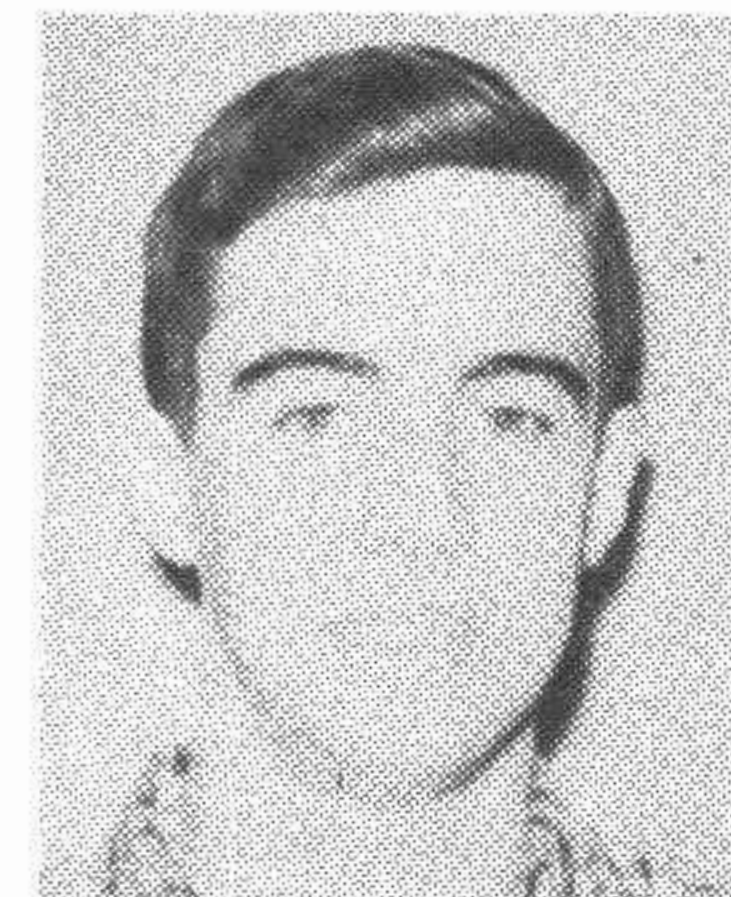


Smith, Phelan, Worthing, Editors For Next Year's Weather Vane

Mr. Frank X. Scott, adviser, has announced appointments for the 1963 Weather Vane.

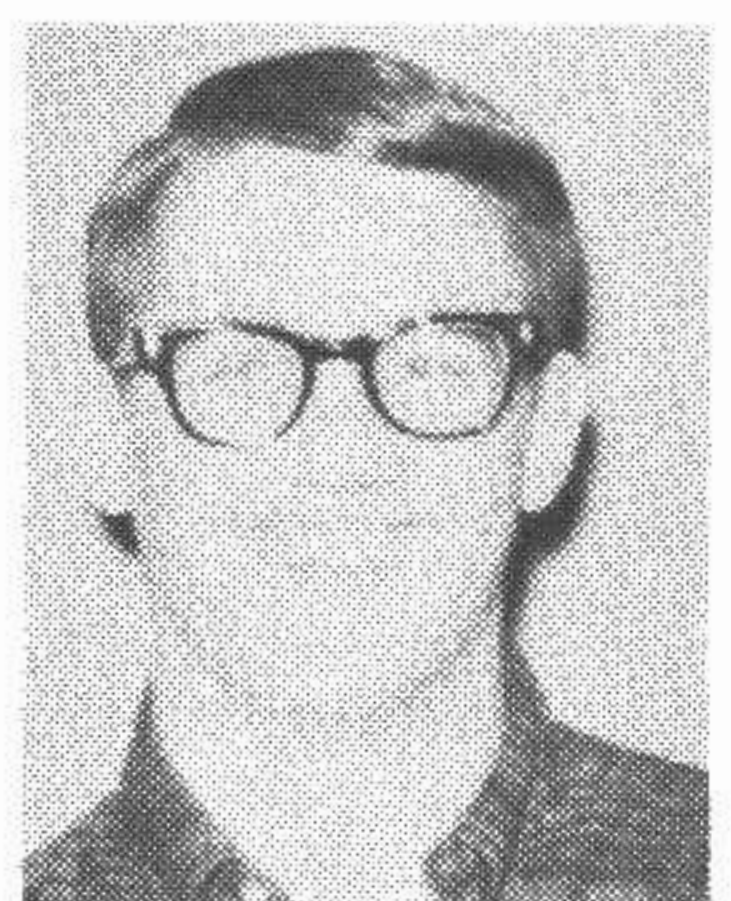
Dave Smith will be editor-in-chief, having the duties traditionally assigned to this position. Tom Phelan has been selected for the newly-created post of managing editor, and Bob Worthing will serve as photography co-ordinator, another new position.



Included in Tom's duties will be acting as liaison between administration and student body. Bob, who took many of the pictures in this year's book, will take charge of all photography used in the 1963 yearbook.

Next year's book will eliminate specific editors and staffs for the various departments. Instead a general staff will be headed by an editorial board. Members of this board will have the opportunity to attain status as editors on the basis of their work.

With the 1962 yearbook completed and at press, Mr. Scott wishes to get an early start on next year's book. This week interested juniors have been asked to indicate their willingness to



work on it; selections will be made shortly. Mr. Scott prefers that students wanting responsible positions not be active in many other activities because, as he puts it, "Students involved in too many

activities often cannot be available for deadline work and cannot meet their potential."

Once the staff and editorial board have been selected, an organizational meeting will be held, with this year's editor, Geoff West, presenting suggestions for a smoother running operation.

Following this Dave and Tom will begin supervising, one afternoon a week, a workshop to acquaint new staff members with preparing layouts, captions, and similar phases of yearbook production.

According to Tom, "Although next year's Weather Vane will be the largest ever, we plan to have a smaller, more organized staff, composed primarily of seniors, with a few juniors and sophomores in training. With representatives from each class on the staff, we hope to have a unified and successful school project."

Expected delivery for seniors of the 1962 Weather Vane is June 16.

'Dust of the Road' Enters One-Act Play Competition

The Mask and Mime play, Dust of the Road, will enter the One-Act Play competition sponsored annually by the Plainfield Area Little Theater Council, tomorrow evening.

The play competition is open to all high school dramatic students. This year the participants will be Plainfield, Scotch Plains, Mount Saint Mary's and Westfield.

Students to Attend Last Session Of Saturday Science Tomorrow

This year's Saturday Science Program began in January and included six lectures and a field trip. Tomorrow the students involved will attend their seventh and last session.

Speaker Dr. Edward Tatum will lecture on the modern developments in genetics in the biological section. In 1959 Dr. Tatum won the Nobel Prize in Science with Dr. George Beadle for their work with genetics.

In the physical science group, Dr. John Pearce will discuss space communication and micro waves.

The Saturday Science group is composed of 110 students with 60 in the physical science section and 50 in the biological section. This is the second year this program has been offered by WHS.

Mr. Noel Taylor commented that there is absolutely no credit involved in the program. "I assume that if they're interested

enough to come each time most of them plan to go into some field of science. This applies to 99% of them," he added.

