

# LINCOLN LIGHTS

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## ONE ACT PLAY CASTS



### ONE ACT PLAYS ARE GREATLY APPLAUDED

The four one-act plays presented last night in the Field House by the Thespian Dramatic club were a fine success. They climaxed weeks of hard work by the casts, directors, and production crews.

The play, "Curse You Jack Dalton" was under the capable direction of Sally Teas and John Baranowski. Members of the Dramatic Club that took part in this play were Nancy Baker, "Mrs. Dalton,"

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### \$3,500 In Prizes For Photography Contest

Students, you have a chance to win \$600. From now until May 7, 1949 you may enter your photographs taken after May 7, 1948 in the Fourth Annual National High School Photographic Contest.

There is a grand prize of \$500, 4 first prizes of \$100 each, 85 \$10 prizes, and 250 \$5 prizes. Also, the school has a chance to win a Kodak Flash Bantam camera if someone wins one of \$50, \$75, or \$100 prizes.

You can obtain further information from Fey Studios.

### COMING EVENTS

February 19—  
Point Game  
February 23-26—  
Regional Tournament  
February 27-28—  
Minstrel Show  
March 1—  
Beloit-River Falls basketball game  
March 4-5—  
Sectional tournament at Point.



Alta Schmidt

### A. SCHMIDT ELECTED DAR REPRESENTATIVE

Each year the senior girls choose one of their members to receive the Daughters of American Revolution award. This year the girl selected was Alta Schmidt, chosen because of her qualifications of citizenship, loyalty, and leadership. Alta's contributions to the school have been many. President of GAA, she plays in the orchestra also holds membership in Student Council, Pep Club, and Dramatic Club.

Wednesday afternoon, February 9, Alta attended a luncheon at the Paper Inn at Port Edwards where she met the winners of the DAR award from Adams-Friendship, Pittsville, Port Edwards and Ne-koosa. Each girl told of the organizations that she belonged to in high school. Miss Talbot, senior advisor, accompanied Alta.

In years past a Madison official drew a name from a hat to see which of the winners would receive a trip to Washington, all expenses paid. Because these trips were called pilgrimages, the girls were addressed "pilgrims." Now the winners are sent questionnaires to fill out and return to be

## Hungry Panthers Invade Raider Lair

The Wisconsin Rapids Red Raiders will be out to win their 19th straight ball game, when the Stevens Point Panthers clash with them under the arc lights of Lincoln Field House Saturday.

The Red Raiders, undefeated this season, will probably face the toughest conference foe of the year. Stevens Point will undoubtedly be primed to knock the Red Raiders from the undefeated ranks. Point has a sharp shooter in Dick Cable who can give the Rapids plenty to worry about.

In their first meeting of the year, Wisconsin Rapids was victorious 46-41 in a very hard fought contest. Since then Stevens Point has come along without a defeat and has shown some very sharp shooting.

The probable starting line-ups are:

Rapids		Point
Daly	F	Cable
Kuehl	F	Speerstra
Showers	C	Negaard
Torresani	G	Miller
Simonis	G	Wieman

### Debate Team Wins Again

Last Saturday our debate team gloriously represented us in a debate tournament at Stevens Point. Our team consists of Peter Bunde, Charles Lester, Lawrence Bocaner, and Jim Randlett, with Mr. Miller as their advisor. The topic of debate was World Government.

The schools participating were as follows: Appleton, Blair, Kaukauna, La Crosse, Menasha, Merrill, Neenah, Rhinelander, Sparta, Tomah, Two Rivers, Wausau and Wisconsin Rapids.

Each school has to compete in six rounds. Wausau won 6 out of 6, while Wis. Rapids and Neenah followed up with 5 victories out of 6.

Our team will compete in the state tournament on Feb. 26, at Madison.

judged. The girl who has the best answers is given a \$100 bond.

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## 22 Declamers Prepare For March Contests

Students enrolled in forensics have been hard at work for six weeks preparing for the local elimination contests which will begin the first week of March. Those registered in the humorous declamatory are as follows: Cresence Korte, Beverly Kowalske, Shirley Sonnenberg, John Scheunemann, Ethel Farris, John Podawiltz, Arlyss Brown, Janice Becker, Joan Becker, Joan Duggan, Jean Jackson, Clara Pasciak, Jon Duggan, Ruth Smith and Margaret Nobles. The following have selected serious declamations: Marjorie Karnatz, Jay Ehler, Beverly Howard, Pat Ironside, Judy Nason, Barbara Peters, Sally Witte and Catherine Abler.

