Girls Who Make THS Cheers Click

Pictured are the girls who have been leading cheers at Trenton Central High School's football games and pep rallies. Left to right in the back row are Eleanor Case, Jacqueline Graff, Margaret Guenther, Elizabeth Molnar and Rose Marie Fiorello. Kneeling in the center are Bernice Knoblauch, Dorothy Harris and Mary Jane Tilton, the leader of the cheerleaders, who is also captain of the Black Team for Sports Night and vice president of the senior class.

Trenton Times, October 30, 1947

Trenton High Band Totals 84 Members

Trenton High School's Band is again organized under the direction of L. Rogene Borgen.

With a membership of 84, an all-time high, the band has elected the following officers: Manager, Joseph Rutkowski; assistant, Matthew Schon; student director, Ernest Butcher; secretary, Leonard Fornal; assistant, Jay Bryan; field marshal, Elmer Nemeth; assistant, John Kirby; uniform sergeant, Leonard Ehrlich; assistant, Michael Bystrzycki; librarian, Alexander Antocs; assistant, Reginald Harvey; instrument sergeant, Anthony Minnella; assistant, William Moore.

Some of the activities of the band are playing at basketball and football games and auditorium programs. In the recent motorized Community Chest parade, the school was represented by the band on a red and black float. Their future programs include playing at Sports Night and for the "I am an American Day" program.

Members for the year 1947-48 include Howard Albertson, Alexander Antocs, Robert Bayliff, Armand Bedard, John Bobik, Steven Borbely, Robert Boliner, William Borden, Kenneth Boyle, Jay Bryan, David Buchanan, Ernest Butcher, Michael Bystrzycki, John Capewell, Anthony Caponey, Eugene Cifranic, Charles Czajzinger, Anthony D'Stefano, Bruce Edwards, Leonard Ehrlich, John Ellis, Henry Elsinger, Vincent Fackenthall, Elmer Fawcett, Gerald Fawcett, Leon Fornal, Carlton Fort.

Louis Frey, Frank Golya, Harold Grod, Kenneth Harnick, William Hartmann, Reginald Harvey, Jay Hauenstein, Glenn Holcombe, Conrad Horcher, William Hudson, William Humenay, Vincent Iorio, Ernest Jannotti, Edward Jarzyk, Nevel Jones, Paul Kaniuka, Ronald Kerr, Jack Kirby, Robert Klein, Frank Knott, Robert Kuhn, Robert Leahy, Lawrence Lorenzo, Max Luria, Robert Mason, Anthony Mennella, Arthur Miccio, Henry Minty.

Elmer Nemeth, Howard Nowak, Arnold Nurock, John Ondy, Peter Palmieri, James Paudak, Lester Phares, Stanley Phillips, Nicholas Pipino, Robert Rago, Harry Ratcliffe, Donald Rikowski, Carl Rinter, John Rotkowski, Lawrence Schnoering, Murray Schoenhaur, Matthew Schon, Louis Schagy, Eugene Sich, Kenneth Simon.

Edward Sisti, Gordon Smith, John Suarez, Anthony Suoyzo, Robert Vesire, Ronald Whortenberry and John Yard.

Trenton Times, October 31, 1947

Let's Go Reds

Mary Jane Tilton

Let's Go Blacks

Irene Kozma

Girls Elect Team Heads

Red and Black team heads were elected on November 18 by the girls in the physical education department, and once again the Girl's annual Sport Nite show is under way.

The Black Team captain, Miss Mary Jane Tilton, and the Red Team Captain Miss Irene Kozma were chosen at an earlier date.

When asked how she felt about the Black Team electing her captain, Mary Jane Tilton said, "I was stunned, it was the happiest day of my life."

Even before Mary Jane received the honor, her school life had been extremely active. For some time she had been leading the varsity cheerleaders.

Not only is she president of her homeroom but she also holds the office of vice-president of the senior class.

"Mary Jane" asked the SPECTATOR reporter, "What do you think of the committee heads and how do you feel about your chances to win this year?"

Mary Likes Associates

"Well." Said Mary Jane, "I know the heads are worthy of the positions they have gained, and I'll get to know them better so that we can work as a close and friendly group, and the whole Black Team is going to work hard towards a victory this year."

Irene Kozma, Red Team Captain, is also a popular miss around T.H.S. She replied, when asked how she felt about receiving this position, "It's the most wonderful feeling in the world, and I know it's an honor to be chosen."

She is treasurer of the senior class as well as secretary of her home room.

Irene is preparing for her future work as a "gym" teacher by being captain of her "gym" class and vice president of Leaders Corps.

