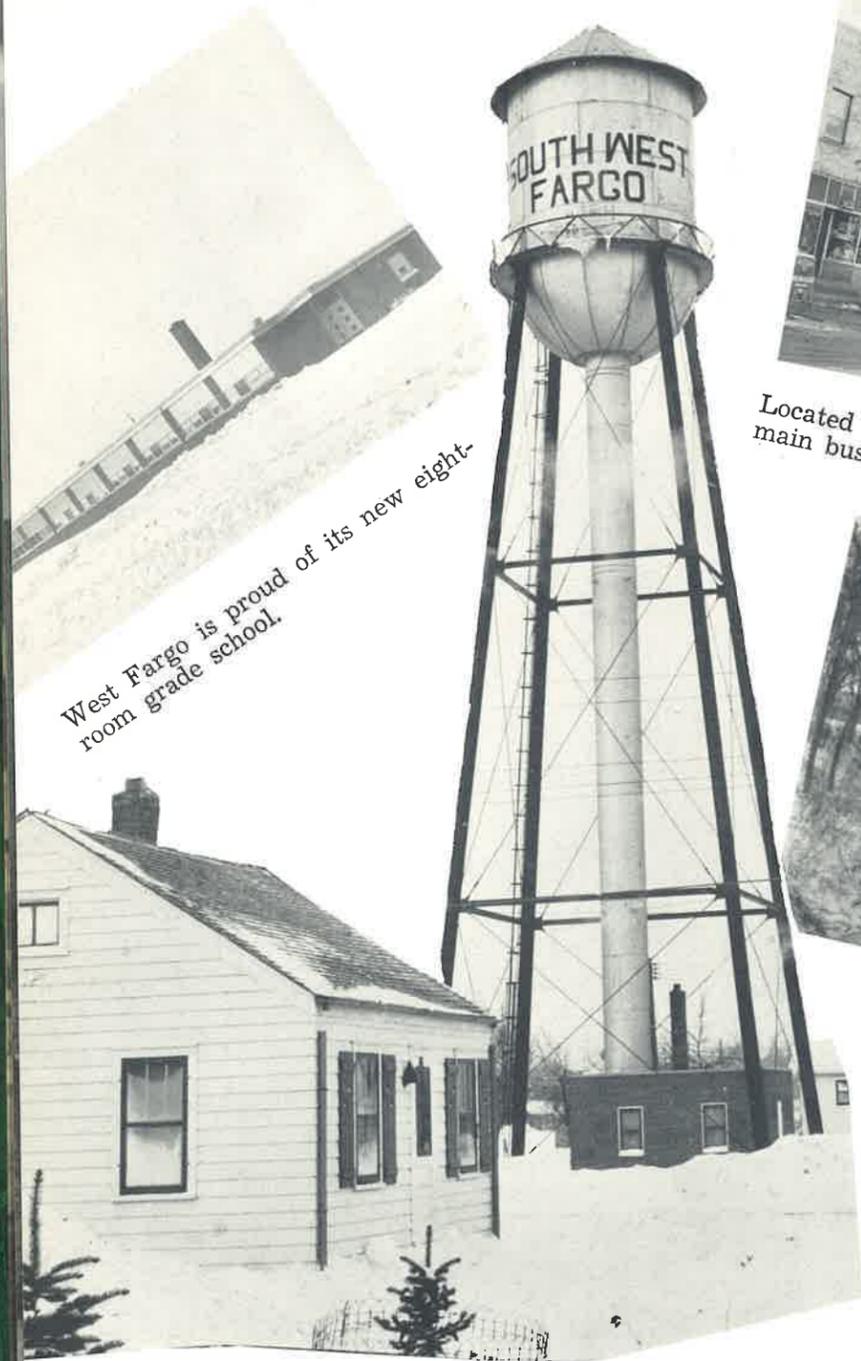


THE YEARLING



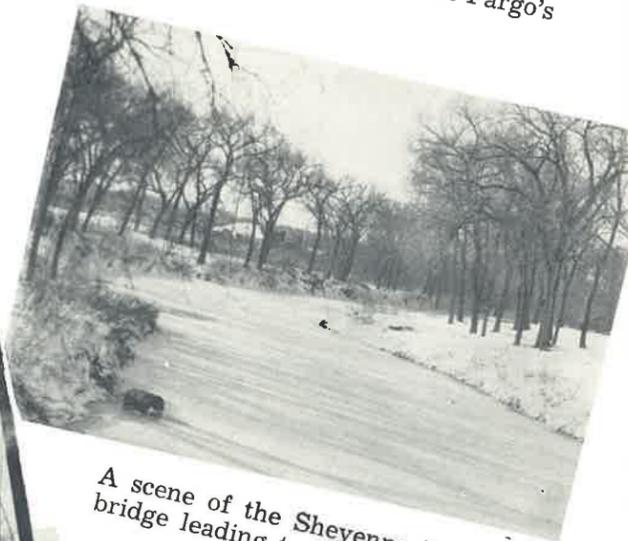
1954



West Fargo is proud of its new eight-room grade school.



