



## Girl Reserves are Busy Preparing for Holiday



The Girl Reserves have been "busy as beavers" these last few weeks. The reason for their haste is that they are preparing for Christmas. The picture on the left features Sharon Hams and Nancy Gustafson painting the window of one of the classrooms. Girl Reserves, Pat Larsen and Karen Charlson, are shown in the center picture trimming the Christmas tree in the auditorium. The picture on the right is of Sarah Yates and Carol Nelson making toys for children.

Girl Reserve members have been spending a great deal of time recently on various preparations for the Christmas holiday. Their yuletide functions include the mother-daughter tea, caroling in the halls, painting windows, trimming Christmas trees, making toys and decorating bulletin boards.

Chairmen for these activities, in the order listed above, are: Jayne Ahlstrom, Roxie Lokken, Sharon Hams, Marilyn L. Larson, Betsy Vankat and Lois Halvorsen.

As many girls as possible are encouraged to participate in these services. In the words of Miss Elli Otterson, advisor for the club, "We like to have different girls in each group so that everyone will have a chance to be active."

The annual tea, to which all mothers of members were invited, was held Tuesday, December 18 in the high school cafeteria. GR members worked on the serving and clean-up committees. Lunch was served from 3:10 to 4:00.

At the latter time, girls and their guests moved to the auditorium for the program, which was under the supervision of Ruth Horstiek. Kay Hendrickson gave a short speech of welcome. The Christmas story was read by Janet Duffy.

Her reading was interrupted at intervals for singing by the special GR Choir. Carols were also sung by the whole group, with the audience joining in.

The members of the Girl Reserve choir, in addition to singing at the tea, will carol in the halls of ECHS Thursday afternoon and Friday morning, December 20 and 21. Plans are also made for the girls to sing at area hospitals.

Included in the choir are Roxie Lokken, the director, Judy Meltz pianist, and the following girls: Janet Anderson, Sharon Burgess, Cleida Eggert, Nancy Ferguson, Patricia Finn, Beverly Goller, Bonnie Gruhlike, Pearl Hadden, Mary Hageness, Joan Hahn, Sharon Hams, Kay Hendrickson, Helen Holden, Marilyn S. Larson, Janet Lundquist, Ruth Mattison, Carol Nelson, Ardell Okesson, Rose Rone, Jackie Shepler, Marilyn Strader, Ethel Sturgis, Sandra Wangen, Carole Williams, and Donna Zurek.

A third group of girls have been decorating the windows of most of the classroom doors. The colorful paintings have been in evidence since early in the month.

The large Christmas trees which frame the stage in the ECHS auditorium were trimmed by a Girl Reserve committee on Friday, December 7. Mr. Rehm's electricity students were in charge of putting the lights on the trees.

Toy monkeys, donkeys, and octopi were made by the 15 girls who worked with Betsy Vankat. The Lovable little animals will be distributed to needy children at Christmas.

Girl Reserve members have also (Continued on Page 5, Col. 2)

MERRY CHRISTMAS

HAPPY NEW YEAR

### AFS Will Send Students Abroad

Screening started December 13, for the American Field Service International Scholarship. Any junior boy or girl was eligible for the scholarship providing they had the following qualifications: at least two years of a foreign language, they must be a junior in high school, and have at least \$600.

The American Field Service International Scholarship is an organization which brings understanding and friendship among the people of the world. It brings students from abroad to attend American secondary schools for one year and during the summer months it sends American teenagers abroad to live with families.

Those who are sent are teenagers who are adaptable, open-minded, and eager to learn. They are screened for these qualities by the AFS.

These AFS students are encouraged to partake in activities in the school, the family, and the community. The Greyhound Corporation organizes bus trips which take the students into a variety of communities in the U.S.

AFS keeps in touch with its return students. These returnees follow through on the program by writing articles and speaking to groups whenever possible in order to put into practice all that they have learned from their experiences abroad.

The American Field Service was founded as a volunteer ambulance service, carrying thousands of wounded soldiers during World War I, in 1914.

AFS committees have been set up in Austria, Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, the Netherlands, and Norway. (Continued on Page 5, Col. 5)

### 'Our Town' Tryouts Held Here This Week

"Our Town", by Thornton Wilder, a famous playwright from Madison, is going to be presented on February 12 and 13 by the Footlighters Club.

All school tryouts are being held for the play this week. There will be full rehearsal after vacation. The play is a story of life in a small New Hampshire town, Grovers Corners. The story takes place in the year 1901. It depicts the daily life in this small town of the Webb and Gibbs families. It includes the love affair of George Gibbs and Emily Webb and their attitudes toward life. "Our Town" promises to be a good show with a large cast and unusual staging.

### New Students Enter ECHS

Since September, 14 new students have entered the halls of ECHS. These students have come from as far away as Florida and as near as Chippewa Falls.

The freshman class has three new members. They are: Richard Scott who entered from Regis, Judy Franson from Altoona and Karen Dodge from Rice Lake, Wisconsin.

With the addition of nine new students the junior class now has an even number of boys and girls, there are now 500 juniors enrolled. From the Twin Cities came Gary Buetow and Jim Eddy. Susan Olson was another entry from Minnesota. Arriving from the longest distance was Steve Olson from Lake Worth, Florida. Hailing from Superior, Wisconsin were the Kenyon twins, Dorothy and Doris. Coming from Prairie Farm, Wisconsin was Dale Worth and also from Wisconsin were Mary Jane Repinski from Stanley and Dixie Brown from Durand.

There have been no new seniors since September. The sophomores enrolled only two new students. They are: David Pehlike from Chippewa and Victor Rebeck from St. Clair Shores, Michigan.

### Seniors To Choose Class Committees

Senior students wishing to be on any of the senior committees, could, during the next few weeks, sign up for one of them in their home-rooms.

These committees are for the various activities and events to be held during the year. Among them are: the Senior class play; Senior Class Day, the class will and the prophecy committees; American National Good-Citizen Award; DAR Good - Citizen Award for girls; and the Senior Banquet.

The Banquet involves the decorating of the hall, inviting the guests, planning the menu, and planning the dance, which is usually held afterwards.

"Commencement tickets to be given out are based on the number of class play tickets the students sell," stated Mr. A. Johnson, senior class advisor.

The committees will be chosen after the first of the new year.

### Debate Class Kept Active in Tourneys

Barry Robinson and his debaters have been kept busy with several tournaments this month.

December 8 they debated at Alexander Ramsey high in St. Paul, Minnesota. The question debated was "Resolved: that the federal government should sustain the price of major agricultural commodities at not less than 90 per-cent of parity." The tournament was unusual in that participants changed sides of the question in each round. In addition, they were subject to cross question. Eau Claire Senior High debaters were Jerry Welter, Betsy Vankat, Kathy Kidd, Kathy Kappers, Ann Mc Cutcheon, Jim Jones, Reed Mackensie, Barry Winrich, and Jack Powell.

The results were as follows: Eau Claire won 13 out of 20 debates and Jerry Welter captured a spot on the all tournament team.

