

The News

Look Out Madison, Here We Come!

NMSQ Test To Be April 28

The Merit Scholarship test will be given April 28 to all Juniors who signed up for it and paid their dollar. Their have been over 100 students who have signed up for this test.

The National Merit Scholarship Qualifying test is a measure of educational growth and aptitude. Emphasis is on broad intellectual skills, and understanding of and ability to use what has been learned, rather than on sheer knowledge of facts. From the test results, both you and your teachers can see how well you are progressing and how your test performance compares with other high schools students across the nation. When the scores come back you will be told how you ranked in the test and how you rank with the rest of the students in the United States who also took this test of mental ability.

This test consists of five separate parts, each of which relates to abilities important to success in college. They are:

- English Usage
- Mathematics Usage
- Social Studies Reading
- Natural Science Reading
- Word Usage.

Best of luck to all Juniors who are planning on taking this test.

Trig Classes Plan Math Fair April 1

On April 1 Miss Otteson's trigonometry classes will present their fourth annual math fair. This event will be held in the all-purpose room and the public is invited.

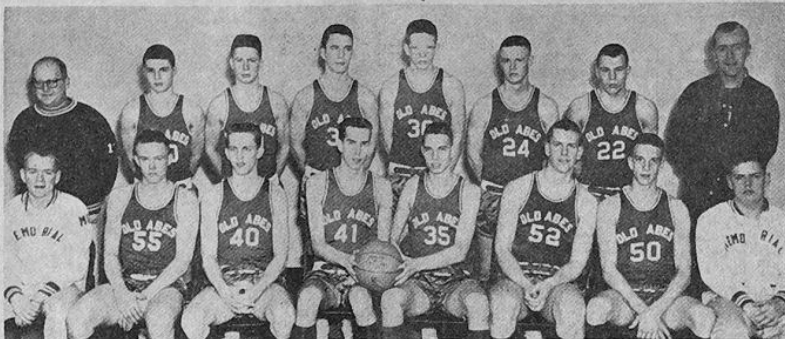
The fair consists of original, individual projects displayed in clear, attractive ways. The purpose of this Math Fair is to show the layman the many uses of math outside the classroom, and to stimulate the participating students' interest in the ramifications of math.

The students are free to select their own projects, but are given helpful suggestions by Miss Otteson that pertain to the display of the projects, suggested topics, and the dates of progress reports. These reports are both written and oral and are presented to both the class and to Miss Otteson.

A few of the 162 suggestions supplied to the students are da Vinci's inventions, the nine-point circle, robots, the development of our numbers system, and planning a math scavenger hunt with the clues given in math terms.

The students have already completed their first semester projects. Several of these are: a complete, scale-model of the actual raft Kon-Tiki that was used to cross the Pacific Ocean. This wood-bamboo structure was built by Jim Van Gordon. Steve Loken inserted delicate weather instruments in a remodeled phonograph that measures the temperature for 24 hours. A wood-plaster of paris model illustrating Archimedes' screw was built by Larry Bennett. This device is an ingenious invention for raising water from one level to another and Larry's model works on electricity. A project that all the students are enjoying is Bill Perry's three-dimensional Tic-Tac-Do game. It consists of three layers of glass, divided into squares, and set in a

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OUR STATE REPRESENTATIVES: (Sitting, L to R), Wahl, (Mgr.), Bussel, Steidman, Hulett, Haag, Stelter, Harsh, Engebretson (Mgr.). Standing (L. to R.) Mr. McGinnis (Coach), Schaaf, Coggins, Van Gorden, Putney, Smith, Garnett, Mr. Gibbs (Coach).

Abes Crown Successful Cage Season Travel to Madison for State Meet

For the second time in as many years, the Eau Claire Old Abes have won a tourney berth in the state tourney held annually at the Wisconsin University Fieldhouse at Madison. The Abes worked hard for the right to be one of the eight teams in the tourney, and rightfully deserve to be the Eau Claire area representative. Looking back over the Abes seasonal efforts, one can see that the Abes have been the typical Old Abes of years past, and that Abe Coach, Harry Gibbs, although youthful in years, certainly makes up for it in ability and desire. When the current season opened, the Abes had only two lettermen, and it was supposed to be a long winter for Gibbs and the Abes. But Gibbs laughed this off, and with work and determination, we see that we are at the state again, and we are just as much in the running as all of the other seven teams in the meet.

Regular Season

Stepping off on the wrong foot for the first time in many years. The Eau Claire Old Abes were defeated by the Hodags from Rhinelander in the opener of the '58-'59 season.

Although the Abes outshot the Hodags from the field, it was the superb freethrow shooting of the visitors that enabled them to win their first game over the Abes in two years.

The Hodags netted 33 of 43 charity tosses, 22 of them by one man, forward Roger Palmer. Palmer garnered 26 points for the night, but he was only able to score two field goals.

The Old Abes were paced by mid-get guard John Schaaf, who stands only 5'6", but tossed in 24 points in a losing cause.

In the second contest of the season, the Abes were pitted against the Tomah Indians, and if the Old Abes were ever out for revenge, it was that night against the Indians. The Eau Claire aggregation did everything but entertain at halftime, in posting a 83-58 romp, with reserves playing considerably.

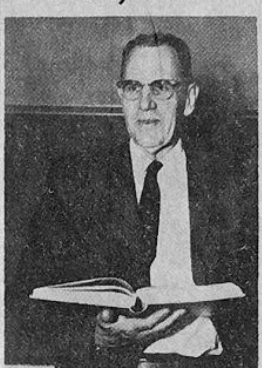
Balanced scoring was the key to the Abes sound win, and four of the five starters hit in the double figures. Big Dave Hulett, 6'5" forward led the Old Abes attack with 18 points, while Jon Haag added 15, and Jim Van Gorden, John Harsh, and Bob Steidmann each chipped in with 12.