Located on U. S. Hi-way No. 10 is West Fargo's main business street.



A scene of the Sheyenne River from the bridge leading to Washington Park.

SCENES FROM OUR TOWN

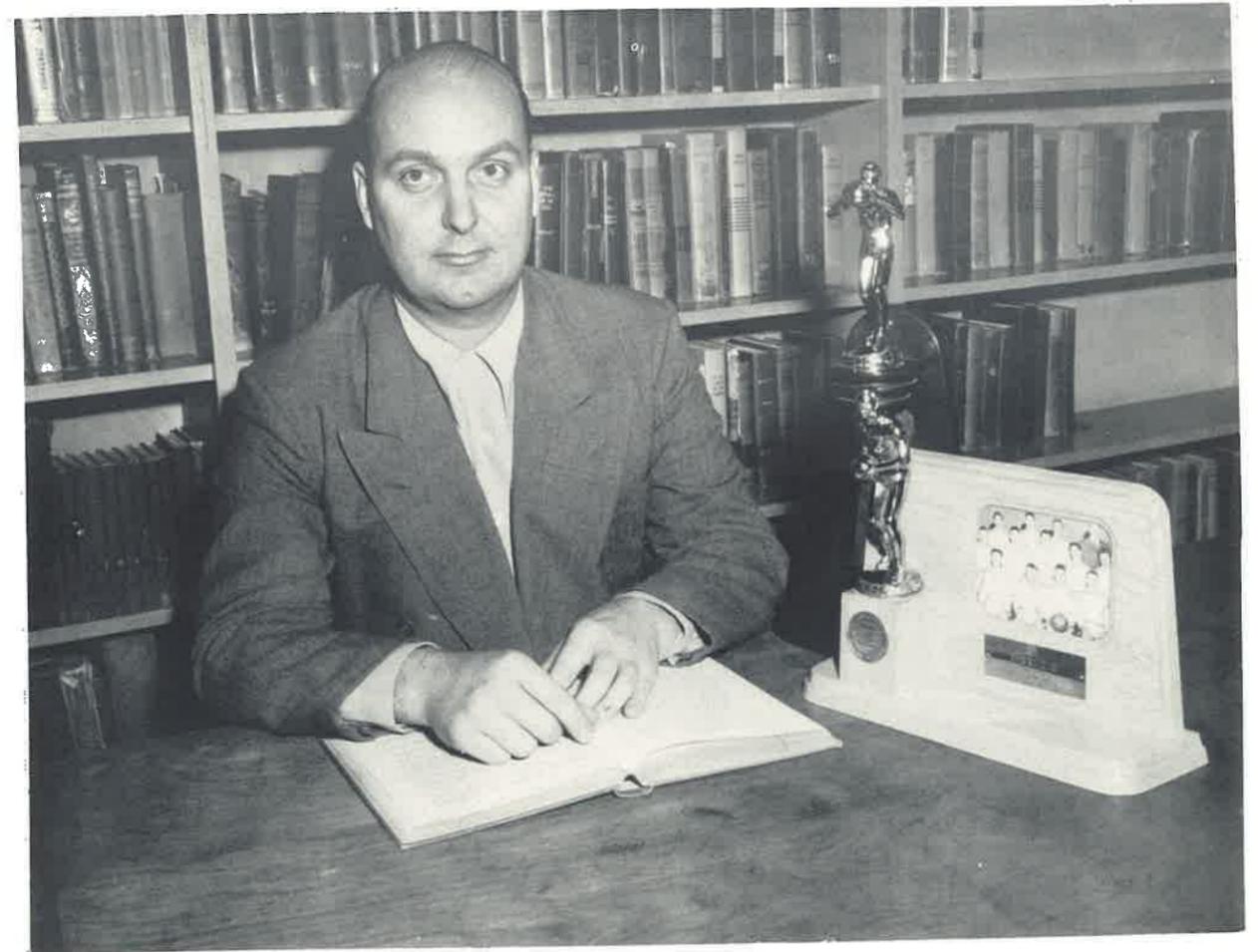
West Fargo may be a little dot on the map, but to the people living there it means a lot. Its population was 1032 at the last census.

