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- Kappa Beta Gamma
- Registration
- Ward Dancers
- P. T. A. Amateur Night
- Class to Fairmont

Plans for next year's program in Kappa Gamma Beta are rapidly going forward. The following boys are officers at present: Ordell Herrian, president and Tool Moulder; James Gerber, first vice president and Bessemer Converter; Dick O'Malley, second vice president and Blast Furnace Operator; Wayne Peters, Rock Crusher; Donald Goodell, Trunnion Oiler; George Peterson, Hammer Wielder; John Gollnast, recording secretary; Donald Veigel, corresponding secretary; Jerome Harmening, treasurer; Wallace Melzer, sergeant-at-arms.

Students who plan to attend New Ulm High School next year will begin registration starting today.

A small handbook explaining the courses offered here will be given to all classes. Many new classes are being organized as explained in another column on this page.

Agnes Ward, director of the Ward Sisters' Studio in Minneapolis, and Anne Ward, accompanist, brought six talented pupils here to put on an assembly program last Thursday. Perhaps the most popular number was the ball room dancing. The girl from this number has been chosen to tour the United States with the Kiddie Revue this summer. Those snappy acrobatic baton twirlers will lead the North High School Band at the New York World's Fair this summer.

A talent night bearing close resemblance to Major Bowes' Amateur hour was presented on April 8, with Stuart Groebner presiding and Bob Plagens assisting as announcer. The program was staged by public school students for members of the Parent-Teachers' Association.

Last Friday the advanced speech class went to Fairmont to see the senior class play, "Our Town," which is the one they will put on here May 9. The twenty who attended were given complimentary tickets by the speech department of Fairmont. After the play our students went backstage to visit the cast.

School To Observe National Child's Health Day

"Health Through Wholesome Activities" will be the theme of the demonstration held in observance of National Child's Health Day on May 1 at 3:00 p. m. This is a grade school performance which will include singing games, folk dances, relays, and games of many types.

On Friday evening, May 3, a gym demonstration similar in nature but larger in scope will be presented by the physical education groups from the junior and senior high school.

Included in the program will be mass activities, squad work, parallel and horizontal bar work, and vaulting. In addition, the boys' gym team will be featured in an exhibition of bar work, pyramid building and other demonstrations of physical agility.

Last year's modern dancing class was well received. A similar group will present some colorful numbers.

As a fitting climax to the demonstration, a pageant, "The Passing of the Redman," will be shown.

The public is cordially invited to attend these performances.

"Hallelujah, I'm a Bum"

Could Very Well Have Been

selected as the theme song of the seniors of N.U.H.S. on Friday, April 19, when the place was swarming with dilapidated-looking persons from who-knows-where.

Folks downtown thought that the harvest season in Montana had made an early move eastward, for along the streets roamed foot-loose Weary Willies, not in search of work.

Charges of vagrancy and misdemeanor were placed against some of these road-roamers. Two derelicts by name of Pollei and Olsen were bounced from the place where they ought to be at 2:08 p. m.

Some of these wanderers were really quite interesting. It is generally said that a lot of hoboes are really educated people who are either out of work, by choice usually, or out on a vacation.

Your reporter interviewed a red-nosed, pike-smoking individual who said she was originally from Dogpatch. "My old man up and left me, so I've been a-roamin' around tryin' to keep from findin' him," said this Mammy Barnell.

What the well-dressed miser should

Major Program Change To Be in Physical Education Department Next Year

Hansel and Gretel Brought To Life By Students

People attending the operetta last week saw one of Grimm's fairy tales, "Hansel and Gretel," enacted by pupils of the junior high and the grade schools. A dual cast of main characters — Sue Heymann, Mavis Schleuder, Gretel; Harold Krieger, Howard Brust, Hansel; Marion Wolf, Helen Higgs, Witch; Harley Krieger, Father — was used.

Other characters were Wee Men in the Wood, Dexamen, Sandmen, Cookie children, Witches, Angels, and Gingerbread Men. Speaking of gingerbread men, sophomore girls sold packages of them between acts. And were they good!

