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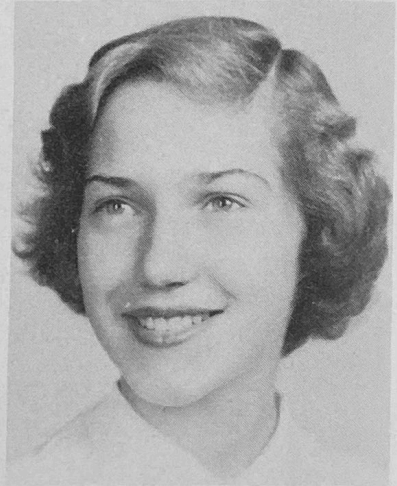


# History of Sport Nite

## 1935-1951



Red Captain  
Janet Briggs



Black Captain  
Marjorie Saville

### 1951

### Leaders

Back in 1935 our principal, Dr. Paul R. Spencer, suggested that the girls of our high school should participate in some indoor athletic activity which would give them a chance to display the type of work they were doing in their gymnasium classes. The purpose of this co-ordinated activity would be to teach good sportsmanship and leadership. Thus was born Sport Nite.

On the evening of April 12, 1935 at 8:15 p.m. the first annual Sport Nite was presented in the gym at T.H.S. for the small admission of twenty-five cents. The gym was gaily attired with bright decorations designed and made by various committees of the opposing team. The general chairman, Jean Halliday, was introduced to the audience. Next came the presentation of the captains of each team. At the end of the evening's performance the Red Team emerged victorious with a 65-60 score.

The first year the show was presented to a capacity crowd for one night only. As the years rolled by Sport Nite became bigger and better than ever. In 1936, the show was extended to two nights; in 1937, three nights; in 1945, four nights. Since 1949, the show has been presented five nights to capacity audiences.

### THE CAPTAINS

#### RED

1935 Marjorie Cooper  
1936 Amelia Jastrebski  
1937 Betty Rhoads  
1938 Bridget Ricatto  
1939 Marian Fugill  
1940 Pat Harper  
1941 Faye Briscoe  
1942 Gertrude James  
1943 Olivia De Pastina  
1944 Ann Adams  
1945 Lucy Naples  
1946 Millie Eggert  
1947 Jean Poinsett  
1948 Irene Kozma  
1949 Evelyn Yousko  
1950 Jane Poinsett  
1951 Janet Briggs

