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WHS Celebrates Christmas

Students Hold Yule Activities

Although Christmas is still four days away, Christmas activities have been going on at WHS for several weeks. Many clubs held special meetings during the club period December 13, and several homerooms have had Christmas projects.

On December 7 the members of the Library Council held a Desert-Christmas party for their parents. The program included skits put on by the students depicting various library procedures.

The Future Nurses of America made toys for the children in Muhlenberg and Overlook Hospitals. The Future Business Leaders of America also made candy and favors for hospitalized children and for charitable organizations.

Language Clubs Hold Christmas Meetings

Members of Le Quartier Latin, at their Christmas meeting, sang carols and heard the Christmas story told in French. Adviser Richard Bonesteel's homeroom, 244, sports large, colored letters spelling out "Joyeux Noel" in its windows.

The Latin Club held its Christmas meeting December 13. The meeting included the singing of Christmas carols, a talk on Saturnalia (the Roman version of Christmas), the telling of the Christmas story in Latin, and a sacrifice to Saturn.

The Spanish Club, El Ateneo, had its annual pinata, a papier-mache donkey which was broken, scattering gifts and candy, by blindfolded students. After this the club heard a speech on Christmas customs in Argentina, sang carols, and had refreshments.

Some homerooms have collected money, clothes, and food to give to needy Westfield families for Christmas, several homerooms also have displayed Christmas decorations.

Students Hold Dance

In addition to school activities, three Christmas dances are being held during the next week for WHS students. Tonight the Sir Galahad Chapter, Order of De Molay, will hold a dance at the Masonic Temple from 8 p.m. to 12 midnight. Tickets can be obtained for \$1.00 in room 123.

The Twin Twirl, a girl-ask-boy dance sponsored by the Sub-Junior-Women's Club, will be held on December 27 after the Dayton - Regional home game from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Washington School. The Starlight Ball, sponsored by the Senior Episcopal Churchmen, will be held December 28 from 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at St. Paul's auditorium.



Pictured above is one of the scenes from the Christmas Tableaux which will be presented during assembly period today.

Brinser Chooses Play Committees For Mousetrap

The committees for the senior play, *The Mousetrap*, have been organized. The play will be directed by Miss Carol Brinser, assisted by Miss Margaret B. Dietrich, business, and Mrs. Betty Schenk, art.

The committee chairmen are as follows: ticket sales, Nancy Lantheaume and Susan Pennekamp; ticket reservations, Sue Stanley and Janet Dietz; zoning, Mary Jo Piserchia; hand props, Joanne Litch.

Stage props, Gratia Reynolds and Tillie Holzworth; costumes, Sue Schlesinger; make-up, Gail Ferenc; sound effects, Donald Felch; publicity, Jean Flanagan, Pat McInerney, and Bob Willard; hospitality, Betty Greene and Teel Hand.

Ushers, Peggy Horton and Missy Read; program, Marcy Ann Hall; checkroom, Tony Matt; lighting, Kim Peck; posters, Barbara Smith; stage crew, Bing Oberlin.

The student directors are Diane Montelione, Gary Hamrah, and Pat Whitenight; Richard Allen is stage manager.

Mrs. Betty Schenk's Applied Art class will paint the scenery.

Warburton And Gross Weathervane Editors

Nick Warburton, senior, and Jay Gross, junior, are the co-editors of the *Weathervane* Magazine. Miss Rosaline Tupper, supervisor of the magazine, will accept any good creative writing for possible publication in this year's annual.

Nick and Jay join their staff in urging any students, teachers, or English class to submit a manuscript, and leave it in room 212.

Winter Band Concert

The Winter Band Concert will be presented on Saturday, January 13, 1962, at 8:30 p.m. in the WHS auditorium. This is the 31st Annual Concert to be presented.

The program, under the direction of Mr. Robert Banks, will include pieces from the master composers along with more music from the modern composers.

The first half of "Concert-Stucke", the theme of the program, will include works such as "The National Anthem", "March from Symphony #6 in B Minor" by Tschaiowsky, "Italian in Algiers Overture" by Rossini, "Prelude and Fugue in F Minor" by Bright, "An American in Paris" by Gershwin, "Death and Transfiguration (finale)" by Strauss, and "Die Meistersinger: Excerpts" composed by Wagner.

Following the intermission, the band will play "Diamond Jubilee March" by King, "Atlantis Suite (The Lost Continent)" by Safranek, "River Jordan (Fantasy on Negro Spirituals)" by Whitney, "Night Flight to Madrid" by Leslie, and "West Side Story Selection" by Bernstein.

Included in the band are seventeen clarinets, thirteen trumpets, ten flutes, seven saxophones, six percussion, four horns, four trombones, two tubas, two baritone, one string bass, and one bassoon.

"This is one of the best bands I have ever heard," explained Mr. Banks. "The band has progressed much faster than I expected. We have a very good ensemble sound. Of course, the final two weeks before the concert will decide it's success. I'm sure it will be one of our best."

Music, Drama, Art Departments To Present Christmas Tableaux

This morning, the combined art, dramatics and music departments of WHS under Mrs. Betty Schenk, Miss Carol Brinser, and Mrs. Janet Grimler Gleason will present the thirtieth annual Christmas Tableaux. This will be given in a double assembly so that the whole school may attend.

The program will begin with the processional, "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel," followed by the prophecy. Richard Allen is the reader. The Choir will sing "For Unto a Child" from Handel's "Messiah."