On December 11 an invitational "B" tournament was held at ECHS. Many surrounding schools entered. Rounds began at 4, 5, and 7 p.m. Miss Rose Pribil of Wisconsin State College directed the debate.

The Eau Claire teams journeyed to Merrill, Wisconsin December 15, for an A and B division tourney. They were trying to recapture the B division trophy.

A tournament is now being held at Carleton College in Northfield, Minnesota. This year the annual tourney is on December 20 and 21. Top teams from Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin are sending their varsity teams. Debating for ECHS are Kathie Kidd and Jerry Welter, negative and Betsy Vankat and Lynn Spicher, affirmative.

### Council Plans Program

The Student Council is very busy planning for next year. An assembly committee was picked and all assemblies for next year were chosen. A program is being planned with the care of the new school as its main topic.

It was decided to start a campaign against our school property so we can keep our new school looking new as long as possible. Also a "new student orientation committee" has been started. New students will be met by a member of the student council in the same class. The new boy or girl will be shown around and introduced to our way of doing things.

A dance is being planned for the end of the year to raise money for a foreign student for the next year.



# Is it Christ or Commercial?



What happened to the Christ in Christmas? The beginning of the commercialization of this holiday is not known. Since most of us have been old enough to that there is more to Christmas than Santa Claus and presents, many people have been angered by the "commercialized Christmas."

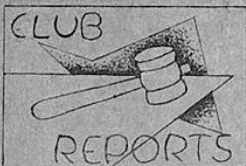
The students here at ECHS can hardly wait for the Christmas recess to begin. Think what it will mean! No homework for two weeks, getting up late and getting in late at night will be among the things that they will or will not be doing.

Although the real feelings of the teachers are Never known, they probably are most happy when the great exodus takes place.

The ministers in the city of Eau Claire are trying their hardest to get the people of their congregations into the local churches for prayers and hymn singing.

The Chamber of Commerce did an almost perfect job of presenting to the citizens of this city a religious parade a few weeks ago.

It is the hope of most people that through prayers and a reverent attitude toward Christmas, that soon this holiday will once again become what it is supposed to mean to the people of the world. Remember, the C stands for Christ and not for commercials. Please do your part!



By Sandy

During the month of November the Home Economics Club gave the Family Service Organization a Thanksgiving gift basket which was filled with food enough for a Thanksgiving dinner.

This basket was then turned over by the organization to some needy family so that they were able to enjoy a good Thanksgiving dinner.

On the 28 of November the officers of the home economics club here at the high school attended a leadership training meeting which was held at Menomonie.

The FHA and the FFA held their annual Christmas party before they left high school for a two week vacation.

## Driving Class Gets New Car

A new 1957 Ford has been added to the driver's education class here at ECHS. It is black and white and has a two-tone gray upholstery. Each year Mr. Rex Adams, the advisor, trades the car for a newer model. The trade is made at McDonald Motors.

The taffy pull, as it was entitled, consisted of Christmas caroling, boys as well as girls cooking the taffy, and everyone getting in on the fun of pulling taffy.

The Ski Club is carrying on its winter activities in a big way. The two hundred students that now belong to the club held, at their last meeting, election of officers. Elected were John Grinsel, president, and Jan Bliss, vice president. The club also decided to buy ski jackets for students that will be representing Eau Claire at the ski meets.

Mr. Nelson is happy to report that bus transportation will now be provided for the students by the city bus company. This bus service will furnish the skiers with transportation both to and from Pinchurst for a minimum price.



"We Sweep Up All the Dirt"

With all the Christmas activities going on around Senior High, news can't help but accumulate.

## THE TALK OF THE SCHOOL:

The senior girls who stopped off for a short one at DUSTY BILL'S which turned into Quite a long affair!

Menominee may have lost their game to the Old Abes but they have gained a fan...namely, Rick Carlson.

Bob Paulson and Carol Sly, who incidentally are back together, had an interesting experience a few weeks ago. Carol persuaded Bob (how touching) to take her to the Pine's Ballroom. Funny part about it was, neither of them were supposed to be out of town! Wouldn't you know, something happened to them—the car wouldn't start on the way home (likely story) and if it hadn't been for two stragglers, we wonder if they would have got home at all!

## Sneak Preview:

What is the \$75 Christmas present that Judy Catlin is getting from Ron this year? Must be nice!

For you seniors who don't know what to get your big moment for Santa time, we have an answer! How about a picture? Seems many of the gals are giving their fellas this lovely item.

Another idea for presents is matching ski sweaters. Sonja Larson and Darlene Madison are giving their buddies these for Christmas.

Karen Peterson and Len Friede noticed one day that they were dressed alike—today, now things just happen that way, huh?

Dear Lam Anders,

I am a senior girl. I went with a boy for a real long time and we really liked each other. Then he gave me a dirty deal. Now he is much more popular and is going with a real cute gal. Everytime I see him my little heart beats fast. I can not stand it anymore, I want to go with him again. Tell me, what am I going to do?

H. the Helpless

Dear H. the Helpless,

We can understand your great concern over Lover Boy now that he is very popular, BUT, may we remind you that you had your chance! However, we wish you luck in getting him back. Why not stop talking about him all the time? You might be able to forget about him more easily. Referring back to a old saying, "That's the way the ball bounces!"

Dear Lam,

I am a senior girl and I like a junior boy. I don't know what to do because I am afraid all my friends think I am crazy. He is real popular and very nice. Please advise me.

Doubtful

Dear Doubtful,

Naturally, some of your friends will think you are robbing the cradle but have you ever thought that they may be jealous? If he likes you, good, and good luck!

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Where did Odie Mork leave his belt? He swears he left it at Moehle's! Why Tim Bartingale can't take a hint....

"What little gift" did Darrell Johnson give to Kay Bernicke....

Diane Swanson was pretty embarrassed the other night when "Mouse" crept up on Pete and her! Maybe she has learned her lesson, huh?

Judy Carroll had a slumber party a couple of weeks ago...she was the last to arrive!

Some people can't seem to get it into their heads that the elections are over...they still run around yelling, "I Like Ike"

## ITS IN THE NAME:

Judy Not Laugh,

Judy Not Cry,

Judy Moon

Carole Not Sorrow,

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# All Roads Lead To Merrill ??? It's Debatable

The story you are about to read is true. Only the bus driver should be changed to protect the passengers.

When the Eau Claire debaters made their triumphant entry into the halls of Merrill High School last Saturday for the 10th annual debate tourney, they were greeted by a large poster which read, "All roads lead to Merrill."

"A basic fallacy!" declared an Eau Claire squad member. "They don't know our bus driver."

Instead of looking at the trip from a negative angle, let's view the positive side. After boarding the bus at 6:15 a.m., the debaters rolled Merrilly along for a couple of hours and suddenly realized they were in Augusta. The driver had thoughtfully planned this pleasurable side trip himself. He stayed only long enough to turn around, retrace his tracks, and return to the right highway.

Just as the passengers were doubting that they would arrive for Round I (10:00 a.m.) they learned with a jolt that they were stuck—in the ditch by a country road. Again the bus driver had been most kind. Knowing that the question for debate was the farm problem, he allowed the debaters to secure first-hand information. A few people made their way to the door (the floor was tilted to a 45° angle) and dashed to the nearby farmhouse and found—no phone. After a long walk through the thick-falling snow, Jerry Welter reached a phone and informed the officials that Eau Claire would try to make it for Round III (1:00 p.m.).

