

# The News

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Girl Reserve members making decorations for Christmas: Seated left to right, they are: Jane Hagensen, Barb Jarver, Judy Finn, June Kopplin, Judy Johnson, and Karen Gabus. Standing are: Kathryn Kappers and Janet Quigg.

## Girls Decorate Trees, Doors; Give Tea, Sing Carols in Halls

Girl Reserve members are as busy this year as they have been every other year, preparing for the Christmas trees, caroling in the halls and mas season. They decorated bulletin boards and windows, trimmed Christmas trees, holly and a noel greeting. Kathryn Kappers, Eleanor Vefeld, Dagny Okeson, and Karen Gabus were the chairman for the respective groups.

### News in Brief

#### Stump Club Sponsors Dance

The annual Santa Claus Gallop, sponsored by the Stump Club, took place on Friday, December 13, in the high school gym.

Dancing was from 7:30 to 10:30 to the music of the Pied Pipers. Prizes were awarded for the best drawing of Santa Claus on a black board. Barb Jarver won first prize which was a live goose. Second prize went to Gayle Wrigglesworth and third place went to Dan Roscoe. Shirley Jacobson walked away with the booty prize which consisted of an egg and a box of chicken feed.

Originally organized in 1908 as a debate or forensics club, the Stump Club has put on its annual Christmas dance for over 24 years.

#### Senior Composes Piano Piece

One of the main features of the Christmas Concert presented by the choir and orchestra was a piano composition written by Brad Easterson, a MHS senior.

It took Brad approximately three months to write the selection, entitled "Flame in Shadow". The piece was played as a duet, with Sally Hibbard and Brad at the pianos.

#### M. Duffy Rates High in Test

It was recently announced that Marcia Duffy is one of the semi-finalists of the National Merit Scholarship Program.

The program is sponsored by about sixty business and industrial firms in the United States.

The semi-finalists now face a three hour college board examination. This will be given January 11. The winners of this examination will take another test. From these finalists the winners of the scholarships are determined.

#### DeMolay Sponsors Annual Ball

The Eau Claire De Molay is sponsoring their annual ball December 26, at the Masonic Temple.

Music will be furnished by Lynn Kern and his orchestra. Couples will dance from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Tickets for the dance can be purchased from a De Molay member.

#### Elks to Hold Holiday Dance

The Eau Claire Elks Club is sponsoring its annual dance to be held December 28, at the Elks Club. Dancing will be from 8:30 to 11:30. The music will be furnished by Paul Marcus and his Pied-Pipers.

## Debaters Attend Oratory Events

On Friday, December 13, and on Saturday, December 14, eight MHS debaters, and coach Barry Robinson traveled to South St. Paul for a tournament.

The tournament consisted of four rounds of debate and individual events.

All eight MHS debaters were entered in debate. They were: Ann McCutcheon, Kathy Kappers, Jim Jones, Len Friede, Reed Mackenzie, Jerry Welter, John Hibbard and Eric Middelfart.

In the individual events MHS had two boys who made the finals in Original Oratory and who placed third and fourth. They were Jim Jones and Len Friede.

In debate Kathy Kappers and Ann McCutcheon were the only MHS team that won all four rounds, with MHS finishing with a very impressive record of 12 wins and only 4 losses.

The other MHS debaters traveled to Merrill on the fourteenth and also turned in an excellent record.

## Abes Football Teams Hold Annual Banquet

Monday, December 9, the annual Old Abes Football Banquet was held in the Memorial High Cafeteria. After a fine meal the football awards were given out.

Letters were given to all the boys on this year's "A" squad. Trophies were given to Kirk Clark and Mike Tietge for blocking and tackling. Mike was placed as end on the 1957 Big River Conference football squad, the All-Northwest Wisconsin squad, and on the All-State team. Kirk received honorable mention in the Big Rivers Conference second team and on the second All-Northwest team as guard.

Mr. Bussell and Mr. Gallagher gave speeches at the banquet. Bruce McDonald presented Mr. Bussell with a gift and John Hibbard gave gifts to Mr. Nelson, Mr. Gallagher, Mr. Berg and Mr. Poquette.

Dan Hotehkiss and Bruce McDonald received awards for their part in cross country events.

## Resolutions Made For Coming Year

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS--

Some people make 'em to be kept. Some people make 'em and break 'em. Here are samples of this year's resolutions. (These kids will have to keep 'em.)

Mr. O'Brien—"I'm so perfect I don't need a resolution."

Al Perry—"I resolve to quit parking." (What about it Priz?)

