

SEASON'S GREETINGS

AFS STUDENTS

This year Memorial High will participate in a new program sponsored by the American Field Service Exchange Student Programs.

New Zealand, because of its climatic conditions, has offered the second semester of this year as an exchange student instead of the usual summer change.

MHS has sent two applications to the program for consideration. The two from MHS are Suzie Linton and Eric Whal. Qualifications for this program were: scholastic record, personality, and interest shown by a theme.

If chosen, Suzie or Eric would spend the second semester of this school year in school somewhere in New Zealand.

ELKS DANCE

On December 29th the Elks Club will hold their annual Christmas dance.

Dancing will be held from 8:30 until 11:30 p. m. to the music of the Pied Pipers.

The dance is open to all the sons and daughters of Elks Club members and their guests.

The dance is semi-formal, and a lunch has been planned for the couples.

December Uthrotar



Tryg Ager

Tryg Ager, active senior boy, has been chosen Uthrotar for the month of December, it was recently announced by Mr. Thorngate, our assistant principal.

Tryg's academic record is the envy of all his classmates. A straight "A" student, he states his favorite subjects are chemistry and mathematics.

Although a great deal of Tryg's time is spent "with the books" he always finds enough time for extra-curricular activities and duties.

Tryg is the Business Manager for the Senior class and his job is handling the business for the Senior class. He is also a very active member of the M.H.S. Ski Team, and is the president of it. Tryg is a member of the Stump Club. In his Junior year he and six other boys were chosen to represent M.H.S. at Badger Boys State.

His favorite hobbies are photography, fishing, and of course, skiing. Even though his school affiliated activities keep him quite busy he still manages to hold down a part time job.

After high school Tryg's plans include going on to college, but as yet he hasn't chosen between St. Olaf and the University of Minnesota.



MEMORIAL HIGH CONCERT BAND performs for high school and public activities throughout the year. During the football season the band performs maneuvers; during the Christmas season they hold a Christmas Concert and in the Spring a Pop Concert and participate in the music festival.

Girl Reserves Show Christmas Spirit

Have you seen the bright and gay Christmas decorations, which decorate our halls? They are the results of the organization known as the Girl Reserves. Each year at Christmas, the Girl Reserves decorate the bulletin boards, the halls, and the Christmas trees.

The chairmen of the various projects are as follows: bulletin boards, Judy Klawiter; Halls, Nancy Anderson, Prudy Larson, Sharrie Shaw, Sandy Faanes, and Janice Sewall; Christmas trees Carolyn Domer, Mary Mierow, Lenief Peterson, Jo Ann Johnson, and Barb Preston.

The Girl Reserve choir also added to Christmas festivity, as they sang

carols in the halls and the various rooms. The choir is made of twenty senior girl Reserves, and the Co-Chairmen are Sue Severson and Carol Milward.

The annual Girl Reserve Christmas Tea was held on Tuesday December 9, in the auditorium. The members and their mothers attended. The general chairman for the event was Nancy Olson, and the program chairman was Katy Paulson.

The program consisted of the following selections:

- Piano solo- Lynn Nelson
- Duet- Julie Krause & Marilyn Marshall
- Clarinet Trio- Kathy Smith, Dorothy Sorlie, Elsie Kolka
- Solo- Jean McClocksey
- Reading- Kay Furrer
- Carols- Girl Reserve Choir

Christmas Seal Drive Aided by MHS Students

All of you have probably received Christmas Seals in your homes. This is a very important drive, because the money which is received is used to further the fight against tuberculosis.

Each year M.H.S. plays an important roll in the Christmas Seal Drive. The Secretarial and Advanced Typing classes type out, and fix the envelopes which are sent out in Eau Claire. The Vocational School types out the remainder of the envelopes which are sent to the business places.

The annual sales is approximately \$8,000. So come on kids lets be sure your parents buy Christmas Seals, to back a worthy cause.

TYPING CONTEST

Two typing contests were held at Memorial High recently. They were given to the beginning and advanced typing groups.

In the first contest, the tests were based on material sent to the school by the Madison Business College.

In the beginning typing classes Sam DeVore was first; second was Alyce Leinritz; and third was Judy McMullen.

In the advanced group of typists Sue Drury took first place; Linda Owen won second; and Bette Mencil was third.

TEEN TIME

Would you like to go dancing on T.V.? Well you can. Every Wednesday evening at 5:00 P.M. WEAU T.V. presents Teen Time.

It is a program conducted so that the youth of our area may dance to the top recordings of the week.

Each week a squad of cheerleaders are featured from various schools from the surrounding area.

Another high-light of the program is the awarding of the prizes to the best dancing couples.

