

# LINCOLN LIGHTS

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## Seniors to Present Class Play

The Lincoln High School Senior Class Play, "The Imaginary Invalid" will be held on the field house stage March 27.

The setting of this play is the private sitting room in Argon's suite talking place in the afternoon.

The cast is as follows:

Argon--The imaginary invalid--  
Francis Tomczyk  
Loinette--A servant--Betty Jane Catlin  
Angeleque--Argon's elder daughter--Hazel Glebke  
Monsieur--Flevrant-- An apathetic--Gordon Tempas  
Beline--Argon's second wife--Betty Bronson  
Monsieur--De Bomefor--A Notary Jim Crouse  
Cleante--In love with Angelique Gordon Galloway  
Monsieur Drafairus--His son Bill Gleue  
Louison--Argon's younger daughter--Willma Hjerstedt  
Berlode--Argon's brother-- Earl Keding  
Monsieur Purgon-- A physician Vernon Hesse  
Thomas Diaforms-- Charles Arndt

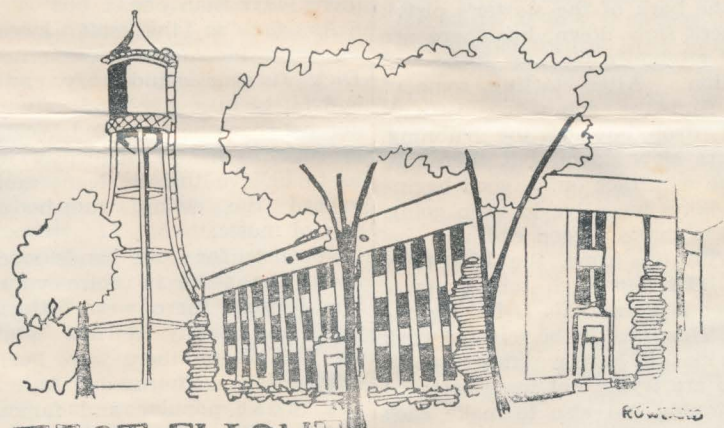
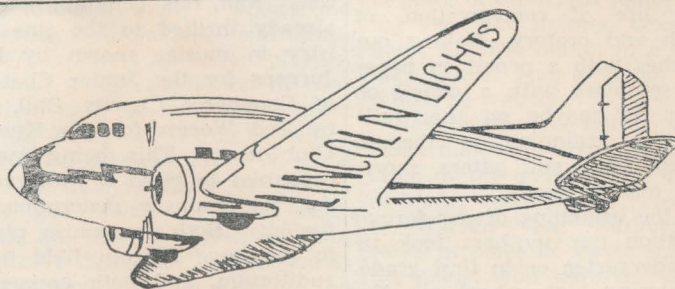
The comments given by Miss Rita McKenna were; "This will be the first presentation of "The Imaginary Invalid" and this play will be the first classical costume play given by the high school.

This revised form of this French Comedy has been produced successfully by large high schools, such as: Chicago, St. Louis and others in the East.

The production staff includes: Bill Binnebose-- Stage Manager  
George Pavloski -- Property Manager  
Marjorie Krohn--Promoter  
Frances Van Natta--Costumes  
Audrey Hartman--Ticket sales  
Charles Voight--Publicity

The plot and characters are so absorbing that a modern audience will forget that this play is two-hundred years old.

It has also been planned to have the Milwaukee Costume House take charge of the dressing in the play.



TEST FLIGHT

## Students Work On Operetta

The operetta to be presented this year by the musical organization of Lincoln High on March 10-11 is the musical comedy, "Tune In", with Lyrics and Music by Don Wilsow and Story by Edward Bradley.

The organizations that take part in the presentation are: the Junior and Senior Choir, Girls' and Boys' Glee Clubs, and the school orchestra.

Miss Bradford and Mr. Newman direct the cast and chorus, and spend many hours of rehearsal to make "Tune In" a success.

Members of the cast are:

Carl Knudsen, Merry Arpin, Gene Bachtie, Don Peterson,

George Kell, Nan Wright, Rosilla Bartz, Helen Fredrickson, Ruth Fleming, Jerry Gottschalk, John Muehlstien, Alfred Berard, John Siewart, and John Lutz.

The story is a modern, light, comedy which revolves about a radio station in which many comic situations arise.

## ANNUAL PROGRESSING WELL

Progress on the Annual this year has been right on schedule, and the different committees have been very efficient in doing their part.

