

## Girls' Sports Nite Plans In Progress

### Teams Will Stage Dances, Swiss Mountaineer and The Machine Age

Sports Nite preparations are in full sway as the girls practice stunts and novelty dances during their class periods. Various heads have been elected to teach the stunts in their respective periods. Period I elected Grace Halsey and Beatrice Phillips; Period II, Peggie Messler and Regina Dougherty; Period III, Wilma Johnson and Peggy Woolverton; Period IV, Dorothy White and Irene Kozakiewicz. These in turn elected a chairman. The Reds chose Grace Halsey, Period I. The Blacks have not elected their chairman as yet.

#### Red Teams Selects Captains

In another part of the gymnasium the other girls are busy learning the novelty dances, *The Swiss Mountaineer*, and *the Machine Age*, are both to be taught, which will be staged, one by each team. The novelty dance captains are: Reds- Period I, Mary Weiss, Anna Schon, Alma Latella, Helen Chesner, Madeline Temple, Dot Ayres, Julia Russo, and Virginia Major.

Period II- Doris Kelsey, Grace Treham, Frances Burkett, June Rumsey, Alice Farrington, Beronica Weiger, Evelyn Michener, and Frances Radnor.

Period III – Marie Winner, Betty Vigh, Helen Voorhees, Margaret Sigafos, Lillian Zuba, Lillian Pacyewski, Edith Schabit, and Jean Reed.

Period IV – Dot Saxton, Marie Talbot, Gene Drake, Helen Murrauka, Nellie Putzan, Sue Biondi, Lillian Kuosmanen, and Louella Day.

Period V – Margaret Elko, Constance O'Mara, Mary Timko, Mamie Dragwa, Ethel De Lacier, Dot Woolverton, Evelyn Doolan, and June Freeman.

#### Black Team Leaders

The Black leaders are: Period I – June Wright, Jean Mirkin, Cornelia DeStacy, Evelyn Hicks, Mary Jacobs, Mary Bloor, Marie Letture, and Lois Gilbert.

Period II – Lottie Patterson, Ruth Loveman, Hilda Nabutovsky, Paloma, Betty Lantz, and Evelyn Wolf.

Period III – Bernice Conway, Isabelle Cook, Helen Cook, Marcella Sabo, Margaret Pankovich, Sally Salerno, Marge Quinn, Marie Ludwig, Loretta Stowiszynski, Ilda Irwin.

Period IV – Betty Van Doren, Thelma Abbott, Nancy Giordano, Marion Turner, Margaret Lewis, Josephine Di Donato, and Helen Rapios.

Period V – Helen Barnette, Betty Luze, Doris Sharpe, Grace Kenderdine, Esther Eisenshtat, Phyllis Knight, Doris Clark, Margaret Turns, and Claire Hildinger.

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Dancing activities in the rest of Mercer County are as follows: Tap and folk dancing on Tuesdays at Eldridge Park School, Hopewell Grammar School, Slackwood School, and on Thursday and Friday, the Homedell School. On Friday evening, tap dancing classes are being held from 7:30 to 9:30 P. M. Tap dancing classes are being conducted on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays in the Trenton Central High School. These groups will present a "Sports Night." An outstanding feature of the program will be a "High Hat and Cane Dance." All dancing classes are under the direction of Miss Elizabeth Di-Giorgio, WPA dancing teacher.

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#### **The Dance**

Dancing classes will begin rehearsing next week in the Central High School for the operetta "Venezia." Tap dancing classes will be held on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The classes will present a "Sport Night." The "High Hat and Cane Dance" will be one of the outstanding features.

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## Girls Arrange Final Sports Nite Plans

### Red Team Chooses Mamie Abbott Captain; Black Team Selects Amelia Jastrebski

With Sports Nite only a month away, gymnasium teachers and girls are making definite strides toward the completion of plans for the program. The Plans have been varied from last year's in several respects. The competition will be held on two nights, probably the first Thursday and Friday in April. The team with the highest point total wins. The president of the Girls' Leaders' Corps, Nellie Putzan, will act as master of ceremonies.

Mamie Abbott has been chosen captain of the Black team, while Amelia Jastrebski will lead the Red group. The girls suggested as captains for the Black team were Mamie Abbott, Eleanor Mather, Dot Solan, Doris Brown, Dot Hughes, Dot Shirkey, and Peggy Scudder. Candidates for the Red team were Edith Vanderbilt, Eloise Larason, Amelia Jastrebski, Margaret Ryba, Helen Rochford, and Grace Halsey.

The novelty dance for each team has been drawn, the Black team will give the *Mechanical Age* and the Red team the *Alpine Dance*.