To secure tickets you may stop at Samuelsons or write to WEAU T.V. Tickets are available free of cost and are on a first come, first serve basis.

Faculty News



Mr. Poquette

"I advise all young people who are above average students and are interested in people to explore the possibilities of a teaching career. It is a very fine vocation to be in today." These are the words of a very well liked teacher of MHS, Mr. Poquette.

He attended Eau Claire State College and Drake University, where he received a Bachelor of Science degree. He visited Iowa A & M and England Schrimenhaw, which is called the American University.

He is a veteran of the U.S. Army and worked in industry for seven years before coming to MHS. He has been teaching here for the past 11 years.

Mr. Poquette enjoys teaching his U.S. History class and his four classes of American Problems.

His other school activities include; coaching the B-squad football team and the junior-varsity basketball team. Some of his time is taken up advising the Student Council.

In closing the interview, Mr. Poquette made the following statement about the students and faculty of MHS; "We have the best students and I wouldn't trade them for any group any place. I think Eau Claire is tops, and to go along with the good students, we have a fine bunch of teachers."

Holiday Festivities Celebrated By Millions Throughout World

Christmas in the United States - everyone knows about our Christmas season, but how much do people know about the Christmas customs of other countries? Most people would have to answer that question with, "Not much." The ways in which other countries celebrate the Christmas season will be found by reading this article.

The Scandinavian countries celebrate in much the same way by gift-giving, going to church, and huge feasts; however each country has customs that are individual and unusual. In Denmark, the little man in the attic as Jul-Nisse is comparable Christmas to our Santa Claus.

This tiny creature is seen only by the family cat and must be left porridge and milk on Christmas Eve.

In Norway, the Christmas celebrations begin at 5:00 p.m. on December 25. All the church bells in the country ring to summon the people to church. Norway also remembers the birds and animals by leaving nuts and breads for the birds and by carefully tending the cattle and farm beasts.

Sweden's Christmas spirit is the eldest daughter in the family and is called St. Lucia. She awakens the family on December 13 to start the Christmas season. This attractive girl is always dressed in the traditional St. Lucia costume of a long white dress tied with a bright red sash and wearing a wreath of pine boughs topped by seven lighted candles.

In Finland every member of the family takes the traditional "rauna" or steam bath. The Finnish custom officially begins the Christmas Eve

celebrations. The Finnish Santa Claus is Father Christmas, a man dressed as a goat.

England, our closest relative, celebrates Christmas by bringing in the yule log. According to custom, each member of the family must salute the log while sitting upon it. This will insure the household of another year of good fortune. In England, as in the rest of the world, the religious service predominates and great groups of carolers gather in the cathedrals to praise the Christ Child.

Holland, England's neighbor to the northeast, has, for Santa Claus' counterpart, a saint called St. Nicholas. This saint actually lived in the early fourth century and was beloved because of his generosity. The Dutch children leave their wooden shoes filled with hay outside their homes. St. Nicholas' horse eats the hay and St. Nicholas leaves presents for the good children and whips for the bad.

The middle-European countries celebrate in many, diverse ways, but we will show just two of their customs; the ways of France and Czechoslovakia. In Czechoslovakia Christmas means the beginning of a new year that must begin with no quarrels. All foes and enemies forgive each other for any misunderstandings that may have happened during the past year, and the year begins anew. A legend that is still believed in Czechoslovakia is that St. Nick descends on a golden chord led by a white-clad angel. The children go to bed early to give St. Nick a chance to leave them presents.

In France, the children of each family set up a nativity scene, called a creche. After mass, a giant, wicked,

ridiculously-clad figure named Melchior rides through the streets on a donkey. The parish priest lights a candle in the church to invite the townfolk to come and receive the gifts left there by Melchior.

The southern countries of the world celebrate accordingly to their traditional beliefs, just as the snow-bound countries do.

In Mexico, a masonry figurehead called a pinata is broken by the sticks of blindfolded children. As the pinata breaks, the candies and gifts enclosed tumble to the floor and the children may keep what they find.

In Italy there is a feast of Immaculate Conception that knows the Virgin Mary. Italy's "Christmas Trees" are the olive trees decorated with pretty flowers, and her "Santa Claus" is the old witch, Befana. She rides on a broomstick, giving presents to all the children.

In Spain, there is a midnight man called Nocha Buena where the children dance around the nativity scene.

According to their legend the Magi or their Wisemen, go every year to Bethlehem, and so the children, laden with gifts, wait at the city's gates for the Magi. Instead of a Santa, the Spanish children buy Balthasar, one of the Wisemen, who leaves gifts in their slippers.

