

## THS Sports Night Queens



The Red and Black team captains have been chosen for the annual Sports Night competition at Trenton High School. At left is Sally Ann Yaeger, who will head the Black team. At right is Jane Poinsett, Red captain. Both are seniors. Miss Yaeger, 17, is the daughter of Mrs. Leslie Yaeger and the late

Dr. Yaeger of 470 Hamilton Avenue. Miss Poinsett, 16, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Poinsett of 1273 South Broad Street. The captains were picked by student balloting. Jane's sister, Jeanne, captained a victorious Red team three years ago. She is now a junior at State Teachers.

Trenton Times, October 14, 1949

## Sports Night Teams Pick Their Chairmen

Members of the Black and Red teams for the Sports Night exhibition at Trenton Central High School have elected six chairmen for their teams.

They are Patricia Fuccello, Red marching; Nancy Ide, Black marching; Gloria Dileo, Red cheers; Jeanne Mucci, Black cheers; Janet Hines, Red theme song, and Eileen Cella, Black theme song.

Jane Poinsett and Sally Ann Yaeger were elected captains of the Red and Black teams respectively by 1,500 members of the squads last week.

Trenton Times,  
October 21, 1949

## Name More Aides For Sports Nite

Jane Poinsett will be the Sports Nite Red Team captain for 1950 at Trenton High School and Sally Yaeger will be captain of the Blacks.

Chairmen of Red Team committees are Pat Fuccello, marching; Janet Hines, theme song; Gloria Dileo, songs and cheers; Joyce Iaquinto, music; Joanne Cella, tap; Dorothy Hartonczyk, rhythms; Lorraine Mutter, modern exercises; Margaret Nagy folk dance; Beatrice Taylor, games; Antoinette DeFilippo, decorations; Dorothy Evans, costumes; Rita DiMatta, properties; and Alice Grasser, publicity.

The Black Team girls who have been chosen as heads of committees are Nancy Ide, marching; Eileen Cella, theme song; Jeanne Mucci, songs and cheers; Barbara Friedman, music; Ella Seeds, tap; Delores Dinzo, rhythms; Jean Brook, modern exercises; Nancy Murphy, folk dance; Joyce West, games; Gwendolyn Samson, decorations; Joan Donehower, costumes; Lorraine Mraw, properties; and Lorraine Margitan, publicity.

Trenton Times,  
November 7, 1949

# 'Flight Sixteen' Is 1950 Theme Of Sports Nite

Heads of committees appointed for Sports Nite at Central High School met recently to discuss the 1950 show. They consulted with Mrs. Margaret Dickinson and Edward Murphy, head of the physical education department at THS, and decided upon "Flight Sixteen" as the theme for the 1950 show.

The girls who have been appointed as heads of committees are the following:

Black team: Sally Yaeger, captain; Nancy Ide, marching; Jean Mucci, songs and cheers; Ella Seeds, tap; Dolores Dinzo, rhythemics; Nancy Murphey, folk dance; Jean Brook, modern exercises; Gwen Sampson, decorations; Lorraine Mraw, properties; Lorraine Margitan, publicity; Joan Donahower, costumes; Joyce West, games; Eileen Celia, theme song; Barbara Freedman, music.

Red team: Jane Poinsett, captain; Pat Fuccello, marching; Gloria Dileo, songs and cheers; Joanne Celia, tap; Dot Hartongyzk, rhythemics; Margaret Nagy, folk dance; Lorraine Mauer, modern exercises; Antoinette DiFillipo, decorations; Rita DiMatta, properties; Alice Graser, publicity; Dorothy Evans, costumes; Beatrice Taylor, games; Janet Hines, theme song; Joyce Iaquinto, music.

Although Sports Nite is still five months away, the names of the girls selected to be included in the official family have been announced. Mistress of Ceremonies will be Johanne Madden. Sally Milner will portray Miss America, carrying the American Flag. Bearing Trenton High's banner will be Helen Hastedt, who has been chosen Miss Trenton High.

The assistants to Miss America are Jean DeLong and Rita Joyce. They will represent the Black and Red Teams, respectively.

Shirley Allen, Black Team, and Sally Katzrek, Red Team, will be guards to Miss Trenton High.

The Red Team flag bearer will be Claire Foy, while the Black Team flag will be carried by Betty Walton. Color guards will be Joan Wood and Delores Fadil, Black Team, and Rina Santin and Bernice Eldridge, Red Team.

The girls who will act as heads of non-competitive numbers are Doris Gorse and Pat Elder, captain and co-captain of skating; Grace Cavalieri, who will head ballet and Margaret Marini, who will lead prelude.

Trenton Times,

November 18, 1949

## Iorio, Rekowski Sports Night's Band Leaders

Band leaders for Trenton High School's annual Sports Night were chosen yesterday. Vincent Iorio will conduct the Red Team band and Don E. Rekowski the Black Team.

Iorio, 17, a senior, has been a member of the THS band for three years. He plays the tenor saxophone and clarinet. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Iorio of 840 Chambers Street.

A trumpet player with the THS band for a year, Rekowski, 18, also a senior, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Rekowski of 914 Liberty Street.

In cooperation with Victor Borgar, the two band leaders will select most of the numbers and specialties for Sports Night and will supervise arrangements.

Trenton Times,  
December 7, 1949

## Dancers' Tryouts For Sports Night

Girls who are interested in tap dancing, properties, rhythemics, modern exercises, games, cheerleaders and folk dancing may try out this week for Sports Nite. Red Team tryouts will take place in the boys' corrective gym at 2:30 p.m., and the Black tryouts will be held in the girls' corrective gym at 3:30. The theme selected for Sports Nite this year is "Flight Sixteen," which is explained by the fact that this year will be the sixteenth anniversary of Sports Nite. Instructors who will guide the girls in their work on Sports Nite this year are: Miss Frances Parks, Miss Eleanor Keating, Mrs. Isabella Quick, Mrs. Margaret Dickinson, and Edward Murphy, head of the physical education department.

Trenton Times,  
December 12, 1949

## **Leaders Pick Team Bands Red, Black Maestros Select Band Numbers; Rehearsals Underway**

Don Rekowaki, Black band leader, and Vince Iorio, Red band maestro, recently emerged from a heated and lengthy discussion, both grinning victoriously. They had just finished selecting the numbers of their Sports Nite bands and each of them believed his band to be the better.