## Point Pep Meeting Today

At 3:30 Friday afternoon the students will be called to the Field House for the pep meeting preceding the all-important Point game. This pep meeting will be directed by the Student Council. Through the course of the meeting, songs will be sung and cheers will be led by the cheerleaders. Two hilarious skits, "The Barber Shop" and "Hobo Camp" are to be presented by members of the student body. As the finale we will sing the "Alma Mater" followed by the "Locomotive."

It may sometimes cost you a good deal to do right, but be sure it will not cost you more not to do it.

## Salute To An Unknown Organization

In Lincoln High and in every other school there are persons and organizations that are invaluable to a school. Yet very few people ever hear of them because they are taken so much for granted. In this article we wish to mention an organization that is present at every social event.

Everyone has admired the decorations at the various dances. Yet, few realize that if it were not for a hard-working group known as the Tam and Smock, we would not have these decorations. Few indeed know how much of this work is done after school hours. Daily, room 230 is one of the earliest to open, and one of the latest to close. We, the students of Lincoln High, wish to thank the Tam and Smock for the admirable job they are doing, and hope that this organization will keep up the good work in the future.

The money that is saved on education this year will be spent later for jails and reformatories.

## WATCH YOUR EXIT

Between classes, the halls become a frenzy of students bursting from the rooms as they pass to their next period class. The halls become a scene of havoc, becoming very dangerous for all students passing in the halls at that time. Students have even been seen jumping into the air in an extra effort to break through the crowd of passing students.

Cases of students rushing out of their rooms, inconsiderate of any others, are seen throughout the school time and time again which can lead to very serious accidents. A student doesn't have to be in such a great hurry to get to his classes. A student shouldn't just amble along, but he doesn't need to run either. It seems that 11:45 is the greatest rush hour and also the worst. We are asking the students to be a little more careful as they leave their rooms as it will be a little safer for all.

Lambert Kampen

## Don't Let Down Now

Seniors, you have entered your last semester as students of Lincoln High. Because of the praise and glory heaped upon you, you are apt to let your studies slide. Don't forget that one failing mark will probably prevent your receiving your well-earned diploma. Don't let down now, don't let your four years of high school go to ruin because of a bad case of over confidence in your last semester.

Remember your final exams this year will be just as important, or possibly more important than any you have had before, because they will answer the final question for your teachers, "Have you, in four years of high school, learned how to concentrate and apply yourself?" Have you?

Let's prove to them that we have learned to study, but we can't do this by letting our work slide. Let's buckle down and maybe our last semester at Lincoln High will be a successful one.

## BACK OUR TEAM

This year Lincoln High's Red Raiders have done a great job for us. They have compiled a record of 18 straight victories, a total that is second to none. To do this they have had to go all out in every game, and we admire them for it. But, do we go all out in supporting our team? Sure, we brag about them to our friends and follow their progress closely, but when we have assemblies do we really cheer as loud as we can? Or do we follow the cheerleaders during the game? For most of us the answer is no. Many of us say "why cheer?" "The team can get along just as well without our support." This is not true! Even though the boys won't admit it, it gives them a boost to hear a cheer that tells them beyond a doubt that everyone is pulling for them. Just see if an enthusiastic yell at a crucial moment won't instill new vitality in a tired team.

The difference between a good vigorous cheer and an unenthusiastic cheer may mean the difference between victory and defeat.

True, the team has succeeded without our full support so far, but now with the toughest games of the season coming up they need our wholehearted, whole-lunged support to pull them through. Let's see how loud we really can yell at the assembly this afternoon, shall we?

## Minstrel Show Coming

On Sunday and Monday, February 27 and 28, the Lions Club of Wisconsin Rapids will present a new kind of drama, not often seen in this city, a Minstrel show.

The production, which is to be given in the Field House, will be loaded with local talent and it should provide numerous laughs and comical incidents, so don't forget to attend.

If we don't stand for something, we may fall for anything.  
—Peter Marshall

# IF YOUR DATE WON'T GO HOME AT A REASONABLE HOUR SHOULD YOU-



## Couldn't Wait To Play

Another new member has been added to the fairer sex of our faculty this new semester. She is Miss Mary Ann Brueggemann, the vocal director. Miss Brueggemann came to us from Thiensville, Wis. her home town. This is her first taste of teaching, since she just graduated from Milwaukee State Teachers college.

