

## It Was a Real Hop

In the Lew Wallace ballroom, the big gym, which was bedecked in Thanksgiving attire with a large number "43" representing the class at each end, the sophomores gave their dance of the year on Wednesday, November 23.

The grand march was led by the sophomore president, Bill Vorwald, and Miss Rosemary Trivanovich; the vice-president, Bob McManus, and Miss Betty Schutz; and the secretary, Allegra McColly, who was escorted by George Todd. The guests who were invited included the Better Citizenship Organization, the Girls' Club, the Boqs' Club, the Junior and Senior class presidents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Hancock, Jr., the faculty and parents of the officers.

The Hop was a financial success and was directed by Thelma Shipman, the student chairman, and Mrs. Krueger and Miss Shelley, the sophomore sponsors. Because of the slow response on the part of the sophomores, the remaining bids were made available to the juniors and seniors at the first of the week.

Accompanied by some fine music from the "Melody Masters" the eighty-five couples present found it an easy job to have a really enjoyable evening.

## B. C. O. Will Sponsor Skating Party

The Better Citizenship Organization will again sponsor a skating party the latter part of January, at the Silver Rollerway at 32 East Ridge Road.

The skating party will be held in the same manner as last year. The price of the tickets will be 35c per person. Skating will be from 7:30 to 11:00. All Lew Wallace students and their friends are welcome to come.

## Wizards Elect

At a meeting in the art room November 19, the Wallace Wizards chose their leaders for the coming year.

The officers are as follows: president, Yolanda Masette; vice-president, Bernadine Craig; secretary, Maxine Padish; treasurer, Emmy Lou Marr; and reporter, Janice Gilbert.

Plans for art work by members to be done outside school were discussed.

## Junior High Play Meet Held

Wednesday evening, November 27, the City Junior-High Play Meet was held in the Emerson auditorium.

Lew Wallace sent as its entry the one-act play "Pink and Patches". The cast included: Barbara Harmack, Charles Broschart, Adele Hoson, and Janice Hatz.



VERA CHAMPION  
Senior Honor Society President

## Seniors Honor Society Inducts Members

The Senior Honor Society held its induction ceremony last Friday, November 29, in the main auditorium. Mr. Fred H. Jannasch, sponsor of the Lew Wallace Hi-Y, was the guest speaker.

After the seven new members had been introduced, Marietta Metcalf explained the symbolism of the National Honor Society. Four members then spoke on the cardinal objectives of the society. These members were: Shirlee Enders, who explained Scholarship; Stanley Hutches, who talked on Leadership; Adele Spychalski, who interpreted Service; and Mary Jean Phipps who explained Character.

Following this, the new members repeated the pledge which was administered by the president, Vera Champion. The mixed chorus sang "To You We Throw the Torch," while the new members signed the roster and received their certificates from Mr. Shelley.

After Mr. Jannasch's talk, "Recession-al" was played and all of the members left the auditorium together.

The new senior members who were introduced by their class president, Pat Fusillo, are: Imogene Burnside, Mary Christman, and Virginia Mullen. The juniors, introduced by Richard Hills, are: Sue Geoghegan, June Hansen, Myrtle Schneller, and Robert Watkins. Miss McLean and Mr. Shelley are sponsors of the organization.

## Booster Club Supports Band's Cause

The Booster Club will sponsor a contest in the home room meetings for the most unusual method of raising money for new band uniforms. Season tickets for our home basketball games will be given as prizes.

They are going to sell season tickets and scheduled notebooks. Part of the money received for notebooks will be given to the band.

## Hornets Edge Hammond, 7-6

In the Western N. I. H. S. C. title play-off staged at Hammond on November 10, the Lew Wallace football team emerged victorious following a 7-6 triumph over Hammond High's Wildcats.

Taking advantage of a first quarter fumble by Hammond on their ten-yard line, the Hornets blasted the Wildcat's line to aid "Hurrying Henry" Stram in lugging the ball over the double stripe standing up. The marginal point was produced when Stram's extra point conversion sailed directly between the uprights.

Hammond scored early in the third period on a sustained drive from their own forty-yard line. Lukoshos, Hammond fullback, cut over his own left guard to score from ten yards out. John Chalich, Hornet end, blocked Livingstone's attempt for the extra point.