The two bands have already begun to practice separately. At each of the home basketball games, either the Black or Red band will be present helping the T.H.S. fans cheer their team to victory and furnishing the music for all its songs. The boys receive practice in working together during these appearances.

### **Blacks Name Officers**

After the mid-year examinations are completed, the bands will begin their serious practice. By that time, the musical selections will have been made for all the numbers. Selection of the music for Sports Nite is in itself a difficult task because all the music must be in exactly the right tempo for the exercise.

The Black band's officers and members are as follows: Roy Adams, assistant secretary; Emil Bobik, Paul Callohan, uniforms; Gene Cifranic, Louis Conte, Dan Cowell, instruments; Don Cox, Robert Czigler, George Banka, librarian; Percy Perry, Don Ehert, Tony Femiano, assistant librarians; Bill Ford, Rayden Gandy, Robert Hall, John Iaquinto, John Immordino, Roscoe Owens, Warren Raymond, Don Rekowski, leader; Lewis Rosen, Robert Savage, Vincent Silvestro, Al Spera, Tony Suozzo, assistant leader; Tom Weaver, secretary; and David Wilson.

### **Reds Accept Duties**

The officers and members of the Red Band are Elliot Aldrich, secretary; Jack Blair, Albert Castor, Albert Fisher, instruments; Carmen Fratto, assistant secretary; Martin Gardner, Robert Gordon, instruments assistants; Vince Iorio, leader; Ernest Jannotti, Melvin Johnson, Franz Knott, Vince La Bella, Herbert Leonard, library assistant; Harry Madole, Leo McIntyre, John Ondly, librarians; Donald Papier, Charles Pierce, Nick Pipino, assistant leader; Fred Porter, John Roro, Robert Shapiro, LeRoy Snyder, Robert Stout, James Verrelli, Harold Williams, and Joseph Yaros.

*Spectator, January 20, 1950*

## **Sports Nite Aides Prepare To Assist At Annual Show**

Much activity is going on in the girls' gymnasium now that Sports Nite is in sight. Many girls have secured places in the specialties and in the official family.

Girls who were selected for judges' aid in recent competition were, Red Team – Barbara Brenfleck, Doris Anne Maul, Dorothy Dunthorne, Catherine Liebich, and Pauline Bohus; Black Team – Ellen Ortlieb, Page Cressman, Emma Jean Schmitt, Jane Van Dyke, and Joan Blair. These girls were chosen to aid the judges as advisers.

*Spectator, February 24, 1950*

## *Sports Nite Committee Heads*



Left to right, top, Grace Cavalieri, Joyce Iaquinto, Jane Poinsett, and Margaret Nagy; bottom, Beatrice Taylor, Dorothy Hartonscyk, Gloria Dileo, and Joanne Cella are heads of the committees planning strategy of the Red Team for Sport Nite at THS, March 20 to 24.

Trenton Times, February 27, 1950



Trenton Times, March 3, 1950

## Mack Will Retire In June After 43 Years of Teaching



Francis E. Mack At His School Desk Today.

### Head of Woodworking Shop At Central High School Came to Trenton Immediately After Getting Diploma

Retiring next June after 43 years of service in the Trenton public schools is Francis E. Mack, of Stuyvesant Avenue, teacher of woodworking.

Mack, who came to Trenton immediately after graduation from the Oswego Normal School, is also a graduate of Rutgers University. He taught for 10 years in the elementary schools, seven years at Junior One, and seven more at Junior Three. For the last 19 years he has been in charge of the woodworking shop at Trenton High School.

Every day 150 boys work on woodworking projects in Mack's classes. Three of these are made

up of sophomores, one of juniors, and one of seniors. In the

sophomore year the students get

a review of the fundamental pro-

cesses in woodworking, such as

passing safety tests and qualify-

ing as machine tool operators.

During the year Mack chooses

the outstanding 20 percent of the

sophomores who will form his

junior class the following year.

These boys are trained to work

on school projects that require

cabinet-making, woodworking or

carpentering. These same fel-

lows automatically become the

senior class of the fol-

lowing year, when they consti-

ute the Activities Club, which

includes the 30 best woodwork-

ers in the school. They do all of

the construction for the operetta,

Sports Nite and the Senior

Play.

Over the years, many of them who were graduated continued with this work as a livelihood. A few of those who got their start in Trenton High and now work in this field are Charles Frankenfield, now a foreman in the pattern shop of the Thropp Corporation; Robert McClellan, who is a pattern maker at the DeLaval Steam Turbine Company; John Hartman, who is in business as a furniture repairman; and Albert Chmiel, a building contractor. This year two of the senior boys will be placed in pattern shops in the city.

The outstanding students in the present senior woodworking classes were listed as Arthur Beers, Eugene Bickel, Anthony Damiano, Harold Huidock, Anthony Leone, John Mayer, Benjamin Updike, William Watkins, Edward Kolpack, Stanley Grygon, Frederick Plotrowski and Richard Ettinger.

## Trenton High's Sport Nite Plans Five Performances

Annual Affair Set For March 20, 21, 22, 23  
And 24 — Every Girl In School Will  
Take Part — Boys Also Help

The sixteenth consecutive annual performance of Sport Nite will take place in the Trenton High School gymnasium from March 20 to 24, with about 1,800 girl pupils participating. Although the program is designed primarily to exhibit the work of the girls' classes in physical education, the show could not go on without the assistance of many of the boys in the bands, scene-shifting crews, and the like.

Divided into two teams, the Red and the Black, for five evenings the girls compete for points in a gay extravaganza with modern lighting effects, lavish costumes, and intricate dancing. "Sports Nite," which made its debut in 1935 as a device to stimulate the interest of the girls in physical education, was at that time but a simple one-night performance. Thence points were awarded for originality and execution in only five events—dancing, cheering, racing, tumbling, and entrance—while the team performed to the music of a piano and had only gymnasium suits for costumes.

During the next few years many changes took place. Costumes were made for each number, two bands were formed, and new events were introduced. At present the program includes: prelude formalities; a preview of the entire show; ballet dancing, roller skating, marching, obstacle and scooter races, songs, cheers, tap dancing, rhythmnics and modern exercises. Every girl in the school participates in at least one of the last four numbers and may take part in a few of the others as well. The principal numbers include: two parts, a presentation by the group at large and a specialty.

composed of a select number of particularly talented girls.

Student leaders are elected to guide each of the varied activities.