*The best girls in each period in stunts have been chosen and have passed five stunts to be in this group.*

### Girls Continue Daily Practice For Sport Nite: Program Includes Many Unusual Features

With the discontinuing of basketball during the girls gymnasium periods, the activities of the period are confined completely to practice, practice, and more practice for Girls' Sport Nite. The various cheer, song, entrance, decoration, and costume committees of both teams hold almost daily meetings. These committees are the center of a whirl of busy preparations and ever-increasing activities.

An interesting feature of this year's tap dance will be the top hats and canes, a part of the gay attire of nearly 150 girls in the tap routine.

Both the novelty dances this year are typical folk dances. A gay Swiss Alpine dance with catchy steps and colorful costumes will be given by the Reds. The Blacks will give a Dutch dance called *the Dutch Treat*. Much of the effectiveness of this dance depends upon a comical pantomime of simple steps. The costumes of both dances will make this event one of the high spots in the program.

Captains and assistants have been chosen by Mrs. Isabella Quick for the Black novelty dance. In period I, Alethea Skokos and Janice Cook; period II, Betty Lantz and Evelyn Wolf; period III Doris Clerks and Virginia McDonald; period IV, Betty Hoffman and Marion Turner; period V, Miriam Thompson and Betty Lutze.

One of the hardest jobs on the Sport Nite program belongs to the cheerleaders. They are constantly on the lookout for good cheers and motions to enliven and add interest to the cheer lines. Captain Mamie Abbott has chosen Eleanor Mather, Dorothy Siolan, Betrice Phillips, Beronica Liptak, and Ellen Hackney to lead the Black cheers, with Alice Halliday, head cheerleader. Red cheerleaders are Eloise Larason, Bridget Ricatto, Alma Latella, Betty Rhoads and Adella Velivis with Dorothy White head cheerleader.

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## Glamorous Girls Vie At Sport Nite

CAPTAINS RED TEAM



**Amelia Jastrebski**

Red and Black Teams Will  
Endeavor to Win Coveted  
Banner

Dances Provide Novelty  
Second Annual Contest  
Will be Held On April 2,3;  
Judges Selected

CAPTAINS BLACK TEAM



**Mamie Abbott**

Marching feet, trim fresh "gym" suits, lines of girls, girls with sparkling eyes and flushed cheeks, keeping step to march time, a gala night, the girls' own Sport Nite! This year's performance given on Thursday and Friday, April 2 and 3, marks the second annual Girls' Sport Nite. With the grand totaling of scores and the victory song of the winning team, the climax of busy weeks of preparation, activities, and practice will be reached.

### Two Groups Participate

Mistress of ceremonies, Nellie Putzan, will have charge of the program. For the most part, different groups will perform on the two nights. Girls in black entrance, marching, novelty, tap dancing, and relay are divided into two groups. Mamie Abbott of the blacks, and Amelia Jastrebski of the Red, will captain their teams throughout the evenings.

Marching groups of the Red and Black teams will act as the entrance, the first number on the program. In the next event, an originality number, each team tries to outdo the other in novel presentation.

### Teams are Costumed

A dancing number follows the tap routines. Both teams, smartly costumed, dance together on a competitive basis. Mystery is the keynote of the next event, the novelty relays. Twenty-four girls of each team take part in two amusing relays. One of the outstanding activities of the night and the fifth event on the program will be the stunts supervised by captains and based on some main idea or story.

A break in the program is provided by the team songs, which will be sung alternately by the Red and Black teams. After the songs comes probably the most colorful and gayest number of the program, the novelty dances. The grand finale of the evening will be the march by the color captains and head chairmen of the committees, wearing the costume of their event.

Scores will be totaled and announced Friday. Last year's banner will be given to the winning team, Judges are Walter F. Short, director of physical training of Trenton schools; Miss Elizabeth Adams, supervisor of physical training at Neptune; Miss Rose Steinhauser, instructor at Flemington; Miss Hummer, supervisor of physical training in Trenton; Miss Packer, director of physical training at Stat Teachers; and Miss Fish, instructor at State Teachers.

Sports Nite will start promptly at 8:15. "All girls participating," says Miss Grace Brasuninger, "must be checked in before 7:15, after which doors for their entrance will be closed."

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## Choose The Team! Wear Your Ribbon Root For The Girls Of T.H.S.

Ribbons, posters, songs, cheers, committees, meetings! A mad jumble of activities, ideas, practicing compose the requisites for that night o' nights. Girls' Sport Nite. Once again, the girls have rallied 'round to work frantically to produce an entertainment equal to and perhaps superior to that of last year.

Spirited girls have given their minds, time, and work unselfishly to make a success of this undertaking. For weeks they have planned and practiced and next week will present an exhibition of their skill.

