



A Salute To Mr. Cummings

Long Succeeds Cummings

What will the future bring? Mr. Darrell F. Long, succeeding Mr. C. W. Cummings as Conrad's principal, has these plans in store for Conrad:

- (1) To expand our reading program.
- (2) To increase the scope of the guidance program.
- (3) To develop more uniform and effective curriculum guides for the various courses offered.
- (4) To provide for regular auditorium programs, including a program committee made up of teachers and students.
- (5) To propose an activities program.
- (6) To activate a testing program early in the fall, as a guide for student placement, to measure student achievement made in the spring. (Also a testing program in May.)

Our New Principal

Mr. Long was born in Selbyville, Delaware, and, as he puts it, "I was just a farm boy and maybe I should've stayed." Conradians don't necessarily agree.

After attending the University of Delaware, he did his graduate work at the University of Maryland, then went on to receive his Master's Degree at Temple University.

An excellent agriculture teacher, Mr. Long has not only taught at Conrad and A. I. Du Pont, but has also served as Superintendent of the Middletown Schools.

When the war came, Mr. Long left this job and assisted in the Food Production War Training Program for the State Board of Vocational Education.

Mr. Long's main wish for Conrad is that we maintain a good school. Of course, just as health, food, and church habits change, so does the school, and it is his hope that the change will be for the better.

Henry C. Conrad - A Great Delawarean with a Dream

What do you know about the man for whom our school is named? Most of us know very little and as students at this school we should feel it our duty to know more.

Henry C. Conrad was born in Bridesburg, Pennsylvania on April 28, 1852. Upon completing his study at Harvard Law School, he was admitted to the bar in 1874.

In addition to law practice, Conrad was interested in the field of journalism. The *Morning Herald* was purchased by Mr. Conrad and his friend, John H. Emerson. Soon after, the paper's name was changed to the *Morning Star*. Then the property and business were acquired two years later by the Morning News Publishing Co. It was soon after this transaction that Mr. Conrad withdrew from his journalistic activities.

Having had great interest in education at all times, Mr. Conrad became president of the Wilmington Board of Education in 1881. In the following year he was elected president of the Wilmington City Council.

The Delaware Association for the Moral Improvement and Education of Colored People had Mr. Conrad as one of its founders. He was also one of the original trustees of the State College for Colored Students near Dover. These are but two examples of his genuine interest in the provision of education for everyone.

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Mr. Long, Mr. Cummings, and auditorium's new name plaque.

Purdy To Speak at Conrad's 21st Commencement

Conrad's twenty-first commencement will be held on Friday night, June 15, at 8:00. Dr. Willard Purdy, pastor of First and Central Presbyterian Church in Wilmington, will be the speaker when 195 seniors join the alumni of our Alma Mater.

Twenty-eight seniors are Honor Society members. They are as follows: Charles Jackson, president; Nancy Williams, vice-president; Kay Thompson, secretary; George Gardner, treasurer; Jay Francis, Sophie Pyle, Eleanor Deakne, Rollin Simpson, Bette Frohock, Helen Gravel, Joanne Cannon, Rafael Cappa, Marcia Yablonski, Pat Yablonski, Carolyn Riley, Barbara Daggs, Neal Ramer, Malcolm Bogart, Kaye Squires, Mary Lou Derickson, Eileen Kelly, Carol Schulz, Pat Nichols, Donna Miller, Marcia Harmon, Phyllis May, Dolores Barger, Joan Ewing.

Dr. Purdy

Dr. Purdy attended Elgin, Illinois public schools. This is where he was born and reared. After he was graduated from Coe College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, he served in the U. S. Navy in World War I as a company commander.

After Dr. Purdy was graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary in 1921, he became pastor of Grace Presbyterian Church in Montclair, N. J. Dr. Purdy served there from 1919 to 1937. In 1937 he moved to Wilmington where he has been pastor of the First and Central Presbyterian Church for nineteen years. He has been a member of the Board of Trustees of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., past moderator of the Synod of Baltimore, and past president of the Wilmington Kiwanis Club.

The invocation and benediction will be given by Rev. Jack H.

Smith, rector of St. Barnabas Episcopal Church of Marshallton.

The music will be provided by the graduates. Carol Hudon will sing "Golden Days" and the Senior Girls' Ensemble will sing "After Graduation Day." A farewell song will be sung by the entire Senior Class.

Baccalaureate Service

The Baccalaureate Service, preceding Commencement, was held on Sunday, June 10. The sermon was delivered by Rev. Alvin B. Potter, rector of St. James Episcopal Church in Stanton. Rev. R. E. Hughes, pastor of Hockessin Methodist Church, gave the invocation and benediction. The scripture reading and the prayer was given by the pastor of Calvary United Presbyterian Church in Woodcrest, Rev. Harold H. McConnell. Faye Thomas sang as a solo, "Father Guide and Defend Us." —Helen Bertrand



Dr. Willard Purdy

Ray Says Goodbye and "Thank You"

The school year is over already. If you come here tomorrow you'll find the doors locked, the windows shut, no cars in the parking areas, and everything silent and deserted. I said "if", because I know (Continued on Page 6)

It's The Little Things That Count!

Sure, you've heard of the auditorium he helped build; moreover, you know of all the wonderful things he's done for our school and how he's given the best years of his life to build and expand the buildings, the faculty, and the student body.

We all know of his immense contribution to his community — as Delaware's district governor of Lions International, as president and board member of Christiana Hundred Lions Club, as a member of various Masonic lodges, and as a past-president of the Sussex, New Castle, and Delaware State Teachers Associations.

I'm sure no one will ever forget that the "Jerry Drive" took its first steps due to Mr. Cummings. It was he who encouraged us to get behind it and to carry it out.

Yes, we all know about the great, wonderful things he's done, but what of those "personal services"—the ones that aren't published, yet are cherished in the hearts of those who know of them and who received them.

His service in the 37th Division overseas during World War I proved to be an understanding factor when during World War II our very own principal took flowers and plants to parents whose boys were reported missing in action. How wonderful it must have been when one boy, reported missing, returned and said, "Your living plant kept my family hoping!" This really happened here at Conrad.

One can't imagine how many boys and girls he's helped to go to college, or just helped when help was needed. Mr. Cummings has always felt that one of Conrad's greatest achievements has been the unusually large number of future ministers and clergymen of all faiths who received their early training here.

Yes, these are things that we, individually, will hold dear, when our beloved principal leaves. For instance, the spirit he has helped establish—the spirit that led students to wash cars and shine shoes to get the money to buy needed school equipment.

Although time may erase some things from our memory, we will look back and always remember the tradition he established, the love he gave, and the students he inspired. "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

—Nancy Williams

Raison D'être

This issue of SMOKE SIGNAL has been prepared by the students of the journalism class and the SMOKE SIGNAL staff to pay tribute to our retiring principal, C. W. Cummings. An attempt has been made to present a brief history of Conrad during the twenty-one-years that Mr. Cummings served this school. We have also glimpsed some of the new plans for the future. Readers may wish to save this issue as a record of the history and development of our high school.

—The Editors

Class Will '56

by Helen Gravell and Sophie Pyle

We, the members of the Senior Class of 1956, of the Henry C. Conrad High School, on the eve of our departure, do hereby will and bequeath to our successors the glorious traditions and dignity of our school to be maintained at the same high standards that our predecessors have attained in the past. As they assume these responsibilities, we feel sure they can put to good use a few of our valuable earthly possessions. From these priceless assets we leave the following:

Their "gift of gab" is left by **LEE COLLINS** and **JIM McGUINNESS** to the entire Junior Class (there's enough there for everybody).

RAFAEL CAPPA bequeaths his Spanish accent to Miss Morrison with a request that she put it to good use.

JAY FRANCIS leaves Miss Miller his great mathematical brain to portion out to next year's class.

JOAN WILKINSON leaves her high heels to Gail Cooper, and **MARTHA BLYSKAL** wills her "flats" to Carol Turner.

BOB SATTERFIELD leaves Conrad in 55 seconds flat.

To Judy Comegys and Jackie deShay goes the friendship of **JOANNA BLAKE** and **KITTY WAG-GAMAN**.

NEAL RAMER leaves his license to light fire-crackers to the next president of the band.

Mr. Baird's classes leave him with the noise outside his windows to cope with as he sees fit.

To Dick Greenhill and Tom Wisniewski goes the basketball skill of **GEORGE GARDNER** and **STAN MACEL**.

BETTE FROHOCK leaves her homemaking abilities to Susan White.

CARL WILLIAMS, BILL HARDING and **FRAN- NY ARTHURS** leave their ability to get other people to do their homework to Bob Payson, Tommy Hitchens, and Clayton Crawford.

The right of Seniors to "wreck-up" at lunch is bequeathed to any junior boys brave enough to try it under Mr. Sullivan's watchful eye.

SOPHIE PYLE relinquishes her extensive vocabulary to Joyce Fenimore.

CHARLES JACKSON loans his "Ike" buttons to any fanatic Republican (until next December).

The title "Miss Senior Class" is left by **PEGGY JO YOUNG** for the junior girls to scrap over.

RODNEY ALLEN leaves his shotgun to Joe Abrams, along with a book of instructions—(he's taking his physique with him, because Joe has plenty of his own.)

To Mary Antonini and DeeDee Benoit goes **CONNIE SMITH'S** wardrobe.

JIM PARUSZEWSKI, BILL SMITH and **MIKE HENESSEY** leave Mr. Garfield peace and quiet.

EILEEN KELLY leaves many offices and positions vacant.