Mr. Kester has taken the responsibility of arranging the pictures and setting the plan for the book. His committee consists of: Myrtle Konash, Chairman, who has three years of experience on

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## Conference Cage Race Ends For Valley Squads

	W	L
Wausau .....	10	2
Antigo .....	9	3
Tomahawk .....	9	3
Wisconsin Rapids .....	8	4
Stevens Point .....	7	5
Rhineland .....	7	5
Nekoosa .....	3	9
Merrill .....	2	10
Marshfield .....	0	12

### Scores Last Week Were:

Wisconsin Rapids 42, Marshfield 20; Antigo 32, Wausau 23; Nekoosa

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## Rapids Goes To Point For Regional Tournament

Once again the Lincoln High Red Raiders are looking forward to the Regional Tournament. The local quintet goes to Stevens Point March 5, 6, and 7, to compete against five other schools. Those competing will be Mosinee, Nekoosa, Stevens Point, Waupaca Wisconsin Rapids and Stratford.

The contests at Point will be just one of the sixteen Regional Tournaments to be held throughout the state. There are 32 district meets which reduce the class C schools to a minimum.

The Rapids and Point will be out to avenge defeats last year at the hands of Marshfield. The tourney looks like a team battle with these schools offering most of the excitement.

Much depends upon the luck of draw for positions. It may be that either the locals or Point may be eliminated in the first round game. If the pairings put these teams in opposite brackets there may be one of the bitterest battles in cage history. This year each team has come out victorious in one of the two games. They each won out on their home floor. With this in mind it would appear that the home floor advantages would give the Pointers a victory in the final game. The locals will fight hard for victories at Point and a possible state championship.



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## Student Council Makes Citizens

No doubt most of the students are not familiar with the Student Council until they break a rule.

The student council was started in this school about 1927. The object of the organization is to help in establishing and maintaining a high type of school spirit and character. It also prepares us for later active citizenship.

The present officers are: Vet Holmes, president; Alice Binnebose secretary; Jane Ritchay, treasurer.

The penalty for the first offense against any regulations, is person appointed by the president, one month on parole to some. For the second offense the student council recommends the principal, the penalty for his approval.

The cooperation of the students with the student council this year has been very good. There are still a few students, however, who think they own the halls and run all over not realizing that they might run into someone who is coming out of a room door and cause them to be injured. These are the ones who have to be punished.

### MAY I QUOTE?

Lorraine Hanneman - - - Three cheers for the army!

Charles Crouse-I have my doubts.  
Lorraine Hjtrstedt -I- yike that.  
Miss Haas - I got perfume for a valentine.

Robert Rowland - You mean me?  
Miss Moll - Saved by the bell!  
Beverly Aughey-I'll never speak to you again.

Betty Jane Catlin - OK Kiddee!  
Helen Fredrickson - If you want to be a bachelor, just come along with me.

Mister Bird - If you girls want to play post office I'll get you some partners.

## Editorial

Everything has a beginning. The world, the nations, education, school, ideals and all have had their beginning.

When we, as children took our first awkward steps across the rug or the floor, it was the beginning of a life of walking, running, slipping, tripping and trudging. It was the beginning—when we began to bawl, yell, and talk—of a life of conversation, of speech and oratory. Making our scratches with a pencil on paper first scratches with a pencil on paper (or maybe on the wall) was the beginning of themes, written topics and letters, shorthand, and of essay.

At the beginning of our formal education our mothers took us to kindergarten or to first grade. In entering high school we discovered the beginnings of higher education and learning.

All of these things were the beginning for a well-rounded useful life.

Many things start with a bang. They get off to a good start as the runner who springs forward at the bark of the starter's pistol. Others slow down, but there are and gradually pick up speed and motion. After starting, some of us find the going too difficult and drop out of the running. Others slow down, but there are those who race on. A good beginning is an incentive to keep going, and to make a good ending.

With this copy, the **LINCOLN LIGHTS**, our high school newspaper is born. This is its beginning. This issue is the selected work of a class of hard working students who are trying not for a splendid beginning but also to make each succeeding issue better and better. This is the beginning of a new school project—one that has long been desired by the students of Lincoln High School. This is the beginning of learning about the journalism by the newspaper staff. This is the beginning of a task of good will, good fellowship, good sportsmanship, and of good news.

If we make some mistakes, and we undoubtedly will, we hope you will bear with us. If you have any suggestions that will help to make this a better school paper, feel free to offer them.

Engage in reform, certainly, but confine your efforts to your own conduct rather than that of others. —E. W. Howe.