With only two season games under their belts, the Gibbsmen stepped into rugged Big Rivers Confer-

ence action, as they played host to the LaCrosse Central Red Raiders, in a game which was billed as a forerunner to the championship contest.

The game was a see-saw battle for the first three quarters, then in the last frame, Central ran head on into the Abes' taunted "press", and the results were something to see.

Faculty News



Mr. Haag

One of our many interesting and outstanding teachers here in Memorial High School is Mr. John Haag. His sincerity and kindness has won him many friends in our school.

Mr. Haag attended the University of North Dakota where he acquired his Bachelor of Arts Degree. Later he studied at the University of Wisconsin and earned the Master of Arts Degree.

While studying at the University of Wisconsin, Mr. Haag was a student assistant in United States history at the University. Later he taught at the high school at Hamilton, North Dakota, before coming to Eau Claire High School.

At Memorial High, Mr. Haag has been very valuable in guiding the students. In previous years, he has assisted in coaching basketball and previously coached the freshman football teams. This year Mr. Haag has organized a new club at MHS, the Rifle Club, open to all students.

Presently, Mr. Haag is teaching United States history at Memorial High, and he enjoys teaching very much.

The Central players went to pieces as the press accomplished its mission, and the Abes took home another victory to the tune of 69-59. The Old Abes, two year defending conference champs were in first place again, and it looked as if they were going to stay there for a little while anyway. Haag, the 6'6" Abe, and Schaaf led the attack with 18 and 16 points respectively.

Keeping right in conference action, the Old Abes made the two day trip to Marinette and Menominee, Michigan, and the result was a double victory, and a bigger lead in the conference standings. The Old Abes waxed the Marinette Marines, 61-46, with Jon Haag again leading the way with 18 points, and Dave Putney adding 15 to the cause.

The following day, the Abes traveled across the huge Wisconsin-Michigan Interstate Bridge to visit the Maroons of Menominee, Michigan, another conference member, and the result was another Old Abe victory, this time to the tune of 66-48. Pacing the Eau Clairettes attack were Captain John Coggins with 13, and Jon Haag with ten. Four other Abes hit for eight points, to round out the scoring.

Following the Old Abes double victory on the road, the Gibbsmen returned home to play host to their ancient and worthy rival, the Cardinals of Chippewa High.

All records went out the window as they always do when these two teams meet, but, although the Cards were primed for an upset, it just wasn't in the books, as the Old Abes completely outclassed them, 62-50.

Four of the five Abe starters hit in the double figures, but the outstanding player on the floor was Steve Olsson, Card center, who netted fifteen points, and was an "iron man" under the boards.

A weekend of basketball action was the highlight of the January eighth and ninth, as the Gibbsmen played host to both the Menominee Maroons and Marinette Marines on consecutive nights.

The first of these two games nearly proved disastrous to the Abes, as they met a vastly improved Maroon squad, and had to scrap for the right to a 53-49 victory.

The Maroons failed to place a man in the double figures scoring, but balanced efforts kept the m in the game until the very end. The Abes (Continued on page 3, col. 1)

Elks Sponsor Annual Contest

The B.P.O. Elks Lodge No. 402 is again sponsoring its Annual Scholarship contest and invites the participation of senior students from MHS. The contest is based on knowledge of the U. S. Constitution, the American form of government, and current events. Because this kind of contest poses a number of problems in regards to students participation, the assistance of principals, Senior Class Advisors, and Science teachers is needed to impress upon the seniors the value of having that knowledge.

There are approximately 25 of the better seniors from MHS that will take the local or run-off test. All entries and names of local winners must be in by April 1, 1959. The Elks will pay local winners; \$10.00 to the first place winner and \$5.00 to the second place winner, providing the winners will also take part in the District Contest.

The District contest will be held on Friday, April 3, 1959. The award for this contest will be \$50.00 for the first place winner, and \$35.00 for the second place winner and \$20.00 for third place. The winner of the District contest will be eligible to enter the State contest which will be held on April 18th. All expenses to the State contest for contestants will be paid by the Elks Lodge.

The Elks Scholarship committee stresses that the only obligation on the part of the contestants is a willingness to study the United States Constitution, the American form of government and to read current events.

Senior, John Long Presented Award

Every year, Memorial High awards to a student the Bausch Lomb Honorary Science Award. The student is chosen by the Memorial faculty, and the decision is based on his outstanding achievements in scientific activities. This year's winner is senior John Long. The award will be presented to him at graduation.

John's award allows him to compete on the national level where thirty winners are chosen from all over the United States. These finalists will go to Rochester, New York for the national finals which are held at the University of Rochester. The entrants will undergo several conferences and examinations to choose the final winner. The winner will be awarded up to fifteen hundred dollars a year for four years to assist him in attending any college or university he chooses.

Minor prizes are awarded to second and third place winners.

Uthrotar Delegates Attend Conference

Juniors John Bussell and Jon Haag will represent MHS at the annual Uthrotar Conference, it was announced by Mr. Thorngate, assistant principal. They will be sponsored by the Rotary District 625.

The conference will be held at Madison on April 3 and 4. All expenses will be paid for by the local Rotary. The purpose of the conference is to acquaint the boys with (Continued on Page 4, Col. 2)

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We have found that writing a column is certainly not the pleasantest job in the world—not by a long shot. We can safely state that with each column published, we gain at least 10 more enemies!

