COOPERATION BETWEEN PEOPLES:
It helped make possible the First Thanksgiving
OPEN LETTER TO THE CLASS OF '61

To you students, the potential Senior Class of 1961, has just been handed a most exacting responsibility. In your hands you hold the all-important leadership of underclassmen who traditionally tend to be impressed by your actions. During the next few months the way in which you accept this responsibility and the attitudes you will assume concerning the Conrad-Dickinson split are going to decide, at least in part, the success you will enjoy as a class.

So far, there seems to be some resentment and unhappiness concerning the projected change, with little thought being given as to why it is being done. But it is not Smoke Signal's position to weigh the pros and cons -- this has already been done fully by members of the Junior Class and by the Board of Trustees. However, it is Smoke Signal's duty, as a student publication, to point out that you cannot be a successful class until you, as a whole, can look at the proposed split with a mature attitude and manfully accept the change which was virtually inevitable. To do this you must think beyond your years and to project yourself into the world of the adult beyond high school.

There will be many times in your life when you will have to accept a decision that will radically change a life which, up to that time, may have been carefully planned. You will make the change because you will realize that it must be done for the welfare of all. And you will encourage others involved to understand why you have done so. In short, you will become a real leader of men.

Now the Class of 1961 is being called upon to grow up almost overnight and accept this leadership challenge. From you, the ones most affected by the Conrad-Dickinson split, must come the spark that will make this school year and the next a success at both schools. The classes of '62 and '63 are looking to you for guidance. Show them your leadership.

How to Save Money at Conrad

In this day of credit cards, loan by phone, and the like the loyal high school student has been left out. Our parents can buy things on credit or get special discounts on certain articles, but as yet we cannot. Some high schools have an activity ticket to help their students financially; however, Conrad is not one of those schools.

There are many uses for an activity ticket; for example, at Brandywine High School the activity ticket gives the holder free admittance to all home athletic contests, to the first school dance of the year, and four issues of the school newspaper. In other schools the activity ticket allows the holder a discount on the original price of tickets.

Each school activity ticket is good for different things. In some schools the ticket is used for admittance to all home football, basketball, and baseball games. The ticket may be used to give the holder a discount on all school-sponsored activities, such as the yearbook, newspaper, plays, concerts, etc. The third way a ticket may be used is as a pass to school dances and parties.

Even though there are three distinctive uses for the activity ticket--sports, school sponsored activities, dance--these uses can be mixed to provide a ticket which would cover the more popular activities.

The cost of the ticket varies, but in the various schools contacted the student body has so overwhelmingly gone along with the plan, it has been a success no matter what charge was made.

The activity ticket plan could be sponsored by various organizations, but most ticket plans are sponsored by the Student Council, the Athletic Department, or the School Administration. In some cases a special organization composed of the president and treasurer of each activity concerned makes the plans for the ticket and works out the division of the profits to the various organizations.

Smoke Signal is suggesting a special temporary plan which could be put into effect for the basketball season, while other arrangements are being worked out.

A ticket would be sold which would allow a discount of five cents for every home game attended. For example, at the first home game you attended, the price would be fifty cents, at the next one, forty-five cents, and the next forty cents, and so on. If you attended the first eight home games, you would be admitted free to the rest of the games. If this plan could be put into effect, it would not only boost the school spirit, and the backing for the team, but would save the basketball fans some money.

Smoke Signal feels that an activity ticket plan could work at Conrad to boost spirit and save money. What do you think? Give your letters on the subject to Pete Frederick in Room 205, or leave them in Mr. Baird's mailbox in the main office. A signature is needed, but it will not be printed if this is requested.

Be sure to let your Student Council representative know how you feel.

LITTLE THINGS MEAN A LOT

Everyone has heard about and knows well most of the important things one should give thanks for. But many, when thinking of their blessings, neglect to give thanks for those things which they as teenagers should particularly appreciate. The teacher who takes his or her time to discuss any problem you have, and the girl in Latin class who is always willing to help those who don't understand a construction, and the adult who tries to understand teenagers rather than condemning them just because they are teenagers, and the boy who is always willing to give you a ride home from band rehearsal, and the girl who is always ready with a word of praise or condolence, and the teacher who never loses patience as long as you keep trying, and the hundreds and hundreds of other people who do the many small but so important things which help make life much more pleasant are often forgotten when it comes time to give thanks.

So this Thanksgiving, when it's time to thank our Creator for the many blessings He has given, let's make a special prayer for those unsung heroes who brighten our day.

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Enter Literary Contest NOW!

Each December Smoke Signal has sponsored a giant all-school literary and art contest to encourage creative thinking among Conradians. To spur on brains and originality, cash prizes will be presented for the most deserving entries. The entries may be serious or comical; they may be in the form of an essay, short story or poem. The artwork may be a cartoon, a drawing or a sketch, and can be serious or humorous. All drawings must be 4" x 4" or 8" x 8" and prepared in India ink on cardboard. Also acceptable are photographs taken by students of any interesting subject, in or out of school. The subject matter of your entry may be anything you wish and not necessarily Christmas or the winter season, as has been the case in former years.

Contest rules are posted in all English classrooms, so check the bulletin board today. Since the deadline on all entries is Thursday, December 3, there is no time to waste. See your entry in print (if it rates the best) and earn Christmas money besides. ACT NOW!

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the science department at Bloomsburg High in Pennsylvania for five years, and served two years at Loyalsock Township Junior High as its first principal.

A man of many talents, he has also coached both basketball and football for nine years, having had three undefeated seasons in football and one in basketball. He is a registered football and basketball official. While in Loyalsock Township, he was also the President of the Lions Club. He is presently a member of the Christiana Hundred Lions Club.

He attended the State Teachers College at Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania, earning his B.S. degree; Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, where he obtained his Master's Degree; and he received his Doctor of Education degree at Pennsylvania State University.

Having five children of his own (one a Conrad sophomore), Mr. Troutman's advice to the younger generation is that "the greatest asset in life is to learn self discipline as a guide to all of our thoughts and actions."

Mr. Troutman stated that he was extremely proud of the sophomore class in particular and the whole school in general.

Business Student
in Today's World

Presently, with increased emphasis on science, foreign languages, and higher mathematics, the business or commercial student is often forgotten. It should be known that the commercial student is not always an individual who can't make the "grade" for an academic course, but is a special type of person with certain skills.

In an interview with Mr. Stanley Thomas in 1959, he found the commercial student should have the basic business skills of typing and shorthand, and a marked interest in these skills. In other words, a good secretary can't be a person who doesn't enjoy typing. A businessman or woman must also have certain traits: confidence, reliability, trustworthiness, and a definite faculty for dealing with people.

The commercial course can lead a student into many different fields, from secretarial work to public accounting. In most cases a public accountant often receives the best salary available to a student who has taken a commercial course, often outranking the pay of many doctors.

Commercial students, as the college preparatory students, should plan on furthering their education. A commercial student can do this by attending a good business school. Going on to a business school will always help a student to receive a better position with higher pay, and today, with many employers greatly preferring the graduate of a business school to the graduate of high school, this is very important. Also, according to Mr. Thomas, "well trained business people never have trouble finding jobs."

It should be understood, as a point of fact, that not only commercial students can attend a business school, but an academic student, if interested in this phase or work, can attend also.

Good business schools in this area are Goldey Beacom and Thompson's. Although the applicant should have good grades and good recommendations, getting into these schools is usually not so hard as getting into colleges.

After graduating from a business school, before applying for a job, an all-important factor that is considered by an employer is the applicant's attendance record. In the world of business, therefore, the commercial student or the student interested in commercial jobs should continually strive for an excellent attendance record.

Now that you have almost finished reading this column, you should realize that the commercial student is one of the many important, intricate building blocks of this nation's business, and good preparation is just as important to him as it is to the academic student.

Mr. Ralph Carter, PTA President, has announced that the PTA executive committee has appropriated $30.00 which will be used for prizes to be awarded winners in Smoke Signal's 1959 Creative Writing and Art Contest.