Thus finishes the most brilliant grid season ever staged by a Lew Wallace football team. Individual recognition should go to: Coach Baer, whose outstanding coaching carried the team through; Captain Henry Stram, who set a new record in the Steel City scoring race; and to each member of the 1940 Hornet team who aided in bringing about the first Western N. I. H. S. C. championship ever won by a Lew Wallace football team.

The Lew Wallace Western Conference completed schedule is:

Wallace, 12; Horace Mann, 7.  
Wallace, 6; Washington E. C., 0.  
Wallace, 26; Roosevelt E. C., 20.  
Wallace, 7; Emerson, 7.  
Wallace, 2; Whiting, 0.  
Wallace, 13; Froebel, 0.  
Wallace, 7; Hammond, 6.

Total statistics: 6 wins, no defeats, one tie.

## Josef Wagner to Play Here

All of us have heard about Josef Wagner, renowned composer and pianist, but few of us have had the pleasure of seeing him in person. This opportunity will be afforded Friday, December 6, at eight p.m. in the Lew Wallace main auditorium.

He was the winner of the International Chopin Prize in Warsaw in 1932 and also has won other outstanding awards for his music. He has been soloist for the St. Louis Symphony, Philharmonic Society, the New York Civic Symphony and other orchestras.

Mr. Wagner has thrilled many eastern crowds with his performances. Some of these recitals have been held in Westminster College; Town Hall and Carnegie Hall in New York; and the Universities of Columbus, New York, and Cornell.

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## Sewage Disposal Plant Visited

On Saturday, November 9, twenty-six members of the biology and chemistry classes were shown through the Gary sewage disposal plant. Miss Lemon and Mr. Shelley were sponsors of the trip.

After a visit to the laboratory where control of all processes concerning the sewage disposal plant takes place, an excursion of the plant itself was made. The chief chemist of this laboratory, Eddie Ross, and the assistant chief, Julian Hay, are graduates of Lew Wallace.

The sewage enters the plant through 84-inch sewers entering a set of five comminutors where all solids are broken up into fine particles. It is then pumped to the grit chambers where the grit settles out and is removed. It then passes to a set of four primary clarifiers where by the simple process of slowing up the rate of flow, about 35% of the remaining solids settle out. The sewage next passes to aerating chambers holding about a million gallons of water each. Here it is mixed with an "activated sludge" and air bubbles. It requires six hours for the sewage to pass through these chambers. During this process many bacteria have been destroyed, some by oxidation from the air and some by aerobic bacteria, and the solids have doubled in size. The sewage then passes through another set of clarifiers where the remainder of the solids is left behind and the water passes on out to the lake in a form which is probably pure enough to drink.

The solids obtained from the grit chamber and from both sets of clarifiers are pumped into large tanks where fermentation processes result in the production of combustible gas which is used for power and is supposed to save some \$20,000 in fuel costs.

At the conclusion of their visit the groups went through a garbage disposal building where garbage will be compressed, cut up with grinders, and then continued on through the same process as the sewage material. This building is completed but will not be used until about 1942.

## THE STUDENT ECHO

### Student Echo

Dear Editor,

Why can't we have a pencil sharpener in the library? There is one in the study hall, but there aren't enough seats for everyone to sit in there. We are supposed to sharpen our pencils only at the beginning of the hour, but after all, our pencil points do break! Anyway, if we could use the sharpener during the hour we'd disturb the whole study hall with our grinding. So please—can't a sharpener be installed in the library?

"Needy"

Dear "Needy,"

Yours truly has investigated this matter with the following results.

There was a sharpener in the library a while back, but the consequences were astounding. On the average of one hundred ninety students tramped to the sharpener in one hour. And many forgot where their assigned seats were. In other words, they "ganged up" at the pencil recuator till it was utterly impossible to study in the library.

There are pencil sharpeners in each classroom which don't seem to complain of over-exertion.

But, Mrs. Coons says, if you really need your pencil sharpened give it to her and she'll see that it's sharpened on her own sharpener.

The Editor.

## Seven Biology and Chemistry Students Travel to Muncie

Seven students of the Lew Wallace biology and chemistry clubs attended the Academy of Science meeting held at Muncie, Indiana on November 16.