During her interview Miss Brueggemann smiled serenely as she told us about an unusually embarrassing experience which occurred in church. Laughingly, she stated, "I started a response on the organ at double forte (QUITE fast) just as the minister opened his mouth to speak!" Guess maybe she was just anxious to show her skill in playing the organ, for she does love to play and is well skilled in the field of organ music.

Besides her love of music she has several other hobbies, among which are knitting, tennis, swimming, and bowling. She is certainly a versatile young lady, as her hobbies prove.

As with many others, Ingrid Bergman and Gregory Peck rate first on her movie star list. Miss Brueggemann also insists that everyone should read "The Egg and I" and surely everyone loves chocolate cake with ice cream just as she does.

Glancing over her "favorite" one can easily see that here is a person easy to get along with and wonderful to know. We certainly wish her the best of luck and will all work hard to make her days at Lincoln High a pleasant memory.

## CHATTER BOX

Jim Barton, who do you prefer: N. Crotteau or the little chick from Point?

Mr. Nelson's favorite saying seems to have been left out so I'd like to mention it here: "Have you any questions on the lesson you read for today?" ONCE somebody actually asked one. "Mr. Nelson, who READ his lesson today?"

Who's the Senior boy that has his eyes on Mary Ann Benson? And what an eyeful!

Pat Holbrook, does Duke fluster you?

Who's this guy Mary D. calls her man!?

I've been informed that the B team players aren't as bashful as they appear to be. Is that right boys?

Who is the gal that has been ripping the town with "Rip" Randlett lately?

## Student of The Week



Our student of the week is Don Wieden, the six foot, black-haired, green-eyed senior. Don is kept busy by his participation in such school organizations as Art Club, Dramatic Club, and the Ahdawagam Staff. Listing first, however, with Don, is his special interest in Art. All Lincoln High students are well aware of all the hard work and effort, plus time, that Don has put into various art projects for the school.

Don's favorite "feed" is eggs, of all things! He enjoys swing music, jazz, art and sports, especially swimming. Being especially attentive to jazz, this favorite rates high with him, "Muskrat Ramble."

An ideal girl to Don is one who is tall, dark, and has all the "characteristics" necessary for a "good-looker."

When asked what he would do if he were made King for a Day, he simply replied, "Drop dead!"

Don's ambition in life is to become a commercial artist after finishing college. All our best wishes to you, Don, for a bright future.

## More Chatter

Another gal is making eyes at "Rusty" Stimac in the library first period! E. Famuga by name.

A young lady recently received a letter with the following address:

Miss Pat Miller  
780 Link Street  
Dreamville, Wis.

Another young couple have experienced their first date, which is always an exciting occasion, enso, D. Minta and J. Hagenau?

Don Graesser seems to be singing, "I Wish I Didn't Love You So," an awful lot lately. To J. Braun do you think?

## LOOKIN' BACK . . .

### Seventeen Years Ago:

From "The Lincoln Limes" (as the Lincoln Lights was previously called, February, 1932.)

Supt. Julius Winden, a member of the Wisconsin Rapids school system for almost 12 years, resigned at the January meeting of the board of education. Mr. Winden became principal of Lincoln High in September, 1920. The many friends he has made during his years of life in Wisconsin Rapids, and the faculty members, received the announcement with regret.

The honor list of Lincoln High has made an increase of one this 6 weeks. There are 15 A students this time.

### Fourteen Years Ago:

From the "School News," (another previous name of Lincoln Lights) February, 1935.

On January 12, about 90 members of the G.A.A. together with Miss Pederson and Miss Cartwright enjoyed a sleighride party. The group went to Biron, but because one of the sleighs was always breaking down, many of the girls had to walk most of the day.

The Wausau Lumberjacks trimmed the Rapids boys by the lopsided score of 32-16. The Rapids were handicapped by their size and inability to get started due to a slippery floor. They just weren't able to sink them, although they outshot Wausau from the field.

Mr. Winden and Mr. Ritchay substituted for Mr. Bird who was absent due to illness.

### Seven Years Ago:

From the Lincoln Lights, February, 1942.

NOTICE: See Coach Cristine Pedersen's "Hot Shots" play Helen Johnson's "Sure Shots." Let's all turn out to see the faculty play their version of basketball.

The big night has come and gone. As you all know the "Mask and Wig" (now, Thespian) formal was held on Saturday night, February 14. A large crowd danced to the music of the Castillians. The Grand March, highlight of the evening was led by Jackie Kuenn and Lawrence Kaja.

