

## Pre-School Hop Is Slated For Friday

A pre-school hop will be held Friday at the Hanover Street Republican Club. Dave Linder and his orchestra will furnish the music from 9 p. m. to 12 midnight.

Some of the orchestra members include Jack Rutkowski who led the Red Band for Trenton Central High Sport Night, and James Wiest, pianist, arranger for the 203rd Army band at General Headquarters, Tokyo, Japan. The affair is open to the public.

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## Asking \$64 Question At Central High



Central High School is returning to the use of the Student Activity Ticket this year. It's good for all home athletic contests, the operetta, the school play and first chance at the Sports Nite tickets. The plan is to give the students supervised recreation at only eight

cents per activity. Frederick Walker is shown holding microphone at assembly yesterday so that Georgie Meszaros can ask a question concerning the plan. This audience participation plan was used throughout the assembly, the students asking questions of a panel seated on the

stage. The panel included Nancy Hoffman, Virginia Plate, Lorraine Holt, Janice Holcombe, Peggy Huddy, Paul Sollama, Jasper Parella, Paul Zimskind, Donald Minnick and Chuck Lucarella. Miss Sarah Christie, vice principal, is in charge of the program.

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## *THS Sports Night Captains*



Evelyn Yousko (left) will captain the Red team in this year's Girls Sports Night competition at Trenton High School and Josephine Barbiero (right) will captain the Black team. The annual competition is held in March. They were elected after balloting yesterday and are shown exchanging congratulations. Both are senior honor students, and both are pursuing academic courses. Miss Yousko lives at 242 Grand Street and Miss Barbiero at 67 Garfield Avenue.

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# Red And Black Captains



**Evelyn Yousko**



**Josephine Barbiero**

## Red, Blacks Pick Chairmen

Thoughts of T.H.S. girls turn once more to Sports Night, for Black and Red team girls have recently elected their captains.

Jo Barbiero, captain of the Black team, and Evelyn Yousko, Red team captain, have as assistants the following girls who are heads of committees: Black marching, Nancy Ide; Red marching, Jean Marozzi; Black tap, Virginia Plate; Red tap, Joanne Cella; Black modern exercises, Lorraine Holt; Red modern exercises, Jean Bailey.

Black folk dance, Anita Carney; Red folk dance, Dorothy Argenti; Black rhythmic, Ruth Harrop; Red rhythmic, Georgia Meszaros; Black songs and cheers, Thelma Fiori; Red songs and cheers, Barbara Zimmer; Black theme song, Dorothy Cella; Red theme song, Dolores Mule; Black costumes, Joan Blair; Red costumes, Helen Scumacker; Black music, Barbara Pierce; Red music, Constance Kateusz.

Black decorations, Gwen Sampson; Red decorations, Antoinette DeFillipo; Black properties, Jennie Danbert; Red properties, Phyllis Favata; Black games, Doris Hundley; Red games, Evelyn Thomas; Black publicity, Janice Holcombe; Red publicity Nancy Hoffman.

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## *To Rule Over Sports Night*



Pictured (left to right) are Marion Hebberd of 118 Columbus Avenue, Miss America for the annual THS Girls Sports Night; Patricia Wiley of 308 Beechwood Avenue, Mistress of Ceremonies and Betty Cook of 44 Girard Avenue, Miss THS. They were elected yesterday.

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## **Sports Nite M. C.**



**Patricia Willey**

**Miss America**



**Marion Hebbard**

**Miss Trenton High**



**Betty Cook**

## **Three Gain**

### **Top Positions**

**Willey, Hebbard, Cook  
Will Fill Coveted Roles  
In Annual Sports Nite**

Pat Willey, Marion Hebbard, and Betty Cook have been chosen to fill three of the most coveted Sports Nite positions. Competition for these titles was extremely keen.

Pat Willey is Mistress of Ceremonies and will reign over Sports Nite. Besides being president of Personality club and secretary of the Junior Red Cross club, Pat finds time to be a member of Quill and Scroll, Leader Corps and President's Council. She is first lieutenant of the sixth period ballet class, a page editor of the SPECTATOR and was head of the Black Team Costume Committee last year.

Miss America or Marion Hebbard came to Trenton High in her junior year from a high school in Brooklyn. Marion is a member of the Personality club, Red Cross club and GAA.

Betty cook has been chosen to be Miss Trenton High. She belongs to the Phi Zeta club and is a member of the second-year drama class.

These girls were selected by the "gym" teachers and Thomas Murphy. In collaborating with Red and Black captains and three committee head from each team. They were judged for personality and poise. Mistress of Ceremonies was also chosen on her speaking ability.

Sports Nite will be held March 22 through 25. An inkling of the tentative theme tells that is will be of things while window shopping.

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## Group Selects 'Window' Motif

"Through A Shop Window" has been selected as the theme of this year's Sports Nite, after much consideration. This theme provides an opportunity for a varied group of numbers. Committee heads are planning their "specialties" and main numbers, and preparations are now beginning.

The Red and Black Flag Bearers are Joyce Haughton and Lorelei Prior, respectively. Chosen as color guards for the Red Team are Eva Reeves, Annette Toombs, Betty Tegzes, and Cecilia Kane. For the Black Team, the color guards will be Dorothy Wyckoff, Rhoda Hornor, Ellen Sams, and Marjorie Bohl.