Conradians Meet
Mr. Troutman

On Conrad's growing staff this year is Mr. William M. Troutman, the assistant principal for the afternoon session. Before coming to Conrad he taught general science at Middletown High in Pennsylvania for four years, taught biology and was head of

Salute to the Library

Our school library, under the direction of Miriam E. Swayze and Sarah Rowe, celebrated bookweek recently by initiating a brand new assortment of books. These books were on display in the reference section of the library and, while mostly only college preparatory English classes went to browse through the new books, all students have been invited to visit.

The library aides, an important yet unappraised group, prepared the display. On different days of the week, there are seven library aides on duty in the afternoon. And for you boys who say library aides is for girls, it might interest you to know that six of the aides in the afternoon are boys! We should give the library aides much credit, for they give up their study halls and free periods to work diligently to help make our library an attractive spot.

Few people realize how good our library really is, and often spend hour after hour in the Wilmington Library when the same information is available here at Conrad. For the linguist the library offers French, Spanish, and German newspapers. It also has a great many periodicals and reference material, probing many fields.

The librarians and everyone connected with the library work hard to please you, the student. However, they know the library has its faults and doesn't have as many books as it could have, so if you have any constructive suggestions please let the librarians know. Also, if you desire a book not presently in the library, you may put in a request for it and the librarians will try to get it for you. The hours are 7:10 to 5:10, so drop in and look around at your leisure, for you will be welcome.

Here is a sampling of some of the books that were on display in the different fields.

PLEASE DON'T EAT THE DAISIES
This is a fiction book written by Jean Kerr, which has been made into a Broadway comedy. It is a fantasy about child-rearing, including some of their quirks and wise cracks. Written on a humorous note, this book is highly recommended for hours of laughter and reading pleasure.

THE STEADFAST MAN
This book is a biography of St. Patrick, written by Paul Gallico. It lifts St. Patrick out of legend and shows him as he really was, a living, breathing man.

A HANDBOOK OF JAZZ
Written by Harry Ulanov and printed by the Viking Press, it gives a brief, lively, and richly informed summary of the substance of jazz, giving the data—historical and critical. This is very informative for a report or just for the student interested in jazz.

BETTER WAYS OF GROWING UP
Written by J. E. Crawford and I. E. Woodward, this book speaks directly to the youth—right to the heart and mind—with plain talk, a simple approach and a series of self-analysis tests by unbiased, impartial posing of questions to the boy or girl who is concerned with the problems of growing up.

CREATIVE SCIENCE SERIES
This series is published by Creative Educational Society and is divided into four parts: Planets, Stars and Space; Atoms, Energy, Machines; The Way of the Weather; and The Earth's Story. This series is filled with pictures and easy-to-understand reference material.
CONRADIANS ELECT

SENIOR CLASS PRESIDENT

Lee Mc Master, our handsome and hard working senior class president, has a very extensive activity schedule. He is an active member of the student council, H-Y, and the varsity "C" club. He plays varsity football, where he is now co-captain, basketball, and track. After graduation, Lee plans to attend college.

SENIOR CLASS VICE-PRESIDENT

Pete Cloud, who was vice-president of his sophomore class and president of the junior class, is now vice-president of the senior class. Pete is also vice-president of the varsity club and a student council member. He has completed two years of varsity basketball and baseball. Next year Pete plans to join his brother Nate at the University of Delaware where he hopes to continue his championship work on the basketball court.

SENIOR CLASS SECRETARY

Rose Ann Reed, who was class secretary in her sophomore and junior years, is again her class secretary. Rose Ann has had two years of experience on the student council. She has been a baton twirler for ten years and this year is our band's majorette. Her other interests include dancing and modeling. Last year, she played Cornelia in the spring play, "Our Hearts Were Young and Gay." She also appeared on stage again last Friday the thirteenth as mistress of ceremonies for the Conradian Press Club's Variety Talent Show. Rose Ann plans to attend the University of Delaware, possibly become a fifth grade teacher, and even go so far as to get married some day. Any prospects?

SENIOR CLASS TREASURER

Mike Brown, who was also class treasurer, in his junior year, is the senior class treasurer. Mike is president of the varsity club and is an officer in the third year of H-Y. He has played three years of varsity football (this year as co-captain), two years of track, and is eagerly awaiting his third year of basketball. After graduation, Mike plans to go to college.

JUNIOR CLASS PRESIDENT

Buzzy Cooke, our student council treasurer, is also the junior class president. Buzzy blazes a trombone in the school band and is a junior band officer this year. He is seen in the backfield of our varsity football squad and also played junior varsity basketball last year. Buzzy is looking forward to varsity tryouts this year. Buzzy likes to work around small children, teaching and helping them. College is among his plans for the future. Right now he is one of Conrad's most loyal boosters.

JUNIOR CLASS VICE-PRESIDENT

Ronnie Bianco, who was vice-president of his sophomore class last year, is now the vice-president of the junior class. Ronnie is in his second year of the varsity club and varsity football squad. He is now looking forward to his second season of basketball. After graduation next year, Ronnie plans to attend the University of Delaware.

JUNIOR CLASS SECRETARY

Linda Mitchell, who is the secretary of the student council, is also the junior class secretary. Linda is a member of the Oreads and the student leader corps, of which she is vice-president. Linda played varsity hockey this year. Upon graduation from Conrad she plans to attend the University of Delaware.

JUNIOR CLASS TREASURER

Trini Cicela is our new junior class treasurer. She is a member of the Oreads. Trini has high hopes of becoming a secretary after graduation.

SOPHOMORE CLASS PRESIDENT

Bill Taylor

In June of last year an outstanding student graduated from Richardson Park School with the highest averages in four subjects, and the second highest general average in his class. This academic student, Bill Taylor, has now become the first president of Conrad's class of 1962.

He has no hobbies to speak of, but does play sophomore football. When asked what he thought of Conrad, he thought awhile and said, "I like it, I don't mind the double sessions, because last year I didn't get home until six o'clock anyway."

SOPHOMORE CLASS VICE-PRESIDENT

Jim Brooks

Richardson Park School also sent us Jim Brooks to become our sophomore vice-president. Jim received assorted sports awards during his senior year.

Outside school Jim spends some time woodworking. In school he is taking a general course and hopes to go into the field of agriculture.

Concerning his likes and dislikes at Conrad, all he would say against it was, "I don't like the double sessions."

SOPHOMORE CLASS SECRETARY

Joan Carew

It has been said that "a woman's work is never done." Such is the case of Joan Carew who was elected by her fellow tenth graders to the job of secretary of her class. She is an academic student who plans to become a missionary. In addition to working in a hospital, Joan is a junior varsity cheerleader, a member of the hockey team, and a member of the Girls' Leader Corps.

She plays the piano and in summer enjoys swimming, while in winter she ice skates. At Krebs she won an award for outstanding typing and was a member of the Honor Society there.

SOPHOMORE CLASS TREASURER

Fred Riblett

Fred Riblett, the treasurer of the sophomore class, is a normal student of biology disliking formaldehyde.

Undecided about his future, he is debating whether to teach physical education or enter the field of agriculture.

Fred, while attending Brandonwine Springs Junior High School, received the American Legion award for good citizenship.

He is presently a member of the Future Farmers. He says that skin-diving is his favorite pastime.

When asked about Conrad, he simply stated that he liked the sports program tremendously.

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Club of the Month - OREADS

FACULTY'S NEWEST FACES

Did You Know That?...

DID YOU KNOW THAT.....

MR. WILLARD SCHADEL
- teaches senior physics?
- graduated from Susquehanna University with a Bachelor's Degree?
- comes from Harrisburg, Pennsylvania?
- is married and has three children?
- flies an airplane as a hobby?
- meets on Wednesday nights with the Electronics Club?
- would like to encourage science-minded students to enter the Delaware State Science Fair?
- was a commercial photographer?

DID YOU KNOW THAT.....