His reserved seat in Mr. Sullivan's 9th period is left by **RAY LYNCH** to Marvin Perry.

CAROL SCHULZ leaves her cheerleading uniform to anyone who is small enough to wear it, and **PAUL BOSWELL** just leaves his sneakers (for the record.)

The members of Miss Jackson's 4th period English class leave quietly—taking their new vocabularies with them.

HELEN GRAVELL bequeaths her *Inside the Tepee* column to someone else with a "nose for news" and an "ear for gossip."

RAY WOODWARD leaves his "way with a car" to Don Cazier.

MARCIA HARMON leaves her briefcase to whoever is strong enough to carry it, and **SIVERT JOHNSTON** bequeaths his drum major's hat to someone with the strength to support it.

To next year's *Smoke Signal's* editors, **NANCY WILLIAMS** wills all her headaches and aspirins.

FRANNY ANNAND leaves all his brains to his girl, Nellie Watts.

The perpetual cheerfulness of **JOANNE CAN- NON** is left to Judy Wivel.

The Latin ability of **DONNIE GREGG** goes to Mrs. Heffner to store in her circular file.

JANE KEARNEY leaves her brother, Alex, for the class of '57.

Homeroom No. 115 leaves to the incoming homeroom its ability to slip out before the bell rings.

DICK RUTTER and **TOMMY SEEDS** leave Marie and Joanne alone with the junior boys.

KAYE SQUIRES is forced to leave Conrad without her appendix.

Miss Chilek's typing aces leave the typewriters and erasers for the Class of '57.

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"Jer"

I feel deeply honored to have the privilege of writing this short testimonial on behalf of the senior class, for one of our classmates, Jerry Blackway. Jerry remains in Delaware Hospital, where he has been a patient for over ten months, as a result of a swimming mishap last August.

To talk with Jerry, one would hardly suspect that he has been incapacitated for such a long period of time. He amazes everyone with his high spirits and keen sense of humor. He has set an example for us all.

His main desire, naturally, seems to be centered around the thought of coming home to stay. (Jerry was home for one day several weeks ago).

The class of '56 has sorely missed Jerry this year as he is one of our most outstanding members. We all look forward eagerly to the day when we can visit "Jer" at 604 Birmingham Avenue instead of Room 466, Delaware Hospital.

—Stanley Macel, President
Class of 1956



New Student Council officers: Treasurer, Brittingham; President, Harper; Vice-President, Schulz; Secretary, Gooden. Congratulations!

Alumni Remember When

"Do you remember?"

"Well now, let me see. Gosh, it's been so long since I've graduated. But I'll try anyway."

This has been the answer of many Conrad graduates to the question, "What do you remember most about Conrad?"

Conrad's own Miss Morrison, Miss Albers, Mrs. Antes, Mr. Malin and Mr. Peoples are all Red-skin alumni. They and several other people in the community have been asked to remember about Conrad. Here are some of the replies.

"When I think of Conrad, I just naturally seem to think of Miss Jackson. Whenever anything happened Miss Jackson was always there. She was the person who remained 'the standby'."

"Another thing that I remember is Miss Jackson's English class. Especially Shakespeare."

"I remember one year when Mr. Cummings was the basketball coach. It seems to me that it was one of our best years, if not the best."

"Believe this or not, but I remember Mr. Sullivan's detention halls quite well."

In the way of general information you should be interested to know that there were very few cars in former years, and even these belonged to the teachers!

Then the school itself was smaller and therefore the faculty wasn't quite so large. Also there seemed to be more of a closeness then between seniors and under-graduates.

Some graduates seemed to feel that there was more general spirit in the attendance and yelling rate at the football games. Whenever Conrad played, whether it be five or fifty miles away, you got to the game or died trying.

When Mrs. Antes leaves in July, she will leave with this thought, "To me, I never really left Conrad. You see, I started working here right after graduation. But,

even after I go I shall always think of Conrad as my home."

But it was Miss Albers who gave *Smoke Signal* the quote of the year: "Once a Conradian—always a Conradian."

—Jackie de Shay

Kenyon To Spend Summer In Berlin

Did you know that George Kenyon, a junior, is going to spend this summer in Berlin, Germany? He received a letter recently from the American Field Service announcing the good news and, soon after, the first communication arrived from his foreign host in Berlin.

George will leave after school ends this year and travel to the United States sector in Berlin, where he will live with a family of five.

His 52-year old "mother", a housewife, is head of the family, since the father was taken prisoner by the Russians at the end of World War II.

The oldest boy, Klaus, is 24 years old and is employed as a clerk in a large electrical firm. Klaus has a motor scooter of which he is very proud and claims that owning a car is a faraway dream.

Peder, another boy 22 years old, is studying engineering.

Gesine, the only girl in the family, is 18 years old and is a tailor's apprentice.

A 12 year old boy, Wilfried, is very excited about George's arrival and is learning all the English he can so that he can explain his hobby, soccer, to George.

George's home will be a second floor 2½ room flat. The ½ room is for George and it has a big window overlooking the yard.

We all hope George will have a wonderful time and know he'll be an excellent unofficial peace ambassador, as well as an alert reporter for next year's *Smoke Signal* feature pages.

DOLORES BARGER and **RONNIE MAYKUT** will their celebrated pens, pencils, and paints to Barbara Heinel.

CHUCK TAYLOR leaves his "tall tales" to Jimmy Smallwood.

ANISE RUSSELL leaves nothing—she's taking everything with her.

To anyone who can afford it, **BOB RICE** bequeaths his successful wrecking business.

BARBARA JOHNSTON and **KATHY KINNEL** will their German accents to the German I class.

To the faculty, who may need them, **MIRIAM SINGLES** and **VIRGINIA RAMSEY** leave their early morning smiles.

JOE CICHOCKI, BILL TEMPLETON and **KAY THOMPSON** bequeath their complete stock of silence to Miss Swayze to force on next year's visitors to the library.

The **YABLONSKI** and **PHILHOWER** sisters leave Conrad without twins in the Senior Class.

CHARLES FORD and **EDDIE HUGHES** take all their tricks learned in four years at Conrad with them—after all, there's still college. . . .

LINDA OXLEY and **DICK O'DONALD, BARBARA DAGGS** and **DICK KLAIR**, and **JOAN EWING** and **LOUIS HOLDREN** leave the hall lockers for next year's "steadies" to hold up.

TONY ZULKOWSKI leaves the last seat in every class to any unfortunate "Z's" in the Junior Class.

SONJA HALL and **JOANNE TRIVITS** will their jittersbugging floorspace to Sylvia Taylor and Liz Huber.

JOHN YARRUSSO and **JOE TRZCINSKI** leave Mr. Jeffrey's Physics Class—much to the delight of Mr. Jeffrey.

CARSON CALLAHAN leaves the Safe Drivers' League to all safe drivers.

ANNE COVINGTON leaves her problems as "Miss Jackson" to the next president of the F.T.A.

The Senior Oreads leave their mixing bowls and wooden spoons to the fudge-making Oreads of 1957.

BILL VALENTINE leaves his talent for "getting away with murder" to Lee Dabson.

BILL PEACH leaves his talent for getting homework in two days late to Wayne Leasure.

KATHY WIDDOES and **BARBARA LAMON** leave the stage to Nancy Stryholuk.

DONNA MILLER leaves a box of Band-Aids to next year's Future Nurses.

The Class of '56 leaves Mr. Long with 200 less worries.

MR. CUMMINGS wills all he has given to Conrad in his more than twenty years of service in the hope that everything he has achieved will be enjoyed and preserved.

JERRY BLACKWAY leaves his inspiration and courage to the glory of Conrad.

This document was drawn up and witnessed on this 13th day of June, 1956, by the Senior Class.

Signed and Testified to by:

HELEN GRAVELL
SOPHIE PYLE

Henry C. Conrad

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Being particularly interested in the history of Delaware, Mr. Conrad was the first to keep an accurate account of it. He established the archives system in Delaware. He was known everywhere as a dynamic writer, an ardent Methodist, and a gifted speaker.

A large tract of land in what may be termed as the Richardson Park area was owned by Mr. Conrad before his death in 1930, and it was his special interest in this area which prompted the State to name this school after Mr. Conrad.

Looking back on what Mr. Conrad did for our state and its youth, there is no doubt that he will be remembered always as a truly great Delawarean—a layman with a dream of public education for ALL. Now Conrad High School—his namesake—is helping to make this dream come true.

—Joanne Boulden

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The Prom and Sequel

The Oriental Enchanted Gardens were opened May 25, from 9 to 12, with music by the Esquires. Some 380 students attended.

The Parent Teacher Association sponsored an "After the Prom Party" at the Kirkwood Armory to encourage the prom-goers, who might otherwise have been traveling from place to place, to keep off the highways — in order to avoid accidents. The entertainment at the party was terrific and so were those sandwiches, donuts, cokes and milk. One and all thanked the P.T.A. for its back-breaking efforts.

Only one small item was missing from this year's really cool prom festivities. Due to circum-

stances beyond our control—there was no early morning swimming.

Of course there were those who made it an all-night affair—especially those lucky boys who traveled down to Ray Woodward's home in Middletown and enjoyed a hearty breakfast prepared by the female members of the group.

A new twist was added this year in the way of refreshments being served in the cafeteria.

The official punch punchers of the shindig were Mr. Baird and Mr. Visnovsky—aprons and all. However, judging from the way that the punch disappeared everyone had complete confidence in the faculty members' . . . er . . . cooking.

Seniors and the Future

As the result of a poll taken in the senior homerooms **Smoke Signal** has found that the seniors are well on their way toward a successful life. We asked what they planned to do after graduation.