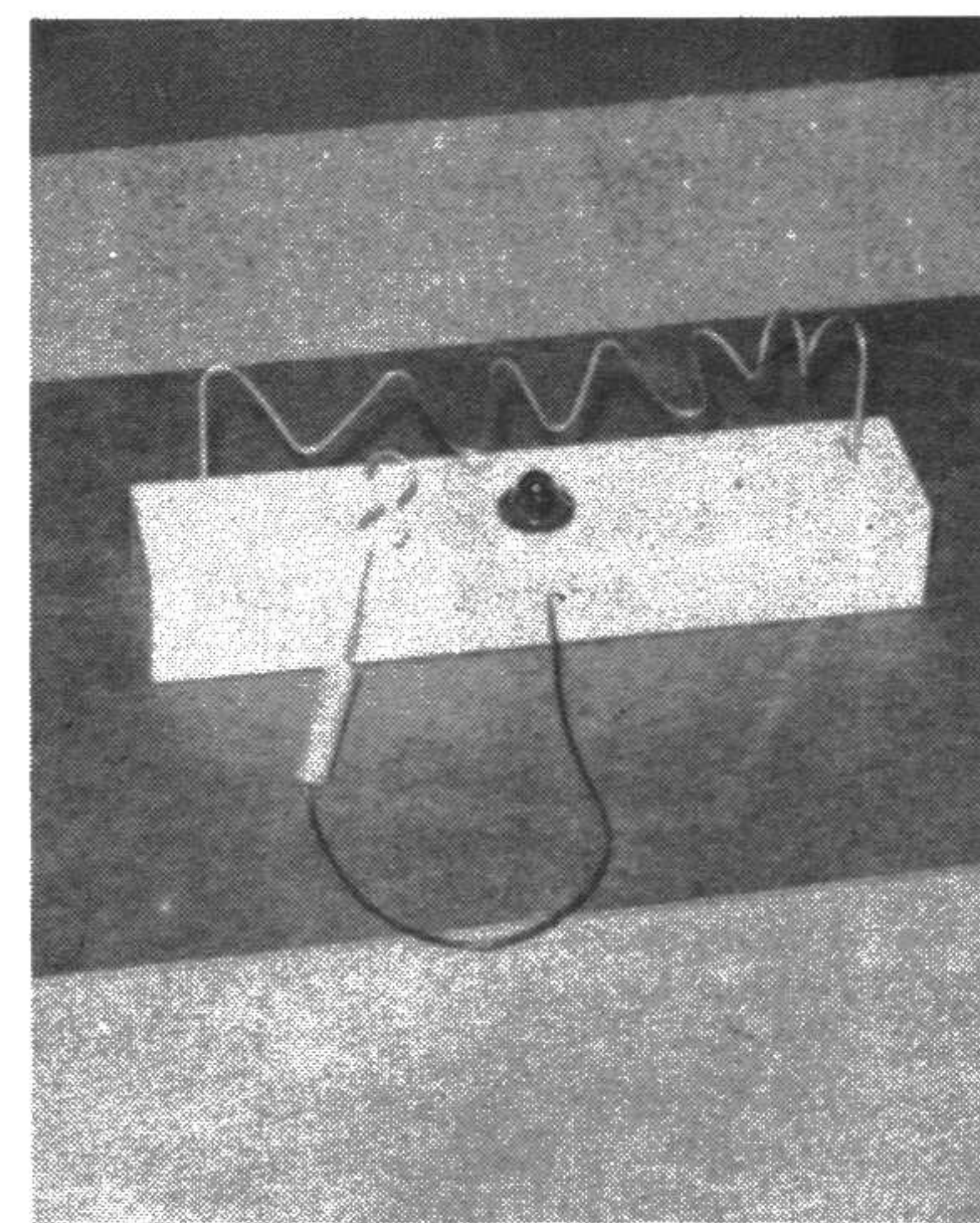
The first Tableau is "The Annunciation." Julianne Rupp is the Madonna while Ruth Read is the Angel Gabriel. The Choir accompanies this with "O Magnum Mysterium" by de Victoria.

"The Vision of the Shepherds," the second Tableau, is accompanied by Virginia Tice singing "And the Angel Said Unto Them." The Choir will follow the soloist with "The Angel's Song" by Tschai-nokov and "All This Night" by Finzi.

Industrial Arts Students Make Delton Doodle For Needy Children

The "Delton Doodle" is this year's Christmas toy made by the WHS Industrial Arts students. Each year the classes strive to make a suitable toy for needy children. The Westfield Lions Club is sponsoring the manufacturing of these toys and will distribute them to the children.

The "Doodle" consists of a small wire hoop the size of a quarter which is passed through a twisted wire resembling a telephone chord. The object of the toy is to test a person's dexterity by trying to navigate the wire hoop along the twisted wire without touching it. If the loop makes



The "Delton Doodle"

contact with the wire a small red light appears alerting the operator of his error.

Mr. William Gager's students of the Auto Electric shop assisted the wiring and soldering of the toy, while Mr. Dello Russo's classes helped in the pastie and metal work. Mr. Tonnesen's students constructed the frame and added the finishing touches to the "Delton Doodle."

Mr. Dello Russo remarked, "This project will help the students gain experiences in assembly line techniques."

Shepherds In Third Tableau

The shepherds will also participate in the third Tableau, "The Shepherds on Their Way to Bethlehem." Kenneth Holland will sing "And It Came to Pass" while David Pearce and William Tittle sing the duet "Our Footsteps Let Us Turn." The Choir will then join Geoffrey West as Inn Keeper and Robert Chambers, Clark Byam, David Thompson, and John Judson as shepherds in "The Shepherds in the Inn," a Mexical Carol.

The Madonna, and the three Kings, Michael Wuerthele, Robert Wilcox and William Tanner, will be seen in the fourth Tableau. David Richardson will sing "And Behond There Came Three Wise Men." "The Christmas Song" by Cornelius will be sung by Choir and Susan Stanley and Kathryn Quad, soloists. "How Sweet Is Love" will then be presented with a solo by Elizabeth Greene.

Children's Tableau

"The Children at the Manger" will be accompanied by "O Come Little Children" sung by Pamela Scharman, Marguerite Parken, Diane Montelione, Joyce Foster, Annabel Greisser, and Joan Williams. The Choir will then sing "The Carol of the Drum", a Czech Carol. Lynne Pearson, Astrid Madea, and Margaret Harrison are angels; Gail Fitzgerald, and Sandra Neuss are women; and Barbara Church, Carol Mulreany, Dameron Stoddard, Elizabeth Cunningham and Charlene Vogler are Children.

