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## 'Antic Spring' Chosen For One-act Play

"Antic Spring", a comedy, has been selected as this year's one act play. Tryouts were held Wednesday, January 15, in room 216W. Mr. James Baril is directing the play, which has a cast of three boys and three girls.

The first performance of the play, which is largely pantomime, will be March 10 as an assembly program. On March 18 it will be presented in the district one act play contest which will take place this year in New Ulm.

## 308 Adults Attend Classes

On January 13 the first sessions of night school began, except investments, which convened January 20 and cooking which will convene January 27. Approximately 308 adults have enrolled.

The following number of people have enrolled in the available classes: Agriculture, 75-80; Bookkeeping, 9; Ceramics, 8; Citizenship, 12; Contract Bridge, 20; Cooking, 12; First Aid, 26; Investments, 18; Law, 35; Sewing, 40; Slimnastics, 13; Typing, 21; Wood Refinishing and Wood Working, 27.

Slimnastics and Investments are two new courses this year. The class in law is a continuation of what was taught last year, only this year the lessons will go into deeper and more important things.

## Woodchopper's Ball Being Planned

The journalism class of New Ulm High School announces the coming of a Woodchopper's Ball, to be held on February 1, in the small gym at 8:15 p.m. "It'll be worse than 'Operation Mad Ball'."

Girls and boys! You had better get busy and get your costumes ready, because those who appear at the dance without one will be charged an extra fee of 10 cents.

You may come as the person of your dreams, or as your favorite comic-strip character, or whatever your heart may desire.

There will be a prize given for the best-dressed couple and the best-dressed single.

Admission fee is 30 cents for singles and 50 cents for couples. The Swing Band will play for the dance.

Don't forget the extra fee as a penalty!

## Day Off For All

On February 21 there will be the usual mid-winter break—no school for anyone.

## NUHS Grad Captures Rhodes Scholarship

Leslie Dirks, a 1954 graduate of NUHS, is the first New Ulm man to capture one of the coveted Rhodes scholarships to Oxford University in England.

Rhodes scholarships are the legacy of Cecil John Rhodes, British colonial statesman, who made a fortune in diamonds and other investments in Africa. When he died in 1902, he left the bulk of his wealth for scholarships at Oxford.

Originally, the scholarships were worth 300 pounds sterling a year, but these have been increased to 600 pounds. That is about \$1,680.

Rhodes' will states that the selected students are not to be mere bookworms. They must be all-around men of high character and superior scholarship, with outdoor and athletic tastes. The scholars must be unmarried and

## Traveling Teacher to Visit NUHS

Mr. Harold Pluimer, a traveling science teacher from Oak Ridge, Tennessee, is making a one-week visit to our school January 20-24.

A tentative schedule was planned as to the subjects to be discussed, the classes to be visited, the rooms to be used, and other outside programs.

Schedule No. 1 will be used all week except Tuesday, January 21. A combined assembly will be held at 8:45 a.m., at which there will be a science demonstration.

Chemistry and Power case Physics students were excused from their morning classes Wednesday to attend an all morning session in the Little Theater on atomic energy.

Thursday, first period, the eighth graders met in the Little Theater (no physical education that day). Seventh graders met in the same place sixth period on Thursday. All available teachers should feel free to visit any of the sessions.

Mr. Pluimer is one of ten science teachers who are touring more than 300 high schools throughout the country during the 1957-58 academic year.

Mr. Pluimer's mission is to stimulate student interest in science and scientific careers. The "traveling teacher" will also be available for discussion and consultation with the science staff and other faculty members as a means of exchanging ideas and experiences. He will bring with him a station wagon full of demonstration equipment, much of which he and his fellow traveling teachers built themselves this summer in Oak Ridge from simple, inexpensive components. Designed to present scientific principles in a graphic, meaningful manner, the homemade apparatus can be easily and inexpensively duplicated by students and teachers.

## Don't be Fooled—It Isn't June!

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Although January's weather has been exceptionally mild, we should not forget the healthful precautions usually taken at this time of year.

Wear clothes appropriate for January. Temperatures are unpredictable and very often change their course in a few hours.

We need to be careful! The U. S. Public Health Service foresees further outbreaks of Asian influenza during the first three months of 1958.

Good health and resistance to diseases should be maintained throughout the year. Proper diets, adequate rest, and suitable clothing will add to a better, more healthful winter.

between the ages of 19 and 25.

The method of selection is left in the hands of committees in the various countries. Among the many countries which receive Rhodes scholarships each year are the United States, 32; Australia, 6; Canada, 11; the Union of South Africa, 8 or 9; and India, 2.

Candidates from the United States must be citizens who have lived in the country for at least five years. They must also have completed at least two years' work at some recognized college or university of the United States.