A large number of our seniors plan to further their education at colleges both near and far. Delaware's winner of The Future Homemaker of Tomorrow contest, our own **Bette Frohock**, will enter the University of Delaware and study dietetics. **Jim McGuinness** plans to pursue his main interest, dramatics, by majoring in this at Newark, president of the Future Nurses' Club, **Pat Yablonski**, who won a scholarship to the University, plans to major in medical technology.

Don't plan a vacation in late August as our seniors will be crowding our transportation systems en route to distant colleges. Approximately fifteen seniors will leave their families to live in strange surroundings. **Sophie Pyle** is going to Lake Erie College, there to join her sister, Ellen, a former Conradian. **Charles Jackson** will attend Swarthmore (thanks to a handsome scholarship which he earned); **George Gardner** will study law at Dickinson College. Our Ceil Chapman of tomorrow, **Dixie Bright**, plans to begin her career by studying fashion designing at Moore Institute of Art.

Several of our seniors will leave to assist Uncle Sam in branches of the military service. Many intend to work during the summer and then leave for the service in September. **Tommy Seeds** will leave late this summer for Fort Knox, Kentucky, where he will serve under the six-month plan. To add the feminine touch, **Marie Papa** will join the Marine Corps.

Let us not forget our hard-working commercial students. They will work in offices at various places, both as typists and stenographers. Several will enter **Goldey Beacom** to further their education or for training in special fields. All of us will agree that these kids need a vacation this summer and **Linda Oxley** plans to take one.

Approximately fourteen of Conrad's girls will enter some phase of the medical profession. The majority will be entering local hospitals to train for nursing. Of the fourteen, one will enter the St. Francis, one the Wilmington General, two the Memorial, and eight will study at the Delaware Hos-

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Past Graduates and Present Occupations

These are only a few representatives of all the past graduates and their present occupations. Nevertheless the variety of fields for which Conrad has prepared its students is obvious.

Jean Albers — Conrad School Nurse; **Edgar Allison** — Salesman for Urie and Blanton; **Dorothy Antes**—Conrad School Secretary; **Dorothy Brown** — Private Duty Nurse; **Fred Comegys** — DuPont Co.; **Albert DuBell**—District Manager for Hamilton Watch Co.; **Earl Elwood**—Florida Power and Light Co.; **Richard Elwood**—Atlas Powder Co.; **Durward Gilbert**—Bell Telephone Co.; **Melvin Haggerty**—Owns Melvin's Auto Mechanic Shop; **Jesse Malin**—Conrad Science and Gym Teacher; **Mildred Morrison**—Conrad Spanish Teacher; **Joseph Mullins**—Fire Chief of Marshallton; **Robert Peoples**—Conrad Agriculture Teacher; **Eugene Wood** — Hercules Powder Co.

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Kaye Squires has chosen to start medical secretary training by attending an out-of-state school, Lycoming.

Pat Nichols is one of the seniors who has been selected to train as an X-Ray technician.

To each and every senior the **Smoke Signal** would like to wish happiness and success both now and in the future.

—Mary Glynn and Helen Gravell

Think!!



—BRAGDON

Conradians Shocked by Teenage Panel on J. D.

On the morning of April 25, Wilmington High's Bob Marvel, and three other panel members, astounded many Conradians with their facts and figures on juvenile delinquency. Yes — it shocked them, but was it just the facts and figures alone?

To have four students reveal actual statistics made a better and bigger impression than if an adult had given a drawn-out lecture about what teenagers should or should not do. After all, who knows the teenager better than the teenager himself? When young people start criticizing other young people—then it's time to stop and think.

No, Conradians just didn't sit back and let it go in one ear and out the other. They took action. The following Friday was set as

"Tie Day." All that week the students wondered, "Will someone chicken out?" Well, when Friday dawned the entire school literally shone with white shirts and ties. To add to this, the girls wore nylon stockings in place of "bobby-sox." There were a few, of course, who did not care to join this good-looking group, and so were looked upon somewhat askance throughout the entire day. All agreed that everyone looked nice and that it certainly was a change for the better.

Although this is just one phase of "cleaning up", the students don't intend to stop here — no, sree! They intend to play their part to the hilt and next year do their best to keep Conradians off the J. D. list.

—Andrea Huth

Our School

If you can remember what Conrad looked like in 1954 you know what it looked like in September 1935 when it opened.

Conrad was built in this district so that students from rapidly growing residential areas west of Wilmington would not have to travel so far to school and also to help lessen congestion at A. I. DuPont and other urban secondary schools.

The cornerstone was laid in 1934.

The original enrollment was 400 with room for 500 from seven elementary schools. The areas which Conrad has served as a senior high school are Elsmere, Hockessin, Marshallton, Newport, Richardson Park, Stanton, and Yorklyn.

There were forty-two students in the first graduating class of 1936 and twenty-eight teachers when the school was established. The original structure cost \$400,000 and had the most modern equipment then available.

Mr. Cummings has been Conrad's principal ever since its dedication.

Conrad is the only secondary institution of its kind in Delaware. It used to be solely supported by state funds, but now the local communities share the financial responsibility, but to a much smaller degree than is true in regular special districts.

Changes In Football Field

Conrad was the first school in the state to have floodlights on a football field. They were put there in 1946 by Mr. Lamont DuPont, a sponsor of the Wilmington Clippers, so that they could practice there at night.

In Conrad's early youth there were no bleachers, hot dog stand, etc.—just the football field. Teachers, usually in pairs, were located at various intervals to try to keep children from getting in to the game free.

The War Years

During World War II there were two plans developed for use in case of emergency: evacuation and non-evacuation. The former was employed if everyone had time to leave the building. Several residents offered their homes for shelter to the students and teachers. If there wasn't time enough, "non-evacuation" would be signaled and everyone would move quickly and quietly into the first floor hall where the students and teachers would sit until the "raid" was over. Singing, mental games, and charades were used to entertain the students so that fright and tendency toward panic could be reduced.

Students and personnel were required to wear aluminum discs around their necks with the name of the school and a number. The number corresponded with a file number which gave the name and address of the wearer. The file numbers were kept in the office safe and duplications were in various neighborhood homes.

As another identification precaution fingerprints were taken.

The girls knitted, made dresses at home and clothes in their home ec classes. Everything made was stored in the state for use if needed.

Taft, Eisenhower, and Roosevelt

On March 1, 1941, Senator Robert A. Taft, son of the former U. S. President, addressed the Christiana Hundred Lions Club at Conrad.

Miss Rebecca Hobson, sponsor of the **Conradian**, the **Papoose**, **Conradian News Letter**, school publicity chairman, and journalism teacher preceding Mr. Baird, received a letter from Dwight D. Eisenhower, then Commander-in-Chief of the Allied Armies in Europe, saying, "It is a particular pleasure for me to get a letter from someone who is looking after the welfare of the armed forces. That is what you are doing in sending the **Conradian News Letter**. I feel sure your efforts are much appreciated by the soldiers."

Nan Kauffman, a freshman in 1942, received a letter from Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, the First Lady, thanking all school children for the work that was being done for Civil Defense.

Publications

From 1936 to 1950 a school magazine (not a yearbook) called the **Conradian** was published twice a year. The **Papoose** was published from November 1949 to June 1950. It was like **The Whisp**, Wilmington High School's present paper, but it was a little bigger than High School's.

On October 19, 1950, the first issue of the **Smoke Signal** appeared; it has continued to be published by the journalism classes ever since.

A New Era

Today Conrad stands on the threshold of a new era. At twenty-one years of age it has reached maturity, under the guidance of Mr. Cummings. Now it faces tomorrow with expectations of even greater things to come.

—Andrea Huth

What Is Journalism?

What is journalism? In addition to being the study of the gentle art of writing and publishing, journalism is a subject that should be taken only by those who are getting consistently good grades in English. This doesn't mean you have to be a brain to get in the class, but once in there you'll find that the competition is very great, and you'll really work hard!!!

Which leads us to the question "Is journalism very hard?" For some, yes, it is very hard. It's a fast-paced class with about a year and a half's work crammed into one year. There is the **Smoke Signal** to plan, write, copyread, get printed and distributed; the regular English grammar all year;

What Seniors Will Remember

Goudy will remember "Jerry Game"

Mr. Sullivan, when are you holding elections for next year's officers of Detention Hall? The class this year operated under the talented leadership of **Bill Harding**. Next year's J.D.'s will have a hard time finding anyone as capable as Bill.

Bill revealed his presidency through a poll taken by members of the Senior class. We asked this question, "What will you remember most about Conrad?"

As a result of the poll we received both humorous and serious answers. For an example of the humorous, **Anise Russell's** first thought was of the time "the twirlers got caught where they were not supposed to be and were sent to Mr. Sullivan's little session after school hours. "And really, Mr. Sullivan, we weren't bagging! Honest!"

The most memorable school activities were those wonderful football games. Gary Goudy will especially remember the game between Conrad and Claymont, for this was the game which was dedicated to Jerry.

Another thing which no one is likely to forget are the proms and dances. The Seniors had a grand time at the square dance given for them by the Women's Club of Newport and will remember it always.

Those famous last words of Mr. Sullivan, "Return to your home-room and wait for the bell," will be sounding in the ears of the senior class for quite a long while.

We have all had the problem of getting up in the morning, haven't we? **M. K. Doherty** will never forget all the mornings she was late arriving in the hallowed halls of Conrad.

It seems unanimous among all of Mr. Baird's students that he and his methods of teaching will long be remembered. Especially the homework and those quickie quizzes!