MR. STANLEY THOMAS
- is the new head of the Guidance Department?
- graduated from the University of Bucknell where he received his Master's Degree?
- taught at Caesar Rodney High School before coming to Conrad?
- is a bachelor?
- enjoys bowling?
- attends the Naval Reserve drills once a week?
- reports that twenty seniors have already been accepted at the University of Delaware?
- thinks the most interesting thing that has happened to him so far this year is the three-day trip he and Mr. Long took to the Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Massachusetts October 28 – 30?

DID YOU KNOW THAT.....

MRS. RUTH NORMAN
- is another guidance counselor who also teaches one class in biology?
- taught at Dover High before coming to Conrad?
- graduated from East Carolina College in Greenville, North Carolina?
- did graduate work at the University of Miami and the University of Delaware?
- spawned a pet monkey?
- spent some time in South America?
- had taught for thirteen years?
- is impressed with Conrad's neatness?

DID YOU KNOW THAT.....

MR. FRANCIS PEAK
- teaches typing and commercial arithmetic?
- graduated from Mason College in West Virginia?
- was the mayor of his home town in West Virginia?
- is a band and majorette instructor?

is married and has three children?
- thinks Conrad is well-equipped?
- likes music and is an outdoor man?

DID YOU KNOW THAT.....

MR. JAMES DAVIS
- teaches industrial arts?
- came to Conrad from Buffalo High School in West Virginia?
- graduated from West Virginia Institute with his Bachelor of Science Degree?
- is going to coach basketball at Conrad this year?
- is married and has five children?
- has taught for twelve years?
- likes to hunt and fish?

DID YOU KNOW THAT.....

MR. JAMES KINCAID
- teaches Typing II and Intermediate Typewriting?
- attended the Steed College of Technology?
- majored in Business Education?
- obtained his Master's Degree at Appalachian State Teachers College?
- taught in North Carolina and Florida before coming to Delaware?
- hates the sight of students chewing gum in class?
- thinks that Conadians are "very well behaved" and have "excellent school spirit"?
- likes sports, especially boating and fishing?
- thinks that double sessions take time to become adjusted to, especially the sophomore schedule?

DID YOU KNOW THAT.....

MR. NICHOLAS PANZETTA:
- teaches Consumer Economics and Salesmanship?
- attended State Teachers College in Bloomsburg?
- taught four years in Claymont, Delaware and five years in Laurel, Delaware?
- majored in Distributive Education for his Master's Degree?
- obtained his Master's Degree at New York University?
- did further graduate work at Temple University?
- attended the University of Pisa, in Europe, where he studied Italian?
- is looking forward to single sessions?
- hates to see girls "making up" in class (this includes hair combing)?
- is pleased with Conadians in appearance and attitude?
- has three major interests - music (hi-fi), tennis, and overseas travel?
- coached the winning tennis team in Claymont, before coming to Conrad?

LEE JEUNG JI

The Oreads, under the sponsorship of Miss Mildred Morrison, is an honor group composed of junior and senior girls whose scholastic average is 85 or better. The club's main purpose is to be of service to the school.

One of the main projects of the club is sponsoring an orphan in Korea. The girl, which the club sponsors, Lee Jeung JI, is thirteen years old and an excellent student in "middle school" (that part of school which corresponds to our junior and senior high school). She lives with her aged grandmother and her younger sister, Yung Ok. Lee Jeung JI often writes letters to the Oreads, her "foster parents." In these letters she expresses her thanks for the money they send to her, with which she buys such things as school supplies and clothes for herself and her sister.

At the meeting held on October 28, officers for the year were elected. They are as follows: Georgeanne Gregg, president; Joan Gooden, vice-president; Edith Clark, secretary; Joy Cain, treasurer.

So far this year the activities of the Oreads have included the selling of programs at the home football games and the selling of chrysanthemums for the Thanksgiving Day Football game. Chrysanthemums will be sold at the game tomorrow, affording all Conadians another opportunity to help the Oreads help Lee Jeung JI and her family.
the ROVING REDSKIN

FROM INSIDE THE TEPPEE:

Is it really true that Mr. Moore got his nose broken eleven times on hayrides? Whose yellow and black car sits in Conrad's parking lot? (Let's hope the owner does not drive it to the Thanksgiving Day Game!) Did you know that Pete Frederick's new nickname is "Wamba"? You will have to ask him what it means.

Note to seniors: Have you ever seen Mr. Garfield blush?

The cheerleaders are beginning to think that their uniform sweaters were really meant for the football team.

Believe it or not Alice Watts had "submarines" on Thanksgiving last year. She does not like turkey!

Has Dave Stevens ever apologized to a certain coach for throwing water on him?

Has anyone ever heard Paul Lowden pronounce the word "Squirt"?

A horrid thought: Do you realize that next year your team may be playing against Conrad?

From one Corridorian to another concerning Corridor passes: III

TEACHER OF THE MONTH
Mr. Casto

WEST VIRGINIAN DIRECTS MUSIC PROGRAM

A familiar face to all sports-minded students and parents alike is that of Mr. David Casto, even though this is his first year as band director at Conrad. Mr. Casto, along with the band, has made possible the major portion of the half-time entertainment at our football games.

Mr. Casto's home town is in Buckhannon, West Virginia, where he attended high school at Buckhannon-Upshur. He entered band in the sixth grade playing trumpet, and later studied all the other band instruments.

An amusing incident was revealed during Mr. Casto's reminiscence. It seems that in his high school marching band days, he played trumpet in the last rank of their basic marching formation. Marching onto the football field during a half-time, he found the sun glaring brightly into his eyes. To stop the blinding sun, he shut his eyes and marched on — that is, until he heard his name called from the side lines where the band had maneuvered, leaving him solemnly marching down the center of the field!

He attended West Virginia Wesleyan College in Buckhannon, where he majored in music and received his bachelor of Arts Degree. He later received his Master's Degree at Florida State University in Tallahassee.

Our teacher of the month served four years in the army during which time he played, taught and conducted army bands.

The Castos have three children: Carolyn Marie, eleven, David, seven, and Michael, six.

Although Mr. Casto's time is too limited for hobbies, he enjoys Hi-Fi and outdoor camping.

Mr. Casto has taught for seven years in public schools. Previously he taught in Webster Springs, West Virginia, and at Hancock, Maryland.

When asked what his opinion was of our double sessions he said, "I'll be glad when they are over. Band rehearsals can be longer and much easier to schedule."

With his background and musical training, Mr. Casto, like all good band directors, expects his band members to produce only good music. This exacting attitude has paid off this year, since the band has contributed much to Conrad's school spirit during the football season.

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“Betty Lue

Betty Lue (please spell it "Lue," she told me) Fisher, as you may know, was Conrad’s representative this past summer in the American Field Service program. She lived with her “family” in Bremen, Germany.

Betty Lue left New York on June 28 with 700 other A. F. S. representatives. On board ship, they enjoyed parties, dances, talent shows, and even a Dixieland jazz band. En route, she was instructed in elementary German and the customs of that land. The boat docked for a day at Le Havre, France. After Le Havre, Betty Lue went to Rotterdam, Holland, and Dusseldorf, Germany. From Dusseldorf, Betty Lue took a train to Bremen, Germany’s second largest seaport, where she met her hosts for the first time.

HOME AND A HEAD COLD

The Brieger family, with whom Betty Lue stayed, consisted of Mr. and Mrs. Brieger, their son, Dirk, 20, and a daughter, Doris, 17. On the night Betty Lue arrived, the Briegers kept her up until 2:00 A.M. talking of her trip to Germany. And all the while, Betty Lue was suffering from a bad cold! Mr. Brieger is manager of a steel mill which promises to be the largest in Germany. He had earlier visited America as a representative of the German steel industry. His working hours are from seven in the morning until eight in the evening! The Brieger family was well-to-do and had a house on the richest street in town. It was located across the street from a famous park.

Betty Lue’s family had meat four times a week at their big noon meal. Their dinner consisted of pudding, potatoes and open-faced sandwiches. The usual drink for the Briegers was beer for they drank little milk. While eating all this food, Betty Lue gained twenty pounds, but she informs me that she has now lost ten. The family had a maid who did the washing for them.

