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STORY OF BAND PATRONS CLUB

The Wakefield Band Patrons' Club, made up of parents and guardians of musically interested students in Wakefield High School, was organized in 1948 for the purpose of promoting an interest in and a desire for music. The club also works for school music organizations and students.

The club holds regular meetings on the third Tuesday in September, November, January, March, and May. At the annual election meeting last May, the following were elected as officers: Mrs. Ray Walstrom, president; Mr. Lilburn Smith, vice president; and Mrs. Celeste Beber, Jr., secretary-treasurer.

In 1948 the Band Patrons' Club was responsible for bringing to Wakefield, the University of Michigan Concert Band. Later they sponsored Miss Lea Piltti, a soprano from Finland, in a concert in Wakefield.

On September 18, they brought to Wakefield, the United States Marine Band for two concerts.

The students of Wakefield High School and the citizens of Wakefield are truly grateful to the Band Patrons' Club for giving us an opportunity to hear such outstanding group and individuals as those who have been here in the past and those who are today. We thank you!

LIBRARY ASSISTANTS NAMED

Mrs. Schoch, librarian at Wakefield High School has announced that she has five library assistants. They are Judy Pezzetti-first hour,

Shirley Sampson, second hour, Dorothy Nurmi-third hour, Patsy Makela-fourth hour, and Martha O'Connor-fifth hour.

"W" CLUB SPONSORS DANCE

Last Saturday night the "W" Club sponsored a booster dance for the purpose of raising funds for purchasing a whirlpool bath machine. The dance, held in the school auditorium, was attended by members of the student body.

Music was furnished by the "juke box" and for a short time by a three piece band, composed of R. Smith, D. Walstrom, and D. Westlund. For entertainment "Mimi" Spencer gave us a rendition of the Charleston. Everyone there really enjoyed watching her glide over the floor. A number of students couldn't see how she could move her feet so fast.

The "W" Club cheerleaders made punch which was well liked.

Mr. Yatchak, Mr. & Mrs. Carr, Mr. Duffin, Mr. & Mrs. Dianich, and Mr. & Mrs. Sutter were the chaperones.

WHS BAND PERFORMS

The Wakefield High School band performed at last game of season, October 20, 1951. The band went on at the half and gave the following performance:

Dad's-Song : "For Dad's a Jolly Good Fellow." Cradle-Rock A Bye Baby. Cane-Hand Me Down My Walking Cane. Dollar Sign-Oh! Dem Golden Slippers. W - sang and played School Song.

While in the cradle, the band moved in a certain way to give it a rocking effect. This program

concluded football appearances of the band.

STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS

The annual election of the Student Council Representatives was held on September 12.

Representatives elected were: (101) Lois Luoma, (301) Sydney Saari, (303) Marilyn Gustafson, (308) Tom Beber, (107) Marion Forslund, (205) Mary Trola, (109) George Finco, (202) Nancy Benson, (208) Bill Verch, and (209) David Wojciehowski. (Home room numbers listed in parenthesis)

At the first meeting of the council, called by David Westlund, president, the election of class officers and Student Council members-at-large were discussed.

1952 SENIOR CLASS PLAY

The senior class will present a three act comedy, entitled "We Shook the Family Tree" on January 29.

TATLER STAFF

Editors-in-chief, Norma Harju and Rose Marie Davis.

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Typing Supervisors, Astra Autere and Naomi Jarvi

Sponsors, Mrs. Anna Mattson and Mr. Arnold J. Korpi





LOCKER ROOM GOSSIP

When the evening shadows fall and the last members of the football team are making their way to the showers, their talk sometimes takes strange turns. They talk of the opposing team's strength and weakness, of how to stop the opposition stars, but more often, there good natured ribbing.

For instance, once Manager Westlund lost his way and wandered into the showers, Chub Kuivinen and Arvid Ahonen deny all knowledge of this. They also deny all knowledge of Curly Lane's mud bath.

"Ally" Beber also gets his share of the ribbing, or do you all know "Caveman"?

This last week Bunky "62 yards if it was an inch" Harrison has been the butt of most jokes for his long run in the Baraga game.

The "fighting Finn" of Comet and his pal, "lover boy" Linn are in on most of the tricks

Uncle Kriss, when he's at practice, provides plenty of laughs with his wildly gesturing hands explaining what went wrong.

Robert Cloon is always complaining about not getting any defensive work in scrimmage. Now Bob Hongisto is working as center and Cloon is hurrying him along so Hong can play off center for the second team in scrimmage. Cloon and "Shovels" hero get their fill of

offensive play.

Dick Doney is always having wet towels thrown at him for his corny puns. Dick told Mr. Carr about the man who sat up all night waiting for morning to come, and then it dawned on him.

Neal Johns, with his wisecracks, gets his share of the laughs.

Jim Lepola, Joe Tarro, and Don Bugni are always being razzed about their girl friends.

John Ozzello is always being asked when his Guard unit is going to be called.

Dick Lusa is asked about his various flames at the dances.

"Brittlebones" Salmela, the current invalid on the team, is told how nice it is to play football and how rugged you have to be to play without getting hurt.

Since J. Sutter wrote this, you can draw your own conclusions why he wasn't mentioned.

BAND ACTIVITIES

The WHS band, under the direction of Carl Nelson, will present its annual spring concert on April 22 in the Wakefield Memorial Building. A program with a wide range of appeal is planned.

On April 26 the band will travel to Escanaba, Michigan to participate in the Upper Peninsula Band Festival. The Wakefield organization is one of twenty entries. Ten members of the group will play in the massed band concert to be held in the evening. They are: Bette Beber, Sally Saari, Mary Ann J., Shirley W., Donna Jacobson, Darlene Jacobson, Mary Trolla, Don Walstrom, Jane Tyack, and Bill Verch

The band this year is composed of seventy-one members. They have striven to add a "polish" to their

playing which is characteristic of a professional group.

POLL TAKEN

According to a recent survey taken among students and faculty of WHS the "tops in pops" for our school are the following. In the number one spot is a strictly instrumental tune called Blue Tango. Close behind is Tell Me Why. A Kiss To Build A Dream On occupies third place. After this comes Be My Life's Companion, I Wanna Love You, Trust In Me, Tulips and Heather, Perfidia, and Blacksmith Blues. In the number ten slot is a job which received a heavy vote from some of the faculty, A Hunt In The Black Forest.

SPRING SPORTS

The track and tennis teams have started workouts in the gym for the coming season (April 1952). The tennis team will be trying to garner its seventh UP championship in as many years and the track team will be out to improve their fifth place ranking in the UP.

In the cinder sport, Coach Yatchak has 68 boys working out. There are 11 lettermen back in track. The squad lost the services of Ken Kilponen, Don Makela, Dale Rostollan, and Tom Dooley via graduation. The lettermen include: Tom Beber (dashes and broad jump), Bob Mattson (pole vault and dashes), Ron Smith (440), Bob Yon (880), Jerry Salmela (hurdles), John Ozzello (dashes), Bob Hero (pole vault), Neal Johns (pole vault and 440), Melvin Lepola (mile), John Sporcich (hurdles) and Joe Sutter (440 and shot-put).