The few who have been privileged to sing in the A Cappella Choir have enjoyed to the fullest this wonderful experience. **Faye Thomas** remembers an event (Continued in Second Column)

American literature; the required reading, **Hamlet** and **Tale of Two Cities**; the journalism training for the entire first semester; plus book reports, research projects, impromptu themes, and just ordinary themes. Does it scare you? Well, it's meant to. But this writer knows that at the end of a tough year you'll be well prepared for senior English with Miss Jackson or perhaps a career in journalism.

On the lighter side (you can relax now) this year's class has had some very good times together along with the clatter of drills, hammering of hammers, dropping of boards and other miscellaneous objects into wheelbarrows and trucks, etc., outside Room 202. (Of course I am referring to construction work on the new cafeteria.) It's really a wonder we learned anything at all.

Then we had some rousing arguments headed by Pete Fisher that might have ended up who-knows-where but for Mr. Baird's restraining hand (or should I say club?)

And of course we can't forget the day Jackie de Shay had her dog Sandy in our class. She got up and opened the door to take him out, when Mr. Baird innocently said, "Oh, don't take him out, Jackie."

To this Jackie replied sweetly, "But I have to, Mr. Baird."

There was the time when some enterprising student from the floor above dropped cherry bombs right outside our windows; they served as waker-uppers for dozing pupils.

For extra-curricular activities we took a field trip to the Bulletin building in Philadelphia, the largest newspaper plant in the world; and four members of the class went to New York City to visit the Columbia Scholastic Press Association convention and had oodles of fun; and we had a guest,

which occurred while singing at Calvary Presbyterian Church. It seems that she slipped a total of three steps. "Oh, was I embarrassed," Faye reveals. During the same performance Mr. George, meaning to say, "Sons and Daughters," flubbed up and said, "Sons and Boddors," (something to that effect!)

It is impossible to mention all that the seniors will remember. To mention a few more, **Marcia Harmon** can't forget that long minute between 3:19 and 3:20; **Donna Miller** shall look upon her duty in the infirmary as a valuable experience; **Jack DeLancey**, **Lucy Overbey**, and **Joan Bennett** will remember Mr. Hinnerscheetz's English class, just as **Nancy Williams** and **Jim Paruszewski** will remember Miss Jackson's class. **Eleanor Deakyne**, who played the piano for the operetta, will always look upon it as a lot of hard work but loads of fun for all. To be one selected for the National Honor Society is a great honor, and **Rollin Simpson**, one of the selected few, was deeply grateful.

Above all else the members of the class of '56 will remember their friends here at Conrad and the teachers who have helped prepare them for adult life.

—Joanne Boulden

Mr. Al Cartwright, sports editor of the Journal Every-Evening, who discussed journalism with us; and we invaded Cape May for a rain-soaked picnic on June 2.

Altogether, this was one of the most stimulating classes that we have ever attended and we are sure you will feel that way, too—if you have the courage to choose journalism as your junior English course.

—Mary Jane McVaugh
Barbara Kennedy

Farewell, Seniors

by David Bragdon

Farewell, Seniors,
You have reached a goal.
Strive on forward,
The future you control.
We need leaders,
You can fill that place.
Be good leaders,
Bring us no disgrace.
You make footprints,
In them we will walk.
Life is rugged,
Wield your "tomahawk".
Please be faithful,
So that at the end
All observers
Will your lives commend.

It's Funny - Now!

Does anyone want to know how to make Mr. Cummings sick? Well, it seems that, during the war, the doctors were giving diphtheria shots to the students. He received one. He nearly turned blue, too.

Perhaps some of the teachers who have been around here for quite awhile can remember the time Mr. Sullivan was supposedly inducted into the glorious service of Uncle Sam.

Oh, it was a beautiful day. Most of the school and all of the band lit out for New Castle to see him leave and cheer him on.

Two days later government and sociology students were shocked to see his face in their classes again.

Then there was the day of the bomb scare. It was a spring morning when the secretary lifted the phone to hear, "A bomb will explode in Conrad at 11:00 a.m."

Quietly, teachers, janitors and senior boys began a search. State

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"The Spirit of Conrad." Pres. of the Senior Class, Stan Macel, stands by the class gift to be presented to the school. (Miss Sylvia Taylor, on the left, is to be thanked for the many hours she spent in posing for the picture.)

- And There's To Be a . . .

Just think, kiddies! Only eighty-three more days and then we're back here again. (Don't start reading something else.) When you come back, there will be a new cafeteria and library and . . . but let's take them one at a time. Should everything go as predicted, our cafeteria will be ready for us on opening day. This new addition will seat two hundred and forty students at forty tables. The present kitchen will be dismantled and a new one built, along with a new teachers' dining room. In addition to our pres-

ent lunch and milk lines, there will be a sorely-needed second lunch line.

The other main attraction is the thirteen-room Boxwood addition. Unfortunately, due to a variety of difficulties, this addition will not be ready until October first. Of the thirteen rooms, five will be specially designated for the commercial department, one for music, and the remaining seven for regular classes.

Elsewhere, Mr. Palermo's room, 303-A, and possibly part of the art room will be added to the library, with a special glass enclosed office for Miss Swayze.

Also, the auditorium will have added to it a sound system which will extend to all rooms and which may be controlled in either the auditorium or office—for paging or making special announcements.

Good news for all possible track candidates is the announcement that a track may be constructed. However, this remains uncertain as the school officials have had to await the result of the June 9 referendum.

How much will all this cost? One half million dollars—three hundred thousand of which will be paid by the state while the rest of the burden will rest upon the local taxpayers' shoulders.

So, juniors and sophomores, aren't you glad you're not graduating this year?

—Bob Masters

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Class Prophecy '56

by Charles Jackson

Time: June 13, 1957. **Place:** Conradsville, Delaware (formerly Wilmington but now named after the suburban high school which became universally famous through the graduating class it produced in 1956).

Our story opens in an eight-room house on SATTERFIELD Street, named after Olympic runner **ROBERT SATTERFIELD**. It is the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Q. American; Mrs. American's mother, Elizabeth Freedom; and the Americans' five children — three girls (Democratia, age 18; Columbia, age 16; Libertina, age 5) and two boys (Euales, age 14; and Independiam, age 19.)

This family, typical of any American family of this time, has been affected tremendously in nearly everything they do by Conrad's renowned class of 1956. We shall follow the Americans through just one day and see for ourselves the great influence which the class of 1956 plays in their lives.

7 A. M.—Mrs. American is the first to awaken in the household at the sound of her new clock radio which she bought only last week from super salesman, **LLOYD WIMER**, representing the Grand Union Spice and Tea Company, headed at the present time by **CHARLES MALIN** and **DENNIS WEHDE**. The sound, which also eventually awakens Mr. American, is none other than the



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golden voice of **WILLIAM PEACH** crooning, "This portion of your 'Wake Up with Willie and Be Peachy' show is of special interest to you 97-pound weaklings. For only \$38.99 you will get a 100-pound set of weights, if you order them right away from the **RODNEY ALLEN Barbell Company**."

8 A. M.—The American family is seated at the breakfast table, made by carpenter **BOB SAGERS**, who built the Americans' first home on plans drawn up by **WAYNE NICHOLS** and **JOE CICHOCKI**, leading architects. Although the day promises to be a warm one, the Americans need not worry, for they have a complete air condition unit developed by **CHARLES TAYLOR** and **RICHARD KLAIR**, graduates of the Temple University technical school. Suddenly the door bell rings, and Columbia answers it only to find the town's poverty stricken newspaper boy, **CHARLES JACKSON**, delivering the Morning News, the editor-in-chief of which is **NANCY WILLIAMS**. Columbia gives **JACKSON** a peanut butter and jelly sandwich to supplement the daily breakfast which all paupers receive at social worker **FAYE THOMAS'** Tuesday Breakfast Mission. As he backs

away in humble thanks, he is nearly run over by a herd of horses from **JERRY BUBB** and **BARBARA WAGONER'S** Riding Academy. On the horses, enjoying their summer vacation, are medical technician **MARTHA NOWAK**; bookkeeper **JOANNE PALMER**; stenographers and secretaries **JOAN CHARNEY**, **DORIS OWENS**, **MARY JOYCE KENNEDY**, **BETTY PHILHOWER**, **JOANNE CONLY**, **JOYCE LAFERTY**, **BARBARA JONES**, **LILLIAN PHILHOWER**, **LUCY OVEERBEY**, **BARBARA SNYDER**, **SONDRA MORGAN**, **LAURA MARIE KELLY**, **MARY JONES**, **JOAN BENNETT**, **SONJA HALL**, **THERESA TRZCINSKI**, **JOYCE WEBB**; and nurses **MARTHA BLYSKAL**, **WANDA BUSH**, **CAROLYN RILEY**, and **NANCY RAY CECIL**. **BILL BALDWIN**, mayor of Yorklyn, and Stanton's mayor, **PHILIP EASTBURN**, are accompanying the girls and pointing out the points of interest.

Back in the Americans' dining room, the usual breakfast chitchat takes place. Euales tells the family that Miss **SOPHIE R. PYLE**, noted archeologist, who has just returned from Ethiopia, is going to lecture before his biology class today at the request of his teacher, **BETTY DOUGHERTY**. Mrs. American then recalls reading in **HELEN GRAVELL'S** Gossip Column that on the boat returning to the U. S. Miss Pyle had met **JAMES McGUINNESS**, an old schoolmate of hers, returning from Spain where he had produced his latest movie spectacular, "The Life of **RAFAEL CAPP**." The production stars, along with Cappa, **KATHY WIDDOES** and **BARBARA LAMON** who will be vying for this year's Oscar.