Fortunately, the debaters pulled in earlier than expected (11:45) after assistance from a road grader. They arrived complete with the "B" division traveling trophy which they were now unable to defend. This trophy has really traveled.

One word about the tournament: Eau Claire swept all of its debates! The trip back was relatively uneventful. Our friend, the bus driver, got on the wrong road only once. When requested to open the window, one of the stronger boys, finding it was stuck, pushed with all his might. Result: the window fell out. (EDITOR'S NOTE: this guy eats his Bunny Bread.)

Was the trip a success?? THAT is debatable!!!

# Odd Footprints Found in Halls Of Senior High

Strange things have been happening! Christmas is coming up and it makes a lot more work for students and teachers. There are many jobs to be done and they have to be done in a hurry.

Two students in a certain class made a wish that their jobs could be done over night, by some of those little elves Santa has working for him. Well, that night we had a fresh snow fall. In the halls the next morning there was a great deal of discussion about two very irregular sized footprints. The mysterious footprints were minutely small. Later in the day something else was discovered. The work which two students had wished would be done was done.

Now you can be sure this work wasn't done by another student who may have heard this wish because there are no other students who could have done the job and done it right.

After this strange incident the students, who made the first wish, just sort of casually mentioned something else they wished was done. They were anxious to see if the same thing would happen twice. IT DID! When the kids arrived the next day the work was done.

Since this is the Christmas season and the coming of Santa Claus is just around the corner, this truly could have been an elf of Santa's. What do you think?

# Mr. Bussell's Career Features 22 Years Of Phy Ed Teaching

One of the best known teachers in high school is Mr. Norman Bussell, who has been coaching and teaching physical education for 22 years in Eau Claire.

Mr. Bussell came to Eau Claire in 1930. Just before that he graduated from LaCorse Teachers' College where he majored in physical education.

When he first arrived here, Mr. Bussell was supervisor of physical education in the elementary schools. He also assisted in coaching the track team for Senior High.

In 1942, Mr. Bussell became the athletic director and head of the physical education department in the high school. He also coached the "C" squad, or the junior varsity basketball team, as it is now called. Mr. Bussell also introduced tumbling to high school.

In 1946, Mr. Bussell quit teaching. He worked for the Chippewa Valley Sporting Goods store for awhile and in 1950 he returned to the profession. After coming back he taught biology and tumbling for three years. He also assisted in coaching football and track.

At the present time, he teaches physical education and tumbling. He also is the head track coach and assistant freshman football coach.

In his leisure time Mr. Bussell likes to fish, swim, and make things out of wood. He is married and has a son, John, who is a freshman at ECHS.

During the summer, Mr. Bussell directs the YMCA Camp Manitowish.



By Judy & Sue

To the average teenage girl, clothes are the most popular gifts from Santa Claus. This year is no exception and in his bundle Santa has already delivered many bright fashions. Some of the letters Santa has already received are:

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a gray and white flowered cotton quilted skirt and a white jersey blouse with a black bow around the neckline. This outfit will be very practical for the holiday parties.

Mary Oestreich

Dear St. Nick,

I saw the dreamiest red jersey dress that I want for Christmas. It is princess style with quarter-length sleeves, a scooped neckline, and slim fitting skirt. Please Santa!

Phyllis Wendt

Dear Fatso,

On the top of my Christmas list you'll find a princess style dress of navy blue flit. Short sleeves, scooped neckline and rhinestone buttons down the front of the blouse are some of its fashionable points. See you next year.

Emily Whitney

Dear Mr. Claus,

Would you please bring me a Jantzen black knit skirt and a short sleeve black sweater to wear to all the gala holiday festivities.

Carolyn Peterson

Dear St. Nicholas,

For that something special on my Christmas list this year, I want a party length blue taffeta dress with a full skirt and scoop neckline. Can't you just see me dancing in this outfit?

Judy M. Johnson

Hi Santa,

Please deliver to my house a pink, scoop necked jersey blouse to be worn with a charcoal felt skirt. I sure would appreciate it.

Barbara Steinke

Dear Fatty,

My special fashion desire is a gray (Continued on Page 6, Col. 5)

# THE NEWS

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## Uthrotar Chosen For December



Rick Carlson

Every month a Uthrotar is chosen by the Dean of Boys, Mr. John Thorngate, the senior class advisor, Mr. Allen Johnson, and any other teacher interested in the project. The Uthrotar must be in the upper part of his class and participate in school activities. This month their choice was Rick Carlson, who will attend the Rotary meetings every Monday during December.

He has been very active in and out of school in the past three years and is just as busy this year. Rick is captain of the basketball team and plays forward on the first string. He is also senior class president which is another big job. In his junior year, he was chosen to attend Badger Boys State and was business manager of the junior class. Rick is also an active member of the Stump Club.

He enjoys all of his subjects equally well and during the summer months he worked at Walker's Paint and Wallpaper store.

Rick plans to attend college at Eau Claire Teachers College, where he will be taking a general course.

When asked if he thought choosing a Uthrotar every month was worth while, he replied, "It gives a guy a chance to find out what he wants to do later on."

## Radio Students Give Storytime Program

Storytime, a children's show, has been started again this year by the radio speech classes. It appears on television each Friday night during the school year at ten to five.

This program is directed at the children between the ages of five and ten, although other age groups listen. Storytime has taken on a new and different appearance this year. The storyteller dresses up to help tell the story and shows pictures to add color to the show. When holidays or other special days draw near the students usually have a story pertaining to the special event. All the stories appearing on story time have supposedly come from the Big Story Book.

The students from ECHS taking part in the program so far this year are: "Chips" Flodin, Kay Furrer, Leonard Friede, Sue Quella, George Brown and Sonja Jaeger.

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## Silk Screening Being Taught In Print Shop

Sophomore, junior and senior classes taught by Louis Wisbroeker, are being taught silk-screen printing. Every student throughout the year will complete at some time or another a silk-screen project of some kind. Some of the projects the boys will be doing are as follows: monogrammed stationary, posters for programs, colored lettering for announcements, or work on any type of silk-screen printing of their choice, to fulfill a class requirement.

Wisbroeker explained that the silk-screen work is reproduced within a wooden frame to which the image to be printed is fastened. The stencil is carefully cut so that a reproduction will be sharp and clear. The teacher also said the unused part of the screen had been masked off to prevent the ink from penetrating to fulfill a class requirement.

"The film used for stencils is two-ply material fairly transparent," said Wisbroeker. The work to be printed is placed under the film. They are fastened in place over a hard surface. A sharp, pointed knife is used to cut through the top layer of the image or copy. The top ply of the image is removed permitting the ink to go through the screen. Some of the stencils are adhered to the silk with water, others with a special liquid.

## Elks and Shrine Hold Program for Children

On December 11 a Christmas program was given for the handicapped children. The program was sponsored by the combined effort of the ELKS and SHRINE. It was presented at the Elks Club.