Les, who is completing a four-year course at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, will wait until next September when 52 American scholars will go to England to start their courses.



These are the five girls nominated by the boys as candidates for F.F.A. sweetheart. Front row, left to right: Virginia Broste, Karen Radloff, and Brenda Schiller; back row, Doreen Davis and Judy Hoffmann.

## Mankato Plays Host To Social Teachers

A Social Studies Conference is to be held at Mankato State College on Saturday, February 1, 1958, with guest speakers.

Since this is the year of the Centennial of Minnesota Statehood, it seems most desirable to re-examine at least part of the great heritage of our state.

The Reverend James P. Shannon, President of St. Thomas College, is to be the afternoon speaker.

Those attending will be Mr. Harman and perhaps some of the other social teachers, including the grade school teachers.

## Declam Students Prepare For Speech Festival

The twenty-one students out for declamatory this year are busily preparing for the District 10 Speech Festival in Fairfax on March 25.

Those out for the various divisions are: oratory, Helen Larson and Sandra Hippert; original oratory, LaVonne Roenstad and Colleen Pugmire; serious oratory, Ellen Lippmann, Dave Young, Mike Carrier, and Nancy Newton; extemporaneous, Bertha Larson, Chris Oswald, and Bruce Lentz; manuscript reading, Kathy Keckeisen and Karen Seifert; pantomime, Bob Taylor and Dave Nicklasson; discussion, Alan Runck and Betty Rolloff.

The discussion topic for this year is: What Should be the Tax Program for Minnesota?

A local elimination will be held for those divisions which have more than two contestants. It will be judged by several teachers.

## Home Ec Classes Study Good-Grooming and Weeds

Facials and manicures have been given by the eighth grade students during their good-grooming unit in home economics.

The eleventh grade girls have been studying dry weed arranging. The girls brought their own weeds, collected from various places, for this. "Family Living" was the topic of the unit for tenth grade girls.

Miss Loveless has planned a study of china and silver for senior girls this semester.

The boys' home economics class is the only class which has not been transferred to the sewing department this semester. The boys have been making breakfasts during the class hour.

Fieldtrips have been taken by the twelfth grade girls, during the kitchen planing unit, to three new homes in the community.

Pie baking was done by the freshmen girls.

The seventh and eighth grade girls have been planning and serving a dessert party for themselves.

## Who Will Be '58 FFA Sweetheart?

Who will be the F. F. A. Sweetheart? This question cannot be answered until January 30 when the members of the F. F. A. put on their annual banquet in the high school cafeteria.

The candidates chosen for this honor are as follows: Judie Hoffmann, Brenda Schiller, Virginia Broste, Doreen Davis, and Karen Radloff.

Another main event will be the crop show contributed and exhibited by the members of the F. F. A., when around 300 exhibits will be shown. Other F. F. A. awards will be given to the outstanding members of '57.

The feature of the banquet will be the speaker, J. O. Christiansen, director of short courses at the University of Minnesota, who will give the main address of the evening.

Dale Sauer, former president of the state F. F. A., who recently returned from a trip sponsored by SPAN and the University of Minnesota, to Africa, will give a few remarks.

The business men of New Ulm and the F. F. A. members and their parents are invited.

## Attention Men!

Lt. Colonel Murley A. Reep, State Director of Selective Service, is calling attention to the fact that all young men (including those who are or become members of a reserve component to include the National Guard) must register with their nearest local selective service board when they attain eighteen years of age or within five days thereafter, and that failure to register is a violation of the law and makes the delinquent liable to penalty.

"All a young man has to do," Lt. Colonel Reep said, "is to present himself to the local board or registration place designated in that particular area most convenient to the place he happens to be when he becomes eighteen. Registration process is simple and requires only a short time."

"The law is specific," he said, "and provides severe penalty for failure to comply," adding that the law is also specific in its requirements concerning the obligation of a registrant to keep his local board informed as to any change in his address—where he may be reached by mail, that is—or any change in his status under the Act.

Lt. Colonel Reep emphasized the fact that requirements to register and legal obligations of registrants were in no way altered because selective service calls have been low in the past few months.

Registration for those in Brown County may be accomplished at one of the following places:

Local Board No. 8, National Guard Armory, New Ulm; Mr. Marvin G. Ouren or Mr. Arnold Nelson, registrars, Hanska; Mr. Robert Addy, registrar, Sleepy Eye; or Mr. P. H. Solyntjes, registrar, Springfield.

## Ed's Corner

Anyone listening in on the junior class meeting a week ago Monday would probably have thought that the group was a very well-behaved bunch of first graders.

Age is nothing. A person is not judged by how many years ago he was born, not how old he looks, but how old he acts.

