

The School Reporter

DECATUR CATHOLIC HIGH
By Pat Ruble

"Basketball Bounce" was the theme used by the juniors in their after-the-game dance held in the school auditorium last Friday night. Found throughout the auditorium were large basketballs each containing the name of a team member. On the stage were attractive green and gold letters spelling out the theme, "Basketball Bounce." Scattered among these letters were smaller basketballs on each of which was put a baby picture of a team member. Huge green letters spelling out Commodores below the stage added the finishing touch.

The large attendance at the dance included not only all the students but a number of alumni. The juniors would like to say "thanks" to all those who helped to make the dance a huge success.

Last Friday night, January 29, the Commodores lost to the Berne Bears in a home game. Tuesday, February 2, they lost to Geneva on the Cardinals' floor.

Joanne Loshe, Russell Bowers, and Judy Roberts have submitted entries in a typing contest. Results have not yet been learned.

Sophomore Fred Zintmaster reports that he is making good progress with his science project. Fred is studying the nutrition elements necessary for the growth and development of white rats.

The mission committee wishes to thank all who donated Christmas cards for their project. They urge you to "keep those cards coming."

The juniors have welcomed a new classmate. She is Phyllis Pauley from Elkhart. Phyllis finds a big difference between Elkhart public high and Decatur Catholic, especially in the size of the schools. We are all happy to have Phyllis with us and hope that she will soon feel at home here.

The freshmen have found their first retreat to be an interesting, enlightening, and valuable experience. Some are already looking forward to next year's retreat. Your resolutions haven't worn off already, have they?

Homecoming is coming! When? February 19. The seniors are selling homecoming tickets. Buy one today!

Don't forget the fish fry Friday night! All the fish you can eat for either a dollar or 75 cents, depending on your age. Best fish in town! Plenty of good entertainment! Come on over to the Decatur Catholic auditorium! We will be expecting you!

DECATUR HIGH
By Jan Aumann

As school reporter for the second semester of this school year, it is indeed a great pleasure to have the privilege to bring the latest events of D.H.S. to the readers of this column.

Wednesday afternoon the school elimination of the American Legion oratorical speech contest was held. There were seven contestants: Jim Reidbach, Connie Kiess, Carol Bebout, Alice Allwein, Jay DeVoss, Carol Norquest, and Kay Stoppenhagen. Everyone did such a fine job that the judges really had a "rough" time narrowing them down. In fact, the best they could do was a three-way tie between Carol Bebout, Carol Norquest, and Carol Bebout. Friday was the day of the elimination. Carol Norquest won school honors. Congratulations! Everyone would like to wish Carol the best of luck in the next division contest, which will be the division contest. Good luck, Carol! All three girls did an outstanding presentation and are to be highly complimented.

Wednesday evening Barbara Burk competed in the girl's section of the Rotary speech contest at Columbia City, winning third place honors. Barb did a "swell" job and should be commended. Those accompanying her were Mr. Dorwin, Mrs. Burk, Terry Strom, Nancy Helm, Etta Mae Soliday, Dee Schroeder, Alice Allwein, Connie Kiess, Carol Norquest, and Jan Aumann.

Congratulations Lois! Lois Gerke, a popular D.H.S. senior, is this year's winner of the Decatur zone Lutheran laymen's league scholarship to Valparaiso University. Good luck in the future, Lois.

Last Friday the Jackets journeyed to Angola. Although the Jackets were defeated 54-48, the Jackets put up a very good battle and are to be commended. Go Jackets!

Saturday evening the Jackets played hosts to the Huntington Vikings. The Jackets were defeated in a very exciting game, by a score of 43-39. Nice going Jackets! Make a victory our next!

Following the game the D.H.S. juniors sponsored a dance. The theme was "Saturday Night Swing." A fine time was enjoyed by the large crowd that attended. Thanks, juniors!

Attention all D.H.S.-ers! Class dues are to be turned in. The class treasurers would sure appreciate everyone getting them in as soon as possible!

This Friday the Portland Panthers will journey to Decatur's gym to face the victory-seeking Jackets. Go Jackets, beat Panthers! The band and twirlers will provide entertainment at half-time.