Approximately 60 children arrived at 10:30 a. m. for treats and prizes. For their entertainment Howard Trickey, a well known local announcer, acted as master of ceremonies.

Mr. Krammes of the speech department, asked a group of high school students to entertain the children with various acts and readings. Students participating in this were: Roger Christy's "German Band"; Jeanine Anderson singing Christmas songs; and Joy Borum doing a pantomime. The following people did readings; Lynn Spicher "The Littlest Snowman"; Roger Winter, "Why the Chimes Rang"; Kay Furrer, "Bell of Christmas"; and Lenord Friede, "Christmas Without a Santa Claus."

## Davis Furthers Musical Career

Very pretty and talented Jo Davis, a recent graduate from Eau Claire High School, has gone a long way in the musical world since she left the halls of ECHS last June. After graduation last spring she obtained a secretarial job. Jo worked for Charles Lamb, promoter and publicity manager for many of the Grand Ole Opry stars. Through this job as secretary she was fortunate enough to meet many important people that are helping in furthering her career.

Although Jo's main ambition is to become a famous hillbilly singer she also is very talented in singing pop and jazz songs.

While she was in Nashville she was on radio shows singing both modern and country style music. Jo appeared with famous recording star Chet Atkins and others.

Jo recently signed a singing contract with Decca Records. In January, after a month's vacation with her family, she will return to Nashville where she will start recording. If her records are popular—she will then appear on the Grand Ole Opry television program.

## News in Brief

**Coach Gibbs off Sick List**  
Mr. Gibbs, our new basketball coach, was on the sick list for a week from November 26 to December 3. He was in the hospital due to complications of an abscessed tooth. When the tooth was pulled, his jaw became infected from the poisons in the tooth. He was on a liquid diet for a week and lost about fifteen pounds.

### C. Otterson is Top Typist

One of a series of monthly typing contests, sponsored by the Madison Business College, was held on November 30 at Senior High.

The beginners test is for five minutes on unfamiliar copy, while the advanced contest is for second-year typists and is for ten minutes. Both have penalty deductions for any errors.

The results of the contest are as follows: advanced typists, with net words per minute; Carolyn Otterson, 67.8; Kathryn Krause, 51.3; and Sharon Schultz, 50.7. The beginning contest winners were: Linda Owen, 40.9; Luther Werth, 37.2; and Carol Goetz, 31.0.

### Job's Marshal Elected

Carolyn Gabrielson, a sophomore, has been elected Marshal of the Jobs Daughters Bethel. Carolyn has been an active member of the organization for two years. She has sung in the Jobs Daughter's Choir and has held the office of first messenger. Carolyn is now in line to move up to the position of Honored Queen.

### Show's Cast Holds Party

On November 28, the final night of the variety show, the cast and crew held a party in the gym. Jim Stillman's "Dixieland Band", one of the show acts, played for the dancers.

Cokes were constantly on hand and many couples danced while holding their cokes. Even the show's director, Miss Jean Jacobson, jittersbugged with Mr. Larson, a practice teacher. At 10:30 p.m., the party ended with much laughter and many empty coke bottles.

### Stump Club to Hold Dance

The Santa Claus Gallop dance, sponsored by the Stump Club, will be held on December 21 from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. in the high school gym.

This is an annual dance and is one for which the gym can be decorated.

### Masako Entertains Visitor

A Japanese foreign exchange student, Teruko Hori, visited our foreign student, Masako Shirmamura, from November 26-30.

Teruko is a senior at Northrop Girls School in Minneapolis. "Mako" visited Teruko at Minneapolis for a couple of days in November.

### Home Ec. Sponsors Tea

The home economics department sponsored a tea for the faculty December 12, in room 111, from 3:00 p. m. to 5:00 p.m. Miss Stanelle's junior and senior foods classes prepared a variety of Christmas salads and breads. Punch and coffee were also served. Miss Stanelle, Miss Remol, Miss Herbert, Miss Zawacki, Miss Zeilinger, the five home economics teachers, were hostesses for this annual event.

### DeMolay Sponsors Dance

The Eau Claire De Molay is sponsoring their annual ball December 28, at the Masonic Temple.

Music will be furnished by Bob Leighton and his orchestra. Couples will dance from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Tickets for the dance may be purchased at the price of \$2.50 from Dave Hanson, Rod Moses, Jerry Haunschild or any other DeMolay member.

A senior comment: "She was so thin I'll bet she's afraid to go out alone at night for fear some poor, starving dog will take her for a bone."

## Letters to Santa Claus Intercepted by Reporter

I have committed a federal offense by intercepting some of the mail headed for the North Pole. This mail, addressed to Santa Claus, is very interesting to read. Here are a few of the letters that were sent by students from our own ECHS:

Dear Santa,

Please... Bring me a better report card next nine weeks... with no red marks like there were last time!

JERRY SMITH

Nicky,

We have both been good boys this year. Will you bring us a couple of cute little dolls... about 5 1/2" with blonde hair and blue eyes.

Your "pea-pickin'" pals,  
WAYNE SLETTEN  
&  
DAN HOTCHKISS

Santa,

All I want for Christmas is a valid drivers license so I can... oh well, we won't go into that now.

FRED TURK

Dearest Santa,

Would you be so kind as to bring back that old friend of mine. And Santa, if you can't do this, then scratch him off my list!

Love 'n Kisses  
BARB STEINKE

## Tea Held for Economists of EC Area

A post-Thanksgiving open house for home economists in the Eau Claire area was held in room 111, on November 27. As well as introducing the home economists to the new home economics teachers on the Eau Claire High School staff, it served as a project of Miss Elaine Stanelle's advanced food classes, giving them experience in hosting as well as planning and preparing for guests.

Janice Olsen, of the fifth hour food 11 class, greeted the guests and gave them a name tag corsage of bitter-sweet encircled with a white paper dolly to which their name was attached.

Miss Remol, chairman of the home economics department, introduced the visiting teachers to the new teachers of her department.

After a short get-acquainted period, a light supper was served. The girls had prepared a menu of turkey puffettes, molded cranberry salad with fruit dressing, nut bread, Hungarian coffee cake and tea rolls, with a variety of pies for dessert.

The buffet table was laid with a green cloth and set with yellow tapers in tall, crystal candle holders flanked by a wicker cornucopia that contained arrangements of fall flowers in yellow, bronze and brown; and a pilgrim lady carrying a bouquet of bitersweet.

Teachers from the surrounding area and dieticians representing local businesses were guests of honor.

Operating assistant: "Be careful doctor. That's the table you're sewing up."

"Whiskers",  
Please bring me AT LEAST ONE nice boy to take me out so I won't have to sit alone every night during Christmas vacation.

Thank,  
"THE LITTLEST GRINGO"

My Dear Santa Claus,

Would you please leave a year's supply of marbles in my stocking on Christmas morning? I need them for study hall to throw at the teachers.

A. NONNY MUS

Hey Chubby,

Bring me a real MEAN watch dog to chase away all the girls that keep following me around.

BOB BAKER

Fats,  
Bring me a candy machine that won't take slugs. PLEASE!!