Scenery and costumes were made by shop and home economics students respectively. Music was furnished by the Junior High School Chorus and the Senior High School Orchestra.

*Classes in Journalism, Rudiments of Music, Business Management

A major program change in the physical education department of New Ulm High School will be the chief difference in next year's scholastic program, as announced by Mr. Dirks. New courses are also planned in the music, commercial and English departments.

Gym Classes to be Separate Age-Groups

The changes in physical education are being made as recommended by the state department of education. Classes will be separated by age-groups; that is, grades 7 and 8 will be together; grades 9, 10, 11 and 12 will have separate classes. Gym for the 7-8 group will be offered the sixth period; grade 9, the second period; grade 10, the first period; grade 11, the fourth period; and grade 12, the fifth period. Boys' classes will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and girls' on Wednesdays and Fridays.

New Courses in Other Departments

A new course in farm shop to be offered in the agriculture curriculum will be taught by Mr. Hoefs. It will be open to boys studying "ag" and will include farm problems about machinery, buildings, etc.

A journalism class will be organized in the English department to be offered the second period. This is a full-credit course and will be taught by Miss Kearns. Applicants must be definitely interested and have ability. Arrangements are being made to secure one page in a local paper; this class will edit the page once a week. This course is restricted to juniors and seniors, and students will be admitted only after private conference.

College Preparatory English will again be offered to seniors. Seniors who plan to go to college should sign up for this course. It will be offered the fourth period.

The class in Advanced Speech for seniors will be offered the second period. Students interested in dramatics and debate and other forensics should try to keep the fifth period open for these activities. Three classes in junior speech will be formed. The third

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Their philosophy is "Once a hobo, always a hobo."

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Spring Fever

Spring fever? In a certain sense, yes. The student body seem to be working at top speed at the time of year when traditionally they should be victims of the seasonal malady, "spring fever.".....

Students in all departments—English, speech, physical education, agriculture, music, shop—are feverishly and enthusiastically preparing for some final contest, play, or program that must be completed before the school year is ended....

And so the "spring fever" that has become an epidemic is not the usual lethargy common to students [and dare we add teachers?] It is just a Christmas rush postponed, a final drive to finish everything "with a bang." This is truly a commendable spurt of energy.

SPEECH DEPARTMENT ORGANIZES CONGRESS

"Mr. Speaker! Mr. Speaker! I demand the floor!"

Speaker Groebner recognizes the Senator from Florida, and the business of the day begins.

Organized under the same principles as our National Congress, a Student Congress goes into session each Tuesday afternoon. It consists of approximately twenty senators representing different states of the union.

These senators belong to different political parties. Each member is on a committee, be it judiciary, foreign affairs, or appropriations.

Any senator may propose a bill. It is then put before the committee, which either accepts or rejects it. If the bill is accepted, the congress reconvenes, the bill is read by the clerk, it is debated, and voted on. Questions of national interest are debated.

The Student Congress was organized for the purpose of giving students practice in extemporaneous speaking and parliamentary procedure.



SEEN AROUND TOWN

Skeeter and a charming little thing from Trinity dancing to Lopez and Orchestra.

Stoody and one, Verna J., taking in a show or having a spat on a street corner.

Jim and Jean playing 500 with Rich and Dolores.

Edgar drinking a coke in the company of a bunch of young girls and Arno.

Arbs being a very habitual visitor while Ruth was at the hospital.

Hank and Dorothy Ann walking south on Washington Street.

The gang congregating at a certain

Oh, For The Life Of a Press Conventioner

If you've never been at a convention, you're missing something. Now take the M.H.S.P.A. convention April 12-13, for instance. Bright and early Friday morning, Miss Steen, her car, four girls and Stu Groebner set off on the jaunt to Minneapolis. The three other girls set out an hour later. After a stop to pick wild flowers, they finally arrived—two hours late! After a wild taxi ride out to the campus, all were reunited. Oh yes, incidentally, there were meetings going on, which we all attended. All the way back from the campus we did swing and sway, not to Sammy Kaye but on the street car straps.