Dr. Paul Spencer and Edward Murphy are stressing the importance of cutting down the costs of costuming this year" and also curtailing the exchange of presents between Black and Red Team committee heads. The expenses involved in making the specialty costumes in the past years have been more than some of the girls felt they could afford. Therefore mothers, relatives, and friends are being enlisted to help with the work this year.

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## Central High Club Activity

The theme of the 15th annual Sports Nite at Trenton High is "Through a Shop Window". Preparations for the main event of the year are already under way with all committee heads planning their specialties. The official family has recently been chosen. Patricia Willey will act as Mistress of Ceremonies, Marlon Hubert as Miss Trenton High, Betty Cook as Miss America. The Red Team Flag Bearer will be Joyce Houghton and her color guards will be Eva Reeves, Annette Toombs, Betty Tegzes, and Cecilia Kane. The Black Team flag bearer will be Lorelei Prior, assisted by Dorothy Wyckoff, Rhoda Hornor, Ellen Sams, and Marjorie Bohl.

*Trenton Times*, December 10, 1948

## Ballerinas Strike a Graceful Pose



**Back row—Betty Kustrup, Georgia Mezarus, Ruth Harrop. Front row—Peggy Grocott, Ella Seeds, Virginia Plate, Mary Cipolloni.**

### Ballet Dancers Extremely Busy

Busy is the word for the sixth period ballet class of Eleanor Keating. The girls in the class took an active part in the operetta. Georgia Meszaros, Peggy Grocott, and Marg Cipolloni assisted Miss Keating with the dances. Immediately after the operetta, the class began discussing plans for Sports Nite. They will practice for ballet on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Tuesdays and Thursdays have been agreed upon for the practice of the prelude.

Thirteen new juniors were accepted from last spring's tryouts and twenty-two sophomores were selected at the start of the school year.

Officers for the year are as follow: captain, Georgia Meszaros; first lieutenant, Pat Willey; second lieutenant, Evelyn Yousko; floor sergeants, Dot Wikoff and Betty Kustrup; and locker sergeants, Regina Rasmowicz and Jeanette Rotondo.

There are twenty-seven pupils in the class. They carry on many activities. For instance, they take part in the non-competitive dance numbers in Sports Nite. This year the heads of these dances are Dot Capik for prelude and Mary Cipolloni for ballet.

They dance at the NJ State Home for their May Festival. This performance usually consists of the ballet and prelude from Sports Nite and other groups in which the class participates.

This year the girls may perform at the Jamesburg Home for Boys. At present they are working on dances for the operetta.

*Spectator*, December 17, 1948

## **Maestros Pick Bandmen For Sports Nite Struggle**

### **Nowak, Schon Choose Red And Black Bands; Rehearsals Under Way**

After much discussion and debate between Hank Nowak, Red band leader, and Matt Schon, Black band maestro, each band leader has selected the members of his band for Sport Nite competition.

Leading the Red band saxophone section is Vince Iorio, first tenor, who is the "ride" man of the section. Vince is a junior and also held this berth in his sophomore year. He is also this year's swing band tenor sax. Playing lead alto in the Red band is Mike Bystrzycki, assistant leader. Harry Grod, former Black band "Gabriel." Leonard Erlich, also a Black band veteran, is playing first trombone, assisted by Jim Pandak. In charge of the extremely important rhythm section is Pepper Mintz, last year's Swing band and Red band guitarist. Pepper also doubles on Sousaphone in the Red band.

#### **Rekowski With Blacks**

Possessing an equally strong group, the Black band features on lead trumpet Don Rekowski, a Black band and swing band veteran. Riding in the sax section is Tony Suzzo, first tenor who has also had previous experience with the Red and Swing band. The trombone section, the depth of brass section, is held down by Pete Palmieri and Steward Van Dyke, a newcomer. Shelly Antocs, assistant leader is in charge of the rhythm section playing drums. Tinkling the piano keys behind Shelly is Tom Valeri.

#### **Announce Red Band**

The list of the entire Red band is as follows: Raymond Adams, Jack Blair, John Bobik, Steve Borbely, Mike Bystrzycki, Don Ebert, Len Erlich, Al Fisher, Tom Fisher, Carmen Pratto, Harry Grod, Reginald Harvey, Conrad Horcher, Vince Iorio, Larry Lorenzo, Max Luria, Pepper Mintz, Bill Moon, Hank Nowak, Arnold Nurock, John Ondy, Jim Pandak, Les Phares, Nick Pipino, Ray Schwab, Gordon Smith, Bob Wear, Tom Weaver, Harry Williams and Ronnie Whortenberry.

#### **List Black Team Boys**

The Black band includes: Elliot Aldridge, Jack Amantia, Shelly Antocs, Bob Baliff, Bob Boltner, Angelo Brocoloni, Jay Bryan, Ted Bull, Paul Callahan, Tony Caponey, Tony Catana, Gene Ci Franic, Fred Czeitinger, Don Cox, George Danko, John Dennis, Illinois Derry, Tony Feriano, Bill Ford, Lannie Frey, Bob Gordon, Bill Hartman, Boots Hudson, Ron Kerr, Al Mandelbaum, J. J. Palmieri, Frank Reed, Don Rekowski, Matt Percy Schon, Tony Suozzo, Stewart Van Dyke and Tom Valeri.

Invaluable experience is obtained from separating the main band because it enables boys to play harder parts and therefore develops the students' ability to play much better.