All the countries of the world will be celebrating Christmas throughout this month, but whether you are waiting for December 25, or January 1, Befana or Santa Claus, going to midnight mass or morning church, remember that Christmas is a time of faith, love, and happiness—and from us to you—have a wonderful Christmas and a very Happy New Year!

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WELL here we are again looking forward to another vacation, which should prove interesting with the alumni in town. There'll be parties, dances, and **OTHER THINGS** to do.

THE annual Turkey Trot was quite a night, especially for Bill Walker who got a flat. Wonder what Sheri Dreseland Alice McGowen were doing in the parking lot?

VOTED CLASS ROMEO'S

SENIOR: Dan Roscoe
 JUNIOR: Pat O'Mara
 SOPHOMORE: Bill Rowlett

A chilly day it was December 9, when the mercury hit 17 below and a recess was held because of a faulty rumor. It was especially cold for the girls from orchestra in their frilly frocks. Many students were kept warm by running cars. They ran as far as highway 53 and then turned off in all directions. **EH! FELLAS.**

IT looks like something is cooking between Carolyn Johnson and John Haag. How do you rate, with a ring still around your neck?

WHAT'S THIS:
BETTY: I saw you standing on the corner of Barstow and Grand winking at girls.

LENNIE: I wasn't winking at girls. That's a windy corner and something got in my eye.

BETTY: YA. She got in your car too.....

This was one contribution to our gossip box. Wonder if Friede and Ziesdorff know anything about it?

Greg Johnson lost more than his car on the week of December 5th. **RIGHT "COOKIE"?**

INATTENTIVE DRIVING that's what they called it when "T" Schwartz had his last accident.

"Cookie" Schaaf is sure looking forward to her vacation, after all she gets to visit the big academy. It's been a long time HUH! **"COOKIE!"**

It seems our school is not big enough to accommodate boy and girl friends for all. That must be why Steve Johnson takes trips to ELEVA and Joe Duerre, Denny Ecke, and Tom Whinnery have new **FLAMES** in CHIPPEWA.....

John Woletz is developing a new frame could it be he wants to look like **SANTA?**

There is a new boy in school. Too bad girls, Barb Aberg has already got her eye on him.

What was it Connie Koomsan and Sandy Gelein saw the other night at League? It really made them blush. Ned Benedict's name has been changed to **PANTS. A MERE COINCIDENCE.**

BOYS don't forget to get your date for the Holiday dances, Demolay and ELKS.....

What happened that night when Sharon Amundson, Jerry Rathke, Lynda Anderson, and Steve Cardinal got stuck out in a cornfield. It seems as though Sharon told them she knew of a short cut home and the short cut ran right down into a cornfield. **SOMETIMES WE WONDER IF THINGS AREN'T PLANNED.**

We'll bring to a close the gossip for this issue. This is Wick and Son signing off to tell you not to get too sick over the Holidays (of course from eating too much). Remember to make those New Year's Resolutions and keep 'em.

Hey Kids, keep up the good work the gossip box out side of 207 is producing. You'd be surprised what we read.

TOP TEN TUNES

1. The Chipmunk Song
2. Lonesome Town
3. Bombombey
4. Love Of My Life
5. Problems
6. I Got Stung
7. One Night
8. Whole Lotta Loving
9. Beep Beep
10. Mexican Hat Rock

Student Spotlight



Jon Haag

Jon Haag, an active junior, is featured in this issue of Student Spotlight because of his many and varied activities at MHS.

His height, a tall 6' 4", has enabled him to be a great asset to basketball coach Harry Gibbs. He was in the starting lineup in the games with Rineland, LaCrosse Central and Tomah. Jon has also had one year of track, which he enjoyed very much.

Jon is an active member of Luther League at Grace Lutheran Church. He is also a member of the Lyceum. English and history are his favorite subjects.

Jon moved to Eau Claire from Souix City, Iowa in the summer of his freshman year. Swimming, along with basketball, are his favorite sports.

As for his future plans, Jon wants to go to Iowa, Wisconsin, or Minnesota University. Someday he hopes to be a basketball coach and a history teacher.



Sandie Powers

Featured in this issue of Student Spotlight is Sandie Powers, an enthusiastic junior cheerleader at MHS.

Sandie was one of the twelve junior girls picked to take over the job of cheerleading next year. She also belongs to the Block E Club, Girl Reserves, French Club, Ski Club, and the Thespians. Tumbling has proven to be a very rewarding pastime for Sandie.

"History," Sandie stated, "is my favorite subject." Football and basketball are her favorite spectator sports.

Sandie attends Bethel Baptist Church and is a member of the Baptist Youth Fellowship, of which she is the ex-president. She now holds the office of North West Association President. Sandie is also active in the Girl's Guild at her church.

College is in the future for Sandie, preferably Eau Claire State Teachers College. As of yet, she doesn't know exactly what field she wants to go into as a career.