### Six Years Ago:

From the Lincoln Lights, February, 1943.

Mr. Ritchay tried his hand at prophesying the other day, but the students of Lincoln High and Junior High set out to prove him wrong. He predicted that we would raise \$1,500 to \$2,000 instead of a mere \$900 for a jeep. When the students went 3 times over his guess — was his face red!

Influence is not government.  
—George Washington

## DON'T FORGET THAT BIRTHDAY!

February 18—  
Stephen Fanning  
Barbara Gross

February 19—  
Betty Crook  
Joan Fluno  
Barbara Grosklous  
Ted Olson  
Roy Toepel

February 20—  
Sharon Roeder  
Carol Smith

February 22—  
Caroline Hanson  
Edward Oligney

February 23—  
Gwen Morey  
Berndetta Morris

February 24—  
Virginia Kinney  
Doris Slauson

February 25—  
Jim Anderson  
Leona Hoefs  
Betty Keith  
Kenneth Klein  
Jenny Marceau  
Walter Voight

February 26—  
Nancy Crotteau  
Virginia Kudrowski  
Betty Vandenburg

February 27—  
Viola Duckworth

February 28—  
Fred Miller

## ONE ACTS

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Bob Gamroth, "Jack Dalton," Sally Witte, "Bertha," Ken Peterson, "Egbert," Arlene Sandrin, "Eloise," Sandra Reimer, "Anna," Ted Olson, "Richard."

The cast of "If Men Played Cards As Women Do" included Jim Randlett, "John," Bill Strickland, "Bob," Paul Bossert, "George," Peter Bunde, "Mark," Jerry Knuth and John Scheunemann directed this comedy.

"Happy Journey" had a cast consisting of Bob Bain, "Elmer," Marylyn Bachtel, "Ma Kirby," Jim Reader, "Arthur," Betsy Dickerman, "Caroline," Phyllis Karnatz, "Beulah," Sue Tate and Dave Lee were the directors for this play.

Bill Johnson, "William," Nancy Oakes, "Mrs. Willis," Betty Crook, "Anne," Jack Peters, "Joe," Ethel Farris, "Molly," Barbara Randall, "Emily," Mary Mead, "Betty" took part in "The Patchwork Quilt." Beverly Howard and Barbara Peters were in charge of this production.

The probability that we may fail in the struggle ought not to deter us from the support of a cause we believe to be just.

—Abraham Lincoln

# MILE RECORD SET BY FISHER AT 5:18

Fifty boys of Lincoln High school ran the gym mile in less than six minutes. They were led by Roger Fisher, who set a school record, running it in the time of 5:18. Fisher ran in a gym class, where he was the only boy to run it under six minutes. Fisher is a Junior in high school. Roy Toepel was runner-up to Fisher running the mile in 5:24. Twenty-six Juniors and Seniors ran it while 24 Freshmen and Sophomores came across the finish in less than six minutes.

They were Joe Czyron, Harvey Smekrud, Dick James, Rodney Mitchell, Fred Sage, Ray Tork, Gerald Ashbeck, James Bickett, Dick Irwin, Jack Peters, Robert Olson, Anthony Ashbeck, Wayne Baldwin, James Ebsen, Mike Felgen, Victor Romanski, Roy Johnson, John Hein, John Nelson, Tom O'Day, Wayne Provost, Richard Quinnell, Sam Shegonee, and Don Schulz, freshmen and sophomores.

Juniors and seniors were, Bob Gessert, Bob Manz, Jim Schenk, Bruce Vanderhei, Bob McLendon, Zenas Bickett, Wayne Enerson, Bill Strickland, Roy Toepel, Marvin Vanderhei, Dick Warsinske, Steve Fanning, Arnim Haferman, Roger Fisher, Jim Anderson, La Verne Bemke, Bob Bain, Gerald Clinton, Ed Jacobsen, Bill Miller, Bob McGraw, Glen Nystrom, La Verne Plahmer, Ed Romanski, Dave Smith, Bror Worlund.

## Intramural Handball

Seventeen boys answered J. A. Torresani's call for intramural handballers in the annual high school tournament this year. They are:

Nick Vandenburg, Walter Voight, Anthony Kiedrowski, Don Randall, Edward Jacobsen, Bill Miller, Lambert Kampen, Jim Ritchay, Glen Harper, Ken Peterson, Merlin Johnson, Jack O'Brien, Norman Federwitz, Tom Davis, Herb Hetzel, John Sweeney, and Dick Hoekstra.