ROY GILBERTSON

Rosy Cheeks,

Please bring us a big package of good luck... enough to take us through the state tourney victoriously.

THE OLD ABES

Now I'll have to hurry and seal these letters again and send them off to Santa, so he'll get them before Christmas. We have to give him enough time to fill the orders!!!

## Season's Greetings Foreignly Expressed

At Christmas, everyone seems especially happy and "Merry Christmas" is heard everywhere.

Have you ever wondered how people in other countries wish a Merry Christmas to each other? Here are a few of the expressions used, but as for the pronunciations, well that's up to you!

- Glaedlig Jul ..... Norwegian
- Lycklig Jul ..... Swedish
- Housha Joulua ..... Finnish
- Sugach Nodlog ..... Irish
- Een Prettige Kerstimis ..... Dutch
- Vesele Vanocce ..... Czech
- Buon Natale ..... Italian
- Kalla Chrustongenna ..... Greek
- Boldog Karacsony Unnepeth ..... Hungarian
- Westoyck Swiat ..... Polish
- Rojdestvom Christofina ..... Russian
- Feliz Navidad ..... Spanish
- Joyeux Noel ..... French
- Froliche Weinachten ..... German
- Alegre Natal ..... Portugal

How do you say Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year? Well we have a few of those too!

Feliz Navidad un proprio ano Nuevo is Spanish. Joyeux Noei et une bonne Annee is French. Froliche Weinachten und ein gluckliches Neujahr is German, and En lykkelig jul och ett godt nytt is the Swedish greeting.

Now in good old English, I want to wish you a very Happy Christmas and a Merry New Year. (Ooooops!)

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### 'Tis the Day After Santa

'Tis the day after Christmas  
And inside and out,  
The holiday carnage  
Lies scattered about.

And Mama with a wet towel  
Atop of her head,  
And aspirin tablets  
Has crawled into bed.

The kiddies, God bless 'em,  
Are raising a din,  
With thundering drums  
And shrill trumpets of tin.

While Pa, like a school boy,  
Forgetting his years,  
Is all tangled up  
In the bicycle gears.

Old Duffer, the dachshund,  
Delightfully smug,  
Lies knawing a carcass  
Upon the new rug.

And Muffet, the kitten,  
Deprived of a lap,  
On the dining room table  
Is taking her nap.

Plaid neckties and pink socks  
And what-nots galore,  
Await their exchange  
At the five-and-ten store.

While tidbits and knickknacks  
Of leftover sweets,  
Must furnish the menu  
For future day eats.

'Tis the day after Christmas  
And once every year,  
Folks are willing to pay  
For their holiday cheer.

With toothaches from candy  
And headaches from bills,  
They call up the doctor  
And order more pills.

### Students Take Bank Trips

Trips to the banks of our city were made by the general business and bookkeeping classes.

These trips are an annual affair, and made during the regular classes. The bookkeeping classes made the trip December 5, and visited the American National Bank. The general business classes made the trip early in October and toured the Union National Bank. Thus if a student takes a full course, he could see both banks.

At the bank, the students are divided into groups headed by a bank employee, taken behind the window and shown how the money, checks, safety deposits, and other matters are handled.

After the visit the students should be able to write a report on their trip.

### Programs on TV, Radio Sponsored By Senior High

ECHS sponsors six programs in affiliation with our local radio and television stations. The programs are written and broadcast by various members of our radio speech classes.

Friday, on television, a flick of the dial at 4:50 will bring you Storytime. This program appeals to children from the ages of kindergarten through the fifth grade.

The program, School Reporter, is also presented on Friday at 5:00 over WEAU television. Each person, representing one of four area high schools, has five and one half minutes to tell of the latest happenings at his school.

Saturday, on radio, we have several programs sponsored by our school. They are:

9:00 Station WRFW High School Hits  
10:30 Station WEAU Scrapbook  
11:15 Station WBIZ Old Aches Report  
11:30 Station WBIZ Teen High Tunes  
Teen High Tunes is broadcast by three of our area high schools, each one having it every third week.

Don't forget to watch for these programs that are sponsored by your school.

### Red Cross Drive Proves Successful

The annual Junior Red Cross Drive was conducted during November here at ECHS. The 1956 drive showed an increase over last year's campaign.

Freshman homerooms boasting 100% membership were those of Miss Remol, 113; Miss Zellinger, 110; Miss King, 217; and Mr. Nelson, 318.

Leading sophomore homerooms were those of Mr. Cordes, G-4; Mr. O'Brien, 213; Mr. Vleck, 210; and Miss Landfair, 102. Junior homerooms took the lead with one extra room. They were: Mr. Adams, 214-A; Mr. Ballard, 214; Miss Hebert, 114; Mr. Hokanson, 212; Miss Tjoflat, 203; and Mr. Mandelholm, 302.

Among the senior homerooms having 100% membership were: Miss Grandy, 219; Mr. Lystrup, 306; Mr. Martin, 309; Mr. Torgerson, 311; and Mr. Ford, 304.

Contributions of the four classes resulted with the freshmen donating \$46.49, the sophomores, \$31.44, juniors \$29.90, and seniors donated \$40.11, bringing the total to \$147.94.

A total of 1,587 students participated in the campaign making it a huge success.

Synonyms put punch into the conversation. For example, try calling a Yank a jerk!!

### Classes Held To Improve Students Reading Ability

Would you like to improve your reading? At the present time about ninety students are attempting to do just that. Under the guidance of Miss Viola Tjoflat, these students are trying hard to reach the top rung of their reading ladder by enrolling in the Reading Improvement Classes.

Classes are open to any and all students interested in learning how to become better readers. They may enter any one of these classes on a voluntary basis by exchanging a study hall period for one in the reading room. The length of time spent in the class depends upon the nature of the student's difficulty.

In order to meet the needs of all students enrolled, the time allotted to them is usually two or three periods a week for a period of nine weeks. If the student wishes to remain longer he may do so. Some students have enrolled for a period of time each year since they were freshmen.

Through this reading course, students learn how to read for various purposes and to adjust one's speed to these purposes so that the rate of comprehension will be high. The Reading Accelerator or Rate Controller is a device used to increase one's reading speed. Through the use of this machine, a student learns to develop a high power of concentration, and because of this, he comprehends what he reads.

Another machine used is the Tachistoscope. This device flashes words, phrases, sentences, and numbers on a screen at a speed ranging from one second to one one-hundredth of a second.

Positive results have been accomplished by at least 95% of the students enrolled.

If real achievement is to take place, every student must put into practice what he has learned.

### Criticism Constantly Given to News

Getting out this paper is no picnic. If we print jokes, people say we are silly.

If we don't they say we are too serious. If we stick close to the office all day.

We ought to be around hunting material.

If we go out and try to hustle, We ought to be on the job in the office.

If we don't print contributions, We don't appreciate genius!

If we do, the paper is filled with junk.

If we clip things from other papers, We are too lazy to write them for ourselves.

If we don't, we are stuck on our own stuff.

Now, like as not, some guy will say, We swiped this from some other paper—WE DID!

Have you heard about the stunning stenographer who left her coat in the office and took her boss to the cleaners?

