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Quaker Art Editor

Don Getz Plans Artistic Career

By Vonda Lee Sponseller

"I am searching for a designing institution which specializes in cheerleaders' costumes," bellowed the Quaker artist in the direction of pepster, Judy Gregg. Exhibiting obvious distaste for the attire of Salem High's cheerleaders, Don Getz believes an education in the desired school would result in shorter skirts, the red and white saddles, black blouses with white collars and cuffs, the white S, and little black bonnets.

When his alma mater's pepsters are sporting creations similar to Don's interpretations, he plans to further his learning at the automotive designing school of Chrysler or General Motors.

But in '52, it's SHS that's contributing to this Senior's artistry through numerous activities, the outstanding ones being art editor on the Quaker Weekly and Annual staffs.

Last year Don held the same Annual position and he recalls, "It wasn't until that publication was distributed in the spring that I discovered what Rusty Ross had named our termite. Okee Doak was just the "thing" until then."

His yearbook boss of now, Sue Menegos, is sure the school has a valuable and definite asset in Don.

"By the way," confides the cartoonist, "this year's zinc drawings are larger, and some cover more than half a page."

To help qualify this two-star Thespian for those Quaker jobs, Don has to his credit four years of art, three of drafting classes in Salem Trades School, three as painting director for stage events, a Spic award for posters, several drawings published in the National Motor Trend magazine, and an exhibit in the publishing office of "Student Life" magazines entitled, "As Seen from the Corner."

Not all paint, chalk, and pencil, this three-year Salemasquer has served three times on the Student Council, worked on various committees, and was a cager on Frank Tarr's Freshman squad.

Speaking of the roundballers, this six foot (and one-half inch) basketball fan claims, "I'm getting my car fixed up, checking it over, and planning on journeying to the state tournament to see Salem play."

The vehicle referred to is better identified as "The Old Green Ghost." "Slim" claims that Judy Tame is responsible for his auto's title.

Standing a little straighter and breathing on his finger nails, "Getzie" boasts, "I've been piloting the '36 Plymouth a year and a half, and I've put 20,000 miles on it rod-

Hi-Tri Plans Show, Contributes to Fund

Dorothy Pozniko, vice-president, presided at Hi-Tri meeting Wednesday where the members decided unanimously to contribute fifteen dollars to the March of Dimes polio campaign.

Plans for a prospective variety show were discussed. Judy Tame is chairman of the committee. Stacy Paporodis, Dorothy Pozniko, Donna Arnold, Louise Bauman, Nancy Bailey, and Anne Stowe are also on this committee.

The semester dues and money received for the plastic towels were collected and further plans for the annual Mother-Daughter banquet were discussed.



Don Getz

ding around town and to the away games—and nary an accident—yet." "Cussing that conveyance" exhausts his spare time (five minutes every 24 hours). But then this masculine person admits, "Artists are really the queerest people, none excluded."

Maybe not so queer since J. P. Stadlander, art instructor, grins, "Don's taste for art runs along the feminine line."

So You Want to Reduce?

By Judy Tame

Do you remember when you walked by the full length mirror yesterday, and came to a screeching halt about five feet away? Then you backed up, slowly, dreading what was coming? Well, it came, didn't it? You had no trouble finding that little—shall we say—tire around your equator. Oh, to think of it! You're only seventeen, and look at you! Gloria Swanson is fifty-two years old. How are you going to hold out for thirty-five more years?

"I know what!" you say. "I'll just sort of shift it around." So, you march down to the nearest news stand and spend what you could get out of dear kid sister or brother for pretty colored booklets on the fine art of reducing. Back home you go. You sneak up to your room, hoping same dear kid sister or brother won't discover your plot. After all, you've got your pride.

After poring over the exercises you select a nice, easy-looking little back-breaker, turn on the latest disc-jockey show, and go to it. "Shrimp Boats" wasn't a very good ditty to do those sitting up exercises to, was it? Oh, well, next time, you'll pick a slower number.

Thirty agonizing minutes go by, as you find yourself flat on your back, completely unable to lift, push, or yell for help.

Around ten o'clock, your parents begin to miss you, and, horror-stricken, they find you where your muscles had finally conked out. After a hot, soothing bath, you hobble into bed, promising to "take it easy" tomorrow.