...EDITORIAL...

When you sit in school again the year will be 1959. What will this year bring?

For the seniors, 1959 is the long awaited for year. For them 1959 means graduation, and the start of a new life. Many, of course, will be continuing their education, while others will be getting married, and still others will be joining the military service. Almost all will be striking out on their own.

The juniors will be starting on their last year in high school, the year when they will be the ones who will "know it all". They will be the experts in everything then, and they will be in everything. They will be the socialites of the school, as well as the leaders.

The sophomores, no longer the scapegoat of the high school, will be able to bask in their newly gained glory, slight as it will be. They will then be able to lord over the lowly sophomores of that year.

Thus we have what the classes as a whole will get. What are YOU, the individual, going to get through?

This coming year could hold many surprises for you. It's going to depend primarily on you though, as to whether or not you find your goal in 1959. You are the Rhadamanthus of your future.

LETTERS TO SANTA

Guess we should be put in a federal prison! We snooped in Santa's and found the following letters:

Dear Santa,

How about lining me up with Craig Hagen? I couldn't ask for anything better!

Bev Mueller

Dear White Whiskers,
 I've got a car, so all I need is a license. Won't you please see to it that I get it?

Mike Berkvam

Dear Tire Tummy,
 I'd be satisfied if you'd give me Janet Targart.

Don Larson

Dear Fat Boy,
 I want a little room that's not heated.

Larry Christopherson

Dear Slouch Stomach,
 Bring me an engine for Bernie's car so we don't have to "walk" home all the time.

Barb Preston

Dear Mr. Nicholas,
 We want our drivers' licenses back.

The Senior Boys

Dear Mr. Clause,
 Please bring me an alarm clock that runs backwards so I can do more studying.

Sincerely yours,
 Erma White

Dear St. Nick,
 Please make the days and months fly! I'm dying to be 18!

Rose Mary Schulte
 "Smokey"

Dear Fats,
 It's been awfully lonesome, please oh, please bring me "Pooh!"

Barb Johnson

Hey Lumpy!
 Please help us be on time to Mrs. Landfair's room after lunch.

Gail Elliott
 Sandy Zimmerman
 Darlene Kelly

Dear Roly Poly,
 Can I have a car? Any one in the parking lot will do.

Jane Fjelstad

Hey Bearded Bead-Nose!
 Please bring Jean Torgrimson back to school again real soon!

All her friends

Dear Kris Kringle,
 Please bring me a muzzle. I'm losing too many friends.

Karen Peterson

Jelly Belly,
 Bring me somebody else to talk about.

Joyce Walters

Hey Shorty!
 Would you please help my sister

Susie shut her mouth? She talks too much.

Kathy Pachio

Dear Fuzzy,
 Please bring me a new wardrobe of turtle neck sweaters and high collared blouses.

Julie Rood

Bring me bottle of Elephant milk.

Bob Fjelstad

Dear St. Nick,
 Help me write out the rest of my senior class pictures for those poor under-rated people who keep begging me for pictures. I just don't have time enough!

Bev Teigen

Dear Twinkle Toes,
 Please bring us models of girls' legs so we won't ask any more embarrassing questions.

Ab La Rock
 Dick Barnes
 Vern Schelleffer

Old Time Hit Parade

The NEWS regularly features "Teen Talk," a list of the student body's favorite songs. While glancing over this list we noticed how much rock n' roll is emphasized, and because of this we decided to take a look back to when the faculty of MHS were teenagers. A recent survey of a cross section of the Memorial High Faculty provided us with this "Old Time Hit Parade".

1. Star Dust
2. Rickety Rickshaw Man
3. Sentimental Journey
4. Rosalie
5. The Old Spinning Wheel
6. Bubles, Bangles, and Beads
7. Green Eyes
8. We Can Make Believe
9. On Top of Old Smokey
10. Stormy Weather
11. Black Magic
12. Blue Moon
13. Tenderly
14. Tennessee Waltz
15. Blue Tango

Most of us who are "hep" won't recognize these songs, but we're sure they will bring back many memories for the members of our faculty.

A doctor who was teaching a Sunday School class asked one of the boys: "Willie, what must we do before we get to Heaven?"

"We must die," answered Willie. "Very true," replied the doctor, "but what must we do before that?" "We must get sick and send for you."



Name This Tune

Have you ever heard the song entitled "Totally Agitated?" Think again. It's just "All Shook Up" with a revised title. The song titles that are listed below have been slightly altered in the same fashion. There's no change—well, at least the meanings are the same. Most of them have been heard on the "Hit Parade" within the last few months.

Just "translate" the big words and write the correct song title.

(No fair peeking at the answers).