Jack Hoard—"I resolve to quit ushering at the State Theater."

Laura Holbrook—"I hereby resolve never to chase another Ford."

Jim Mantheil—"I guess I'd better give up my Henry J."

Roger Thorson—"I resolve to stop biting Karen Garlie's ears." (That will be pretty hard to do.)

Don Jordan—"When I make my first million, all the kids will get free pizza."

Fred Button—"I resolve to stop giving Mr. West a hard time."

Judy Eke—"I am never going to talk to Tom again."

Ellen Perrin—"I promise not to start any more fights with Al."

Vera Hasart—"I resolve to wear turtle-neck sweaters from now on."

We're sure that all these resolutions will be hard to keep, but knowing these kids it won't be hard.

## Letters to Santa

Do you realize that I'm committing a federal offense by reading the letters written to Santa, and telling you what is wanted by a few of our students? You don't? Well, I can only be sentenced to 20 lashes with a wet noodle. Enough of my trouble, I've got the letters and I'm sure you're as anxious as I am to see what is ordered for Christmas.

"Dear Whiskers,"

How about bringing me one of those self-assembled harems from Arabia? They're all in style I hear tell.

Steve Hoffmeister

"Dearest Sweet Santa,"

Would you be so kind to fill my request and bring the guy I like best? And Santa, if Craig isn't available, you'll just have to use your own judgment in finding a substitute.

Anxiously waiting,  
Lynn Everson

"Dear Santa,"

All I need for Christmas is a pair of new waders...the fish keep going farther and farther out into deeper water and all the big ones get away.

Truthfully,  
John West

"Dear St. Nick,"  
I have more trouble losing my locker key, so please bring me a magnalized key.

Love and Kisses,  
Geri Geisert

"Dear Red Nose",

If you have a spare one I could use a Deed to Bauers'.

Many thanks,  
Roger Casper

Well, how did this one get in here? A letter addressed to Mrs. S. Claus. This could prove to be interesting. Shall we snoop?

Dear Mrs. Claus,

I know this is a rare one indeed, but I don't think Santa would be of much help. Could you give me the ability to understand men, (boys too) better. Maybe if I get the over-all picture I can understand Curt.

Thank you ever so much,  
Carolyn Peterson

We could all use a little of that knowledge, huh girls?

I hope you all get your wish and I'd like to add one that I'm sure is felt by everyone. I wish the NEWS could come out on time just once this year.

Bye 'til next year.

## Traditions, Decorated Trees, Wreaths Are Important Parts of Christmas

Don't forget to be at church at seven o'clock for the church carol concert tonight, will you?"

"I'll be there!"  
Every year we hear conversations such as this. We hear of people putting up the Christmas tree, hanging the wreath on the door, sending greeting cards, hanging mistletoe over the door to catch some unsuspecting person. Yes, we take these events for granted. Did you ever stop to think what your Christmas would be without these traditions?

Our Christmas would be like one without snow if it were not for these things. It would seem strange not to have a bright tree in our home each year, wouldn't it?

Strangely enough, several of these customs originated with the pagan people instead of the Christians.

Mistletoe was once held sacred by a group of people known as the Druids. Today, however, we look at this custom with a different idea in mind.

A fir tree was once placed in the Roman temples to signify a holiday or commemorate a festival. This is how the idea of a Christmas tree began.

The use of wreaths or branches for decorations had been ascribed to various sources. For years the Christian churches forbade the use of the wreath because of the fact that it was widely known that the pagan people started this to announce a great feasting day. However, this feeling is no longer present and wreaths are a very important and festive part of our Christmas holiday.

## Students Pledge Money For Annual Red Cross

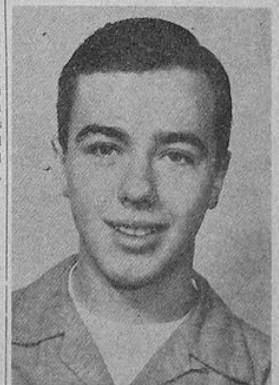
The annual Junior Red Cross Drive was held from November 18-27. The total intake from the drive was \$103.44.

In return for the money the students gave they received a small Red Cross pin and a card making them Red Cross members.

Miss Remol, who was in charge of the drive, said that a total of 1,096 students contributed. The seniors gave a total of \$32.28, juniors \$30.36 and sophomores \$40.96.

Homerooms with 100% were as follows: seniors: Mr. Adams, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Novak, and Miss Tjoflat; Juniors: Miss Berg, Miss Landfair, Mr. Rosene, Mr. Wisbroecker and Miss Buxton; sophomores: Mr. Bussell, Mr. Craemer, Mr. Martin, Miss Remol and Mr. Weber.