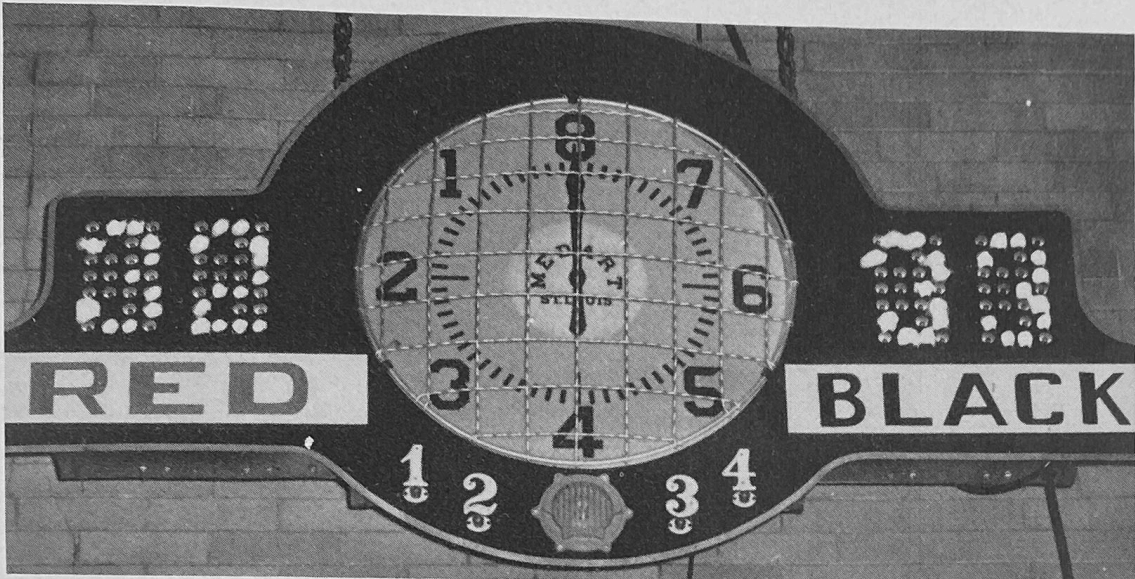
#### BLACK

Eloise Devlin  
Mamie Abbott  
Helen Milaszewski  
Beatrice Phillips  
Margaret Eardley  
Rita Topley  
Malla Brooks  
Billie Ross  
Marjorie Case  
Gloria Hill  
Franny Pedrick  
Lorraine Tettermer  
Jo Varsalona  
Mary Jane Tilton  
Jo Barbiero  
Sally Yeager  
Marjorie Saville

YEAR	THEME	WINNING TEAM
1935	None .....	Red
1936	None .....	Red
1937	None .....	Red
1938	East and West .....	Black
1939	Nursery Rhymes and Alice In Wonderland .....	Black
1940	Pageant of the Seasons .....	Black
1941	Between the Book Ends .....	Black
1942	Songs Old and New .....	Red

1943	Highlights of American History .....	Black
1944	10th Anniversary .....	Tie
1945	Famous Paintings .....	Black
1946	Fairyland Fantasy .....	Black
1947	Superstitions .....	Red
1948	Sport Nite Vignette .....	Red
1949	Through a Shop Window .....	Red
1950	Flight 16 .....	Red
1951	"Imagine That" .....	Black

# Sport Nite: 1951



**Final score: 33-32**

The seventeenth annual Sport Nite of Trenton High was held during the week of March 12-16, 1951. The theme picked for this year's show by the captains and gym teachers was "Imagine That."

After the selection of the theme early in November, it was up to the heads of committees to choose the ideas for their numbers and dances. The final show produced a great variety from "Snowmen on Parade" to the "Rainbow and the Pot of Gold." During the course of the night there appeared jolly clowns, spiders, girls from Mars, magic bunnies, daring devils, and blue birds from an enchanted forest.

The Monday night show, a cross-section of the week's performances, was put on in spirited fashion. At the end of the evening the Black Team led by the score of 8 to 4. But the Red Team, determined to give the Blacks a fight, came back with a rousing victory of 7 to 5 Tuesday. Wednesday's show resulted in a tie, leaving the Black Team with a small margin of one point. The Blacks, victory bound, came back with an 8 to 6 record on Thursday. With a lead of three points the Black Team was determined to win, but the Reds were still hoping for a fifth straight annual win.

Then came the big night. The gym was filled with a capacity crowd and the tension grew as

the show progressed. The Blacks were off to a good start, winning the first two points. The Reds came back strongly, capturing Rhythmics, Character Dance, and Novelty Races. Decorations, Tap and Band were three more points added to the Black score. Then, with one sweep, the Red Team received points for Modern Exercises, Songs and Cheers, and Obstacle Races. The score for Friday night ended 7-5 in favor of the Reds, but the Blacks won the year's competition by one point. The final score was 33 to 32.

The record up to date gives the Reds 8 wins, the Blacks 8 wins, with one tie.

## Leaders

Red Team	Group Chairmen	Black Team
Janice Balint	Decorations	Gail Brian
Virginia DeFeo	Costumes	Katherine McConnell
Marcia Spitz	Properties	Loretta Ewaskiewicz
Nancy Ribsam	Publicity	Robin Holman
Rosalyn Marcus	Music	Lynne Hartman



# Official Family



*Left to right:* Marilyn Pitasky, color guard; Janet Gebhard, Miss America; Joan Haney, color guard; Kathleen Teti, color guard; Renata Kaufman, Miss Trenton High; Joyce Conover, color guard.