1. The entire distance.
2. Affection in the fourth period of the calendar.
3. Enchanted periods of time.
4. To become cognizant at the present time is premature.
5. The gathering for the purpose of entertainment has been concluded.
6. Give credence to that which you give utterance to.
7. Which individual feels regret at the present moment.
8. Seize securely a celestial body which descends.
9. 208 furlongs or 445,760 yards.
10. He possesses in the terminal parts of his arms the entire terrestrial realm.
11. Beyond the arc which exhibits the several colors of the spectrum and which is formed by refraction and reflection of the sun's rays.
12. The air currents are turbulent.

ANSWERS:

1. All the Way
2. April Love
3. Magic Moments
4. It's Too Soon to Know
5. The Party's Over
6. Believe What You Say
7. Who's Sorry Now
8. Catch a Falling Star
9. 26 Miles
10. He's Got the Whole World in His Hands
11. Somewhere Over the Rainbow
12. Wild is the Wind

turtle neck.

Well kids, this is all for this issue, and here's Nancy and Shay wishing you a real fashion-wise Christmas, and a happy vacation!

Abes-Cards Renew Rivalry Tonight

Versatile Tom Garnett Named All-State Gridder

Old Abe football co-captain Tom Garnett capped a brilliant grid career recently when he was named to the Wisconsin All-State team.

Garnett, 5-7, 180, was a three-year letter winner for the Abes and to opponents a human grid fortress. From his right guard spot the husky senior led his team in tackles and continuously broke up the opposition's offensive maneuvers.

A capable field general and hard blocker, Garnett's defensive talents were only surpassed by his aggressive offensive play. Abe coach Gallagher paid tribute to his star gridder when he said, "Garnett led our offensive attack all season; he was outstanding in this respect."

In the age when sports stars are usually specialists, Garnett proves to be an exception for his athletic abilities are not confined to the gridiron alone. When his high school career ends this June, this versatile athlete will have earned eight letters in four major sports.

Currently Garnett is playing his first year of varsity basketball and is a "front-line" reserve guard for the Abe's cage squad. Last season he donned a pair of skates and became a defenseman on Memorial High's hockey team.

During the spring, baseball coach Cy Berg relies on Garnett to handle the catching chores for our state championship nine. A stalwart backstop and a good hitter, Garnett helped pace the Abes to their second consecutive state baseball championship last season. His talents in this sport were recognized when he was awarded a spot on the All-State Tournament team.

Busy as he is with his heavy sports



Tom Garnett

program, Garnett's abilities bloom in all fields of endeavor. As a student he has maintained a better than average scholastic record throughout high school and the first quarter of this year established a solid "B" average.

His teachers and coaches both recognize this ambitious senior as an outstanding individual. This feeling is perhaps best summed up by Gallagher when he referred to Garnett as, "One of the most determined, hardest-working players I have ever coached."

What about post graduation plans? Garnett has had many offers from area colleges and universities but up to now is still "undecided" as to the school of his choice.

Whatever his choice, it is certain that this talented athlete will prove to be a credit to Eau Claire Memorial High School.

Old Abe Cagers Post 4-1 Record In Early Season

As the law of Physics states, "For every action, there is an equal and opposite reaction", so applies the law of coaching. For every advantage, there is an equal and opposite disadvantage." This was a problem facing Abe Mentor Harry Gibbs.

His Abe squad won five games in a row, after dropping a season opener to the Hadags of Rhineland, and do not even look like the same team. The Hadags were as tall as the Abes, but were experienced to such an advantage, as to sway the outcome of the game.

The Abes were said to have a great deal of height, but their overflow of this, and their shortage of experience could not reach a happy medium soon enough to ward off the visitors from up north. Consequently the Gibbsmen were off on the wrong foot for the first time in many a year.

The second game of the three game home stand saw the locals really click. The Abes were pitted against a much smaller Tomah Indian crew, and the story of the game can be told by just mentioning the fact that the tallest Tomah player on the floor was 6'1", while the Abes as a team averaged a little over that height, with two boys standing 6'5" or over.

Now, with a very well balanced record of 1-1, the Abes were ready to step into rugged Big Rivers Conference action by playing host to the powerful Red Raiders of LaCrosse Central.

This contest brought together the two pre-season favorites in the conference, and the way the teams battled, one might have thought that the title itself was riding on the outcome.

The Centralites and the Abes battled on almost even terms until late in the fourth quarter, when the hosts forged into a cozy lead by employing an all-court press. With this defense staring them right in the eye, the visitors fell apart.

The Abes are now in the lead for the conference title, but the Eau Claire team must journey to LaCrosse later in the season, and beating the Centralites on their home court could prove to be a very formidable task. The Abes haven't lost to LaCrosse Central in the last five years, and the current members of the Abe squad do not want to be remembered as "The boys who lost to Central."