Well anyway, grab your shovel and we're on our way!
Hey gang! By this time it's no secret that Shirley Kilek failed her road test. It seems she has trouble making left turns.

Did you know that Whit gets so hungry in gym class that she licks the floor? (She was doing push-ups and her arms failed her.) Those junior girls really have a ball in fourth period gym class! Come to think of it, the senior girls in fourth period have a riot too—Kathy Pachio, Barb (Moose) Schroeder, Carol Schadweiller, Rose Mary Schulde, and Karen Sletner.

There's a certain senior boy who would make a keen model. He was doing a one job as one in fourth period art class. Who is he? Why none other than Hercules himself, Dick Geibel!!!

THE MATCH BOX
 Just Lit:
 Maggie Boehlke and Jim Wold
 Fern Borum and Dave Hickie
 Barely Burning:
 Bob Curtis and Sharon Jevne
 Bill Hess and Barb Kohlepp
 Steady Flames:
 Earl White and Karen Sletner
 Judy Finn and Jim McGrath.
 Tonja Void and Wink Koehendorf
 Burning Brightly:
 Mary Mierow and Bill Perry
 Phillis Wendt and Jim Mc Sorley
 Snuffed Out:
 Sonja Sletten and Dave Miller

ATTENTION:
 Jack Powell and Diann Thorsen are going steady again!!
 Sisters like to wear each others clothes, but there's one senior girl who can't make up her mind whether she should wear her clothes or her sister's so she wears her dress over her sister's. Could this be Nancy Olsen???

Original play, act one
TITLE: "Romance in 207"
CAST OF CHARACTERS:
 a. Editor of school paper... (boy),
 b. Reporter on school paper... (girl).
SCENE: Typical high school classroom

DIALOGUE:
He: ADLIB
She: ADLIB

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:
 Why does Melvin Poling use (Wash and Curl Shampoo) on his hair? He couldn't figure out what made his hair stand on end, but WE know!!

Cookie Frank intended to have a party, asking only about twenty kids, but practically the whole school showed up. It was quite the party.
 The game Friday, the sixth, was really a tear-jerker, wasn't it Rich Partlow? Rich and his pals thought we were going to lose, but the Mighty Mighty Old Abes came through again. Always have faith in the Abes!!!!

This is a girl
 The Way At Looks
 A Boy

It's about time Jim Wold and Gary Bunce learned where to hang their coats in the Badger Fun-O-Reno. We're glad to inform you fellas that when the coat check on the main floor is full, you go upstairs and turn to the RIGHT, not the LEFT!!!
 Steve Cardinal thought Breezy Point was used for swimming.

PREVIEW OF BAND TRIP:
 What kind of book will Paul Marcus read on the back of the bus this year?
 What will Erma get teased about?
 Who will crawl out of windows?
 What will happen?????
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Eye Catchers

FLASH and we aren't kidding! **Pris Gram** is stating a new trend in the sloppy-go-lucky sweaters. Have you seen her latest; a gray and white Perry Como sweater, and a red crew-neck? How about that, Punky?

Some clothes have "it", and others seem to have missed out along the line. Shay and I put our heads together and came up with the following kids as the best dressers in their class:
SENIORS

Mercedes Thompson: "Merf" has the uncanny ability to add life to a plain outfit, by some new and original accessories. She sews most of her own clothes and has set the pace for many new fashions in the halls of MHS.

Dave Henning: Dave is often seen in vivid colors of red, which draws complimentary attention to his dark color tones. His wardrobe consists of Perry Como sweater, crew-neck, and gay colored shirts. Let Dave be an example to you fellas!
JUNIOR

Patti Robillard: "Simplicity is the keynote of good dressing" could easily be Patti's motto. It is characteristic to see Patti in up-to-date style smartly set off by a pastel color. Her favorite accessories are pointed shoes, and dainty charm bracelets.

Dick Carlson: a variety of colorful and unusually designed sweaters comprise a large part of Dick's wardrobe. He also has a neat appearance, and he chooses harmonizing colors to accentuate his red hair.
SOPHOMORE

Connie Hanson: Connie, a pert little blond, has a wardrobe as versatile as herself. He clothes, mainly pastels and plaids, portray the casual

look that is envied by many. Don't you agree, Dick?

Jim Clark: Say fellas, want that casual, but yet dressy look? Well, then follow Jim's example. His gayly colored and designed shirts draw attention to him wherever he goes.

Teachers may not be as hep regarding certain matters at MHS, but they certainly are in the groove when it comes to clothes sense. We've heard a lot of comments on how nice some teachers dress, and here are a few of them that were mentioned.

"Boy! That Mrs. Chatterton sure is a smart dresser." This was an original comment we overheard concerning her stylish wardrobe. The kids bragged about her use of colors to bring out the other colors. She is generally seen wearing a gay colored necklace or bracelet to accent her outfit.

They say black is a mournful color, but on Mr. Poquette, this saying is disproved. His large assortment of sport jackets and slacks are given a distinguished look by his neat ties and shirts. Keeping making those Sociology classes easy on the eye, Mr. Poquette!

Mr. Berg's favorite appears to be the casual and ever-popular sweater, of which he owns a variety of styles and colors. This casual look emphasizes his dynamic personality.

We only had room to mention a few teachers, but we'll be back next issue bringing you the latest about the teachers' outfits.

Say gals, have you asked a guy to Job's? Better get cracking, and we'll see you all there in your snappy outfits.

Bye now,
 Shay and Nanc

...EDITORIAL...

