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LUOMA HEADS COUNCIL

The 1952-53 school year is finally getting under way with the Student Council and class officers being elected.

Lois Luoma is president of the Student Council. She was elected in a general election last spring. Other senior members are Sydney Saari, Kenneth Rintamaki, Roger Osier, and Marlene Backman. The juniors are represented by Richard Johnson, Sally Saari, Clayton Johns, and Shirley Sampson. George Finco, Doris Raisanen, Janet Rostollan, and James Bedell are sophomore members, while Karen Seppa, Sylvia Saari, Patsy Huttunen, and Melvin Nikula are freshmen members.

BAND OFFICERS CHOSEN

The Wakefield High School Band has complete instrumentation this year. There are 70 pieces for the first semester and 73 for the second. There are 19 freshmen, 28 sophomores, 14 juniors, and 11 seniors comprising the band.

The officers of the band are: President, Albert Hanganen; Vice President, Bette Beber; Secretary-Treasurer, Marguarite Valesano; and Manager, Jack Patyk.

The band will receive twenty additional new uniforms this

year which will be purchased by the music Patrons Club. The club will also purchase a new three-speed record player for the band.

The band's first appearance was Wednesday, September 17, for the Music Patrons' Club. They will have a program for the grade school children this fall and a concert for the public.

They will have a spring concert with Elvar Walberg as the guest soloist. He is the first bassoonist for the Toronto Symphony Orchestra. The concert is scheduled for the latter part of April.



CHORUS

There are approximately sixty-five students in the mixed chorus and there are twenty-four girls in the girls' chorus this year. The mixed chorus is still looking for boys. The mixed chorus meets three times a week during noon hours so more students may take advantage of the opportunities to participate. The girls' chorus meets fourth period every day.

Both of the choruses are working on music for parents'

night at present, and in a few weeks will start working on Christmas music for their Christmas Concert.

The choruses are looking forward to a very successful year.

There will be a solo ensemble this year in Marquette for the soloists. The date has not been set.

The Music Patrons' Club has voted for three scholarships to go to students who qualify for them. The scholarships are for the Band Clinic to be held at Marquette next summer.

TICKETS AND CONCESSIONS

Before the first three home football games a total of 40 pre-game tickets were sold. Such a small number sold is due to the fact that most of the students of Wakefield High are either on the team, in the band, selling tickets or concessions, or doing various jobs which grant them free passes.

At the gate there was a much larger total for both student and adult tickets. A total of 908 adult tickets and 409 student tickets was reached at the first 3 home games.

At the Wakefield Houghton game, the Echo staff sold the concessions. They sold about

10 cases of pop, and 144 hotdogs. No coffee was sold that day because the weather was warm.

The senior class did good at the Wakefield-Bessemer game, selling about 3 ½ cases of pop, 174 cups of coffee, and 238 hot dogs.

FADS AND FASHIONS

While browsing around the halls, with our eyes and ears open, it seemed to us that the main topic of discussion among the girls are the winter coats many of them are wearing. There is a great variety of styles and colors. Girls having checked coats are: Elaine J., Carol Aili, Carol Salmela, Doris M., Dorothy R., Nancy L. and Angie M. Marjorie G. and Louise M. have red storm coats. Have you noticed Shirley Weber's velvet reversible coat, Julie A's. plaid and Astra A's. navy blue fitted? Mimi and Pat C. have tweed coats.

Kriss and Bunky are joining our fashion parade with their new red and white letterman's jackets. Nice, aren't they?

Next we noticed Roberta C's. white angora sweater. Have you seen Nancy K's. nice collection of sweaters this year.

You can't help noticing the large amount of pleated skirts that are now in style. Pat B. heads the list with her black and lavender plaid. Pat L., Carol Salmela, and Dorothy R. have the same kind skirts but different colors.

The corduroy suits that Bette

B., Mimi S. and Muggs V. have been displaying are next in popularity.

Sylvia Saari has a gray, turtle-neck sweater which goes very nicely with a gray predominating skirt.

LOOKING BACK

Looking back in the Wakefield High School paper the Tatler, we find many amusing events. We have back copies dating back to November 1922.

Transportation was a great and growing thing in those days. An incident that happened in 1927 was very amusing for us. Bergland played host to Wakefield at a basketball game. The team left Wakefield at 1 o'clock. When reached the Duluth South Shore Station, they found that they had to wait forty minutes for the train. At last the limited pulled in, and the boys hurried to get on for fear of getting left behind. They had to wait another half an hour before the train pulled out. At last it started and they had just reached the incredible speed of twenty-five miles per hour, when they had to stop at Tula.