Comes the dawn. Didn't we tell you? After talking dear kid sister or brother (those two again) into propping you against the wall and handing your clothes up to you, you manage to cover your miserable bones for a day at school.

Having previously decided a diet and exercising would be too much, you dumbly push down some carbohydrates and proteins and begin that last mile off to school.

S. C. Presents Talent Show

Salem High school's seventh semi-annual Student Council talent assembly was presented today in the auditorium with Helen Dora Copacia as mistress of ceremonies. A garden park was the stage setting of the assembly which opened with various numbers by the orchestra.

Sue Hill, winner of the first semester talent show this year, sang "A Kiss For Two" accompanied by Dorothy Pozniko. Accordionist Steve Navoyosky, who also took high honors in the last assembly, played "Dizzy Fingers."

Other numbers included a baritone solo, "Harbor Lights," by Everett Crawford, and a tenor solo, "A Garden in the Rain," by Darrel Askey, both accompanied by Dorothy Pozniko. Dorothy played a piano solo, "Fantasie Impromptu."

Charles Englert and Rosie Sulea presented a pantomime act, "Too Young." Lois Smith played "Nola" on the xylophone; "Fiddle Faddle," a violin solo, was played by Nancy Bailey; and a trumpet trio composed of John Litty, Bob Dunn, and Bill Schuller, with Bruce Snyder at the piano, presented a number.

There will be no voting to determine the winners of this assembly, Art Vaughn committee chairman announced. Other members of the Student Council committee were Mike Silver, Darrell Askey, Janice Hertel, and Helen Dora Copacia. John R. Callahan, dean of boys, advises the Student Council.

Typical Teen-ager

Marilyn Meets the Maestro

By Barbara Cameron

Voted by her classmates as the Senior candidate for the distinction of being Salem High's typical teen-age girl is the honor belonging to Marilyn Miller, pleasant and popular student at SHS.

"Gee," you marvel, "I wonder how she felt when she got the news."

When you ask her, Marilyn replies, "I never even imagined I'd be up there at the end! I was so surprised, really overwhelmed, but awfully pleased. Then when I learned Vaughn Monroe was to choose the final winner by personal interview, I was at first speechless, then scared, 'cause I knew I'd have to keep up a conversation with him."

Now that your interest is definitely aroused, you just have to know all about the interview.

"We, that is, the other finalists and I went to Youngstown with Mrs. Loop last Friday evening," Marilyn recalls. "Mr. Monroe was appearing at the Elms and that's where the interviews were held. Before his show, he interviewed us girls and after I'd met him, my fear vanished. He was very easy to talk to, seemed perfectly at ease, and was quite handsome!"

"After our interview, Mr. Monroe asked if we would like to go in and dance until intermission, when he'd interview the boys. Naturally, we replied we would, so with that he went out and made arrangements for us to go into the ballroom free. I couldn't believe it was me—at the Elms ballroom dancing to the music of Vaughn Monroe. When, after intermission, the boys were through, we got his autograph and came home, a bunch of very happy kids."

"And," Marilyn adds, "I can honestly say that that occasion will be my most-remembered moment for years to come."

Some of you who aren't immediately acquainted with this petite blonde are possibly wondering about Marilyn's other activities, her likes and dislikes and so on. Skimming her long list of extra-curricular duties, we find that she has been a member of the Student Council her first, second, and fourth years. A Salemasquer for four years, Marilyn, in her third year also represented her class as the Junior Red Cross representative. Rounding out her busy schedule at present she is the Association secretary and has written for the Quaker Weekly for the last two years.

"Quite an active person," you say. That she is, but Marilyn still finds time to play the piano and organ, which is her hobby.

On the more personal side, Marilyn confides that to her a friend means someone who is friendly,

Debate Team Attends First Tournament

Salem high's debate squad participated in the annual debate tournament held at Alilance High school on Feb. 3. This was the first tournament of the season for the debaters.

The affirmative team consisting of Nora Guiler and Sandy Hansell won one out of their three rounds. Massillon Jackson was defeated while Cathedral Latin and Canton Lehman won their debates. All three were very close decisions, according to the presiding judges.

Pat Schmidt and Bob Rea, who compose the negative side, also won one out of three rounds. They lost to Ravenna and Canton South but beat East Sparta.



Marilyn Miller

talkative, treats all people the same, and definitely is not a snob.