One of the popular teen-age fads of today is the art of dieting. Although this is more extensively pursued by girls than boys, it still has wide appeal, for everyone likes to see a trim figure.

Dieting, the wonderful process of losing weight, is done in many various ways. There is the widely prescribed, but idiotic method of using a low calorie, well balanced diet that is prepared by health experts. That, of course, is just for the adults and small children who are under doctor's care.

The teen-ager, naturally, wants a diet that is just for him, and so he will concoct his own special formula for weight reducing.

Usually he does this in a very simple way; he just doesn't eat. That is, he doesn't eat at meal times, but to keep up his strength he will munch on a candy bar now and then.

To help remedy this situation we are offering this well balanced, low calorie diet just for teenagers.

- Monday:**
 Breakfast: weak tea
 Lunch: 1 bouillon cube in 1/2 cup diluted water
 Dinner: 1 pigeon thigh, 3 ounces of prune juice (gargle only)
- Tuesday:**
 Breakfast: scraped crumbs from burned toast

Lunch: 1 doughnut hole (without sugar)
 Dinner: 2 jellyfish skins, 1 glass dehydrated water

Wednesday:
 Breakfast: boiled-out stains from a table cover
 Lunch: 1/2 dozen poppy seeds
 Dinner: bees knees and mosquito knuckles salted with vinegar

Thursday:
 Breakfast: shredded egg shell skins
 Lunch: bellybutton from a navel orange
 Dinner: 3 eyes from Irish potatoes (diced)

Friday:
 Breakfast: 2 lobster antennae
 Lunch: broiled butterfly liver
 Dinner: jellyfish vertebrae a la bookbinders

Saturday:
 Breakfast: 4 chopped banana seeds

Lunch: 1 guppy fin
 Dinner: fillet of soft shell crab

Sunday:
 Breakfast: pickled humming bird tongue

Lunch: prime rib of tadpole
 Dinner: tossed paprika and clover leaf (1) salad, aroma of empty custard pie plate.
 Good Luck!

FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA HIGHLIGHTS

The district JDA convention was held yesterday at Glenwood City. Highlights of the convention were an extemporaneous speaking contest, a demonstration contest, and a talk on the use of IBM machines for computing dairy production records. The talk was given by a representative of dairy husbandry from the University of Wisconsin.

Awards were also given at the convention to the boys who had satisfactorily completed a year of milk testing. Herman Nelson received an award for his sixth year of testing. Roger Christy received an award for (his fifth year, and Joe Schimmel for four years. The above are all graduates of MHS.

Lyle Bien and Steve Surguy received three year awards. Acquiring two year awards were Frederick Bain, David Day, Kenneth Hunt, James Lantz, Robert Riekemann, Dale and Dean Sabin, and Leon Schrententhaler.

Kenneth Bollinger, Douglas Dohms, William Jackson, Richard Jensen, Gary Johnson, Roland Johnson, Gerald Kinderman, George King, Dennis Krumholz, George Orth, Leon Schuh, Duane Stafsholt, James Warden, and Ronald Welke received first year awards.

Joe Schimmel, who is vice-president of the Wisconsin JDA, and who was co-chairman of the convention, applied for the district JDA award.

April 1 is the date set for the JDA Parent's Night. At this meeting awards will be presented to those boys who were unable to attend the convention.

A contest for the parents and guests will also be given in which they will have to judge hay samples.
 Lyle Bien, president of the Eau Claire JDA, will be the chairman.

Roving Reporter

This issue Roving Reporter asked the question: "What is your pet peeve?" This is what some of the students had to say:

- Jack Powell, Sr.**---"Getting up in the morning."
Dave Hulet, Sr.---"I got thousands of them, especially girls."
Adele Patraz, Jr.---"Red nylons."
Katy Paulson, Sr.---"Gum-crackers."
Larry Bertsch, Soph.---"Kids that want to buy gas for their car all the time."
Majorie Lee, Sr. --- "Just about everything."
Sandy Carlson, Soph.---"Senior girls."
Ruth Zimmerman, Jr. "Cute girls."
Allen Ossman, Soph.---"Teachers!"
Pat Severson, Sr.---"Sloppy boys."
Dick Jensen, Jr.---"Tough sophomore boys."
Verlin Ehwright, Soph.---"Girls that can't go out."
Bev Olson, Soph.---"My sister, Laurel."
Joe Horal, Sr.---"School."
Sam Spielman, Soph.---"Shoveling snow."
Susie Helstrom, Soph.---"Being friends with someone just so you can wear their cloths."
Joyce Barton, Jr.---"Gossipers."
Bill Carpenter, Soph.---"Biology."

TOP TEN TUNES

- Here are the Top Ten Tunes of the week around Memorial High
1. Alvin's Harmonica ----- Seville
 2. Pink Shoelaces ----- Stevens
 3. Donna ----- Valens
 4. Hawaiian Wedding Song ----- Williams
 5. Petite Fleur ----- Barber
 6. Peter Gunn Theme ----- Anthony
 7. Venus ----- Avalon
 8. Apple Blossom Time ----- Hunter
 9. All-American Boy ----- Parsons
 10. Tall Paul ----- Annette

Student Spotlight



Janet Smith

An energetic junior gal! Actively engaged in all activities, in school and out, pretty smile and just as pretty a personality? Janet Smith of course!

This bouncy blonde maintains an A average, loves shorthand, and, we quote, "goes to all the school activities which I just love!" Being a member of the Girl Reserves keeps Janet busy, as does planning for the Junior Prom as a member of the Prom Decorating Committee.