"The Holy Family," the sixth Tableau, contains the Madonna; Joseph, Richard Klein; and three children, Nancy Lee, Susan Lindley and Valerie Weiss. William McIntosh will sing "And They Laid Him." The Choir will sing

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Holiday Causes Much Confusion

Hmm - Biology, 1st period. "Hello Ginny."

Let's see, tomorrow vacation begins. Oh, good. Only today left!

Now, I have presents for Timmy, Judy, Larry, and Dad. Who have I forgotten? Oh no, MOTHER! What will I get her? Knee socks--nope not glamorous enough. "Oh Hi Bill." I've given her earrings four years in a row, so that's out. Maybe a shirt. . .

"What sir? Plant tissue? Uh--skirtentche--I mean schlerenche--ma."

I can't afford a schler--a skirt, darn! What will I get her? ? ?

"The homework--oh yea, page 463-469. What was it about? Plants.

PLANTS!!! That's what I'll get her! Now that's settled, tha--OH NO her hay fever! Good Golly, what a mess! Let's see-- records, books, jewelry, can--- JEWELRY!!! A bracelet!

"What? Oh -- Yes sir. But I have been listening. What's WHAT? I never heard of it. But I was listen---." The bell, thank goodness! Now what did I say I was getting Mom?

Lest We Forget

Since the first Christmas it has been a tradition to give gifts to families, and close friends. Unfortunately, we often forget those who could really use our presents, and it is regrettable, for we are really cheating ourselves more than those we forget.

Several homerooms are to be commended for their support of a needy family in Westfield. They will probably derive a greater understanding of the meaning of Christmas giving than those of us who did not take the opportunity to help others in need.

Christmas Toys And Clothing

The Industrial Arts Department also deserves praise for manufacturing Christmas toys for children who would otherwise have been forgotten. And to those who contributed to and supported the clothing drive of the Red Cross Council commendation is due.

Joy Of Giving

The appreciation of a small gift in the eyes of one who needs something--spiritually as well as physically--is far greater than that which we can express. It means people care.

Do not miss an opportunity to give something to someone who needs your gift.

Chanukah Not Jewish Christmas

Contrary to what many people believe, Chanukah is not a Jewish Christmas. The first Chanukah came many years before the birth of Christ.

A small band of Jewish people, led by Judah the Maccabee camped in the mountains, waiting for the right time to strike against their persecutors, the Syrians.

There was a great battle at a place called Emmaus, and Judah led his army to victory.

When the Jews arrived at the temple to rejoice they found the temple in turmoil. The silk robes had been stolen and the silver trays and lamps were broken and bent. After cleaning the temple the people began their service beginning with the lighting of the menorah (candelabra), which would be lit through the full period of rejoicing.

Unfortunately, there was but one cruse of oil to be found, which would last one day. To the amazement of all, this cruse burnt not one day, but eight. Because of this miracle, the Jewish people celebrate Chanukah, the Festival of Lights.

Hi's Eyetems

Hats off to the following students who have been accepted to college: Carol Russo, Bucknell; Becky Miner, Mount Holyoke; Missy Read, Mary Washington; Joy Schlesinger, Radcliff; Susie Eddy, Ohio University; Judy Banes, Radford; Ann Enders, Radford; Carol Robbins, Gettysburg; Robert Klein, Rutgers.

Tidbits

Geoffrey West, Yearbook Editor, found himself in a rather embarrassing predicament when he walked into detention the other day. Geoffrey had been naughty, it seems, and was about to receive his punishment when he noticed that the teacher in charge of detention was none other than Mr. Frank Scott, Yearbook advisor. Mr. Scott looked up at the stunned Geoff and mildly inquired, "Yearbook work?" Geoff replied, "No! official business."

Bill MacKay has been seen around WHS wearing a Nixon-Lodge button. (Some people never give up.)

Current Books And Authors

Little Women by Janet Dietz, Little Men by Steve Mandell, The Dowry by Mrs. Brittain, Anthem by Mrs. Gleason, Anatomy of A Murder by Mr. Jones, Playboy of the Western World by Mr. Kursar.



From left to right: Kirsi and Sharon Savage in their Finnish Christmas costumes. The signs say Merry Christmas.

Hi's Eye Reports On Christmas In The World

The celebration of the Christmas season varies greatly among the different peoples of the world. Several WHS students who live or have lived in other countries or sections of the United States describe Christmas celebrations in New Mexico, (Julie Rupp), in Berlin, (Barbara Wolff); Germany, (Heidi and Henry Barrows); Finland, (Sharon Savage); Japan, (Toko Shibata); and Argentina (Rubina Apeseche.)

Argentina

Christmas in Argentina is definitely a holy day, signifying the birth of Christ.

In this country there are no gala Christmas parties, no caroling, or even decorating of trees. The only festive symbol of the Christmas season is the traditional feast of fruitcakes and cider on Christmas day.

Christmas is celebrated both December 25, and January 6. Because the weather is usually quite warm, most people are inclined to spend their Christmas day on the beach.

New Mexico

The New Mexican Christmas is highlighted by a lovely tradition called Luminarios (festive lights). Many years ago in the early Spanish days these festive lights were used by the people of the Old Southwest on the eves of saints days, and especially on Christmas Eve.

Luminarios are, in reality, paper bags partly filled with sand, with candles inside. These are placed on roofs, walks, patios, and on the tops of garden walks. At night the candles are lit and the homes are outlined in soft radiant light.

On Christmas Eve thousands of these Luminarios glow in the night and are said to light the way

and guide the Christ Child to each home.

Germany

Wreaths adorned with four candles, each of which is lit separately for the four weeks before Christmas, herald the Advent season in German homes throughout the world.

Christmas in Germany is celebrated on December 24. The children go to church with their grandparents before they open their presents.

Japan

In Japan, Christmas is celebrated by all people, regardless of religion. The American soldiers were some of the first to bring Christmas to this country.

This day is celebrated much in the same way as it is in America. Christmas day the children receive gifts from their parents and Santa Claus. Afterwards there are parades in the streets and Tokyo looks much like any American city during the Christmas season.