HOAGLAND HIGH
By Lorine Bultemeier and Judy Barclay

Last Friday night, the Hoagland Wildcats defeated the 1960 Allen county champs, New Haven, in a thrilling contest. The score was 65-59. We were very proud and happy to have overpowered such a team. Jack Braun and Stan Behrman both were able to play after being injured during the county tourney.

We are happy to report that Betty Bowers is home from the hospital. We hope to see her back in school soon. The entire student body wishes you a very speedy recovery, Betty.

Friday, Hoagland will entertain Monmouth. This will be the second time these teams meet this year. The last time these teams met, Hoagland won 92-48. Do it again Wildcats!

Next Saturday evening, Fremont will be the guest of the Hoagland Wildcats. Go get-em Cats, go get-em.

Members of the band gave a concert for the band parents and the boosters. They played "Carnival of Roses," "Mambo Marcho," and "Mambo Magic." The twirlers also performed.

The senior art class of Hoagland is taking a field trip Saturday. They are going to visit the Fort Wayne Art Museum. Have fun all you who are members of the art class.

MONMOUTH HIGH
By Pat Krueckeberg

Victory! Yes, the Monmouth Eagles defeated the "Lancaster Bobcats" by a two-point margin in a very exciting game last Friday night.

This was also the first conference victory of the season for M.H.S. Keep up the good work boys.

At half time Friday night the majorettes, Linda and Lila Kruetzman, Betsy and Sally Schnepp, and Barbara Fuhrman, gave a twirling exhibition. This performance was enjoyed by everyone present.

Thursday, the M.H.S. science department was privileged to have as their guest, Richard M. Lawrence, assistant professor of science at Ball State Teachers College, Muncie. During the day he talked to the various classes and explained what they might expect in college and later in their work.

He stressed the importance of getting as much math, science, and English as possible in high school. Also on his agenda were personal interviews with the students.

For the past two Saturdays Margaret Boerger, a member of the senior class, has been taking extensive tests in preparation for nurses' training. January 23 Margaret took tests at Parkview, and over the past weekend she journeyed to Ball State. We wish her the best of luck in her nursing career.

The chapel speaker for Wednesday was the Rev. M. D. Rich of the Pleasant Valley Wesleyan Methodist church. We wish to thank him for his enlightening talk.

The magazine sales of the junior class are rising steadily each day. The goal set for the class is \$1,100. As of the present time they have acquired \$350, or one half of their goal. Let's back the juniors by giving them our subscriptions.

In the N.I.S.B.O.V.A. contest held at Central high school in Fort Wayne last Saturday, the girls' sextet received an excellent rating. Winnie Rafert and Roger Spencer were classified as superior for their vocal solos, while Kenny Fuhrman's vocal solo was rated as excellent. Sharon Sue Harkless received an excellent classification for her piano solo. Good was the rating for Ruth Ann Beery's piano solo. This Saturday a number of instrumental students will travel to Harrison Hill school for the N.I.S.B.O.V.A. contest. We wish them the best of luck.

Friday night the Monmouth Eagles will meet the Hoagland Wildcats at Hoagland. Saturday night's home game will match Monmouth against the Hartford Gorillas. Lets add these games to our victory column.

PLEASANT MILLS HIGH
By Judy Shoaf

Hurrah! The Spartans won their third victory against the Willshire Bears last Friday night. The team won this exciting game by a double overtime. Congratulations are to be given to the Spartans for playing a victorious game. There is no game scheduled this week, but the Spartans travel to Monroeville to play Arcola February 12.

Report cards for the third grading period were given out Monday afternoon before school was dismissed. The following students are on the honor roll: grade 12—Carolyn Luginbill, Judy Shoaf; grade 11—Pat Johnson, Louise Currie, Susan McCullough, Ellamae Speakman; grade 10—Kathy Shoaf; grade 9—David Myers; grade 8—Kenny Wagner, Roger Rupp; grade 7—David Suman, Larry Gerber, David Speakman, Judy Myers, Carl Myers; honorable mention—Janet Rupp, Nina McAhren, Norman Rupp.