The Elbe River flows silently past the Rathaus in Hamburg, Germany.
**Abroad**

**BETTY AND PETER JURGEN—former exchange student**

While visiting an art museum in Bremen, Betty Lue met a boy who had been an exchange student to Wilmington, Delaware from Germany three years ago. His name was Peter Jurgen, and he had attended P. S. DePott High School. *(See picture at bottom of page.)*

During her stay with the Briegers, Betty Lue went to Gromitz, a health resort on the Baltic sea. There they spent two wonderful weeks.

**GERMAN ENTERTAINMENT LIKE AMERICAN**

For entertainment, Betty Lue went to a couple of German movies, and she tells me that she learned some German while watching them. Her family had a T. V. set which received only one station. It showed many news and documentary programs and occasionally a spectacular. She listened to the Armed Forces Network on the radio. Betty Lue also went swimming. Her family and she occasionally went to cafe restaurants, where she danced. They danced about twenty different steps, including jitterbugging. She was invited to some private parties that she said were "absolutely wild." They danced, sang, and had a good time. She also collected assorted souvenirs.

Betty Lue says that Germany has the highest standard of living of all the European countries. Also, most Germans don't like to talk about the war. Betty Lue had a hard time searching for the ruins in the city, for they are rebuilding at a tremendous rate. Over two-thirds of Bremen was destroyed during the war.

Betty Lue said that she had a wonderful time in Germany and enjoyed every minute of her stay. No wonder!

**GERMAN:**

Was gibt es Neues In Amerika? Jürgen zog Betty, wo er in ihrer Heimatstadt überall gewesen ist. *(Zu unseren Bericht "Freundschaft über tausend Kilometer".)*

**ENGLISH:**

What's new in America? Jürgen shows Betty where he has been in her country.

**Brieger Family. Left to Right Mutti, Notti, Dirk, Doris and Hermann, a neighbor.**

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MRS. McTHING TO DEBUT
DEC. 4 AND 5

Did you ever hear of a witch with a dual personality, or a chef who plays Tchaikovsky's Fifth without a piano, or a leader of the underworld who is scared to death of his mother? Haven't you?

Well, you just haven't kept your ears open if you haven't heard of Mrs. McThing, the fall production of the Sock and Buskin Club. The play has shown great promise in its unprofitable rehearsals and is sure to be one of Conrad's funniest.

The cast, in which the only sane people are the servants, is as follows:

Mrs. Howard V. Larue — Margaret Burns
Carrie, a nurse maid — Judy Whitmarsh
Sybil, a French parlor maid — Lee Clark
Evan Lewis, a friend — Carol Colmer
Maude Lewis, a friend — Linda Ralph
Grace Lewis, a friend — Diane Lane
Nelson, a bodyguard — John Gahan
Boy (Howard) — Bill Spurlin

Chef (Ellsworth) — Gary Veileck
Virgil, a waiter — Bill Harlow
Dirty Joe, a gangster — Larry Kleinsley
Stinker, a gangster — Jack Rowe

Poison Eddie Schellenbach, chief gangster — Paul Lowden
Mrs. Schellenbach, Eddie's mother — Janice Livermore
Mimi, a little girl — Loretta Destaffy
First Policeman — Alan Smith
Second Policeman — Russell Reed
Mrs. McThing — Judy Golla
Beautiful Witch — Ingrid Magnuson
Ugly Witch — Janice Livermore

Yes, everybody's talking about Mrs. McThing. The production dates are to be December 4 and 5. Admission for students will be 60¢, adults $1.00.

"Aren't you going to kiss me?" Asks Howay. (L. to R. Diane Lane, Carol Colmer, Bill Spurlin, Linda Ralph.)

"An eight year old boy acts better than you do, Maude Lewis." (L. to R. Diane Lane, Carol Colmer, Linda Ralph.)

"Oh... But it couldn't be..." (L. to R. Judy Whitmarsh, Margaret Burns, Bill Spurlin.)

"Howard B. Larue... the III" (L. to R. Margaret Burns, Bill Harlow and Bill Spurlin.)

"Look Mimi, here's a picture of Mr. Finchrotch." (L. to R. Loretta Destaffy and Margaret Burns.)

"Have fun Children." (L. to R. Loretta Destaffy, Bill Spurlin and Margaret Burns.)
Her Passport Is A Smile

Redskins, meet Lena Birgitta Johansson! Birgitta, a vivacious blond, is Conrad’s Exchange Student from Sweden. One of Gittan’s main characteristics is her cheerful, friendly smile as her classmates and teachers discovered on the first day of school.

For this school year and part of the summer, Gittan’s American “family” will be the William Greggs. Gittan and her “sister,” Georjanne, are already very good friends. The Greggs have a son, Barry, who actually seems to like having two older sisters instead of one. Gittan, a great animal lover, has also captured the hearts of Ginger and Duke, the Greggs’ dogs. Mr. and Mrs. Gregg seem quite pleased with their new “daughter,” and does “Father” ever like to tease!

Every afternoon at 2:30 you can find Gittan sitting by the Greggs’ mailbox waiting for the mailman. Like anybody away from their family, she looks forward to news from home.

Her real brother, Hakan, is the Junior-Senior Ski Champion of Sweden. Her sister, Eva, is engaged, and Gittan is hoping she plans the wedding after her return. Her mother is a housewife; her father, a building contractor, has visited America.

LINGUIST

In Sweden they have fourteen years of school with fourteen subjects required each year. A student must know at least four languages thoroughly in order to graduate. Gittan is doing very well.

She speaks Swedish, Danish, Norwegian, Finnish, German, French, English, and is now taking first year Spanish.

She likes the dancing and dating customs of the United States. Dances similar to our Saturday night dances are held twice a week in Sweden. The couples who go steady are quite serious are the only ones who dance the last dance. In order for a boy to date a Swedish girl, he must dance five or six dances with her and then walk her home. He is still not entitled to take her out. One or two visits with the parents, and carrying her books home from school for about a week is expected of him before he asks her out. Once in a while folk dances are held and Gittan is very skilled in this art. Just think how lively their dances will become if she takes jitterbug lessons.

SWEDISH ICE OF SPORT

Swedish sports are quite different from American. When she was asked if she could play hockey, Gittan exclaimed, “That’s a boy’s game!” The town Gittan lives in has a very good ice hockey team. The team travels all over Sweden during hockey season and on the day of their return the whole town has an all-day festival.

The second most important sport is skiing. Skiing is taught in the schools (called gymnasiums). Last year Gittan came second in her school’s skiing contest.

News from Home brings a Smile.

Now that she is beginning to understand football, she enjoys it, but it took Mr. Sunehill’s stickin’ to explain and illustrate the game to her.

Georjanne and her new sister are planning a New York City trip in order to fulfill Gittan’s big ambition. They plan to visit the United Nations building and Gittan, who is fascinated by beatniks, has said she would like to visit Greenwich Village. When she was in Paris, France, she spent some time with the Bohemians (French beatniks). Now that she is in the United States she would like to see how our beatniks live. From the stories she has heard so far, Gittan thinks American beatniks are wilder than Bohemians.

O.K., boys, grab your bongos, throw away the razors, and let’s shag out to this chick’s pad!

That Grand Old Game!

What a day! The sky is blue—if you can find it through the clouds. There’s a bit of a breeze—about 50 mph, and the temperature....well, the mercury may thaw out any time now. Boy, is it miserable! And here am I, a shivering, frostbitten mass of ice, huddled alone on the bleachers—all but for about 50 madly raging demons. It wasn’t easy getting this seat. Every time I found one, an enormous crowd bore down upon me, and...despair minor injuries. I was able to stagger to a seat and give this account of the game.

The kickoff is a riot. The ball freezes to the ground, and the kicker ends up with a footstuck, toes, not to mention the injuries he receives when the other team tramples him in the mud rush for the ball; not to mention, also, the injuries I receive when everyone starts jumping up and down on me.