Her taste in music runs generally to the popular and classical fields while musicals and comedies capture the leading spots among best-liked movies. Marilyn is also an ardent basketball fan and her words to the local team are simply, "Keep up the good work!"

Being a Senior means, among other things, that come June you're going to say good-bye to your Alma Mater and venture out into the cold, cruel world. Marilyn expresses her sentiments on this event by saying,

"I'll surely miss the good times and many memorable events that occurred in my four years in SHS, but I'm looking forward to graduating and perhaps attending college where I want to take up social studies and a music course."

Town Hall Speaker To Be Dr. Sockman

Dr. Ralph Sockman, a Methodist minister in New York City, will be the speaker at the Feb. 11 Town Hall meeting.

Dr. Sockman preaches every Sunday morning from October through May on NBC's National Radio Pulpit and conducts morning and afternoon services in his church on Park Avenue. He was appointed associate professor of practical theology at Union Theological Seminary, and he has written many books, one of the latest being "The Higher Happiness."

Dr. Sockman used to live in Mt. Vernon, Ohio, and was acquainted with the former Superintendent of Salem schools, J. S. Alan.

Moving calmly through his busy life, Preacher Sockman likes to paraphrase Finley Peter Dunne's Mr. Dooley: "It is my business to comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable."

29 To Take Rotary Test

The test for choosing delegates to the World Affairs institute will be given by Principal Beeman Ludwig on Saturday, Feb. 9, in room 209. Twenty-nine students have signed up with their home room teachers for the test which covers recent world happenings.

Two delegates will be sent to Cincinnati March 7 and 8 by the Salem Rotary club.



off the record

by bill winder

Editor's Note: In the absence of Bill Winder, who is taking a much needed vacation in Florida, Judy Tame and Mike Silver, assistant editor and feature editor, respectively, are writing this column. Judy and Mike wish to express the desire that the students enjoy the column as much as ever.

No Fortitude?

Owing to the strain on his mind, Bill Winder, esq., has departed for the far-off regions of Florida. The crocodiles and alligators, hearing this, have departed for the far-off regions of Antarctica and the snakes and mosquitoes are taking the next boat out, but we are sure that Wild Bill will "bring 'em back alive."

"Hey, Mike! Speaking of boats, do you know how the midgets got to America if the Pilgrims came on the Mayflower?"

"No, Judy. How did the midgets get to America if the Pilgrims came on the Mayflower?"

"Shrimp Boats!"

"Yuk, yuk."

Obituary

Dyed last week: beloved locks of Barbara Kemats. Cause: ammonia poisoning. Survivors: Maryanne Comanisi, Darlene Datilio, vivors: Maryanne Comanisi, Darlene Datilio, Glennalee Harris

Yum!!

Celebrating the upset of Salem over Liverpool, coach John Cabas treated his "men" to a lush steak dinner last week. In a special interview, Jerry Ball said in comment on the feast, "yum."

Quaker Mailbox

Dear Editor:

I have been hearing about the activities of a group called "The Memorial Building Youth Council," and I still don't know exactly what it is or what its trying to do. Could you possibly enlighten me?

A Curious Student.

Dear Curious Student:

Your interest is very welcome. After you read this, I hope you will know more about the Youth Council. The Memorial Building Youth Council was started last November by a group of Salem High students interested in the promotion of teen-age activities in Salem. Although it is in its first stages, the council has already held a dance. You may recall the "Sock-Hop" posters that were in the school. Under the guidance of Ward Zeller, the Council elected a coordinator who is Don McCormick. You might want to ask Don some questions, too. Badminton has been started in the gymnasium on Saturdays, and a great number of activities are being planned. It is the sincere wish of the council that any interested student write to or call the Memorial building and secure the information they are seeking.

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Quaker Quips

Mother: "Another bite like that and you will have to leave the table."

Hungry Boy: "Another bite like that and I'll be through."

High school teacher: "What could be more pitiful or sadder than a man without a country?"

High school girl: "A country without a man." Have you heard about the little moron who wouldn't play croquet because it was a wicket game?"

Honesty is still the best policy, but, strange to say, some people feel they cannot afford the best.

Laurels

It's a little late, but we would like to congratulate driving instructor, Bob Miller, for completing the first semester of driver's education unscratched with Kenny "Knock 'Em Down and Run 'Em Over Before They Can Get Up" Layden behind the wheel. We all know what a horrible experience it must have been!