The leader for developing the loyalty and enthusiasm of each team is its captain, who must possess the all-important qualities which will inspire the hundreds of girls who select her to lead them. Other important roles include: Mistress of ceremonies, Miss America, bearer of the American flag, and Miss Trenton High.

Although the girls do their own research to authenticate details for the decorations supporting their theme, they must submit their ideas to the teachers of the physical education department for approval. Rarely in the limelight, the faculty members, especially those of this department, act as guiding spirits behind the whole project. But it is first, last, and always a student activity. Seniors become expert in all requirements after enacting smaller roles during their two previous years of apprenticeship.

The boys lend assistance in a few matters which require a masculine touch. Installation and maintenance of the loud-speaking equipment is done by a picked squad from the electric shop. A stagecraft crew supplies sparkle and glamour with colored lights, floodlights, and spots, while carpenters from the wood shop, also divided into Red and Black Teams, construct the props requested by the committees of the girls in charge. Each group strives for superiority in craftsmanship. Their work is evaluated, and points are awarded for the final score. The music is also supplied entirely by masculine music-makers.

Before the production is ready, weeks are spent in planning, rehearsing, and decorating.

Sports Nite has become so popular that it is now necessary to stage the contest for five consecutive nights. The first night is called preview, next comes sophomore night, then junior, then senior, then the finale, which consists of the best numbers chosen from previous nights.

The theme for Sports Nite this year is "Flight Sixteen," depicting an airplane trip around the world with each number portraying a different country.

Sally Yaeger is Black Team captain this year, and her heads of committees are: Ella Seeds, tap; Dolores Dimino, rhythmnics; Nancy Murphay, folk dance; Jean Brook, modern exercises; Nancy Ide, marching; Hannah Lowrey, games; Jean Mucol, songs and cheers; Eileen Cella, theme song; Barbara Friedman, music; Joan Donahower, costumes; Lorraine Margitan, publicity; Gwen Sampson, decorations; Lorraine Mraw, properties.

Jane Poinsett is Red Team captain, and her heads of committees are: Joanne Cella, tap; Dorothy Hartonyk, rhythmnics; Lorraine Mauer, modern exercises; Pat Frascella, marching; Beatrice Taylor, games; Margaret Nagy, folk dance; Gloria Dileo, songs and cheers; Janet Hines, theme song; Joyce Ia quinto, music; Dorothy Evans, costumes; Alice Graser, publicity; Antoinette DeFilippo, decorations; Rita DeMatteo, properties.

## Tap Dancers In THS Sport Nite



Shown above are tap dancers as they will appear in one number at the annual Sport Nite performance which will be given at Trenton High School on

During the show the Red Team and the Black Team will compete for honors in various events.

## *THS Shop Builds Scenery For Sports Night*



John Owens and Carl Kolpack, both members of Trenton High School's woodshop classes, are shown here building a stage prop for the 16th annual Sports Night show which opens on March 20.

Trenton Times, March 15, 1950

# Red, Black Teams Warm Motors for Victory Race Monday

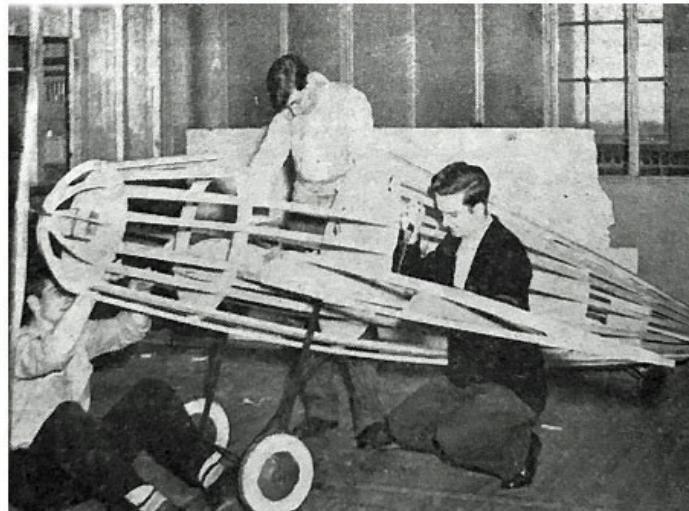
Specialty Dancers Rehearse for Sports Nite Debut



**Red Rhythmic Specialty:** (Left to right) Helen Russo, Jean Feeder, Grace Cavalleri, Margaret Marini, Ann Louise Goodstein, Marcia Dobin, Gloria Bekey, and Caroline Angeline. Center: Dorothy Hartonczyk.

**Black Character Dance Specialty:** (Back row, left to right) Jane Burke, Genevieve Behn, Geraldine Stacewicz, Adelaide Kemler, Dorothy Ramsey, Dolores Brienza, and Joan Greco. Front row: Mary Shaw, Ann Palmeri, Ann Miserere, Mary Alice Petty, Marie Kowalski, and Lillian Rouse. Center Nancy Murphey.

## Behind The Scenes



**Left to right:** Karl Kolpack, Joseph Dami-ano, and Benjamin Updike.

## Girls Depict World Tour

Flight 16' Will Climax Intense Work of Teams;  
Show Opens March 20

Sports Nite will reign over Trenton High once again during the week of March 20-24, when the girls of the Red and Black Teams, led by Captains Jane Poinsett and Sally Yaeger, will match their skill and effort in a fight for victory.

After long hours of rehearsal during noon periods, study days ad after school, each number and specialty is fully prepared to exhibit the grace ad precision that will win the judges' vote.

### Prelude Features Airport

In keeping with the theme for the show, "Flight Sixteen," the prelude headed by Margaret Marini, will feature an airport with many passengers boarding planes for a trip around the world. The marching teams of the Blacks and Reds, headed by Nancy Ide and Pat Fuccello respectively, will then make their entrance as airplane hostesses and Uncle Sams.

Black Tap, under the chairmanship of Ella Seeds, will take the audience along the Mississippi to visit the southern belles, while Red Tap will visit Santa Claus at Indiana. Iceland will be the setting for the Black Team Rhythmic number, while Paris will lead some artistic ability to the Reds. Dolores Dinzo and Dorothy Hartoncyzk are chairman of these numbers respectively.