The next several plays are just average—a pass, coke spilled down my back, an end run, coke spilled down my back, a quarterback sneak, coke spilled down my back. You know, it seems to be getting a bit damp. Then it happens. The teams are lined up. I spot the big dog vendor. The ball’s snapped to the quarterback! I start after him. He’s at the 50! I’m gaining! The 40! He’s in the 5th row! The 30, the 20! I stopped him! He’s down on the 15! Boy, what a run; we gained 50 yards, with mustard and relish!

Now, we’re moving! We have new spirit, and we’re pushing steadily onward. That something has been added—ice cream down my back. Funny, it’s getting still damper.

At half-time we’re behind by 3 points, but there’s still plenty of time. In the meanwhile the band plays, marches onto the field, while the players stretch with a warm down this great crowd...uh, this...uh...great...this...well, when the crowd returns from the refreshment stand, they’ll give a great roar. The band does a great job, considering. Now the teams are returning. Here they come, rushing eagerly onto the field. Where are they going? Coming back! You cowards! Ah, the coach is chasing them, directing them onto the field.

The kickoff was beautiful this time; at least, from all the yelling, I gather it was. You see, I wasn’t there. It seems this muscle-bound ox behind me tossed an overcoat to a friend down below, and it was my overcoat. What does this have to do with my not being there? I was still in it!

As in the 1st half, nothing outstanding happens for several minutes—just the usual passes, coke downs, runs, ice cream down my back, punts, coke downs my back. Boy, it’s really getting damp.

The end of the game is now drawing near. We’re still 3 points behind! It’s starting to snow! The crowd is yelling, screaming, throwing confetti! It’s a blizzard! The players are slipping and sliding! 15 seconds left! The ball is snapped! Hey, who threw that snowball? The quarterback hands off, and there goes the run—no, it’s a pass! Wait a minute, that was a snow ball! Ah, there he is! To the 45! The 35! The...I can’t see! I’ll get up higher! Not high enough! Just a little mo...YI-I-I-I!

As I drag myself out of the snow drift, back onto the bleachers from which I fell, I hear the announcer saying, “...wins the game by 3 points!”
KROSS WORD KAPERS

ACROSS
1. irate  
4. the highest point  
9. meadow  
11. Behold!  
12. Titanium (symbol)  
13. distort  
15. Indian hero of a poem  
16. legendary 6th century English king  
17. mother (sl.)  
18. company (abbr.)  
20. each (abbr.)  
21. liquifies  
22. grief  
24. Spanish nobleman  
25. tennis is one  
27. Doctor (abbr.)  
28. dispute  
29. against (prefix)  
30. assault  
31. main part  
33. object used in a winter sport  
34. an exclamation  
35. a conjunction  
36. foreign  
37. interval  
38. Huckleberry   
39. Stop!  
40. 7th tone of musical scale  
42. a head covering  
43. of enormous magnitude  
46. a Hindu Yogi  
47. lash

DOWN
1. at all times  
2. close  
3. "Order of the ___" highest of British knighthood  
5. beast of burden  
6. "Hawkeye State"  
7. bona fide  
8. Area =  r  
10. "The Taming of the ___", Shakespearean play  
12. polite  
14. drugstore  
19. largest existing bird  
21. fatal  
25. 3rd state in union  
24. do (not contraction)  
26. persevering  
30. of the same kind  
31. forbid  
32. an insecticide  
33. cut lengthwise  
34. of the eye  
36. at a great distance  
37. objective  
39. height (abbr.)  
41. diamond (sl.)  
42. hello (sl.)  
44. neuter pronoun

Football Capers

In the puzzle below unscramble the football terms and write them on the opposite blanks. Then take the circled letters out of each section and write them below the section in order. When you are finished you will know what our football team hopes to win this year.

bfmule  
lipsago  
nwotuochd  
eagmsirc  
kehl  
deskinR  
sglnpik  
elkatic  
nlotpercetin  
ririongd  
senof  
gretckhaun  
srheeeaib  
senedf  
ungiatp  
yrotciv  
eiln

Two fathers and two sons leave town. This reduces the population of the town by three! False? No, true — provided the trio consists of father, son, and grandson. Chances are you did not think of that possible solution, but do not feel bad, because probably no one else did either.

Many people get upset and really go wild trying to figure out these mathematical paradoxes, commonly called brain teasers. When you are thinking about the problem of the fathers and sons, your common sense and intuition tell you such an instance cannot possibly exist. But when you are told the answer it all seems so logical. All these problems are designed to make you think and often send you into a frenzy of cogitating. For an example of this, just try to answer the question at the end of the following paradox.

The governments of two neighboring countries—let's call them Eastia and Westia—had an agreement whereby an Eastian dollar was worth ninety cents in Westia. When the government of Westia heard about this, it immediately made a dollar worth ninety cents in Eastia. Now one day 'a bright young man who lived in a town which straddled the borders of the two countries went into a store on the Eastian side and purchased a ten cent razor, paying for it with an Eastian dollar. He was then given a Westian dollar, worth ninety cents there, in change. He then ambled across the street and went into a Westian store and bought another ten cent razor. For change he was given an Eastian dollar, worth ninety cents there. When he went home he had his original dollar and his purchases; each of the tradesmen had ten cents in his cash drawer. Who, then, paid for the razors?

Figure it out? No? Well, neither did I. Now try out your mathematical skill and know-how on these brain teasers.

A clock strikes six every five seconds. How long does it take to strike twelve? No. The answer is not ten seconds. A frog is at the bottom of a thirty-foot well. Each hour he climbs three feet and slips back two. How many hours does it take him to get out? No! The answer is not thirty hours.

Simple, weren't they? In the first one the actual strokes occupy no appreciable length of time—the five seconds are accounted for by the five intervals between the strokes. Between twelve strokes there are twelve intervals. Hence the answer is about twelve seconds. In the second one the answer is not thirty hours but twenty-eight hours unless the frog is so stupid he does not know when he is out of the well. At the end of twenty-seven hours he is three feet from the top. During the twenty-eighth hour he climbs the remaining three feet.

Brain teasers can also inspire argument. Follow this reasoning and see if you agree with it. We can agree that the better of two clocks is the one that tells the cor-

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Now that football season is over, we would like to review that last great game between the Alaskan Blueskins and the Mudville Slingers.

The kickoff was taken by the Slingers' "Slinger Legs" Lopez. But the kicker's shoes flew off and buried Lopez, who seemed to be slightly blinded. He was tackled by his own team before he staggered across the wrong goal line.

Man, what a pile-up! It turned out that the ball was recovered by the referee. It seems he was leaning over to pick up a new marker, and the ball rolled between his legs. And both teams jumped in.

After the ball was reloaded from his throat, play was resumed.

In the 3rd quarter the Slingers take to the air, and.....

...IT'S INTERCEPTED!

"Sprock" Mcclure really grooved on the extra point. The teams were all lined up when "Sprock" called time out to tie his shoe. Well, when he bent over to tie it, "Sprock" thought he had the ball. And.....he cut, came out of it with a busted toe, and a police officer came out of it.

After moving to the 2, the Blueskins pull a quarterback sneak.

After the game, the cheering crowd rushes onto the field to congratulate the players!
Club Corner

Chess Club

Chess is a very ancient game. The earliest historical document dealing with it is a stone pillar at Gizeh dated 3000 B.C., believed to have originated in China, passed into India, where it was known as Caturanga, and was played by four persons. From there it spread to Persia about 7 A.D. It was then adopted by the Arab conquerors and introduced into Europe. In 1947, at Sao Paulo, Nalder played forty-five simultaneous games of chess while blindfolded! It lasted twenty-three and one half hours. He won thirty-nine games, drew four, and lost only two.

In 1941 at Buenos Aires, Gideon Stahlberg, a Swedish master, played four hundred opponents simultaneously. In 56 hours of play he defeated 364 of his opponents, drew 14 of them, lost to twenty-two of them, and wore the soles off a pair of shoes while walking from board to board.