With only three days in between games, the boredom of a 200 mile trip, and three game's experience under their belts, the Old Abes met on successive days the Marinette and Menominee Michigan teams, both conference members. The Abes proceeded to tighten their strangle-hold on the conference by pulling out a "double victory".

Neither Marinette nor Menominee were expected to be loaded before the season started, and both were smothered by the Old Abes. It seems the twin towns are more interested in football than in basketball.

The Abes are off to a fine start now, and a win over Chippewa tonight would close out the pre-Christmas season in fine fashion.

The Abes started out slowly, but now they are rolling along at full speed.

Professor: "How much is nine times thirteen?"
 Assistant: "One hundred and seventeen. Couldn't you do that?"
 Professor: "Sure, but fools multiply rapidly."

Big Rivers Leaders Seek Non-Conference Victory

The second oldest rivalry in the state of Wisconsin will be renewed tonight at 8:00 in the Memorial High fieldhouse. It will pit the Eau Claire Old Abes against the Cardinals from Chippewa Falls.

Both teams are up for the game, and with the coming of this contest all seasonal records go "out the window."

This is very evident by looking at the first game of the annual series last year, in which the Upriver boys knocked off the Abes in the last second of play, and started one of the biggest arguments of the basketball season. Eau Claire claimed that a half-court shot was good, and the referee had signaled the same, but after a little consideration, he changed his mind, said that the game was over before the shot was fired, and the outcome was in the favor of the Cards.

The Abes got even in the return match in the Eau Claire gym, by soundly thumping the Cards, although this revenge could not be forgotten as Chippewa installed upon the Abes their first loss of the '57-58 campaign.

CARDS EXPERIENCED

This Eau Claire-Chippewa Falls contest could prove to be one of the most interesting of the long series. The boys from up the river have back several lettermen, and all saw considerable action on an up-and-down squad last year. Leading this year's edition of coach Lehman's cagers is 6'3" center Steve Oleson. Oleson is a good rebounder, a fine shot, and has done most of both in the Cards first games. On the outside, Tom Crowley, 5'5" guard has been very effective, as have Carmen Meunich, Dave Salling, and Denny Schaefer.

Coach Tom Lehman is the key man the Card attack even though he does not play. Each year he comes up with a new tactic in an effort to down the Abes. Most of you fans will remember his offensive stalling theory employed several seasons back, and he could come up with most anything tonight.

ABES HAVE HEIGHT

Although the Abe are a little taller than the Cards, (Chippewa averages 5'9", while the Abes average 6'1", they are a faster team).

The Gibbsmen will try to compensate for this with good outside shooting, fine floor play, and overall rebounding.

Leading the Eau Claire attack once again will be captain-guard John Coggins. Coggins will direct the play from his guard spot, and most of his fine passes will be thrown in the direction of 6'4" Dave Hulett, the Abes top scorer.

Hulett will be backed up in Gibbs double-pivot by 6'6" Jon Haag. On the outside with Coggins will be Jim (Moving) Van Gorden, 6' all-purpose performer, and John Schaff, speedy, driving guard.

ABE FOULS HARMFUL

One of the things that could hurt the Abes in their quest for a victory is the fouling element. In the first five games, the Abe's fouls have kept the opponents in the game. It is very probable that Eau Claire would have an unblemished record if it were not for the fouls. In an effort to remedy this, coach Harry Gibbs has stressed defense in practice this week, and it may not be such a whistle blowing affair tonight.

In any event, it should prove to be an interesting and aggressive game, one which the Abes or the Cards can be proud of when they win.

Water Ballet Show Now in Rehearsal

The first MHS water ballet, consisting of sophomore, junior, and senior students, is now in rehearsal.

The performance is scheduled for January and includes: diving techniques, various stunts and skills, and synchronized swimming.

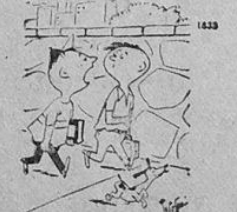
Synchronized swimming is for those who enjoy the coordination of swimming and music.

Out of each class team, one student organized the team with ideas and plans of swimming to different records. These captains are: seniors, Bonnie Boiler; juniors, Fay Henning; sophomores, Connie Lowe.

"I am very pleased with the progress which has been made in co-operation from the students and the program looks to be quite successful" states Miss Ulrich, the supervisor.

"Two!" shouted the pint-sized umpire. "Two what?" echoed the equally large batter. "Too close to tell," said the umpire.

PILLA Chuckles



"I wouldn't be a bit surprised to hear that the Russians invented atomic."