### Teams Visit China, Scotland

For the Character Dance, Black Team will cross the Pacific for a visit to China with Nancy Murphy leading the way, The Reds will fly to Scotland under the supervision of Margaret Nagy. Black Modern Exercises will borrow some luck from the Irish for their number and Red Team girls will supplement the harems of Arabian rajahs. Jean Brook and Lorraine Mauer are chairmen of these numbers. The novelty and obstacle races, always the high point for suspense in the show, are headed by Hannah Lowery on the Black and Beatrice Taylor on the Red.

### Ballet Depicts Love Story

The Ballet this year, under the direction of Grace Cavalieri, will tell the romantic story of Pierrot and Pierrette who fight the evils of Satan and finally find happiness together. To add a musical touch to Sports Nite, Don Rekowski and the Black Band will present "Solitude" as their theme song while Vince Iorio will lead the Red Band to their version of "Back to Sorrento."

Aside from the many dancing groups who play an active part in Sports Nite are the girls whose job is to provide an atmosphere or setting for the show. The large pictures that cover the windows of the gymnasium are painted by the girls on the Decoration Committee. These girls also decorate the "gym" galleries, and the scoreboard. Gwendolyn Sampson and Antoinette DiFilippo are chairmen of these Black and Red Committees. Properties that are used for the main and specialty numbers are designed and painted by committees headed by Lorraine Mraw and Rita Di Matteo.

Handling of music for the various dances is under the supervision of Barbara Friedman for the Black Team and Joyce Laquinto for the Red. The costumes used in the main number are provided by committees headed by Joan Donehower and Dorothy Evans who co-operate with the sewing classes of Trenton High.

Janet Hines of the Red Team and Eileen Cella were responsible for producing a theme song for their respective teams. Publicity for the show was handled by Lorraine Margitan and Alice Graser. Large main hall posters and smaller signs were placed throughout the school many weeks before Sports Nite to raise the morale of girls on both teams. A point for the winning cover design is awarded on the first night of the show.

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## Shop Boys Give Finishing Touches To Gala Sports Nite Production

Although Sports Nite has always been recognized as a show presented by the girls of Trenton High, a glance behind the scenes will reveal that many boys also take a hand in making it the extravaganza it is known to be.

Much of this work takes place long before Sports Nite week arrives. The construction of properties that glamorize the various dances in the show are handled by the Activities Club under the direction of Francis E. Mack. These props must be completed with allowance of time for painting by the team property committees. The building of the airplanes to be used in the Red and Black Novelty Race illustrates the time and efforts involved. Joseph Damiano, Karl Kolpack, and Ben Updike were the appointed three who constructed the planes. The actual process took about 100 hours of work, of which 25 hours were free time given by the boys.

Many of the metal fixtures that are essential for properties are supplied by the boys in William Doolan's machine shop. Remo Funari, Massino Chiavoni, George Biferi, and John Phillips saw that running gears were placed on the airplanes. Lighting, too, is an important element in the composition of Sports Nite. This department is under the supervision of Reynold Strunk and his stage crafters group with Jules Stockman, Wesley Marple, and Peter Warter acting as co-chairs.

The boys in Willard Vroom's print shop are helping to make Sports Nite a more festive occasion by printing the Red and Black programs, motto cards and posters. To print in two colors takes a great deal more work than usual. The programs must first be printed in one color and then left to dry. Later the other color is added. Although this is double work, the boys try to include two colors in almost all of their work. A few of Mr. Vroom's helpers are John Lekka, Theodore Sherman, John McKeever, Joseph Nickles, William Swan, Emory Tilghman, William Gulli, Thoman Parker, Pat Deworocki, Anthony Bencivenzo, Mike DiBello, Wayne Moore, Ed Roberts, John Ott, and James Jobst.

Sports Nite, however, illustrates more than just the work and effort of students throughout the school. The spirit that is invoked in the crowds will glow during each night of the show when the entire school body turns out to witness a Red or Black Team victory.

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## The Big Show

will be presented next week before thousands of spectators. Throughout the past few months the students at Trenton High have been working hard to make this year's Sport Nite a success.

Not only have the girls been learning their parts during "gym" class, but the specialties have been working every day after school time. The costume, decoration, and publicity committees have bee working on their part of the show for many weeks and they, too, deserve much credit.

But the girls haven't don all the preparation. The fellows have added their talents and have taken care of the lighting and the loud speaker system. The boys have built the stand between the bands and have skillfully decorated it. The outstanding work done by some of the boys is represented by the two fine bands, which play a major part in the "Flight 16" show.

The faculty has willingly done its part and the finished production is a T.H.S. community project and has a lot of work, from many groups, behind it.

The school is divided into two teams – Red and Black. Next week the rivalry will be keen. One team will probably come out on top, and the losing team will display its sportsmanship by cheering the deserving victors. This sportsmanship is a fine way to end a fine show.

*Spectator, March 17, 1950*

## Sports Nite Spirit

by Gloria Beky

Another year has rolled around  
And another Sports Nite is here.  
Girls working hard to bring their team,  
Another victorious year.

The thrill of dancing for our team  
Of hearing the team's band play,  
We show our team our loyalty  
By the spirited cheers we say.

The sad days are the happy days  
Are part of the Sports Nite whirl  
And will always stand out in the memory  
Of every T.H.S. girl.

Then when we have finished  
Our three happy T.H.S. years  
An unknown force will draw us back  
To share our team's joys and tears.

*Spectator, March 17, 1950*

## May The Better Team Win



**Jane Poinsett**

**Sally Yaeger**

### Red Captain Eyes Teaching; Black Leader To Be Nurse

"Sports Nite is one of the greatest thrills in a girl's life," commented Red Team captain Jane Poinsett. "The thought of the five-night shows makes me weak in the knees."

Although a great deal of Jane's time is taken up working diligently for the Red Team, she is able to find time to devote to other activities throughout the school. Jane is homeroom vice-president, captain of period one "gym" class, president of the Copernican Club, a member of the Clonian Society, a member of the Senior Executive Committee, varsity cheerleader, and circulation manager of the *SPECTATOR*. In the past two years, Jane has been in the modern Exercise Specialty in Sports Nite.

Jane's "first love," of course is the Red Team. Janie is fond of all kinds of food but she will take a large walnut sundae anytime. Although her future is still

somewhat unsettled, Jane expresses the hope of becoming a physical education teacher. She wishes to remain active in the athletic field she enjoys so much.

When asked to give her opinion of the team she leads Jane said, "The Red Team is coming along fine. The girls are working very hard and are determined to keep up the spirit, good work and good record the Red Team has shown in the past. With the spirit of our fighting Red Team, we are sure to come out on top."

