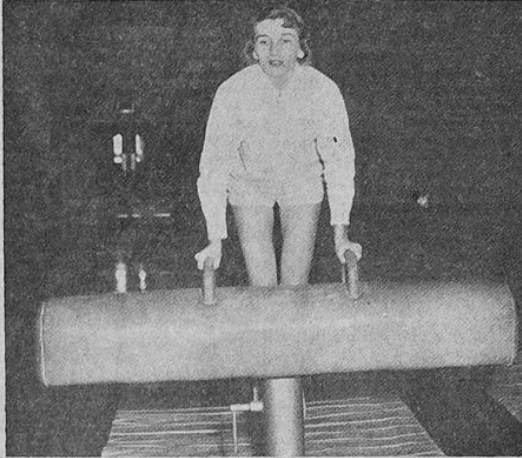


# The News

## Summer School Planned at MHS

### FACULTY NEWS



Miss Ulrich

A teacher well-known at MHS, especially by the girls, is Miss Connie Ulrich, girls gym teacher at Eau Claire for the past eight years.

Miss Ulrich attended college at La Crosse State College and went to summer school at Colorado and Wisconsin Universities.

Traveling, swimming, and skiing are Miss Ulrich's favorite pastimes. "The only thing is," stated Miss Ulrich, "I haven't enough time to enjoy them."

Her pet peeve is students who are quitters. Miss Ulrich likes to see improvements in young people and likes to see them do things after they say they can't.

She enjoys teaching at MHS very much and feels that it offers wonderful opportunities to the students. Miss Ulrich also thinks that the fellas and gals that attend school here are very nice.

When asked what she feels a Physical Education course should offer a student, she answered: "As much carry-over activity as possible into adult life, and a variety of activities which stress both team play and individual skill. Students ought to know what their physical abilities are."

### Gossip Column Reader's Choice Poll Reveals

Gossip, which is often called a root of all evil, is certainly the most popular. That this is true was shown in a recent poll conducted by the NEWS, for the Yakkety-Yak, our gossip column, outranked all other features in popularity.

The poll, which was conducted among a cross section of 250 students here at Memorial, was held so that the NEWS staff could get an idea of what the average reader wanted in our paper. Six homerooms were polled, with these consisting of two junior, two sophomore, and two senior homerooms.

The gossip column led all other features with a score of 856. This score was determined by giving six points for every first place that a feature got, five points for every second place, and so on to sixth place, which received one point.

Following the gossip column in popularity was Student Spotlight. This had a total of 506 points. Taking third place was Roving Reporter with 416 points.

Below are the complete results of the survey, with each feature listed according to its popularity:

Feature	Points
Yakkety-Yak	856
Student Spotlight	506
Roving Reporter	416
Sports Shorts	297
Tune Talk	256
Eye-Catchers	245

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The students who were polled were also asked to express any suggestions or opinions that they might have.

The fault that was mentioned the most was that just a select group of students got their name in the paper. The majority of those who expressed their opinion felt that the unknown student in high school should also have his name in the paper.

One suggestion that was puzzling but also amusing stated, "Put my name in the paper." The sheet that this was on was unsigned.

It was hoped that the information gained from this survey can be incorporated into the NEWS. If anyone has any suggestions for improving the paper drop by room 207 and let us know.

#### PREVIEW

March 4-7: Regional Basketball Tournament (At Chippewa Falls)
March 11-14: Sectional Basketball Tournament (At Eau Claire)
March 18-20: State Basketball Tournament (At Madison)

Attending school during the summer may seem odd to some of us, but don't be surprised if you pass MHS some morning this June or July and see a group of eager students filing their way into the building.

According to a recent survey conducted by the Board of Education about 183 MHS students have indicated an interest in a summer school program.

Board spokesmen indicate that Eau Claire's summer program would begin this summer (1959) and would be six weeks in length. Classes would meet every day (Monday thru Friday) and each class would be two hours in length. It is anticipated that all classes would be held in the morning.

Because the present school system budget makes no allowances for a special summer session, the Board of Education feels a small tuition fee would have to be set up to cover the cost of teachers and materials.

The Board is presently considering a \$16 tuition fee for all students, except those in the music area. Music students would be charged six dollars.

In past summers, many MHS band students have participated in a summer program which made available to them a weekly lesson by either a teacher or a section leader. This summer the Board plans on expanding this music program, hence the tuition fee.