Bob "I can Drive 100 Feet Backward Faster Than You" Miller was in there pitching last Friday for his three star pupils. Look out, kids! You'd better not get these three riled up! Miss Ferko, Miss Ulicny, and Miss Hollett have been added to the roster of new drivers.

"Say, Judy, did you hear about the little boy who killed both his parents so he could go to the orphan's picnic?"

Say, Mike, I hear the Memorial Building Youth Council has been busy lately. It seems like a good idea if all the interested students will back the council. If there are any badminton fans around they might be interested in knowing the council has started games on Saturday afternoon! It's a great racket; badminton, that is.



as you like it

by pat mayhew

New Addition

We hope everyone was able to see the cute, blue-eyed blond, who occupied the first floor last week. She caught everyone's eye, including Mr. Miller's.

After observing her closely he decided to give the rocker spaniel puppy a home.

Information Please!

Any information concerning the question, "Who is Bob Sebo playing Cupid for?" will be greatly appreciated by a group of his friends.

After Effect

Evidently Janet Critchfield was still under the effect of "the day after the night before." This Junior miss was seen strolling down the halls with a pair of socks on. You think it's not unusual! Well, it is if they aren't mates!

Couple of the Week

There's an old saying, "Good things come in small packages." Well, if this is true, we sure have two good packages.

They are Phil Bishop and Janet Sarchet. In case some of you haven't noticed these two, just stand outside of 302 before third period and you are sure to see them.

Female "Davy Crockett"

In case you thought your imagination was wandering when you saw a teacher walking down the hall toting a gun recently, don't think a thing of it! It was just Miss Thorpe enroute to the Superintendent's office!

Prize Joke!

Tommy: "Mother, may I please go to the zoo and see the monkeys?"

Mother: "Why Tommy! Imagine wanting to see the monkeys, when your Aunt Myrtle is here!"

Garage mechanic: "What's the trouble lady?"
Mrs. Newdriver: "They say that I have a short circuit. Can you lengthen it while I wait, please?"

Teen-agers Express Opinions On Reckless Student Drivers

High School students across the country tell Sub-Deb Editor Jan Weyl how they feel about reckless teen-age driving—and what they think could be done about—in the February issue of LADIES' HOME JOURNAL.

Only a few teen-age drivers are too reckless, say the majority of students interviewed, but these few give a bad name to all young drivers. Reasons they're reckless: "No kid likes to be called 'chicken' "It's hard not to show off in front of a bunch of yelling kids."

All students agreed that something definitely could be done to improve the situation: "It might help if teen-agers could act as the police, jury, and judge. Students would tend to slow down if they their own friends were keeping an eye on them." . . . "There should be more publicity about what happens to showoffs. We had a movie in school about a girl whose face was hideously ruined in an accident. That left a big impression on everyone."

Four-fifths of these teen-agers feel their parents are not too strict with the family car. Most families agree that "Two nights a week seem right—one school night, one weekend—and both should be planned ahead of time."

If your parents are among the minority who seem too strict: "Prove to them you're a careful competent driver. Be on hand when they need someone to go an errand and offer to do it with the car" . . . "Agree to put in

your gas, and bring the car back when you say you will."

Another thing to keep in mind, say these teenagers: "Boys get the car more often than girls—and mothers are more lenient than fathers."

Complaint?

"Why is it some kids are elected to everything?" This seems to be the common complaint of a number of SHS students and the statement is quite often true. There is a logical answer, however.

Think back to the last time you were voting for someone to hold a class office or be a candidate for an award. How much honest-to-goodness thought did you give the subject? Didn't you just write down a well-known name on a slip of paper, hand it in and forget about it (until the results were announced, that is.) This surely answers part of the question.

It is also generally true that those who are the busiest and most active are called on or elected to other positions. Their ability to get things done, their pleasing personalities, and interest in the things that are going on is recognized and appreciated by others.

Stage-fright

Few people go through life without ever experiencing the horrors of stage-fright. This painful affliction strikes at various times and places—in huge municipal auditoriums, before the television camera and microphone, in Carnegie Hall or the Metropolitan Opera House, on the stage of Salem High's auditorium and the classrooms of the same building.