The biological section included lectures on parasitology, enzymes, microbiology, bacteria, cancer research, and pain relief.

Astrid Madea, sophomore Biology II student, remarked about the session on enzymes, "I found this program extremely interesting because the value of enzymes and the important role they play in humans were revealed."

The last lecture, which was held at WHS, was on cancer research. "It is important for this immediate area of science to develop," commented one student. "This subject is fascinating, because there is so much yet to discover in this field and so many answers to be obtained. It's like a puzzle; you're given the elements and you put the pieces together."

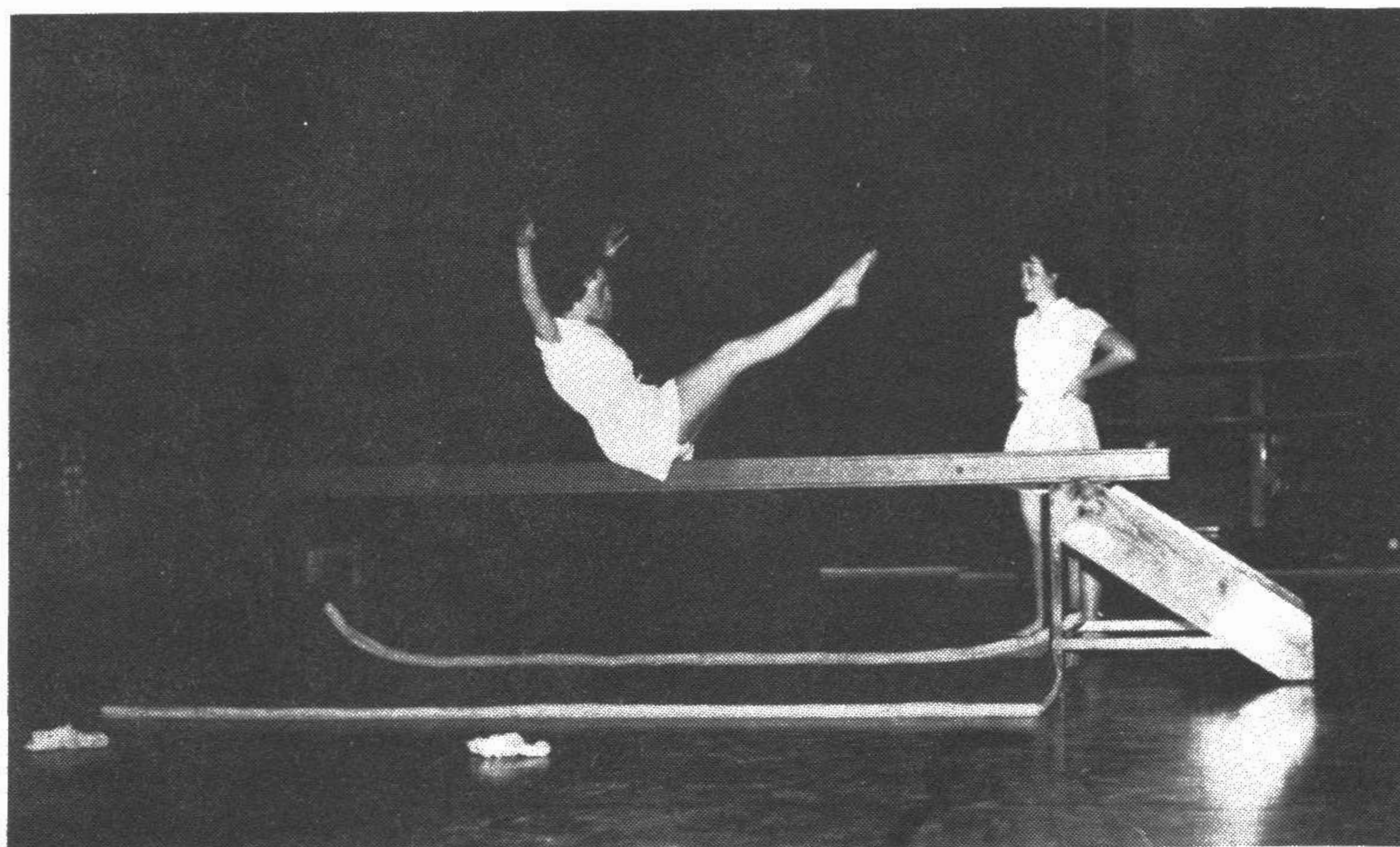
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Westfield Girls to Participate Tonight In Physical Education Program at 8



(Top, l. to r.) Sue Smolenski and Amanda Siegrist practice on the balance beam for the Physical Education Program. (Below) Ellen Bris-tol and Roberta Silverman in modern dance composition.

Do you believe that girls can dance well at something besides the twist, be serious while joining relay races, look graceful tumbling, and do as well, if not better than boys when it comes to marching?

It is the feeling of the participants that these things are true and can be proved at the 1962 Girls' Physical Education Program to be presented tonight at 8 p.m. in the varsity gym. All disbelievers as well as believers are invited to attend.

Wendy Guthrie, president of the Girls' Sports Council, will be narrator. General supervisor of the program is Mrs. Gertrude "Swiftie" Rogers, head of the Girls' P.E. Department.

Non-twisters in black leotards will demonstrate modern dance techniques taught in Advanced and

NHS To Induct New Members Next Wednesday

The annual National Honor Society induction will be held Wednesday, April 18, at an assembly attended by the juniors and seniors.

The program will include an introduction by Honor Society president, Bill Tittle, and an interpretation of the four NHS ideals (scholarship, character, leadership, and service) by Steve Taylor, Mel Bailey, Cindy Foose, and Margie Rugg, respectively.

Dottie Hoff will then give the National Honor Society pledge, followed by brief talks by WHS principal Dr. Robert L. Foose and an outside speaker.

The names of this year's new members will be announced by Miss A. Elisabeth Gromlich, the National Honor Society adviser.

This year's National Honor Society induction will mark a change in a former tradition. A candlelight ceremony was included in the program in previous years; this year it will be eliminated.

Members of the National Honor Society are selected by unanimous vote of a committee consisting of Dr. Foose and several members of the faculty.

Eligibility for membership is limited to those juniors and seniors who are in the upper twenty percent of their class and who display these qualities. The entire membership is limited to ten per cent of the senior class.



What is superstition? Winston's Dictionary states that a superstition is an "irrational fear of, or reverence for, the unknown, mysterious, or supernatural." Common ones are walking under a ladder, black cats crossing your path, and Friday the thirteenth, so relax. As you may know, today is Friday the thirteenth. When you woke up this morning did you feel a slight ting of fear? You shouldn't have. Absolutely nothing goes wrong just because it's Friday. This writer knows from experience that nothing unusual can happen. If that doesn't help you, there are only about sixteen hours left today.

Friday 13 Jinx Silly Superstition

Beginners Modern Dance Clubby Mrs. Marian Carter. Advanced members will perform compositions choreographed by the girls themselves.

Participating members are: Sue Ruzansky, Diane Taliferro, Bambi Eddy, Wendy Guthrie, Janet Kuntz, June Forsberg, Anita Mazzucca, Ann Mayo, Jackie Jesse, Noreen Gilliam, Martha Johansen, Carol Richardson and Carol Bevelheimer.