9 A. M. — Mr. American arrives at his office, one of the most modern in the country, built by **RONALD MAYKUT**, **NELSON ROSS**, and **ROBERT RICE**, Contractors, Inc. His private secretary, **CHARLENE HUMPLEBY**; his receptionist, **BARBARA DAGGS**; and his switchboard operator, **MIRIAM SINGLES** greet him, and business gets rolling. The American children have all arrived safely at school with the exception of little Libertina, who at 10 a.m. will go to **EILEEN KELLY'S** Kindergarten for Tiny Tots where the little darlings receive expert care under such children's specialists as **MARION MELODY**, **KITTY LOU WAGGAMAN**, **DUANE LONG**, **DELORES COOPER**, and **PAT GREEN**. Back at the Americans' home, Mrs. American and her mother, Elizabeth Freedom, have tuned in their favorite women's TV show, which today includes a panel discussion featuring the leading fashion designers of the times—**MARY KAY DOHERTY**, **DOLORES BARGER**, **DAWN FALINE**, and **CONNIE SMITH**; several arias by opera star **ELVA JEAN BROWN**; a cooking demonstration by Mrs. Homemaker of 1975, **BETTE FROHOCK**; and a lecture on "The Book World and You" by **MARCIA HARMON**, head of the Library of Congress.

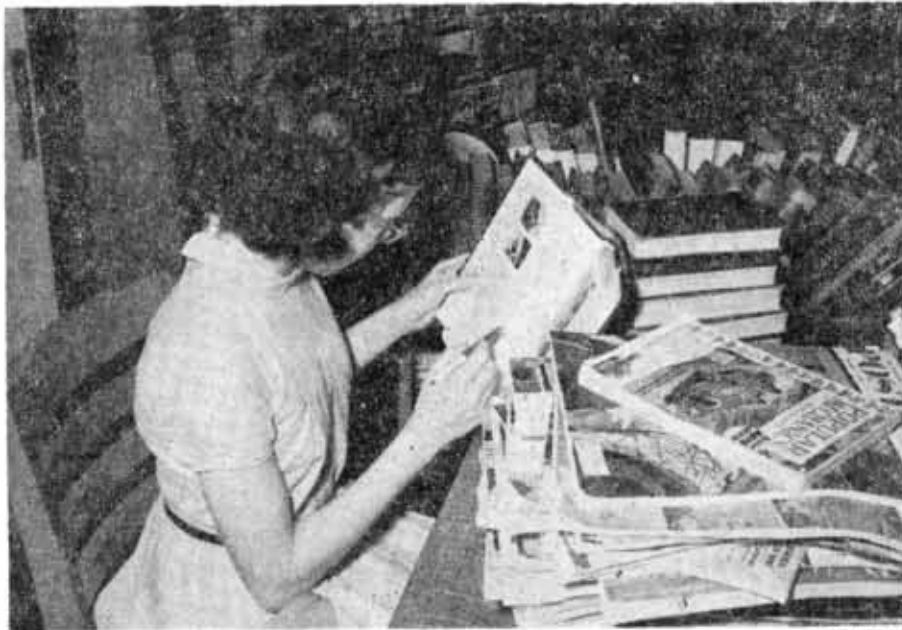
10:15 A. M.—These are dark moments for the unsuspecting Americans. Out on the school field, where **BILL HARDING**, **JOAN WILKINSON** and **JOANNA BLAKE** are conducting gym classes, ten year old Independiam chases a fly ball and, without looking where he is going, darts into the street and crashes face-on into one of **DONALD R. GREGG'S** streamlined buses, driven by his crack driver, **FRED EVICK**. In a flash, state police officer **MALCOLM BOGART** is on the scene, followed by the county ambulance with **BOB DONOVAN** behind the wheel and **FRANNY ARTHURS**, the co-driver and assistant, beside him. With the help of nurses **ELEANOR DEAKYNE** and **DONNA MILLER** they load Independiam into the ambulance and race to the hospital, escorted by **JIM BROWN** on his motorcycle with **ELLEN DOUGHERTY** and **CATHY JOHNSON** on the back. There the youngster is X-rayed by **PAT NICHOLS**, treated by Dr. **ROLLIN SIMPSON** (after he is located by his medical secretary **KAYE SQUIRES**) and given expert care by nurses **MARCIA YABLONSKI**, **KAY THOMPSON**, **CAROLE GREEN**, and **MARY LOU DERICKSON**. Fortunately, Independiam makes a quick recovery and his family, after being notified by the hospital, sends good friend **RUTH PRITCHARD**, along with saleswoman **ROSALIE MARKOW**, to bring the child home in Ruth's Food Fair truck.

12 Noon—Mr. American, after an early lunch, is driven by chauffeur **ED STEVENS** in his new Philhower-King (car named for **JAMES PHILHOWER** and **PAUL KING**, auto enthusiasts who developed the car without a steering wheel) to the local airport, where he has an appointment to meet one of the industrial magnates of the era—the president of General Motors, **CARSON CALLAHAN**. As the plane comes to a stop, its capable pilots, **LEE KENDALL** and **DONALD McCORMICK**, can be seen waving to the assemblages. First off are airline hostesses **JANE KEARNEY** and **LINDA OXLEY**, followed by Captain **MARIE PAPA** of the Women's Air Force and **RICHARD STRADLEY**, Secretary of the Air Force. Next to step off the plane are the glamorous models **ANISE RUSSELL**, **PEGGY YOUNG**, and **MARGIE MacMAHON** who have come home to visit their families after posing for several cover shots on the nation's leading magazines. Also home for a visit are home economics professors **PHYLLIS MAY** and **CAROL GRAHAM**. A small band of Forest Rangers, including **PAUL BOSWELL**, **MIKE HENNESSEY**, and **JIM PARUS-**

ZEWSKI, are also on board, traveling to an assignment in Maine. Then **CARSON CALLAHAN** himself appears with a private train of secretaries and stenographers: **ELOISE ELWOOD**, **BARBARA JOHNSON**, **JOAN ELLIOTT**, **JOANNE KING**, **CAROLYN PAINTER**, **JOANN TRIVITS**, **VIRGINIA RAMSEY**, **SHIRLEY SCHRADER**, **JEANETTE BOYER**, **JOAN PRICE**, **BARBARA BROWN**, **BARBARA ALEXANDER**, **JANET DOTO**, **ELAINE HALFEN**, **ELEANOR DRYDEN**, **FRANCES PAULINO**, **SHIRLEY LUM**, and **JANET TRIVITS**, plus his private nurses, **PAT YABLONSKI**, **RHEA PUTT**, and **KAYE HAYMAN**.

2 P. M.—The hour of two on this June 13, 1975, ushers in one of the most stupendous events in the history of the world. In the great panhandle of Texas, on a piece of land owned jointly by ranchers **DONALD McVAUGH** and **WAYNE BROADWATER**, the world focuses its eyes to witness the send-off of the first rocket trip to the moon carrying human passengers. It took years and the mighty brains of scholar **NEAL RAMER** and nuclear physicist **JAY FRANCIS** to plan this momentous feat. Neither one of these men will make the trip, however, as society will still have great need of them if this expedition should fail. The rocket ship was built by **BILL WALLACE**, **LARRY McBRIDE**, **GUY TALBOT**, and **DICK O'DONALD**. **CARL WILLIAMS** filled it up with gas and **JERRY TORRE** painted it. **TIM BUONAMICI** has graciously furnished all the food supplies for the expedition from his chain of canneries. **CAROL SCHULZ**, who has donated millions from her rich husband's fortune to the project, (she caught him and the fortune in college), was the first to volunteer to make the experimental voyage. **EDDIE HUGHES** was chosen to captain the expedition, and **CHARLES FORD** will be the chief engineer. **JOE TRZCINSKI** and **TONY ZULKOWSKI** will handle the technical end of affairs. Three interpreters, **JOANNE CANNON**, **KATHY KINNEL**, and **BILL VALENTINE**, are going along, hoping that the moonmen will speak something resembling either Spanish, German, or French. **ADA CANTERA**, **PAT WETTERER**, and **ELLEN SPRINGER** are also making the journey, for no other reason than that it has been found humanly impossible to separate these three even on a trip to the moon. Finally, of course, secretaries **GAIL LAYMAN**, **NANCY CASSELL**, and **ANN SHEAFFER** will accompany the group to take down the experiences in shorthand.

Back in the Americans' living room, Mrs. American, Elizabeth Freedom, and the children—who were let out of school early by their principal, **ANNE COVINGTON**, to watch the historic trip



to the moon—are gathered around the TV set. The children are trying to pick out many of the famous personalities in the crowd of people assembled about the rocket ship. Naturally, it is not hard to recognize (or hear) U. S. Senator **GEORGE GARDNER**, Republican from Delaware, who is making a speech. Beside him they spot Governor **STANLEY MACEL** of New York, another staunch Republican. They see **SUE NICHOLS**, a Michigan lawyer, along with her legal secretary, **MARJORIE HARDIN**, passing out campaign buttons and trying to drum up support in the coming election. Tennessee's native son, **STONEY RAY SARVER**, America's favorite cowboy, is also present. Suddenly the expedition makes its appearance, and tenor **DICK CHAMBERS** and **RAY LYNCH** serenade the group as **SIVERT JOHNSTON** strikes up the band and **JOAN EWING** twirls her baton to **BILL SMITH'S** latest number, written especially for this occasion, "When the Moon Comes Over the Mountain, the Eyes of Texas Will Be On You."