Too many students are petrified merely at the thought of standing before the history class, health class, or English class and giving a report. Because they are frightened thoughts become confused, the mind is panicky, and the report may be considered a poor excuse.

Many books have been written on how to combat this fear and the point most stressed is confidence. The speaker must have something to tell to his listeners which he considers interesting and important. He must be familiar with his topic, but not necessarily have a memorized speech.

An example: A student is to report on the life of a military leader in history class. With two weeks to prepare the report, the student visits the library two or three times during the first week carefully noting the information he gathers from encyclopedias, periodicals and biographies. Personal touches add interest to a report and any anecdotes or humorous incidents are noted by the wise student.

During the first of the second week the notes are assembled in the most interesting way. While making an outline, the student becomes still more familiar with the man. Sentences begin to form in his mind as he fits the facts and dates around exciting stories of battles and anecdotes about life in an army camp.

When the outline is completed, it will not be difficult to tell the story of the military leader. After a few rehearsals in the presence of the family, the report will be in good shape for the history class and so will the speaker.

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The Mind vs. Foreign Tongues

By Art Vaughan

First of a series on Abnormal Psychology

At the United Nations Conference building in New York City, the arguing, agreeing, screaming, and voting takes place in a great variety of languages. So great is the variety, in fact, that while a man may speak perhaps one or two foreign tongues, it would be impossible for him to be understood by a group containing delegates of countries from Yugoslavia to French West Africa, no matter how furious was his intent to influence the council.

The organization, however, employs hundreds of interpreters, many of them human, who save the day. If a man is English, he merely tunes in his earphone apparatus to the English interpreter who is translating the speech of Turkey, or he tunes in Russia and listens to Malik babble on. He can tune in Babylon for that matter.

At any rate, the proceedings of the chamber would be nothing but disintegrated and berserk fantasy to a visitor without an interpreter.

If one likes that sort of thing, if one possesses a confused mind, if one finds enjoyment and amusement in the viewing of perplexities, he would doubtless be one to find enjoyment in the international council, without an interpreter.

Somewhat nearer at hand, however, is a similar disintegrated fantasy which might also serve the unorganized mind his entertainment. Even more, possibly, would this confuse him, and thus humor him, because here an interpreter, if he had one, would do him no good. For the languages spoken are no nearer to one than the other, and the speakers are no more inclined to stick to any one in particular than to gradually slip from the level of accepted grammar down to an obscure world of sounds understood only by themselves. Here, the sport of the confused mind is valiant, and the bounty on familiar words and phrases is high.

I am speaking, of course, of the German class. To enter upon this capricious group, now that the subject has come up, would probably bring a stranger either to the heights of hilarity or to the depths of despair, or to the rigors of reasoning.

The students are discussing. Logical Reasoning has disclosed, the adventures of one Emil who travels to Berlin. You (the visitor) have developed a translation for the few reappearing words that you hear, as far as that goes. Now and then a word will catch in the back of your

mind and, so to speak, hurl it off onto some new line of thought, soon to be catapulted elsewhere by another analogous syllable, much as an acrobat on a trapeze.

These acrobatic tendencies of your mind are, however, overcome as your eye catches one sentence written upon the blackboard in chalk, "Er fiel fast von der Bank." In this instant the entire scuffle is clarified and meaningful! What could it mean, but that Emil had broken into the bank? And what is more, having done this, he was running extremely fast to escape. Yes, other words support this theory. He hoped to lose himself in the crowds of Berlin. Your thoughts pick up, gain speed, and in a short time are but a streak in the night, soon to be catapulted elsewhere by another analogous syllable; for, as we have implied, you enjoy fantasy as much as reality, a sure symptom of Regression, Digression, and Redintegration.

Council To Conduct Annual Stamp Drive

"Mother Is A Freshman," starring Loretta Young, Van Johnson, and Rudy Vallee, has been selected as the Student Council noon movie for next week. The film, a hilarious comedy-romance, is a delightful story of a young widow who follows her Sophomore daughter to college where they both fall in love with their English professor.

Various council members have ordered official National Student Council pins.

The Council will conduct their annual tax stamp drive again this spring. Darrell Askey, Mervin Thomas, Sandy Hansell, Wayne Harris, and John Todd have been appointed by Council president, Mike Silver, to serve on the tax stamp committee.



The 7A's won the tax stamp contest with \$313.00. The 7E's were second with \$195.00. The total for the week was \$1,366.50.