## Prelude



## Ballet

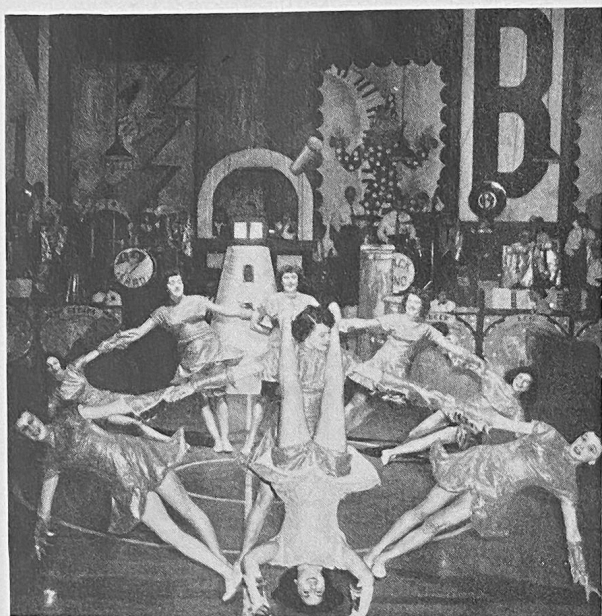


## Skating





# Red Team Specialties



*Top: Modern Exercises, Rhythmics. Middle: Tap. Bottom: Character Dance.*



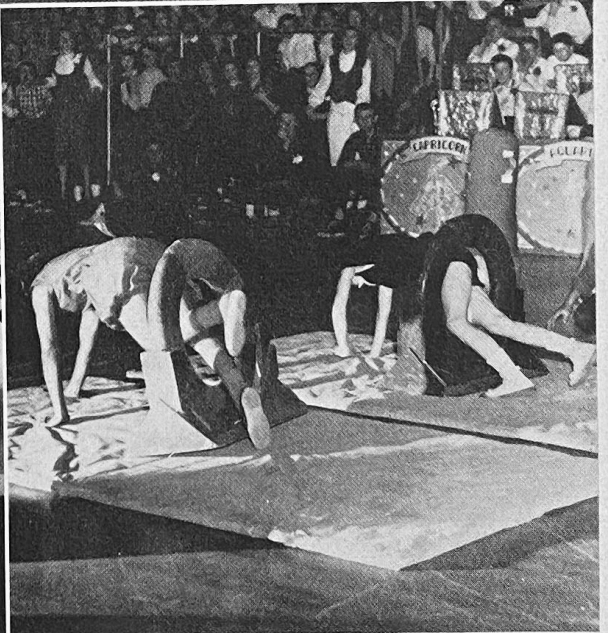
# Red Band



Top: Red Band. Bottom: Marchers, "Kilowatt Kids"; Novelty Race.