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## **Activities Club Picks Sports Nite Teams**

Activities Club, under the direction of Francis Mack, has chosen teams for Sports Nite. The captains were chosen last June. They are as follows: Red Team, Bert Sanford; Black Team Tom Snires; Non-competitive, Tom Blackwell.

The Sports Nite Red and Black property heads, Phyl Favata and Jennie Daubert, respectively, have handed in sketches for their events. The boys figure out the amount of stock and cost and submit them to Mr. Murphy.

The groups selected by the captains are as follows: Red: Don Sayre, William Borden, Earl Kellett, Joseph Ridolfi, Bob Phillips, Anthony DiStefano, Horace Gibson, Eugene Bickell, Joseph Sabitino; Non-Competitive: Erick Neise, Harold Huisdock, Louis Iorio, Paul Reseller, Anthony Damiano, Robert Miller, Robert Walsh, Fred Piotkowski, John Brosky; Black: Bob Volk, Ed Kolpack, Ben Updike, John Mayer, Ern Biache, Anthon Gennello, Robert Rosengrant, Vic Wyszynski.

*Spectator*, January 21, 1949



## Skaters Practice For Sports Nite

With Sports Night just around the corner, the sixth period skating class of Mrs. Margaret S Dickinson is busily practicing their routines. Each year the skaters present one of the three non-competitive numbers for Sports Nite.

This year the girls will be toy soldiers and do their military routines to the tune of clicking wheels. L Elaine Sutts is the drum major while Joan Buckley and her partner have been commissioned as officers.

The class which numbers 51 members meets every sixth period. Monday and Thursday they assemble in the corrective gymnasium to practice their exercises and dances. L The rest of the week they make the main gymnasium their headquarters. There they try out and perfect their dance and military routine on skates.

Officers for the current year are as follows: captain, Joan Buckley; first lieutenant, Doris Gorse; second lieutenant, Janet Luciano; floor sergeant, Dorothy Gardiner; locker sergeant, Shirley Moomey.

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## 'Prop' Boys Prepare Sports Nite Settings

Work on Sports Nite properties is well under way in the wood shop. The boys' groups are all organized and the members are working on the things needed by their team. The leaders of the groups, under the direction of Francis E. Mack sponsor of the Activities Club, have taken inventory of last year's properties and are salvaging what can be used this year.

The main object of the club is to complete the props, and have them on the floor much earlier than last year, so they can be used for practice as soon as possible.

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# As Sports Nite Draws Near . . .



**Upper left—Evelyn Yousko; left—Red Tap: left to right—Betty De Angelo, Marie Fiumicine, Norma Bartholini, Connie Schultz, Eileen Bartolomei, Helen Martin, Phyllis Sciarrotta; center, Joanne Cella, captain; absent, Joan Toth; center—Skating: left to right—Janet Luciano, Joan Buckley, co-captain, Joyce Iaquinto; absent, Elaine Sutts, co-captain; right—Black Folk Dance: left to right—Adelaide Kemler, Nancy Murphey, Peggy Stout, Dolores Fadil, Betty Walton, Anita Carney, captain, Jean De Long, Joan Gradus, Susan Czerwinski, Dot Ramsey, Joan Wood; upper right—Jo Barbiero.**

## EVIE SAYS . . .

Dear Red Team:

I want to write to you not as individuals but as a team – a fighting, courageous, spirited Red Team.

Sportsmanship has been one of our best traits, and we must keep it up this year, more than ever. I know, and all of you know, that the "Blacks? Have a terrific captain and team, and we're wishing them the best of luck in this year's Sports Nite; and no matter who comes out on top, the Reds will be good sports either way. I'm betting on that!

But who's going to talk about defeat? Not !!! Because when the Reds strut out on the floor and catch everybody's approving eyes with our smiles, pep, and our cheering – the only word in our hearts and minds is victory! A Red victory!

EVIE YOUSKO,  
RED TEAM CAPTAIN

## JO SAYS . . .

Dear Black Team:

To win Sports Nite this year means a lot to us on the Black Team, because we have lost for the past two years. But with Black Team Spirit we are bound to win. This year's Black Team is a great bunch of girls, and I know that you are out to win Sports Nite.

The Red Team is also out to win, but the Black Team will not be defeated three years in a row. We are working toward a victory which will bring glory to the Black Team. Every girl on the Black Team wants to win, and we will win! But more important even than being a winner is being a good sport. Let's all remember that!

And remember also Blacks, that Spirit, Loyalty and Sportsmanship will make a great Black team.

JO BARBIERO,  
BLACK TEAM CAPTAIN

# **Five Sellout Crowds To Witness Fifteenth Annual Sports Nite**

## **Girls Depict Shop Theme**

### **Intense Activity Climaxes Month of Preparations; Show opens March 21<sup>st</sup>**

Once again Sports Nite is cast its alluring spell over Trenton High. For the fifteenth consecutive year the school has become a busy work shop with each department contributing in some way. Under the leadership of Evie Yousko and Jo Barbiero, the Red and Black Teams are preparing for the big week of Sports Nite, March 21-25. Sell out audiences are assured.

Each noon period and every study day, rehearsals have been held. The girls have also been practicing after school seeking to achieve grace and precision, for which their number will be judged.

To bring out the theme, "Through A Shop Window", the prelude headed by Dorothy Capie, taken place on Main Street with shoppers, models, and children.