The Board indicates that the scope of this year's summer school would be somewhat limited because it is the first real experience Eau Claire has had with a full time summer school program. However, subjects which students showed the most interest in would be available. These subjects are: typing, music, English, mathematics, driver's education, and a foreign language.

The Board adds one final note concerning attendance. If a student is enrolled in summer school, he is expected to attend regularly and show an interest in his work. Excuses for absence because of family vacation can not be accepted.

Summer school work is offered basically for added experience in a given field; not for the credit involved.

Any student interested in attending this summer session can still sign up in the principal's office.

### \$500 Scholarship Offered Students By Chippewa MF

The Chippewa Motor Freight is again offering two \$500 scholarships to students of this area. The purpose of this scholarship is to help students obtain a college education that without assistance, might be difficult to receive.

All high school seniors from schools in the Wisconsin area served by the Freight Company are eligible to enter.

The scholarship is for the 1959-60 college year. At the beginning of the September semester, \$250 will be deposited and the additional \$250 will be paid at the beginning of the January semester. The school must be in Wisconsin and be an accredited college or university.

The qualifications for this scholarship are: (a) scholastic record, (b) principal's recommendation, (c) financial need, (d) applicant's desire for higher education, (e) participation in school and community life, (f) general character, (g) winner must be eligible for admission and must enroll in the 1959-60 term at the college they choose.

All applications must be in by April 3, 1959.

The following Memorial High students have signed up for the scholarship: Len Friede, Pat Drabant, Prudy Larson, Carol Milward, Sharon Ham, Duane Berg, Jim Brandon, Katie Paulson, Gloria Staberg, John Burmiester, Bill Walker and Donna Walker.

## Second MHS Variety Show Tonight

Tonight one of the most exciting theatrical productions of the year will be presented in the auditorium.

"Musical Melodies of 1959", under the co-sponsorship of the dramatics department and the P.T.A., will take the stage with four, exciting acts, an original finale, and two orchestras—the school orchestra, under the direction of Mr. Johnson, and Chuck Solberg's popular group.

The entire program is stimulating and never slows from the fast pace set by the exotic opening number to the impressive Broadway atmosphere of the finale.

The program of "Musical Melodies of 1959" is as follows:

Act I—South America  
1. Sacrifice—a beautiful maiden (Dana Soden) is to be sacrificed to the Sun God. Preparations are being made by the high priest (Richard Clark) and his followers for the approaching sacrifice. As the maiden nears the sacrificial altar, her beloved (Miki Beauchamp) tries, in vain, to save her.

The entire number will be done to the accompaniment of drums played by Mickey Lynnes and chanting by the Top Twelve, a group of M.H.S. singers. Others in this number are Diane Anderson, Joan Yates, Mary Lee Helstrom, Mary Gustavson, John Voegeli, and Larry Odegard.

2. Calypso—an interpretation of the calypso trend that is sweeping the world. Members of this number are Sandy Gelien, Denny Rowell, and Larry Kohnke.

3. Song—"Jamaican Farewell" and "Island in the Sun" sung by the Teen-agers, Don Chronkite and Al Fremstad, and accompanied by Art

Hestiken on the guitar and Mickey Lynnes on drums.

4. Mexican Hat Dance, and the act is concluded by

5. The ensemble doing "Man Smart", with a solo by Jeanne McClosky.

INTERLUDE—Music by Chuck Solberg's band.  
Act II—France

1. The ensemble in "I Came to Paris", a fashion show with each girl wearing a new style, complemented by pet dogs.

2. A song, "The Day That The Rains Came Down", by Jeanne McClosky.

3. The Can-Can danced by twelve of Memorial's loveliest girls.

### Senior Class Officers Choose Announcements

The senior class officers have chosen the announcements for the graduating class of '59.

This year's announcements feature the long look with a gold emblem of Old Abe in the upper left hand corner and Memorial in black letters in the lower right hand corner.

Announcements have been on display the last week in February and will be on display during this week. Seniors are asked to place their orders with their homeroom chairman. The cost for the announcements will be 11½ cents apiece. This year's announcements are being ordered from a local firm.

Remember to order your announcements as soon as possible to assure quick delivery.

4. A dance (Adagio) by Bruce Getten and Patsy Thomas.

5. A song by Wes La Muska, accompanied by the guitar.

6. A comedy balancing act by Donald Minto.

7. An Impressionist dance by Jayne Gore.

8. The Top Twelve singing "April in Paris", and "I Love Paris in the Springtime", and the second act is concluded with;

9. A French dance by Miki Beauchamp, Dana Soden, and the ensemble.

#### INTERMISSION

Act. III—Oriental

1. The Saber Dance

2. A Song

3. A dance by Diane Anderson

4. A song by the Top Twelve, and, for the last number in the act.

5. An Oriental dance, "Sayonara", danced by the ensemble.

INTERLUDE—Music by Chuck Solberg and combo.