I wish I were a moment

In my professor's class,  
For no matter how idle a moment may be

They always seem to pass.

# Lincoln Field House Host To Nation's Best Bands

The dance bug has certainly bitten many a person in this fair city during the past year. As far as dancing and dance bands are concerned we've gotten the cream of the crop. For hundreds of persons from this community have already thrilled to the fine artistry in music shown by Dick Jurgens for the Junior Chamber of Commerce Charity Ball, and by Ted Weems for the Kiwanis Club dance. This being mainly organized to build a youth lodge for the younger generations of the city. Both companies played in the huge Lincoln field house auditorium, and both apparently have "swinged" their way into popularity to the dancers of this community and adjoining cities.

As comments have been tossed from person to person by people who saw both organizations, it certainly seems that Dick Jurgens is far ahead of Ted Weems in more ways than one.

As far as the soft, sweet, romantic pieces are concerned, Dick Jurgens could very easily and fairly raise his hand as winner between the two. Ted Weems in reverse, has consequently led us to believe that he leans more toward the swing, rum-boogie side of music.

Vocalists for both bands rated about the same in voice value. For Jurgens there were, Harry Cool, and Buddy Marino. While for Ted Weems there were Perry Como, Marian Thorne and America's most popular and famous whisler, Elmo Tanner. Also with him was his drummer, Orrin Dawns, who twice during the evening gave excellent exhibitions of his marvelous drumming ability.

The Jurgens boys didn't feel or look at home, unless one of the band was doing a sweet bit of cutting up, or another ribbing the guy next to him. Although just the opposite held true for Ted Weems. Some of the men in the band yawned part of the evening, while Weems himself looked looked slightly bored about the whole thing.

Oh, but the best is yet to come, and rumors say it'll be here in May.

As Ish-Ka-Bibble would bluntly state it, "Wall cut mah beard an call me shorty, if it ain't the ole professor himself."

Yes, as you could easily have guessed, it's the very clever and witty professor, Kay Kysar, who is expected here in May or thereabouts.

You all know him as the old professor in the famous "College of Musical Knowledge", which no doubt, every one has heard. He have with him the whole gang with all its cut-ups, clowns, and beautiful singers. There is Ginny Simms with her sweet lilting high soprano voice, and vocals of Harry Babbitt, with his soft, romantic tenor voice. Also with him will be the bands' two craziest and screwiest clowns, Ish Ribble and Sully Mascn. Oh my, we just can't leave out little Genive, who is so ably played by the ole professor himself, and a right smart job he does of it too.

In a recent poll of the ten most popular bands, Kay Kysar leads all of them, Wayne King second, Dick Jurgens third, and Ted Weems not included at all.

So now we'll just relax and wait for the famous professor to swing his way to our fair city with his splendid band and singers.

A large crowd is expected, and why not, look who he is. It is said that it will be the first time in the history of Wisconsin Rapids that the spectators will see a three ring circus on a band stand.

## Tumbling Starts Next Week

Next Thursday, in the field house, the girls begin their tumbling season. As no record was kept, we do not know who are the veterans this year.

Objects to be maintained are sky scraper pyramids and all sorts of fancy neck twisters and other styles of limbering up.

Head of sport, Dorothy Wallace, guarantees us some good figures and designs.

### BOYS BOWLING LEAGUE

The boys bowling league got to a smashing start in the first week of play. They bowl Monday and Tuesday of each week. The boys started February 17 and 18 with the following teams striking into the lead: Stars, Five Low, Pin-Smashe's, Rinkedinks, Comets and Five Roses The Gaint Killers, Pin-Pushers, Holy Cats, Pin-Masters, Supermen, and the Spark Plugs follow close behind. The positions of the teams are figured by their wins and losses. Dewey Baumel bowled the highest with a total of 496 and George Nimtze followed close behind with a 475.



## Girls Sports

### BOWLING

Sixty-seven enthusiastic girls have met at Lloyd's bowling alley every Wednesday night at 4:15 to participate in the top ranking indoor sport, which is bowling.

Mr. Biot has helped the girls immensely and given them these six rules for successful bowling:

1. The start of the first step. The ball is shoved out and away from you toward the foul line, still supported by both hands. You are bent slightly forward.
2. First step is taken. Ball is swinging back easily in a natural arc, completely supported by your straight right arm. Eyes are focused on the spot, not the pins.
3. First step is completed and the second step has begun. This position is the three-step delivery, after supporting left hand has been removed.
4. Third step is started as the ball swings upward. Knees are bent naturally, body is relaxed and bent forward. Eyes on the spot.
5. As the third step is completed, the ball reaches the height of its arc on the backward swing, at a point at least as the shoulders. Eyes still on the spot.
6. The fourth step naturally pulls the ball down and forward. Left foot slides forward and the ball is released naturally at the end of the slide, not forced or "pushed."