## J. Welter Is New Uthrotar



Jerry Welter

Jerry Welter was chosen Uthrotar for the month of December. He has been attending the meetings of the local Rotary Club for the past two weeks.

This active senior, our AFS representative in Sweden last summer, tell of many thrilling moments he experienced.

He has been a debater since his freshman year and has been on the first team for the past two years.

Jerry, along with "Chips" Flodin, has a radio show on Saturday evening.

His plans for the future include a college education. As of now he has not decided which college he would like to attend.





Hi! Hope you all have a Merry Christmas! We know we will!  
Things sure have been popping around here lately, namely... the pop concert! Fuuuunnnny!

One way or another, it seems that Barb Benson is always cheering a basket... lately it was in her home-room, when instead of finding a ball going into the basket, she found herself!

In the last issue, we made a prediction that Gary DeBussan would be the next boy sought after by a senior girl... but, it turned out to be Freddie the... well, Jim Fallon! Hummmmm.

**CAN YOU IMAGINE?**

Al Perry not walking Priscilla to every class?

Chuck Davey walking somewhere?

A boy at a Girl Reserve meeting?

Emmy Horstick with a duck tail?

Larry Schuch caused a slight riot in first period chemistry class when he started to pass a card around which listed the rules for golf course conduct...funniest thing! Anyone interested in some real entertainment, see Larry!

Dreamy Dates for DeMolay:

- Larry Kittledad ..... Vera Hasart
- Dick Hove ..... Julie Wilson
- Jon Hillman ..... Judy MacElwaine
- Terry Moore ..... Sue McMahon

Along with DeMolay, will be the annual Elk's dance. A detailed report on those two gala events will come in the issue following our vacation.

Bonnie Bolier is in a pickle... now she knows the statement, "Out of sight, out of mind", is right! This vacation should prove quite interesting for all concerned!

One of the cutest couples around school is Del Patraz and Bill Hess... they dress alike most of the time.

Poor Clarence! His last name caused a sudden change in his hopes for romance with Judy Finn!

Well, don't stay up to late tonight... yapping your term papers! Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year... hope to see all you happy people around come 1958!

String and Pete

HICK TOWN: One where if you see a girl dancing with a man old enough to be her father, he is.

**'B' Squad Makes Excellent Start**

The "B" squad this year has already made an excellent start winning both of the games so far this season.

The squad is made up of five juniors and eight sophomores, who in the words of Mr. McGinnis, "B" coach, "are developing very rapidly."

So far this year the "B's" have held two practice games with Altoona and Stanley, winning both.

The squad has also defeated the Rhinelander "B's" and the "B's" from La Crosse Central.

The Rhinelander game proved to be a very exciting game with the "B" squad winning in the last few seconds by the score of 51-50. Outstanding player in the game was junior ace, John Schaaf, who is also the high point man for the "B's."

The La Crosse game proved to be an easier contest for the "B" team as the squad drubbed La Crosse by the score of 52-31. Along with the shooting of Schaaf, John Quella and John Harsh helped the "B's" to an easy victory with their excellent job of rebounding.



Have you seen the new French tie blouses? They go as they are... their ties catching eyes. These blouses have a reversible button-on loop to match the tie or the loop can be removed.

Many of you girls will be getting something new for the holidays. A dress which will attract the attention of many is the new sack-back dress. It is a plainly styled sheath which can be worn for sporty or dressy occasions.

It seems that everyone had the mistaken idea that when the girls donned their winter skirts it was good-bye to bouffant skirts and billowing petticoats. How wrong they were. For winter full skirts are just about as popular as pencil skirt skirts.

These winter hits are featuring every kind of material from flannel to quilted cotton. (Many bets that no one would have guessed a couple of years ago that the same flannel used in pajamas would be used in girl's skirts.)

Sharon Jacobson has a full quilted skirt with a blouse to match. The material which is a colorful print makes an attractive outfit. Mary Lueck has a light blue and white striped, circular skirt and Lynn Everson sports a dark plaid skirt. Jackie Paape looks chic in blue-green plaid quilted skirt which is accented by her melon red sweater.

An idea to keep in mind: They kill the chill like nothing else will!!!!!! LONG UNDIES!!!!!!