School is not the only field in which she excels, as Janet is president of her Girl Scout group, a representative to the city chapter of the Girl Scout Council, and next year will receive a pin for ten years of good work in Girl Scout organization. Also a member of Job's Daughters, Janet sings in the choir and in the choir's quartet.

This girl's church activities also help to fill her time. Singing in the Lake Street Methodist church choir, belonging to their youth group, being a member of a committee to increase church attendance, and being the publicity chairman for the sub-district are the posts that Janet holds in church.
 Hobbies? Janet says her favorites are dancing, cooking, and sewing. Being one of the family of seven girls, Janet finds it useful to sew her own clothes which she does very well.



Roger Tietz

Roger is an excellent student with an A average; Roger would like to be a business accountant; Roger is active in Memorial school life; Roger is popular; Roger has a hobby that is shared by a majority of teen-age boys; Roger works very hard at the Dairy Queen, and at everything else true, and they pertain to Roger he does. These statements are all Tietz, well-known junior boy.

Roger is a member of Stump and the Student Council, and also plays in the school and pep bands. He also finds time to plan the decorations for the upcoming Prom, and, now that Spring is here, report for baseball try-out; a sport of which Rog is an enthusiastic player.

Also, as a member of Epiphany Lutheran church, Roger sings in their church choir.

In his own word; Rog's hobby is "playing with cars; both the little model ones with motors, and the real, live thing". Much of his time Rog spends on "cleaning up" his car, and, when he gets the money, he wants to add some speed accessories.

Roger's job, working at Eau Claire's Dairy Queen, begins for the season about next Friday, Roger says that if anyone wants a big smile, to stop in; if they want anything else, bring money!

BASKETBALL FEATURE

(Continued from page 1 col. 4) were paced by big Jon Haag, who dropped in 14, and John Schaaf, and John Harsh who added ten.

Following their big scare, the Eau Claire quint met another improved team in the Marinette Marines. After trailing at the half, the home squad came to life to win in a walk, 79-57. John Haag was again the leader in the scoring department, as he combined nine field goals with four free throws, for a total of 22 points. Dave Putney was close behind with 18, and a fine all-around game.

In their third game since the Christmas Holidays break, the Abes traveled to Menominee Wisconsin, where they met an equally tall Indian quint.

The Eau Claire agrigation was held completely in check by a very aggressive Indian quint, in fact, fights were almost on the verge, when the officials called a halt to the contest to throw a Menominee player from the tilt. The Abes settled down, and behind the great performance of Captain John Coggins, were able to down the Indians, 61-58. Coggins paced the Abes in scoring as well as all-around floor play, and was ably backed in each category by John Schaaf.

Leading the Indians in their quest for an upset was Pete Noreen, fine forward for the Indians, who totaled 20 points to take honors for the night. This game seemed to be the warning of what was to come when the Indians came to the Eau Claire Fieldhouse later in the month for the other half of the home-and-home series.

With an eight game win skein going, the Old Abes made ready for their old nemesis, LaCrosse Logan.

But no defense the Abes could have set up would have stopped the Rangers from Logan that night, as the boys from LaCrosse shot like they owned the baskets.

The Rangers shot at a terrific 59 per cent, and their floor play was just as impressive. The Abes had a fair night, but it wasn't quite good enough. The final score put the Rangers in the win column once again, 68-60. Big Dave Horton, Logan's candidate for All-State honors, led all players with 21 points, but balanced scoring by his teammates proved to be the winning factor. Larson, Johnson, and Weber had 12, 13, 14 points in that order for the winners, while Captain John Coggins paced the Abes with 16 points and his usual fine floor game.

Trying to get back into the win column, the Old Abes traveled to Wisconsin Rapids to play the Rai-

ders of Lincoln High, a team whose record was very bad, and it looked like a sure Abe win.

The Raiders must have thought about this too for when the Old Abes scored they were matched and then some by the jump-shooting hosts. The Abes trailed first, second, and third quarter stops, and just when it looked like the Abes were going to fall victim to another jinx rival, coach Harry Gibbs sent in his pressing squad. The results are in the final score, 73-60, in favor of the Old Abes, as the pressing squad scored 26 points, and held the home squad to a meager nine. The Abes now stood nine and two for the season, and were ranked as high as sixth in the Big Sixteen Rankings of Wisconsin High Schools.

After a long conference layoff the Old Abes returned to league action, as they traveled to Wausau, a team which was in second place in the standings.

The Lumberjacks had had an up-and-down season thus far, but they had a good sound ball club, and on a given night, they could give nearly any team trouble. The Old Abes found this out too late, as they fell victim to the cold shooting woes that had never really bothered them before. The Eau Claire squad was able to make only 19 percent of their shots, and scored only seventeen field goals all night, as compared to 20 for Wausau. The Abes were able to set a record though for the least number of point ever scored by an Eau Claire team in Big Rivers play. The Jacks were now tied with the Abes for first place in the league after their 61-49 win.

The following day the Old Abes had a chance to get back on the victory trail once again, as they played host to the "Winhawks" of Winona, Minnesota. The visitors were never really in the game, and with reserves playing most of the final half, the Abes coasted to a 75-45 win.

All of the Abes, save one, scored at least one point, with juniors Dave Putney and John Harsh showing the way with 15 and 13 points respectively.

With a supposedly new offense as the key to the victory the Chippewa Cards met the Old Abes on the fine new court of the Cardinals. But much to the dismay of Card fans the Abe offense completely outshined the Card attack to the tune of 88-75. John Harsh dropped in 20 points, and Jim Van Gorden 19 to lead the winners, while Steve Oleson again led the losers with 20, and another fine job of rebounding.