"I think the Red Team heads are wonderful this year," said Irene, to the SPECTATOR reporter, "and one thing for sure, we Reds are going to work and work and work to win Sports Nite this year."

Girls Pick 13 Heads

Black Team committee heads are as follows: marching, Lucille Maddalena; theme song, Phyllis Kohl; songs and cheers, Peggy Guenther; rhythmics, Roberta Lamont; square dancing, Joan Hasney; games, Florence Holliday; modern exercises, Betty Harbourt; music Virginia Cook; tap, Virginia Plate; decorations, Ann Evans; costumes, Pat Willey; publicity, Pat Lore; and properties, Dot Ormon.

Heads of the Red Team committees are as follows: marching, Dimitra Konides; theme song, Rita Lavino; songs and cheers, Dorothy Harris; rhythmics, Betty Molnar; square dancing, Virginia Butcher; games, Betty Baggaley; modern exercise, Marie Messina; music, Barbara Shteir; tap, Rose DeAngelo; decorations, Beatrice Fine; costumes, Jean Kuhn; publicity, Nancy Hoffman; and properties, Faith D'Agostino.

Spectator, November 6, 1947

THS Sports Night Captains

Mary Jane Tilton and Irene Kozma

Irene Kozma has been selected as captain of the Red team, while Mary Jane Tilton will captain the Black team for the 14th annual Sports Night at Central High School.

The Red Team has chosen as heads of their committees the following girls: Dimitra Konides, marching; Rita Lavine, theme song; Barbara Shteir, music; Rose DiAngelo, tap dancing; Betty Molnar, rhythmics; Marie Messina, modern exercises; Virginia Butcher, square dancing; Betty Baggaley, games; Beatrice Fine, decorations; Jean Kuhn, costumes; Faith D'Agostino, properties; Nancy Hoffman, publicity; Dorothy Harris, songs and cheers.

The Black Team heads of committees are as follows: Lucille Maddalena, marching; Phyllis Kohl, theme song; Virginia Cook, music; Virginia Platt, tap dancing; Roberta Lamont, rhythmics; Betty Harbourt, modern exercises; Joan Hasney, square dancing; Florence Holliday, games; Ann Evans, decorations; Patricia Willey, costumes; Dorothy Ormon, Properties; Patricia Lore, publicity; Peggy Guenther, songs and cheers.

Trenton Times, November 7, 1947

Sports Nite Choices

Group Elects Official Family For Annual Girls' Sports Nite

Miss America

Jacqueline Graf

Sports Nite selections for the official family were made on Study Day, October 22 and also on October 24.

Lee Jochem will assume neutrality in this annual girls' event. She takes over the coveted position of Mistress of Ceremonies. The title of Miss America was captured by Jacqueline Graf, while Leona Dropla will make up the rest of the traditional group by filling the role of Miss Trenton High.

Top, Mistress of Ceremonies, Lee Jochem, bottom, Leona Dropla, Miss Trenton High

Also picked at the time were Red Team Flag Bearer, Peggy Weber, and Black Team Flag Bearer, Marilyn Brooks. The color guards are Josephine Turco, Mary Popovich, Angeline D'Oria, Pauline Otto, Grace Fiorello, Caroline Hartshorn, Evelyn Kohn and Virginia French. At a lter date it will be decided which girls they will "guard."

The group was carefully chosen by Mrs. Margaret Dickenson, Miss Eleanor Keating, Mrs. Isabelle Quick, Miss Alice Stanton, Edward Murphy, the team captains and a few girls of their choosing.

Positions were opened to seniors only but many more twelfth grade girls tried than the number needed. Students were gradually eliminated until the most qualified remained.

Ability to speak distinctly appearance and personality are the main factors in choosing a Mistress of Ceremonies. The other girls were selected mainly for their qualities of personal appearance, poise, posture and style of marching.

Spectator, November 16, 1947

Group Picks Rural Theme

'Gym' Teachers, Captains Select Country Fare As Basis For Sports Nite

Country Fare is the theme for the fourteenth year of Trenton High's Annual Girls' Sports Nite Show. It will be held for four days on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, March 15, 17, 18, 19.

Mrs. Isabelle Quick, Miss Eleanor Keating, Mrs. Margaret Dickinson, and Miss Alice Stanton, assisted by Miss Mary Jane Tilton, Black Team Captain, and Miss Irene Korma, Red Team Captain, decided upon this as an appropriate theme.

Country Fare has to deal with style of life in the country. The group that decided on this theme gave such suggestions as the little red school house, flowers, farm animals, mailmen and a few others, to give the heads of committees a few ideas for their numbers.

The committee heads have picked their specialties and have begun preparing for this show. Some groups have selected what they're going to represent while others are still deciding.