West Berlin

There is always something special about Berlin at Christmas time and this year is no exception. In every window of every apartment is a candle which shines out in remembrance of the people in East Germany. This has been a custom for over ten years, but there is something new this year.

Many shops here and in Western Germany will have no Christmas decorations this year, and many youth and labor organizations (Continued on Page 4)

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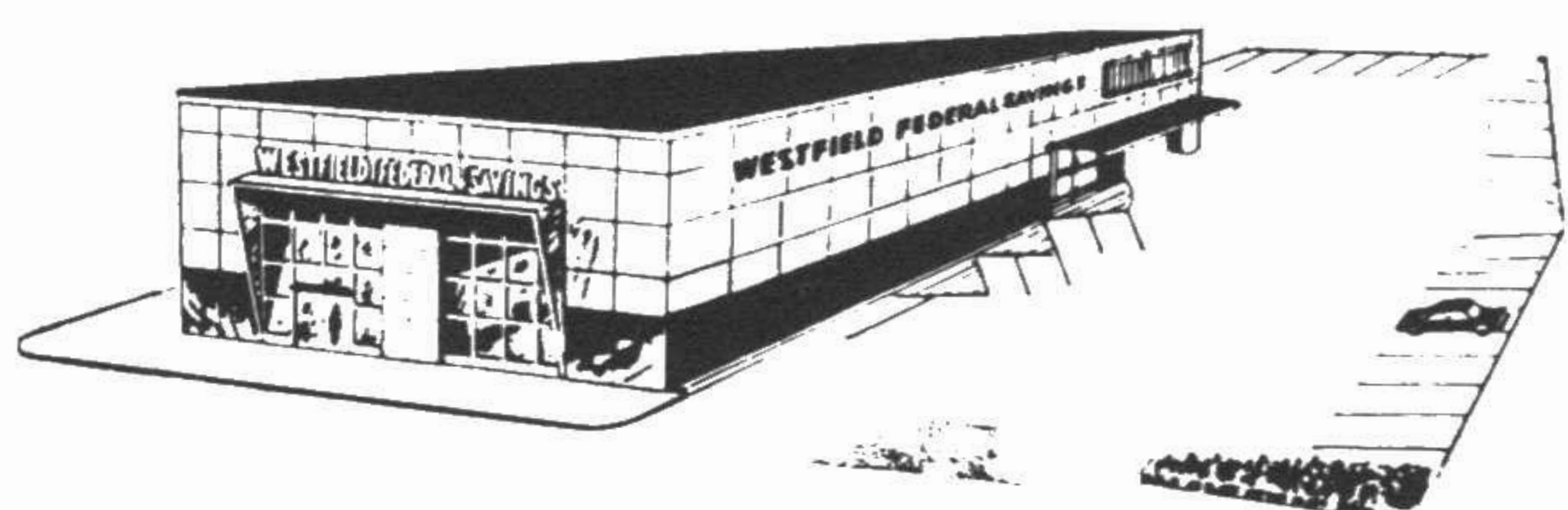
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King, Myers, Post Lead Blue Devil Victories Over Plainfield, Linden, Scotch Plains Fives

Coach John Lay's Blue Devil five started its season successfully by whipping Plainfield 55-52, Linden 71-52, and Scotch Plains 50-42. 6-10 Bob King, Dick Myers, and Jerry Post led the way, averaging 24.3, 14.7, and 11.7 points respectively.

Westfield took advantage of a basketball rarity, a scoreless first period by Scotch Plains, to top the Raiders. With King accounting for 10 points, the Blue Devils opened up a 20-0 lead before Scotch Plains scored.

The Blue Devils broke up a tight game by outscoring Linden 25-9 in the third period. After falling behind 8-2, Westfield stalled to take a 27-25 halftime lead.