Five superior ratings were received at Fort Wayne Central last Saturday. They are as follows: girls' quartet, girls' vocal ensemble, piano solo by Carolyn Luginbill a vocal solo by Ronnie McFarland, and a piano solo by Gale Riley. Congratulations!

Traveling to Fort Wayne Harrison Hill school Saturday for the instrumental contest will be Nancy Bailey, mellaphone solo; John Geimer, trumpet solo; John Bunner, trumpet solo; David Currie, tuba solo; Kate Hindenlang, Mariam McAhren, and Gary Clouse, clarinet.

net trio. Loads of luck, kids! —P.M.H.S.— Candy anyone? Pupils from the junior class are now selling one-fourth bars of milk chocolate with almonds mixed. The class is sponsoring this project for the educational trip they plan to take this spring.

The fifth and sixth grade basketball team played against Adams Central last Thursday. The game was held during noon hour so the students could watch this thrilling event. The boys won the reserve game and Adams Central won the varsity 5th and 6th grade game. Keep up the good work, boys!

A senior student, Linda Wagner, received a medal for winning the Betty Crocker's homemaker of tomorrow contest. Congratulations, Linda!

Recently a member of the sophomore class, Tom Edgell, had an appendectomy. The faculty and student body of P.M.H.S. wishes him a quick recovery. Get well, Tom!

ADAMS CENTRAL HIGH
By Sandy Strickler and Rose Schickman

Saturday morning and afternoon, January 30, several of Central's musical students participated in the district music contest held at Central high school in Fort Wayne. Superior ratings were received by the senior girls' trio consisting of Lois Steury, Delora Mishler, and Carol McKean; the junior girls' quartet: Karen Nussbaum, Nancy Raudenbush, Onalee Barkley, and Carolyn Yake; vocal solos: Donna Shoaf and Joan Brown; a piano solo by Delora Mishler; and a piano duet by Rosalyn and Delora Mishler. Excellent ratings were given to the girls' ensemble consisting of Linda Hirschy, Helen Hirschy, Toni Rupert, Lana McBride, Dixie Smith, Nancy Steury, Rosalyn Mishler, Donna Shoaf, Esther Brehm, Joan Rupert, Twila Arnold, and Rosetta Gerber; the freshmen girls' trio: Annie Singleton, Karen Rich, and Sandra Matting, Karen solos: Karlo Stavenik and Rosalyn Mishler.

A warm thanks goes to Onalee Barkley, Delora Mishler, Madeline Hedington, and Jocelyn McCullough who helped accompany the other students! Congratulations to you all and "On To The State!"

Graduation day is not far away! Already the Central seniors have been measured for their caps and gowns!

Hear ye! Hear ye! The annual P.T.A. chili and oyster stew supper will be held Friday, February 12 in the Adams Central cafeteria. Tickets are 50 cents for a choice of chili or oyster stew, a dessert and a drink of white or chocolate milk, or orange juice or coffee. Hot dogs, ice cream and extra servings will also be available. Every one come for a delicious home-cooked meal!

That They May Live! was the title of the film shown to Central's upper six grades by the Sunshine society, Tuesday. After the film, the students were asked to contribute money which would go for the crippled and diseased children at the Riley hospital at Indianapolis. The amount contributed by the students was estimated at \$55.

Central wishes to welcome the two new students entered here! Russel Brooks, a junior, and Harris Halversen, a freshman, transferred to Central from Staten Island, New York.

Central students are to be congratulated on their contribution of \$195 to the March of Dimes. Great work, kids!

The freshman basketball team participated in a tourney at Decatur, Saturday, January 30. They were defeated by Bluffton 43-21. Better luck next time!

Congratulations, team, on defeating a tough Pennville team Friday, January 29. After a hard fought battle with the Bulldogs the Greyhounds pulled away in the end to win 49-48. The reserves also scored another win by defeating Pennville's second string. Nice going teams!

A sixth district Future Farmers of American contest, Adams Central took a first place in the secretary's book judging, and senior John Ingner won the essay contest. Berne-French took first in the public speaking contest. The event, at Jackson school in Wells county, saw seven counties in the district entered. Adams Central, besides the mentioned blue ribbons, won second in the state chapter contest and in scrapbooks, both qualifying them for the state finals in April at Purdue.