There are approximately 189,979,584,000 ways to make the first four moves in a chess game. It would take a person 100,000 years to go through all the possible combinations at the rate of one per minute. There are about 168,518,829,100,544,000,000,000,000 possible combinations of moves during the first ten moves in a game. If every man, woman and child on this globe played without rest at the rate of one game per minute, it would take 17,000,000,000 years to go through all the possible combinations.

Organized in 1957

Conrad's Chess Club, which sponsors the Conrad Chess Team, was organized in 1957 by Mr. George Brown. The original team, consisting of Harris Fischer, Richard Toland, David Hamilton, Arthur Evans, Jim Davis, and Willard Minner, played Newark, Mount Pleasant, and Wilmington, a total of eighteen games, in which Conrad won fifteen and drew two, leaving us unbeaten. In the 1958-59 season the team, consisting of William Magarle, Douglas Toland, Bill Spurlin, Larry Kneisley, Stewart McNutt, Edward Grundel and David Arnold, played Wilmington and Mount Pleasant in a total of three tournaments where we won one and barely lost the other two. This year s team, David McBride, William Magarle, Douglas Toland, Bill Spurlin, Larry Kneisley, Stewart McNutt and David Arnold has so far played one tournament with Wilmington High and lost 4-1. Another game was scheduled with DeLaWarr on November 16. A match with Mount Pleasant is planned in the near future.

Math Club

The purpose of the Math Club is to provide an opportunity for students to share their interest in mathematics. Meetings are held on the first Tuesday and third Wednesday of each month. Any academic mathematics student is welcome to attend these meetings. Miss Isabel Miller and Mr. Alvin Lewis are the sponsors of the Math Club. The officers are: Joseph Cavalier, president; John Daly, vice-president; and Barbara Wicks, secretary-treasurer.

1. Q. (Continued)

rect time more often. Now if we are offered the choice of two clocks, one which loses a minute a day and the other which isn't running, which one should we take? Common sense tells us to take the one which loses a minute a day, but if we are to stick to our agreement we should take the one which isn't running. The clock that loses a minute a day will have to lose twelve hours before it is right again, which is seven hundred and twenty minutes or at a minute a day, seven hundred and twenty days. However, the clock that isn't running is correct twice a day.

These have been just a few of the many brain teasers that can be found in newspapers, magazines, and books. This article is written in the hope that the next time you come across a brain teaser you will be able to solve it easier than you could before you read the article.
Girls in Red Tunics

Have you ever noticed the girls wearing red tunics in the gym classes? These girls are members of the Student Leader Corps. The membership role includes Joan Theobald, Joan Carew, Pam Kangas, Joan Lange, Betsy Phelps, Joan Corrie, Debbie Smith, Mary Lu Evans, Lois McClary, Ellen Calvert, Sharon Rowe, Linda Grehawick, Judie Matt, Susan Kalmbacher, Joanne Porter, Alice Hicken, Pat Brittingham, Ingrid Magnuson, Jan Lu, Paula Murphy, Wilma Harrington, Linda Rice, Linda Chun, Mary Eipper, Shirley Farmandez, Phyllis Campbell, Karen Ellis, Leslie Elliott, Karen Miller, Janet Sotlow, Carolyn DeShong, Nancy Corrie, Lillian Hughes, Joan Gooden, Linda Mitchell, Gina Borsinsky, Faye Ellington, Phyllis Boudlen, Alice Watts, Judy Rice, Susan Vieth, and Leti Martin.

The results of their recent elections were as follows: Chief (President) Karen Ellis; Squaw (Vice-President) Linda Mitchell; Warrior (Secretary) Judy Rice (upperclassman); Betsy Phelps (sophomore); Brave (Treasurer) Leslie Elliott; Medicine Man (Chaplain) Lillian Hughes (upperclassman) and Debby Smith (sophomore).

In order to become a Student Leader you must pass athletic and written skill tests. You are also judged by a faculty member, on your character and actions, and your ability to teach exercises, and by your grades in all subjects.

The main duty of every Student Leader is to assist the gym teacher; or if the need arises, take over the class herself. This is done by starting the gym class, leading exercises, recording grades and demonstrating when demonstrations are needed. From these duties Student Leaders gain experience in teaching a class.

The Junior and Senior Student Leader Corps meets on the first Monday of every month at 12:30. The Sophomore Student Leader Corps meets on the last Friday of the month at 11:22.

J.V. Cheerleaders, Gay and Spirited

Even though most of our varsity squad is leaving us next year, things are still looking bright for the next generation of personalities on the J.V. Cheerleaders squad. These J.V.'s, mostly sophomores, present a pleasing substitute for the varsity, and you can bet we are well represented by them. Debbie Litchfield, though new to Conrad, is new to cheerleading this year. She also shows excellent baton twirling ability. Dancing and swimming are her favorite recreations, along with attending Y-Teens meetings.

Joan Carew, in her fourth year of cheerleading, is a real outdoor girl. She likes hockey, ice skating, and swimming. She is a class officer and a student leader corps member, and likes to show her school spirit. Another outdoor girl is Joan Corrie. Fresh from Krebs Junior High School, she plays hockey and basketball in season, while she enjoys dancing anytime.

Sharon Rowe, aspiring to be a professional model, loves dancing and singing. She is a leader corps member, and likes to show her school spirit.

Cathy Hendrickson did some cheerleading downstate in Dover before coming to Conrad this year. For recreation, she likes dancing, bowling, and horseback riding.

Three years of practice gives Judi Matt her ability as a cheerleader. She represented Krebs at the games for two years before coming to Conrad. She is a member of Y-Teens and enjoys dancing.

Barbara Cunningham, who is new to cheerleading this year, loves pep rallies. Dancing is her favorite pastime, other than cheerleading, and she is a new member of the Sock and Buskin Club.

Last, but not least, is Carol Sitewicz. This is her third year on a cheerleading squad. Dancing, swimming, and skating occupy her spare time.

All of Conrads cheerleaders, varsity and J.V., want to express their thanks for cooperation they have received, and wish to urge the student body to continue by a bigger turnout and showing more spirit at the games. All members are sincerely happy to have the chance to represent their school, and to urge our team on to victory.

The Vivacious Eight

Ask any Compliant to point out people showing the best examples of sportsmanship and enthusiasm, and invariably he will point to the cheerleaders. This group of hard-working girls, sponsored by Miss Doris Eipper, knows that cheerleading isn't all fun and no work. Every Wednesday and Thursday at noon, they are hard at work, practicing old cheers and learning new ones.

Captain Terry Henretty, besides her two years of varsity work at Conrad, was also a cheerleader at Krebs Junior High School. Her many interests include Junior Achievement work and participation in the Chorus.

Vivacious Anne Pearson should have quite a repertoire of cheers by now. She has cheered for three years at Krebs and three years at Conrad. She is interested in dancing, bowling, and horseback riding. Her activities include Junior Achievement and serving as president of the Student Council.

Did anyone notice a flying pony-tail at the games? Carol Jordan was in front of it. She was on J.V. Cheerleading in 10th grade, besides her two years of varsity. Her fancy steps and an ability to dance and most-liked activity. She also likes bowling and horseback riding. She is in girls' chorus, and has been on the Student Council.

Jeanne Greggs has several years of experience behind her too — in cheerleading, that is! She is also kept busy by working as president of the Grendels and senior section editor of the yearbook.

Just two years of cheerleading haven't helped Carol Roth's ability to give it all she's got in the way of jumping and yelling! Cheerleading doesn't discourage her other chief talent which is singing. She is a clarinet and in the girls' chorus. Junior Achievement is one of her interests, and she goes all out for dancing and bowling.

Blonde Jane Dillman has five years of cheerleading to her credit, including two at Krebs Junior High. She is also in Junior Achievement and enjoys dancing and bowling.

Joan Nowak, one of two juniors on varsity cheerleading, is cheering for her third year now. A member of Junior Achievement, she likes to dance and bowl in her spare time.

The newest addition to the varsity squad is Nancy Eaton. Recently chosen from the J.V. squad, she has four years of practice to rely upon. She is an active member of Y-Teens, and enjoys dancing, singing, and dating.