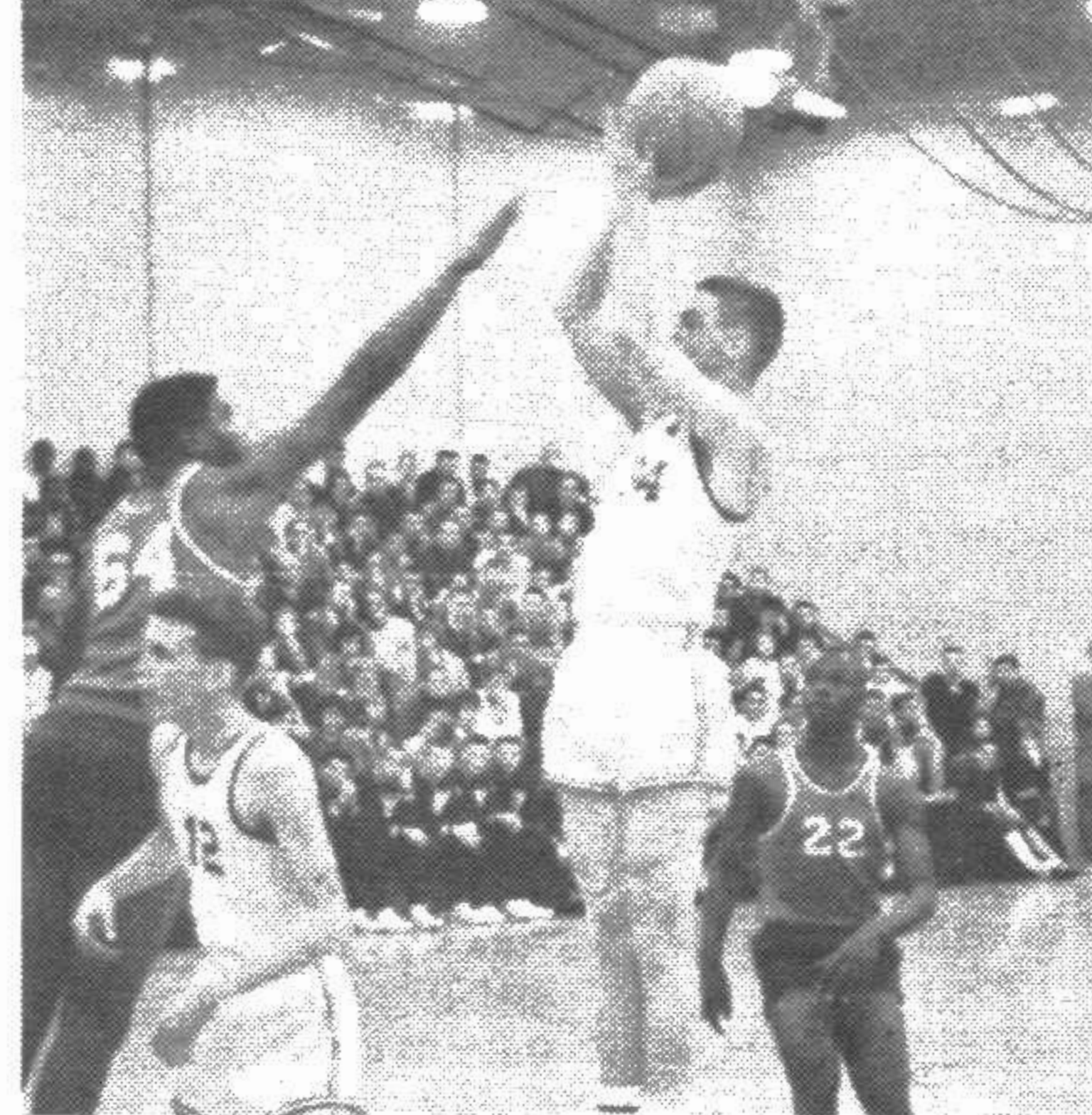
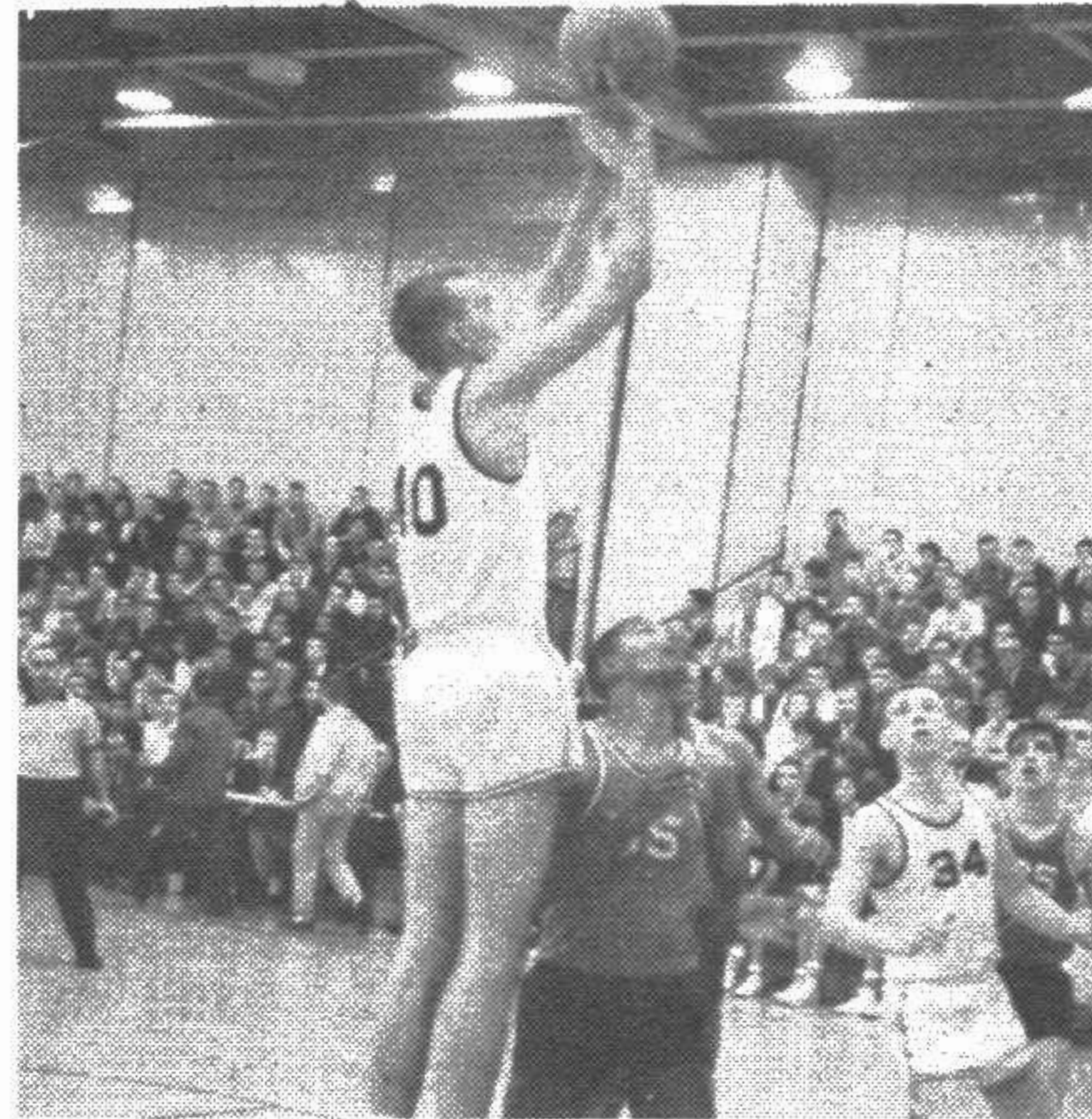
In the big third period, King and Myers contributed 11 and 8 points, respectively. Lincoln narrowed the lead to 61-48 with a full count press, but the Blue Devils solved the Tiger defense to up their margin to 71-50.

Plainfield Edges

Underdog Plainfield gave the Blue Devils a big scare before succumbing in the final 30 seconds.