Apparatus stunts, tumbling ending with pyramids, and rhythmic gymnastics, taught by Miss Marjorie Rugen, will be illustrated. Relay races will follow folk dances, taught by Mrs. Carter.

Meanwhile behind the scenes, approximately three hundred and sixty girls will be assembling into their respective platoons to begin marching competition. Each platoon, under the direction of a commanding officer, will perform a one minute routine, arranged by the officer.

At the conclusion of seven routines, leader recognition will be given to girls who have acted as this year's class leaders.

The award for marching will be given to the group that receives the judges' highest rating based on bearing, coordination, precision, response to commands and originality.

Prom Tickets Available To Juniors and Seniors

Attention juniors and seniors! There are only 21 more days left until the Junior Prom. Ticket sales for the prom began last Monday, April 9 and will end May 3.

Tickets can be purchased in Cafeteria B between these two dates from 2:45-3:15 p.m. Tickets are \$1.00 for each junior, while the seniors are invited free since the prom is given in their honor.

The process of buying tickets involves the registration of yourself and your guest, and the home-room of each. Before you can obtain a ticket you must have your dues paid in full.

Mr. Robert Dello Russo Earns Pilots License; Runs Bulldozer In Exchange for Flight Lessons

Mr. Robert Dello Russo, head of the Industrial Arts Department, is running a race against time--bulldozing time against flight time.

For the past year and a half Mr. Dello Russo has been grading runways in exchange for flying lessons. Four hours on the ground equal one in the air.

He takes time out for this work whenever he can. "If you want something badly enough, you can find a way to get it", says Mr. Dello Russo. Apparently he has found his way.

He now has 25 flying hours toward the required goal of 40 for his license, and is at present doing cross-country solo work (in a Champion with radio).

Last year Mr. Dello Russo conducted a ground school in Westfield. His course covered all of the fundamentals necessary



for the written license examination. Six sets of films were sent

out from Cessna Aircraft for the course, covering everything from pre-flight procedure in an air-

plane to radio navigation, dead reckoning and Federal Aeronautics Association regulations.

A pilot from American Airlines spoke to the group. The 15 boys participating in the studies toured the Lockheed plant and the new control tower at Newark airport.

One boy, Bill Rogers, went on after the 12 week course to get his pilot's license. Two of the other boys are at present working for this goal.

Mr. Dello Russo had hoped to conduct another ground school this spring, but there were not enough interested students to make the course worthwhile. However, he is already making plans for a session next year.

It will be open to any interested student, boy or girl. By this time the group should have for their instructor a fully licensed pilot—Mr. Dello Russo.

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Hi's Eyetems

by Anna Lee Gruber
Mumbo-Jumbo

So you don't believe in superstitions do you? It just so happens that Gail Ferenc, senior, was to be Commanding Officer for marching in period one, today, Friday THE THIRTEENTH! Gail broke her leg, two weekends ago, while skiing in Vermont.

It's The Truth

Attention smokers! You needn't risk being caught taking a puff. A new sure fire smoking method has been devised. Just walk into any Girls Lavatory and take a deep breath, that ought to sustain you for a week.

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Seniors

Just for information sake (you know, class standings, etc.) there are 411 students in the class of '62. Cheer up, that is only 21 students less than at the last rating.

Guidance News

Juniors, College Board deadline for the May 19 test is April 14. Get your money into the Guidance Office as soon as possible.

Pix 'n' Quotes

Do you have any superstitions?

Dick Dunn, senior.



I always walk under ladders to keep black cats away. On Friday the 13th, I look in mirrors to keep elephants off the front lawn.

Joe Shaffer, junior.



I like to crush my beer can after I finish, because I pay fifty cents for each one and I want to make sure they are really finished.

Charles Lyman, junior. I have a deadly fear of getting out of airplanes first, bound for Hong Kong.

Susan Pennekamp, senior. Since last summer, (in Europe) I've been superstitious about the number thirteen. My suitcase was the one that had a strap broken, and got soaked on the boat crossing the Channel. I also lost my camera, all were numbered thirteen. (All the girls had a number for their belongings.)

Karen Crane, sophomore.



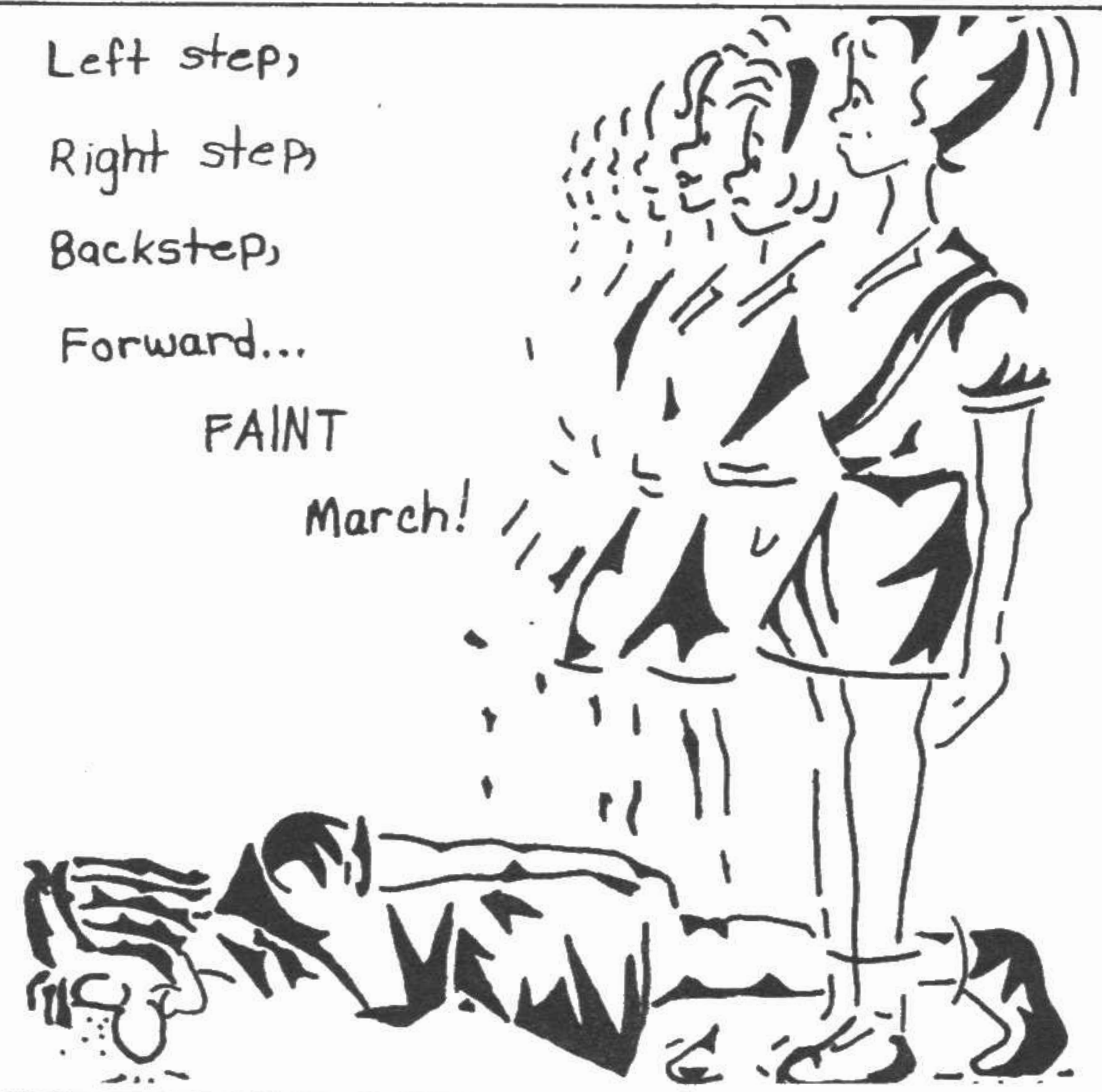
I learned from my mother that if I put my shoes on the table, I will have a fight, and if my nose itches I will either have a fight, meet a

stranger, kiss a fool, or be in danger.

