

Circle up four to the middle of the floor



• "PROMENADE your partner home"—Miss Mary Minta Thompson's gym students are in the midst of promenading their partners in square dance classes. On the inside circle are Brenda Tirey, Jackie Sanders, Peggy McAlpin, Sue Willis, Pat Faust, Janey Overton and Jeannette Michael. On the outside circle are Inez Wallis, Nikki Ward, Barbara Siegenthaler, Sondra Owens, Alice Retta, Jo Ann Faubus and Betty Clark.

• **NOTHING** is more fun than learning to square dance unless it's watching someone else learn, according to Miss Mary Minta Thompson, girls gym instructor, who has been teaching her students to square dance.

So, girls, put on your full skirts and boys, drag out your comfortable shoes, for a square dance, sponsored by Miss Hazel Presson's journalism classes and the Allied Youth, to be held in the school gym April 5 at 7:30.

Admission is free and everyone is invited to attend. "If you don't know how to square dance, it's a good chance to learn," said Mrs. Ruth Levy, sponsor of AY.

Some of the dances that will be taught are Forward Up Six, Swing the Right Hand Gent, Texas Star, Dive for the Oyster, Honor that Lady and Bird in a Cage and Allemande Six.

The calls to these dances except in rare cases, were never written down but have been passed from caller to caller.

6 local dramatists receive ratings at speech festival

• **"BEING ABLE TO ATTEND** the speech festival was thrilling enough, but to have our group come home with high honors is just too good to be true," commented Claudette Schock, recent speech contestant.

The Arkansas Speech Convention was held in Searcy, Arkansas March 10-11. The festival is designed to promote interest in speech and dramatics. High school and college competition was held separately, and ratings were given to each of the individual groups for the contests they entered.

THOSE THAT REPRESENTED Sock and Buskin were: Julie Orr and Joan Holt, prose; Claudette

Schock and Kay Farris, poetry; John Gossett and Bill Needham, radio speaking.

"**TIME OUT FOR GINGER,**" the recent Sock and Buskin play, which was entered in the play division, received an excellent rating. Those taking part in the play were Claudette, John, Julie, Marilyn Powell, Ann Ellefson and Jacque Gallaher.

Julie was one of the two people selected from the high school division to present their selection at the banquet Thursday night.

Mrs. Evelyn Holt, sponsor of Sock and Buskin, directed the play. Danny Eford and Bill Hawthorne assisted with the set.

Preparation, conditioning begins, track meet planned

• **COACH JOHN R. THOMPSON,** Grizzly track mentor for the past 23 years, and his Bruin thinclads will fill the sports spotlight for the next two months. Conditioning has already begun in preparation for the annual intersquad meet March 18 and a gruelling five meet schedule.

For the past two seasons Fort Smith has boasted the state champion half milers. This year's 880 yard hopes are at the present on senior Tom Cutting, Eddie Jeter and Emil Saul, a newcomer to the cinder. Cutting is also the big man in the 440 yard dash and should figure in the relays.

CHARLES MOSS, whose name is known throughout the state for

the many records he holds, will be a sure bet for ten points in the weight division, along with senior Don DeCamp, whose talents with the weights are also known.

Returning lettermen, Foster Gay and Tommy Bach, are the strongest contenders in the short sprint and relays. However, Jarrel Williams, who last year left the junior high state meet with six first places and a high point medal, will be in the middle of the dashes and relays come meet time.

SENIORS BOB MOORE and DeCamp are being nudged for a starting berth in the hurdle team by such capable hurdlers as Darrel Williams, Marshall Hill and Joe Paul Alberty. Moore is also the Bruins' outstanding high jumper whose ability should gain him a first in the state meet.

Rounding out the possibilities for this year's squad are a pair of sophomores, Ronald Ray and Roger Lee, who will command the pole vaulting pit for the next two seasons.

Boys to enter swim contest

• **ONCE AGAIN** the starting command of "swimmers to your marks, swimmers on your marks, get set, go!" will attract hundreds of area swimming fans.

This year's swimming program at the Fort Smith Boys' Club will include the annual state AAU swimming and diving meet on March 25 and 26.

APPROXIMATELY SIX teams from Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas are expected for this water classic to be held at the boys' club indoor pool.

Among the local entrants will be three FSHS hopefuls, C. W. Millard, who will enter the racing events, and Johnny Little and Wendell Nance, who seek points on the one-meter diving board.

ALONG WITH BEING swimming instructor, is host coach John Patter, who has charge of all the water activities at the Boys' Club pool.

"I certainly hope more students will participate on this year's aquatic team. There are several positions yet to be filled on the team," commented Coach Patter-son.

Other meets coming up soon, though still unscheduled, are at Little Rock and possibly at Enid, Oklahoma.

Marine to relate high sea yarns

• **CAPTAIN PAUL W. DRY,** merchant marine, will relate the secrets of the high sea to the students of FSHS in an assembly March 25. He will draw his stories from his visits to 54 countries of the world. During that time he has sailed one million miles and has made five complete trips around the world.

Carpenter Dry has served passenger vessels, tankers, freighters, and from every rank from plain seaman to captain during his 16 years of sea duty. Since he has left the sea, he has presented over 1,000 programs to schools.

His display will consist of flying fish, (mounted) barnacles and seaweed, a knot display, fancy canvas work, a life preserver that was used in the saving of a man's life, parachute and distress gun, and his own personal marine sextant that he used to navigate his own ship.