#### **Plate Heads Black Tap**

Following this, the Black Tap under the chairmanship of Ginny Plate will portray the hat shop. The Red Tap will present the familiar shoe shine parlor, headed by Joanne Cella.

The knit shop will be the setting of the Rhythmic number for the Black team and the flower shop for the Red Team. Ruth Harrop and Georgia Meszaros, respectively, are chairmen of these groups.

The Clock Shop and Travel Agency will be themes of Folk Dancing for the Black and Red teams. Anita Carney is chairman of Black Folk Dancing, while Dot Argenti is chairman for the Red Team.

Jean Marozzi, chairman of Red Marching, and Nancy Ide, chairman of Black Marching, are training their marchers to win their window panes and mending shop.

#### **Modern Exercises Contrast**

The reducing salon and soda fountain make a good contrast for the Modern Exercises this year. Lorraine Hold is chairman of Black Team while Jean Bailey is chairman of the Red.

Freda Makuck and Evelyn Thomas lead Black and Red Games respectively. The theme of the cheerleaders is still hush as is the custom; however, Thelma Fiori of the Black and Barbara Zimmer of the Red have really been working over those songs and cheers.

Along musical lines, Dolores Mule, chairman of Red Theme Song and Dot Cella, Black Theme Song Chairman have completed their work. All is done but the winning of the point. Barbara Pierce, Black Music Chairman, and Connie Keteusz, Red Team Music Chairman, have been supplying the music for the specialties every day.

Matt Schon, Black Team Band Leader and Hank Nowak, Red Team Band Leader, have been rehearsing both as individual bands and as one combined under the direction of L. Rogene Borgen for music for ballet, prelude, and skating.

#### **Sewing Classes Contribute**

The sewing classes under the direction of Miss Viola Moss have been working right along with Joan Blair, chairman of Black Team Costumes, and Helen Schumacker, chairman of Red Team Costumes.

Janice Holcombe, Black Team Publicity chairman and Nancy Hoffman, Red Team Publicity chairman, have completed their tasks, for which no point is awarded. Posters have been displayed throughout the entire school, the climax coming with the hanging of the huge team posters outside the main auditorium.

## Decorations Are Completed

Gwen Sampson, Black Decorations; Antionette De Fillippo, Red Decorations; Jennie Daubert, Black Properties; and Phyllis Favata, Red Properties, have completed everything but the finishing touches.

Francis Mack of the wood shop is in charge of making the big "props" which set the scene. The boys divide themselves into the two teams with Bert Sandford chairman of Red and Thomas Smires, chairman of Black Team.

As usual, the demand for tickets is very great.

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## It' New

Grey "gym" suits with either black or red stripes on the sides are being worn by the leaders of the girl's gymnasium classes. The suits were purchased by Mrs. Isabel Quick at the beginning of the year. In order to get a suit a girl must receive two chevrons in Leader Corps. The chevrons are given to the girl of each rank with the best marks for the week.

During Sports Nite season, there has always been a problem of checking attendance in a classroom and knowing what girls should be practicing each period. This year the problem has been solved by issuing each girl who participates in Sports Nite a card on which her name, persona number, homeroom and advisory group appears. The students fill in what Sports Nite number or numbers and what nights they are in, and the gym teacher verifies this by signing the card.

According to rumors, there's a good chance that the celebrated Paul Whiteman may be on of the Sports Nite music judges.

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## Sports Nite

has become, in the comparatively brief period of its existence, a veritable institution at Trenton High. Indeed, most of us could hardly imagine our high school without a Red team and a Black team.

Unquestionable, Sports Nite has contributed a great deal to student life in this school. It has fostered healthy, clean competition, and has proven a source of satisfaction to those connected with it. Aside from those factors, it has provided much-needed funds to help finance other school projects.

But in contrast to all these benefits, it appears that the competition sometimes reaches such proportions that friendships are broken and hard feelings are caused.

This certainly should not be, for the very existence and spirit of Sports Nite is friendly competition, and anything beyond this escapes the intent with which Sports Nite was conceived.

On the front page of today's SPECTATOR, the captains of the Red and Black teams, in statements written at the SPECTATOR'S request, appeal to their members to keep Sports Nite the fine project it is by being good sports always. If this advice is heeded, then Sports Nite will continue to be the great success it has proved to be for fifteen years.

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## Sports Nite Program Changes Since '35

By Rhoda Hornor

**Gifted Gal**

"At last the girls' have been given a chance to strut their stuff!" This was a remark heard in 1935 when Sports Nite made its debut; the brainchild of Dr. Paul R. Spencer. Originally the purpose was to give the parents and friends of the students a chance to see just what kind of work the girls were doing in their "gym" classes. At this time the whole affair lasted only one night.

Points were awarded then for the execution of five events – dancing, racing, tumbling, entrance, and cheering. The teams performed to the music of piano and wore only "gym" suits as costumes with some added accessories in keeping with the dance or activity. The attractions of tumbling, pyramids and stunts have been replaced by races. Another event included in the first presentation that has since been stopped was the singing of a victory song by the losing team to the victors.

One of the greatest changes made for the second Sports Nite was its two-night run. The grand march corresponding to finale was added at this time, too. During the fourth year the idea of a central theme was introduced so that now all the pageantry results from a co-operatively conceived topic.

In 1941 tickets were still sold on a competitive basis in order to have a full house every night. It was said that "from modest beginnings this annual affair has grown in popularity until today it is a community event."