These helpful hints have aided thirty-three freshman and sophomore girls, and also thirty-four junior and senior girls. Miss Greling has also given helpful suggestions on good bowling.

### BASKETBALL

The girls basketball color teams have finished an animating season with the yellow team taking the brightest field. Next week Miss Greling will post the class teams derived from those on the color teams who play good clean basketball.

The record of the teams stands:

Team	Games	Won	Lost
Yellow	5	5	0
Red	5	4	1
Orange	5	3	2
White	5	2	3
Blue	5	1	4
Black	5	0	5

On the gay yellow team we find Marion Glebke, Mary H. Mathews, Dorothy Cichy, Lucille Schill, Edith House, Adeline Mittlesteadt, Katherine Krutch, Helen Kumm, Theresa Strosin, and Phyllis Sorenson, all with equal honors and the best playing methods.

## Rapids Trims Merrill In Last Home Tilt

At the last home game of the season, on February 21, on our own floor, five Rapids seniors saw their last action they will ever see on the old Lincoln High court, which all proves to be very disappointing to many a young and interested basketball enthusiast. They, as well as other players, showed a fine exhibition of basketball skill at its finest, proof of all being the score, which showed a safe margin of 36 to 30 in the Raiders favor of course. The game was not very easily won, for Merrill played brilliant offensive fight, scaring the Rapids cagers more than once during the evening.

The starters for the game were: Jerry Mader, Vet Holmes as forwards, Walt Wood as center while there were Captain Russ Davis, and Bob Plahmer as guards. The starters for Merrill were: Hanson, King, Rupprecht, Everson, and English. Mansfield from the University of Wisconsin, and Kotal from Stevens Point were the referees. Both refereed one of the cleanest games on the Lincoln court this season.

High scorer of the evening was Hanson, forward for the Merrill Bluejays, who so ably tossed in exactly 11 points to lead as winner of the evening. While our own forward, Jerry Mader, flipped in exactly five goals, to help his team-mates to victory over the Gavre five.

The veterans who played their last game before our local student body, and to many outsiders were: Captain Russ Daves, Bob Plahmer, and Warren "Red" Sullivan, all guards; Walt Wood who, was in the match, and also all former games of the season as center, and but far from least, Jerry Mader, ace forward for the cagers.

Jerry Mader boosted his conference total to exactly 73 points, while Vet Holmes, the pride and joy of the Junior class, raised his score six points to reach the total of 83 points received on blankets this year.

Walt Wood came through with the finest all-around game of the season. He did a great deal of excellent floor work and got more than his share of the rebounds which came his way. He outscored his pivot rival, Everson, nine points to a mere six points, and outshined his rival in more ways than one.

The first quarter of the game proved to be rather dull, and the action rather slow, while the second showed a rather high scoring

period for both teams. Leaving the score at the half 19 to 17, in favor of the Red Raiders. A rather surprising incident happened with the beginning of third period, Bill Gross, it seems, was pushed in, in place of the teams junior shooting ace, Vet Holmes. Gross also made his first basket in a conference game, and a rather proud fellow he was too.

Benkowski, and Bathke saw an exact minute of action at the very close of the game, going in place of Mader and Plahmer respectively. Warren "Red" Sullivan, also came in place of Davis earlier in the game, who went out on personal fouls.

Preliminaries were held before the game, beginning at six o'clock. Some of the grade schools of this city and Biron, played competitively. All proved to be very interesting as well as fast games. To start the thing off, Biron played the Two Mile School, and Biron won the match 23 to 4, a victory which was played secure. Next in order came the struggle between the Junior Lincoln High vs. the S.S. Peter and Paul school, after a double overtime and eighteen free throws the Lincoln lads tossed their way to victory over their opponents, the score being 28 to 27. Then during the half the Lowell five lost to the Lutheran whizzes, 11 to 6.

A crowd of about five hundred was anticipated to have witnessed the games, during the evening. One hundred were said to be grade school children, who came to cheer their teams to victory. The student body as a whole had excellent school spirit, and cooperated to the fullest extent.

The Red Raiders will battle against Marshfield, March 28, on Marshfield's own floor.