It has an Armour Plant, a Union Stockyards, elevators, lumberyards, manufacturing company, and many rapidly growing businesses.

There are three churches: Community Presbyterian, Faith Lutheran, and Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church.

The town sponsors a 4-H Club, the Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Homemaker Clubs, and a Lions Club.

Everyone is proud of West Fargo and they all watch with pride as it grows larger.



DEDICATION

In appreciation of his careful instruction, able coaching, and ready willingness to help, we, the Yearling staff of 1954, dedicate this "Yearling" to George Galloway.



Mr. L. E. Berger, Supt.

Mrs. Jeanne Lindgren
Mr. George Galloway
Mrs. Frances Baker
Mr. Theodore Hillius
Miss Phyllis Hansen



Mr. Joel Belgum
Miss Maelon Kaspari
Mr. Jack King
Mrs. Joyce Holm
Mr. Maurice Thingstad



FACULTY The Minds

That Guide The Progress Of You And Me

Our struggle toward success is greatly aided by the guiding hands of the members of the faculty.

L. E. BERGER, Superintendent, aids the young, struggling Biologists and keeps the Drivers on the road to safety. He is the senior class and YEARLING advisor.

THEODORE HILLIUS, our principal experiments with the Chemists, instructs the Shop students, teaches Math, advises the Student Council, and helps with any questioning situations that may arise.

GEORGE GALLOWAY teaches Algebra and Geometry, and is the assistant coach. He is also in charge of the boy's Physical Education classes and he advises the freshmen class.

JACK KING, as well as being coach, teaches Science and is the advisor of the junior class.

JOEL BELGUM'S quiet mannerisms aid in his teaching ability. He teaches all classes of History as well as Problems and Civics. He is the eighth grade advisor.

JEANNE LINDGREN has proven herself very versatile in her years of teaching at WFHS. Other than her English and Speech classes, Mrs. Lindgren is Librarian, Dramatic coach, and also is the Red Cross advisor.

MAELON KASPARI took over as head of the Commerce Department, teaching Journalism, Typing, Shorthand, and Secretarial Practice. She also did an outstanding job advising the Packer staff.

FRANCES BAKER'S Home Economic and Science classes have gained much under her capable direction and teaching. As well as showing her ability in the field of teaching, Mrs. Baker also advises the FHA club and sophomore class.

MORRIS THINGSTAD has proven himself an asset by taking the full-time job of Band director. He also teaches vocal music in High School and in the grades.

JOYCE HOLM shows her leadership in guiding the Pep Squad, girl's Physical Education, and also English and Spelling classes.

PHYLLIS HANSEN teaches three classes of English and also has the seventh grade for half of a day.

The SCHOOL BOARD has been working hard on the ever increasing problem of school space. With the rapid growth in population in our town, the need for a larger school system becomes more evident. Many thanks can be given to Mrs. Tintes, president, and the other members for their time spent.

Without a doubt these are the minds that guide the progress of you and me.



School board members, Manfred Ohnstad, Olavus Bjarre, Elmer Hogoboom, LaVerne Tintes, Ray Quam, Otto Oldsgaard, Edwin Waa, and Mr. Berger discuss plans for the addition of the high school.



Two hundred students, eleven teachers, two janitors, and two cooks make up the West Fargo High School.

The school holds six regular class rooms, one shop, one home economics room, a chemistry room, gym and stage, library, and two locker rooms.

For the first time the school offers "Behind the Wheel Driving" to the seniors. This is part of a nation wide drive to enforce safety.

The picture above is a scene of the Home Economics Room. The upper left picture is a typical class room. At left center is a picture of some studious seniors in the library. The lower left picture is the Senior Class officers. Left to right they are: Duane Paulsen, Treasurer; Morris Pyle, President; Gary Stensatter, Vice-President; and Gordon Olson, Secretary. Upon these boys rests the duties and responsibilities of the graduating class. Donald Lindgren pauses between classes to chat with Beverly Burner in the picture on the opposite page.

"The more we study, the more we discover our ignorance"—Shelly, is certainly proved by the students in their

CLASSES





MARLENE BEISTAD
"Gaze into her eyes and you see an angel; look a little longer and you see an imp."
Mixed chorus, 3, 4; Girls chorus, 3, 4; GAA, 2, 3, 4; FHA, 1, 2, 3, 4; Yearling, 3, 4; Packer, 3, 4; Class officer, 3; Ambition, undecided.