For the Best in Announcements

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Abe Football Team Elects Captains

For the second time in history of Eau Claire High School football the Abes have co-captains. Elected by the vote of the letterman of the varsity were fullback John Zurbachen, and guard Rod Smith. Both boys are seniors, and were starters on either offense or defense all season as juniors.

"Jarrrin", as Zurbachen is called, is everything that his name implies. He is a three year starter for the Abes, and is perhaps the best all-around fullback to play in the Abe uniform in many a year.

At the annual football banquet held last week, Zurbachen was awarded the "Best Blocking" trophy. This is the first time in the history of this award that it has been awarded to a junior.

John was also the leading Abe ground gainer for a powerful Big Rivers co-championship squad. Watch this Abe co-captain go next year!

"Rugged" Rod Smith has been a halfback for the past two years, but this boy is the type that a coach can play at any position and still get great results. Rod was a top-notch defensive halfback for coach Gallagher's crew as a junior, he is due for a spot in the line as a senior.

Both these boys have the required qualities to be a leader on and off the playing field, and with the lettermen that Memorial has coming back, they may be the second Abe captains to capture a conference title, and the first to take it undisputed.

Thief: "This is a hold-up. Give me your money or else."
 Victim: "Or else what?"
 Thief: "Don't confuse me. This is my first job."

SPORT SHORTS

ABE GRIDDERS, CROSS COUNTRY MEN FETED:

With a co-champion, and a much improved team in the spotlight, the Memorial High fall sports teams were honored with a very fine banquet in the Memorial High cafeteria last week.

Coaches Norm Bussell of the cross country aggregation, and John Gallagher of the football squad presented the awards to the individual players.

The cross-country squad will lose only six lettermen, including captain Dave Nelson, who ended the season with the lowest average of any of the Abes.

Co-champions of the Big Rivers Conference were the next to be honored. The Abe Gridmen received their letters also, while the annual blocking and tackling awards were given out. Co-captain elect for 1959, John Zurbachen was the winner of the blocker award, while co-captain of 1958, Tom Garnett, won the tackling trophy.

Also present were athletic director John Novak, school principal David Barnes, and assistant football coaches Cy Berg, Bernie Nelson, and Gordie Poquette.

The banquet was also festive in the form of six of the senior cheerleaders, Janet Targart, Joan Brown, Betsy Draper, Carolyn Gabrielson, Barb Anderson, and Leah La Page.

The close of the banquet officially brought to an end the careers of many of the Abe Athletes, but their memories of athletics will always be present, and the memories of playing in an Abe uniform will be some of the more cherished that they will ever have.

ABE FOCKSTERS LOOKING FORWARD TO '58 CAMPAIGN:

With a basis that is much sounder than last year, several key players returning, and a cut schedule, the Memorial High Hockey team looks anxiously ahead to the coming season.

Coach Marshall (Bud) Barnes has been drilling 40 candidates, and must cut to a varsity of fifteen by the first game which pits the Abes against St. Paul West at the Memorial High rink.

The Abes have back six lettermen, among these six are whole first line of last year's squad which lost to such teams as St. Paul Murray, Rhineland, Wausau, and Merrill.

All the prementioned teams have lost most of their material, and the Eau Claireites stand a good chance of improving on last year's record, of 0-7.

A tentative starting lineup today would probably find a front line of Dave Nelson and Tom McMahon at the wings, sophomore George Bowman at the center slot and Mike Soley and Jerry Dale on the defense. In the cage will be Pat (Omar) Soley veteran defender set for his second season as a starter, his third as a varsity puckster.

All of the Abes home contests will be played in the new rink located directly behind the school and the public is cordially invited to attend.

The 1959 Old Abe football team will have one of the fastest backfields in the history of the school. Bob (Bullet) Gelein, Jerry Kent, and Co-Captain John Zurbachen are all track sprinters, while George Bowman, the fastest of the group is a baseball player. Gelein is also a di-

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FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA HIGHLIGHTS By Wayne

The FFA formally accepted its new members at the meeting conducted last night. Nineteen Greenhands, as these new members are called, were accepted.

To become a Greenhand a boy must be an ag student, and must give evidence of conducting a farm experience program.

The rest of the evening was a social affair. A quiz program was held, in which all members participated. They received prizes in proportion to their answers.

Parents were invited, and lunch was served at the end of the meeting.

The first meeting of the new year will be held on January 8. At this meeting the Chapter Farmers, or last year's Greenhands, will be initiated.

For this initiation a boy must have been a member for twelve months and must have earned \$50.00 from his farm experience program.