### PING PONG

The elimination girls ping pong matches are in the run all hours of the day. The two divisions, upperclassmen and the underclassmen, are fighting hard for the flight to championship. Up on the older group, Bette Giese and Pearl Watson are struggling to get to play Roscilla Bartz for the top seat.

Down among the underclassmen, the up and coming Barbara Brown is anxiously awaiting her match against the general favorite, Betty Kroll.

Last years champion, Dorothy Fiegel, was placed head of girls ping pong for this year.

## Marshfield Hockey Team Upset By Rapids 5 to 1

Monday night the Rapids Pucksters enjoyed a definite win over the Marshfield team by a 5 to 1 score.

This was the final game of the season and the Rapids boys made a last good showing.

The Rapids team while losing three regulars: Dale Terrill, Bill Berhand and Jim Crouse is expected to be one of the top matching teams in the conference next year.

The regulars that will be back are Bob Herman, Eddy Webb, Bob Pagel, Wayne Nelson, Howard Michelson, Clarence Kalinski, and our two year veteran, Bob McCain.

Although the Rapids have come out on the short end in most of their games, they have shown great improvement.

The offence work of the team's play has been carried out very nicely by the wing men, while the defence men have been doing very good work this season.

Much credit is due these men. Bob McCain has also done a great job at blocking the cage.

Coach Torry has great hopes for the team and thinks that by the end of next year the Rapids Pucksters will be way out in front in the Valley Conference standings.

### JUNIOR HIGH KEEPS LEAD

The Lincoln High battled through overtime with the S. S. Peter and Paul team, in which 18 free throws were tossed before the game was decided. Three games were played as a preliminary to the Merrill—Rapids Valley Conference tilt.

The Lutherans, with their 11 to 6 win over the Lowell school, jumped to second place.

The first game of the evening, Biron won over the Two Mile School 23 to 4, which put Biron in fifth place.

The line up last Friday for the Lincoln Quintet was:

Harry Nelson—guard  
Don Murgatroyd—guard  
John Fiegel—center  
Jack Gill—forward  
Duane Smith—forward  
Other members of the team are:  
Tom Billmeyer  
Jerry Rowland  
John Dahlke  
Dana Norman  
Stanley Gillespie  
James Fritz  
Richard Babcock  
Robert Nelson



## GUESS WHO?



Years ago a little lad grow up in Horicon, a little one horse town in Wisconsin, destined to become a famous Wisconsin Rapids teacher. He graduated from Carroll College in 1492. He was once a sailor and still has his suit, although it looks as if it shrunk four sizes. Before attempting this crucial job at Rapids, he taught at Marshfield. He has two daughters that are chips off the old block. This handsome man with a "soup-strainer" on his upper lip, is often seen driving a Chevrolet schoolward. Hint: His kind go south in the winter.

## STUDE

A beautiful red head was born in Green Bay. After she was one years old she came to the Rapids. She could talk the German language. She was called. "The Little Dutch Girl," because she talked. She is on the Adhawagam Staff, and is a member of the Student Council. She likes riding in a gray Chevrolet, and she blushes every time you mention the play, "Herbie's First Date."

## Korny Kolum

by

## Kal Korntassal

Boogy: I believe in fighting the enemy with his own weapons.  
Woogy: Is that right? Well, how could you sting a wasp?

Gene: You know that in the spring a young mans fancy turns to love?

Nila: Yes, but it's still winter.  
Gene: Yes, but how about having a rehearsal? (Operetta)

Maggie: I'll come over and see you sometime.

Pete: Sure come on up, we'll open up a keg of nails and you can chew their heads off.

Hazel: I was held up last night by two boys.

Lorraine: Where?

Hazel: All the way home.

Mr. Bird: Who ruled France in 1775?

Charolette: Louis XIV, No! the

## INTRAMURAL SPORTS

So the basketball season is drawing to a close, leaving only two or three games for most of this year's basketball teams yet to play. The same thing is happening to the intramural teams of the Lincoln High School. Most of these teams will finish their scheduled games in the next week or so. The intramural basketball games are usually played every Monday and Friday of each week, at 4 p. m. in the Lincoln Field House.

Intramural basketball is mostly the interest of boys of Lincoln High who do not get a chance to play on the varsity team. Coach Torresani has all the boys who are interested in this sport, sign up in their gym periods. There are usually two different leagues: The Junior League, consisting of freshman and sophomores; the Senior League having the Juniors and seniors. The following teams are in the Junior League this year: Lions, Bears, Wildcats, Beavers, Badgers, Gophers, Tigers, Moose, Elks, and Muskrats. The Senior League is as follows: White Sox, Cubs, Pirates, Yankees, Cardinals, Red Sox, Tigers and Rehs. Coach Torresani selects five boys and a captain for each team. Each team plays one of the other teams at least once during the season, maybe twice if the season lasts. At present the Red Sox are leading the Senior League, having five wins and no losses. The Lions are leading the Junior League, having six wins and no losses.