The Adams Central and Berne first place winners, of course, will also compete. Twelve districts will compete in the state meet, Adams Central also finished second in parliamentary procedures, but only the winning entry will continue to state. Martin Watson teaches vocational agriculture at Adams Central and Doyle Lehman is the Berne instructor.

Two Teen-age Boys Nabbed After Gunfight

PLAINFIELD, Ind. (UPI)—Two teen-aged escapees from the Indiana Boys School looted a home and held its owner hostage Wednesday before they stole his car and were captured after a gunfight with police.

The car collided with a police car at a curve two miles east of Whitesville during a high speed chase and the youths surrendered quietly.

Police fired at the fleeing youths with a revolver and a shotgun during the chase. One of the youths said he fired back with a stolen rifle.

Ronald E. Tyner, 16, Linden, and Miles W. Bradley, 16, Elkhart, were taken to the Montgomery County Jail at Crawfordsville where they were charged with armed robbery, first degree burglary and car theft.

Tyner and Bradley went to the home of William G. Vint here a few hours after they escaped, authorities said. Vint had left the house to get a haircut and his wife had left for work at Indianapolis.

Vint said he returned home and was confronted by the youths who pointed his own rifle and shotgun at him. He said they held him hostage for about 15 minutes in the basement of the home before they fled in his car.

"I was pretty well shook up," Vint said. "One of them was real nervous and he kept waving the shotgun at me saying, 'I don't want to have to kill you.' The other one—the one with the rifle—was more level-headed and he didn't scare me."

Authorities quoted one of the youths as saying after their capture that they decided not to kill Vint "since he was too nice a guy."

The youths nearly demolished the inside of his home, Vint said. They ransacked the house and "tore it up," he said. Drawers were emptied on the floor, furniture was ripped with a knife, a television set cabinet and dining room table were deeply scratched, eggs, coffee and milk were thrown around the house and clothing was slashed, he said.

The Vints' pet parakeet was left bleeding at the bottom of its cage with one of its legs nearly severed by a knife wound.

Vandalism Costs \$2,000 Vint said police estimated the damage at about \$2,000. He said he didn't know whether insurance would cover the damage.

The youths saved the end off Vint's shotgun and took it and the rifle with them, together with \$60 cash they found in the house authorities said.

After they left, Vint called police despite the youths' warning against it.

Montgomery County Sheriff Merle Remley said the youths told him they drove toward Crawfordsville where they planned to steal another car and drive to California. They were spotted at Jamestown by Forest O. Young, the town marshal, and Howard Rush, a Danville city policeman who was visiting Young.

The boys sped up when Young turned on his siren and flashing red light, Remley said.

Authorities said Rush emptied a six-shot .38 caliber pistol at the car during a chase at speeds of up to 90 miles an hour. Then he fired with a shotgun and the second blast shattered the rear window of the fleeing car.

Five more shots were fired before the fleeing car skidded on a curve and was hit by the police car.

None of the shots the youth said he fired hit the police car.

City Answer Filed To Court Request

Judge Myles F. Parrish today released the answer from the city attorney to his queries concerning the city administration's stand on several important issues involving the appraisal of the city-owned electric utility.

Concerning the appointment of appraisers, the city council felt \$500 for each of the three-man team would be the advisable maximum, while a maximum \$1,000 fee would be in line if the appointee were a registered engineer.

None of three recently appointed by the judge is a registered engineer.

The letter-in-full, answering the eight points that the judge wanted clarified, is as follows:

"Your letter of Jan. 14 in regard to the above matter has been presented to the common council of the city of Decatur, and they have instructed me to write an early reply to you.

"First of all, it is the feeling of every one concerned that the common council is responsible for the payment of the appraisers' fees.

"Although the statute does not specifically state who pays the appraisers' fees, it would seem that inasmuch as the appraisers are paid by the council, that in all fairness to both the court and prospective appraisers that some scale, or suggested rate, be ascertained.