JACK BROWN
"Worries kill many a man; so why die?"
Ambition, Cattle rancher.



MARY JEAN CHRISTIANSEN
"Christy"
"It's nice to be natural when you're naturally nice."
Mixed chorus, 1, 2, 3, 4; Girls chorus, 1, 2, 3, 4; GAA, 2, 3, 4; FHA, 1, 2, 3, 4; Yearling, 2, 3, 4; Packer 2, 3, 4; Pep squad, 1, 2, 3, 4; Dramatics, 3, 4; Queen candidate, 3; Red Cross, 3, 4; Girls State, 3; Ambition, Secretary.



RUTH FOLSTROM
"True to her work, her word, and her friends."
Mixed chorus, 1, 2, 3, 4; Girls chorus, 1, 2, 3, 4; Trio, 2, 3; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Band, 1, 2, 3, 4; GAA, 2, 3, 4; FHA, 1, 2, 3, 4; Yearling, 2, 3, 4; Packer, 2, 3, 4; Pep squad, 1, 2, 3, 4; Dramatics, 3, 4; Red Cross, 4; Class officer, 3; Accompanist, 2, 3, 4; Girls State, 3; Ambition, College.



ROBERT FULLER
"Bob"
"I can't get up with the sun, I'm too late with the daughter."
Mixed chorus, 3, 4; Boys chorus, 3, 4; Dramatics, 1, 2, 3, 4; Yearling, 4; Ambition, Engineer.



DALE GILBERTS
"Why take life seriously, you'll never get out of it alive."
Hatton, 1, 2; Ambition, Pilot.



WE PRESENT THE CLASS OF 1954

Members of the senior class voted titles for their classmates. Shown here are: Dale Ruff, nicest hair; Verne Nibbe, first married; Curt Hildahl, most efficient; Marilyn Storley, first married; and Lora Moore, most efficient, looking at Marilyn's engagement ring.



THIRTY-ONE YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN

Examining what is in the refrigerator in the home-ec room are: Dale Gilberts, most carefree; Don Lindgren, best cook; Bonnie Highness, most carefree; Mary Jean Pederson, best cook; Richard Jacobson and Myrt Luhman, best humor.

BONNIE HIGHNESS
"Light of heart, quick of step, here's a girl that's full of pep."
Yearling, 4; Football, 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball, 2, 3, 4; Track, 2, 4; Class officer, 1; Ambition, Farmer.

CURTIS HILDAHL
"Curt"
"Full of fun and mischief too, doing things he shouldn't do."
Yearling, 4; Football, 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball, 2, 3, 4; Track, 2, 4; Class officer, 1; Ambition, Farmer.

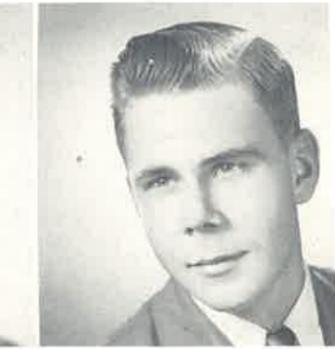
KENT HANSON
"Fritz"
"His feet are fleet, his looks are neat, what's more he can't be beat."
Mixed chorus, 2, 3, 4; Boys chorus, 2, 3, 4; Quartet, 2, 3; Band, 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep band, 1, 2; Football, 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball, 1, 2, 3, 4; Track, 2; Student Council 1, 4; Band solos, 1, 2, 3; Ambition, Doctor.

RICHARD JACOBSON
"Jake"
"A little nonsense now and then is relished by the best of men."
Mixed chorus, 1, 2, 3, 4; Boys chorus, 1, 2, 3, 4; Band, 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep band, 2, 3, 4; Football, 3, 4; Dramatics, 3; Ambition, Undecided.

RICHARD KOUNOVSKY
"Quiet, modest, and pleasant to all."
Football, 2, 3, 4; Ambition, Dairy farmer.



GERALD GREGOR
"Toot"
"Play and I'll play with you; study and I'll play by myself."
Mixed chorus, 1, 2, 3, 4; Boys chorus, 1, 2, 3, 4; Band, 1, 3, 4; Pep band, 3, 4; Student Manager, 1, 3, 4; Football, 3, 4; Ambition, Electrician.



KAREN KYLLO
 "There is a charming quietness about her which we all admire."
 Mixed chorus, 3, 4; Girls chorus, 3, 4; FHA, 1, 2, 3; Queen candidate, 2; Ambition, Undecided.