5 P. M.—Elizabeth Freedom, the Americans' grandmother, goes to the Home For the Merciful Rest and Quiet, run by **LEE COLLINS**, **VERA LLOYD**, and **GERTRUDE BRADBURY**, to meet an old friend, and the two elderly ladies proceed to Swami **MILDRED CATHCART'S** tent to have their fortunes told. Meanwhile, back at the Americans' home, **DICK RUTTER**, **JACK DeLANCEY**, **ANDY WOMER**, and **TOM SEEDS** are installing a new telephone for the Delaware Power and Light Company. Fourteen-year old Euales, at about this time, leaves home with some friends to see the local ball club play a twilight doubleheader with the Philadelphia Phillies. The manager of the Phils nowadays is **HUGH "CASEY" McCUSKER**. According to the paper, **GARY GOUDY** is pitching for the locals, and **LOU HOLDREN**—the league's batting champion—is a big attraction for the Phillies.

7:30 P. M. to 10 P. M.—As June 13, 1975, draws to a close, the Americans are engaged in a variety of activities. Democratia is talking on the phone about the announcement of her graduation speaker, Mr. **CARL HARVEY**, who will speak on the topic "Go West, Young Folks, Go West (Virginia)." Libertina and the convalescing Independiam are glued to the television set watching, among other things, **CAROL HUDON** end her 15-minute show by singing "See the U.S.A. in Your Chevrolet," and then **JOHN YARRUSSO** and **ROSALIE REEDER** as they report "Today's News Today." Sixteen year old Columbia has gone to a 4-H meeting where **RAY WOODWARD**, **BROWN DUVALL**, **FRANNY ANNAND**, and **FRANK MOORE** will address the boys on "Modern Farming Techniques," and **DIXIE BRIGHT** and **CAROL FLEMING** will give a cake-baking demonstration for the girls.

Mr. and Mrs. American are spending the evening reading—she, an article in the Ladies Home Journal entitled "How We Control Our Husbands" by **BARBARA DICKEY**, **CHARLOTTE NEYER**, **VIRGINIA VAN VECHTEN**, **JOAN KENDALL**, **ISABELLA GUILIANI**, and **BARBARA JOHNSTON**, and he, **WILLIAM R. TEMPLETON'S** latest book, "Do You Exist?" Elizabeth Freedom decides to turn in early, which she does to end our story . . . O, yes! Of course she sleeps on a mattress developed through years of testing by **JIM BOSSERT**.

—BRAGDON



Edited by Joy Curtis

Here we are in the attic! Look at all these antiques! Here's a 1939 **Conradian**. Look at the teachers. They're not exactly the same now as they used to be, are they? What are these? Looks like they're yellow pieces of paper. It's OK; I see it's a record of some of the clubs. Mother must have been a secretary of some kind. It sure is interesting to hear some of the things they did back in "those days." Listen to this.

"The beginnings of the national organization known as the Future Homemakers of America go back as far as 1944 when the Bureau of Home Economics under the Department of Agriculture sponsored this club." Just a year later the Delaware chapter was formed.

Conrad's Chapter of Future Homemakers came into existence in 1946 under the leadership of Miss Conaway. A division in this group took place in 1950 when the 7th, 8th, and 9th graders became a separate organization because of their size and different interests.

As soon as the junior high school grades of Conrad began to be eliminated this Junior Chapter was dissolved.

The main purpose of the Homemakers is stated quite well in their constitution: "To promote a growing appreciation of the joys and satisfactions of homemaking." This was the ideal, as seen by the first twenty members, just as it is today by its increased membership of thirty-five.

In its growth of 10 years much has been accomplished by our Future Homemakers. Two state presidents have come from Conrad. In 1951, Phyllis Schulman was chosen to this office just as two years later, in 1953, Nancy Long received the same honor. The annual state convention was held at Conrad during these two years.

The members have learned that "experience is the best teacher" since their meetings have sometimes been in the form of suppers which the girls themselves prepared. Sharing has been another objective of this group of girls. They have achieved this goal by contributing to the "25 Neediest Families" Fund and to "Our Lady of Grace Orphanage."

This type of program has been carried on for 10 successful years.

Here's an interesting yearbook entry. The Art Club, according to this report, has decreased in

size during the past few years— (in size but not in spirit.) This is a portion of their annual report, made soon after World War II.

"This is the first year of existence of Henry C. Conrad's Art Club since World War 2 ended. We made a trip to the National Museum of Art, Washington, D.C. That was the height of the year. All through the school year we have had fine turnouts at our regular evening meetings. The purpose of our Art Club, composed of alumni of Conrad plus the present "A" students, was to learn more about art. In the more recent years we have also rendered school service in many ways. We tried to help school spirit through posters, etc."

In addition we might say that this past year of 1956 has been a notable one for the Art Club for they have helped the morale of two former students of Conrad, Donald Morris and Jerry Blackway.

Well, look at one of Dad's annuals! Here's a picture of him in the Future Farmers of America Club. He is standing behind the advisor of this club, Mr. Paul M. Hodgson. Dad has often told me about this group and he said that Mr. Hodgson was the first advisor. (By the way, this same man is a professor at the University of Delaware now.) In explaining a little bit about the club to me once, Pop said that, wherever boys from 14 to 21 are studying vocational agriculture, the Future Farmers of America is usually standard operating procedure. In our school it was the year 1935-1936 when such a group was formed.

Since I have always wanted to be a farmer, just like Dad, I've looked into the aims and purposes of this national organization. I found that their Official Manual states this: "The primary aim of the Future Farmers of America is the development of agriculture leadership, cooperation, and citizenship." This aim has always been the same and so has their motto. Simply, but plainly, it is "Learning to do, doing to learn, earning to live, living to serve."

These three organizations are among the Conrad clubs having the most hallowed traditions "back in those days." Without their service, life at Conrad during the past twenty years would have been very different. They have met real needs.

Bill Harding Gets Silver Medal

Bill Harding, a senior at Conrad, was recently honored by the Delaware Safety Council for rescuing Jerry Blackway, who was injured in a swimming accident last summer.

During a special assembly Bill received a silver medal from Francis J. Jamieson, assistant manager of the Delaware Safety Council. The medal was inscribed: "Presented to William C. Harding for heroic service to safety Aug. 1, 1956."

The award came as a complete surprise to Bill. Only school officials, the Safety Council, and Bill's father knew about the presentation beforehand.

Bill is a good all-round athlete and was a football teammate of Jerry. He is also on the basketball, track, and baseball teams.

The Me That Nobody Knows

Being an answer to Emily Dickinson's "I'm nobody. Who are you?"

I'm nobody! I'm surrounded by a social smoke screen. My life is obscure — hidden in the gloomy darkness of eternity. Only one person in the ages of time recognizes my genius and talent — me. I gloat over the fact that I alone know that I am a jewel of the universe, glowing like a star in eternity's inky blackness. I, the pearl of the solar system, am hidden from the greedy, fame-seeking people of the world. It is their own fault. Around me they have erected the walls of their self-centered selfishness, which hide me from their enjoyment. I am a diamond that has been swallowed by a fish. Thus I call myself, "The Me That Nobody Knows". The world calls me the psycho in padded cell 13.

—Dave Bragdon

Future Sophomores Reveal First Impressions

High School! Do you remember how you felt when you visited Conrad as a future sophomore? Well, from May 15 to May 22, the juniors of Conrad played hosts to the 9th grade classes of the junior high schools in the Conrad district—Krebs, Oak Grove, Richardson Park, Absalom Jones, and Marshallton. We had various reactions from the different students.

Edmund Smith, Beverly Bried, Carol Carew, and George Kenton all liked our auditorium and our stage with its new lighting system. Dick Creutzburg and Eddie Barlow thought our chemistry lab was the most impressive thing they saw. Lois Ann Smith said, "I was scared to come at first, but I think I will like it." Teddy Satterfield thinks we are all a pretty friendly bunch. Winnie Buzinkis is looking forward to coming here

next year.

Our variety of clubs received some notice from Clyde Prestowitz. Dean Ballance (a girl), when asked what impressed her most, quickly replied, "Commercial geography and Mr. Palermo."

Jeanette Haws, Lynn Rutter, Sidney Clark, and David Tebbutt all were impressed by the size of the building. Rod Crawford liked the guides; Nancy Hayden liked the music rooms; and the boys liked all our girls.

Most of the future sophomores look as though they'll be full of pep and school spirit next year, and eager to carry on Conrad's traditions.

—Judy Comegys

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Carson Callahan cuts up, as janitor, on Student Government Day!

Ray Cappa

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that you do not want to come here tomorrow. Your summer vacation has arrived already, and you are going to forget the school for these next two months and have fun. Maybe you are going to spend the summer at the beach or in the mountains, on the farm of your old aunt who cares very much for you, in a summer camp, or working for the Acme. And do you know where I am going this summer? I am going back to Spain. That's right. You guessed it. I am Rafael (Ray) Cappa.

I was introduced to you nine months ago. I will always remember those days, because they were hard days for me. I couldn't speak English very well, you know, and I felt myself like a cow in a garage. (This is a stupid Spanish expression).

