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THE PONY EXPRESS
Broncos Meet Newton Team
Russell Cagers Have Seven Lettermen Back This Year

A team that can win more state basketball championships than any other team in the state of Kansas should be a tough team to beat. Such a team is Newton, whose squad is coming to Russell on December 9 to open the basketball season.

Russell's squad is helped by the fact that only one man was lost off the team because of graduation, this being Bryce Blessing.

This year there are seven lettermen back. They are Bud Smith, Glen St. Aubyn, Bernie Dumler, Bob Dole, Dick Spencer, Leon Mai, and Cole Neff. The team also should have lots of support from boys that failed to letter last year but will earn one this season. Another source of good, snappy players will be boys that have moved here from other cities and who played on teams there.

When asked how many men were to be on the first team, Coach Elliot replied that the number was not definite, but did say that at the beginning of the season there were 60 boys and that number has been cut to 24. The two managers of the team will be Rex Wolf and Charles "Red" Craven.

The second teams should also have a successful season, because of the players coming up from junior high where they have been playing for some time and have learned fundamentals of the game. Coach Skær says that from 20 to 25 boys will make up the second team.

March 21, 1940
THE PONY EXPRESS
Competition Keen for Places In Interclass Track Meet
Four Teams Engage For Class Honors; Trophy to Be Given

For the first time an interclass track meet will be held in Russell high school on Thursday, March 28, at the high school athletic field. Class captains who have been selected for this event are Leon Mai, senior; Lawrence Marsh, junior; Elmer Voss, sophomore; and Bill Ingram, freshman.

This meet will be like all regular meets in that no one person may compete in more than four events, and in that the teams will be placed according to the points they win. Five points will be given for first place, three points for second place, and one for third place. There is now on display in the library the trophy which will be awarded to the winning class team.

Good Turnout
About 65 boys reported for track practice Tuesday night so there should be a good school track team this year besides plenty of competition in the interclass meet.

This year it looks as if Lawrence Marsh and Bob Dole will be running the half-mile; Junior Reed, Leon Mai, and Ralph Tichenor the quarter-mile; Henry Wichers the mile; and Dean Dumler, Marvin Boxberger, and Leon Mai the 200 and 100-yard dashes.

Field Events
In field events Dean Deckert is working on the javelin throw, Leon Mai on the broad jump and John Bender on the shot-put.

Working on the hurdles are Elmer Voss and Bob Resley.

May 7, 1940
THE PONY EXPRESS
Track Boys To Regional
Thirteen Track Boys Travel to Hays May 11; Enter Ten Events

Russell high tracksters are training vigorously for the regional meet to be held at Hays May 11. This is the last tourney for the boys before the state meet in Emporia on May 18.

Before Russell boys could become eligible to participate in the regional, they had to place first or second in their special events in one of the last two meets which they have attended, the Hays meet on April 27, and the Union Pacific league meet held at Hays on May 4.

Will Make Trip
Boys who will make the trip next Saturday are Marvin Boxberger, running in the 120-yard high hurdles; Dean Dumler and Carl Rein, running the 100-yard dash; Dumler also runs the 200-yard dash; Henry Wichers, running the mile; Junior Reed, running the 440-yard dash; Elmer Voss and Lawrence Marsh, running the 800-yard dash; Bob Dole, the medley relay; Leon Mai, the discus throw and broadjump; Tom Edwards and Elroy Dumler who will be taken along to help out on the relay team.

WaKeeney Favored
Dean Skær, track coach, says that he does not know what schools will complete in the regional, but expressed the belief that if only schools of the Union Pacific league participate, WaKeeney will win first. However, at the Union Pacific meet held May 4, WaKeeney, favored to win, came in second, garnering eight firsts.

Russell's track team has shown steady improvement since the first of the season. Although the possibilities of a first place are doubtful, the team is expected to make a good showing.

October 4, 1940
THE PONY EXPRESS
Guidance Lessons Given Newcomers
To acquaint freshmen and new students with the various organizations and activities of Russell high school, a series of guidance lessons has been held during the past weeks under the direction of I. L. Luthi, principal.

"Clubs and Organizations of Russell High" was the subject of the first panel discussion held on September 12. Speakers were Miriam Pierson, Gale Sellens, John Bender, Peggy Lee Beck, and Helen Hoard.