The reaction of spectators at Sports Nite may well be expressed in the apt words of one prominent citizen who murmured, "Magna cum breathless."

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**Rhoda Hornor**

# Sports Nite Plans Progress; Other THS Club Activities

The theme of the 15th annual Sports Nite at Central High School March 21, 22, 23, 24, and 25 is "Through a Shop Window."

The Black and Red bands, under the direction of Matthew Schon and Henry Nowak, respectively will supply the music.

Evelyn Yousko will captain the Reds while Josephine Bariero will lead the Blacks. Patricia Willey will be mistress of ceremonies, Marion Hubert will be Miss Trenton High and Betty Cook will be Miss America. The Red Team flag bearer will be Joyce Houghton, and the Black Team flag bearer will be Lorelei Prior.

Members of the Drama and Radio Club will hold their annual installation March 11. The next dramatic production will be a one-act play by John M. Synge, entitled "Riders to the Sea," on March 28. Clark McClaskey is director. The cast follows: Mauria, Marilyn Pitasky; Kathleen, Barbara Friedman and Marcia Williams; Nora, Barbara Levine; Bartley, Ronald Irwin. In charge of the scenery are Claire Fox and Mary Jo Myers. Other students who are assisting are Janet Davis, Lucille Silipo, Helen Wilson, and Willard Slosberg.

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## Sports Night Is a Sell-Out

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ets and invited to be the guests of the school at Sports Night. But they were the only Annie Oakleys handed out, with the exception of working press tickets sent to newspapers and radio stations.

After the students, the faculty and the city officials were taken care of, the remaining 2,700 tickets went on sale to the public. Miss Christie doesn't have to worry about advertising this sale because there are usually more requests for tickets on file by March 1 than she could possibly fill.

Letters requesting tickets start coming into Miss Christie's office long before Christmas. The first written request for 1949 tickets was received on December 3, 1948.

Most of the letters are written by alumnae of the high school who come back to Trenton from Chicago, Rochester and other distant points just to take in Sports Night. But other letters come from proud parents whose daughter is taking an important part in the show. The two tickets Daughter is allowed to purchase just can't possibly take care of Mother, Dad, Aunt Ellen, Uncle Jim and Cousin Beatrice.

It took Miss Christie and Miss Maruska ten days to sort out all of the written requests and answer them. At first they set a limit of four tickets to a customer. But as requests continued to come in by mail and telephone, this limit was later reduced to two. In all, Miss Christie estimates that she and her staff have filled nearly 1,000 orders from persons outside the school.

The rush wouldn't be so bad except for the fact that everybody wants tickets for Thursday or Friday night. The seven students who have been working in Miss Christie's office since the ticket rush began try patiently to persuade the public to take in the show on Monday or Tuesday night. But for some reason they don't have too much luck.

Another headache is the person who writes in for a block of 18 or 20 tickets. Miss Christie says orders like that are impossible to fill. No one ever gets more than four tickets—and the usual number is two.

## Scalper Rumor Spiked In Sports Night Sell-Out

For the past three weeks the office of Miss Sarah Christie has had all of the hustle and bustle of the Madison Square Garden box office on the eve of a championship fight.

Since Miss Christie is vice principal of Trenton High School, you wouldn't ordinarily expect to hear her explaining patiently to one telephone caller after another:

"No, I'm sorry, but we have absolutely no tickets left for Thursday or Friday night."

Nor would you expect to see her secretary, Miss Gerrie Maruska, shelve all of her other correspondence to type hundreds of letters which say: "Unfortunately, there is a limit of two tickets to a customer."

The reason for this strange activity in the vice principal's office is Sports Night—that popular Red Team versus Black Team extravaganza which opens at Trenton High School tonight and continues through Friday.

This high point in a THS girl's school year has reached a stage where 15,000 people battle for the 7,500 seats available. Disappointed ticket seekers have been known to pay scalpers as much as \$5 for a ticket that regularly sells for 80 cents or \$1.25. And others have tried futilely to pull political strings to get a couple of ducats.

Through it all Miss Christie

and her staff plod patiently, proud of the fact that they have kept ticket scalping to an irreducible minimum and that no one ever got a ticket just because he knew so-and-so.

Miss Christie took over the distribution of Sports Night tickets back in 1936—in addition to her other duties. In those days it wasn't much of a job. Sports Night was a one-night stand and Miss Christie had to beg people to take tickets.

Gradually, however, the event grew more and more popular with the public. And, as the demand for tickets increased, Sports Night was stretched to two nights, then three, then four, and finally five.

But the supply of seats never seems to keep up with the demand. It's reached a point now where Miss Christie bemoans the fact the walls of the school gymnasium aren't made of rubber.

"Then maybe we could stretch a point and get all of the people in who want to see Sports Night," she explains.

Because tickets are so hard to get, there is bound to be a lot of grumbling by people who didn't make the grade. The Times has received several letters from people who complain that all of the best tickets go to politicians or that scalpers are making a killing

on seats for the best nights. But Miss Christie thinks the present system of distributing tickets is about as fair as one could possibly work out.

To begin with, she explains, the gymnasium seats about 2,500 people. But all of the East stand and half of the North and South stands are occupied by the 1,000 girls who are competing in the contests. That leaves a mere 1,500 seats for the public each night—or a grand total of 7,500 for the full five nights.