Act. IV—Salute to Alaska

1. An igloo scene, "Squaws Along the Yukon", and;

2. A saloon scene consisting of a skit by the beginning dramatics class, a song by Claus Westphal, and a dance by Sandy Carlson.

FINALE—selections from "Carousel", "Carosel Waltz", "If I Loved You", "Mister Snow", and "You'll Never Walk Alone", all done by the entire cast.

Tonight's the night for this outstanding show, so for an unforgettable evening, come to the "Musical Melodies of 1959"!

Chippewa Motor Freight scholarship

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# ...EDITORIAL...

Are you a Sunday Night Scholar? Do you keep putting off that homework until the last minute (which is usually at 10:00 on Sunday night)?

A surprising number of students put off their weekend homework until the last minute. They then come to school Monday morning with bags under their eyes and that "Tired Blood" feeling, or they come without their homework completed.

Perhaps the following suggestions might help you if you fall into this popular classification: If you're planning to go "cruising" on Friday night, hang your books to the rear view mirror or line them along the dashboard. On the other hand, if you are sneaking in late, set them on top of the bedroom door which is slightly ajar. As a result, they will fall on your head and knock you out. This is one guaranteed way to wake up your parents.

Another suggestion is to tie your books to your big toe when you hop out of bed at 2:30 Saturday after-

noon. This is one sure way to sprain your toe and disable you for your Saturday night date. On Sunday morning hang your books to your toothbrush, the shock will be enough; or the most important, when you are about to take that important "cruise" up and down the street, attach them to your pogo stick and in this way it will prevent pogoing and thus induce you to study.

All of the previous have been suggestions to make you think of your studies, not if you'll get caught today without your driver's license or what will you wear to the Saturday night lecture.

If you learn to budget that extra 7 1/2 minutes of EXTRA time during the weekend, you will find plenty of time to read about Brigitte Bardot—Oops, homework that is. So, next Sunday night at 11:30 remember.

Next weekend I'm not going to wait until 11:30, I'm going to wait until 11:15, and then I'll have plenty of time to study.

## Roving Reporter

"If you had an extra hour every day, what would you do with it?" This is the question for this issue's Roving Reporter. Here are how some people would spend their time.

**Jeanie McClosky, Jr.** Get organized.

**Terry Peterson Sr.** "Take Carol out."

**John MacLaren Sr.** "GO out to the Hook."

**Mary Beth Anderson Soph.** "Polish my toenails."

**Bill Resha Soph.** "Nothing..."

**Howie Kildahl Sr.** "Write love letters to Yvonne."

**Lloyd Miller Soph.** "sleep it off."

**Lugger Dennis and Pat Soley,** "Go to Chippewa." (What's up there boys?)

**Kathy Borton Soph.** "Save them all up and go to Mars."

**Rod La Rock Sr.** "I'd stay at the hoot an hour longer."

**Nancy Anderson Soph.** "Bleach my eyebrows."

**Merrill Lovvik Jr.** "Work in the cafeteria. It pays good money!"

**Nub Kohlep Sr.** "I could stay down to Karen's longer."

**Ab LaRock Jr.** "I'd have to have more life insurance."

**Larry Schaefer Sr.** "Dream about Sherrie Vold's dimples."

**Naurita Killen Soph.** "Watch the clock."

**Judy Christianson Sr.** "Think up new ways to torment teachers."

**Marlene Loken Soph.** "Eat pizza!"

**George Geisert Sr.** "I'd sleep!"

**Lois Hanson Soph.** "You'd be surprised."

**Linda Whiteside Soph.** "Call up Tom and talk to him."



## BY NANC & SHAY

We decided it is high time to add new spice to our regular column of EYE-CATCHERS, so here is our revised column entitled FASHION ON THE REBOUND, read and heed!

The slim and neat sheath paired up with sweat socks and tennis shoes is really a fetching ensemble, the sheath will draw attention, but if it should draw the wrong person's eye, you always have your track shoes on for a fast get away!

**FLASH...** There's a barber in town!! Come on guys, you with the beautiful curls and waves take heed of this flash. Ya know the gals are having a hard time distinguishing if you're male or female with those long beautiful curls.