"Activities in Russell High" was the subject of the second discussion. Speakers included Frances Brooks, Bob Dole, Philip Ruppenthal, Dan Lay, and Betty Zane Smith.

The subject discussed at the third panel discussion on September 25 was "Your School and You". Faculty members gave the speeches. "You, Your School, and Society" was the topic for discussion at the last meeting on October 3. Speakers were Oscar Ostrom, attorney and member of the school board, Bud Smith, Herman Search, O. G. Rouse, representative of the Russell County N. F. L. A., and Tom Kelly.

"I think such a program of guidance helps in school work as well as in the social side of school," commented Ruth Brooks, president of the freshmen class.

February 19, 1941
THE PONY EXPRESS
Bob Dole Is Girls' Ideal
Girl Reserve, Hi-Y Hold Girl-Boy Relations Meetings

Bob Dole was rated the ideal boy of Russell high school by the Girl Reserve club when they voted by ballot as a part of the boy and girl relations program. Dan Lay and Bud Smith placed second and third, respectively.

The girls discussed the ideal boy in a combined meeting with the Hi-Y club on January 21. Shirley Milberger, program chairman of G. R., acted as chairman of the panel discussion. The panel consisted of Violette Eichman, Nathalie New, Norma Jean Dole, Dorothy Lee Hays, Cleo Rein, Vera Dell Himes, Betty Jane Branson, and Mary Ann Cleverly.

Prefer Brunettes
Most girls preferred a brunette, while only three girls preferred red-heads. When asked if they wished boys to use scented soap, they answered, "Yes, it would be sweet of them."

The girls are certain that they dislike for a boy to ask a girl what she's doing tonight, because, said one of the answers on the questionnaires, it's none of his business!

The ideal boy's height ranged from five feet six to eleven feet (which the reporter thinks may have been a mistake). Most girls preferred boys to be five feet, ten inches tall.

Hi-Y Panel
Stephen Williams acted as chairman of the Hi-Y discussion held on January 23. The panel consisted of Adolph Reising, Bob Dole, Phil Ruppenthal, Wilmer Landon, Junior Michaels, Arthur Ruppenthal, Jack Cleverly, Gale Sellens, and Lawrence Ochs.

The most essential thing about a girl's character in the opinion of the boys, is that she be neat and reasonably intelligent. One of the top requirements was that she should not be a "gold digger".

One of the boys said his ideal girl would have to be blond, have blue eyes, and be president of the sophomore class.

All of the boys agreed that the ideal girl should not be moody and should use only a minimum of slang.

March 28, 1941
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Dole Represents Broncs on U. P.
As the cage season ended, the coaches of various teams represented in the league picked the Union Pacific league 1941 all-star team. Bob Dole represented Russell on the first team as center; Glassman, Cadets, forward; McKee, Hays H, forward; Gerstner, Cadets, guard; and Billinger, Cadets, guard.

The U. P. league all-star basketball team as selected by the coaches combines speed, height, scoring power, clever ball-handling ability, good team players, and a first line defensive crew. Only one of last year's all-stars repeated. Al Billinger was again a unanimous choice and was named captain of the squad by all the coaches.

April 30, 1941
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Four Captains Take the Spotlight

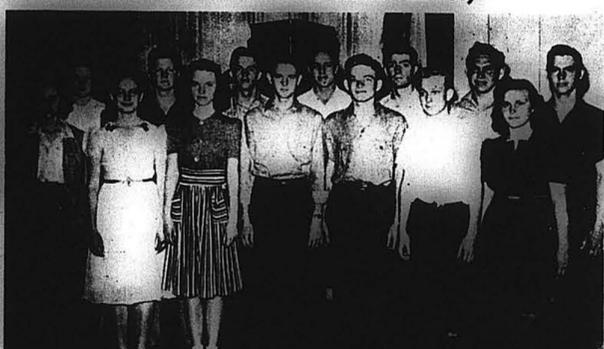


Pictured above are (top) Lawrence Marsh, track captain; Bud Smith, tennis captain; (below) Philip Ruppenthal, football captain; and Bob Dole, basketball captain.

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14 Seniors Elected to National Honor Society



Basing their decisions upon the traits of character, service, and leadership of the candidates, the senior or high school faculty selected these 14 students as members of the senior National Honor society. It is necessary for a student to be in the upper third of his class scholastically before he may become a candidate for election.