The boys who will be accepted at this meeting are: Kenneth Bollinger, Thomas Brown, Duane Buckwheat, Douglas Bushendorf, Douglas Dohms, Daniel Haas, Bill Hanson, Ralph Holbrook, Bill Jackson, Dick Jensen, Gary Johnson, Roland Johnson, George King, Daniel Mathews, David Nelson, Dale Sabin, Dean Sabin, Leon Schuh, Dale Shiffer, Curtis Simonson, Duane Stafsholt, Gordon Steinhauer, and Ronald Welke.

In the ag classroom the seniors are now studying tractor care and maintenance. In this unit the emphasis is placed on the day to day care, so that efficient operation, good service, and long life may be obtained from

Photo Contest To be Held

The Photography students of Memorial High School have been asked to participate in the 14th annual (1959) Kodak High School Photo Contest, which is held for just high school students. The contest runs from January 1 to March 1.

Students from grades nine to twelve may enter any number of black and white pictures taken since April, 1958. The pictures will be classified in four different groups. These groups are: (1) school activities; (2) nature (3) pictorials (4) pets or animals.

There will be two divisions this year. They are divided by juniors and senior classes, the juniors being grades nine and ten and the senior being grades eleven and twelve. There will be separate prize amounts in each division.

In last years contest, David Sorrell received honorable mention with outstanding achievement and a \$10.00 cash prize. John Vesperman and Charles Johnson won merit certificates.

Part of the assignment of the photography class is to take their own picture, develop and print it at school. The only required part of the contest is that the student take his own picture.

The winning photos will be displayed at MHS, after the contest winners are announced.

Each boy will give a demonstration illustrating the proper care and maintenance of the tractor.

The juniors are keeping farm accounts and record so that they can make a better analysis, and so that they can show a business return.

Mathematics Department Offers Wide Variety of Courses

"A knowledge of mathematics is a primary essential to better living."

Memorial High students are very fortunate in having a wide variety of courses in which we can obtain this knowledge.

The courses which are available to MHS students are: algebra, geometry, math 12, intermediate algebra, solid geometry, trigonometry, and advanced algebra.

The faculty of the mathematics department consist of the following teachers and the subject: Mr. Friederich, algebra; Miss Johnson, geometry; Miss Olson, geometry, intermediate algebra, and solid geometry; Mr. Osterhus, geometry and math 12; and Miss Otteson, teaching intermediate algebra, solid geometry, trigonometry, and advanced algebra.

This year, as in previous years, the mathematic students will undertake several special projects.

The trigonometry pupils are working on projects of their own choice outside of class time. These projects can be anything mathematical that is useful or of special interest and they will be due on December 8. At this time, each student will give a report to the class on his project. Some of the topics being studied are: paper folding, space stations, rockets, telescopes, Panama Canal, Surveying ellipses, binary system, theory of relativity, ab-

acus, cryptograms, and optical illusions.

The intermediate class will work on mathematical games and puzzles. This nine weeks they have to report on books and articles on mathematics.

At the present time no plans are being made to expand the department, but the faculty would like to have at least two years of math be required for graduation. As of now, most students are not getting as much knowledge as the should in mathematics because only one year of math is required.

Red Cross Drive

Seven home rooms had 100 per cent in the recent Red Cross Drive at M.H.S. They were as follows: Mr. Adams, 143, Mr. Barnes, 126, Mr. Nelson, 114, Miss Olson, 226, Miss Remol, 135, Mr. Weber, 256, and Mrs. Landfair, 212.

The total amount received in the drive was \$106.85. In Senior home rooms there was a total of \$35.34 collected. In the Junior home rooms the total was \$36.75 and in the Sophomore home rooms the total collected was \$34.76.

Miss Remol, who was the head of the drive at M. H. S., announced that the total membership of the whole school was 988 students.

Student Teachers Train At Memorial

Many new faces have been seen around the halls of Memorial High School during the past few weeks, as many practice teachers from the college start out on their first teaching experiences.

There is a total of ten practice teachers for the first semester.

In the Social Studies department are: George Humphrey, David Leisses, Raymond Sather, Gretchen Solie and James Welker.

Helping Mrs. Chatterson in the French department is Mrs. Anne Borovoy.

In the English are: Jame Johnson, Sharon Kliest, Mrs. Anne Borovoy, Myron Peck, and Raymond Sather.

Teaching in Mr. Fish's second period is Louise Nielson, Miss Nielson is also practice teaching in Mr. Johnson's fourth period music class.

In the speech department, James Johnson and James Welker are teaching Mr. Krammes's 3rd and 5th periods while Sharon Kliest is practice teaching in Mr. Lystrup's fifth period Biology class.

The faculty and student body want to wish all the new practice teachers the best of luck in their teaching careers and we hope your stay at Memorial High has been a pleasant one.

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