You may have noticed new uniforms on our varsity squad. The girls all express their gratitude for these because their old ones were literally "falling apart." They are really proud of the fact that no other school's cheerleading uniforms are like theirs.

TALENT SHOW WINNERS

Rose Ann Reed, mistress of Ceremonies at the Conradian Press Club talent show held on November 13, awarded prizes to the following participants: Mary Jones, soprano, most talented performance; Judy Rector, dancer most polished performance; Joan Wallace, accordion, most spectacular performance.

Judges were Miss C. Louise Jackson, Miss Bette Hayes Wiley, Mr. George Brown, Mr. Frank Luckes, and Mr. Malcolm Baird.
IT'S NOT YOUR DAY WHEN:
- The bus is two minutes early and you are two minutes late.
- The person ahead of you in lunch line gets the last piece of pie.
- The one day you're late for class the teacher is early.
- A history test is given on the chapter you forgot to read.
- Report cards are given out on the day of a big dance.
- Your current event clippings are the same as the girl's in front of you.
- You reach the student store just as it closes.
- You are caught in the hall without a corridor pass.

They Never Had IT So Good

Thanksgiving, a season of thankful devotions, joyous times and good eating has once again rolled around. This is the time when everyone's attention is focused upon the pitiful plight of one Mr. Turkey. That the guillotine was never so cruel as the sharp swing of the ax, or the quick twist of the wrist, is the thought of our more kindhearted students. But what about Mr. Turkey's feelings?

It is stated by a very reliable source (Turkey Raisers of America) that Mr. Turkey is glad it's almost finally over. By this time of the year Mr. Turkey, who has been in this cruel world for almost twelve long months, is now ready to pass on to his Happy Hunting, or should we say Happy Pecking Grounds! — At least that's what the raisers say. They tell us that he has been well-fed, warmly kept, and raised with tender loving care; consequently, at the present time, if he should be forced to eat another pellet of grain, he would surely burst. By now the average turkey has got more attention and affection than any other respectable member of phylum chordata, subphylum vertebrae, class aves, could ever expect. — To live on would be an anticlimax!

So this Thanksgiving Day, let us sit down to our dinner tables dried, and let's not forget, according to "T.R.A. " — "Mr. Turkey has never had it so good!"

Chemistry Capers

The chemistry lab is the favorite hangout for potential "mad scientists" of Conrad High. These people never have any trouble with their experiments. They can pour one greenish chemical into another without mishap, but let the rest of us try the same thing and — wow!

For one thing the lab book makes it all seem so easy. It reads: take five grams of this and two grams of that, mix them well in a test tube. Heat it until the mixture bubbles, then take a burning splint and place it in the test tube. Suddenly there is the sound that usually accompanies a thunderstorm and out of the test tube comes a sky-blue-pink flame about two feet long!

From somewhere else in the lab there is a frightened scream. Some unsuspecting soul overlooked the fact that glass tubing that has been fire-polished takes longer than two minutes to cool.

From yet another corner of the lab has heard some loud splashing. Someone has turned the sensitive water spigot just a half inch too much. This is not an uncommon occurrence as the lab is flooded at least once a week. If not by a furious spigot, then by a long-suffering drain which has been fed a few paper towels. (Drains, you know, are weak characters who should be kept on a strict liquid diet.)

Finally, at the end of the period, when the students make a mad dash for freedom, along with them comes the acrid odor of rotten eggs, tomatoes, and what have you. At times such as this there is a dire need of "Air-Wick" in the upper hall.

UPPER CLASSMEN COUNCIL'S IN ACTION

Senior Class Council
The Senior Class Council is hard at work trying to decide on a class gift to the school and making plans for the senior dance. The council is also working on such things as announcements and name cards for the class's graduation.

Junior Class Council
The Junior Class Council has committees working on the prom, which will be held at the Wilmington Manor Lions Club, and is setting the class dues for this year.

The council has been working hard to keep the class together at Conrad next year. The vote taken was 338 in favor of remaining at Conrad next year and 22 in favor of splitting the class with some students attending the new John Dickinson High School. The Junior class was represented at the November school board meeting by a group headed by Buzzy Cooke and Charlotte Jones. All aspects of the problem were presented at that time and Buzzy Cooke has expressed his gratitude that the class was given this opportunity to present its side of the question.

CONRAD’S PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION will hear Dr. Charles Katz, noted Wilmington psychiatrist, speak on the physical and emotional problems of teenagers at the December 7 meeting. A buzz session will follow and audience questions will be welcomed.

Calendar of Events

Thursday, 26th
Football -- Newark (home) 10 a.m.
Thanksgiving Day Game
Thursday, 26th to 29th
Thanksgiving Vacation

DECEMBER
Friday, 4th and Saturday, 5th
Fall Play — MRS. McTHING
Friday 11th and Saturday, 12th
Minstrel Show
Thursday, 17th
Christmas Concert — 7:00 p.m.
Friday, 18th
Conradian Press Club Semi-Formal
Christmas Dance — 8:30 — 11:45 p.m.
Thursday, 24th through January, 3rd
Christmas Vacation

We have good news about Mr. William Keay. He is out of the hospital and convalescing at his home in Pennsylvania. He hopes to return to teaching chemistry, at Conrad, in a few weeks.

Mr. Leon Skrinchuk, one of our driver education teachers, is still a patient at the Veterans' Hospital at Ferry Point, Maryland.
Paris Proclamations

Get ready boys, the skirts are up again! Yes, the skirts are up again. Well, at least for another six months. The ever-changing hemline is beginning to confuse everybody—including the most fashion-minded miss.

Ever since Annie Oakley, the woman's knee has been a controversial figure. Now you see it—now you don't.

In Grandmother's day if even the ankle was seen in public, the young lady was branded as wild and roguish. As for the knee, that was saved for the most daring calendar. As the years rolled by, the hemline slowly came up.

Finally it reached the age of the "crazy apple" and the "charleston". Here the short skirt was the rage and a hemline below the knee was saved for spinsters and school teachers. As the "20's" died out, so did the short skirt.

The hem reached a moderate and conservative length until the "40's" and the war years. Hemlines again climbed upward (to the delight of the soldiers). After the war the skirt came down and with the entrance of the "50's" the torso dress, with its longer skirt, was the thing.

As each year slipped by the hemline remained the same, and for nine peaceful years, America witnessed a hemline standard.

And then Paris decided the skirts should go up—and up they went. What can you do about it? Just go along with the fad and don't worry. Your favorite style will return again. Remember, fashion—as well as history—repeats itself.

Flash

According to a release just made public by Mr. Long, Mr. James Davis, Conrad's new Industrial Arts teacher, has been appointed to succeed Mr. Michael Visnovsky as head basketball coach. He will be assisted by Mr. W. Calvin Wood, head of the Physical Education department.

Mr. Visnovsky requested release from his coaching duties due to the pressure of his new position as assistant administrator helping to make plans for John Dickinson High School.

BIDS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW CEMENT 40-FOOT WIDE HIGHWAY along the Milltown Road right-of-way approaching John Dickinson High School will be opened on December 2. Construction will begin as soon as the weather permits.

WILLIAM ALENTZER AND KAREN ELLIS, seniors, have received letters of commendation from the National Merit Scholarship program in recognition of their outstanding performance on last spring's qualifying test.

SMOKE SIGNAL would like to thank all the members of the stage crew and visual aids department, as well as participants and cooperating teachers, who helped make this month's Conradian Press Club Talent so successful.

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CONRAD HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

FALL SPORTS

Mr. Gilligan and Champion Graham.

GRAHAM NUMBER ONE NETMAN

When fall winds begin to blow, most summer sportsmen pack up and go home to hibernate. This may be the case in most schools, but not at Conrad. Our male tennis players, who had been practicing hard all summer, finally received their chance to compete against each other. The Conrad District Tennis Championship, which was held on October 21-24, attracted more players than any other Conrad tournament. The high point of the tournament came during the last match. Terry Graham, a newcomer to championship tennis, was pitted against veteran Bill Alsentzer, Terry showing no stress, easily evading and usually strong game by upsetting him 6-1, 6-2.