Of course, there was the usual last minute rush to dress for the big banquet and ball on Friday night. Everyone arrived more or less on time in the lobby of the Curtis Hoetl. A few of the gang sat at the table directly in front of Dick Long's orchestra and had a chance to talk to him and the very cute singer. The band played a special selection dedicated to Miss Steen. We might mention the food was delicious, and best of all, the speeches were short! The "Potato Bugs," renowned "sweet potato" players, piped a bit and were enthusiastically received. And Mr. Groebner was much in demand as a dancing partner, no fooling.

After the dance the gang had a party, or shall we say feed, in one of the hotel rooms. Don't worry, Miss Steen was there. There were lots of food and too many laughs.

After too little sleep, some of the early birds went to see Clellen Card's doughnut dunking broadcast, and they have his autograph to prove it. No one looked any too wide awake, but nevertheless, there were more meetings to attend at 9:30.

Choice Bits of Society News From Here and There

eat shop at noon and after school.

Huckey and Betty out riding, and Al. O. riding down across the tracks to see if she's at home.

Jim N. and Allen G. writing anonymous letters.

WE ASK YOU

Ever seen J. Bosel's rogues' gallery? When will Smokey and — oh well, what's the difference?

Who's taking C. M. to the prom and senior return?

John Gollnast and his Mankato friend are tied; now the score is 1 to 1; who's going to win?

When will the junior boys crash through and get their prom dates?

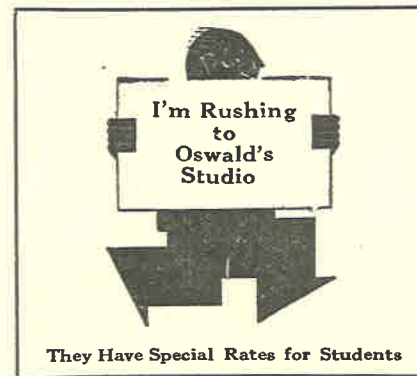
After an afternoon shopping excursion, three of the gals, namely Stuebe, Griffiths, and Wichtel, returned on the bus with the home ec. students. We hear they endured plenty at the hands of the ninth graders. Miss Steen, Milliman, Stout, Gollnast, Furth and Stu Groebner report a quiet trip home, which is more than the others had.

Of course, everyone learned some new things which will be sprung on you sooner or later.



CALENDAR

April 27—Senior H. S. Dance
May 4—Speech Festival, Mankato
May 9—"Our Town," Senior Play
May 10-11—State FFA Convention
May 17—Junior-Senior Prom
May 23—Senior Skip Day
May 24—Senior Return Dance



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Graphos Presents General Sports Roundup For Year

Spring football, track, and the possibility of a strong turnout for a tennis tournament, in addition to the annual physical education demonstrations which this year will be held in the first part of May, highlight an intensive sports program for New Ulm High School this year.

With the coming of spring has come a strong turnout of approximately 40 men for football drill under Head Coach Ray Bassett and assistant coaches Elmer Anderson and A. J. Snowbeck.

Preparing for one of the brightest seasons New Ulm gridgers have had in recent years, Coach Bassett is running the squad through out-door preparations that will whip the entire team into shape almost before the season opens next fall.

Returning to the backfield this year will be a host of outstanding players who starred this year and will be depended upon again next fall. In the line, much good material from last year is available, plus the recruiting of new men from both rural and city groups.

Spring practice will culminate before the close of school with an exhibition inter-squad game, possibly to be played on Johnson Field or on the Fairground practice grounds.

Track Meet Tentative

Track plans are still tentative for the next few weeks with the possibility that New Ulm trackmen will enter the Blue Earth meet on April 27 and then hold a triangular meet with Springfield, Gaylord and New Ulm here on May 3, or hold the triangular meet here and "skip" the Blue Earth meet.

On May 11, the District 10 track meet comes to New Ulm, with the Eagles' 15 track candidates making a strong bid to dethrone Redwood Falls' 1939 champions, although Wally Zimmerman again has a poisonous crew of cinder-ellas to make the second consecutive bid for the District 10 crown.