There are three non-competitive numbers in Sports Nite, Prelude, Ballet, and Skating. Skating will be headed by Florence Reed, while prelude will have Ruth Bazzel as head, and Joan Wiley is to head ballet. Skating is under the direction of Mrs. Dickinson, with Miss Keating in charge of prelude and ballet.

Spectator, November 21, 1947

Activities At Central High

The members of the projection crew at Central High have the responsibility of operating intricate equipment. Donald Dowling is the president of the group, assisted by Ralph R. Greener, LeRoy Huchinson, and Sidney Deitz. These boys were chosen by Carl Dannerth, electrical workshop instructor, for their willingness to learn the fundamental principles of electricity and electrical apparatus. They operate the spotlights which produce the lighting effects for various plays, operettas and Sports Nite. They also operate the slide projector and the movie projector in the school auditorium, besides taking care of the loud speaker system in the auditorium.

Trenton Times, December 8, 1947

Central High Activities

The theme of the 14th annual Sports Nite at Central High School is to be "Country Fair." This was decided by the girls' gymnasium teachers, Mrs. Isabelle Quick, Miss Elea..or Keating, Mrs. Margaret Dickinson, and Miss Alice Stanton, assisted by Mary Jane Tilton, Black Team Captain, and Irene Kozma, Red Team Captain. Although Sports Nite is not to be held until March 16, 17, 18, 19, the leader and committees are busy preparing the various numbers, each of which will deal with some style of country life, such as RFD mail carriers, the Little Red School House, flowers, and farm animals.

Under the direction of Mrs. Dickinson, Florence Reed will act as head of skating, a non-competitive number. The others, prelude and ballet, will be under the guidance of Ruth Bazzel and Joan Wiley, with Miss Eleanor Keating in charge for the faculty.

Trenton Times, December 9, 1947

Red Chief

Jack Rutkowski

Black Maestro

Ernie Butcher

Bands Begin Competition

Boys Select Leaders For Annual Sports Nite As Rivalry Resumes

Competition between the Red and Black bands has started as the boys have elected Ernie Butcher to head the Blacks and Jack Rutkowski to have charge of the Reds.

The Black band consists of 25 members has its assistant leader, Elmer Nemeth. Steve Barberly is band assistant, while Leon Formal is secretary-treasurer. The rest of the Black Band members include Matthew Schon, Vincent Jackenthall, Michael Bystrycki, Edward Sisti, Louis Frey, Jay Hauenstein, Lousi Selagy, Max Luria and Glenn Holcombe.

Kuhn, Ellis Join Blacks

Robert Kuhn, John Ellis, Robert Boltner, James Pandak, David Buchanan, Donald Rekowski, Anthony Mennella, Gene Cifronia, Howard Albertson, Leonard Erlich, John Bobik, John Suarez, and Carl Rewtner.

The assistant leader of the Red Band is Harry Goslin, while Jack Kirby acts as manager of the group. John Capewell is the Red Band assistant.

28 Composes Red Band

The 28 members in the Red Band are Henry Nowak, William Moon, William Hartman, Robert Schoenhaun, Kenneth Simon, Vincent Forio, Anthony Swozzo, Kenneth Boyle, John Andy, Nicholas Pepino, Alex Antoes, Stanley Phillips, Ronald Wortenburg, Pepper Mintz, Reginald Harvey, Frank Isitaro, Peter Palmieri, Jay Bryan, Robert Yard, Lester Phares, Anthony Caponey, Arnold Nurock, Robert Leahy, Harry Radcliff, and Robert Bayliff.

Ernie is concentrating on a well-balanced band with special emphasis on concert selections. He has had seven years' experience in the field of music. Ernie plays both sax and clarinet equally well. Ernie's slogan is, "May the best black band win."

Jack Rutkowski has been playing drums for six years, and is working hard for the success of the whole Red Team as well as for his band. Jack replied to the SPECTATOR reporter when asked what his motto was, "The best band will win as long as it is Red."

One might easily take Jack and Ernie for twins since that Jack is 6 ft. 3 in. and Ernie is 6 ft. 3in. By a strange coincidence both boys begin with the letter of the band which they lead. It is common to hear Jack address Ernie as Mr. B and Ernie address Jack as Mr. R.

Spectator, December 19, 1947

Central High Activities

The Special Service Corps at Central High is under the direction of David Weisberg. Its 15 members put in all of their hours after school. Among their varied activities are ushering at football and basketball games and swimming meets, distributing programs at school plays and changing scenery at the annual Sport Nite program.