Back row, left to right: Oneta Brandenburg, Phil P Ruppenthal, Bud Smith, Bob Dole, Tommy Edwards, John Bender, Ralph Resley. Front row, left to right: Susanne Goodman, Miriam Pierson, Barbara Colvin, Wilmer Landon, Jack Cleverly, Dan Lay, and Ailene Bender.

February 26, 1943
THE PONY EXPRESS
Uncle Sam Reports
Because Philip Ruppenthal was rejected in the West Point final physical examination, Peter Grosz, alternate for Philip, will report for his last physical Feb. 25. Pete has already passed two primary physicals. If and when Pete passes the final physical, he will report to West Point July 1. A graduate of 1942, Pete is at present attending Kansas University.

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Wilmer Landon and Glenn St. Aubyn have been inducted for service in the regular army air corps. Both boys expect to leave within the next two weeks. They have been attending Kansas University. Wilmer is a graduate of the class of '41 and Glenn graduated with the class of '40.

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Ralph Resley, '41, has reported for duty at the Great Lakes Naval Training station. He has been in "boot" training for the past three weeks. He will graduate from boot training April 1 and then will receive a nine-day furlough.

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Bob Dole, '41, now attending Kansas University, has volunteered for the enlisted army reserve corps and has received his call for active service.

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Jack Harris, '42, is at present stationed at Atlantic City, New Jersey, in the signal division of the air corps. Jack will attend radio school after finishing his training at Atlantic City.

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Jack Cleverly, former Kansas University student, is now stationed in a "swank" hotel in Florida. Jack was one of the first boys at K. U. to receive his notice from the local draft board.

May 23, 1941
THE PONY EXPRESS
Class of '41, Famous Explorer, Pronounced 'Extinguished'; Last Will and Testament at Last Comes to Light

We are gathered here upon this knowledge of the Americana, the preliminary reading of the last will and testament of the deceased senior class of 1940-1941, said party of the first part having been declared dead and gone as of May 18, 1941. This decision was reached by authorities HOARD and LAY after all expeditions to find the lost party proved unsuccessful.

The deceased was declared so after the last expedition, headed by Col. Luthi and Capt. Iden, returned from the interior of deepest darkest Africa with the grim, fatal news that no living traces of the great explorer, Class of '41, could be found.

No living traces, as we have said, could be found. Traces, yes, DICK SPENCER, noted by officers Luthi and Iden, was discovered between the ribs of an alligator—the poor alligator had starved to death for lack of vitamins. WILLIAM E. T. A. SPENCER, noted by officers Luthi and Iden, was discovered between the ribs of an alligator—the poor alligator had starved to death for lack of vitamins.

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which he guarantees will interest almost any girl in school. It's the one about the man in the cemetery.

BARBARA COLVIN hopefully leaves her bass clarinet in the hands of that cheerful little carful, Gale Sellens. Perhaps his eternal noise will sound better through a mouth-piece. P. S. He's always wanted to play a "sax".

Sweet little SHIRLEY DENNIS of the undertaking parlors, wills her shy and bashful ways to quiet, meek Bobby Dolecek. (And if you don't believe he is quiet, ask the vice-president of the student body.)

ALBERTA DENNING, Russell's "milk-maid queen" wills her ability to "cadet" Cadets to Joyce Homan.

VERNON DEWALD wills his esteemed place in Miss Dinkler's affections to another country boy—Marvin Wassemiller.

BOB DOLE, who used to be bashful but it is rumored that after a certain blizzkrieg—oh! oh!—that might be gossip—anyway he leaves all he feels he can spare in the first three chapters of his book.

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MIRIAM PIERSON, the siren of Balla, leaves to Betty Lou Parker her understudy, the Balla territory for working purposes.

BETTY POLAND and CARL REIN have personally requested that their love affair of long standing be passed on to Violette Eichman and Jack Boeman.

WANDA RADKE (Miss Leach insists that she was the meepest five-year old in kindergarten) as one bonde to another—is leaving her majorettes uniform and also baton to that up and coming struttin'—Ailene Stout.

ALENE RAMSEY, a dangerous red head, wishes to give the strings from her squeaky violin to the innocent cat who had no idea that such horrible noises were to be emanated therefrom.

JUNIOR REED, among other things football and track star, wills his interest, which lies 30 doors west (that's where Wilma lives) to her—ahnt admiral, Lloyd "Zed" Craven.