in deep water.

Those few girls known as the swimmers are also required to accomplish ten additional feats, a few of which are 100 yards breast stroke, 100 yards side stroke, surface dive, tread water, running front dive, ten-minute swim, plunge dive. After passing these tests the girls are able to qualify for Junior Red Cross Life Saving.

At this time there are only five girls in the swimmers group. They are Johanna Schwarding, Dorothy Reutner, Betty Trelford, Evelyn Kidwell and Shirley Kallmeyer. Watch these girls and see how they advance.

Good Sports

Meet Southwest's "Four Horsemen." No, not football heroes this time but the four returning lettermen of the basketball team. Melvin Becker, Ralph Boekemier, Bill Jennings, and Tony Rubich make a combination that the opposition finds hard to beat.

Melvin Becker

In the left guard position is Melvin Becker, eighth semester student, a member of Mr. George's senior advisory, who played on the varsity for the first time last year. Year before last he played on the "B" team. His height of six feet is a great help when it comes to scoring those points. Melvin also plays center, where height really helps. "Do I think we have a chance for the championship? I certainly do," said Melvin, with an enthusiastic gleam in his eye.



Tony Rubich

Right guard of the basketball squad is Tony Rubich, member of Miss Murray's senior advisory. Tony played on the "B" team the year before last and earned his letter last year at the left guard by playing in every game. Tony's height of six foot two inches makes him the tallest of the "Four Horsemen." "I think we have a great chance for the championship," stated Tony, "but I know if we do win the championship it won't be won easily."

Ralph Boekemier

Next in line is Ralph Boekemier. Ralph, a third year man on the basketball team, paused between bites of a sandwich and sputtered "we're going to do better than last year by a long shot. We have a good team and an excellent coach in Mr. Polster, so there's no reason why we shouldn't improve."

Ralph, in his third year of basketball, plays forward and uses all his five feet eleven inches in putting that ball through the net. About his other activities, he explains, "I've been on the track and swimming teams, although I

didn't earn any letter. I was also on the Student Council; and as to school, well I don't mind it, but chemistry sure isn't a cinch. Besides participating in sports, my other hobby is playing the drums."

Bill Jennings

Last, but not least, is Bill Jennings, a headache to any opposing team.

Scoring point after point for the Southwest basketball team is Bill's specialty. He uses his towering height of six feet and one inch to advantage in playing basketball.

Bill, a six, is already the proud possessor of three letters. "I've been on the cagers three years now," Jennings explained, "and I have earned two letters, while I've received my third in baseball."

Tall, lanky, Jennings plays center on the team and certainly does a fine job. "The team," as he expressed it, "should have a successful season." As to his future, he says, "So far I have made no plans for going to college; I imagine that I will join the army."

Now that you've met them, don't forget to come to the games and see them in action.

Basketball season opens

SW cagers to meet McBride Tuesday

Southwest's basketball team will open their 1942 season next Tuesday night, December 1, against McBride High at the McBride gym. Southwest then plays Chaminade High at Chaminade on December 4 and on December 8 plays Wellston High at Wellston. These games are all preliminary games to the league opener on December 11 against Roosevelt. Southwest chances are very promising this season, backed by the return of lettermen, Tony Rubich, Melvin Becker, Ralph Boekemier and Bill Jennings.

Don't pass up these opportunities to see the team in action, buy a season pass for 55 cents and help cheer Southwest to victory. Who knows, maybe Southwest will boast another championship team.

The league schedule is as follows:

Dec. 8—Southwest vs. Roosevelt.
Jan. 11—Southwest vs. Soldan.
Jan. 15—Southwest vs. Blewett.
Jan. 23—Southwest vs. Cleveland.
Feb. 12—Southwest vs. Central.
Feb. 19—Southwest vs. Beaumont.
Feb. 26—Southwest vs. McKinley.

Cross Country team defeated by Beaumont

In their second cross country meet of the season, at Public Schools Stadium, November 7, Southwest's cross country team bowed to Beaumont. Beaumont placed men in the number one, three and four positions but were short three men to make the necessary six men needed to start a race.

Technically speaking, Southwest won. Albert Peretta, Richard Bausback, John Sullivan, Bob Kenny, Gerald Winterton and Earl Roberts finished second, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth, respectively.

No future meet has been scheduled.