Left step,
Right step,
Backstep,
Forward...

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Students Debate Honor Groups: Are They Helpful or Harmful?

During a recent English V class a debate arose concerning the merits of homogeneous groupings on the high school level and below. Because this topic is of concern to students, faculty and administration the *Hi's Eye* decided to present the various arguments for and against the honors classes.

PRO:

The primary reason for attending school is intellectual or scholastic education. This should be placed above any other purpose, social or otherwise. Being in an honors class naturally gives a student the opportunity to learn more and keeps him working at his full capacity. Many bright students become discouraged with school at an early age because it bores them; if they were given work equal to their intelligence this could be avoided.

It is good for students to be challenged; it awakens their desire to learn. Also, with honors grouping in grade school or junior high, students have more free time in high school to elect courses they would otherwise not have time for.

Intellectual advancement is not a companion of social maladjustment. Honors students maintain friendships with those people in regular classes and do not become strictly "egg-heads." Nor does homogeneous grouping make "misfits" of the non-honors students; on the contrary, it is beneficial for them. They are given the opportunity to work with their intellectual peers and need not fear getting left behind, laughed at, or looked down upon. They will advance at a rate corresponding to their ability to learn.

There are good arguments for both sides and the subject deserves thoughtful evaluation by students and adults. Educational administrators are now considering placing gifted students together at the elementary level and continuing through the senior year with only the top people remaining at the end. Presently the homogeneous grouping system is beginning in Westfield at the fourth grade level. Other towns are considering eliminating grades and classes altogether.

Honors classes in high school are very prominent today. Yet, in many instances they are not giving the advanced student more knowledge; rather, he is receiving more work on the same intellectual level. If a full honors system should be established, we hope it will fulfill its intended purposes.

CON:

The purpose of attending school is education. Not only the education of the mind, but of the whole person. Education should make a person a worthy citizen of the world. Homogeneous grouping in required subjects is harmful to students of all intellectual degrees for it narrows their exposure to others and puts them in an unnatural situation.

Honors classes rob the brighter pupil's ideas and incentive for learning from the students in "normal" classes. Also, the advanced student begins to look down upon non-honors students and to be friends with and talk with only the "select" group of students in his own classes. In many cases, the same people are in honors groups in all major subjects.

The world is composed of people of all intellects: why should classrooms be different? Intelligent persons should be attempting to eliminate prejudices, not creating more by unhealthy divisions. This is particularly relevant to students below the ninth grade. No child except one of near-genius level should be under the mental pressures and terrific competition which results from honors classes such as the Westfield seventh grade "one-hundred group."