Inasmuch as the boys work on a voluntary basis, no officers or managers are elected. The following boys make up the corps, Werner Zehl, Joseph Parella, Waldron Davidson, Sidney Hofing, Charles Hill, Robert Dowying, John Calario, Philip Shays, Edward Barwis, Elmer Smith, Leslie Normile, Charles Geter, Maurice Strickland, Allan Schragger and Lee McConahey.

Trenton Times, January 15, 1948

Red Band To Hold Vocal Talent Search

On Tuesday, February 3, at 3:30 p. m. in the main auditorium, a test of female vocal cords will be held. The lucky "gal" will sing with the Red Band in the gymnasium and auditorium programs. This added feature will not only give color to the music programs, but will give some talented girl experience with a band, which is necessary for success in the musical world of entertainment.

Jack Rutkowski, leader of the Red Band, will conduct the tryouts. All Red Team girls interested are urged to attend.

Spectator, January 30. 1948

Official Family For THS Sports Nite

Here's the official family for the 14th annual Trenton High School Sports Nite. Left to right they are: (front row), Jane Andreas, Red Team color guard for Miss America; Jacqueline Graf, Miss America; Pauline Otto, Black Team color guard for Miss America; Lee Jochem, mistress of ceremonies; Grace Fiorello, Red Team color guard for Miss Trenton High; Leona Dropla, Miss Trenton High; Katherine Snook, Black Team color guard for Miss Trenton High; (back row), Black Team flag bearers: Virginia French, Marilyn Brooks and Caroline Hartshorn; Red Team flag bearers: Josephine Turco, Margaret Welsh and Angelina D'Orio.

Trenton Times, February 3, 1948

Central High Club Activity

The Costume Club under the sponsorship of Miss Hannah Foster, has decided to take a trip to New York in the near future. Lois Hart and Patricia Firth are making arrangements with another club. A special committee is designing ballet costumes for Sports Nite. Its members are as follows: Doris Kuestner, Madeline Massa, Mary Jane Tilton, Marie Olympio, Isabel Jaeger, Connie Paraxismos, Rose Pozzi, Theresa Schumacher, Betty Stubenazy, Hilda Audershirk, Lois Hart, Patricia Firth, Maria Gumbas, Lora Horn and Effie Johnston. Initial plans for these costumes were submitted by members of a special Sports Nite Committee.

Trenton Times, February 5, 1948

Music Leaders For THS Sports Nite

Here are the music leaders for Trenton High School's 14th annual Sports Nite. Left to right: Jack Rutkowski, Red Band leader; Rogene L. Borgen, school director of music and Ernie Butcher, Black Band leader. The otherwise all-girl show will be March 16, 17, 18 and 19.

Trenton Times, March 1, 1948

5 Shows For Sports Night

An unusual heavy demand for tickets for the annual Sports Night has prompted Trenton High School authorities to hold the program an additional night this year. The program will open Monday night and continue each night through Friday. Tickets for Monday's program may be procured at the school office. Tickets for the other performances are sold out.

Trenton Times, March 9, 1948

Property Committee For Sports Nite

Shown are members of the properties committee for Sports Nite, which will be held at Central High on March 16, 17, 18 and 19. These boys will keep the gymnasium floor clear of all apparatus except that which is being used by the act going on. Kneeling, left to right, they are: Lee McConahy, William Valyo, Irving Roth, Charles Lucarello, Albert Hurowitz, Ronald Holford, Louis Reichel and Richard Kirk; standing, Ronald Schnorbus, Pasquale Rago, Jasper Parrella, Robert Bates, Richard Foster, Forrest Miller, Robert Irwin and Richard Davis, faculty member.