By this time all of the girls at T.H.S. know who Sally Yaeger is, and most of the fellows do, too. But for the benefit of those who haven't yet met her, we'll simply introduce her as this year's Black Team captain!

Although holding this position takes absolutely all her time now, Sally manages to participate in almost all the other school activities throughout the year. She was treasurer of her junior class, and is now the senior class treasurer. She also holds that office in the Clonian Society.

To continue the list, Sally is president of the Pan-American Club, president of her homeroom, captain of the second period "gym" class, president of Leader Corps, and somehow finds time to be a varsity cheerleader.

For the past month Sally has been working with her team to organize a group that will win Sports Nite. Sal wants her team to remember that "Through spirit and ability comes victory" – the motto of Black Team. "This year the Blacks know the Reds are a fighting competition and they are just as determined to win Sports Nite as we are. But I'm sure the Blacks have the spirit and ability so we can't miss. It's impossible to lose once you make up your mind to win, and the Blacks have made up their minds to win! HAPPY LANDINGS, BLACKS!"

# RED TEAM CHEERS 1950

*“A Quitter Never Wins—A Winner Never Quits” so learn your  
cheers RED TEAM and don’t quit until we win.... . . .*

## 1 THEME SONG

Mighty Red Team, for you we're fighting  
And we pledge you our loyalty  
For our courage is everlasting  
And we're striving for victory.

Never daunted, we cannot falter  
In this Sport Nite we're tried and true.  
Proudly waving our noble banner  
Mighty Red Team we'll win for you!

## 2 ALMA MATER

This Sports Nite Show is like a melody  
That haunts you through and through  
Five nights a year, that we hold oh so dear  
A team may lose, a team may win  
We never do give in

This Sport Nite Show  
Five nights you all must know  
With victory our goal  
We may cry now and then  
But we'll try again  
With spirits high the Red Team will carry on.

## 3 FLAG SONG

This is the Red Team Flag we honor  
And we are proud to be waving it high  
This emblem represents our courage and vim  
We won't give in, until we win  
Our loyalty to you we cherish  
It is the grandest flag of all  
We're going to win and strive for victory  
And we will fight for our Red Flag tonight.

## 4 MARCH TO VICTORY

Tune: Princeton Cannon Song

March on to victory, RED TEAM, march  
on with all your might!  
Defend our honor, honor us tonight  
RAH! RAH! RAH!  
Rah, Rah, and sis boom ba, RED TEAM  
march on to victory,  
While the crowd does roar, then our  
team will score,  
So, it's FIGHT\*\*REDS\*\*FIGHT!!

## 5 ALL OUT FOR A VICTORY

We're all out for a victory, we're the REDS,  
Knock 'em dead, one by one!!  
With our songs and our cheers, we will again this year!

So, come on, RED TEAM, GET ON THE BEAN  
We're all out for victory, and we will win again!  
We will fight till we bust, yes we can, we will, we must  
For that good ole' RED TEAM FLAG!

## 6 CAPTAIN SONG

Meet our Captain folks, she's JANE POINSETT  
She is just the finest person we have met,  
She has got the fight  
And she's got the vim,  
And with her to guide us  
We never will give in.

She will lead us to a victory  
And our team will go down in history

She has courage, vim  
She's full of fight  
She will help the the Reds win  
With all her might  
And we'll know she'll try  
Our fame will reach on high  
So step up Jane and we'll cheer praises to the sky  
Hip! Hip!  
Listen folks and look right here  
We'd like you to meet our captain this year,  
She's tall and blond and full of pep  
We'd like to present JANE POINSETT!!!

## 7 ENTRANCE CHEER

The Red Team girls are here to fight  
to win this show tonight!  
We'll prove to you, the Reds are true  
and always in the right!  
And with our Red Team Spirit we're  
bound for victory!  
We hail your name, of Red Team fame  
And we'll make history!  
R E D S ! !

## 8 BLACK TEAM CHEER

Let's go Reds on the Black Team side,  
We have a cheer that we don't want to hide  
With your Captain Sally, who is full of vim  
There's no doubt about it you're out to win  
Your team is swell with your spirit and pep  
So take it Blacks we've gotta depart,  
Any you Black Team Girls are right in step  
We've meant what we said from the bottom  
of our hearts!  
Y E A B L A C K S !

## 9 CANADIAN CAPERS

We heard you call for a Red Team cheer,  
We're very snappy and peppy this year,  
We are the girls with the sugar and spice,  
Honest folks, don't you think we are nice?

We got a team that's really the best,  
We rate supreme from east to west,  
And when you hear us shout our voices  
to the sky

Oh no siree---  
The Reds will never die!!!

## 10 "I NEVER SEE MAGGIE ALONE"

You always hear us, and fear us.  
Some think that we're the dearest,  
Oh, the Red Team is always around.

And while we're cheering and shouting,  
Nobody's ever pouting, 'cause  
The Red Team is Victory bound.

And when we show you, That we're really bright,  
The Red Team will fight to win this show tonight!

So Reds lets hurry, And go now,  
We've gotta do a show now,  
We're the RED TEAM!  
We're Victory Bound!!!!

## 11 MUSIC, MUSIC, MUSIC

R---E---D T---E---A---M  
The Red Team girls are here again!  
Shouting high, with all their might oh!  
RED TEAM, RED TEAM, RED TEAM!!

Black Team, we say Hey, Black Team,  
Just take a look at us and then you'll  
see that we deserve a victory!

So c'mon REDS let's raise the score!  
Cause the REDS will win once more!  
With our vim we're out to win, That's  
our team, the BEST TEAM, THE RED TEAM!

12 TOOT TOOT TOOTSIE

Black Team, Black Team, don't cry  
Black Team, Black Team, don't sigh,  
This Sports Night Show we will win,  
Because the REDS have got the vim,  
and they won't give in.

Black Team, Black Team, don't sigh  
The REDS will win by and by,  
watch for our team,  
We're right on the beam,  
If you don't win this show, we'll know  
the REDS are supreme.  
Ho, Ho, Ho, Black Team good-bye,  
Black Team, Black Team don't cry.

13 LOVELY BUNCH OF COCONUTS

We've got the team that got the spirit,  
If you're around you're sure to hear it.  
PEPPY, SNAPPY, that's what the RED TEAM is!!!

Watch out Black Team, we'll best you like a whiz.