DONALD LINDGREN
 "Donnie"

"He hasn't let a woman pin anything on him since he was a baby."
 Mixed chorus, 1, 2, 4; Boys chorus, 1, 2, 4; Band, 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep band, 1, 2; Packer, 4; Student Manager, 1; Football, 1, 2, 3; Basketball, 1, 2, 3, 4; Track, 4; Ambition, Trade School.

MYRTICE LUHMAN
 "Myrt"

"Never chase a man or a street car, there will be one along in a moment."
 Mahnomen, 1; Mixed chorus, 2, 3, 4; Girls chorus, 2, 3, 4; GAA, 2, 3, 4; FHA, 2, 3; Dramatics, 2, 3, 4; Ambition, Undecided.

LORA MOORE
 "Lorry"

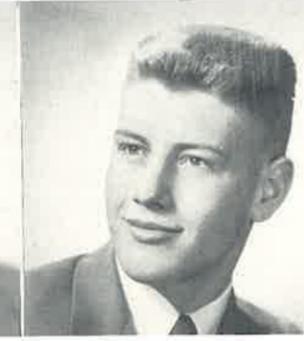
"Beneath her quietness lies true sincerity."
 Harwood, 1; Mixed chorus, 2, 3, 4; Girls chorus, 2, 3, 4; FHA, 3; Accompanist, 4; Ambition, Undecided.

VERN NIBBE

"Life is one long process of getting tired."
 Fergus Falls, 1, 2; Mixed chorus, 3, 4; Boys chorus, 3, 4; Ambition, Undecided.

GORDON OLSON
 "Gordy"

"His leadership wins his classmates."
 Mixed chorus, 1, 2, 3, 4; Boys chorus, 1, 2, 3, 4; Quartet, 1, 2, 3; Band, 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep band, 1, 2, 3; Yearling, 2, 3, 4; Packer, 2, 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball, 2, 3, 4; Boys State, 3; Band solo, 2, 4; Class officer, 2, 4; Ambition, College.



LEAVING HERE TO PUT INTO PRACTICE

Chatting in the hall are Jon Peterson, most likely to become President; Gerald Gregor, handiest; Gary Stensatter, best looking; Mary Jean Christiansen, best athlete; Mary Pyle, best personality; and Darwin Rott, worst temper.

WHEN WE WERE YOUNG



DUANE PAULSEN
 "There are three gemen in history: Cas Lincoln and myself."
 Mixed chorus, 1, 2, 3, 4; Boys chorus, 1, 2, 3, 4; Yearling, 4; Packer, 4; Dramatics, 4; Football, 2, 3, 4; Basketball, 2, 3, 4; Cross, 4; Cass Co. Red Cross, 4; Class officer, 4; Ambition, C.ist.

WHAT WE BY DO

Grouped around the piano are Kent Hanson, best dressed; Karen Kyлло, best figure; Morris Pyle, best physique; Ruth Folstrom, at piano, and Gordon Olson, most talented; Marlys Willert, best dressed; and Bob Fuller, best actor.



IS BEVERLY TOOT MARLYS



DALE RUFF
 "Lots of fun and a gentleman too."
 Mixed chorus, 1, 2, 3, 4; Boys chorus, 1, 2, 3, 4; Band, 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep band, 1, 2, 3, 4; Football, 4; Ambition, Engl-neer.



MARY MA



DARWIN ROTT
 "Don't study too much and you won't be asked too many questions."
 Mixed chorus, 2, 3, 4; Boys chorus, 2, 3, 4; Band, 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep band, 1, 2, 3, 4; Football, 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball, 2, 3; Track, 2, 3; Ambition, Undecided.

KAREN KYLLO
 "There is a charming quietness about her which we all admire."
 Mixed chorus, 3, 4; Girls chorus, 3, 4; FHA, 1, 2, 3; Queen candidate, 2; Ambition, Undecided.



DONALD LINDGREN
 "Donnie"

"He hasn't let a woman pin anything on him since he was a baby."
 Mixed chorus, 1, 2, 4; Boys chorus, 1, 2, 4; Band, 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep band, 1, 2; Packer, 4; Student Manager, 1; Football, 1, 2, 3; Basketball, 1, 2, 3, 4; Track, 4; Ambition, Trade School.

MYRTICE LUHMAN
 "Myrt"

"Never chase a man or a street car, there will be one along in a moment."
 Mahnomen, 1; Mixed chorus, 2, 3, 4; Girls chorus, 2, 3, 4; GAA, 2, 3, 4; FHA, 2, 3; Dramatics, 2, 3, 4; Ambition, Undecided.