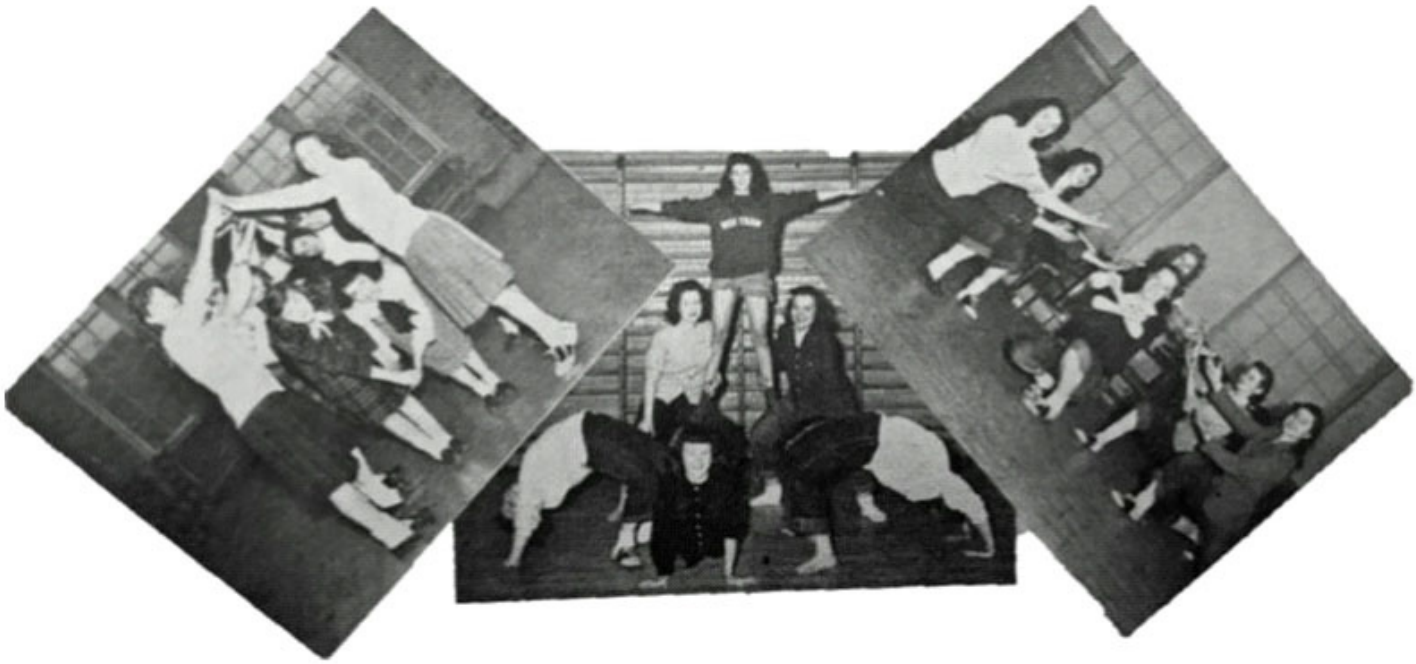
Trenton Times, March 9, 1948

Monday Sports Night Ticket Sale Tomorrow

Eight hundred tickets for the Monday night performance of Sports Night at Trenton High will go on sale tomorrow at 2:30 in the Community Room on the Greenwood Avenue side of the school. All other performances are sellouts.

Trenton Times, March 10, 1948

Girls Practicing For Annual Sport Show



Left to right—Black Square Dancing (upper left): Anita Carney, Rhoda Hornor, Carolyn Hartshorn, Alice Quinlan, Dolores Lichstein, Amelia Curcio, Jean Smith, Joan Graddus. Red Modern Exercises (front row): Pat Keefer, Florence Pomykola, Pat Cake, (second row) Pat Sisti, Jean Kuhn, (top) Marie Messina, committee head. Black Cheerleading (upper right): Eleanor Case, Theresa Peluso, Joyce Plavchak, Jean Mucci, Theresa Dileo, (center) Peggy Guenther, captain.

Sports Nite Date Near

'Country Fare' Offers Four Competitive Dances

March 15, 16, 17, 18, 19

"Country Fare" is the theme representing the fourteenth annual Girl's Sport Nite Show this year. This sports exhibition by the Black and Red teams will take place on March 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19.

There will be four main numbers as in last yea's show. Mrs. Isabella Quick having charge of rhythmics, Mrs. Margaret Dickenson, square dancing; Miss Eleanor Keating, tap; and Miss Alice Stanton, modern exercises.

Lamont Head Rhythmics

Black team rhythmic with Roberta Lamont as head will display a scene such as that of a Country Doctor. Her specialty includes Joan Wiley, Ruth Bazzel, Ruth Harrop, Marge Shelton, Pauline Otto, Betty Kustrup, Delores Dinzo, Dolores Wisoke, and Elizabeth Floyd.

A Country Flower Garden shows the Black tam girls participating in square dancing. Joan Hasney heads this with the rest of the committee including Mary Ellen Edmonds, Amelia Curcio, Anita Carney, Joan Buckley, Dolores Lichstein, Lois Shalita, Rhoda Hornor, Jean Smith, Caroline Hartshorn, Joan Graddus and Alice Quinlan.

Tap Features Milkmaids

Black tap, otherwise known as the Milkmaids, has at its head this year Virginia Plate. Virginia selected the following girls to act as members of her specialty: Virginia Wallace, Jean Vizzini, Rita Ash, Rosella Frascella, Betty Millington, Irene Dartagana, Florence Tengo, Joan Rupell, Alvin Jones, and Ella Seeds.

