

# CHEERLEADER CLINIC

Alabama's high school cheerleaders are learning that yelling is an art. They go to college to perfect their gyrations.

The two-day clinic for high school cheerleaders was started at the University of Alabama six years ago. About 250 attended the first clinic. This year, more than 1,600 attended.

The clinic was sponsored by the Alabama High School Athletic Assn. Cliff Harper, director of the association, says

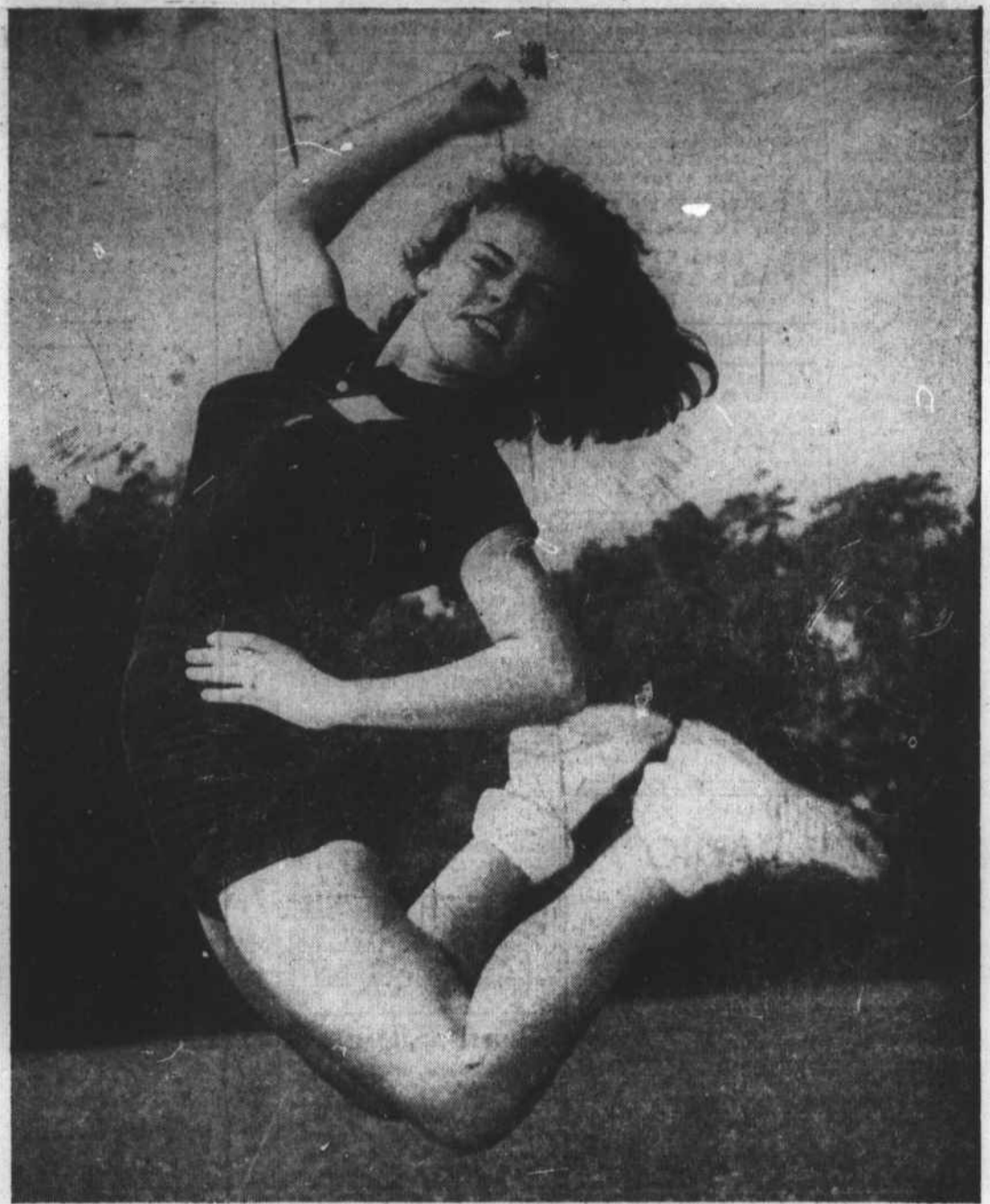
the purpose is to show the youngsters the art of crowd control, with a positive approach to cheering. The university's cheerleaders, as well as some of the outstanding cheerleaders from other parts of the country, do the instructing.