The Cardinals upped a 26-25 halftime lead to 32-26 before Westfield started to catch up. With Plainfield ahead 35-32, the Blue Devils scored 12 consecutive points, 5 of them by Myers.

Plainfield pressed to regain the lead 50-49 on Rich Taylor's lay-up. Two King buckets braced around a pair of foul shots by Myers iced the game. King sank 20 markers and Myers 15. Plainfield's Frank Hammond had 25.



Roselle Park To Oppose WHS In Away Encounter Tomorrow

Tomorrow night the Blue Devils travel to Roselle Park to play a tall, but inexperienced Panther five. The jayvee game will start at 7 p.m., the varsity contest at 8:30.

Panther Coach Joseph Flaherty has only one returning letterman, 6-4 forward Paul Kopp. The other forward will be Bill Buttner, a 6-3 sophomore.

6-6 Center

At center, Roselle Park will pit 6-6 junior John Cumberman against Westfield's 6-10 pivot man Bob King. With one guard position not yet won, 6-3 Bob Ross is the only definite starter in the Panther back court.

Coach Flaherty has heard a lot about Westfield, all of it good. He said, "The team which controls the backboards will control the game."

Westfield Scouted

The Roselle Park mentor expects a low-scoring game. He had the Blue Devils scouted in the Scotch Plains game.

At press time, the Panthers sported a 1-1 slate. They have played two games since then.

Devil's Den

Congratulations to the Blue Devil football team as Central Jersey co-champions with Long Branch. This is the first state sectional title for Westfield in 14 years.

The Plainfield Courier-News honored eight Blue Devil football players with selection to their all-area team. Greg Weiss and Jim Kovacs were picked for their first team.

Eddie Galauski and Bob Adelaar were second team selections. Bill Bryant was a third team choice.

Marty Howarth, Dave Morash, and Bud Mueller received honorable mention recognition. Hugh Delano commended Coach Gary Kehler in his column in the Courier-News.

The one disappointing note was that three Plainfield players and only two Westfield men were selected for their first team.

Coach Abe Smith, head football mentor at Plainfield, spoke in the December 6 career conference on athletic coaching and physical education teaching.

Present among the audience of 44 were 16 football players and Coach Gary Kehler.

In addition to the regular career conference talk, Coach Smith elaborated on why Plainfield lost to Westfield in the Thanksgiving grid tilt. He gave full credit to the Blue Devil eleven, but also pointed out Plainfield's mistakes.

Bob King's 28 points against Linden was the most scored by a

Columbia First Swimming Foe

Westfield's swimming team, undefeated state champions last year, have their work cut out for them as they open their 1962 season against Columbia January 5.

Within two weeks of that date, the Blue Devils will have met Seton Hall, Pingry, Trenton, and Columbia, all top contenders for state honors.

Coach Walt Clarkson's mermen will be led by captain Clark Byam, a freestyle specialist. Other lettermen include state 100-yard breast stroke champion Greg Weiss, back strokers Mike Ketcham and Kurt Kaufmann, freestyler Bill Haney, and butterfly specialist Bob Chambers.

Diving chores will probably be handled by sophomore Jim Lincoln.

Missing from this year's team are such stalwarts as Dan Nichols, Jeff Hitchings, Frank Dolman, and Bob Schreck.

The mermen have 57 consecutive dual meet victories, five straight county titles, and three state championships in four years.

While pessimistic about matching last year's record, mentor Clarkson didn't rule out the possibility of another state title. "We lost some excellent swimmers, but our team still has a solid core of steady performers. If a few swimmers improved, we would have the balance we need," he noted.

Gov. Livingston Mat Opponent

Coach Gary Kehler is looking forward to a good year for Westfield in wrestling. The grapplers open their season against Governor Livingston Regional December 28, at 1:30 in the varsity gym.

With Ken Cornell, Dave Morash, Steve Petrucione, and Bob Adelaar the only returning lettermen, Coach Kehler is depending heavily on sophomores and juniors.

Only 12 of the 80 boys on the squad can start. Probable starters and their weight classes are Jim Powers, 98; Tom Perry or Dennis Minno, 115; Ken Cornell, 123; and Steve Petrucione or Ken Powers, 130.