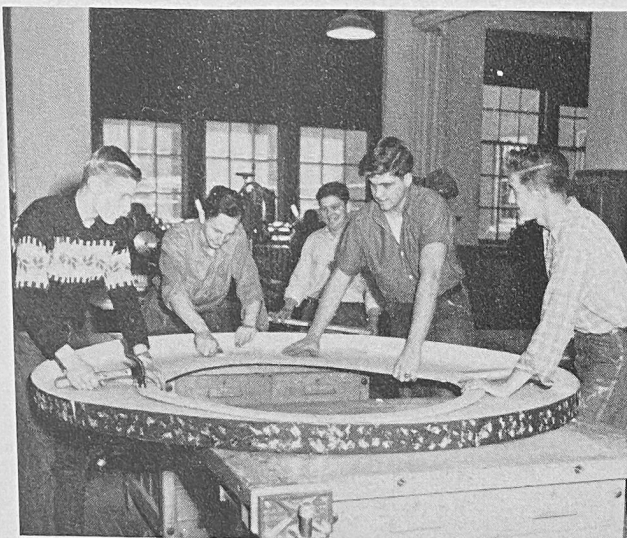


# Black Band



*Top: Black Band. Bottom: Marchers, "Snowmen on Parade"; Obstacle Race.*

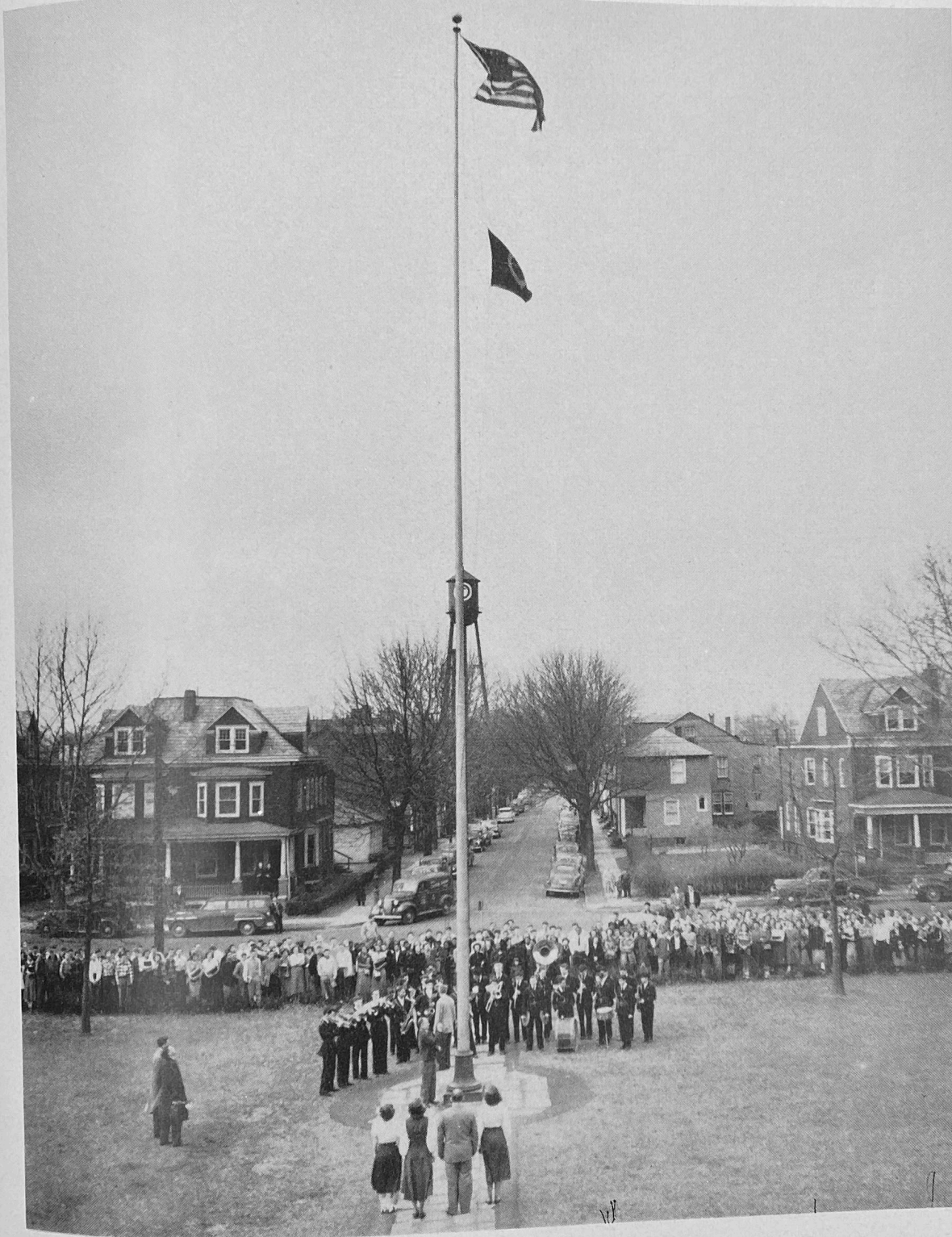




*Top:* "Prop" boys finish the magic top hat—  
 "Prop" girls paint magic music box. *Middle:*  
 Lighting crew relaxes during intermission.  
*Bottom:* Red girls press costumes—"Amplifica-  
 tion" boys tune in.



# Flag Raising Ceremony



On March 19, 1951, the traditional Flag Raising Ceremony marked the end of the Sport Nite rivalry and the victory of the Black Team.