LORA MOORE
 "Lorry"

"Beneath her quietness lies true sincerity."
 Harwood, 1; Mixed chorus, 2, 3, 4; Girls chorus, 2, 3, 4; FHA, 3; Accompanist, 4; Ambition, Undecided.

VERN NIBBE

"Life is one long process of getting tired."
 Fergus Falls, 1, 2; Mixed chorus, 3, 4; Boys chorus, 3, 4; Ambition, Undecided.

GORDON OLSON
 "Gordy"

"His leadership wins his classmates."
 Mixed chorus, 1, 2, 3, 4; Boys chorus, 1, 2, 3, 4; Quartet, 1, 2, 3; Band, 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep band, 1, 2, 3; Yearling, 2, 3, 4; Packer, 2, 3, 4; Football, 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball, 2, 3, 4; Boys State, 3; Band solo, 2, 4; Class officer, 2, 4; Ambition, College.



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DUANE PAULSEN
 "There are three great men in history: Caesar, Lincoln and myself."
 Mixed chorus, 1, 2, 3, 4; Boys chorus, 1, 2, 3, 4; Yearling, 4; Packer, 4; Dramatics, 4; Football, 4; Basketball, 2, 3, 4; Red Cross, 4; Cass County Red Cross, 4; Class officer, 4; Ambition, Chemist.



MARY JEAN PEDERSON
 "Pete"
 "The best way for a girl to keep her youth is not to introduce him to anyone."
 Mixed chorus, 1, 2, 3, 4; Girls chorus, 1, 2, 3, 4; GAA, 3; FHA, 1, 2; Yearling, 2, 3, 4; Packer, 2, 3, 4; Pep Squad, 1, 2, 3, 4; Cheerleader 1; Class officer, 1; Ambition, Undecided.



JON PETERSON
 "When I leave school I'll go out and get myself an education."
 Mapleton High, 1; Mixed chorus, 2, 3; Boys chorus, 2, 3; Football, 3, 4; Track, 2; Basketball, 2; Ambition, Undecided.



MARY PYLE
 "Some sense and some nonsense."
 Mixed chorus, 1, 2, 3, 4; Girls chorus, 1, 2, 3, 4; FHA, 1, 2, 3, 4; Yearling, 2, 3, 4; Packer, 2, 3, 4; Class officer 3; Ambition, Work.

WHAT WE LEARNED BY DOING AT

Grouped around the piano are Kent Hanson, best dressed; Karen Kyлло, best figure; Morris Pyle, best physique; Ruth Folstrom, at piano, and Gordon Olson, most talented; Marlys Willert, best dressed; and Bob Fuller, best actor.



MORRIS PYLE
 "Morrie"

"Wit, intelligence, and courtesy, in him combined."
 Yearling, 2, 3, 4; Packer, 3, 4; Football, 2, 3, 4; Track, 4; Class officer, 4; Ambition, Army.



DARWIN ROTT
 "Don't study too much and you won't be asked too many questions."
 Mixed chorus, 2, 3, 4; Boys chorus, 2, 3, 4; Band, 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep band, 1, 2, 3, 4; Football, 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball, 2, 3; Track, 2, 3; Ambition, Undecided.



DALE RUFF
 "Lots of fun and a gentleman too."
 Mixed chorus, 1, 2, 3, 4;
 Boys chorus, 1, 2, 3, 4;
 Band, 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep
 band, 1, 2, 3, 4; Foot-
 ball, 4; Ambition, Engi-
 neer.

CLAUDIA SHEARBURN
 "You can tell her by the
 noise she doesn't make."
 Mixed chorus, 3, 4; Girls
 chorus, 3, 4; FHA, 1, 2;
 Ambition, Undecided.

GARY STENSATTER
 "He loves—but one at a
 time."
 Packer, 3, 4; Football, 3;
 Basketball, 2, 3, 4; Red
 Cross, 2; Class officer, 1,
 4; Ambition, Owner of
 silver wings.

MARILYNN STORLEY
 "Dates are her favorite
 fruit."
 Harwood, 1, 2; Mixed
 chorus, 3, 4; Girls chor-
 us, 3, 4; GAA, 3, 4; Pack-
 er, 4; Dramatics, 3; Am-
 bition, School teacher.

THE WEST FARGO HIGH SCHOOL

BEVERLY THIESSEN
 "For she is just the quiet
 kind whose nature nev-
 er varies."
 Mixed chorus, 3, 4; Girls
 chorus, 3, 4; FHA, 1;
 Ambition, Bible school.