High School students get the first crack at those 7,500 seats. Early this month each home room teacher issued an identification card to each one of his students. That card permitted each girl to buy two tickets at Miss Christie's office and each boy to buy one ticket. Since there are 1,435 girls and 1,377 boys in the school, that accounted for 4,247 tickets.

Then the 200 members of the high school staff—teachers, custodians and cafeteria workers—were each permitted to buy two tickets. And most of them took advantage of this offer.

A small block of tickets were set aside for city officials. Miss Christie said the nine members of the Board of Education and the five members of the City Commission were each given four tick-

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Trenton Times, March 21, 1949

## Trenton High Girls' Show Opens Tonight

Sports Nite opens tonight at Trenton High School. It will be the 15th consecutive year that the girls there have put on this competitive demonstration.

The show will be given tomorrow, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights.

The theme this year will be "Through a Shop Window." Evelyn Yousko will captain the Red Team, with her heads of committees as follows: Joanne Cella, tap; Georgia Meszaros, rhythmic; Dorothy Argenti, folk dance; Jean Marozzi, marching; Jean Bailey, modern exercises; Evelyn Thomas, games; Barbara Zimmer, songs and cheers; Dolores Mule, team song; Connie Kateusz, music; Helen Schumacher, costumes; Nancy Hoffman, publicity; Antoinette DeFillippo, decorations; and Phyllis Favata, properties.

Josephine Barbiero will captain the Black Team, with her heads of committees as follows: Virginia Plate, tap; Ruth Harrop, rhythmic; Anita Carney, folk dance; Nancy Ide, marching; Lorraine Holt, modern exercises; Freda Makuch, games; Thelma Fiori, songs and cheers; Dorothy Cello, theme song; Barbara Pierce, music; Joan Blair, costumes; Janice Holcombe, publicity; Gwen Sampson, decorations; and Jennie Daubert, properties.

The non-competitive numbers will also endeavor to bring out the theme, with Dorothy Capic heading prelude, Mary Cippolloni, head of ballet, and Elaine Sutts leading the skaters.

Two groups of boys have been chosen to act as scene-shifters for Sports Nite.

The Black Team group will be captained by Jasper Parrella, assisted by Forrest Miller, Robert Bates, Angelo Repole, Earl Stahl, Nichols Beards, Joseph Vitella and Anthony Gambino.

The Red Team will be captained by Richard Kirk, whose assistants will be Richard Standiford, Albert Walters, Irving Roth, Ronald Holford, Joseph Lucarella, Louis Reichel and Bertram Hurowitz. The boys will be under the supervision of Richard Davis of the physical education department. Jasper Parrella, Richard Kirk and Forrest Miller have been members of this group for three years.

Francis A. Mack, faculty sponsor of the Activities Club has three groups of boys who have been busy building properties. Bert Sanford's group are working for the Red Team, Thomas Smures' for the Black Team, and Thomas Blackwell's for the non-competitive numbers.

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## Red Team's Lead Is Cut In Sports Nite

The Red Team still leads the Black team in the 15th annual Trenton High School Girls Sports Nite, but its margin was pared to two points in last night's second performance staged before another sellout throng in the high school gymnasium.

A 7-6 victory by the Blacks last night reduced the Red Team's lead to a slim 14-12 edge. The Reds won opening night, 8-5. The Sophomore Class took over last night's show. Tonight's program, starting at 8:05 o'clock, will be dominated by Junior girls.

The Black Team, captained by Josephine Barbiero, won points for theme song, cheers, folk dance, rhythmic novelty and band and songs. Marching, tap dances, novelty race, modern exercises and the obstacle race won by the Red team. Each team picked up a point for tying for decoration honors.

Victory by the Black band marked the second straight night Matt Schon's musicians won a point for their playing of "Yes-terdays."

Among the judges on hand last night was Miss Elsie MacDonald of Upper Darby, Pa., a sister of Movie Actress Jeannette MacDonald. Other judges included Louis Crescenta of Philadelphia; George Schonheiter, Lawrenceville School swimming coach; Miss Mildred Callaway of Mountain Lakes, art; Mahlon Merk of Bound Brook, music.

Tomorrow night's show will be turned over to the Senior Class before the 1949 all-girl performance comes to a close Friday night. The 14-year series finds the Black Team holding a 7-6 edge over the Red Team. The 1944 show ended in a tie.

*Trenton Times,*  
March 23, 1949

## Narrow Lead Kept by Reds In Sports Nite

Trenton High School's 15th annual Girls Sports Nite enters its fourth performance tonight with the Red Team holding a 21-10 advantage over the Black team.

Tonight's program, dominated by the senior girls, will start at 8:05 o'clock. The all-girl show comes to a close tomorrow night.

Another overflow throng turned out in the high school gymnasium last night as the competing teams wound up the evening's fight in a tie. Each team scored seven points.

The Red Team, captained by Evelyn Yousko, won points for decorations, novelty race, modern exercises, cheers and obstacle race. Points for team theme songs, folk dance, rhythmic novelty, songs and band were awarded the Black Team. The teams tied in marching and tap dances with each receiving a point.

Last night's victory by the Black band marked the third successive evening Matt Schon's musicians have won the honor over Henry Nowak's Red band.

The Black team has also held the upper hand in the folk dance number, depicting a clock shop, and in their theme song, "Fight on Black Team." The novelty race has been won by the Red Team every night to date.