### Inquiring Reporter

While asking around, our inquiring reporter found a number of interesting New Year's Resolutions. Here are a few of them:

Kathleen Stallard: I'll try my best not to be so sarcastic to "Hamburg-er."

Carolyn Johnson: I resolve that I will never kick Rick again, even if he does bite.

Curt Tweeth: I resolve to wear suspenders for obvious reasons.

Chuck Mason: I'm going to find something good about Elvis Presley, if there is any!

Pete Loken: I resolve to never slough off in any class.

Alice Tealy: I'll try my hardest to grow a little.

Barb Gramenz: Pete knows it better than I do.

Mary Olson: I resolve to quit pestering Bruce Wogahn in radio class.

Helen Ball: I promise that I'll loathe the boys more than ever.

Prudy Larson: I'll never let a rabbit's foot influence my life again.

Rob Luchsinger: I'll keep my vocabulary up to date in Sarg's class.

Dick Childs: I'll give some girl a chance.

Barb Hill: I'll be real nice to all junior boys.

Steve Meyers: Since I never do anything wrong, what's the use in having one?

Emmie Horstick: I resolve to quit beating up on John.

Tom DeMars: I'd make one but it would do no good.

Tom Bernicke: I promise to quit teasing a certain R. C. about his girls.

Steve Stolp: I'll try to be on time more often. It has good results.

Don Smith: I promise to spread myself around the girls more evenly.

Jim Henderson: I'll try to be more like Edison and discover.....

Wayne Heuer: Guess I'll be just as nice as I was this year.

Fred Turk: I promise to be a sweeter little boy to "Zut."

Joan "Cookie" Frank: I will try to do the job of two and fit the shoes of my sisters.

Jeanne Steinbring: I'll try to throw bigger and more parties than my sister.

Have you made your resolution yet?

### Sophomores Discuss Party

The sophomores held their second class meeting November 3. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the future sophomore party which will take place during February.

Kay Furrer, class president, explained that the main purpose of the party will be to get the sophomore class together to raise money.

Some of the home room chairmen are also committee chairmen of the following committees: publicity, Sue Engebretson and Betsy Draper; entertainment, Sue Severson and Lynne Nelson; tickets, Lonnie Peterson; chaperons, Gloria Staberg; music, Louis Arnold; refreshments, Linda Miles; and Kathy Turny, coat checking.

### Tea Held At ECHS To Acquaint Girls With Cottey College

A tea was held on December 11 in the high school cafeteria to acquaint the sophomore, junior, and senior girls with Cottey College.

The school, located in Nevada, Missouri, is a junior college for girls. It was established in 1884 by a benevolent organization, the P. E. O.

There is a variety of courses that may be taken at this college. Law, medicine, nurses training, business, art and music are among the many other degrees may be obtained at Cottey College.

Mrs. Connor T. Hansen, of the AP chapter here in Eau Claire, was the chairman of the group holding the tea for the girls. There was a social period after which slides and pictures pertaining to Cottey College were shown.

Names were taken of the girls interested in obtaining additional information about the school. Leaflets and bulletins from Cottey were also shown at the tea.

A loan fund is offered at Cottey College and the P. E. O. also provides a scholarship for any needy girl so that she might attend the college of her choice.

Anyone interested in finding out more about this school, who was unable to attend the tea, may talk with Mrs. Coffman, the Dean of Girls, about Cottey College.

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Steve Surguy, Old Abe wrestler, makes every muscle work as he tries to break from underneath Amery opponent.

## ECHS Wrestlers Lose Amery Victorious, 30-18

On Wednesday, December 6, Eau Claire Senior High lost to Amery 30-18, in their first try at interscholastic wrestling.

In the first match, which was the 103 pound division, Don Young had to forfeit because he was above the weight limit. Young wrestled anyway and pinned his opponent in one minute and forty-five seconds.

Bill Perry, in the 112 pound class, won his bout by a decision. He defeated the Flyers' wrestler 6-3, and gave Eau Claire three points.

Eau Claire lost the next three bouts by pins. Amery floored Lenny Stewart in 3:42, Steve Surguy in two minutes, and John Turk in 2:56. They were in the 120, 128, and 136 pound weight divisions respectively.

Cal Blaisdell then scored Eau Claire's first pin, flooring his opponent in the 145 pound class in three minutes and ten seconds.

At this time, the score stood at 20-8 in Amery's favor. Amery then won the next two bouts. Pinned by the Flyers' wrestlers were Dick Turk, 155 pounds and Gary Schuch, 165 pounds.

Fritz Bushendorf, in the 180 pound

class, gave Eau Claire a second victory by a pin. He pinned his opponent after quite a tussle with him, but still beat him in four minutes and thirteen seconds.

In the final match of the night, heavy-weight Tom Hessler, laid his toe from Amery on the mat for a pin in about the shortest time of the evening. The time was 36 seconds.

The Abes "B" squad also lost to Amery. The boys who scored for Eau Claire were: Tom Anderson, Mike Bridges, Fred King, and Larry Schaffer. The first two boys won by forfeit, the third by a pin, and the last by a decision.

The boys who lost were: Tom Scheils, Dale McFarlane, Pete Anderson, Howie Kildahl, and Curtis Hutchins.

After the final match, the score stood at 25-18 in Amery's favor.

At the assembly held on December 3, Mr. Gallagher showed the student body the fundamentals of wrestling. The boys who demonstrated for him were: Curtis Hutchens, Tom Hessler, Cal Blaisdell, Dale McFarlane, Pete Anderson, John Franey, John Turk, Tom Scheils, and Fritz Bushendorf.

# Old Abes Win Sixth Straight Game



The volleyball tournament ended Monday, December 17. The results were not known before the paper went to press.

The "Spikers" in the lead with four wins and no losses. The "Spikers" consisted of: Donna Hrubesch, Jeri Carlisle, LaVonne Hrubesch, Jean Helstrom, Joann Baker, Judy Johnson, Bonita Carey, Mary Howell and Marlene Felton.

The "Crazy 8's" and the "Spark-plugs" were tied with two wins and two losses. The "Crazy 8's" were: Elsie Kolka, June Koppin, Judy Mautz, Sandy Rusch, Barb Aberg, Connie Clark, Kathy Smith and Katy Paulson. The "Sparkplugs" were: Fay Henning, Karol Kuemmerlein, Judy Toya, Sharon Oatman, Janice Anderson, Nancy Jordan, Judy Zurbuchen, Anne Missman, Bonnie Berg and Judy Stelter.

The champs of the girls volleyball tournament will play the boys intramural volleyball team.

The basketball games will start after Christmas. The team must have eight or more girls.

## E.C. Wins Third Big Rivers Game

The Eau Claire Old Abes won their third Big Rivers Conference game and their fourth straight game at LaCrosse November 29 by overcoming a strong Central five 56-48.

Assistant coach, John Haig, subbing for coach Gibbs, led the Abes to their win although three Eau Claire regulars fouled out. Rick Carlson, Tom Partlow, and Dick Tornowski were benched on account of fouls, with Carlson going out in the second quarter, Partlow going out in the early moments of the fourth period, and Tornowski getting benched with ten seconds left.