Black team modern exercise with Betty Harbourt as head will represent Volunteer Fireman. Her specialty includes Marion Kimble, Lois Sutherland, Jacque Graf, Lorraine Holt, Louise Pfleider, Doris Hundley, Jerri Smith, Joyce Riston, Sophie Maserka, Ann Huddy, and Nancy Gribbens.

Tilton Lauds Team

When asked how she felt about the Black team and the girls on the team, Mary Jane Tilton, captain, said, "Since the Black team had been brought together and we have more or less gotten acquainted with each other, I'm sure we as one whole team will try with our might to live up to our motto, "Spirit, loyalty, sportsmanship and good will are what will make a winning Black team."

Red team rhythmics with Betty Molnar as their head, will display a Harvest. The girls serving Betty on this specialty are Anne Louise Goldstein, Lydia Lucide, Dot Kapik and Georgia Mazaros.

Butcher Heads Dancing

The Box Picnic, which can otherwise be known as the Red team square dancers, will include in their specialty, under Virginia Butcher, chairman, Tootsie Mule, Marion Pasint, Grace Fiorello, Grace Moseley, Rose Mary Felice, Sally Lucidi, Irene Nagy, Louise Masserine, Joan Paglione, and Shirley Clarice.

The Red team tap, who don't feel they have enough of school already, will put on a dance concerning the Little Red School House. Rose D'Angelo will be head of this with the rest of her committee including Dolores Castaldo, Catherine Morello, Joan Meyers, Evie Yousko, Sally Kushner, Cannie Nickolas, Joanne Cella, Joan Mount, Dolores DiPaola, Louise Tiberi, Jean Rissman, and Evie Modistini.

Modern "Ex" Display Party

The Watermelon Party will be displayed by the Red team modern exercisers with Marie Messina as chairman. The other members of her specialty are Thelma Hancock, Jane Poinsett, Jean Kuhn, Pat Cake, Pat Sisti, Pat Keefer, Flo Pomykola, Ruth Spooner, Jean Baily, Virginia Richardson, Shirley Turner, and Lorraine Mauet.

Irene Kozma, Red team captain, stated, "With the spirit and the fight that the Red team has, we are sure to come out on top. Our motto," she said, "is, It isn't the individual nor the team as a whole, but the everlasting teamwork, of every Red team soul." She added, "May the best team win!"

Spectator, March 12, 1948

Tap Dancers Rehearsing For School Performance

Girls in the Black tap specialty number for Trenton Central High School's Sports Nite opening tonight are shown in rehearsal. Left to right, they are Patricia Leftwich, Virginia Wallace, Irene Dartagnan, Rosella Frascella, Rita Ash, Virginia Plate, Alvena Jones, Jean Vizzini, Betty Millington, Joan Rupell, Josephine Barbiero and Romayne Sollami.

Trenton Times, March 15, 1948

Big (and Loud) Time As Sports Night Opens

Trenton High School's all-girl Sports Night spectacle opened a five-night stand last night. At top, left to right: Lee Jochem, mistress of ceremonies; Jacqueline Graf, Miss America and Leona Dropla, Miss Trenton High; center photo, Irene Kozma, Red Team Captain; Miss Jochem and Mary Jane Tilton, Black Team Captain. Below, part of the howling crowd.

Trenton Times, March 16, 1948

3,000 See Close Competition At Preview of Sports Night

It was "Preview Night" at Trenton High School's gymnasium last night as more than 3,000 persons were on hand to witness the opening night of the 14th annual Girls' Sports Night extravaganza.

Girls from all three classes competed in the three-hour program. At the end of the first night's exhibition the Black team, captained by Mary Jane Tilton, held a 7-6 lead over its Red team opponents. Irene Kozma is captain of the Red team.

Tonight's program will feature the sophomore girls in 12 competitive events and several non-competitive numbers. This year the Sports Night show is being staged for five nights. Tomorrow will be Junior Night followed by Senior Night Thursday. The grand final will be staged Friday night.

The 1948 edition of Sports Night has as its theme "Country Fare."

Last night's show was opened by Lee Jochem, mistress of ceremonies. Jacqueline Graff was presented as "Miss America" while Leona Dropla was introduced to the audience as "Miss Trenton High." A procession of color guards were led onto the floor by Marilyn Brooks, Black team flag bearer, and Margaret Welsh, Red team color bearer.

Black team points were won on marching, tap dance, decorations, band, songs and obstacle race. A special point, awarded on last night's show only, went to the Black squad for the cover design on the Sports Night program. The design was made by Dorothy Forman.

The Red team was awarded points for theme song, square dance, novelty race, rhythmics, modern exercises and cheers. The Red team's theme song was "Summertime."