One of the bright spots of the nightly performances has been the non-competitive ballet. Centered around a jewel shop the number portrays a shabby, but beautiful wail who, after losing her way, comes suddenly upon the beauty of exquisite jewels. Sixteen powder puffs emerge from a music box and bestow upon her a beautiful gown. A prince, who has been but a picture, then becomes a reality and is captivated by her beauty.

*Trenton Times,*  
March 24, 1949



## Reds On Top In Sports Nite; Finals Tonight

The curtain comes down tonight on the 15th annual Trenton High School Girls Sports Nite. After four nights of spirited competition the Red Team leads the Black Team in point scoring by a 28-25 margin. Tonight's final performance will start at 8:05 o'clock in the high school gym.

Captain Evelyn Yousko's Red Team increased its margin last night as it won the "Senior Night" festivities, seven to six. The Reds also won opening night. The Blacks won "Sophomore Night" honors while the teams tied in the "Junior Night" show Wednesday.

The Red Team won points for cheers, tap dance, novelty race, rhythmic novelty, modern exercises and decorations last night. March, theme song, band, obstacle race and folk dance were awarded to the Black Team. The two teams shared honors for songs, each receiving a point.

A bright note in the Black Team's performance to date has been the success of its band, led by Matt Schon. With "Yesterdays" as their theme, the Black musicians have won four nights in a row. The Black Team has also won team theme songs every night thus far. Evelyn Thomas' Red Team has captured the novelty race four times.

At the conclusion of tonight's performance, the 1949 champion will be crowned. Thus far the Sports Nite standings show the Red Team in front with seven victories to six for the Blacks. The 1944 all-girl pageantry ended in a tie. Tonight's show will be broadcast by WBUD.

On Monday morning the flag of the winning team will be raised in impressive ceremonies in front of the high school.

*Trenton Times,*  
March 25, 1949

## Sports Night Victory Goes To Red Team

The Red Team flag will wave triumphantly from the Trenton High School flagpole tomorrow morning.

For the eighth time in 15 years the Red Team emerged victorious in the annual Girls Sports Nite program concluded before a capacity throng in the Trenton High gymnasium Friday night. The Reds, captained by Evelyn Yousko, scored 35 points during the five-night show to 33 for the Black Team. Friday's performance—"Finale Night"—went to the Blacks by an 8-7 score.

The Red Team's margin of victory came in the final event Friday night. Leading the Blacks by only one point, 34-33, the Reds needed the obstacle race to win the 15th annual show. A Black victory would end the 1949 event in a dead heat.

Led by Evelyn Thomas, the Red Team won four of the five obstacle races to gain their victory-clinching point.

The crowded gymnasium was a scene of bedlam following the race. Red Team girls leaped with joy while the Blacks, stunned by defeat, just stood by and watched with disappointed faces.

The Red Team won points Friday night for songs, modern exercises, novelty race and obstacle race. Black Team points were won on team theme songs, tap dances, rhythmic novelty, folk dance and band. Each team received points for tying in decorations, cheers and marching.

Josephine Barbiero, Black Team captain, was presented a wrist watch by her teammates Friday night. The Red Team gave Miss Yousko a rhinestone necklace and earrings set.

The entire Trenton High student body will witness the raising of the Red Team flag in ceremonies in front of the school tomorrow morning.

*Trenton Times,*  
March 27, 1949



## Red Team Flag Waves Over Trenton High



The Red Team flag triumphantly waves over Trenton High School today. Victorious in the 15th annual Girls Sports Nite show held last week, the Red Team colors were raised in impressive ceremonies this morning in front of the high

school. More than 3,000 students viewed the proceedings. Pictured (upper photo)—during the flag-raising ceremonies are Dr. Paul R. Spencer, principal; Josephine Barbiero, captain of the losing Black Team; Evelyn Yousko, Red Team captain and

Pat Willey, Sports Nite mistress of ceremonies.

Red Team committee heads are shown in lower photo. Left to right, front row, are:—Antoinette DiFilippo, cover design and decorations; Mary Clpolloni, prelude; Evelyn Yousko, Red Team captain; Barbara Zimmer, songs and cheers; Jean Bailey, modern exercises and Joanne Cella, tap dance. Back row—Connie Kateusz, music; Jeanne Marozzi, marching; Helen Schumaker, costumes; Pat Willey, Sports Nite mistress of ceremonies; Phyl Favata, properties; Dorothy Argenti, folk dance and Delores Mule, theme songs.

*Trenton Times*, March 28, 1949

## Girls' 'Gym' Classes Resume Normality

Sports Nite over, the girls' gymnasium classes have resumed their previous pattern of activities. Striving for physical fitness, a well-rounded "gym" program has been mapped out by the "gym" teachers, Mrs. Margaret Dickinson, Miss Eleanor Keating, Mrs. Alice Masker, and Mrs. Isabella Quick, for the classes to follow in the less than two months left till school ends for summer vacation.

With warm weather fast approaching, the girls are making plans for their outdoor sports. A tennis team has also been organized in each period with one girl, usually an officer, officiating. Archery, directed by Miss Eleanor Keating, will soon be under way.

*Spectator*, April 14, 1949

## Freshman Nurses Plan Production

Members of the freshman class of the William McKinley Memorial Hospital School of Nursing are planning to present a musical production. The presentation, entitled, "Calendar Follies," will be held on Friday, June 3, at 8:30 p. m. in the auditorium of Junior High School No. 1.