State track competition will be held on May 25. Will N.U.H.S. be represented?

Tennis, with most practice in the handball courts, may see a revival and possibly a hotly contested tournament between high school students and several faculty members. However, lack of cement courts which can be used at any time of the year prevents outdoor practice at the present time and will probably make it impossible for several weeks to come.

Tennis turnouts include John Gollnast, Gardelle Wagner, Dick Kennedy and Jack Minium as veterans, with several newcomers making bids...

Golfers include young stars from the ranks of Country Club caddies, such as Wayne Dannheim, Huntley Prah and Jim Yost... Also on the list are Jack Gruenenfelder, Dick O'Malley and several others.



Who's going to carry the pigskin next fall? Returning backfield men include Ray and Rolly Weise, Richard and Harry Kennedy, Vernon Ardt—all of them powerful backfield men who did their share in last year's campaigns. . . . Very little damage will be done to that backfield. . . .

In the line, such men as Ray Zobel, "Skink" Neuwirth, Harvey Johnson, Orville Sievert, Ferdie Backer, and others return to form the strongest nucleus of veterans on an Eagle grid team for years. . . .

Incidentally, the boys aren't lacking coaches in this spring drill. . . . Headed by Ray Bassett, the coaching staff includes line expert Elmer Anderson and Frosh Coach A. J. Snowbeck. . . .

Question: Who's going to fill the end positions next fall? . . . Will John Eckstein pan out as a piece of dynamite in the line? . . . Will Ray Zobel EVER become a backfield man? . . .

Earl Lund and Harry Kennedy work on pole-valuting in track with short, bemused Norman Wolf making his bid for dashes and pole-valuting, although handicapped seriously by stature. . . .

Jim Gerber takes the cake on high jumping, while Vernon Arndt and Eddie Eggers are working on dashes. . . . Delmar Schapekahn stands out as a shining hope for a New Ulm title in the discus this year. . . . Schapekahn is tossing the discus the District 10 record distances and occasionally breaks the record in practice. . . .

Girls Attend Home Ec. Day On "U" Campus

Early Saturday morning, alarm clocks rank in thirty-six homes of the girls from the Home Economic Department; and seven o'clock found some pretty tired and yawning girls dropping into their seats on the bus. Of course nothing could keep Tootie, Mugs, Lois, or the two Charlottes quiet, soooo—we spent the next two hours trying to compete with their quiet (?) and dignified (?) card games. It might be added that they even roped Miss Born into a game or two of "I Doubt It" and "Pig." We didn't miss a radio at all, for the girls at the back of the bus [Phyllis, Jerry, Dorothy, Verna, etc.] kept us well supplied with music. Or was it static?

At exactly 9:45, we burst into Dayton's; and while most of the girls enjoyed a most interesting trip through the store, a few went shopping—

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Program Change

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period will be for dramatics; students desiring to be in class plays should keep this period open.

Important Changes in Commercial

Under the new setup in the commercial department, typing will be divided into two groups. Personal typing will be for those who desire to learn typing merely for their own personal use. Vocational typing will be for students who plan to study commercial as a profession. These classes will be restricted.

Advanced stenography will be offered the fourth period. Students should keep fifth and sixth periods open to cooperate with the coordination department on office practice and actual jobs in New Ulm.

To seniors in commercial who are not going to college, a course in Home Business Management will be offered the sixth period by Mr. Snowbeck. The course is not technical and deals primarily with the actual business problems which one will encounter in the home. It is not a credit course but should be taken as a fifth course.

Major Changes in Music Department

Both the band and choral groups of junior and senior high school groups will be offered during school hours next year. Band for senior high will be offered during the sixth period, three days a week as now. Band in junior high will be offered the fifth period on Wednesday and Friday. Chorus will be offered three days to the senior high during the second period. Junior high chorus meets Wednesday and Friday during the fifth period. In case of necessity this might be limited to some extent. Half-credits are offered in all of these courses.