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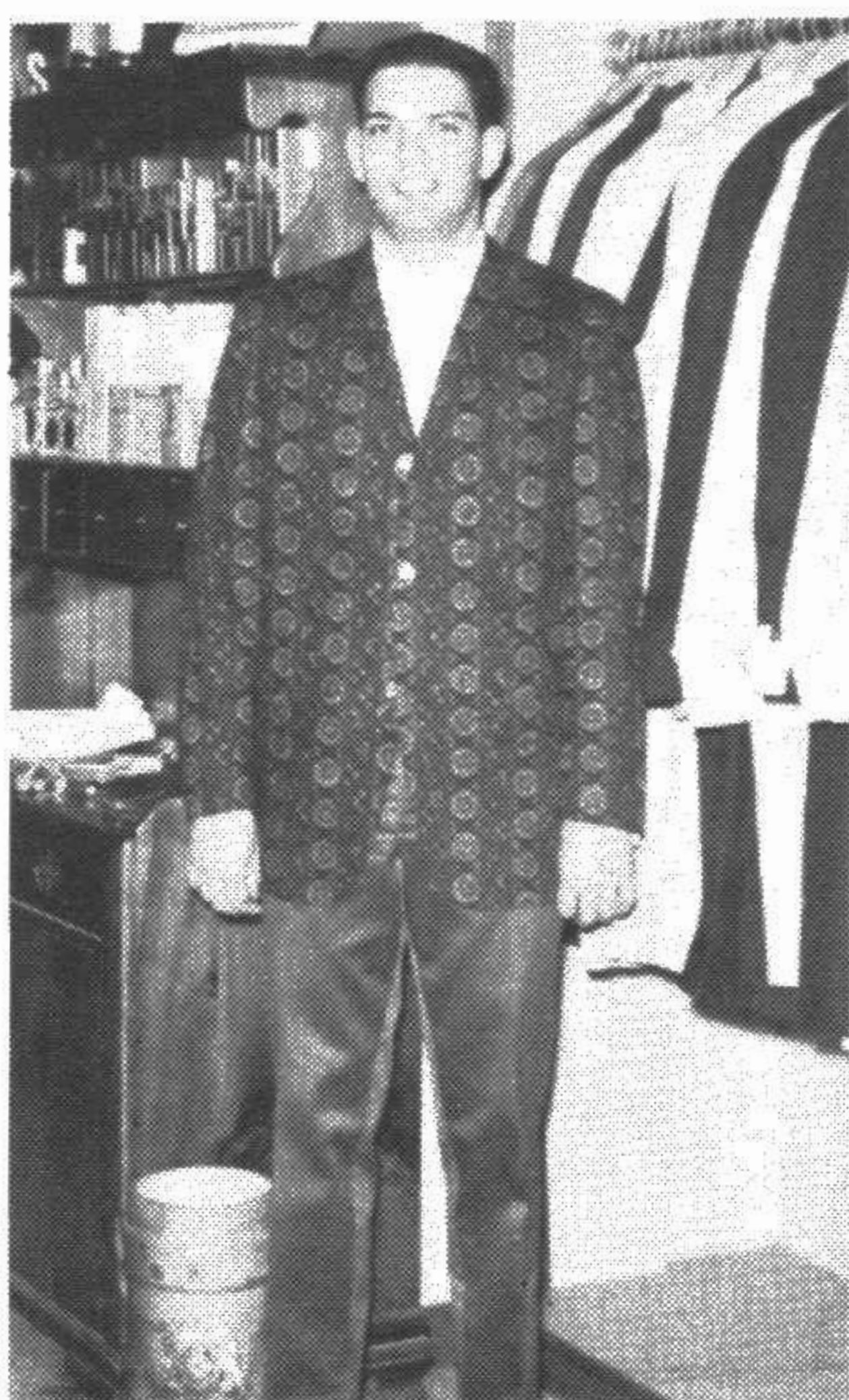
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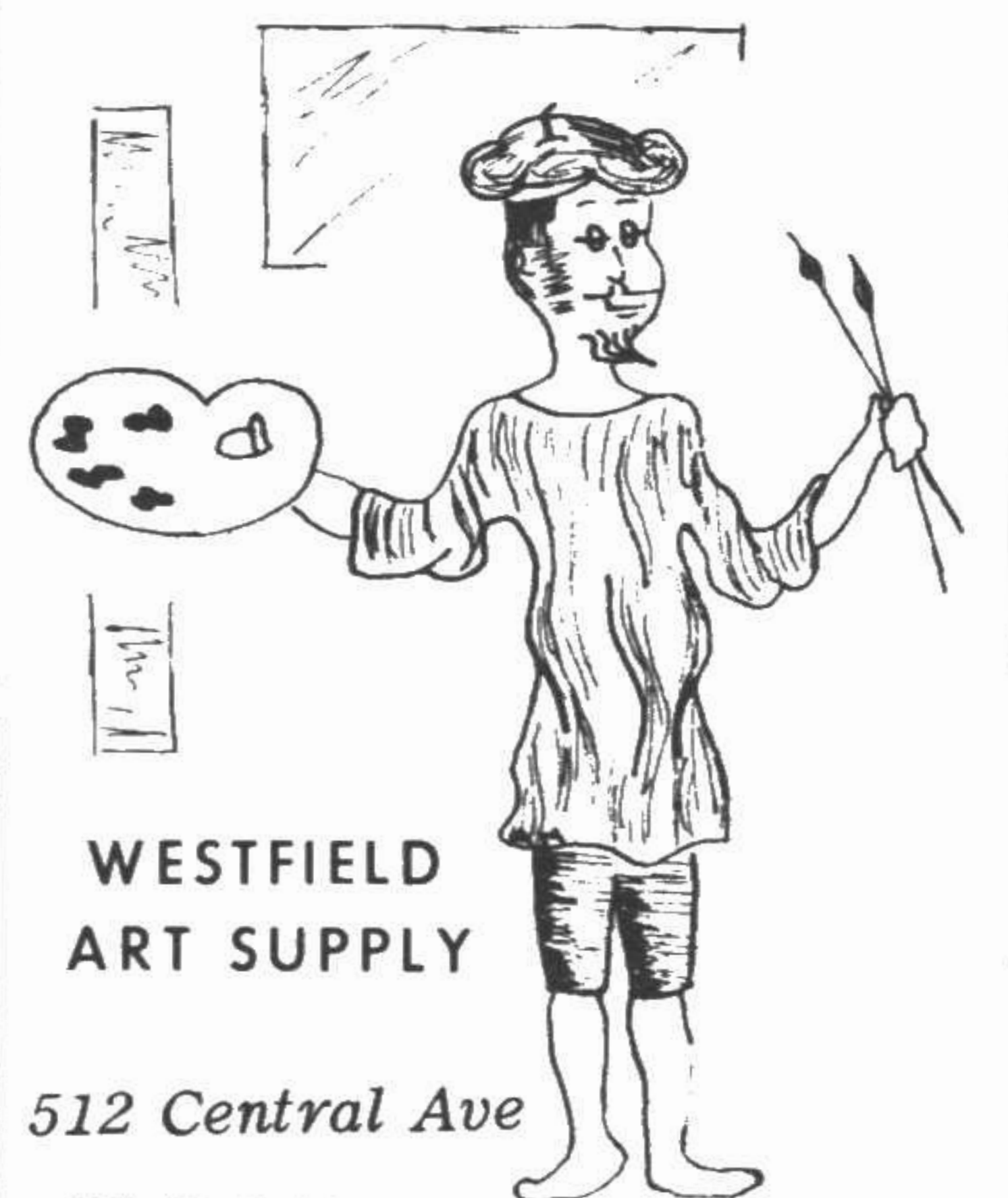
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Trackmen Top Plainfield, Lose To Rutgers In Practice Meet

Despite an unrelenting down-pour Westfield's track team finished second in the triangular practice meet last Saturday at Rutgers Stadium. The Blue Devils amassed 47 points, finishing only three behind the Rutgers freshmen combine.

Plainfield, without stars Fred McKoy and Paul Wilson, finished third with 30 points. However, the national indoor champion Cardinals still dominated the events McKoy and Wilson normally compete in.

Westfield's Bob Hoffman captured the shot put and the discus with respective throws of 51 feet and 148 feet. A 168-foot toss won the javelin event for co-captain Jim Kovacs.

In the mile run, Blue Devil Dick Zapananick snatched second with a run of 5:09. Co-captain Dave Coleman highlighted a busy day with a second in the half-mile. Aside from the 880-yard event, Coleman appeared in both the 880-yard and mile relays and the broad jump.

Senior Gil Stith helped the Westfield cause with thirds in the low hurdles and the broad jump, while junior Bob Meares' 57.9 secured a third in the quarter mile. Bob Hoyt finished third in the 100-yard dash. The high jump and the pole vault weren't held because of the bad conditions.

Devil's Den

by Harold Skill

It is a fact that a few schools have dominated Watchung Conference competition during the fall and winter. Westfield has



swept a way four league crowns in an exceptional year. Scotch Plains, Cranford, and Hillside have generally been in the thick of the title race.

But what have the other four teams been doing? Rahway, normally a power, has had an off year. The Indians look to the remnants of last year's strong baseball and track teams to salvage some athletic success.

Roselle lost most of its key athletes via graduation. Clark and Roselle Park have failed to shed their dormant reputation.

Westfield and Scotch Plains should have the top track teams. The conference baseball race, however, is wide open. It will be interesting to see if the pattern holds on the diamond.



Don Tokash drills a foul down the third baseline as Springfield catcher Frank Panelli looks on. The Blue Devils dropped a 2-1 decision to the Bulldogs in their season opener.

Springfield Shades Nine In First Baseball Game

Three errors and the three-hit pitching of Frank Monticello marred Westfield's opening game last Friday. The Blue Devils dropped a 2-1 verdict to Springfield at home.

Westfield opened the scoring with a run in the first inning. After shortstop Nick Piscopo led off with a single, Dwight Davies hit a sacrifice bunt, moving him to second.

Myers Singles

Captain Dick Myers scored Piscopo with a single to right-center field. For the last six and two thirds innings, Monticello yielded only one hit, a line-drive single by Piscopo.

Springfield evened the score in the second. With one out, Frank

Panelli had singled to right field. After another out, Denny Francis singled and Panelli scored on a throwing error.

Howarth Hurls

The Bulldogs tallied another run off starter Marty Howarth in the next inning with a combination of two singles and a walk. Danny Mascaro's infield safety scored the tie-breaker.

A seventh-inning rally by Westfield was stemmed when Howarth grounded out with two outs. A walk, an error and a wild pitch had put runners on first and second.

Westfield will play Cranford today at home. The game will begin at 3:45.