Oh, we've got the courage and the vim.  
That's why the REDS are sure to win!

We'll cheer your name on high.  
Right to the Red Team sky.  
Shouting, "RED TEAM you're the BEST so don't give in."

14 BE QUIET

Hey! Blacks, be quiet!  
We REDS are the best and you can't deny it!!

Our team is snappy with its spirit and fight  
and we're gonna show you Blacks that we're dynamite!

SO---Hey Blacks, BE QUIET!

15 GLITTER

Hey Black Team, Can't you see,  
Our hands are all a glitter and so are we!

Now don't get nervous and raise a fuss,  
'Cause the Reds are winning double plus.  
RR---EE---DD---SS---  
Yea REDS!

16 SONG

Red Team we say with pride,  
Red Team we're by your side  
Win, lose, or draw we're for you  
We'll always stand beside you  
When high school days are through  
We still will cling to you  
Loyal and true  
Red Team we'll win for you.

## **City Awaiting Trenton High's 'Sports Nite'**

The biggest event on Trenton High School's yearly calendar opens tomorrow night at the school gym.

For five hectic evenings the Girls Sports Nite program will be presented by more than 1,500 sophomores, juniors and seniors equally divided between the Red and Black teams.

A sellout is assured for all five nights.

Points are awarded for each night's performance and the climax will be reached Friday when the last event probably will decide the winner. The Reds have won for three straight years and will be seeking a history-making fourth win. The Blacks are equally determined to halt their long losing streak.

Principals in the all-girl performance include Miss Sally Ann Milner as Miss America; Miss Helen S. Hastedt as Miss Trenton High School, and Miss Johanne Madden, mistress of ceremonies.

Trenton Times,  
March 19, 1950

## **WBUD Highlights**

The final night of Trenton High School's Sport Nite will be broadcast Friday at 8:15 p. m. by Bob Kent, Fred Walker and Rusty Austin.

Trenton Times,  
March 19, 1950

## **Trenton High Sport Nite to Open Tonight**

Trenton High School's 16th annual Girls' Sport Nite program opens tonight at 8:15 o'clock in the school gym. Sellout throngs are already assured for each of the five nights of the all-girl pageantry.

More than 1,500 sophomores, juniors and seniors, equally divided between the Red and Black teams, will take part in the event. Tonight's show will be known as "Opening Night." Tomorrow night the sophomores take over. Juniors will head the Wednesday performance while the seniors will be in command Thursday night. The "Finale" will take place Friday night.

The Red team, which has won eight of the 15 spectacles, will be seeking its fourth straight victory—a history-making feat. The Blacks have won six times while the 1944 contest ended in a tie. Last year's victorious Red team was captained by Evelyn Yousko. Josephine Barbiero led the Black team.

This year's captains are Jane Poinsett for the Red team and Sally Yaeger for the Blacks. Other principals include Sally Ann Milner as Miss America, Helen S. Hastedt, Miss Trenton High School, and Johanne Madden, Mistress of Ceremonies.

Points are awarded for each night's performance. In addition to the several competitive events, non-competitive numbers also highlight the show. The program will be opened by the entrance of the Red and Black bands, an address of welcome by the mistress of ceremonies and presentation of Miss America, Miss Trenton High, the Red and Black team flag bearers and color guards.

Trenton Times,  
March 20, 1950

## *Winsome Threesome*



Trenton High School's 16th annual Girls' Sport Nite program got underway last night before a capacity throng in the school gymnasium. At the end of the first night's performance the Red and Black teams were deadlocked with eight points apiece. The program resumes

tonight at 8:15 with the sophomore girls holding the spotlight. In the above picture, taken during the presentation of team captains last night, are (from left to right): Sally Yaeger, Black captain; Johanne Madden, mistress of ceremonies, and Jane Poinsett, Red captain. Detailed story on Page 3.

Trenton Times, March 21, 1950

# Reds, Blacks Tied In THS Sport Nite

With the score tied after last night's opening performance, sophomores will hold the spotlight tonight in Trenton High School's 16th annual Girls Sport Nite program. The second of five nightly displays will get underway at 8:15 before a sellout throng in the spacious high school gymnasium.

A capacity audience watched the Red and Black teams battle to an 8-8 tie in last night's initial performance. The Red team, captained by Jane Poinsett, was awarded points for theme songs, tap dances and specialties, character dance and specialties, novelty race and band. Black team points were gained for marching, decorations, rhythmic novelty and specialties, alma mater song and cover design. The latter point is awarded on opening night only.

The teams shared honors in three classes and were each awarded a point. They were tied in presentation of cheer leaders, modern exercises and specialties and obstacle race.

With this year's theme being "Flight Sixteen," the program last night opened at an airport with members of both teams boarding transcontinental planes.

The Black team slogan during the all-girl extravaganza is "Through Spirit and Ability Comes Victory" while the Red team's motto is, "A Quitter Never Wins — A Winner Never Quits."

The program opened with the entrance of the Red and Black bands, directed by Vince Iorio and Don Rekowski, respectively. Joanne Madden, mistress of ceremonies, delivered an address of welcome, after which the team captains were presented. This was followed by the presentation of Sally Milner, Miss America; Helen Hastedt, Miss Trenton High; Betty Walton, Black flag bearer; Claire Fox, Red flag bearer; and color guards, Jean DeLong, Rita Joyce, Shirley Allen, Joan Wood, Sally Kotzurek, Christine Carpenter, Bernice Eldridge and Rena Santin.

Following tonight's performance, the junior girls will take over tomorrow night, followed by the seniors Thursday night. The annual show will come to a close Friday night.