XVI, well anyway he was in his teens.

John B.: I'm a cowboy.  
Jim G.: You're a cowboy?  
John: Yes, Hi O Sliver!  
Jim: That ain't Hi O Sliver, it's Hi O Silver.  
John: Not the horse I ride; it's a wooden one.

Two old maids went for a tramp in the woods. The tramp escaped. The lucky thing.

Beverly H. Carries a little bottle of camphor in case of a cold sore.

Bob S. If you were in the dark and you had six socks and you wanted to be sure and get a pair, how many socks would you have to take to get a pair that matched?  
Red: I give up, "How many?"  
Bob S. "Three"

Red: Oh! What if they were all for the same foot.

Janette: Where will I do this last problem there's no more room on the paper.

Mr. Nell: In your head there's plenty of room there.

# UNDER THE RUG

How about a statement for our society page about some of your recent card parties, Sally?

It's a good thing Jim Goodrich has to walk past the Ag School on his way to and from school. It's pretty cold to go very far out of the way. Or is that all over, Jim?

What girl cheer-leader has recently taken up rooster-crowing as a sideline?

We know for a fact Jim McCourt is occasionally escorted home from school at night. When it's cold, he asks her in. Pretty nice new house, eh Bev?

Irv Couse has a new slant on the girl problem. He's been going around with a Freshman. "Sure" he says, "Then I can bring them up right."

There are rumors that something or someone is coming between Bob Ebsen and his pipe. Who is she, Bob?

Even the below zero weather didn't keep Bill Sherwood from standing on the street corner every morning, waiting to walk to school with her.

## Conference Race - -

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34, Merrill 33; Tomahawk 29, Rhinelander 26.

The Wausau Cardinals had already clinched first place in the Valley conference two weeks ago by trimming Stevens Point, but last week the champs were beaten by the Antigo five. The Ants, by their win tied Tomahawk for second place. Wisconsin Rapids took the fourth place position by taking Marshfield on the latter's court. With the games last week, the Wisconsin Valley Conference race was over and the teams now lock forward to the section and state meets, starting this week.

## Annual - - -

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the staff, and Gladys Sonnen-schien and Jane Loveland who works with her.

They are featuring a new idea this year. The pictures of the faculty are not going to be taken in the studio but in some informal pose. This will be either in the school room, or as they are about some school duty.

There will be many more pictures this year than last. Class

What is the object of Grace Landry's Weekly attendance at the skating rink? She says he needs inspiration for Hockey.

That was pretty mean of all you Junior girls to vote for Vet. How would you feel in Jean's place?

Rumor has it that a certain commercial teacher is coming to school every day in a different car, belonging to the Chevrolet Garage.

We noticed that during the recent cold spell, Mr. Ritchay has come puffing up to school on his own two feet. What's the matter, Mr. Ritchay? We thought you had a car. What is it, an Oldsmobile?

### Budding Romances

Barbara Johns--Ed Murgatroyd  
"Squirt" Berard--Virginia Benson  
Elaine Henke-----Wayne Vadnais  
Marge Habeck-----"Bud" Bethke  
Jackie Kueen-----Lawrence Kaja

There is a young fellow named Knoll  
Who stands by the room of Miss Moll.  
He and Myron LaVaque  
Pretend it's a fake,  
But we know, don't we children?

### ORIGINAL PLAY

An original three act play entitled "Pioneer Life Of The 18-40's" will be presented by the eighth grade of the Lincoln building on March 4th in the Music Room.

The following committee has charge of the play:

Director and Promoter--Myrtle Timm  
Scenery and Costumes-- Mary Warsinske, Vaunceil Mueller  
Production Staff--Cynthia Peterson, Clarence Olson, Jack Gill  
The leads are played by:

Donald Murgatroyd as Ezekiel Cheever, the school-master, a very stern taskmaster.

The Pioneer children are very ably portrayed by: Rita King, Marjorie Rockwood, Dick Babcock, and Dana Norman.

There is no better ballast for keeping the mind steady on its keel and saving it from all risks of crankiness than business. (Lowell)

and club pictures have been completed. This fact leaves only track pictures to be snapped, and some of the later sports.