"With this thought in mind, the common council feels that the pay scale should vary, depending upon whether or not the appraiser is an engineer.

"The council has discussed this matter, and decided that if the appointee is not an engineer that he should receive a maximum of \$500 (of course, there will be three men, and this would mean \$500 for each man, if he is not an engineer).

"On the other hand, the council felt that in the event the appointee was a registered professional engineer, then that person should be

entitled to payment of a maximum of \$1,000 (again, if all three men were engineers then each would receive \$1,000 per person.)

"Also in the event that none of the appraisers appointed is an engineer, the council felt that under the law, the appraisers are entitled to the advice of an engineer and they have stated that they felt that a maximum of \$1,000 for an engineer would be in line.

"The council did feel that after the work was completed that it would be better to have a claim form filed with the city council so that a record could be made of the payment, and what the payment was for.

"As you state in your letter, the act under which the appraisers are appointed is rather vague, but inasmuch as the statute does state the return of the appraisal is filed with the council, rather than the court, it would seem that the law of eminent domain proceedings pertaining to judicial review, would not be applicable.

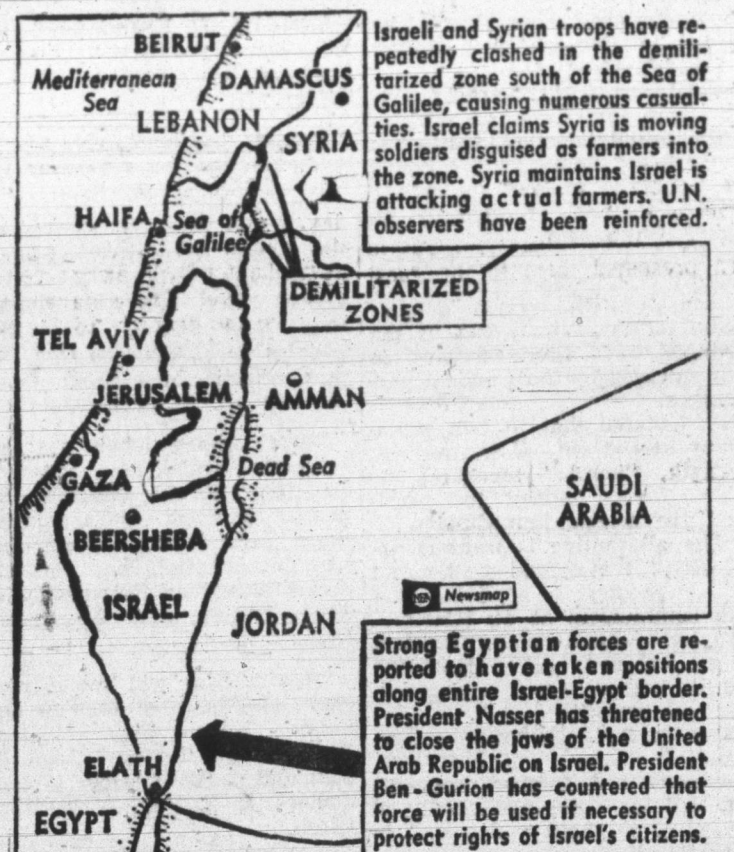
"It seems to this writer that the portion of the present petition stating that the report be filed with the court should be deleted.

"Also inasmuch as the appraisal is filed with the city and not with the court, it would seem that the appraisers would not be officers of the court, but merely employees or agents of the city.

"Inasmuch as the law of Indiana seems to define the word 'disinterested' as being persons who are not either customers of the utility, or residents of the territory served by the utility, we feel that this requirement should be added to the petition as filed.

"I believe that I have covered the points set out in your letter, and want to assure the court of the complete co-operation of the city officials pertaining to this difficult task."

The letter was signed by Robert S. Anderson, city attorney, and dated Jan. 30.



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RUNAWAY—Coed Dorothy Lebohrer, 18, of Alfred University, is shown at a New York City police station where she was held for her father, school treasurer Edward K. Lebohrer. She was found in a movie theater with the school's former Negro basketball star, Warren Sutton, 20. They had run away.

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