Bob Gericke, a member of the Biology Club, received an honorary membership in the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Mary Elizabeth Hybarger, also of the Biology Club, was elected vice-president of the Indiana Junior Academy of Science. "Activities of Our Club" was discussed by Bill Ingram who also presented movies of the Biology Club.

Others who made the trip included Mr. Welton, Barbara Holmes, Katherine Uskert, Dan Novak, Richard Hills, and the sponsors of the two clubs, Miss Lemon and Mr. Shelley.

The chemistry club is planning to join the state organization. The Biology Club is already affiliated with the state.

## How to Save a Quarter

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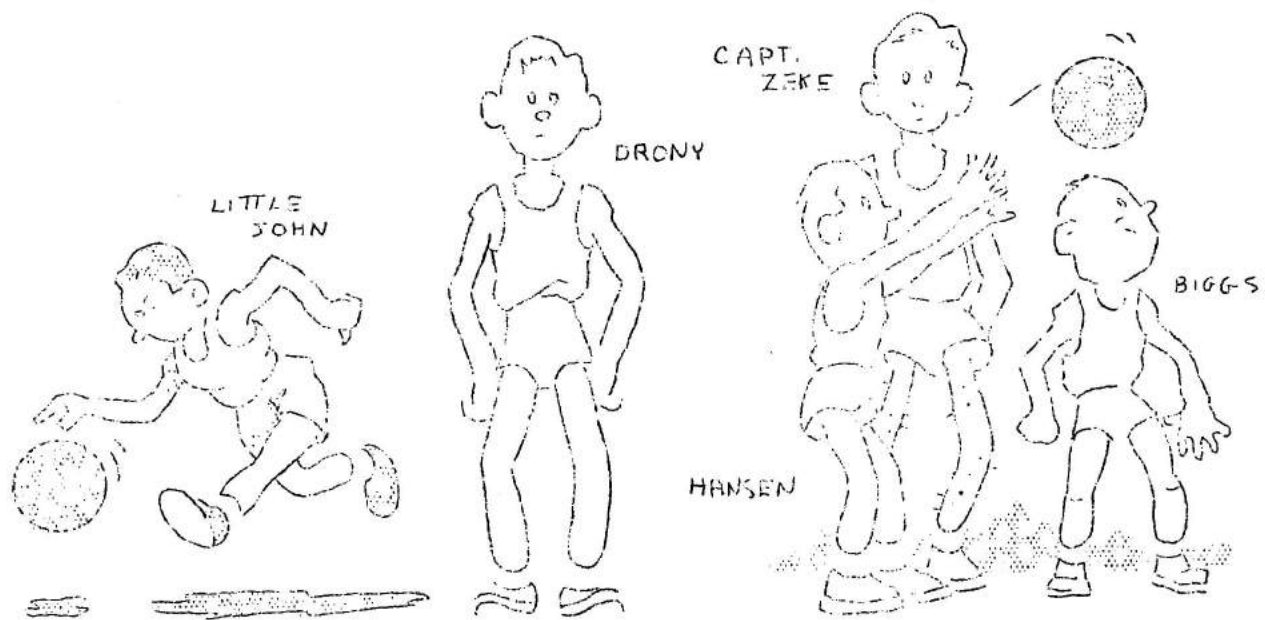
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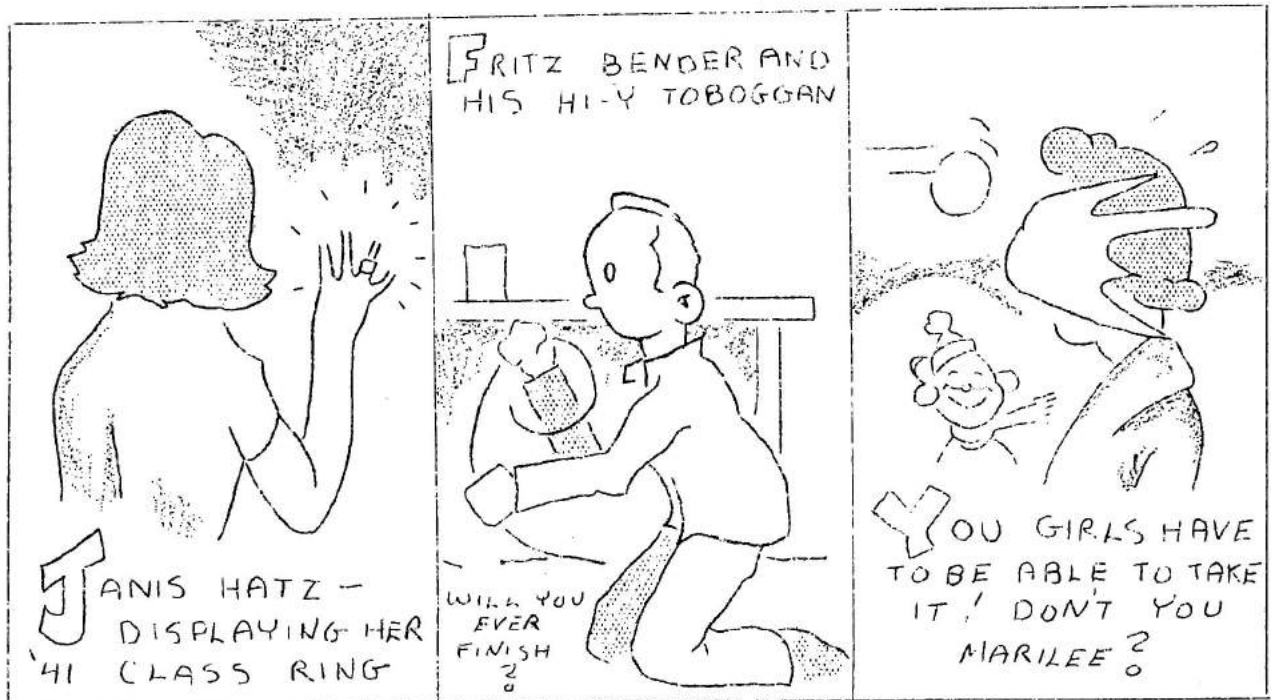
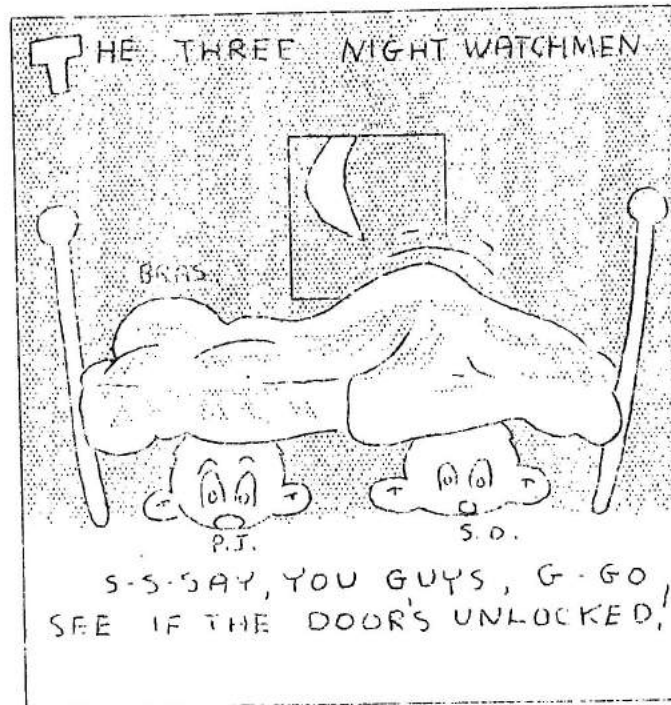
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### Varsity Checks in with Initial Win