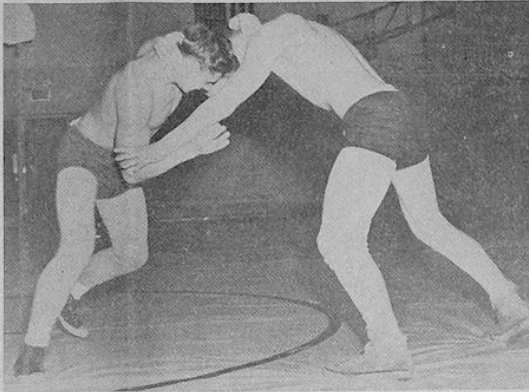
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**Abes Face Memominee Tonight**



Straining his muscles, Bob Nicolai tries for a takedown in the December 10 match with Memominee.

**Abes Lose First; Chippewa Wins 62-61**

After last night's game with Marinette, the Old Abes will be again faced with tough opposition. Tonight the Purple will meet the Menominee Maroons. Eau Claire carried a 1-0 conference record into these games. Wausau has been the toughest competition for both Menominee and Marinette this year, beating both teams.

Eau Claire's hopes for an undefeated basketball season were smashed Thursday, December 12, when the Red Men from Chippewa Falls handed the Abes a 62-61 defeat.

The much under-rated Chippewa five battled gamely, but futilely, through the first three quarters and part of the fourth before unraveling the Abes' defense and evening the score at 53-all and then going ahead, 58-57.

It may have been an altogether different story had not Tom Partlow missed an Eau Claire free throw at 61-60 with only five seconds left. Mike Tietge of Eau Claire and Ken Wiesner of Chippewa went up to battle for the rebound, resulting in a foul on Tietge and two gift shots for Wiesner, for which he calmly swished.

The ball was thrown in to Dick Tornowski who sent a shot winging half the length of the small gymnasium. The ball wavered on the edge of the basket and finally fell into the hands of Tietge, who stuffed it through just as the buzzer rang, so the referee thought. However, the official timer said no, and the scorers bench was promptly besieged by the disappointed Eau Claire fans and coaches.

**Abes Score Second Win, 56-51**

The Old Abes edged the La Crosse Central's Red Raiders, Friday, December 6, by a score of 56-51. The game, played in La Crosse, gave the Abes their first conference victory in as many starts.

Eau Claire led at the end of each quarter although tied a number of times in the first and pressed in the third and fourth. The scores in order at the quarters were 17-12, 28-19, 39-37, and 56-51. It was a hard-fought contest all the way, but spotted with erroneous free throw shots.

Hud Gelein sparked the team with his rebounding and led both teams in scoring. He had ten field goals and a free throw for 21 points. Next in scoring were Bruce Neuman and Tom Partlow with 13 and 12 points respectively. Dick Tornowski with 6, John Coggins with 3, and Mike Tietge with 1 made up the rest of the scoring. It was John Coggins who froze the game in the last 20 seconds by stealing the ball and making a basket.

**Hockey Underway; Captains Chosen**

The lettermen on the hockey squad held a meeting and elected the co-captains for the 1958 season. Dick Hove and Jim Anderson were the two chosen for the post.

This year's schedule has been rounded out and shows eight matches. They are as follows:

- January 11.....Wausau
- January 15.....Murray\*
- January 23.....Murray
- January 31.....Winona\*
- February 1.....Wausau\*
- February 7.....Merrill
- February 15.....Merrill

\* home games  
A game is on tap with Rhinelander, there, but the date is not definite.

What we need is child labor law to keep them from working their parents to death.

Some publisher is going to put out a book called "Who's Whose in Hollywood."

**Abe Wrestlers Start Season With 2 Wins and 1 Loss**

Opening their second season with a bang, the Old Abes wrestlers whipped New Richmond 35-15 in the match held here December 3. Coach Gallagher's matmen proved victorious in seven of the ten matches.

The "B" squad won their match having six pins and one decision.

Edged out by one match, Eau Claire lost to Amery 23-21 in the match there, December 5. The Old Abes were on the verge of victory when heavyweight Curt Hutchins was defeated by a decision in the last grueling match.

The 103 pound class was lost to Amery by forfeit. Bill Perry beat his 112 pound opponent by a decision.

Eau Claire also took the next two, with both 120 pound Larry Schaeffer and 128 pound Steve Sarguy winning by decisions.

Amery then capped the next three matches with pins. Fined were: 136 pound Bob Nicolai, 145 pound Cal Blaisdell, and 155 pound Warren Dohms.

The Abes came back with Bob Turk, 155 pounds, pinning his Amery grappler, and 180 pound Lloyd Sorenson pinning his foe. Heavyweight Curt Hutchins was then defeated by 8-5 decision.

The "B" squad won their second match by a score of 25-19.

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