THEMK before you mess things up!

## Six Semester Changes Made Monday at NUHS

With the change in semesters there is also a change in classes. The seniors who have been taking trigonometry are now taking solid geometry taught by Mr. Anderson. The derson. The juniors have transferred from English to speech and from speech to English. The freshmen orientation and speech classes have also been transferred. In Home Economics Miss Westling and Miss Loveless have exchanged classes, and Mr. Epp, Mr. Achman, and Mr. Tyrrell, shop classes.

## Disneyland Comes to NUHS

In order to present Disneyland, the greatest amusement park in America, to the people, a tour of Disneyland has been put on film. This film will be presented in an assembly February 7.

Some of the things that will be seen are Sleeping Beauty's moated castle, London, Never-Never Land, and Captain Cook's Hideaway. Another feature is Frontierland, with a Wild West Stage Coach. There is also a miniature Mississippi, with Disney-employed Sioux, Shawnee, and Winnebago Indians.

## Business News

The seniors have focused their attention particularly on filing for the past several weeks. They will wind up this phase of secretarial assignments by taking a series of tests on the alphabetic, numeric, subject and geographic methods.

Beginning shorthand students are approaching the closing lessons on shorthand theory. This means they will have had all the principles of writing and therefore have the basis for constructing shorthand outlines for whatever words they encounter. Their efforts now will be to acquire a skill for writing through their daily dictation practice.

## Typing Results Show Effort

Typing students are pressing hard toward the goal of making a two-word gain each week in their typing speed records. At the present time Colleen Pugmire and Susan Reim are at the top with 50 words a minute. Avis Borchert and Ann Vogel are sharing next honors with gross speeds of 48 and 47 words a minute, respectively, on the five-minute timed writings. Any paper with more than five errors is not considered. Others who have reached the 40 level are Sylvia Schwermann, Darlene Meyers, Mike Raftis, David Gulden, Karen Radloff, Janice Bugger, Carol Maha and Pamela Riederer.







In the cafeteria kitchen, the cooks, Mrs. Liebisch, Mrs. Wandersee and Mrs. Kagermeier, are resting for a moment after the "rush" of students at noon time.

### Six Hours To Make Meal; Ten Minutes To Eat It

"How many hot lunches?" Do you students realize how much work and food it takes to prepare those hot lunches?

Mrs. Alice Wandersee, Mrs. Margaret Kagermeier and Mrs. Isabelle Liebisch, the cooks in the cafeteria, can tell you. A typical meal, between 450-465 servings, takes 200 pounds of potatoes, 45 pounds of hamburger, 8-12 gallons of vegetables, 8 pounds of butter, 34 loaves of bread, 495-510 half pints of milk, 20 cakes for dessert and 20 pans of jello. One meal takes from 5 to 6 hours to prepare.

Of course, they have help. Students, Mary Ann Gehrke serves vegetables, Elizabeth Stadick, sandwiches; Corrine Diedrick, dessert; and Kathy Popp, the milk.

Susie Heller, Janice Reinhart and Joleen Fluegge scrape and stack plates. Bernell Blaaid washes dishes and Gary Hesse washes milk bottles.

Marilyn Splinter, Margie Blaaid, Sandra Fluegge, Betty Lemoine, Betty Helseth, Ardys Splinter and Carol Domeier dry dishes.

Shirley Clyne, Avonna Altmann and Re Jean Fluegge wash the tables.

George Pechtel and George Long, janitors, clean up the dining room.

Evelyn Buggert sells tickets and Margie Lieder takes tickets.

"We have visited other schools that are newer than ours that don't have the modern equipment we have," said the cooks when asked about their kitchen. This equipment includes big cooker, potato peelers, modern freezers, steam table and dish washer.

Miss Westling, economics instructor, plans the lunches.

### Armstead Spends Summer In Columbian Orphanage

Doing the "Cha-Cha-Cha" while not teaching English to young Columbian students took up much of Mr. Armstead's time this past summer while he taught and vacationed in Columbia, South America.

For nine weeks Mr. Armstead, ninth grade English teacher, taught English to fourth and fifth graders in a Spanish school in the small village of Cachipay, Columbia, in South America. Besides planning subject matter, he was also in charge of their recreational program.

"Most of the pupils could not speak English; and with my limited knowledge of Spanish, you can tell a great time was had by pupils and instructor," commented Mr. Armstead.

School hours were about the same as those at NUHS. However, each evening the students would go to "study hall" for one and one-half hours to prepare the next day's assignments. They would have religious instructions on Saturdays.