This game, although it was a fine

team victory, brought about a suspension of thirteen Abe players, six from the varsity. The thirteen Abes had taken "T" shirts and gym trunks from the new physical education rooms at the senior high, and it was announced that the boys would all be suspended for the next week of play, which included two games, one a conference tilt with LaCrosse Central.

The following night after the Chippewa game, the Old Abes downed the Indians from Menominee, Wisconsin for the second time in regular season play. This time it was less of a chore than the first meeting. The Abes played like they had the night before at Chippewa, and walked away with a convincing 76-61 victory. Jim Van Gorden led the Old Abes with 17 points, and was very ably backed up with 14 and 13 by the junior duo of Jon Haag and Dave Putney.

Pete Noreen, one of the finer players in the area, led both clubs in the scoring department with 24 points, 12 coming on free throws, as the Abes committed 23 miscues.

With a week of intensive drills with only half of his varsity, coach Harry Gibbs prepared his Abes for the coming contest with the Central Red Raiders in the huge Mary E. Sawyer Auditorium in LaCrosse.

The Abes traveled to LaCrosse with a part of the "Bee Squad" as fill-ins for the regular varsity. Despite the fact that the Old Abes were defeated 83-72, they gave a very good account of themselves. John Schaaf was the high man for the Abes as he tossed in 16 points, but the night's scoring honors went to the Raiders' fine center Clair Brodt, who netted 28 points, and was a giant under the boards. The loss dropped the Old Abes into second place in the Big Rivers, and gave the Gibbmen a season record of 12 and four.

With the thirteen players still on suspension, the Abes met the Raiders Of Wisconsin Rapids, and one who was unfamiliar with the Old Abes as a team could never have told that they had some of their players missing, for the Abes really waxed the Raiders, 84-73. Fine all-around play sparked the win, but the 23 points of 6'5" forward Dave Hulett led the way. Bill Brener, Rapids forward, tallied 26, on 12 field goals and four charity tosses.

With a very respectable 13 and 4 record, the Old Abes were ready for the showdown game with the Wausau Lumberjacks, and this game was the one that would decide the Big Rivers Conference champ for the '58-'59 campaign. If the Old Abes were to defeat the invading Wausau crew, something would have to be done about the scoring feats of the fine forward the Lumberjacks possessed, Jay Whiting. Coach Harry Gibbs thought for awhile, and came up with the answer, that being putting junior Dave Putney, who, at 6'2" has amazing spring in his legs, and thinking that Putney could stop the scoring of Whiting from the outside. Putney did it. And so did the other four Abe regulars, as the Abes downed the Jacks for a third straight title. Leading the Eau Claire attack were John Schaaf, 5-6 guard, and John Harsh, 6-2 junior forward, who shows promise of great things to come. Pacing the Lumberjacks was jump-shooting junior Tom Wendorf, who tallied 17 points and played a very fine floor game.

With the conference title, at least a share of it, cinched for the third time in as many years, the Abes were back on the revenge trail, and the team was the jinx squad of LaCrosse, the LaCrosse Logan Rangers, a team who had defeated the Old Abes 68-60 earlier in the season. The Abes were up for the contest and led for nearly all of the first three quarters, but Logan wasn't to be denied a school record which they were shooting at, and with a fine comeback in the fourth stanza, the Rangers downed the Abes, 65-57. Logan had, for the first time in many years the distinction of downing the Old Abes two times in regular season play, and the Rangers now owned a very respectable record of 19 and 1. The Gibbmen were now at a

14 and 5, which is still pretty fair in any league.

With regular season play completed, the Old Abes prepared for tournament action, and as a result of the Menominee Indians downing the Mondovi squad, the Abes were pitted against the Indians of Pete Hendrickson for the third time in the season.

Regional Meet

The Old Abes opened their Regional defense by hosting the Menominee Indians who had previously beaten the Mondovi Buffaloes very handsly. The Gibbmen opened slow, picked up a little faster, and by the middle of the third quarter held a 19 point lead. This was short-lived, as the Indians cut the margin to one point, 70-69, with a little over a minute to go. The Old Abes came back strong and won going away, 79-71. Leading the Eau Claire attack were John Schaaf, and John (Scoop) Harsh, the former with 21 points, and the latter with a very aggressive rebounding game. With this victory, the Abes advanced to the finals and met a very good Durand team for the championship of the Chippewa Falls Sub-Regional.

The Abes were playing against the 10th ranked team in the state, while they ranked 12th.

Durand was every bit as good as they were supposed to be, and the game was a see-saw battle for the entire first three quarters. The Panthers pulled away in the fourth, and with several minutes left on the clock it looked like the ball game was theirs. The Abes still had something to fall back on; their vaunted press, and as they employed it the Panther ball club completely fell apart. The Abes scored eight straight points and took over the lead. Before the game was over, the Eau Claire boys were stretching their lead to five points, 67-62, and advanced to a Championship game with Medford, winner of the Owen-Withee Sub-Regional. Leading the Eau Claire attack for the second straight night was diminutive guard John (Hot Rod) Schaaf, who hit from everywhere but the lobby and tallied 17, although sitting out much of the game because of fouls. John Harsh was again pulling down rebound after rebound, but was equally valuable as a scorer. The outstanding player of the game was big Jim Wayne, 6-5, 220 pound center, who tallied 27 points against the Abes, and brought home 21 rebounds. Lee Rutherford, sticky Durand guard, chipped in with 10 points, and played a respectable floor game.

With two down, the Old Abes had one more game, that being with Medford, before they could enter the Eau Claire Sectional the following week.