SPORTLIGHTS

by Wendell Nance

• **MAKING THE NEWS** is nothing new to David Railey, former all-round athlete in FSHS and theological student at Furman University. Several magazines and papers have written articles on David's progress as a starter on the Furman basketball squad and how he travels many miles from a game to preach to a community church in Greenville, South Carolina.

* * * **ONE OF THE MOST** exciting sport spectacles in America is the track and field meet.

These games date back to primitive man and to the modern day olympic game which began in 394 A.D. at Rome, Italy.

* * * **JOHN BARTON,** last year's number 2 half miler on Coach Thompson's track team, is now a ministerial student at Hendrix College in Conway, Arkansas, and is trying for a position on the Hendrix track team.

2 FSHS players make all-state

• **HISTORY REPEATED** itself in this year's state tournament for Bruin seniors Jim Gattis and Ronnie Bateman. These two boys represented Fort Smith on the all-state squad selected by the coaches present at the state finals at Boston Coliseum in Little Rock, site of the state play-offs.

This is the second time for both Jim and Ronnie to be given the highest honor for a high school basketball player. In the ninth grade the Fort Smith Junior High basketball team captured the state tourney and Ronnie and Jim were placed on the all-state squad.

They also have the honor to be unanimous choices by the coaches for the All-Big 7 team. The Grizzlies also had 6-5 center Earl Furlow on the Big 7 dream team.



• **"YEA, GIRLS!"** Cheering the senior girls on to their 20-15 victory in the junior-senior girls basketball game played March 8 are these five boy cheerleaders who were appointed anonymously. Leading the yells, left to right, are Bill Needham, David Munford, Ronnie Knaus, Jim Hatfield and Bill Vines.

Senior girls led to victory over juniors by Ledbetter

• **AS THE SAYING GOES,** "Girls will be girls."

After an hour of eye gouging and hair pulling, with a little jiu jitsu thrown in, the senior girls' basketball team scored a 20 to 15 victory over the junior girls March 8 in the FSHS gym.

NORMA LEDBETTER, senior, led the scoring with 16 points. Billee Whatley, junior, was runner up with 11 points.

Referees were Don DeCamp, Billy Don Gramlich, and Grant Green.

Those on the senior team were as follows: Norma Ledbetter, Shirley Anderson, Marilyn Sharpe, Ancel Farmer, Dian Freeman, Katherine Brocchus, Ann Bennett, Sondra Brown, Claudine Snow and Ruth Schlieff.

THOSE ON THE JUNIOR team were as follows: Susan Barnsley, Sallie Meek, Linda Westmoreland, Jean Miller, Billee Whatley, Linda Chappell, Janice Shipley, Nancy Arnold, Cora Neal, Jane Copeland, Anne Matlock, Gloria McClain, Janice Khilling, Fran Malcom and Nadine Bingham.

The seniors were also assisted by water girls, Sondra Brown and Ann Patton.

SENIOR CHEERLEADERS were Jack Gunter, Bill Needham, Jim Hatfield, David Munford, Bill Vines and Ronnie Knaus.

Junior cheerleaders were C. W. Millard, Johnny Little, Joe Paul Alberty, Jack Ireland, Gary Wisener, Eddie Green and Pete English.

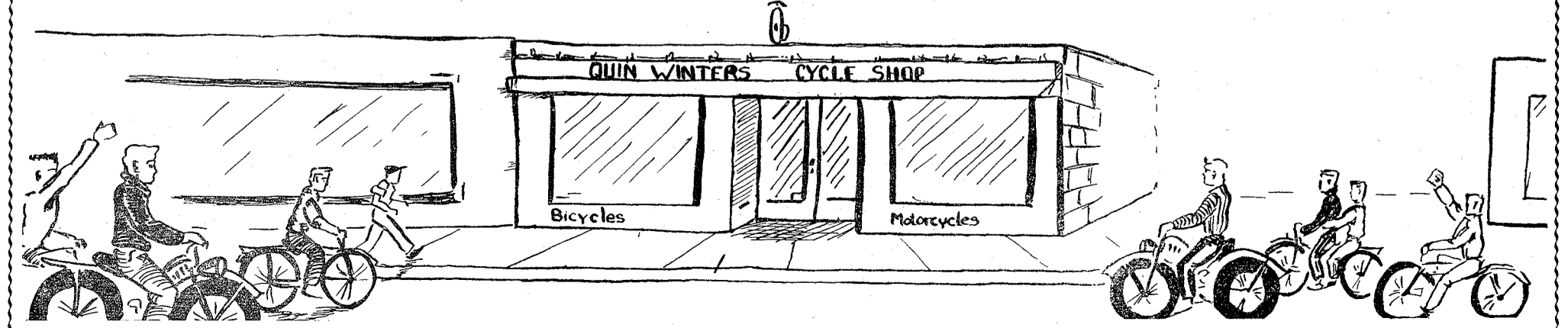
Student council elects delegates

• **TWO JUNIORS** and one sophomore will represent the FSHS Student Council at the spring meeting of District I to be held at Alma High School, Friday, March 25. Delegates are Barry Hon, Phoebe Speer and Susie Wiggins.

Fort Smith is in charge of the invocation and reports on the coming Arkansas Association of Student Councils convention which will be held April 7-9 in Fort Smith.

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