Displaying mid-season form, the Lew Wallace basketball team opened its season by sinking the Blue Raiders of Tolleston by a 29-17 score. The team's defensive play was superior as they held the Raiders to just five field goals in the entire game.

Springing a first quarter lead of eight points to Tolleston's one, the 1940 varsity coasted to its initial win of the season. This victory was made more important by the fact that Tolleston had drubbed Froebel team by a 40-23 score the preceding night.

Steve Gaza, sharp-shooting forward, was high point man of the game with eleven points which included five fielders and one free-toss. Captain Ted Sikora, although he did not match Gaza's scoring ability, did score seven points and proved to be the team-general during the tighter moments of the game.

Teaming with Gaza and Sikora a quintet composed, at different times, of Al Shuman, George Obren, Milton Hansen, Johnny Carlson and Kenny Biggs, played a fast, accurate and winning game.

### Bet You Didn't Know

Did you know that Vera Champion is the first girl to hold the office of supreme judge in the history of the B. C. O.? Ever since the beginning of the organization in 1927, the student body has selected a boy to represent them as supreme judge. This year, however, the tradition has been broken and, for the first time, a girl holds that office. There has also been only one girl elected as president. She was Mary McCleary, who was elected in 1936 but did not serve because she moved to Ohio. Robert Bass served in her place.

### Superstitions of Football Squad

It has been said that in this modern age we do not believe in superstitions, as we know they are all "silly" and without any solid backing. I know that people of today are superstitious and I am going to take our football squad as an example to verify my statement.

When traveling in the bus to or from a game most of the players have definite seats, and believe that some of the good fortune they have had this year is due to this.

Ben Kerr always places his gum on the 50-yard line before a game and it remains there until after the final gun when Ben removes it and puts it in safe keeping until the next game. The background for this superstition is that when a freshman Ben swallowed his gum which caught in his throat and caused him much agony and embarrassment.

There are many other beliefs that the players have faith in, and stoutly declare are not foolish.

Is the football squad old-fashioned, or do even the moderns believe in such "silly" things as superstitions?

### Cross-Country Team Closes Season

The Lew Wallace cross-country team ended its most disastrous season in Lew Wallace history by finishing in last place in the Conference Meet which was held on Saturday, November 17, at Gleason Park.

The team amassed a total of 205 points but unfortunately in a cross-country race it is the team which has the least points which wins. Roosevelt of East Chicago came through as N. I. H. S. C. cross-country champions for 1940.

The nearest the team came to victory was against Edison of Gary when it lost by a 55-36 score.

Lost by graduation to next year's team will be the following seniors: Stanley Hutches, Pat Fusillo, Ramona Gibbs, Bill De Gan, Bob Barr, George Hines, Joe Longa, William Caucig, and last but not least Ray Hendrix.

### Practiced What She Preached

The girls in the 3:15 swimming class witnessed a "practice what you preach" demonstration during their swimming hour on November 15. Miss Elster attempted to tell the girl how to swim with rhythm and in time with the recordings which were being played. After the girls made a few attempts with no success, Miss Elster plunged into the pool and began to swim rhythmically to the strains of "Moonlight Serenade." The girls marveled at the grace and form shown by their teacher and now they are more eager to participate in learning the art of synchronized swimming.

With new equipment on hand, Mr. Welton's seventh and eighth grade science classes have completed several experiments that are new to them.

A ring stand, a pneumatic pan, and an alcohol lamp are among the new pieces of equipment in the grade school science room.

Some of the experiments that were performed were the distillation of water, the making of oxygen, and the cohesion of water.

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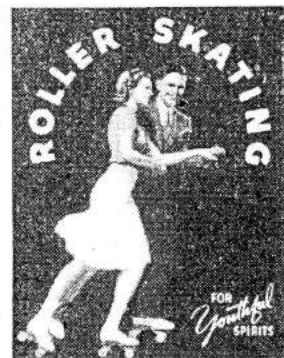
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Remember:

When Miss Nesbit didn't tell her family history to her classes?

When you didn't have to go through the third-degree to get the study hall pass?

When the Sophomore Hop was for the sophomores?—Wonder why sophs can't go to the Prom?

We Wonder:

Why the class ring Rosemary McLaughan has, has initials E. H. on the inside?—or should we wonder?

If all red-haired teachers like to give "F's" or do we have the exceptions.

If Clarabelle Barker learns her new "steps" from the captain of the Merrillville basketball team.

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Prayer for all studies:

Now I lay me down to sleep;

The lecture's dry, the subject deep;

If he should quit before I wake,

Give me a poke for goodness sake.

### Alumni News

Elizabeth Dawson was among the 397 students at Indiana University who passed the English Proficiency Examination given in October.

Dorothy Green, Irene Liber, and Eleanor Rutz, all from Indiana University, visited at Lew Wallace November 25.

Art Carrol and John Spaulding, ex-Lew Wallace athletes also visited their Alma Mater on the 25th of this month.