The "weaker" sex will rise to the occasion and equal the feats of their brothers. They deserve encouragement for their work.

It will cost but little effort--but don't you see how much it will help, boys? Choose your team and wear your color to show the girls of T.H.S. how proud you are of them.

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### *Tap Dancers Ready for Sports Night at High School*



The second annual sports night will be held this week at the Trenton High School. To accommodate the large numbers who are expected to come the event is being held two nights, Thursday and Friday. Last year it was held only one night, and several hundred persons had to be turned away. By giving it two nights, it is expected that everybody can be accommodated. A small admission fee will be charged. The girls have been divided into two teams, the red and black. The latter's tap dancers are pictured above. The members, from left to right are: Lucy Mattia, Elinor Berman, Eleanore Klemmer, Gladys Walker, Bernice Schultz, Viola Velit, Helen Clark, Mary Russo, Peggy Stingel and Goldie Kipperman. There will be a march, tap dances, originality numbers, races, song contest and similar events.

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## Leaders in High School Sports Night



Staff Photo

From left to right, Amelia Jastrebski (Red team captain), Nellie Putzan (mistress of ceremonies) and Mamie Abbott (Black team captain) in the Sports Night program to be given at Trenton High School Thursday and Friday nights.

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### Black Team Wins High School Event

Members of the Black Team were the winners last night in the first evening's contests in the second annual Girls' Sports Night held at the Trenton High School. The score was 39.86 to 30.77. The program continues tonight and the scores then attained, added to those of last night will determine the final winners.

As the Black and Red teams entered the gymnasium in marching formation, the scoring began. The Black team was adjudged the best by three quarters of a point in this event. In the tap dancing event, the lead went again to the Black team and in the novelty relay it scored with more than a five point lead. In fact, in all events except the novelty dancing, the Black team won, although by slim margins.

Judges included Miss Bertha Irwin, of Junior High No. 3; Miss Marjorie Fish, of the State Teachers' College and Walter E. Short, director of health and physical education in the Trenton public schools.

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# Blacks Triumph On Sports Nite

## Mamie Abbot's Team Gains Revenge Over Last Year's Victors

Hurrah, Black! Yea, Red! Feelings ran high as the two teams competed for the school championship. On the girls' side of the gymnasium, black and white streamers formed a roof and entwined the railings of the bleachers. Black silhouettes marked the basketball backboards and a huge B-L-A-C-K was suspended over the team's heads. Across the center line, the streamers changed to red and white and a large R-E-D was outlined in red lights.

The girls marched in by fours from either side and took their stand in ranks. Upon a signal, they turned and sang the school song and then marched up the bleachers.

The Black entrance was the first event listed and, as the girls came in, in the evening clothes, the Black team on the stands swayed in rhythm. In decided contrast, the Reds came in singing and acting out the words of the song.

Next on the program were the tap dances, the girls very strikingly dressed in black and red.

In rapid succession came the stunts and novelty relays. Dressed in typical costumes, the Blacks and Reds danced the Dutch Treat and Swiss Mountaineer respectively.

Immediately the grand finale was on, and the leaders of the two teams marched out upon the floor. Turning, they came up to the center and sang; the audience joining in, the second time.

Excitement was in the air as Nellie Putzan began to read the scores. Suddenly a rousing cheer broke from the Blacks. The score stood 74.5--72.08 in favor of the Blacks. They had had their revenge.

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## Red Team Acquires Embarrassed Supporter As crimson Faced Lad Dons Red Hair Ribbon

Sport Nite completed; many boys can now rest contented. One of these fellows is Stephen Koczak, the post-graduate, who, because of a friendly wager, was forced to walk about the school for two days with a large red ribbon twisted about his head. Stephen, who's red in the face yet, agreed to answer a few questions.

Q. Why did you make such an attraction of yourself?

A. I Was wearing a red and also a black ribbon one day. The black one being larger than the red, Miss Bernice Garb of the Red team, said she would get me a large red one. I laughingly said I would wear a red hair ribbon if she would buy me twenty yards of red ribbon. She took it seriously and bought the ribbon.

Q. What proved to be most embarrassing, while wearing the large red ribbon?

A. I blushed most when Mr. Graham, my bookkeeping teacher, hailed me as "Octavius."

Q. Didn't you know that you can't get the better of a woman?"

A. I wouldn't say that. Bernice Garb had to spend about sixty-six cents for the ribbon. But I have just been told that she borrowed and solicited most of the money from fun-loving girls; so maybe you're right after all.

Q. What team did you finally cheer for?

A. After that experience, I kept out of the mix-up. If I rooted for the Red team I would probably end up black and blue anyway. However, it would be revenge to see the Black team win.

With those remarks, Mr. Koczak walked away to his next period class.

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