Mr. Joseph Gilligan, Conrad's tennis coach, has expressed hope that this tournament will become an annual tennis event and will attract even more persons next year. Mr. Gilligan also reports that several practice matches have been held with other schools with much experience gained by all participating players.

Conrad's varsity hockey season ended with two wins, one tie, and three losses. This was a great improvement over last year's less successful record.

The high scorer was Leta Martin, a senior, with three points. Following closely behind, with two points each, were Barbara Wicks and Linda Mitchell, both juniors. Other scorers were Carol Mac Donald, Leslie Elliot, and Alice Watts, having one point apiece.

The starting lineup for the varsity team was Leta Martin, left wing; Linda Mitchell, left inner; Alice Watts, center; Barbara Wicks, right inner; Leslie Elliot, ring wing; Paulette Bailey, left halfback; Barbara Nichols, center halfback; Nancy Corrie, left fullback; Lillian Hughes, right fullback; and Pat Brittingham, goalie.

The J.V.'s ending the season successfully with three wins and three ties, had a lineup as follows: Joan Lange, left wing; JoAnn Mansfield, left inner; Faye Ellington, center; Carol MacDonald, right inner; Judy Rice, right wing; Jan Lull, left halfback; Judy Maxwell, center halfback; Joan Carew, right halfback; Sandy Craig and Joan Corrie, left fullbacks; Mary Elpper, right fullback; and Jean Speare and Cecelia Janulewicz, goalies.

Before the opening of the season, the sophomore team lost a scrimmage, 2-0, with Brandywine Junior High School.

THINCLADS CLOSE FALL CROSS-COUNTRY

Coach Joseph Gornley's thincalids have finished their season with a 2-5 record. The two wins were against William Penn and P.S. du Pont. The squad dropped meets to Newark, Brandywine, Wilmington High, De LaWarr, and Mt. Pleasant.

In the meet with William Penn and P.S., Joshua Bain, Conrad's number-one cross country runner, placed first, closely followed by Bob Fletcher, Charles Bestpitch, Larry Kneisley, Pete Cloud, John Shew, Terry Graham, and Beauchamp and James Bove, a sophomore.

Many team members have been asked by students, "Just what is cross country?"

Cross country is running a course of two and a half miles. The meets are all held at Rockford Park, which is hardly a roller rink. The course includes, among other things, roads, grass, woods, two dried-up streams, several ditches, and lots of hills. The record time for this course is 11 minutes, 6.3 seconds.

Since seven boys on the squad are seniors and will be graduating in June, the squad will need more boys to replace them next season from this year's junior and especially sophomore class.

Cross country requires no special athletic talent or skill other than will power, the desire to win, and love of fresh air.

INTRAMURAL TEAMS CONCLUDE SEASON

Intramural basketball results have been announced by W. Calvin Wood, head of the Physical Education Department. In this intramural competition, held during November, non-varsity players competed on a friendly rivalry basis.

Team 1 and Team 4 tied for first place, both having a 7 win, 2 loss score in the tournament. Team 3 won 4 and lost 5 while Team 2 won 1 and lost 8.

Team members were Cloud, Barger, K. Wallace, Hansson, Carter, Fletcher in Team 1; Lautenklas, Weiner, Parthemore, Baine, K. Brown, Thompson, and McDowell in Team 2; Bellmans, Poore, Short, Dick, Graham, B. Wallace, Powell, and Bowen in Team 3; Cole, Shew, Higgins, Przywara, Donavon, Sproul, Malish, Burdette in Team 4.

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Senior Member of 1959 Football Squad; 1st row left to right - Comeys, Chockl, McMaster, Brown, Stafford; 2nd Row Left to Right - Binder, Caldwell, Pabson, Megenigal, Macklin, Gooding, McGuiness

VICTORY TOMORROW WOULD GIVE REDSKINS TIE FOR SECOND IN CONFERENCE

Conrad's fighting Redskins will take the field tomorrow for the last time in '59. Fifteen seniors will be playing their last high school football game, and approximately half of the juniors and sophomores will be playing their last game for Conrad. This year, which will long be remembered by these boys, has been the best year a Conrad football team has had since way back in 1952.

The football season of '59 was opened with the Alexis I. duPont Tigers. Late in the first quarter Jim Gregg started things moving with a sensational open-field run which gave Conrad its first touchdown. Mike Brown followed suit with two more touchdowns in the second quarter. The game was put on ice when Ed Chockl threw a touchdown pass to Mike Mack. Conrad's outstanding defensive line kept the Tigers from scoring; thus the game ended 27-0 in Conrad's favor.

The Redskins then met powerful Salesianum at Baynard Stadium. The Conrad defensive line held Salesianum's powerful runners, but could not stop ace quarterback Mark Mulrooney, who completed four touchdowns passes and ran one touchdown himself. The final score was 31-0 in favor of Salesianum.

The first home game of the season was with William Penn. A McMaster to Dabson pass set up the first and only Conrad score. The Colonial's Profit passed to Ford in the end zone to tie the game 6-6. In the final quarter Bob Erdash intercepted a McMaster pass and ran 55 yards to win the game for the Colonial's 13-6.

The Redskins met the Wildcats of Howard and rolled up a very impressive victory. Lee McMaster and Mike Brown led the assault with two touchdowns apiece. One of McMaster's was a splendid 82-yard kick-off return. Jim Gregg and John Slavish each scored to make the final score 38 to 6 Conrad.

The Redskins continued their winning ways against P.S. duPont. Mike Brown was the whole Conrad offense. Helped by many fine blocks from the line, Mike made two touchdowns and intercepted a pass and ran 60 yards for the third touchdown. The Savage to Burton passing combination kept P.S. in the game with two touchdowns but Conrad won 19-13.

The clash of the Redskins and the Red Devils of Wilmington High School was a most exciting one. The McMaster to Brown passing combination provided two touchdowns, both for more than 60 yards. The Redskins line held Wilmington to one touchdown and Conrad won 13-6.

The Brandywine-Conrad game rainout on Saturday was played Monday afternoon. Mike Brown made the first touchdown on a four-yard run. The second touchdown was made by Dick Stafford, who made a sensational catch of Lee McMaster's pass. The defensive unit put on the best show of the afternoon. They held Brandywine for four downs on the Conrad 2-yard line. The final score was Conrad 12, Brandywine 0.

The Redskins' winning streak was broken by Mt. Pleasant, the Conference leaders. The Green Knights recovered a fumble and kicked-off early in the first quarter to score two quick touchdowns. This completely demoralized the Conrad team as Mt. Pleasant went to a 41-0 victory.

Tomorrow the Redskins will meet Newark High's Yellow Jackets. A victory would tie the Conrad with Newark in the Blue Hen Conference for second place with identical 4-2 conference records. This would be quite an accomplishment for the Redskins who last year were last in the Conference and didn't win a Conference game.

Outstanding seniors playing their last game tomorrow are; Wayne Dabson, stellar end who does a good job on both offense and defense; Dick Stafford, who along with Dabson is the best downfield blocker on the team, plays both ways expertly; Ted Megenigal, John Macklin, and Gene Gooding, the heavyweights who make up the middle of Conrad's fine defensive line; John Caldwell, defensive captain who plays both ways; Dick Binder and Preston McGuiness, who alternate at offensive center, and are excellent blockers; Lee McMaster, co-captain, one of the finest players on the squad, passes, runs, and is an excellent field general; Mike Brown, co-captain, highest scorer on the team and possibly the highest scorer in the Conference, has broken Conference records in points per game and touchdowns per season; Ed Chockl, an outstanding defensive player who alternates at quarterback on offense; Dick Rash and Terry Comeys, both hard running halfbacks and excellent pass defenders; Dave Fuller and Tom Olviter, who are second string end and halfback respectively.

Game time is 10:00 A.M. on the home field.

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