Bart Sikich, former basketball star, journeyed to Tacoma, Washington, to have Thanksgiving dinner.

"Chuck" Yaponzo, Jimmy Manion, and several other past performers of Lew Wallace grid-iron teams, are going to Tampa University to play football.

## Freshmen Present Three One-Act Plays

Friday afternoon, November 15, and Tuesday evening, November 19, the freshmen of Lew Wallace presented three one-act plays in the Lew Wallace auditorium.

The first play was a fantasy called "All On a Summer's Day." The cast included: Louise Hergoy, Jeanne Stanton, Donna Greathouse, Harriet Roy, Ruth Evans, Dorothy Barton, Betty Clark, and Nancy Finch. Katie Charvat was the student director.

A folk play, "Pink and Patches," was presented next. Mary Ann Drummond, Barbara Harmack, Stanley Balucki, Charles Broschart, Pat Evans, Adele Hason, Janice Hatz, and Frances Isley made up the cast. The student director was Frances Knowles.

The concluding play, a farce called "The Still Alarm," had the following cast: Dudley Smith, Randolph Hancock, Howard Pepher, Ray Doherty, Harrison Mellman, and Tom Leonard. Wanda Skidmore was the student director.

Mr. Harris directed the students and his stage craft class made the sets which were used.

In the afternoon performance between plays Dominic Candiano entertained the audience with selections on his accordion.

Mr. Hendrickson directed the orchestra for the evening production.

## It Isn't the Article, Sir!!

The Civics class took their seats, opened their *American Observers* and awaited instructions. Every Wednesday Mr. Tormohlen assigned topics to various sections of the class to read and report. He began: "Dorothy Sherman read about *Hitler's Ambitions for Germany*; Ray Hendrix read the article on *Barbering*; Marcelene Lambert read *Suggestions for the National Debate Topic*; the first two rows near the door read *International Conditions of Germany Studied* and the other three rows read *Many Past Election Problems Face U. S.*"

A general rustling of paper filled the room and then all was quiet. First a snicker, then a laugh and finally a he-haw burst forth from one corner of the room.

"That's the first time anyone has found an article in the *American Observer* funny," remarked Mr. Tormohlen. He doesn't know, but no one did find an article in the *American Observer* funny.

## Ignorance Isn't Always Bliss

Carelessness of the fact that metallic potassium ignites when in contact with any damp or wet substance, caused a decided change in John Sutcliffe's appearance on November 25.

John, a very old and wise chemist of one semester, thought he would take some metallic potassium out of class and so he placed it in the pocket of his pants. He burned his hands severely and will probably appear in a new suit.

## Speedball Varsities Chosen

The G. A. A. speedball varsities were chosen after careful consideration by the speedball sport heads and the captains of the different teams. The following people who made varsity will receive twenty-five points in addition to their one hundred points: freshmen—B. Holmes, D. Greathouse, L. Herzog, B. Topping, M. Mercer, M. Howerton, M. Danes, J. Nattell, V. Sladovic, M. Yakob, L. Nichols, E. Paterson, I. Ornelas, and I. Klodzen; sophomores—T. Shipman, J. Minnear, M. Wagner, R. Hampsten, B. O'Donnell, F. Bubas, D. Wodtke, D. Iwinski, and L. LaBarr; juniors and seniors—D. Sherman, N. Gaboian, V. Crnoevich, H. Shuman, O. Kodak, E. Michaely, A. Stiefenhoefer, V. Miller, P. Kopko, and C. Maryonovich.

A speedball game was scheduled with Emerson November 16, but because of weather conditions an indoor play-day was held at Emerson.

## So He Won't Talk

During a talk which Sergeant Crampton of the Indiana State Police gave to the Safety classes, he demonstrated a few holds in jiu-jutsu, which is Japanese wrestling.

For the demonstration in the 2:15 class he chose Joe Paveletich, our six foot, one hundred and eighty pound tackle. He showed that by learning a few simple holds, a girl of a hundred pounds could gain complete control over a man of any size or weight.

Mr. Hayes, safety instructor, then asked Crampton to show the girls a few more of the holds but Sergeant Crampton refused saying, "I have shown only one woman the rest of these holds and I have regretted that ever since." His tone of voice left no doubt in the minds of the safety students as to who that woman was.

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