Stopped in the library are Marlene Beistad, most studious; Richard Kounovsky, most serious; Duane Paulsen, most studious; Claudia Shearburn, most shy; Jack Brown, quietest; and Gerald Waa, most shy. Not pictured is Beverly Thies- sen, most efficient.

MARLYS WILLERT
 "A good mixture of cap-
 ability, humor, and ser-
 vice."
 Mixed chorus, 1, 2, 3, 4;
 Girls chorus, 1, 2, 3, 4;
 GAA, 2; FHA, 1, 2;
 Yearling, 4; Packer, 4;
 Pep squad, 2, 3, 4; Queen
 candidate, 1, 2; Class of-
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 Secretary.



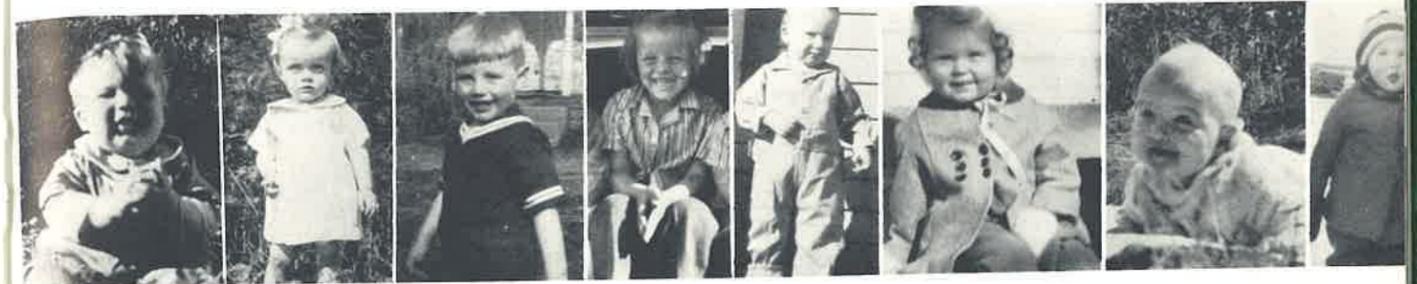
GERALD WAA
 "Beware, I might yet do
 something sensational."
 Football, 2; Ambition,
 Undecided.



WHEN WE WERE YOUNG



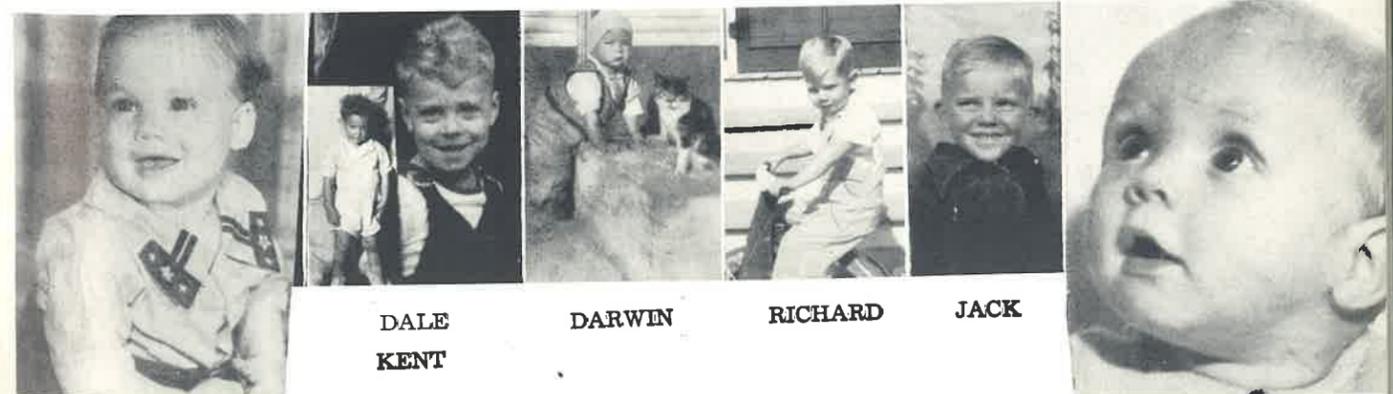
BONNIE JAKE CHRISTY KAREN MORRIS BEVERLY TOOT MARLYS



GERALD MARLENE GORDIE RUTH CURT JEAN GARY MA



LORA MARILYNN VERNE DONNIE MYRT JON CLAUDIA DALE



BOB DALE KENT DARWIN RICHARD JACK DUANE

WE, THE SENIOR CLASS

Being of sound mind (as sound as a mind can be after twelve years of school) and body, do willingly and anxiously present this Last Will and Testament to the Juniors.