The youngsters pay a \$2 registration fee and \$1.25 a night for housing, which is provided by the university. Meals cost extra.

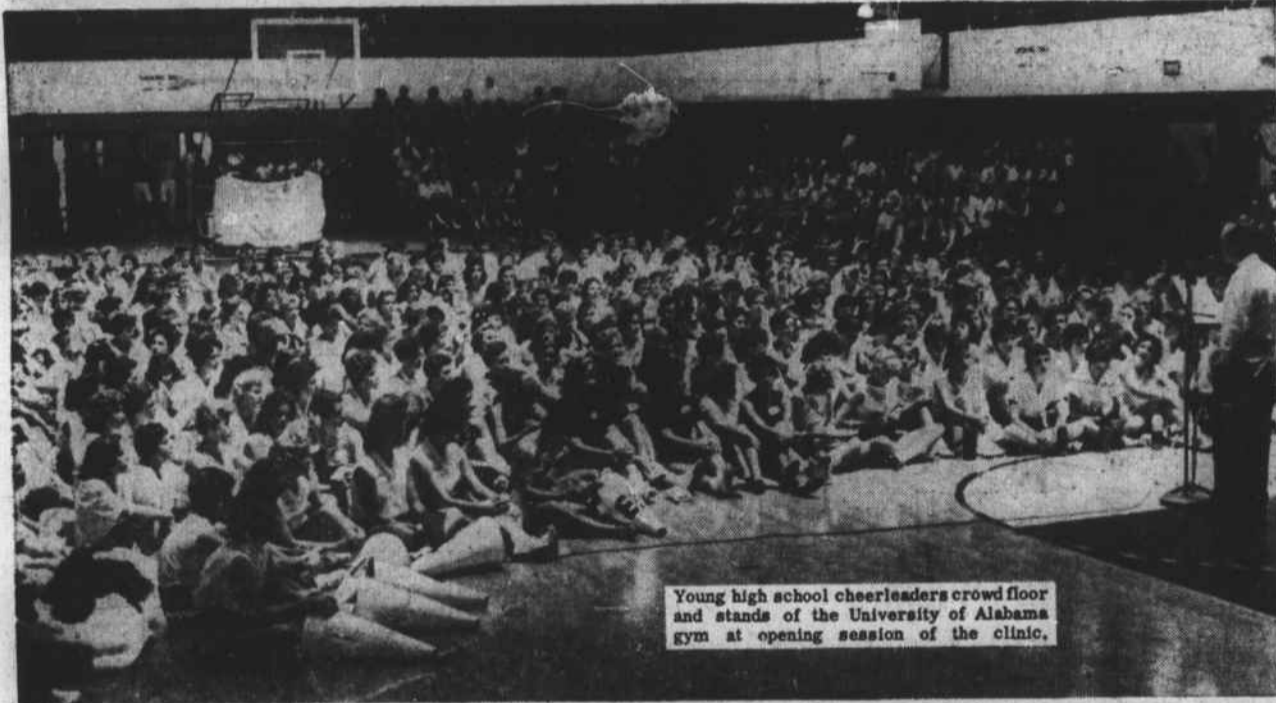
The young cheerleaders are shown being prepped for the new grid season.



HERE'S HOW. . .With a gay leap, Tommy Owens, a Tulsa, Okla., cheerleader, shows a group of Northport, Ala., high school gals how it's done at the cheerleader clinic.



"C'MON 'TEAM!" Flying through the air, Brenda Parrett shows perfect cheerleading form.



Young high school cheerleaders crowd floor and stands of the University of Alabama gym at opening session of the clinic.



University of Alabama's head cheerleader Perry West has attentive audience in girls from Holt High as he instructs them in art of cheerleading.



Pair of Alabama U. cheerleaders team up with gals from Gullman, Ala., High. Foursome are Perry West, George Perkins, Donna Shaw, and Carol Goodlett.



Revealing true acrobatic skill, Jewell Peek and Carolyn Gooden are held high by Nancy Jacobs, Jo Anna Tubbs and Bettie Homan.



Practice over, Frances Spain, smallest cheerleader at clinic at four feet, eight inches, takes off shoes to rest.

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