**Becoming sick of your hair color?** Well, change it by all means. How about black with an off shade of green, or blonde with black roots, you name it, we've seen it!

As we were slowly drifting into the lazy realm of sleep in study hall, we awoke with a start, what in the world was that noise. Clump! Clump! Oh that. Here comes another guy in engineer boots. Isn't it wonderful the way a simple pair of boots can make one really rate with the gang. When they hear ya coming they'll know you're not yellow. Anyone who could create so much noise in a study hall, must have a lot of guts!

**Sick of your plain white skin?** We don't blame you a bit, just think you've worn it day in and day out all your life. How about purple, green, blue, or red, you'll look divine in every one of those shades. Wear lights and help break the skin monotony.

**Want to be hep and real jazzy?** Well, then get your "buttonless" shirts now! Girls swoon, other men sulk, and you're everything you desire to be. Just think, you're one guy in a million, who never learned how to button his shirt!

**Wow!** Are we glad this is the end of this column. Ya know kids it's real easy to dig up extra nice outfits for our fashion column, but we really had to scrape for this column. I guess this proves one thing; that the MHS students are real keen dressers. Keep it up kids, and make our work easy.

Bye now,  
Nanc & Shay

## TOP TEN TUNES

Here are the Top Ten Tunes of the week around Memorial High.

1. Donna ----- Valens
2. I Got A Wife ----- Mark IV
3. My Happiness ----- Francis
4. Goodby Baby ----- Scott
5. All American Boy ----- Parsons
6. Stagger Lee ----- Price
7. Gotta Travel On ----- Grammer
8. Lonely Teardrops ----- Wilson
9. Pink Shoe Laces ----- Stevens
10. Manhattan Spiritual ----- Owen



I was just a lil' ol' square, sitting by upon a chair; I am blue, tattered, and torn, Ripped, shattered, tapped, and worn; As the studs were passing by, They'd drop in gossip and step away shy;

I got kinda' out of line, ----- Now the janitor says, "You're Mine" Who am I? Well the gossip box of course!

Due to circumstances beyond our control, we have discontinued the use of the gossip box. But don't be discouraged, if you hear any gossip, you can still give it to either Van or Whit.

We students often neglect to pay our gym fees and class dues on time, but there are a few absent-minded professors who don't hand out the Boosters until after the game or dance. There's a certain sophomore homeroom that would appreciate saving some money at the next dance. PLEASE give them their boosters, we beg of you.

Who was caught smoking in Mr. Rist's fifth period class? Guess these athletes aren't training any more.

On the way to Wausau, the Senior cheerleaders initiated some of the junior girls into the cheerleader's club. Wow what an initiation!!

**BEING SMART IN A DUMB WAY:** Sandi, what happened on your record show over the radio? You say you didn't get to the station on time so they started without you?

"Wish I knew a hideaway I could take you to" ----- That's what Fred told Karen when they entered the teacher's smoke room on first floor. Ah yes, they find original spots-not like the busy water fountain by the auditorium that is in use by so many young lovers.

**Does anyone get cold feet like Carol Schludweiler?** They get so cold in the mornings waiting for the school bus that she takes her shoes off and sits on them on the way to school.

It's the time of the year when the grade school kids take their squirt guns out of moth balls and proceed in squirting their best friends." It seems some of the high school students brought their squirt guns to school to squirt innocent walkers-by.

**Say Barb, who is the only boy in the junior class whose last name starts with Q??**

This happened to Denny Huggahl (Hugger) at work at Wyman's Superfair. Denny went on his break as usual. Everything was going fine until the lights started going out in the store. Ron went back to check the cut out. When Ron turned the lights on what did he see?? Who was that with you Den? Why do kids call you Huggar?

Since when is Jim Van Gorden interested in sophomore girls. Don't you think they are a little too young for you? Think of the heart of the junior girl you're breaking!!

Jim Sharky has a secret admirer. Guess the contact was made at a bowling alley. Bowling balls must be as effective as Cupid's hearts.

## MYSTERIES OF THE WEEK:

Who is the girl Ray Ehler is trying to date?

What happened to Duke Johnson in 6th period study hall?

Who's shoe was lost under the bleachers at the Chippewa game?

What does Sharon Fistler find so interesting about Chippewa?

What did Joyce Jensen receive through the window of the bus at Wausau?

Does Dynamite White really carry a purse around school?

Dot and Mark are having their differences because he seems to think more of bowling than driving her home.