The Abes were "up" for the Indians, but the Indians were not "up" for the Old Abes. In fact, the two teams weren't even in the same class. Medford never led in the ball game, and were behind at the half, 39-10.

The second half was merely repetition as the Old Abe reserves piled up even a greater point spread in the fourth quarter and won in a walk, 83-37. Leading the Eau Claire attack was captain John Coggins, who tallied 15 points, and passed brilliantly. Right behind were four more teammates all with more than ten points. John Harsh played his usual fine game under the boards, as did Bob Steidtmann. Jim Van Gorden, after two great defensive ball games, aided the cause with twelve markers. The Old Abes were presented with Regional Medals and Coach Harry Gibbs and Captain John Coggins received the championship trophy from Mr. Molland, Chippewa High principal, who acted as tourney manager. The Abes were now paired with Glenwood City, a surprise winner in the Hudson Regional, as the Hilltoppers knocked off the host team, Hudson, by one point. Joining Eau Claire and Glenwood City were Altona and Augusta, who knocked off Auburndale and Abbotsford. The winner of this tourney had everything at stake, as they would represent this region at the State Tourney in Madison.

Sectional Meet

With the Chippewa Falls Regional Championship under their belt, and a win streak of three games, the Eau

Claire Old Abes opened defense of their Sectional Title, playing host to the Glenwood City Hilltoppers.

The Abes and the Hilltoppers both started out slow, but as the second quarter was well on its way to becoming history, both quint came to life, and were hitting from all over the court. A late spurge, mostly on fouls committed by the Abes saw the Hilltoppers forge into a two-point halftime lead, 35-33.

In the second half, the Old Abes started out like they were going to run the Hilltoppers off the court, and out of the gym. But, after hitting several straight buckets, the visitors came back to tie the game and put the contest into the familiar "see-saw" ranks, that is, Eau Claire would lead by a point, and then Glenwood would forge into the head by a point.

With only a little over a minute to play in the ball game, the Hilltoppers gained a five point advantage, and all but had the ball game wrapped up. But the Old Abes, led by guard John Schaaf, came back with a full court press that turned the tide and put the Abes on the top half of a 66-65 score.

Leading the Abes was Johnny Schaaf, who hit from all over the court. He was followed by John Harsh, who had one less point than Schaaf, Harsh netting 21.

With only the Augusta Beavers in the way of a second straight tourney berth, many of the Abes fans were all set to pack their belongings and head for the state meet, but the Beavers had a little to say about who was going from the Eau Claire area.

The Abes and the Beavers met on a night when the Abes were "down" and the Beavers "up". The game was Eau Claire nearly all of the way nevertheless, although the Beavers managed to tie it up, and even forge into the lead occasionally.

With only three minutes left, the Abes were ahead comfortably, and went into a semi-stall. The Beavers were desperate, and as a result, were running all over. The Abes quickly took advantage of this and dumped in eight straight points, to win going away, 62-44. Following the game, all the players were presented awards, and Abe mentor Harry Gibbs, along with Abe captain John Coggins was awarded the Sectional Championship trophy. Thus the Abes had won their second straight tourney berth, and a crack at the biggest championship of them all, the state title.

Job's Spring Formal

Spring has sprung—
The time is near—
So, if you want to have fun,
Then ask your dear,
"To what," you ask—
And "When," you chime.
Why the Big JOB'S Dance—
Apple Blossom Time!
On Saturday, April 4, the Job's Daughters will put on their annual Spring Formal. The dance, entitled "Apple Blossom Time", will begin at 8:30 and continue until 11:30 at the Masonic Temple. The music will be provided by Guy Woodford and his Orchestra. Although every year the Job's Dance is the big attraction during the spring—Do you really know what goes into a dance like this?

Here is a brief summary of the people behind the scenes: General chairman of committees is Sigrid Christopherson who is Junior Princess.

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Debators End Season With 4-4 State Record

Six victories and no defeats at the sectional debate tournament gave the Memorial High Varsity Debate team the right to enter the State Debate Tournament held at the University of Wisconsin in Madison.

MHS debators won four and lost four at the state tournament to place fourth. The Affirmative team of John Hibbard and Reed Mackenzie lost three and won one, while the negative team of Jack Powell and Len Friede won three and lost one.

The State tournament climaxed a very busy season for the MHS debaters, who debated the question of adopting the British system of Education into the present system of U.S. education.

Starting the season out right, the MHS varsity team won the Mac Donnell Invitational Tournament with a record of 6-0.

A change in questions and the MHS varsity team traveled to South St. Paul for the Little Nationals. The team of John Hibbard and Reed Mackenzie won four and lost only one to place high in competition from a six area state. Reed Mackenzie placed on the all tournament team for individual speaking.

La Crosse State Teachers College was the next to host a tournament that the Old Abes Varsity Debate team attended. The team posted a record of four wins and only two losses to place in the top three teams.

A Freshmen-Sophomore tourna-

ment held at South St. Paul was won by the beginners from MHS. The team was composed of Kay Gilbertson, and Bill Bergman and Jim Campen on the negative. Gustavus Adolphus was the next tournament that the Old Abes debate team third place out of thirty-one teams.

Four wins and two losses at the tournament held at the Wisconsin State Teachers College in Eau Claire gave the varsity team another fourth place. Once more Reed Mackenzie made the A division all tournament team, and Kay Gilbertson made the B division all tournament team.

Once more tradition was upheld as the Old Abes Debate team made it twelve straight trips to the State Debate Tournament by winning the sectional tournament at Chippewa. A record of six wins and no losses was the qualifying measure.

