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# NEWSLETTER

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**TIME &** 4:00 P.M. December 27, 1995  
**PLACE** City Hall, Council Chambers-POTLUCK  
Bring a Covered Meat Dish, and Either a  
Salad or Vegetable or Desert Dish.  
**PROGRAM** Bring your favorite old holiday  
decoration or toy to tell about.

## FIRST POLO GAME PLAYED UNDER ARTIFICIAL LIGHTS (OUTDOORS)

Johnston made history when it held the first outdoor polo game at the school on September 14, 1934. The following is a reduced copy of the first page of the Program prepared for the unique game. The next three pages are what was in the program.

PROGRAM

OF

**Dedication Ceremonies**

Johnston Consolidated School  
Johnston, Iowa

Friday, September 14, 1934

7:45 P. M.

*Arranged Under the Auspices of  
The Johnston High School Activity Association*

Dedicating the New Athletic Field

RAY HARRISON,  
Master of Ceremonies

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## Programme

- 1—7:45 to 8:05—Salute to the world with cannon. Firing at intervals of 3 mts.
- 2—8:00 P. M.—Lighting of the field, 60,000 watts of electricity.
- 3—Welcome by United States Military Band (14th Calvary) from Ft. Des Moines.
- 4—School Song and Yells by the Assembly of Johnston School.
- 5—Dedicatory Address by Dr. D. W. Morehouse, President Drake University.
- 6—Music by Military Band.

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- 7—Polo Game between the Officers of the 14th Calvary of Ft. Des Moines and the Des Moines Club of Des Moines.
- 8—Tumbling Acts by Y. M. C. A. Boys, under direction of Earl Conrad, between halves of Polo Game while players are changing horses. Music by the Military Band.
- 9—The Corinthian Baptist Jubilee Chorus, singing the latest negro spirituals under the direction of R. E. Kemp, Mrs. Sadie Thomas, President.
- 10—**Display of Fireworks**—The Galaxy of Stars, Roman Candles, Boquets, Fountains, Spinning Wheels, Bombs, The American Flag, The Star Spangled Banner by Band, Niagara Falls—GOOD NIGHT.

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L. L. PETERSON,  
Superintendent

### Foot Ball Schedule 1934

CARL SCHOLZ  
Athletic Director

September 21	MINBURN at MINBURN	Day
September 28	BONDURANT at JOHNSTON	Night
October 5	DALLAS at JOHNSTON	Night
October 12	GRIMES at JOHNSTON	Night (Homecoming)
October 19	MITCHELLVILLE at MITCHELLVILLE	Night
October 26	RUNNELLS at RUNNELLS	Night
October 31	GRANGER ASSUMPTION at JOHNSTON	Night
November 2	DALLAS CENTER at JOHNSTON	Night
November 9	ANKENY at JOHNSTON	Night
November 16	(Open)	
November 23	(Open)	
November 29	(Open) Thanksgiving	

### Kitten Ball Schedule (10c each evening)

September 18	Boys	OPAL FOODS vs. JOHNSTON JUNIOR BOYS	Night
	Girls	OPAL FOODS vs. RIVERVIEW PARK TEAM	"
	Boys	C. C. C. C. vs. PARK AVENUE CUBS	"
September 20	Three games at night. (To be selected)		

OFFICERS OF FT. DES MOINES

### Polo Players

DES MOINES CLUB

Lieutenant O'Mally	No. 1	Lucius Fitch	No. 1
Lieutenant Fleegeer	No. 2	Gail Fitch	No. 2
Captain Davine	No. 3	George Olmsted	No. 3

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## THE GAME OF POLO

*By A Novice*

The Activity Association of Johnston Consolidated School takes pleasure in announcing the first game of polo ever to be played under artificial light outdoors, in the history of the athletic world.

The game is one of the most interesting and fascinating of all the major sports, and to those who are unfamiliar with it, a brief description is given from the standpoint of an amateur.

Imagine for a moment, if you can, a game of football, hockey, basketball, football, baseball and a number of horse races, all going on at the same time, on the same field, and you have the game of polo. It has all the thrills, some spills, and chills of any high speed athletic contest.

The game begins with the referee, mounted on horseback, tossing a white ball onto the center line of the field. Two teams of expert horsemen, three men on each side in the night game, mounted on highly trained animals, make a mad dash to strike the ball with long mallets, in about the same manner as a scrimmage in football. One set of players endeavors to force the ball to a distant goal, marked by goal posts at the end of the field, and the opposing set making desperate attempts to drive the ball in the opposite direction, and the game is on.

As the contest progresses you will see a dozen or more horse races, two players dashing from one end of the field to the other, in a mad race after the ball, creating a race the like of which you have never seen surpassed on any track.

You will see these expert players striking at the small white ball on the ground with the accuracy of a Babe Ruth. You will see men and horses execute plays of offense and defense, with the same clock-like precision that you see in football and basketball.

The men play 7½ minutes. Then they change horses, as the game is so fast and furious that no animal could stand the strain. During the game 18 horses are used, and one by the referee. Three minutes elapse and then the play goes on for another 7½ minutes. These periods of play, corresponding to quarters in football and basketball are called chucks. Two chucks are played, and then the first half is ended. Ten minutes of rest is taken, and play resumed for two more chucks or the second half.

**THE SCORING**—When either team drives the white ball between the two goal posts at either end of the field, a score of one point is gained, and marked up on the score board. The side getting the most points is the winner of the game.

**STAR PLAYERS**—Every man on the two teams in action Friday night is rated as a star in the civilian group or among the officers of the United States Army. One of the outstanding players is Captain Devine, with a four-goal rating. He has an international reputation, having won many trophies on European fields and in America.

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