The high scorers for the Abes were Wagner with 18 and Niermeyer with 16, with Niermeyer getting 12 of his points in the second half. High man for Central was Heins with almost half of the Raiders' points, scoring 23 out of their 48.

## Gallagher's Grapplers Lose to Menominee

Coach John Gallagher's Grapplers were edged by the Menominee Indians by a score of 22-16 in their second match of the season.

Tom Hessler, using his massive body of weight and powerful strength, pinned his man in the second round for five points, John Turk, stocky 136 pound senior, dominated the action from the start of the match. The match ended in the second round, when John's opponent received an injured shoulder. Turk was then awarded the match along with five points.

Donald Braaten, 103 pound sophomore, won his match by a decision and added three points to the Old Abe total.

Husky Tom Anderson, 165 pound senior, won his match by a decision to account for the remaining Eau Claire points.

Other varsity members who competed were Fritz Bushendorf, Gary Schuch and Steve Surguy who were out-classed in their matches.

The "B" squad defeated the Indians by a score of 25-23. The Abes picked up their points on five pins.

Said the Florida man, picking up a watermelon: "Is this the largest grapefruit you can grow in these parts?"

"Stop!" said the Californian, "You're crushing that raisin!"

## Senior High Victorious Over LaCrosse, Chippewa Falls

As expected, the Eau Claire Old Abes trampled rival Chippewa Falls in an easy 64-38 victory last Friday night at the State College.

The Cardinals, coached by Tom Lehman, fought hard but just didn't match the ability of the Old Abes. This was their third defeat in seven starts.

After the beginning of the second period, it was easy going for Eau Claire. Three field goals by Tom Partlow, and single baskets by Wagner, Lee, and Carlson gave the Abes 12 consecutive points. The score at half-time was 34-14.

Captain Rick Carlson lead the attack with 8 buckets in 14 tries and 7 out of 11 free throws. Partlow, Wagner, and Carlson were the leading rebounders for the evening.

Last night the Old Abes played Marinette in their second meeting. The game was our fourth conference game.

Our next two games are also conference games. We play Wausau January 4 and LaCrosse Central on January 11.

Dale McFarlane: "It's been a long time since Christmas. I can't even spell it."

Eau Claire's Old Abes made hard work of their fifth straight win of the season by coming from behind to defeat LaCrosse Logan at the college gym here, Saturday night December 8, by a 49-44 score.

Taking most of the game to overcome the effects of a cold-shooting slump in the first quarter, Coach Harry Gibbs' crew caught Logan midway in the third period, built up a slim lead and held it until the final whistle.

Logan, absorbing its second defeat against four wins, held the lead almost all of the first half and might have kept it longer except for a shooting slump in the second half.

Tom Partlow and Neal Wagner saved Eau Claire's scoring with 16 points apiece, but just as important in the victory was the play of Don Lee, making his first appearance of the season. Lee entered the game midway in the second quarter and sparked the Abes with his fast accurate passes and driving floor game.

Wagner and Partlow, helped by Lee's passing, shook off their cold shooting of the first half, to score 10 points apiece in Eau Claire's drive to victory in the second half. They each countered six points, as did Rick Carlson, in the first half.



Neil Wagner, 44, E.C. gets the jump on Raymond Schoenfeld 22, of LaCrosse Logan, while Rick Carlson, 14, and Tom Partlow, 34, wait for the ball.

## Eau Claire 'Bees' Cop 3 Out of 5

The Eau Claire "Bees" drubbed the Chippewa Falls B-squad 57-15 Friday night at the college gym.

The win was the B-squad's third win in five starts. "Hud" Gelein was high man in the scoring spree with 13 points, while Bob Steidtmann was second with 8. John Coggins comes in for some special notice for his sparkling floor play and playmaking. In their first game, the B-squad stopped the Jay-Vees cold, 55-35. "Hud" Gelein was high man for the B-squad with 15 points. LaCrosse was clobbered 55-24, with Mike Tiegte, Skip Van Gorden, and John Coggins each swishing in 8 points. In their next game, the "Bees" got swamped by a sharp-shooting guy named Plank who poured in 40 points for the Gilmanton varsity. The rest of the Gilmanton team contributed 31 more. The final score was Gilmanton 71, Eau Claire 46. High scorer for the B-squad was Harold Gelein with 18 points. In their fourth game, the Young Abes got mixed up with another LaCrosse team. The final buzzer had LaCrosse on top, 37-34, with Gelein again top man with 13 points.

## Hockey Added To Curriculum

Hockey, one of the newest sports added to the ECHS athletic curriculum, will be getting underway as soon as the ice permits. Mr. Marshall Barnes is the hockey coach.

Last year the team had four matches scheduled but all were canceled because of ice and weather conditions.

About thirty-five boys have signed up so far this year. Only five of them are back from last year's team. These boys are: Bob Stringer, Pat Krause, Gordon Blexrade, Jim Anderson, and Jerry Haddeman.

The hockey rink is located on First Street, south of the railroad track. Mr. Barnes is trying to schedule six or eight matches with teams in the surrounding area. So far Mr. Barnes has scheduled two matches with Wausau, one here and the other at Wausau.

Mr. Barnes says, "This is a thrilling sport, fast and probably more exciting than any other."

## STUDENTS SENT ABROAD

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 1)

Last year's AFS student was Ruth Horstlick. She spent the summer months in Germany.



The Northwest Officials, in conjunction with the WIAA, sponsored a football and wrestling dinner at the Senior High School December 8.

Main speakers were John Novak, who talked on basketball offense, Don Snyder, who detailed on basketball defense, and Gordon Paschka, who spoke on high school wrestling.

Among the panel of officials who went over current high school cage rules were Harry Gibbs, John Gallagher, Harley Hesselman, Sam Young and Len Ellison.

Intramural basketball has once again entered the limelight. Rex Adams Freshman-Sophomore and Junior-Senior Leagues have organized teams playing on Monday and Tuesday nights. In the Freshman-Sophomore Leagues after the second round, the standings are as follows:

	Won	Lost
Bed Bugs	2	0
Bowery Boys	0	2
Electrified Five	0	2
Flying Saucers	0	2
Giants	0	2
Precocious Five	2	0
Runts	1	1
Slap Shots	0	2
The Unit	1	0
Wahl's Worms	0	1

In the Junior-Senior League the standings after one round are:

	Won	Lost
Razorblades	0	1
Gonads	0	1
Beiger Seven	0	1
Dozens	0	1
Bogetymen	0	1
Hot Shots	1	0
Hound Dogs	1	0
Feeble Five	1	0
Rockets	1	0
Wonder Boys	1	0
Units	0	0

The YMCA Bush League has also been underway for two weeks now. The teams in the league are: Turk's Trotters; Shiel's Stars; Beiman's Bombers; and Bement's Bums.

The opening games were played last week results are as follows: Man's Bombers defeated Shiel's 29-28. Turk's Trotters were downed by Bement's Bums 47-29.