Thus MHS debate has ended for another year. However, next year debaters will be on the tournament will come and once more MHS depersonally.

UTHROTAR

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 5) the rotary and their meetings.

These boys were selected by their interest in high school activities, good character, and their studies.

These boys will again attend Rotary meetings next year. For they will be chosen as senior Uthrotars next year.

Last Call for Singers

Calling all sophomores and juniors! Mr. Johnson, choir director, made this last call for all students interested in becoming choir members.

Characteristics of a good choir member is one that can carry a tune, though not necessarily perfect; a sense of humor; regular attendance; the ability to be right more than half of the time; and a liking for group singing and a basic desire for good relationship with people. If the characteristics fit you, perhaps you should consider registering for choir.

Men, or boys, whichever you are, may register for choir. If registration is large enough, male chorus may also be offered. Girls, except choir members, are asked to register for Girls Glee Club. All girls registering will have an opportunity to try out for choir.

Choir and Glee club offer a lot of fun together while doing something worthwhile; individual recognition; social enjoyment through group activities and no large assignments or tests.

It is commonly thought that it is necessary to read music and have a good solo voice to sing as a group. Although this is an advantage, it could not be expected even of the majority of the choir. If you have

Governor's Conference Slated for April 3-4

On April 3 and 4, the youth and adults of Wisconsin will be hosted at the University of Wisconsin in Madison, where they will participate in the sixth biennial series of conferences on children and youth. The purpose is to talk and plan together so to meet the needs of Wisconsin youths.

The keynote speaker for the opening session of the conference at 10:00 Friday morning will be Dr. William J. Delvin, a Jesuit priest and psychiatrist from Loyola University, who is interested in the personal values in the changing world. Beginning at 1:30, and continuing during the afternoon a series of section meetings will take place. A few of the topics for these meetings are as follows:

"Which Way Out"—A play and discussion of difficulties faced by teenagers whose parents have a profound effect on their social life and school work.

Getting Back in the Groove—Not the Rut—Rehabilitation of youth, mental patients, and reformatory returnees . . . whose responsibility?

Making a Living or Making a Man—A discussion recognizing the importance and relationship of needs and wants; importance of service to your fellowman as well as providing a living.

Tale of Two Towns—A film presentation followed by a discussion centered around cooperative planning and action by community groups as a positive way to achieve a satisfactory community life for all.

Fun or Trouble—Activities can be channeled to be socially acceptable through recreation and leisure time programs.

Besides the five listed above, there are thirty-one other topics to choose from.

A special meeting for chairmen and co-chairmen of the County Committees on Children and Youth at 3:00 P.M. will highlight county progress reports.

Governor Gaylord A. Nelson will address the delegates on Friday evening at 8:00 in the Union Theater, and following this the youth delegates will have fun dancing in the Great Hall.

any questions about choir, ask any choir member or see Mr. Johnson.

MATH FAIR

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 1) tall frame. Three people play at once and the object of placing three markers in a line is the same as in regular Tic-Tac-Do.

Def-t-nition: Lowbrow-one who can't appreciate what he doesn't like.

Saturday the conference will provide an opportunity for the adults present to "quiz the experts". This will begin at 9:00 A.M. During this session a separate session for youth will discuss the challenge of implementation of the theme of the conference which is "Exploring Inner Space."

The Milwaukee Players of the Milwaukee Recreation Department will stage the closing session Saturday at 10:30 A.M. in the Stock Pavilion, and "Down In The Valley," by Kurt Weil will close the conference.

Wisconsin's preparation for the 1960 White House Conference will be highlighted throughout the two days.

YAKKETY YAK

(Continued from page 2 col. 3)

The word is out that Dick Holden is madly in love with Sadie Hazen. Tom German drives his father's white '58 Cadillac quite often. A lone stranger who came to us with someone, told us that his big Cad got stuck in the snow one evening on a dark and lonely road, and had to be pushed out.

April 4th is the big Job's formal dance. Here are a few of the couples you'll see dancing around the floor. This year?

- Sue Winick ----- Bob Kinderman
 - Mary Gustavson ---- Mike McCurdy
 - Nancy Paulson ----- Cal Blaisdell
 - Mary Clark ----- Gary Brumberg
 - Jeanne Mc Closkey -- Bob Hunchild
 - Sharon Leskinen -- Darryl Fireman
 - Joyce Barton ----- Joe Duerre
- The rest of you gals get busy and ask your fellows before it's too late, ya hear?

WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF:
All the water fountains in the school worked.

There was "no school" report for Memorial High.

WAXX melted.
The boys wore their own class rings.

The brains forgot their books in their lockers and the rest of us studied.

Memorial High had poor athletes. Kathy Kurtz must have been sleeping when she got dressed one morning, because she came to school with one slipper on in her shoe instead of her sock. To top it all off, she was late!

Speaking of socks, Ray Kruger was modeling his different colored socks in the library one day. One was black and the other blue, both having the same design. He must have dressed in the dark.

We've had quite a few complaints about having the same kids in the column every time. The only way to overcome this situation is by getting contributions from other kids every once in a while. Whaddaya say???

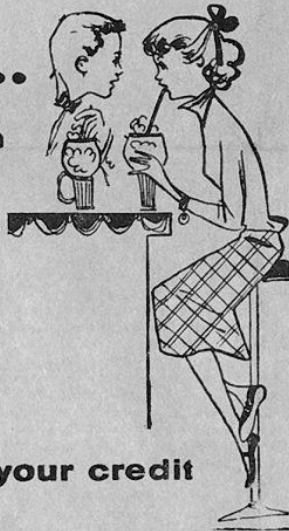
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