# IN AND OUT THE LOCKER ROOM

Hi, nice people. Here goes this little column again.

Miss Cobleigh has turned philosopher. How come? I don't know either but maybe she has been one all along but we just didn't realize it. Her theory on the subject of worry is very interesting and also unusually true. She says, and I quote, "People would not have to worry if they got their work done correctly and on time but if they worry because of someone else's doing, they should not because then you can't do anything about it anyway." Unquote. Not bad reasoning, is it? It's a very good start to being another Ralph Waldo. Don't you think?

Ever since that Senior-Faculty volleyball game, I've been anticipating the basketball game to be played by these same teams. If you remember correctly, the result of the first contest was 2-1 in favor of the Senior girls. I'm sure the faculty will be out for revenge. "Flash" Cobleigh, "Speed" Metcalf, "Dash" Tanz, "Irish" O'Connell and "Snaz" Schleich will all try for a victory while Natalie Hanneman, Alta Schmidt, Kay Henke, Dee DeRouchy, and Margie Ladwig will be defending the Senior's title. It should be an interesting game.

In the GAA basketball tournament, the eight teams are playing regularly. They are: the Pansies, Roses, Violets, Sweet Peas, Carnations, Tulips, Orchids and Gardenias. Marge Wilcox is the head of this sport.

A wise man knows when and how to be silent.



# A GLANCE AT THE RECORD

This year, the Wisconsin Rapids basketball team has compiled one of the finest records in the school's history. Let's take a glance into that record.

In 18 games the Red Raiders have taken 1030 shots connecting on 377 for a phenomenal percentage of .366. The highest percentage the Raiders have connected with this season is .522 against

Ping pong and badminton games are being played off. In each sport there are two divisions, the Junior and the Senior. The Freshmen and Sophomores play in the former while the Juniors and Seniors make up the latter division. Delores Witte is head of ping pong while Mary Ellen Ashbeck handles badminton games.

Maybe this is a little out of the sports line but I must mention something about the DeMolay sleigh ride last Saturday, February 12. From my seat on a horse three and one-half feet wide, I had an excellent view of what the first sleigh was carrying. Very interesting indeed. I must say they were certainly snug up there. Margie Ladwig, Bev Howard, Marjorie Hellner, Pat Miller and a few others could give you some detailed information on this subject. Couldn't you girls? Personally, I am against riding work horses, especially those weighing 1600 lbs. bareback. But under the circumstances I was rewarded.

That's it for now, folks. Keep your chin up. Only 14 weeks of school left. This doesn't include time off for winning the state championship.

Merrill when they scored 33 baskets out of 63 attempts. On six other occasions the Red Raiders have hit over .400, these being .400 against Tomahawk hitting on 22 out of 56 shots, .415 against Nekoosa on 22 out of 53, .416 against Waukesha on 20 out of 48, .401 against Shorewood on 17 out of 42, .404 against Marshfield on 27 out of 67 and .409 against Eau Claire on 25 out of 61. Only once have the Red Raiders had a percentage below .300, that being a .291 against Antigo, when the Raiders scored only 16 times out of 55 attempts.

The most shots taken in a game were the 70 against Waupaca. The least number were taken against Shorewood, 42. The most baskets made this season were the 33 scored against Merrill. Fifteen, the lowest number scored, came against Stevens Point.

Dean Showers leads the team scoring with 265 points. He is followed by Daly 197, Mader 145, Torresani 97, Kuehl 88, Simonis 80, Ellis 42, Benkowski 21, Henke 13, Sering 8, and Johnson 2. Showers also leads the team scoring in the Valley Conference with 164 points. The Raiders have a grand total of 958 points in 18 games and 625 points in eleven conference games. Their highest score was 81 against Merrill, their lowest being 42 against Rhinelander.

The Red Raiders have been very accurate from the free throw line, scoring 205 times in 340 attempts for a .586 average. Showers and Torresani lead the way with a .667 percentage, Showers connecting 70 times in 105 tries, Torresani scoring 30 times in 45 tries. Daly has hit on 52 out of 82 tries for a .634 percentage. Benkowski and Kuehl are the only other above .600, Benkowski having 5 out of 8 for .625 and Kuehl 9 out of 15 for .600.

This is the inside story on the scoring statistics of the Red Raiders this year. The record is fine, and one the boys can be very proud of, as well as the school.