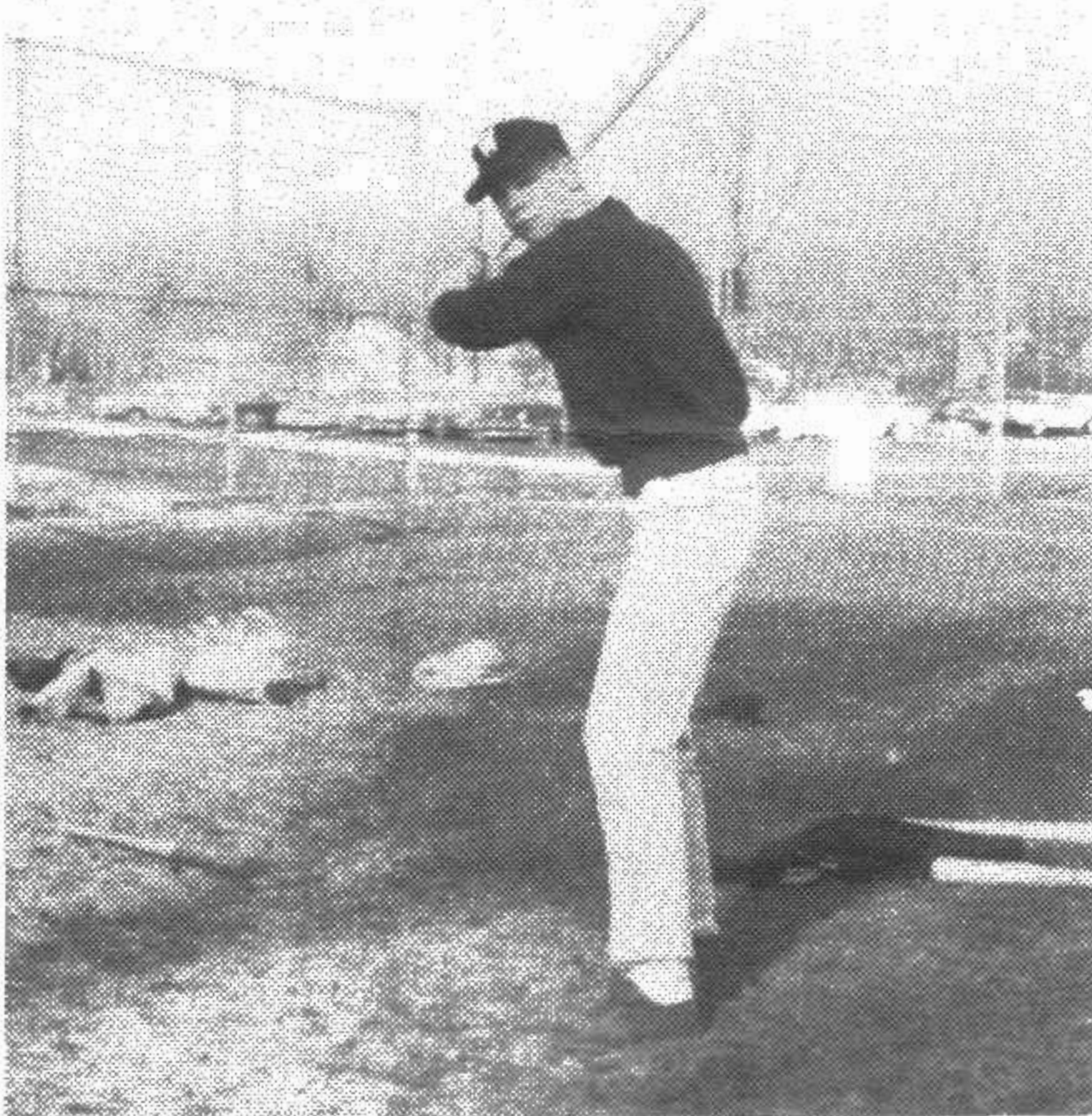
Jerry Post Clutch Performer In Two Sports for Westfield

A major share for the Blue Devil Central Jersey cage title was the clutch play of Jerry Post. With Westfield trailing Trenton by three points with two minutes to play, the 6' 3 1/2" redhead pumped in three consecutive jump shots to turn the tide in the title game.

Jerry averaged 10.2 points per game and was second to Bob King among Westfield rebounders. A vastly improved player, he attributes his fine all-around cage performance to considerable practice during the summer and fall.

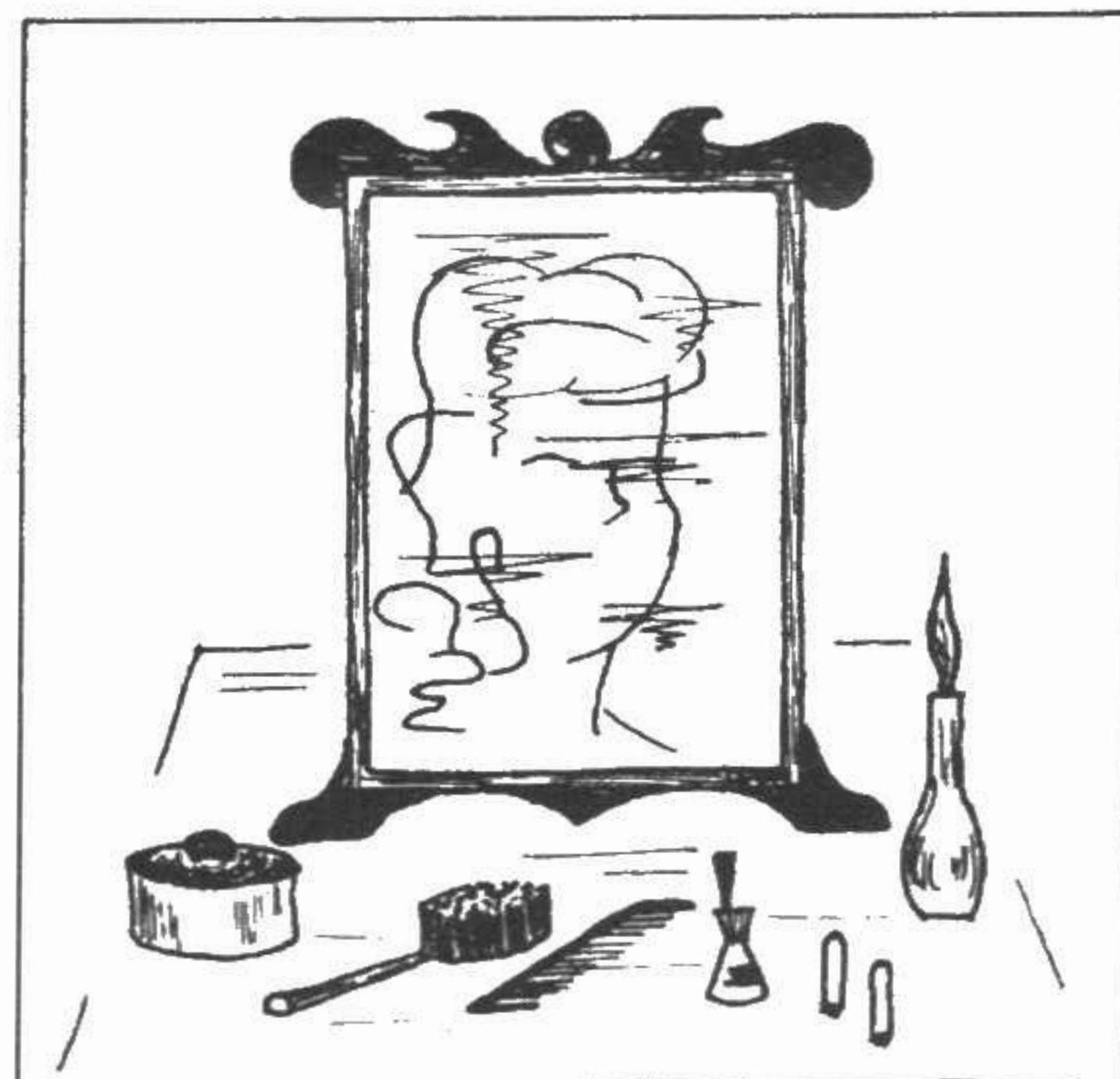
One of four returning lettermen in baseball, Jerry is one of Coach John Lay's key men. Although he prefers playing the outfield, versatile Jerry switched to first base this season to fill a weak spot.