The home room basketball scores were 7E-16, 7D-14; 7A-35, St. Paul 2; 8D-32, 8E-13.

The all-stars won a victory from Sebring 35 to 22.

The 7th and 8th grade assembly was a movie entitled "Valley of Triumph."

The trial spelling bee was a three-way tie. The winners in the seventh grade bee were Dennis Wright, Billy Hoppes, and Sophie Braut. The eighth grade winners were Donna Blender, Jean Yarian and Marsha Henning. The written test was given Monday, Feb. 4. No winners for the spelling bee have been picked as yet.

Quakers Down Chaney 53-52

The Salem Quakers, taking their second one-point victory in two nights, captured a thrilling 53 to 52 victory over Youngstown Chaney in the latter's gym last Saturday night. A fine delegation of Quaker fans saw the locals come from behind and sew up the game with a five-point splurge in the last two minutes.

The locals broke on top, but soon were overhauled as Chaney came on to take an 11 to 10 quarter lead. Ju-Ju Alek got hot the second quarter to keep the locals in the game, after 6'4" Sam Stepanovic threatened to slaughter Salem on the spot as he continually meshed easy tip-ins.

The third period ended with the Cowboys still out front 40 to 38, but the Cabasmen put on the steam and outlasted Youngstown. Wayne Harris, whose 19 points led the local attack, hooped 12 in the last half to pace the Quaker comeback.

Frosh Cagers Down Children's Home

The Frosh basketball squad played the Fairmount Children's Home team for the second time this season on Jan. 28, winning the game 32 to 23. They also won the first tilt with this team 37 to 23.

Center Larry Stoffer was high pointer for the Junior Quakers meshing 11 points. Ken Bosu followed with seven markers. The two boys scored over half of Salem's 32 points. George Gaddis and Bill Lantzer had seven and six markers respectively for Fairmount.

The Frosh have played six games so far this season and have a four to two record. They were defeated by two Alliance teams, Alliance State Street and Alliance Broadway, and victors over Goshen, Columbiana, and Fairmount. This Monday the Frosh played Goshen in a return engagement.

Chaney Reserves Defeat Local Squad

The Salem Reserves dropped a tight decision to the Chaney Cowboys 46 to 43 last Saturday at Chaney. After leading for three quarters, Salem scored only six points in the fourth quarter against 13 for Chaney.

Salem held a 12 to 10 advantage at the end of the first quarter, but the Cowboys tied it up at half-time 22 to 22. Salem again outscored Chaney in the third quarter 15 to 11 and led 37 to 33. With the fourth quarter came the downfall and Harry Davidson and Jack Gottschling fouled out.

Jack Gottschling and Bob Kupka were high for Salem with 17 and 10 markers respectively. Paulko and Kuzma hit for 18 and 15 for Chaney. Gottschling meshed eight goals and one foul while Kupka got his on five goals. Paulko had 18 on seven goals and 4 fouls while Kuzma collected 15 on six goals and three fouls.

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Salem To Play Weekend Games

Tonight the Quakers journey to the Rubber City to engage Akron Garfield looking for their seventh win. Garfield has won eight games against only two losses. Coach Bill Scheidi's team is led by Bud Bond, Sam Cattlona, and Steve Girrardo. Comparative scores show a slight edge for the locals, Garfield beating two common foes, Ravenna and Akron Kenmore, by exactly one less point than Salem did in each case.

Tomorrow night, the Louisville Leopards invade the local court to tangle with the Cabasmen. The Leopards have had a fairly poor season, managing to win only four games. Art Lynch, Gene Jones, and Don McGinnis have sparked the visitors so far. Comparative scores again indicate the locals for victory, as Ravenna downed Louisville by the same margin by which Salem sank Ravenna, four points, while East Palestine took Louisville, another indication of a Quaker victory. Sebring downed Louisville which gives a line on next week's Quaker-Trojan tilt.



Sport Shorts

By Sandy Hansell

INVENTORY DEPARTMENT

Do you realize that after tomorrow night, there will be only three basketball games left? However, counting this weekend, we still have almost a third of our games left, with 12 played out of our scheduled 17. Now, with tournament time approaching and two-thirds of the season behind us, it is a good time to review the past season and take an overall look at our team.