## GIRL RESERVES

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 5) been busy trimming the school bulletin boards with Christmas decorations. The girls put much time and work into this project. It will be appreciated if all students leave these decorations where they were placed; please co-operate and don't mess up the bulletin boards.

On Sunday evening, December 9, girls from the club acted as ushers at the Male Chorus Concert.



The Junior Cheerleaders spell out VICTORY during the pep assembly. They are, from left to right: Judy "Shorty" Fjellstad, Jean Jacobson, Jane Waterpool, Jo Tronsdal, Barb Benson, Carolyn Neperud, and Sherry DeMars.

A pep assembly was given for the student body, Friday, December 7, in the high school gym.

Mistress of ceremonies was senior cheerleader, Teresa Lahner. The student speaker was Neal Wagner and Coach Harry Gibbs also talked to the assembly. The junior cheerleaders presented a skit entitled "The Mystery Behind the Green Door." Judy Kruger started the skit off with a short introduction. Sue Anderson, Judie Persiko, Karen Gabus and Judy Ecke represented La-Crosse Logan and came into town riding a bicycle built for four. These four girls sang their version of "Green Door" and "Singing The Blues." The remaining seven cheerleaders, Sherry DeMars, Judy "Shorty" Fjellstad, Jane Waterpool, Jean Jacobson, Carolyn Neperud, Jo Tronsdal, and Barb Benson repre-

sented victory for the Old Aves, the secret behind the green door. They sang "Here Comes Santa Claus" (Logan) and "Mutual Admiration Society." Judy Kruger ended the skit with a short announcement.

The senior cheerleaders were just as busy as the juniors on December 7. They sponsored a school dance, Friday night, called the "Crystal Ball." Jim Stillman's newly formed band played for the affair. Those in the band are: Ben Olson, Jim Stillman, Steve Meyer, Keith McFaul, Jerome McFaul, and Brad Easterson.

Another pep assembly was given Friday, December 14. This assembly was held to arouse the students pep for the Chippewa Falls game that was to be played here that night.

Senior cheerleader, Sally Fomberg acted as mistress of ceremonies.

Pat Soley, and Dave Worth.

The basketball schedule for the games after Christmas vacation stands as thus:

Opponent	Date	Where
Chippewa	Jan. 11	Home
Agusta	Jan. 15	Away
Colfax	Jan. 18	Away
Eleva	Jan. 25	Away

Also after vacation, the FFA is going to hold its corn-for-polio drive. About 35 to 40 boys will take part in the drive, which will be held on a Saturday.

Several of the boys will drive pickup trucks around the Eau Claire area and get the corn. With each truck there will be two boys serving as helpers.

After all the corn is collected it will be sold to a grain elevator. The proceeds will then go to the Infantile Paralysis Foundation.

The chairman for this is Joe Schimmel and his assistants are Roger Christy and Gary Mayer.

Last year the boys collected \$290.61 and that was the first year that they held a drive.

That amount can pay for the hospital care of one person for a month or buy a youngster a pair of leg braces.

## Safety Precautions During Christmas Make Holidays Fun

Each year many homes are destroyed by fires due to the careless handling of Christmas trees.

If each and every one of us would take certain safety precautions, a safe and Merry Christmas would be had by all.

Use these safety precautions:

1. Keep base of tree in water, be sure base is substantial and cannot be easily tipped over.
2. Keep tree away from doors, exits, etc.
3. Keep tree away from heat, registers, radiators, etc.
4. Examine all electric wiring prior to placing on tree.
5. Do not place electric trains underneath tree.
6. Remove tree from premises as soon as possible.

### Make This a Fire Safe Christmas

When you smoke, stay away from the Christmas tree. Use glass wool or asbestos "snow" instead of cotton for decorating. Remove your gift wrappings as soon as possible, to a safe place outdoors.

## Teachers, Please! Say What Your Mean

1. This is not very important.
2. This assignment is not difficult in the least. You should have no trouble with it.
3. Yes, dear, and what is troubling you?
4. Do you have an excuse for your absence?
5. This is your school, and we know you want to keep it in good condition.
6. You get less credit for work that handed in late.
7. Do you agree with that, class?
8. Some of the class should go on to college.
9. I'll admit the test was rather difficult.
10. No.

### TEACHER MEANS:

1. Mark this, you will have it in a test.
2. This is very hard. You are probably too dumb to understand it, but study it anyway.
3. Hurry up, you dunce! I have work to do!
4. Let's see you prove that you didn't skip yesterday.
5. Just wait until we find out who has been carving on the desks.
6. It is easier to throw all the papers in the basket at once.
7. The preceding statement was incorrect.
8. Many of you will never get out of ECHS.
9. Only four students passed.
10. No.

### Home Ec Class Has Party

Miss Zawacki's home economic classes had a coffee party for their teachers. The second period classes had their party Friday 14, while the third and fourth period classes had a party Thursday, December 13.

Each student in these classes asked a teacher to the party. All the food served was made by the classes. The food was served buffet-style. Informal conversation was carried on during the party.

### THE BROOM

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Carole Not Fear;

Carole Bliss

Jim Not Milkman,

Jim Not Iceman;

Jim Oatman

Kay Not Silk,

Kay Not Cotton;

Kay Furrer

Nancy Not An Eagle,

Nancy Not An Owl;

Nancy Swan

Bill Not March,

Bill Not April;

Bill Mai

Barb Not Miss Berg,

Barb Not Iceberg;

Barb Aberg

Tom Not Ocean,

Tom Not River;

Tom Lake

DeMolay is coming up...we'll have the full report on that later!!

We hope you've all been good kids this year and that you get everything you want from Santa. Have fun now and we'll see you next year. Mary Not Engebretson, Mary Not Lueck; Merry Christmas! And, now, as one famous novelist wrote, THE END!

### FASHION FOCUS

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tweed skirt and a gray tweed top with a bulky knit front. Also bring a pair of black flats. This outfit is a eye catcher.

Karen Twest

Dear Santa Claus,

To top all Christmas wishes I would like a navy blue sheath dress. It has three fourth length sleeves and a turtle neckline. The neckline and sleeves are trimmed in white. Merry Christmas.

Marilyn Mueller

Good-bye Focusers, see you in 1957. Judy and Sue want to wish you the best of Christmases and the happiest of all New Years.

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#### HIGHLIGHTS

By DeWayne

On December 21, the FFA is going to hold a Christmas party at their regular meeting held during the noon

One feature of the party will be a quiz show. All members will be on one of two teams which will oppose each other. The team that answers the most questions right will get a team prize. Each individual will also get a prize for each question answered correctly.

Gifts will also be exchanged. The price for the gift cannot be above 10 cents nor below 5 cents. Treats for the entire group will be given out.

Mr. Cordes, the advisor, says that they always have a great time at the party.

The chairman for this party is Steve Surguy, and he is assisted by John Soley, Larry Pederson, Lloyd Sorenson, Joe Spehle, and Tom Kaul.

The top five basketball players have now been picked for the FFA basketball team. These boys are: Gale Zich, Jack Powell, Gary Mayer, Roger Christy and Don Bushendorf. Subbing for these boys are: James Wahl, Steve Surguy, Eugene Gunderson.

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