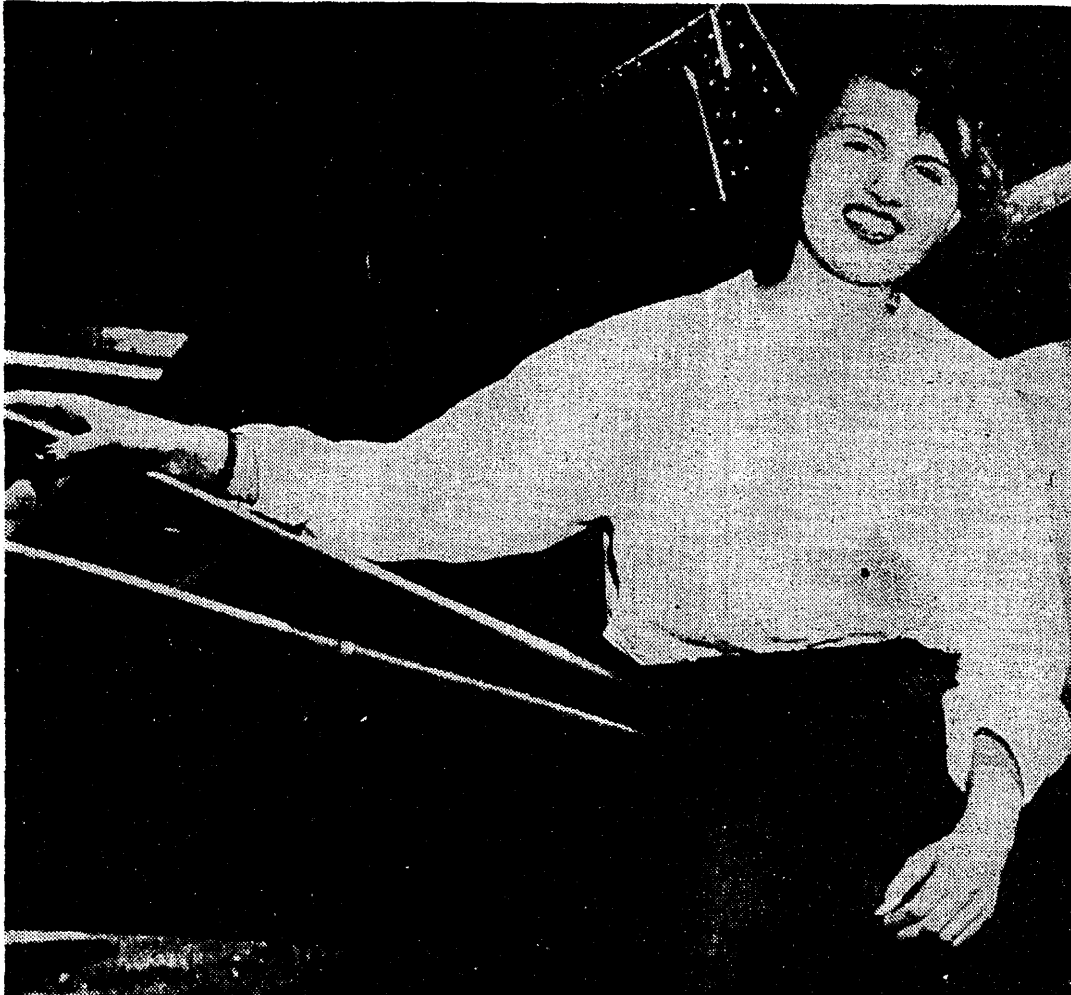
Each musical number will portray a month of the year and all 12 months are to be covered. All members of the class will take part in one or more of the acts.

Richard Moyer, tenor with Opera Intime, is directing the show. Mr. Moyer is from Chicago, Ill., and has done concert work and musical comedy in the Middle West.

Accompaniment for the "Follies" will be furnished by an orchestra under the direction of Hank Novack, a senior at Trenton Central High School and leader of the Red Team band in the recent Sports Night program. He also leads the Trenton High swing band.

*Trenton Times*,  
April 25, 1949

## *Flying High On Campus With New 'Wings'*



Pictured at the National Inter-collegiate Air Meet held last weekend on the aviation campus at Stephens College, Columbia, Mo., is Miss Marion Heberd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond C. Heberd of 118 Columbia Avenue. Miss Heberd, who is an aviation student at Stephens, participated in the meet and also served on the entertainment committee. Contestants from 20 colleges and universities throughout the country competed in such events as spot landing, with power off; precision spot landing, with power on; a navigation race and

'bomb' dropping. At a banquet which followed the meet last Saturday night, Marion received her "Wings" as a qualified private pilot. Marion graduated last June from Trenton Central High School, and will be remembered as "Miss America" of the annual Sports Night program at the school last year. She was also president of Sigma Nu Sorority. Long interested in flying, she entered Stephens College last September to begin a two-year course in the various phases of aviation. In addition to learning to fly, she is study-

ing such subjects as plane design, radio, airport management, air traffic control, etc. At the present time she is working for her radio operator's license. Marion comes from an air-minded family. Her father frequently travels by air in his business, while her mother took flying lessons before the war. Marion, who is now 18, will have to wait until she is 21 before she will be eligible for commercial flying work, but she hopes after her graduation next year to find a job in tower control or some other activity at an airport.

*Trenton Times, May 11, 1950*