He expects Westfield's baseball team to be "pretty darned good". St. Bonaventure is the college he hopes to attend.



Jerry Post demonstrates his batting stance.

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Contributor's Corner

Medical Care for the Aged

The Contributor's Corner will become a regular feature of the *Hi's Eye*. Editors will welcome articles on any subject. The following article is a composite of two essays written by Liz Leigh and Bob Willard and does not necessarily reflect the views of the paper.

One of the most controversial issues in the fields of political, economic and social importance, is the medical care for the aged bill. This bill, recommended by President Kennedy in the first session of the eighty-seventh Congress would provide assistance for citizens 65 years or older in meeting the rising cost of hospitalization and nursing care.

In a speech delivered in Columbus, Ohio, January 6, 1962, Kennedy pointed out that three-fourths of our country's population over age 65 (13,230,000 people) have incomes of less than \$2,000 a year. Yet, when these people become ill, they must spend more time in the hospital than those who are younger: their medical bills are twice as costly. One of the problems, he said, is that the responsibility of meeting these medical costs fall on the children, "who at the same time are attempting to educate their children."

Administration Of Aid

Most members of Congress feel that some form of medical aid is necessary. The controversy arises in the problem of how this aid is to be administered. The Democratic platform on which Kennedy successfully achieved the Presidency, said: "We shall provide medical care benefits for the aged as part of the . . . Social Security insurance system."

The President's plan does not concern the payment of doctors at all. It only aids the citizen in financing his choice of hospitalization and nursing care.

The Republican Party platform stated: "We pledge development of a health program that will provide for the aged needing it, on a sound fiscal basis and through a contributory system, protection against burdensome costs of health care."

Senator Javits' Plan

Recently, however, Senator Jacob Javits (R., N.Y.) introduced a plan very similar to the Administration's proposal which would come under the Social Security system. Moreover, it would provide for those not covered by Social Security, and reimburse those who hold private medical insurance. There is one major drawback: the States pay the insured person, and are then reimbursed by the Federal Government, doubling "red tape." Basically, Javits' plan is a political escape hatch for the Republican Party in their Congressional campaign.

Foremost and most powerful among non-partisan opponents, perhaps, is the American Medical Association. The A.M.A.'s cry that the bill smacks of socialized medicine was sufficient to turn all who grow livid at the sight of the word "socialistic" against the bill. The A.M.A. also feels that this would be a form of charity, and that the majority of our senior citizens don't want charity. The American Hospital Association and the Blue Cross Association also opposed the bill, feeling that it would provide poor quality and impersonal service.

Kerr-Mills Program

The Kerr-Mills program, which is the present law, is financed from general tax revenues and is shared by the federal and state governments. Some benefits are provided for those who can pass the means test.

Whatever measure is finally adopted at Washington is not the major issue. What is really important is the fact that a necessary financial gain in the lives of our senior citizens will at last be filled.

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No more shall we be bound by those ridiculous phobias of yesterday. (Gosh, I almost stepped on that crack in the sidewalk.) Whole new vistas have opened up for man.

Hangman's Day

No, I don't see anything wrong with today. Unlucky? What's unlucky about Fridays? I like them. Oh, I'm not supposed to? Friday is traditionally hangman's day? Well, I'm not expecting to be hung. Are you? Back to scientific advancement. In our bold and progressive society. . . Friday the thirteenth! No! And I broke a mirror too!

Oh, I can't go to school today. I might walk under a ladder, or spill salt, or. . . What? Well, of course I believe what I was just saying about our scientific age.

Medieval Wish-Wash

The world of space, the advances in — LOOK OUT FOR THAT BLACK CAT!! Where was I? Oh, yes, advances in medicine, new methods of. . . What? No, I don't think there's anything unlucky about the number 13. Medieval wish-wash.

As I was saying, any day now I expect scientists to make an astounding discovery in the field. . . Gesundheit! of macrobiology.

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Personality Sketch

Bill Tittle, 'Friendliest,' Heads National Honor Society, Choir

"If I were to pick out a quality that people know about me best for, well. . . I'm nuts," stated Bill Tittle, president of the National Honor Society and "friendliest" in the senior class. "I like to have fun."

According to Bill, "A joke is one of the most important things in the world." He believes that you study to learn, to make money, to live happily, but that a good joke makes you happy, too.

Active Senior

"I'm not the perfect scholar," Bill admitted. "I like to learn, but I have a little trouble fitting it in. The teachers all expect a lot out of me, and I'm always busy working on something else. I've probably had more checks on my report card for being 'capable of doing better' than any other person in the school."

When Bill said he's busy, he meant it. His activities include being president of the Choir, treasurer of the Senior Literary Club, and feature editor of the year book. He is also a member of the "13", Glee Club, and Golf Club, and is active on the golf team and in Hi-Y.