Although she has been in our school for only her senior year, Linda

# A Little Nothing

Welcome, fellow members of the Beat Generation. We scraped for scraps from many a column to bring you our little nothings -----

## RUSTY RULES

1. Don't come late. (Take the whole day off.)
2. Don't Copy. (Let someone else do it.)
3. Don't whisper in class. (Shouting is more effective.)
3. Don't run down the stairs. (Slide down the bannisters.)
5. Don't throw erasers. (Books are harder)
6. Don't peek at anyone's exam paper. (Have it passed to you.)
7. Don't borrow from your neighbor. (Take what you want.)
8. Don't wear bermudas to school. (Short shorts get much more attention.)

## DAFFINITIONS:

**RINGLEADER:** First one in the bathtub.

**BALLET DANCER:** Someone who dances on your toes.

**GIRDLE:** An ingenious device invented to keep an unfortunate situation from spreading.

**ADULT:** A person who has stopped growing at both ends and started growing in the middle.

**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY**

A modern girl may not know how to cook, but you can bet she knows what's cooking!!!

## CHEMISTRY CAFES

**ZINC:** A place where you wash your hands.

**COPPER:** A policeman.

**SULPHUR:** What a person does when he is in pain.

**NITRATE:** Reduction on phone prices after 6 p. m.

Have you noticed the Junior cheerleaders sporting their new uni-

forms. (White sweaters and purple skirts with white inset pleats.) Real Cool HUH!!!

## WHY TEACHERS GET GRAY

**Range**—A place where the cowboys ride.

**Burrow**—To ask if you can have it.

**Plumes**—They are to eat.

**Patient**—To have good nerves.

**Plight**—To be nice.

If you must be blue, be a bright blue.

It isn't your ears that are so important, it's what is between them. Use your head — it's the little things that count.

If you are such a good egg, — why are you boiled all the time?

## HELPFUL HINTS ? ?

We thought that the sophomores might like some helpful hints from the UPPERCLASSMAN—

1. Don't chew a whole pack of gum—(Offer your teacher some.)

2. Don't bother about getting permits when you want to skip class—(It's much more fun to sneak through the halls like a convict.)

3. Don't work too hard in study hall—(You'll give the upper classmen an inferiority complex...)

4. Stay clear of senior boys. (The little you save may be your own.)

5. Don't study too hard — (It's much more fun to cram the night before.)

6. Don't worry about lost books—(The school has to be heated somehow.)

8. Join every club you can—(Just think of all the pictures you will get in the annual.)

Above all, try to become more like your calm, cool, and collected upper classmen.

Well, that's all for this issue. We'll be seeing you next time.

# Student Spotlight



Paul Blom

One well-known figure throughout the halls of Memorial High is senior Paul Blom. Having entered from Eleva-Strum High School in his Sophomore year, Paul has taken part in many activities during his high school days. In his sophomore year, Paul was a member of the Junior Varsity basketball team. Paul is also chairman of the Senior Class Banquet Committee, and is a member of the Latin Club, and the Lyceum Club.

Some of his favorite subjects include Latin, U.S. History, and Radio T-V Speech.

Paul's many interests are varied. He is interested in all sports. This includes football, basketball, baseball, volleyball, and especially golf. He enjoys good music, and some of Paul's favorite artists include Harry Belafonte, Tennessee Ernie Ford, Pery Como, and Nat "King" Cole.

Paul is a member of the Grace Lutheran Church, and is president of the Grace Lutheran League. He is also very active in choir and other league activities.

As for plans for the future, Paul would like to attend St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota, and he hopes to major in speech or history.

Although she has been in our school for only her senior year, Linda



Linda Golle

Golle is very well-known throughout the halls of Memorial High. Transferring from Lima Senior High School at Lima, Ohio, Linda has done many things for our school in the short time she has been here. It was behind her enthusiasm that the "Block E" Club was organized for our football games. She is also the chairman of our "Teens Against Polio" drive here at Memorial High. Besides this, she is a member of the Senior Class Prophecy Committee.

Linda has taken part in many activities at former high schools, this being the third high school that she has attended. She took part in cheerleading for three years, belonged to a dance group called the "Orchosis", was a member of the student council, Los Sombreros Altos, Y-Teens, Radio T-V Club, variety shows, Home Room representative, and was Chairman of their Junior-Senior Prom.

Above all, she has maintained a straight "A" average. All school subjects are Linda's favorites.