Everything was so strange that I could hardly get used to it. Imagine, seven hours of school, when in Spain I only went for five hours a day. Lunch in the school. I always ate lunch at home. Boys and girls in the same school. (Here I won't be such a fool to say I did not like it). Pep rallies and cheerleaders. (That was nice too.) Changing the classrooms—when in Spain we only change the teachers, etc. But as the months passed, I found myself fitted into this new life and into this new atmosphere. I began to take an active part in school activities. I found an exciting pleasure going to the football games to see Conrad's touchdowns, Mr. Chanowski's white shoes, and Mr. George's dog. I realized that to sing in the pep rallies was a lot of fun, and that to follow George Gardner's point average in basketball was tops in excitement. And what shall I say about the school dances? They were something.

My academic subjects were not hard any more. If you stop to think you'll find that government can get very interesting, that spelling is very useful to learn, and that to read "Macbeth" is not so awful a task. And that even all those crazy games that Mr. Wood invented on rainy days are a lot of fun.

At this point I bet you have guessed that I have enjoyed this year very much. You are right. I have been very happy this year, and you have a lot to do with that; you have been nice and friendly to me, and you have made me realize that the American people have a very great heart. To say "thank you" does not express very well how grateful I am to you. I will never forget you, my Conrad High School friends.

—Rafael Cappa

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Baseball '56

Edited by Bob Masters and Joe Abrams

Conrad's 1956 baseball season is over, and what a way to end it: a three-hit shutout, an eleven hit attack—all in a 9-0 victory. Our record now stands at eight wins against seven losses for Coach Palermo. That's not too bad for his first year.

WILMINGTON

Dick Broadbent threw his second straight shutout—this time at Wilmington's expense. In yielding only three hits, he fanned twelve Red Devils for an average of almost two an inning. He now has hurled nineteen consecutive scoreless frames. Behind Dick, his mates mustered an eleven-hit attack for nine runs. After scoring two quick runs in both the first and second innings, the Redskins broke the game wide open in the fifth, scoring their final five runs. George Gardner started the fifth by singling. Then, after two outs, Broadbent, Grafton Brittingham, and Stan Macel pounded out successive singles. With the sacks jammed, Dick Rutter strode to the plate and doubled in two runs. The ball was relayed into the catcher who dropped it for an error. He then rifled it down to second in an attempt to nip Rutter, but the ball sailed into center field. Before the confusion was



Darl Jones throws one that puts "cm" out at first.

over, Rutter and four runs had crossed the plate.

BROWN

Brown Vocational, behind the three-hit pitching of Gibby McBride, shut out Conrad, thus spoiling the team's debut this season.

The Bears scored in the first inning as second baseman Johnny Concord lashed a home run. Dave Ross broke open the game in the second as he hit a timely three-run double. Two more runs in the fifth completed the scoring.

The Redskins' three hits were by Stan Macel, Dick Rutter, and losing pitcher Dick Broadbent.

Conrad 0 - Brown 6

NEWARK

Conrad and Newark battled in a squeaker with Conrad finally coming out on top, 2-1. They drew first blood, scoring all their runs in the first inning. Redskin pitcher Joe Kriznuski pitched shutout ball for five innings before yielding a run in the sixth. The Yellowjackets did not give up then, however, as Scarbath singled and raced to third on two infield outs. Then leadoff batter Pyle, looking for his first hit of the game, hit a low, sinking line drive to right field. But Hugh McCusker, charging the rapidly falling ball, caught it off his shoestrings before tumbling to the ground. It

was the key play, keeping Pyle from scoring the tying run and ending the game.

Conrad 2 - Newark 1

KENNETT SQUARE

Conrad, in winning its third game, unleashed its biggest barrage of the season, getting eight runs on twelve hits. Having runners on base in every inning, Hugh McCusker started things off in the third with a bases-empty blast. Even though that was enough for pitcher Bill Wallace, the Redskins really poured it on in the fifth inning. With one out, McCusker walked, and then Bob Rice stepped into one, and hit it a country mile, thus clearing the bases. After George Gardner walked and stole second, Bob Cairns was hit by a pitch and likewise stole second. Toby Craig and Cass Callahan then singled, bringing in three more runs. Winning pitcher Bill Wallace went the route in yielding only four hits.

Conrad 8 - Kennett Square 0

DELAWARE CITY

The Redskins evened their record at 1-1 at the expense of Delaware City as Tom Wisniewski hurled a two-hit shutout. Of the twenty-one batters he faced, fourteen went down swiping or looking at his peppy fastball and dipping curve. Camac and Nost spoiled Tom's no-hitter, getting the only two hits.

Conrad broke the ice in the fourth frame, scoring two runs and adding the third and final tally in the fifth.

Conrad 3 - Delaware City 0

SALESIANUM

Salesianum's Harry Zabielski shut the door in the Redskins' face as he permitted no runs and two hits. In striking out seven, Zabielski gave up a single to Bob Rice and a double to Ronnie Trivits.

All the Sallies' runs came at Joe Kriznuski's expense. Giving up only three hits, he yielded four runs with the help of a leaky defense.

Conrad 0 - Salesianum 4

DELAWARE CITY

Darl Jones and Dick Broadbent pitched Conrad to their fourth successive victory, 6-3 in eight innings. The victim was winless Delaware City. The two traded runs until it was tied up at three-all in the fifth. Neither team did much until the eighth when Conrad sewed it up. Bill Harding started it off with a walk. After a strikeout and sacrifice, Stan Macel and Ronnie Trivits hit successive singles, loading the bases. Then, with his mates pleading with him to "give it a ride," he did just that—for three bases in fact, and that was the game.

Conrad 6 - Delaware City 3

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NEWARK

Dick Broadbent and Joe Kriznuski combined to shut out Newark's Yellowjackets, 6-0, on four hits. Broadbent allowed one hit in the two innings he worked. Credited with the win, Joe fanned eight in the five innings on the mound. The Redskins broke the ice in the second inning as Cass Callahan singled and Bob Cairns and Dick Broadbent walked, loading the bases. After a strikeout, Stan Macel walked, forcing in a run, and Dick Rutter singled for another run. Then Bill Harding walked, forcing in a third run. In the last inning, Joe Kriznuski doubled in two runs toward his own course.

Conrad 6 - Newark 0



Bill Harding put one down the 3rd baseline. He got on, too!

P. S. DUPONT

P. S. duPont, riding on the crest of an eight-game winning streak, made it nine in a row at our expense. Despite Joe Kriznuski's fine three-hit performance, the Dynamiters' two runs were too much for the Redskins. In losing to a well balanced team, Conrad dropped below 500 with a 5-6 record.

In the fourth, Joe aided the duPont cause by hitting Bill Whittington and walking George Husfelt. They later scored what proved to be the deciding runs.

In the seventh, after Stan Macel walked and was sacrificed to second, he came riding home on Hugh McCusker's single.

Conrad 1 - P. S. duPont 2

WILMINGTON

Four runs in the fourth inning led to the Redskins' downfall as two W. H. S. pitchers combined to defeat three of our own, 5-4. Conrad tied the game for the time being when back to back doubles by Bill Harding and Bob Cairns brought home three runs. Ronnie Trivits and Bob Cairns were our big noise—Ronnie with two hits and Bob with two RBI's.

Conrad 4 - W.H.S. 5

P. S. DuPONT

P. S. duPont wasted little time in jumping to a 2-0 lead in the very first time behind the timely hitting of George Husfelt and catcher Hicken. Given a two run pad, Ted Thomas allowed a single run in the third inning when Stan Macel drove in losing pitcher Tom Wisniewski for the only Conrad tally.

Conrad 1 - P. S. duPont 6

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SALESIANUM

The Sallies poured four runs across the plate in the first inning and added another in the second as they downed Darl Jones and Conrad. In losing their fourth straight game, only Nelson Ross and Hugh McCusker managed one hit apiece, as Bob Gates was the master all the way. Darl left the scene after the first inning when eight men batted and broke the game wide open. Despite the two hits for Conrad in the opening frame, no one scored. At the last stretch of the game, Bob Gates retired the last thirteen Redskins in order.

Conrad 0 - Salesianum 5

BROWN

Turning in the best pitching chore of the year for Conrad and one of the best in the state was

CLAYMONT

Scoring in every inning but two, Conrad evened its log at 7-7. In using fifteen players, Coach Palermo gave several of the J.V.'s a crack at varsity ball. Bob Rice got Conrad off on the right foot in the first inning with a two-run homer—his second of the campaign. The Redskins scored three in the third, and two in both the fourth and fifth, to complete their scoring.

Conrad 9 - Claymont 4

A. I. DUPONT

A. I. duPont, behind the steady three-hit pitching of Jasy Lynch, scored all its runs in the first two innings and then coasted to a 7-3 victory. The defeat left Conrad one game under 500. The Redskins scored two of their runs in the second when Bill Harding and Bob Cairns walked, stole second, and raced home on Carson Callahan's timely single. We completed our scoring with a final run in the fifth frame.

Conrad 3 - A. I. duPont 7

Conrad's All-Opponent Team

This year, for the first time, Smoke Signal's sports staff is trying something different. In an attempt to praise our opponents' baseball teams, we have asked our players to select an All-Opponent team. The players selected were judged on their athletic ability and sportsmanship, along with their desire to win.

The team, as judged by Conrad's players: first base, Tinsman, Sallies; second base, Concord, Brown; third base, Winington, P. S. duPont; shortstop, Conway, Newark; catcher, Novello, Wilmington; pitchers, Nost, Delaware City, and Labielski, Sallies; outfielders, Magner, Brown; Dumbrowski, Sallies; and Husfelt, P. S. duPont.