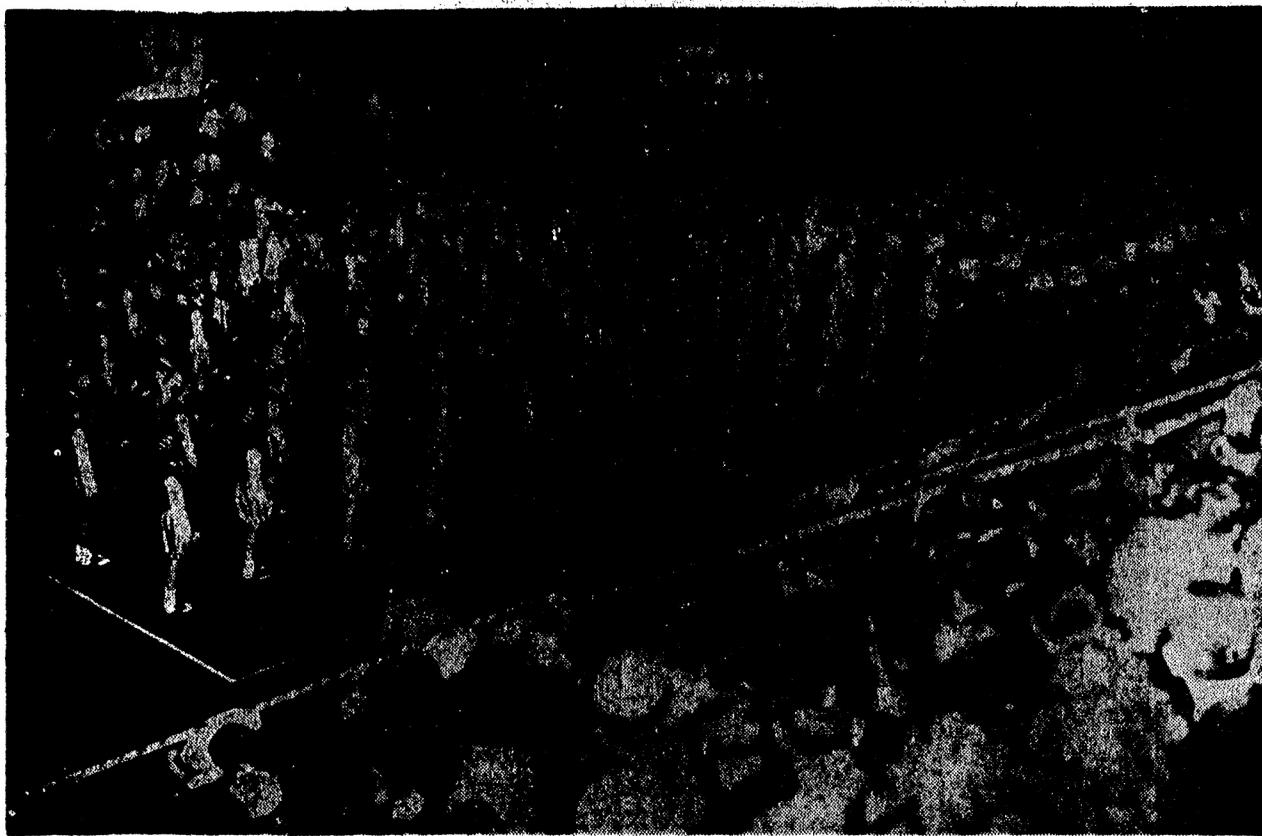
The series standing shows each team with seven victories while the 1944 program ended in a tie. The Red team has won for the past three years.

## 'Red Nose Reindeer'



Among the several competitive numbers on Trenton High School's Girls Sport Nite program, which opened in the school gymnasium last night, is the Red team's tap dance and specialty. Entitled, "Santa Claus, Indiana," the number, pictured above, shows Mary Ann Moore and Rose Pilla, portraying Rudolph The Red Nose Reindeer, pulling Santa Claus. (Joanne Cella).

## 'On Parade' In Annual Girls' Competition At THS



### 6-Point Lead For Red Team In Sport Nite

By virtue of their smashing 10-4 victory last night the Red team enters tonight's third performance of Trenton High School's Girls' Sport Nite with a six-point lead over the Black team. The Reds lead by an 18-12 score in the 16th annual all-girl extravaganza.

Tonight's program, which gets under way in the school gymnasium at 8:15, will be dominated by the eleventh grade girls. Tomorrow night the seniors take over before the show comes to a close Friday night. Monday's opening event ended in an 8-8 tie.

Captain Jane Poinsett's Red team rolled up points in marching, theme songs, tap dances and character dance before the Black team broke the spell with a victory in the novelty race.

Other Red team points were awarded for modern exercises, decorations, songs and cheers. The Black team also won the novelty race. Ties resulted in the band competition and rhythmic novelty with each team being awarded a point.

The Red team has won the spectacle for the past three years. During the 15 years of the gala event each team has won seven times while the 1944 contest ended in a tie.

It was all Red team at Trenton High School's Girls' Sports Nite program last night as the Reds scored a 10-4 victory over the Black team in the second night's performance. Added

with Monday night's 8-8 tie, the Red team enters tonight's show with an 18-12 lead. The above picture shows the two teams "on parade" before the capacity throng.

# Senior Girls In Sport Nite Show Tonight

Senior girls take over the spotlight tonight as the 16th annual Trenton High School Sport Nite program nears the close of its five-night stand. The annual all-girl extravaganza comes to a close tomorrow night in the school gymnasium.

A 6-6 tie last night, the second deadlock of the week, marked last night's performance. After three evenings of competition the Red team holds a 24-18 lead over its Black team rival.

Red team points were won for decorations, marching, theme song, cheers, tap dance and rhythemics last night. The Black team won songs, character dance, novelty race, band, modern exercises and obstacle race.

The Red team, with a six-point lead, is making a strong bid to win its fourth straight Sport Nite crown, a feat never before achieved in the history of the event. Each team has won seven times with the 1944 contest ending in a tie.

Trenton Times,  
March 23, 1950

# Blacks Pare Red Margin; Final Tonight

Trenton High School's 16th annual Girls Sport Nite comes to a close in the school gymnasium tonight with the Red team seeking their fourth consecutive victory in the physical education spectacle. Tonight's "Finale" performance will start at 8:15 p. m.

The team lead was pared down to four points as the Black team recorded a 7-5 victory in last night's show, featuring the twelfth grade girls. The Reds now lead by a 29-25 margin. The Monday and Wednesday performances ended in ties while the Red team prevailed Tuesday night by a 10-4 score.

Never before in the history of the all-girl extravaganza has a team won four times in succession. The Red team, captained by Jane Poinsett, hopes to achieve this feat tonight. Blocking its path will be the Black team, led by Sally Yaeger. Each team has won the event seven times while the 1944 contest ended in a tie.

Points awarded the Black team in last night's competitive events were for theme songs, cheers, songs, modern exercises, obstacle race, rhythmic novelty and the band led by Don Rekowski.

The Red team won points for decorations, marching, tap dances, character dance and novelty race.

In addition to the several competitive events, spectators will be treated to such enchanting non-competitive numbers as the prelude and ballet. The theme of this year's program, in which some 1,500 Trenton High girls take an active part, is "Flight Sixteen" with the opening scene taking place at a trans-continental airport.