Some of her favorite pastime activities include swimming, playing tennis, bowling, and above all, cheering for the "Old Aes."

As for plans for the future, Linda would like to attend Bowling Green State University in Ohio, or Carleton College in Minnesota.

## FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA HIGHLIGHTS

By Wayne

The district FFA Public Speaking Contest was recently conducted here at Eau Claire. Taking first place in the contest was Charles Williams of Osseo. Jack Powell of Eau Claire took second place, and Jerome Geske of Fall Creek took third.

Charles' topic was "Do Something, Be Somebody", Jack's was "Vertical Integration", and Jerome's was "The Problem of Keeping the Boys on the Farm".

Competing in this contest were FFA members from Fall Creek, Augusta, Osseo, Eleva-Strum, Mondovi, and Eau Claire.

The judges were Dale Thomas, who is from the area Soil Conservation Service, Virgil Dufek, of the Eau Claire County REA, and Lawrence Nelson, from the Union National Bank.

A quartet contest was also held, with Osseo being the winner. Mr. Johnson, Eau Claire High's Choir director, was the judge of this.

The next contest coming up will be the sectional.

It's a shame that the grouch doesn't realize how much better he'd feel if he weren't one.

# Abes in Tourney Debut at Chippewa

## Gibbsmen Open Regional Play As Favorites

With regular season action completed, the attention of all of the fans is falling on the many tournaments. In tournament play a single loss means elimination, and a team must be "up" for all of the games it is scheduled to play, for a lapse could very well cause elimination.

The Memorial High Old Abes are one of the 422 teams in the W.I.A.A. sanctioned tournament field, where the amount of very good teams is plentiful.

The Old Abes of Eau Claire have traveled to the state tourney more than any other team in the state of Wisconsin, and this year the Abes have another fine ball club.

The Abes square off in the Chippewa Falls, Sub-Regional Tourney, and are seeded, along with Durand as one of the top teams in the area.

At Chippewa, Durand and Eau Claire have drawn byes, and the first two games will match Bloomer, against the Cardinals of Chippewa, and Menomonie against the Mondovi Buffaloes.

The winner of the Chippewa-Bloomer



ABE ACTION: Two Abe reserves, John Bussell (No. 15), and Gene Haag (No. 41) aid in our victory over Wisconsin Rapids.

mer game will play Durand, who has a very impressive record of 15-1. The winner of the Menominee-Mondovi game will be paired with the Old Abes.

The winner of the Sub-Regional will enter Regional play, and the winner of the Regional crown will participate in the Wisconsin State Basketball Tournament to be held at the University of Wisconsin Fieldhouse, in Madison.

Last year, the Purgolders of Madison East were the state champs, as they defeated the all-negro quint of Milwaukee North in the finals. This year North is undefeated, as they were last year, and are once again ranked as the number one team in the state, a distinction they also held last season.

East has dropped several games, and they do not look quite as impressive as last year's entry. However, they have a sound ball club, and the thrills of the tournament may be the thing that they need more than anything. East is paired with a perennially weak squad in the first game of the Stoughton Regional, that being Wisconsin High of Madison, while Milwaukee North should make it by Milwaukee Riverside with comparative ease.

### Logan, Central

Other teams that look very "tourney-worthy" include the cross-town rivals of LaCrosse, Central and Logan. Both teams play in the Spartans-Tomah Sub-Regional, and no doubt will meet for the championship of that area. Logan has defeated Central twice this year, but it has been very close each time, with the last contest going into an overtime to determine the winner; Logan by a mere two points. It looks like a lot of good basketball near LaCrosse.

### Strong Teams

Elsewhere in the state, it looks like the top-ranked teams will have a breeze, at least through the first game, and in some instances, even further. Kimberley, one of the finer quints in the Badger State, is looking at Madison with enviable eyes, and from past performances, it looks like they will have their ambitions realized.

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## SPORT SHORTS

### OLYMPIC SKI PROSPECTS

With the 1960 Olympics in the not-too-distant future, the various coaches of the events are now beginning to pick their teams, and one of these is the Ski Jumping Team. Coach of the United States Team, is Lloyd (Snowball) Severud, in stature, a small, quiet man, but this Chetek chicken farmer who does his skiing with the nationally famous Eau Claire Ski Club, is the chief reason, why Eau Claire riders have shown so well over the years that he has been connected with the club.

Two of the boys that this man has skied with for many seasons are now hopefuls on his Olympic squad, and it looks as if one of them has clinched his third straight berth on this team. He is Billy Olson, who is perhaps the finest skier in the history of the city of Eau Claire, and rates with the finest in the nation's history.