Batting, Fielding Averages

Name	g	ab	r	h	rbi	avg	po	a	e	inn	avg
Wisniewski	5	4	1	2	1	.500	0	5	0	17	1.000
Rutter	10	21	2	8	8	.381	47	6	2	58	.964
Trivits	9	16	3	6	1	.375	25	4	2	30	.935
Callahan	14	23	2	8	4	.348	9	23	0	83	1.000
Clark	3	6	1	2	0	.333	1	0	0	18	1.000
Crickenburger	2	3	1	1	1	.333	8	0	0	8	1.000
Wallace	1	3	1	1	1	.333	8	1	0	7	1.000
Macel	14	33	7	10	3	.303	16	9	1	83	.962
McCusker	14	32	3	9	8	.271	12	1	0	76	1.000
Ross	9	18	0	4	0	.222	10	10	0	55	1.000
Craig	5	9	1	2	3	.222	5	3	6	23	.571
Rice	12	23	3	5	4	.217	47	7	1	82	.982
Brittingham	14	36	7	7	5	.194	8	0	1	90	.889
Gardner	15	35	6	6	2	.171	73	2	0	89	1.000
Broadbent	6	12	2	2	0	.167	9	10	1	29	.950
Kriznuski	6	12	0	2	2	.167	1	5	0	37	1.000
Kendall	3	7	0	1	0	.143	23	6	0	20	1.000
Cairns	11	17	7	2	2	.118	8	1	0	76	1.000
Harding	11	17	4	2	3	.118	6	14	2	61	.909
Jones	5	6	1	0	0	.000	0	5	0	21	1.000
Dasher	2	3	2	0	0	.000	1	4	1	10	.833
Lynham	1	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	1	.000
J. Stephens	1	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	2	.000
Winington	1	0	0	0	0	.000	1	0	0	1	.000

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Track Team Wins Gold Trophies

Bob Satterfield and Carl Harmon Break Record Set by Ruth

Conrad's 1956 track team reached new heights this year by completing the most successful season in its history. Coach Joseph Gormley feels that this team has outshone all others in recent years. The boys scored two surprising upset victories over Claymont in the Suburban Meet at Greenville and in the Peninsula Relays at Baynard Stadium. In these two contests they won the gold trophies which have been on display in the library. Other victories were over Brown and A. I. duPont, in two dual meets, and over Wilmington and Salesianum in a triangular meet. The only

loss was to P. S. duPont in a dual meet. The team also finished better in both the county and state meets than has any previous Conrad team. When and if Conrad's new track is completed—probably before next year—the team will have more adequate practice facilities which may result in even greater victories next season.

During the past season four of the school records were broken. In the 440 yard run, Bob Satterfield and Carl Harmon both broke the record set by Ralph Ruth. In the mile, Don Harper broke the record set by teammate Bob Satterfield. In the broad jump Bob Satterfield

broke the record set by Jerry Blackway, and in the shot put Joe Abrams broke the record set by Ronnie Smallwood.

The senior lettermen who will leave this year are Bob Satterfield and Jay Francis in middle runs, Rodney Allen and Richard Stradley in weight division, George Gardner in the sprints, and Anthony Zulkowski in the broad jump. Other letter-winning members who will be returning are Sheldon Schultz, Carl Harmon, Cornelius Evans, Donald Harper, Irvin Hirshfield, Robert Wolf, David Stevens, Lafe Thompson and Joseph Abrams.

Fore! Swoosh!

Down, everyone! It's our new golf team.

This new club at Conrad, which started operating in mid-April, was initiated by Mr. Hinnerscheetz, who has stated that next year there will be a more active golf club.

Conrad played its home games at Hercules Country Club. The away games were usually played on the DuPont Country Club course.

The members and their points are:

Bried, C.	3 1/2
Payson, R.	7 1/2
Ramer, A.	2
Ramer, N.	2
Donovan, D.	2
Spangler, S.	1
Biehn, B.	0
Fisher, P.	1

The last two are substitutes.

Bobby Payson has consistently earned high points.

The temporary loss of Pete Fisher, due to pneumonia, has hindered the club's chances of getting even higher ratings.

Scores

Conrad 2 1/2	Mt. Pleasant 7 1/2
Conrad 6	Newark 3
Conrad 0	Mt. Pleasant 9
Conrad 4	Sallies 5
Conrad 3	P.S. DuPont 6
Conrad 2	Sallies 7
Conrad 1 1/2	P.S. DuPont 7 1/2

According to Mr. Hinnerscheetz,

"The golf coaches and sponsors (of which Mr. Hinnerscheetz is chairman) have requested the Delaware State Golf Association to work out a feasible plan whereby all schools interested in scholastic golf can have a country club to sponsor them."



Joe Abrams displays classic Greek form.

Fads and Fancies of the Past

Rope beads, khaki bermudas, black watch plaids, hoop skirts, pegged pants—all of these fads are seen today, and one can hear comments pro and con. But these aren't the only fads that have swamped Conrad.

Not very long ago, bright iridescent, cerise, chartreuse, royal blue, and pink jackets were seen everywhere and were worn by both boys and girls.

Before that, colored nail polish brought disparaging remarks from all sides; it was described as being silly, unnatural, gruesome, and shocking.

In 1949, "Joe Conrad," a columnist for *The Papoose*, observed that short hair and straight skirts on girls were unpopular with him. In the same issue "Janie Conrad" stressed her approval of the "new" pastel shirts and ties for boys, and remarked that saddle shoes were tops for girls, with strollers running a close second.

During World War II the students were supposed to wear identification tags around their necks. At that time skirts were fuller and shorter and girls wore their hair long and on their shoulders.

(Continued above Picture, Col. 3)

Stan Macel was recently elected captain of the 1956 baseball squad. This talented second baseman hit .303 and fielded .962 in his fourteen games.

Next year the captain will be George Clark, a junior this year, who hit .333 and fielded 1.000 in his three games before becoming disabled with a chipped knee while sliding into home. (Incidentally, he was safe.)

During the war everyone was interested in the war effort, and hobbies consisted mainly of knitting and weaving for the armed forces, making plane models for instruction, and cooking and baking. The school, led by Mr. Cum-



Onlookers stare as Bob Satterfield displays the broadjump that broke Jerry Blackway's record.

mings, encouraged and supported this, and the specific departments helped to provide the materials.

In 1941, before the war effort was at its peak, a survey of the hobbies of some of the students was taken. Among these were beer-raising, collecting antique firearms, raising racing pigeons, and collecting soap. When the collector was asked why she collected soap, she replied, "Well, it's a nice, clean hobby."

Not all of the fads today are new; many have been around for years. Some are popular with almost everyone and improve one's appearance; others . . . ?

We wonder what tomorrow will bring.

—Barbara Heinel



"Potts" Allen heaves the disk. The squad will miss the ability shown here, when Rodney graduates.

Chanowski Switches To Pennsville

Malin to Succeed Coach

After nine years of coaching football here at Conrad, Mr. Chanowski has resigned to go to Memorial High in Pennsville, New Jersey. He will be sorely missed by his many Conrad friends and supporters. Mr. Chanowski has given much of himself to the building of Conrad's football fame.

Next fall, when the new season starts, the reins will be in the hands of Mr. Jesse Malin, a Conrad graduate, member of our present faculty, and one of Mr. Chanowski's assistants. Previous to his present teaching duties—biology, general science, and physical education—he was co-football coach at Sanford Prep for two of his four years there.

An outstanding athlete here at Conrad, he was graduated in 1947 before attending The College of Wooster in Ohio where he continued to be active in sports.

As head coach, he will be assisted by Lou Dymond and Mike Kuschinka, present members of the coaching staff. Mr. Malin has said he will use the T-system. Also, he is looking forward to coaching Ronnie Trivits, Don Cazier, Joe Abrams, Dick Broadbent, Jack McAllister, Wayne Holmquist, Elwood Scales and Grafton Brittingham, all holdovers from last year's squad.

Just for the books, Mr. Malin is married and has a daughter. He also has a brother who is varsity football coach at Claymont.

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Feminine All-Stars of the Past and Present

According to our alumnae and loyal supporters of athletics at Conrad the following girls have earned "all-star" recognition for their achievements in sports during the past 20 years.

HOCKEY

- Dorothy Armstrong—'37
- Helen Blunt—'49
- Kathryn Clark—'49
- Maida Frye—'47
- Alice Hamer—'38
- Virginia Hawke—'43
- Ann Horisk—'55
- Audrey Parker—'51
- Anne Perrone—'52
- Sally Stewart—'47
- Nancy Williams—'56
- Jean Wilson—'43

BASKETBALL

- Joanna Blake—'56
- Emma Briggs—'38
- Polly Joyce—'54
- Betty Kelly—'49
- Doris Reed—'54
- Virginia Spence—'43
- Norma Jean Taylor—'47

SOFTBALL

- Barbara Bowers—'47
- Barbara Cathart—'52
- Loretta Draper—'49
- Edith Faust—'47
- Mary Getz—'38
- Virginia Rhodes—'48
- Audrey Stewart—'55
- Shirley Ann Stewart—'47
- Virginia Silby—'37

Girls Hep to Modern Phys. Ed. Classes

This year at Conrad the girls have enjoyed a unique physical education schedule during the warm weather months. This schedule has included track, archery, softball, badminton, tennis, and volleyball as outside sports. If it was raining, the girls stayed inside and learned how to tap dance.

The classes have been split into six groups and each group has taken a different sport. The groups learned the history and fundamentals of their sport; then the girls moved on to a different sport, in order that each group could have a chance to learn each sport.

To make proper supervision possible the Student Leaders Club helps the physical education teachers, Mrs. LeFevre and Mrs. Garrett, with this program. The girls have seemed to enjoy this new approach in the physical education classes and they are looking forward to its continuance and extension next year.

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