Following tonight's show, hundreds of wild-cheering students are expected to make their annual trek through the city's downtown streets in celebration of victory for either the Red or Black team.

On Monday morning, in impressive ceremonies in front of the high school, the colors of the winning team will be hoisted aloft on the flag pole. Then it will be back to the classrooms until another Sport Nite rolls around.

Trenton Times,  
March 24, 1950

# Red Team Flag to Be Raised At THS For 4th Straight Year

For the fourth consecutive year—an unparalleled feat in the 16-year history of Trenton High School's Girls Sport Nite—the Red team flag will be raised in victory tomorrow morning. Impressive flag-raising ceremonies, to be witnessed by the entire student body, will take place at 10 o'clock in front of the high school.

The Red team, captained by Jane Poinsett, emerged victorious in this year's all-girl spectacle by a 37-30 score. The final show in the five-night performance saw the Reds score an 8 to 5 triumph Friday night before a sellout throng which included Mayor Donald J. Connolly and members of the Board of Education.

By posting their history-making triumph this year, the Red team forges ahead in the Sport Nite series. The Reds have won eight times while the Black team won seven. The 1944 contest ended in a tie.

As usual, hundreds of high school students and Sport Nite enthusiasts made their annual march through the city's downtown streets as a climax to the Red team victory. A detail of 20 policemen re-routed traffic from Broad Street at Hanover as State Street vehicular movement was slowed considerably by the cheering mob.

Friday night's program was climaxed by the "Finale" in which the two captains, Miss Poinsett and Sally Yaeger of the Black team; Sally Milner, Miss America; Johanna Madden, Mistress of Ceremonies; Helen Hassted, Miss Trenton High; Red and Black flag bearers; color guards and committee heads marched before the 2,800 spectators.

Points were awarded the Red team Friday night for theme song, character dance, novelty race, modern exercises, songs, cheers and decorations. The Black team won in marching, tap dance, obstacle race and rhythemics. Both teams won a point in the band competition as Don Rekowski's Black team musicians shared honors with Vince Iorio's Red Team band.

Numbers in Friday night's show were chosen by the team captains. Competitors in the opening show on Monday were selected by the girls' physical education instructors, Mrs. Isabelle Quick, Miss Eleanor Keating, Mrs. Margaret Dickinson, and Miss Frances Parks. The next three nights were devoted to the sophomore, junior and senior girls, respectively.

Although not included in the point scoring, one of the highlights of this year's Sport Nite was the non-competitive ballet, depicting the Mardi Gras. Grace Cavalieri was chairman of the number.

"Flight Sixteen" was the theme of the 16th annual extravaganza. Edward G. Murphy, Trenton High athletic director and in charge of general arrangements for Sport Nite, handled the master of ceremonies job at the microphone nightly.

Mid-way in Friday night's fi-

## *Oh What a Beautiful Morning—For the Reds!*



It was a grand day for the Red Team today at Central High School. Winners in the 16th annual Sport Night competition,

the student body saw the victorious Red flag hoisted on the school flagpole at ceremonies twice delayed by rain. Pictured (left to right) are Jane

Poinsett, Red captain; Sally Yaeger, Black team captain; Johanne Madden, mistress of ceremonies and Dr. Paul R. Spencer, THS principal.

Trenton Times, March 29, 1950

## **“SPORTS NITE”**

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# Dance Revue Becomes Competitive 'Sport'

Trenton Central High School Girls' Teams in 16th Annual 'Sport Nite' as Feature of Physical Education Program



All set for "Flight 16" of Trenton Central High School's "Sport Nite." Johanne Madden, mistress of ceremonies, presents Jane Pinsett, the captain of red team, and Sally Yeager, black team's pilot.



Black team draws plaudits with song and dance tribute to old Mississippi River showboats.

Color photo by Johnson, Schell.



Janet Ford, Marjorie Walklet, Selma Allen and Marcia Golos of black team fashion their own igloo and find time for some dance steps in a musical interlude, "Iceland Frolics."

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Competition between black and red teams takes on bright hue as latter group gives its version of some Scottish dance steps.

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The "prelude" is non-competitive. Titled "The Take-off," the number pictures a busy airport preparing for "Flight 16"—the 16th annual "Sport Nite."





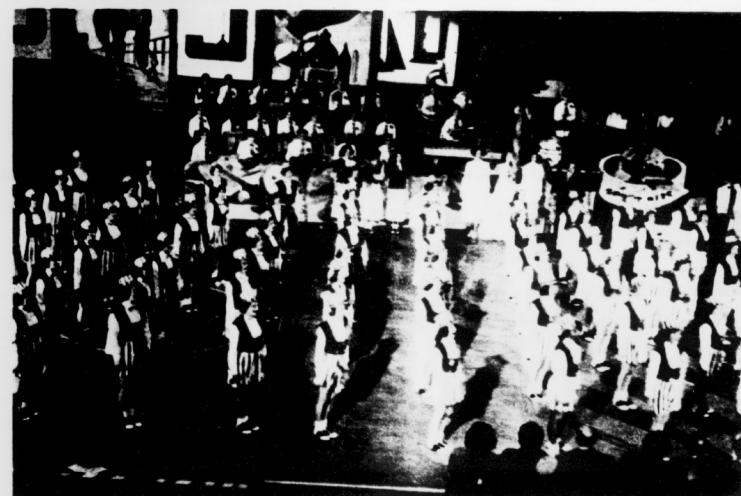
"Arabian Fantasy," a tidbit by red team, features a ballet group in makeshift seraglio.



Pierrot, Pierette, with Mephistopheles and assorted characters, covet in a noncompetitive ballet, "Mardi Gras," colorful highlight of performance.



"Derby Favorites" is red team entry, interpreted by Elida DeCore, Gloria Dileo, Joan Flori, Sue Paglione, Lorraine DeAngelis, Jean Carleton, Lydia Santin, Viola Jedynak, Edith Sparling.



After a year of training in dancing and rhythms, Trenton Central High School's red team, dressed as "Uncle Sams," marches on stage. Black team then came on as 'air hostesses.'

MARCH 24, 1951 — Trenton High School's 1950 Sports Nite program brought in a profit of nearly \$4,000 for the school, it was announced by Dr. Paul R. Spencer, principal.

*Trentonian,*

March 21, 1966



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