Olson recently was almost assured a berth on the team, as a result of two sterling performances on successive weekends at Westby, Wisconsin, and Leavenworth, Wash. Olson was a third place finisher at both meets, and lost his Senior Class Title to the skiing sensation of the Upper Peninsula, Willie Ericson, at the Wash. meet. Although Billy placed third, his Olympic jumps on the day after the meets were excellent, as he thrilled the fans of the winter sport. Billy excelled as a skier all of his life, and has won numerous trophies, medals, and prizes throughout his great career. Billy was Senior Class President at Eau Claire Senior High.

Although he has a "cold streak", Ted Lahner, is as fine a skier as he was when he won the United States Central Class A crown a few years back. Lahner has had trouble since after the Eau Claire meet, but his performances at the beginning of the year must be taken into consideration by the officials who are picking the Olympic Team.

Ted is another of the "Fish Style" group, and no one thrills the crowd as much as Lahner, for he leans so far over it seems that he cannot possibly come out of it.

Today he skies with a steel pin in his shoulder, as a result of the time when he didn't come out of it. Ted has also had ski trouble as he has broken more than his share and has had trouble getting used to new slats in time for a meet.

Ted was captain of an undefeated football team while at senior high.

With Lahner and Olson as two of the top contenders for berths on the squad, are such names as Gene Kotlarek, the youthful sensation from Duluth, Rudy Maki, Bob Wedin, Ragnar Uhland, whose father was coach of the last Olympic Ski-Jumping team, Jim House, the highest U. S. finisher at Cortina, Art Tokle,

brother of former great, Torger Tokle, Dick Rahoi, Jerry Lewis, power-jumper from the University of Minnesota, Ansten Samuelsten, holder of the United States distance record, Ericson, one of the truly great skiers of the past few years, and many others.

All in all, it looks from here that the United States will be ably represented in the forthcoming games at Squaw Valley and all of the fans who follow the ski game will be justified for the faith that they have in the American Hickory Men.

### WISCONSIN HOCKEY; NOT UP TO PAR:

With the conditions that we have here in Wisconsin, it would seem that our state would have year in and year out good hockey in the prep ranks. Such is not the case.

The state of Wisconsin is acknowledged to play fine basketball, but so is Minnesota. The Gopher State is also the High School Capitol of the world as far as high school hockey is concerned, while the hockey in our state is practically nil.

Take for instance the fact that the Minnesota State Champions, the Rosseau Rams have three-hundred boys playing hockey in organized ranks from the third grade. This is just the opposite of the Badger State, where we do not have that many from the high school level up. By the time most of the players in our state take the game somewhat seriously they are ready to graduate.

Unlike this, the Minnesota boys are at their peak when they are still in the High School ranks, and as a result, Hockey is a major sport in that state, and it is on an equal basis with the cage sport.

The leading teams from the Gopher state are almost always the northernmost ones, such as International Falls, Rosseau, and a scattering of Twin City squads, Minneapolis Washburn, St. Paul Murray, St. Paul Johnson, St. Paul Harding, and others.

The State of Wisconsin has a large city much the same as the Twin Towns, but it seems our largest city in Wisconsin is located too far to the south though to make the playing season, but an indoor rink or two would make a lot of amends.

Of course it would cost a lot of money, but look at the Minnesota State Tourney, which for the second straight year has broken attendance records, drawing a total of over 36,000 for the three day meet this year.

Rhineland and Wausau, along with East and West of Madison are or were among the best in Wisconsin, but they are getting a little less interested in the sport with each coming season.

With a climate much the same as our western neighbors, it seems funny that there isn't enough interest in the state to back prep hockey to the limit, after all, we are as good in athletics as our neighbors, but to stay that way, we have to improve.

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Len Friede had his night on the town. Rumor was he was feeling no pain!!!!

Some people have all the luck in the world when it comes to getting on the Prom Committee of their choice, but one junior girl used her influence instead!

**SPRING NEWS:**

Goody! Many of the "WHEELERS" are getting their licenses back!

Bud Moe insists that his burn on his neck didn't come from necking!!!

A little birdie told us that he saw

Vernie Moore's car parked in front of Barb Anderson's house real early one Saturday morning.

A lot of kids run around school with great big casts on their arms or legs, but Larry Kohnke is too weak to carry around a big one so he settled for a little one on his finger.