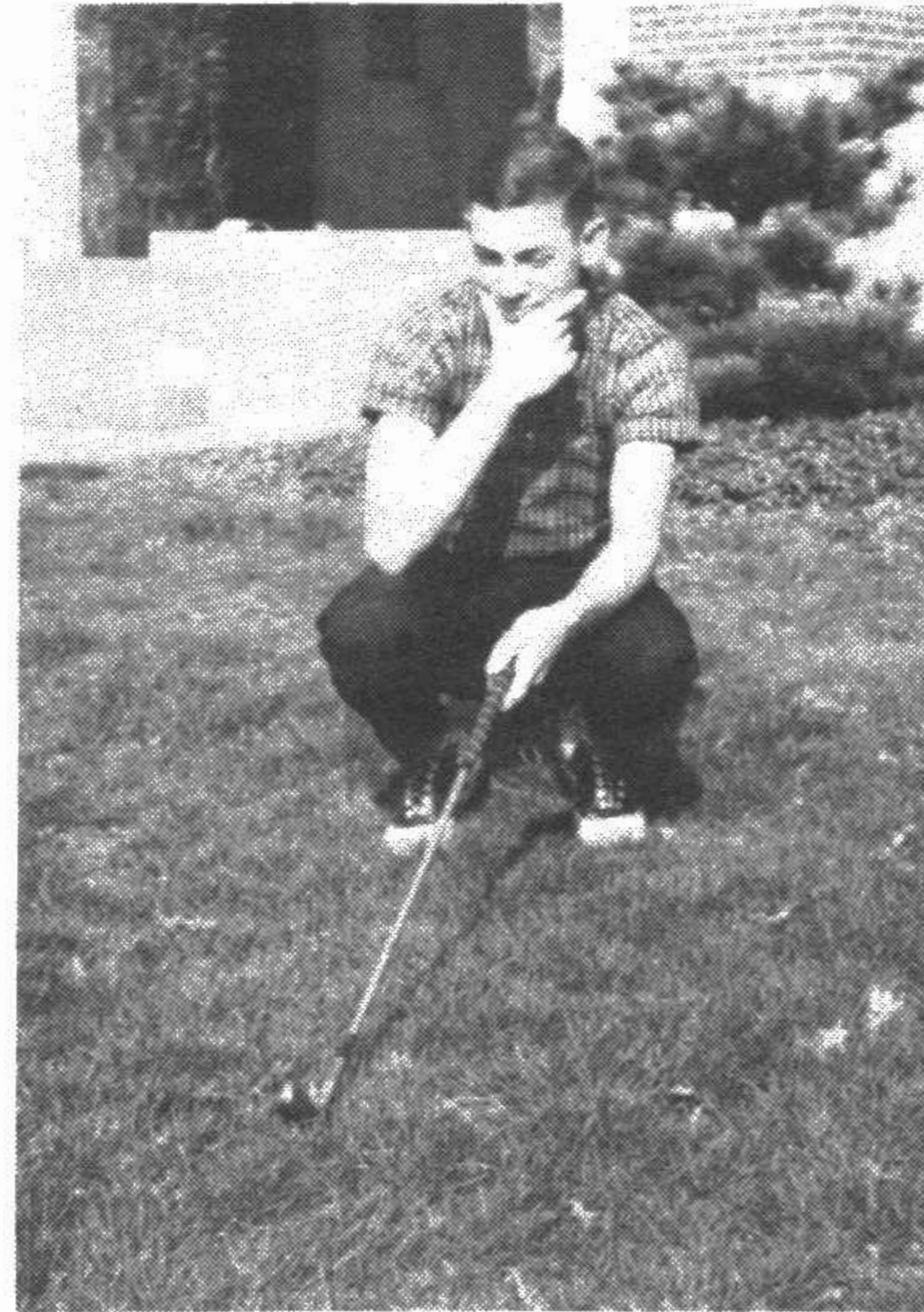


Photo by Nick Warburton
Bill Tittle lining up a put on the high school green.

Physics class is "most interesting because we think more; we don't take anything Mr. Taylor says for granted," Bill remarked about his favorite class and idol teacher.

Nominated For West Point

Bill is one of three candidates who have been nominated for West Point. He is also interested in Amherst and Dartmouth. "I may major in economics," he mentioned. "I'm interested in banking or business."

He hopes to return to Cape Cod this summer, where last year he and two other senior boys rented a cottage for the summer and worked. Bill was employed at Howard Johnson's ". . . as chief cook and bottle washer."

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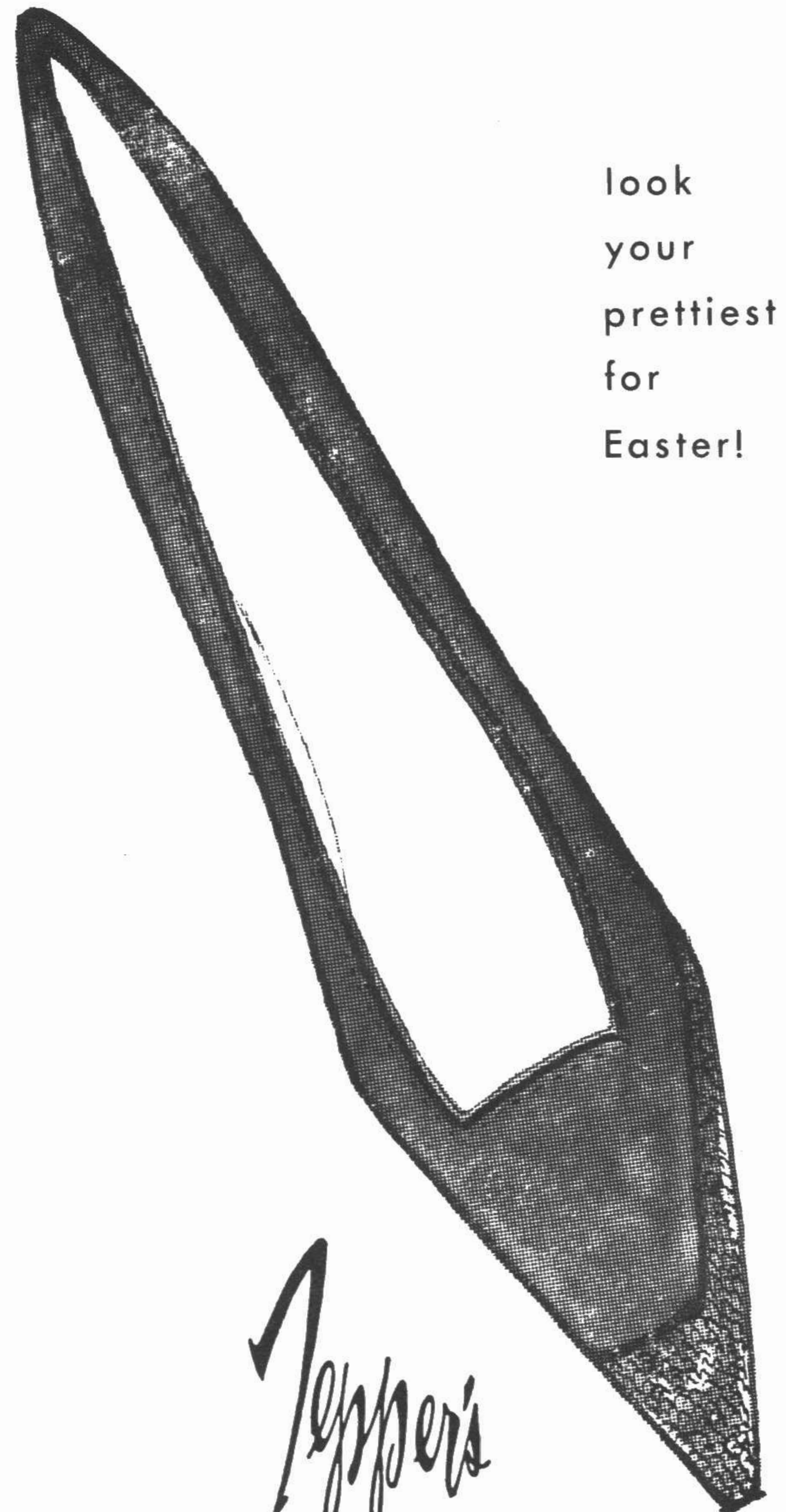
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