Early Season Department

The Quakers had rough going the early part of the season, losing their first four games, then putting together a duo of three-game winning streaks sandwiched around a pair of losses to account for their six won-six lost record.

The locals were hurt by the loss of Tom Boone, Sam Williams, Ju-Ju Alek, (for the first semester), and Jerry Ball (who was sick for two games.) Cabas had counted on these four plus Wayne Harris to compose this year's team. He then had to use inexperienced boys in those positions.

Another big factor was possession of the ball, or rather—lack of it. A team can't score unless they have the ball, and the opponents had it most of the time. This was mainly due to bad rebounding, weak defensive play, and sloppy ball-handling. These enabled the opponents to control the ball, take more shots, thus scoring more points.

It was only a question of time until the individuals developed and learned to work as a team. That time is here; we've got the needed experience, and those undesirable qualities are, for the most part, now non-existent.

Now Department

The biggest improvement has been the rebounding. Rebounding is one of the most important parts of the game. If a team can control both boards, it takes something mighty good to beat it. Too much emphasis cannot be put on this phase of the game.

Lately, Bill Brelah and Wayne Harris have been controlling the boards and it has paid off. Teams that get rough underneath still give us trouble, but not as much as before. Our boys are learning how to mix under there; we can now dish some out as well as take it.

MILTON BERLE DEPARTMENT

Those two games last week should be nicknamed the "Lemonade" games. Why? Because we just "squeezed by." (Oh well, nothing like some good fresh corn in a sports column.)

Say, wasn't that last length-of-the-court baseball heave in the Palestine game a beaut?

Fighting spirit and the will to win is always prevalent. Last week that was proved again when Salem trailed by nine points late in the second quarter and, in less than two minutes, tied the score. It's been like that all season, always dangerous, always able to bounce back.

The defense has perked up, opponents have to work for their points, no more easy baskets handed them on a silver platter, the result of mental mistakes.

There are other improvements, which, added to these, have helped to make the team tick, but these seem to be the most important and most obvious.

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Bill Brelah's sudden reversal of form has been a big help. He scored 57 points in three straight games, the highest Quaker individual consecutive-game scoring mark this season. He topped it off with an almost unbelievable 11 baskets out of 20 shots against Palestine. He used his towering height effectively that night, meshing several beautiful tip-ins.

Wayne Harris has continued his point-producing ways, still leading the team in scoring. His 12 last-half points at Chaney again led the Quakers from behind to victory.

The return of Bill Buckman and Ju-Ju Alek was very timely. Buckman, pacing the Reserve's scoring his first night, was sick for the Chaney game. Alek, hooping 24 points his first two nights, averted trouble by filling in for Benny Roelen when he sprained an ankle. Ju-Ju was able to take up the slack that Roelen's absence might have created. Incidentally, Ju-Ju played his first Varsity game both last year and this against East Palestine. He was promoted from the Reserves last year just at this time.

Cabasmen Edge Palestine, 55-54

Salem roundballers continued on their winning way as they edged past East Palestine 55 to 54 in a close, hard-fought cage tilt here Friday. Bill Brelah's ability to hit saved the day for the Quakers. The lanky center kept Salem in the game the last few minutes.

The Bulldogs opened the scoring with two charity throws but the Quakers tied it up on two free throws. Captain George Alek made his first appearance early in the first quarter and played sparkling ball throughout the game. The Quakers led at the end of the first quarter 10 to 8.

Salem added six points to their lead and as the second quarter ended, the Quakers led 24 to 16.

East Palestine came out after half-time with renewed vigor as they dumped in 21 points to the locals' 16. Salem, at one point, led by 13 points but couldn't hold it. As the smoke cleared away the third period score read 40 to 37.

In the fourth quarter Salem was again outscored, but not enough. As the game drew to a close the Bulldogs came to within one point of the locals but couldn't surpass

them. Brelah's foul shot was the important point in the last quarter. With just seconds left Palestine's Sam Reesh set the crowd buzzing with a neat one-hander the length of the floor.

Bill Brelah, George Alek, and Wayne Harris led the Quakers in scoring honors as did Soldo and Davis for Palestine. Bill collected 24 on 11 goals and two fouls. Alek and Harris each had 10 on four goals and two fouls. Nick Soldo was the evening's high scorer with 10 goals and five fouls. Teammate Cliff Davis had 13 points on four goals and five fouls.

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