A class in Rudiments of Music will be open to music students the second period and will be a full-credit course offered by Mr. Kitzberger.

Algebra has been changed to a senior high school subject, and only juniors may sign up for it. It is being offered this way because it is distinctly a college preparatory subject. In the senior year one semester of solid geometry and one semester of higher algebra will be offered.

Mr. Fuller will have classes in coordination the third and fourth periods so that students may work during either mornings or afternoons.

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Home Ec. Trip

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and otherwise. Everyone really enjoyed the Walker Art Gallery and all the lovely pieces of art it contains. Because the building had recently been redecorated, the displays were mounted in beautiful cases and settings. Of course the center of interest was the model [a man!], whom a group of little children were drawing. Everyone was fascinated by the old furniture, antiques, and furnished rooms in the Art Center.

We were sorry to leave, but as it was almost noon, our stomachs were beginning to complain. So we immediately headed for the University Farm Campus, where dinner awaited us. Soon after we finished eating, we went to a program presented by the University Home Economics Department. Then after wandering through the home economics building and marveling at the extraordinary work done by the University girls, we attended the style show.

Last of all, it was fun visiting a real, livable home, and Mrs. John T. Rohwedder, Miss Born's sister, was certainly a gracious hostess.

We all agreed it was the "end of a perfect day."

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F.F.A. Convention

A parliamentary procedure conduction team is preparing for the state F.F.A. contest. They are going to practice on April 25 and May 7. The following boys are members of the team: Elden Le Bert, Wilmar Meyer, Orlin Mack, Stuart Groebner, Wallace Melzer, Otto Ruumke, Eennis Schroeder, Warren Hippert, Orville Sievert, Donald Schroeder, and Donald Hippert.

A district agriculture teachers' convention was held at Lake Crystal on April 18. The teachers discussed the Livestock Marketing School which will be held in September, the F.F.A. convention on May 10 and 11, and the National Convention to be held next October.

Otto Ruumke and Donald Schroeder have been chosen to play in the band at the National Convention at Kansas City. They will also play at the state convention and the State Fair.

Band To Redwood

At the annual musical festival, which was held at Redwood Falls on Saturday, New Ulm was represented by 45 members of the band under the leadership of B. Kitzberger.

Minium's Essay Wins

"How Does Art Benefit My Community?" This was the theme of the essay which brought to Jack Minium a prize of fifty dollars. This National and State Art Essay Contest which was sponsored by the Josten Company of Owatonna included contestants from twenty-one states. One winner was chosen from each state. Each winner received a fifty dollar cash award to be applied as a scholarship at some college.

"Our Town" To Be Staged May 9 By Seniors

Complete absence of stage properties and scenery makes "Our Town," the chosen senior class play, different from any put on by New Ulm High School before. "Our Town," written by Thornton Wilder, will be presented in the high school auditorium on May 9. A play of this type is a greater test of acting ability, for the audience can center its attention upon nothing but the actors, and then actors have no properties to lend them assistance and moral support.

Included in the cast are:
Stage Manager.....Ralph Brueske
Doctor and Mrs. Gibbs.Stu Groebner
Charlotte Meier
Ed Webb and Wife...Robert Plagens
Marian Dietz
Gibbs children.....Betty Klingler
Charles Swenson
Webb children....Leola Havemeier
John Gollnast
Director of Choir...Wally Fesenmaier
Joe Stoddard.....Don Goodell
Professor Willard.....Ray Wieland
Sam Craig.....Joseph Schmid
Several members of the cast are yet to be selected.

Dealing with life in a small New England town, the play centers around two families, the Gibbises and the Webbs. In the first act the children are still in school; the second act jumps over a space of three years with the children graduating and a marriage taking place between one of the Gibbs children and one of the Webb children. The climax comes in the third scene nine years later, with the death of Emilie Webb.

Otto Ruumke is the general stage manager.

After due deliberation and extensive correspondence, the seniors have engaged Ralph Slade and his orchestra to play at the senior return dance.