Judges for last night's performance included Miss Madge Burgard, art instructor at Trenton Teachers College; Miss K. Elizabeth Ingalls, music teacher at Trenton Teachers College and past president of the music department of the New Jersey Education Association; and Earl Dean, Miss Caroline Hammond and Miss Blanche Graham, members of the Trenton Teachers College physical education department.

Non-competitive numbers on last night's program included ballet dancing and skating.

Trenton Times, March 16, 1948

Sports Nite Black Team Widens Lead

For the second straight evening the Black team held sway in the 14th annual Trenton High School Girls' Sports Nite. Last night the Sophomore girls took over the spotlight before another overflow audience in the high school gymnasium.

The Blacks, captained by Mary Jane Tilton, were awarded seven of last night's 12 competitive events. The Red team won five. Coupled with Monday night's 7-6 victory the Black team leads in the point scoring, 14-11.

Tonight's program will be taken over by the Junior girls at 8 o'clock. The Seniors will hold the spotlight tomorrow night before Friday evening's grand finale.

Black team points last night were gained on marching, tap dance, decorations, band, songs, novelty race and cheers. The Reds won points in the obstacle race, theme song, square dance and specialties, rhythmic novelty and modern exercises.

The Red team's theme song is "Red Team Triumphant." Rita Lavine is chairman of the theme song committee. The Red team's modern exercises, depicting a melon patch, were led by Marie Messina last night.

Ernie Butcher led the Black team band in "Summertime" as it won over Jack Rutkowski's Red band for the second straight night. "Smoke Gets In Your Eyes" is the Red team band theme.

Non-competitive numbers continued to draw plaudits from the audience, particularly the "Country Store" ballet, led by Joan Wiley. Another eye-pleasing number was the prelude, depicting the early-morning chores of a group of farmers.

Judges for last night's program included Miss Elsie Terry, John Steinhilher and Miss Mary Voorhees, all members of the Hackensack High School physical education department; H. J. Strickland of Red Bank, and Arthur H. Brandenburg, supervisor of music in Elizabeth's public school system.

Trenton Times, March 17, 1948

Red Team Holds Slight Edge As Sports Nite Nears Close

The 14th annual Trenton High School Girls' Sports Nite moves into its next-to-last performance tonight with the Red Team holding a 20-18 margin in the accumulative point scoring.

Tonight's spectacle will be taken over by the Senior girls at 8 o'clock. The five-night extravaganza comes to a close tomorrow night with the grand finale.

For the third straight night a jam-packed audience of 3,000 witnessed last night's program which featured the eleventh grade girls. Victory came to the Red Team last night for the first time as Captain Irene Kozma's squad outscored the Blacks, 9-4. Prior to last night's show the Black team led, 14-11.

Another "first" was recorded last night as a tie was declared in one of the 12 competitive events. Each team was awarded a point by the judges for their songs.

The Red team gained points on theme songs, tap dances, square dance, novelty race, modern exercises, obstacle race, decorations and band. The band point marked the first time Jack Rutkowski's musicians took the nod over Ernie Butcher's Black team band.

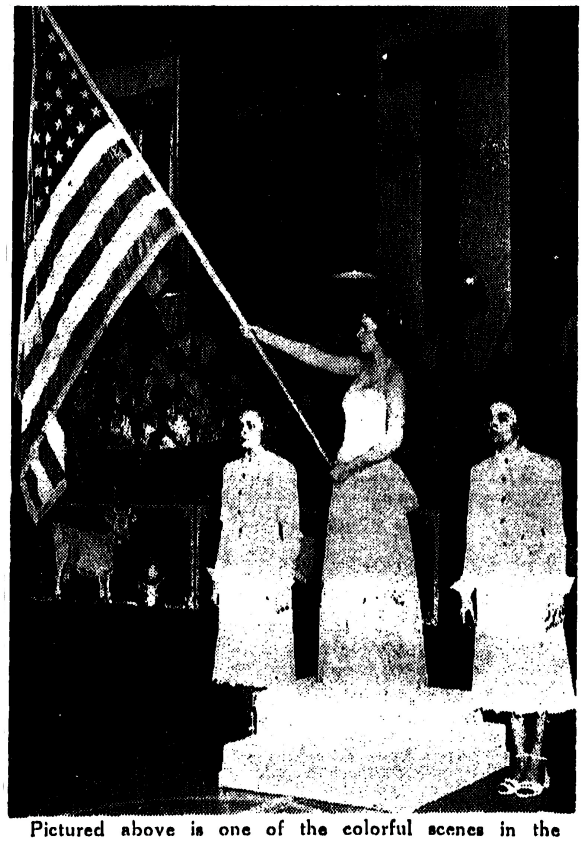
Points for marching, cheers and rhythmics were awarded the Black team last night.