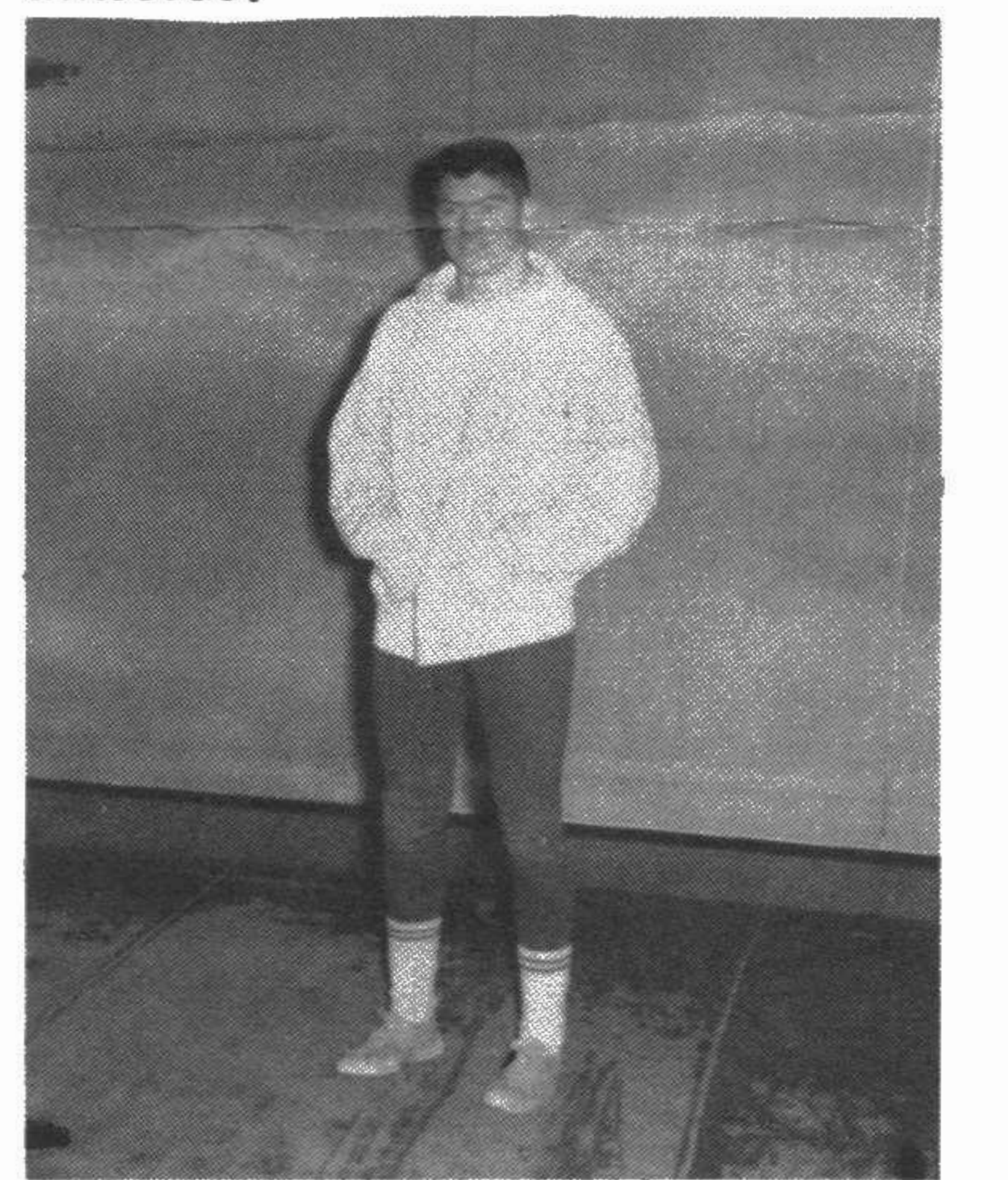
Others are Frank Mancuso, 136; Bill Hedden, 148; Bob Adelaar, 157; Rick Goheen or Earl Vigne, 168; Dave Morash, 178; and Bill Tomlinson and Bruce Sargent, heavyweights. The 106 and 141 berths aren't decided.

Coach Kehler expects Plainfield, North Plainfield, Rahway, Roselle Park, East Brunswick, and Cranford to be the toughest Westfield opponents. He said, "How good a year we have depends on how fast our inexperienced boys develop and the strength of our opponents."

The Blue Devil grapplers had an 11-1 slate last year and won the Watchung Conference title. In the four years Mr. Kehler has been coach, Westfield has a 29-5 record.

Bob Adelaar All-County Gridder And District Wrestling Star

This is the second in a series of articles on senior Westfield athletes.



Bob Adelaar ready for wrestling practice.

Westfield player since Ken Hite made 28 during the 1958-1959 season, also against Linden.

Only three Blue Devils have scored more than 28 points in a game in the last decade. Mac Quigley sank 29 against Holy Trinity in 1957-1958. Ferdie Shoemaker hit 29 against Bound Brook in 1954-1955.

The lone Blue Devil to exceed 30 in that period was Carl Hornung, who tallied 35 against Summit in 1952-1953. Dick Myers had the top individual game last season, scoring 27 against Roselle Park.

During basketball practice, senior Don Stanton connected on 54 consecutive foul shots. Coach John Lay believes this to be a Westfield free throw record.

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Bob Klein Heads Jazz Band



Stuart Zlotnikoff (left) and Bob Klein are co-leaders of the Bob Stuart Quartet.

What is jazz?

This question was recently asked of Bob Klein, senior and co-leader of the Bob Stuart Quartet. "Jazz is the individual's interpretation of the music. It gives the musician a lot more freedom than classical forms, but it still has some strict rules," he answered.

The Quartet, which consists of Bob, on the saxophone, Stuart Zlotnikoff, playing trumpet, John Scully, at the piano, and Greg Jura, on the drums, plays, you guessed it, jazz, but at a dance tempo.

Bob and John attend WHS, while Stuart is a Rutgers' freshman and Greg is a freshman at Union Junior College.

Each member has played in different bands for about five years. The group, as it now appears, has been together since September.

Individually, the boys have played all over the state, but as the Bob Stuart Quartet, just in the county. In November, they entertained at the Senior Superlative Dance; they enjoy playing for adult parties and dances as well as for school affairs.

Tableaux

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"Before Dawn," with a solo by Sara Linda Foose.

During the final Tableau, "The Adoration," Jean McIntosh will sing "The Song of Devotion." The Choir will sing "Christians, Be Joyful" from "The Christmas Oratorio" by Bach. All of the members of the cast will participate in this Tableau.

The program will close with the traditional "Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's "Messiah," followed by the recessional, "Dona Nobis Pacem."

Peter Culver will sing the Benediction, "Peace I Leave With You," by Roberts.

Bonnie Bird and Robert Gilbert are the accompanists for the Choir.

After the program the Carol Ensemble will go through the school singing carols. This group is comprised of third and second year choir seniors.

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Holiday Greetings from
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Westfield

Around the World

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tions will have no parties. The money which would have been spent on these things was put into a fund with which many lighted Christmas trees were purchased to be set as close as possible to the Berlin wall, in order that the people in the East Zone and in the East Sector will know they have not been forgotten.

Finland

Christmas in Finland is very different from Christmas in America. Every family has a tree lit with real candles. The Finnish Santa Claus, "Joulupukki," does not live at the North

Seasons Greetings

from
TIGERS STATIONERY
53 Elm St. Westfield

Happy Fourth Of July!

Christmas bells are ringing, Carols being sung. Snowfalls being hoped for, Decorations hung.

What brings such activity? What's the time of year? Why the Christmas spirit? Thanksgiving time is here!

So goes Westfield's story. So goes our lament. Decorations early So money will be spent.

Now it's almost Christmas. The time has almost come. Children should be singing, Seighbells being rung.

