

Japanese Lanterns Glow At Annual Spring Prom



The 1956 Prom King, Chuck Gavin, and his queen, Sally Fomberg, pose for the cameraman after the colorful coronation ceremony held mid-way through the big dance on April 20 at Fournier's ballroom. Theme for the party was "In An Oriental Garden," carried out in the exquisite decorations, which featured Japanese lanterns, Oriental flowers, Japanese lettering, Oriental-type murals, and silhouettes and paintings of dragons, sun-idols, umbrellas and Japanese people. A pagoda throne completed the enchanting setting.

Dancing was from 8:30 P. M. to 12:30 A. M., to the music of Jules Herman's orchestra, of Minneapolis Prom ballroom fame. Appropriate songs included "Japanese Sandman" (The Grand March) and "Japanese Lullaby"; the dance programs were in the shape of Japanese lanterns. Vice royalty Faith Richards and Norman Berg crowned the king and queen. ECHS students Jo Davis and Jeff Marcus were given a chance to perform with the band, with Jo singing "Blue Suede Shoes" and "See Ya Later, Alligator" and Jeff playing "Tenderly" and "The Talk of the Town" on his trumpet.

4-H Members To Go East

Four Eau Claire County 4-H members, two of them from ECHS, and an alternate, also from ECHS, have been chosen to go to New York for two weeks this summer as part of a program patterned after the International Farm Youth Exchange program.

The members are Betty Pavelski, Eau Claire; Roger Christy, Eau Claire; Roger Herrick, Augusta; Darlene Plomedahl, Eleva; and Judy Steiner, Eau Claire, who will go if one of the other delegates is unable to attend.

The delegates were chosen from a group of volunteers for their 4-H activities, scholarship, leadership qualities, and general character. Christy, Plomedahl and Steiner are the ECHS students.

As Mr. Arnold Cordes expressed it, "We want our delegates to give a good impression of us."

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BUTTONS and BOWS

By CAROL and BONNIE
Fournier's Ballroom, which was transformed into an "Oriental Garden" the night of the Prom, provided an exotic background for a night to remember.

Girls adorned in pastel nets, gay cottons, and light, wispy chiffons drifted along in rhythm to the music. A host of different styles were displayed; everything from JUDY GRACE'S bewitching pink chiffon sheath dress with a trailing overskirt, and a rhinestone studded halter neckline, to SALLY FOMBERG'S regal white net, featuring a molded, strapless, long torso bodice leading to a bouffant skirt of frothy tiers sweeping out to waist length.

RUTHIE HORSTICK looked radiant in her dark and medium blue print cotton "eye catcher" boasting a front panel of crisp white pique cascading to a full, swinging hemline. Ruthie wore a garland of flowers across the top of her strapless bodice.

NANCY CALKINS was a vision in blue. Her crystallette dress was styled with princess lines leading to the cloud-like skirt which flowed over an underskirt of baby blue taffeta. White accessories lent the finishing touches to Nancy's blue creation.

CAROLYN OTTERSON looked like a breath of spring in her gay cotton print formal with tiny purple and avocado green flowers scattered over a white background. The scalloped bodice revealed an avocado green insert, and the flared skirt was nipped at the waist with a wide avocado cummerbund. Avocado green heels completed Carolyn's outfit.

CINDY LONG looked as delicate as a storybook doll in her dainty powder blue and white striped crystallette "charmer." A filmy stole of the same material as her formal was attached to one side of the draped bodice which extended to a sweeping, ballerina length overskirt.

The weatherman had been wrong in predictions for three straight months. At last, he sent in his resignation, saying: "I can't stand this town any longer. The climate just doesn't agree with me."

Denial: A river in Egypt.

Henke Scores in Elks Contest

Tim Henke and Don Gustafson, seniors at ECHS, recently won first and second places, respectively, in the district Elk's Constitution Contest, sponsored by the Elk's Club of Eau Claire.

The boys became eligible to take the test after they received high scores in the school test, given several weeks ago. Others who competed in the district test from ECHS were Jean MacLaughlin and Sonja Paulson.

Tim traveled to Watertown, Wisconsin, last week to compete in the state test, accompanied by Mr. Lewis Rist, ECHS social studies instructor.

Tim received \$10 and Don \$5 for winning in the school contest, and Tim was awarded \$50 and Don \$35 for placing in the city contest.

Miniature Cedar Chests Presented to Senior Girls

The girls in the senior class have been offered a graduation gift from the A.C. Mason Company in Chipewau Falls, in the form of a miniature Lane cedar chest. The girls have to call for the chests themselves, and while they are at the store doing this, they choose a large Lane cedar chest, and put its number and their name on a card. Later on, all the cards will be put together, a name will be drawn, and some lucky ECHS senior will be the owner of her favorite Lane cedar chest.

There is also an additional contest called "Lane's \$12,500.00 Graduation Contest." In this contest, the girl selects her favorite Lane model, and gets the number of it; then the parents of the girl complete a statement in 25 additional words to "I want my daughter to have a Lane cedar chest, model no. — because."

The entries are then judged on interest, originality, and sincerity. First

Contest Held at Dance

The Debaters held their annual booster dance on April 13 in the high school gym. The party, called "The Rock and Roll Romp" featured a jitterbugging contest at the intermission. Judges Sue Duax and Jerry Welter, students, and Miss Ethel Farris, ECHS speech instructor, chose Trudi Moelke of ECHS and Pat Stanley of Regis as the winners. Music was provided by Wally Otterson's orchestra.

Pupils Act as Bookkeepers

The beginning bookkeeping classes are taking part in a four to five week class project of acting as bookkeepers.

This project consists of, in a sense, "working" for a fictional company, the Evans Hardware Store. The students make out checks, invoices, and balance sheets, and handle money, and the regular business transactions, which would take place in a downtown retail store.

The project covers two months of class study, and is under the direction of Mr. Bernard Nelson, Mr. Earl Tealey, Mr. Philip Termain, and Mr. Robert Herreid.

Becker Writes Winning Essay

Senior Virginia Becker won third place in the annual VFW Auxiliary essay contest on the subject "America, Beacon of Hope."

Virginia received a \$10.00 check on April 18, when the prizes were awarded at a joint meeting of the Post and Auxiliary.

Little boy: Grandpa, did you once have hair like snow?

Grandpa: Yes, my boy.

Little boy: Well, who shoveled it off?

Dark Ages: Knight time.

prize is a \$2,500.00 college scholarship or a Ford Thunderbird. There are two second prizes, each one a \$1,000 college scholarship; and twenty-four fourth prizes, each one a \$250.00 college scholarship.

All entries must be postmarked no later than midnight, June 30, 1956.

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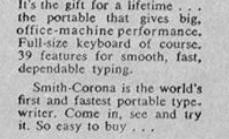
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Test Given to Juniors

I. Q. tests were given the first part of April to the juniors by Mr. Theodore Kunz. The tests are put out by Henmon-Nelson and are given to students to determine whether they're working up to their ability or not. Henmon-Nelson tests are given to freshmen and juniors only.

Assisting Mr. Kunz was Miss Carol Miller.

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