**Standards Are High**  
Educational standards are quite high, with only the exceptionally bright remaining in school. Any student not able to grasp the material offered fails and is

dropped from the school, whether he is in the first grade or the eighth grade. Social studies, geometry, reading, English, language (Spanish), religion, and the history of Columbia were taught to Mr. Armstead's pupils. "You can see why they have study halls in the evening," commented Mr. Armstead.

The parents of the students in the school were in a leper colony. Since the disease is considered quite contagious to the young, the children cannot stay with their parents, so the children enroll in private schools.

**Visits to Places of Interest**  
Mr. Armstead was given a guided tour through the leper colony. He also was allowed to visit two of the ten leper hospitals and see the results of the unusual disease.

The school was located fifty-five miles from the capital city of Bogotó, to which Mr. Armstead went on several occasions for sight-seeing. Visiting the native markets, the salt mines, going on a Columbian picnic several miles up in the Andes Mountains, and dancing the "Cha-Cha-Cha" were some of the interesting highlights of his tour in Columbia, South America.

### NU Debaters Rank Sixth

AP bulletin from 314: Rumor has it that the fresh(man) delegate to the debate squad, Dwight David Nicklasson, is considering shifting his support to the Republican party. But since the main objective of Mr. Wood has been to teach his debaters to think logically, this comes as no surprise to those of us who realize the wonderful job he has been doing.

Outside of this major revelation, the debaters have improved with the completion of each tournament. The most recent tournament, the Iowa Great Lakes Invitational, found New Ulm ranking 6th in their division. The top teams from South Dakota, Iowa and Minnesota were represented.

### Eagle Girls Make Up Library Staff

Work galore! This may be the comment of the NUHS assistant librarians. Although some of them work only one or three hours a week, they are kept busy. Miss McLaughlin says she couldn't get along without their help.

Those assisting are as follows: Margo Boesch, five hours; Lenore Schnobrich, three; Janet Hedine, one; Carol Flatau, five; Janice Buggert, five; Avis Borchert, five; Kathie Konakowitz, five; and Paulette Vorwerk, three. Such things as checking books, shelving books, filing cards, opening books, pasting in the school scrap book, and helping with the grade school library classes are done by these ambitious girls.

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ted. The negative of Gary Kleinsmith and Howie Vogel were undefeated in three rounds. For this they each received a certificate for superior debating.

The affirmative of Myron Frisch and Boots Roenstad won one and dropped the other two, both by one point. The affirmative, though having its problems, will, by continued hard work, be a vicious opponent in the regional tournament on January 30.

New Ulm also entered a team in the freshmen and sophomore division composed of Ellen Lippmann, Helen Larson, David Nicklasson and Karen Seifert. They finished the tournament with a perfect record, 0-6.

### NUHS May Get More Publicity

As an outcome of the appearance of Mr. Harold Pluimer, traveling science teacher, pictures of NUHS students who attended his lectures may appear in an article planned by Look Magazine on this nation-wide project.

Pictures of different students were taken during his lecture in the Little Theater on Wednesday morning by a local newspaper photographer. Various class members were also photographed Wednesday evening, together with Mr. Pluimer. These photographs were sent to the office of Look Magazine for approval. If approved, an article, together with the pictures, may appear in the magazine.

Mr. Pluimer's lectures were commented on by various students as being both educational and entertaining. Miss Orlene Raverty, physics, chemistry and biology teacher, commented, "I think that Mr. Pluimer said the most in three hours on the subject of nuclear energy as anyone I have ever heard."

A special talk was given to students and the public in the Little Theater Thursday evening. Mr. Pluimer's topic was "A Trip to Mars." Slides were also shown during the lecture.

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### News In Brief

#### Assembly Re-scheduled

The Dance International, which was forced to cancel an earlier performance here because of the theft of their costumes, has been re-scheduled for February 28. New costuming will high-light the performance.

#### Animated film to be shown

"Mr. Finley's Feelings," a ten-minute animated color film designed to encourage discussion, stimulate questions and comments, and provoke an change of ideas about ways of meeting stress situations and handling day-to-day relationships with people, will be shown during an assembly program on either February 27 or 28. Films to be shown during photography session

Because some of the group pictures taken for the Eagle did not turn out, special assemblies have been arranged during which time they will be retaken.

On Monday, January 27, a combined assembly will follow schedule No. 3, at which time the following movie shorts will be shown to those not having their pictures taken: "Hen Hop", "How Many Stars", "Demonstration With Light", "Screw Drivers and Screw Jays", "Life in the Forest."

On Friday, January 31, a senior high assembly is scheduled, during which time groups not having been completed on January 27 will have their pictures taken, while the other students not involved will watch "The Ballad of the West," "Fish are Interesting," and "Animals of the Indian Jungle."

Announcements will be given previous to the assemblies explaining in fuller detail the exact means of calling the groups out of the assemblies and where they are to meet.

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