But we are tired of Christmas, The restless people say. We've had this same old season Clear since Thanksgiving day. Down come the bells and holly Though the season has just come.

Up with the eggs and bunnies. Happy Easter, everyone!

Pole. He lives in Lapland, and he travels with one or more reindeer.

Unlike our Santa, Joulupukki visits the homes early Christmas Eve and brings the presents while the children are still awake. Often he is in such a hurry that he just rings the doorbell and leaves the presents on the front steps. The gifts are opened immediately, and then everyone goes to bed.

For Christmas dinner most people eat ham or goose, baked sweet potatoes, jams, a special fish caught only in the Arctic Ocean, and rice pudding for dessert.

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Nancy Reibel Studies Acting For Her Future Stage Career



Nancy Reibel

Nancy Reibel '62 plans a future career on the stage. She has been studying acting at the Neighborhood Playhouse School of the Theater in New York every Saturday from 12 to 2 p.m. for the last four years.

For the first hour Nancy studies modern dance. "The second hour I spend learning how to act. That sounds kind of funny, but there is a real technique to acting.

"Our instructors try to impress on us the importance of really believing in the part you're playing," Nancy explained. The students also work out scenes from famous plays and on the last day of class they present them before an audience.

In addition, Nancy has worked at the University Settlement Camp in New York for the last three summers. Every year the councils present a play.

Presents Play

Last summer they presented Finian's Rainbow and Nancy played Susan the Silent, a deaf-mute. "It's lucky I had that part," Nancy commented, "because the day of the play I had laryngitis and I couldn't speak a word!"

Nancy hopes to study acting on a full time basis for the next two years at the Neighborhood Playhouse School. "The first year 60 students are accepted," she explained. "The next year 30 are asked to come back and by the end of the year 15 more students are eliminated."

After graduation, Nancy intends to work on the legitimate stage. No movies—"Most of the movies produced today are rather pointless and not very good."

Nancy hopes to improve human relations through acting. "People need to learn to be more understanding and I think that the stage is one way of accomplishing this." For this reason, her favorite plays are *West Side Story*, *Five Finger Exercise*, and *The Diary of Anne Frank*.

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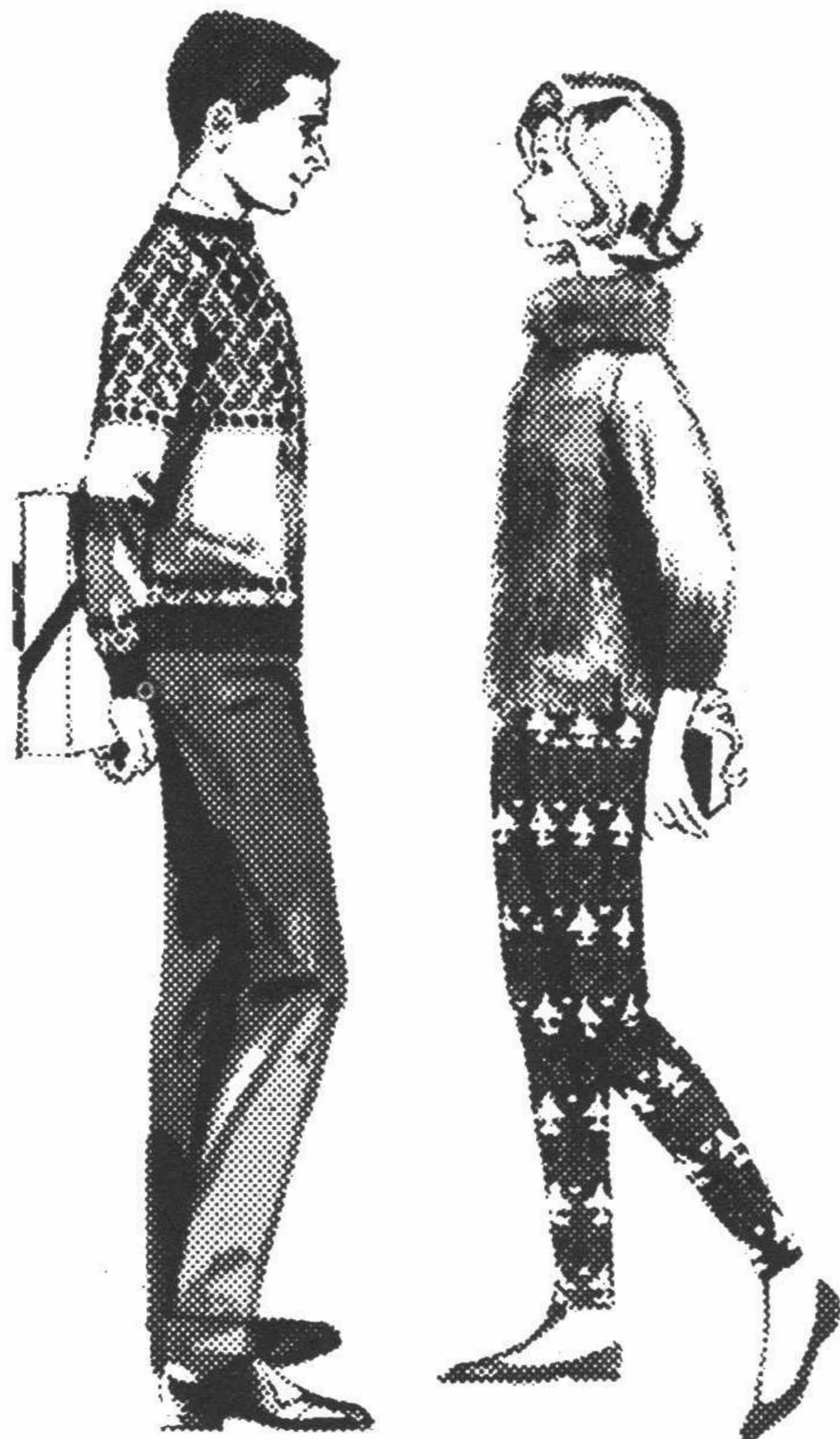
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