Judging the numbers were Russell Neide, supervisor of physical education in Irvington's public schools; Miss Marjorie Miller and Miss Helen L. Kirk, physical education instructors at Irvington High School; Miss Winifred Prather, landscape painter, Morrisville, and Miss Violet Johnson of Elizabeth, president of the music department of the New Jersey Education Association.

The present standing in the 14-year history of the all-girl show finds the Black team holding a 7-5 advantage. The 1944 event ended in a tie. Last year's victory by the Red team ended a Black team reign which began in 1942 and was unbroken except for the '44 deadlock.

Trenton Times, March 18, 1948

Scenes In THS Performance



Pictured above is one of the colorful scenes in the Trenton High School Girls Sports Night competition — the Red Team's "Little Red Schoolhouse." Below is the introductory flag number, with Jacqueline Graf (Miss America) flanked by Pauline Otto and Jane Andreas.

Trenton Times, March 18, 1948

Sports Nite Closes Tonight; Red Team Ahead, 27 to 23

Trenton High School's 14th annual Girls' Sports Nite comes to a close tonight. The Red team, scoring a 7-5 victory in last night's performance in the school gymnasium, leads on points through the first four nights, 27 to 23.

Tonight's "Finale Night" demonstration will feature girls from all three classes—sophomore, junior and senior. Last night's show was turned over to the 12th grade girls.

Red team points in last night's performance were gained on theme song, square dance, modern exercises, novelty race, obstacle race, band, tap dance. The Black team was awarded points for marching, rhythmics, cheers, songs and decorations.

Another sellout throng is expected to be on hand for tonight's closing performance at 8 o'clock. Some three hours later the 1948 Sports Nite champion will be crowned on the basis of the five-night accumulative point system.

Last year the Red team won by a convincing 31-23 margin. Tonight the Reds, led by Captain Irene Kozma, hope to make it two in a row over their Black team rivals. Mary Jane Tilton is leader of the Blacks. The 14-year standing shows the Black team holds the upper hand with seven victories to five for the Red squad. The two teams ended in a tie in the 1944 event.

Flag-Raising Marks Red Team's Victory

With the entire student body standing at attention, the Red team flag was raised at Trenton Central High School this morning to mark its victory in the annual Sports Night program, which concluded on Friday night. The banner will continue to fly beneath the American flag the remainder of the week.

Miss Irene Kozma, Red team captain, raised the flag of her team in victory. Miss Mary Jane Tilton, Black team leader, as well as Dr. Paul R. Spencer, school principal, and other Trenton High officials took part in the ceremonies.

Trenton Times, March 22, 1948

Girls' Classes Resume Sports

Sports Nite over, the girls' gymnasium classes are returning to the numerous games and activities that occupied their time before preparation for the gala affair began.

The girls may choose from bowling, service ball, and that old perennial favorite, jumping rope.

Now that the warm weather is beginning to set in, the girls will don their sweaters and go outside for an invigorating "gym" period.

Most of the girls seem to prefer baseball as their choice of activity, while others choose the more feminine sport of tennis.

Also, near the tennis courts, numerous girls can be seen eagerly perfecting themselves in the court of archery.

With these various sports to choose from, the girls who participate in the gymnasium, find plenty to keep themselves busy and healthy.

Spectator, April 16, 1948

Third College Club Scholarship Goes To Miss Hartshorn

Miss D. Caroline Hartshorn, whose selection was announced today as the winner of the third scholarship awarded by the Trenton College Club at Trenton High School, has been high academically and active in extra-curricular affairs.

Miss Hartshorn is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Hartshorn of 410 West Palmer Avenue, Morrisville. She is a member of the Clionian Club, the Pan American Club, former member of the Copernican Club, the Red Cross Club, the THS girls' varsity swimming team and took part in the Sports Nite specialties and folk dancing and was a member of the Black Team color guard and the Girls' Athletic Association. As a member of the swimming team, she placed two years in the Eastern Interscholastic Swimming Meet.

She plans to enter either St. Lawrence University or Penn State College in September. She hopes for a career in science or chemistry.

During the past few Summers she has been a counselor at the Luther Gulick Camps in South Casco, Maine.

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Enters College

Miss Lila Lee Jochem

Daughter of Superintendent and Mrs. C. M. Jochem of the New Jersey School for the Deaf who entered the freshman class at Beaver College, Jenkinstown, Pa., last week. She is a graduate of Trenton Central High School and was mistress of ceremonies at Sports Night last Spring. Miss Jochem is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hutchinson of Berkeley Avenue.

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