A junior girl thought it was a cute idea to send sympathy cards to friends who lose their driver's licenses, and found out it can be expensive.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:**

Jim Allen, and John Tollefson.

We'd better close now before we bore you too much because you had-

**FACTS AND FIGURES**

About one tenth of the world's people live at altitudes of 1,500 or more feet.

Trailer parks in the U.S. have doubled since 1950.

Metal can production in the U.S. according to industry sources, will increase about two per cent in 1959 to 41.8 billion units.

n't gotten in the column this time. Maybe next time if you don't behave! See you next issue!!!

**TOURNAMENT**  
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Superior Central was in the state meet a year ago, and it looks very much like they will make the long trip once again in '59. Also way up north is the home of the Hodags of Rhinelander, the conquerors of the Old Abes, and Rhinelander should make it through the Hurley-Lake-land Sub-Regional with the only stiff competition coming from Park Falls, a team which downed the Hodags in the first game of the season.

**Ranked**

Looking at the rankings of the "Big Sixteen" one can garner some ideas about the entrants of the tournays, and just what teams are strong.

Wausau, of the Big Rivers conference is tough, despite a mediocre season record, and the Lumberjacks should provide some stiff competition for the teams in the Antigo-Schofield Sub-Regional. One of the drawbacks of the Wausau team, is that they have had to be in the same Regional with Shawno, the two-time state champ, dethroned only last year.

The Indians have had strong teams in the last few years, but this year could be the one for Wausau, as the Indians seem a little "less potent" than in years past. Wausau is not great, but with a good night, the Lumberjacks can pull one out of the fire.

From where this writer sits, it looks like some of the entries of last year's state meet will repeat in '59. Among these teams will be the Eau Claire Old Abes, if they manage a victory over the Menomonie-Mondovi winner. By seasonal records, it should be Menomonie, a team which the Old Abes have defeated twice this year. Chippewa should edge Bloomer, and Durand has a very good chance to defeat Chippewa by a very comfortable margin.

Durand is supposed to be as good or better than Eau Claire, and a good time to see who is the best would be in the championship game which would pit the Abes and the Panthers.

Durand has the better record, but the Abes are a much larger school, and play better competition, so it should be a good one. Anyway, we here on the NEWS sports staff pick the Abes, and we hope that our predictions are as good as they were in football. If they are, we should see the Old Abes in Regional play once again.

Two GI's were surveying the damage after a 3-day pass. "How," asked one, "did you get that black eye?"

Replied his buddy, "I was hit by a guided muscle."

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**Assembly Features Foreign Students**

On February 12, a foreign student assembly was held in the auditorium. Claus Westphal, our exchange student from Germany, and Leonard Friede, A.F.S. exchange student to Germany last summer, told of their experiences in their respective countries.

Claus spoke first, giving his opinions of our school system and our dating system, and comparing them to those in Germany. He also explained the political divisions in Germany and what those divisions mean to the German people and to the free world.

Leonard told of his experiences as an American Field Service student. He tried to give the students a resume of his life with his German family plus an account of several days of travel through Europe and England for which he found time.

Four M.H.S. students are being considered as possible exchange students for the approaching program. John Hibbard, Sue Miller, and Sigrid Christopherson are applying for the A.F.S. summer program, and Roberta Hauke is applying for the A.F.S. student program consisting of one semester of school in a Foreign country.

**MHS Hosts Youth Council**

What? School on Saturday? This is the impression that will be given to all the people going by Memorial High School March 14. Don't jump to conclusions! It's only the annual District VIII meeting of the Wisconsin Youth Council, which will be held on that day.

During the morning and afternoon sessions will be conducted. Topics for these discussions:

- Welfare
  - Youth Participation
  - Law Enforcement
  - Education
  - Health
  - Recreation
  - Human Rights
- At noon a dinner and record dance will be held in the cafeteria from 11:50 to 1:30. In charge of hospitality from MHS are Juniors; Sue Taylor, Suzi Linton, and Carolyn Johnson, Senior; Janice Sewall, and Advisor, Mrs. Coffman.

This event will be announced further in class meetings. Students from all the high schools in the following seven counties will be present:

- St. Croix
  - Rusk
  - Pierce
  - Polk
  - Chippewa
  - Barron
  - Eau Claire
- Everyone is welcome to attend, so bring a friend!

Two gals were discussing high finance the other night.

First coed: "Did it make you the least bit nervous to ask your dad for spending money?"

Second same: "No, I stayed calm and collected."

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