The train left Tula and the boys settled down. They were making good (30 m.p.h., I suppose) when they coasted into Bergland at 3:30. The boys got off and went to the hotel. From there they went to the school. Then they went back to the hotel for a delicious meal of eggs on toast. The boys went to the gym and played a close game with Bergland, winning by a margin of three points. The score was 23-20. Then the

victorious Cardinals came home in cars. I wonder if they exceed the speed limit of 25 miles per hour.

Maybe the transportation wasn't good but the Cardinals are always good.

Looking back through the issues of the Tattler I found that in:

1935: Pails were set around the rooms in the Junior High to prevent the drowning of the students because of the leaky roof. The Wakefield Public Library was opened to the public for the first time.

1939: The Tattler changed the spelling of its name from Tattler to Tattler.

1941: The "Cards" won only one game with Ironwood from 1924-1941. The Echo was nearly not published because the quota of 200 copies had not been sold.

1945: The twenty-fifth observance of American Education Week was held. There was a story on "Remember When?" telling the history of our school.

FOOTBALL TRIP

Thirty five members of the football team, two managers and ten car drivers left at 4:00 a.m. Saturday to watch the Minnesota "Gophers" and the Purdue "Boilermakers" tangle in one of the big ten football games.

In the stadium there were 53,000 more people than reside in the Gogebic County. We arrived home around 4:30 Sunday afternoon.

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MORE LOOKING BACK

Looking back in the Tattlers from 1936 to 1940, we find some interesting bits of news.

In 1936 the Tattler was a two column paper. And if you read the school paper, as we hope you do, you will see that the Tattler is a three column paper. And we also find the lack of cartoons. Our paper now has instructive cartoon on the front of every issue.

In a February 12, 1937 issue, we find that boys then were very active in the very rugged sport of boxing. They even organized a boxing club, under the leadership of Mr. Pedersen.

It is funny the rugged boys of our school haven't started to get interested in any other sports besides the ones we have now.

In October 21, 1938 issue there is an article on the band's new uniforms. I wonder what the style was then, compared to now, regarding the new uniforms our band has just obtained in 1950.

F.H.A. NEWS

The F.H.A. has been trying to earn enough money to take a trip to one of the hotels in Ironwood for dinner and later taken in a movie. They have not set a date for the event yet.

LATIN CLUB NEWS

The Latin Club is planning its Annual Roman Banquet which is to be held on April 14 in the high school Cafeteria. The committee chairman are as follows: Decoration-Joyce Johnson, Invitation-Carol Jose, Costume-Dorothy Nurmi, Entertainment-Betty Jacobson, Refreshments-Martha Haukkala. Complete arrangements and committees will be announced at a later date.

TENNIS

The racket swinging Cards will begin practice for this years drive toward their sixth consecutive M-W conference tennis title on the first of April.

The Red Birds will be without the services of U.P. and M-w double's champs, Dave Westlund and Dave Wojciehowski. They have also lost Joe Sutter, M-W singles champ and UP finalist for two years.

Returning lettermen include Bob Hero, who will probably take over Sutter's position and Dick Lusa will probably team with Don Walstrom for a doubles' combination to replace Wojciehowski and Westlund.

Charles Kuivinen, Ralph Harrison, Bill Walter, Myron Swanson, and George Finco have also reported for this season.

Coach Duffin has a good group of prospects to work with this year. May the tennis team continue their winning ways.

NOVAK BREAKS RECORD

On May 16, 1953, before a large crowd of excited spectators, Kriss Novak set a new high-jumping record of 5'10 1/8". In doing this, he broke the previous record of 5'10" set by Borseth of Bergland in 1932.

JUNIORS HOLD SUCCESSFUL PROMENADE

The Junior Prom, "Somewhere Over the Rainbow," was held on May 2, and was, it is hoped, a success. Sixty-seven couples attended and there were one-hundred eighty spectators.

TEDDY SJOBLOM TOPS WAKEFIELD CAGE SCORING IN REGULAR SEASON

Teddy Sjoblom, senior Card forward, topped the Wakefield cage scoring during the regular season competition. Teddy notched 243 points in 16 games for an average of 15 points per game. He also placed seventh in the M-W scoring race with 129 points.

Kriss Novak, senior pivotman, gained runner-up honors in the scoring race with 202 points. His game average is 13 points per game. Novak followed Sjoblom in the loop scoring with 126 counters.

Team scoring for the season: Sjoblom, Ted-243; Novak, Kriss-202; Hero, Bob-171; Bugni, Don-89; Tarro, Joe-75; Kuivinen, Chub-40; Johns, Neal-35; Valesano, Mickey-16; Lusa, Dick-10; Cloon, Bob-5; Linn, Harold-4; Davidson, Grant-2; Kunes, Norman-1; Johnson, Dick-1;