Marlene Beistad wills her alarm clock, which made it possible for her to keep her perfect record in attendance through High School, to Marlys Jean Johnson and Catherine Thoenke.

Jack Brown's love for rabbit hunting is left to Dick Kylo.

Mary Jean Christiansen's height is willed to Lois Thompson and her winning smile is left to anyone who can find use for it.

Ruth Folstrom has consented to part with a portion of her drive and determination. This will be left to Emily Loberg to be used in playing basketball.

Bob Fuller's knack of pulling the wool over the teacher's eyes is left to Jean Anderson.

Dale Gilberts' removed appendix is willed to any Juniors who are missing their's.

Gerald Gregor leaves his ability to be handy and helpful to Donald Kounovsky.

Kent Hanson wills his dancing ability to another dancing aspirant, Claudine Tuskind.

Bonnie Highness' happy-go-lucky attitude is inherited by Andrea Walburg and her uncontrollable giggle is left to Phyllis Thies.

Curt Hildahl's abundance of freckles is left to Orriene Morken.

Richard Jacobson wills his ready sense of humor to Ruby Speers.

Bonnie Wilson is the recipient of Karen Kylo's gentle art of blushing.

Richard Kounovsky's quietness is left to Marlys Joann Johnson and Jo Ann Stone.

Darrell Walen is left Myrtice Luhman's ready sense of humor and witty remarks.

Donald Lindgren's ability to be handy and helpful is left to John Berlin.

Lora Moore's ability to be calm, cool, and collected is willed to Mary Ann Barnes and Genevieve Kovell.

Verne Nibbe relinquishes his ability to get to school three seconds before the bell to Donald Osterberg.

Gordon Olson's quiet charm and pleasing personality are willed to Paul Berg.

Duane Paulsen bequeaths his study lamp, also his book, "How To Graduate In Ten Easy Lessons," to Clarence Knutson.

Mary Jean Pederson's cooking ability is left to Barbara Dahl and Frances Phillips.

Jon Peterson's love of the Republicans is willed to any Democrats in the Junior Class.

Mary Pyle's summers at the lake are left to Joyce Murdoff.

The superb football playing of Morris Pyle is willed to Larry Lepird.

Dale Ruff's dark hair is left to Bruce Stenerson.

Claudia Shearburn's quietness is left to Peggy Ament.

Gary Stensatter's smooth basketball playing is bequeathed to Ernest Tollefson.

Marilynn Storley's love of singing is willed to Fern McNamara.

Beverly Thiessen's incredible speed in taking dictation and typing is willed to Annette Ernst.

Gerald Waa leaves his love for hunting to any Juniors who wish to use it.

Marlys Willert's businesslike attitude is bequeathed to Sylvia Monson.

To the Juniors, we leave the privileges that accompany the honor of becoming Seniors.

To the Sophomore Class, we will the task of choosing your own subjects.

To the Freshmen, we leave the privileges that come with the honor of becoming full pledged High School members.

To the Eighth Graders, we will all the apologies for the trouble we may have caused.

To the Janitor, we leave a brush and rake to clean up after we have gone.

To the Cooks, we bequeath our thanks for the many after school lunches you furnished.

To the Faculty, we will our thanks for their helpful and guiding ways.

Thus endeth the Last Will and Testament of the Senior Class of 1954, whereby we place our seal upon this document on the 27th day of May in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and fifty-four.

HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

It was on the eighth day of the fifth week of the month between July and August in the year yet to come that the High Court of West Fargo resumed to consider the cases of thirty-one people, all graduates of West Fargo High School in 1954.

Presiding was Judge Robert Fuller, who was tired of having people pass judgment upon him and now decided to become a judge so he could pronounce a few sentences himself.

Acting as States Attorney was Duane Paulsen, who began his career in a Sports Club in English class. Because of the vast experience and knowledge he gained while preparing the constitution, he was able to enter the profession without the legal training required to pass a bar examination.

The first case brought to the attention of the court was that of the world-famous scientist, Dr. Kent Hanson, who appeared before the court to prove the worth of his most recent invention, "Removit Toothpaste." This remarkable toothpaste did more than live up to its guarantee. Not only did it remove the surface film, but also the teeth! Mary Pyle, his nurse, filed the complaint stating that she disliked being disloyal to her employer, but felt that she must be patriotic and report this crime. Dr. Hanson was sentenced to ten years in prison during which time he was to be employed in the manufacture of false teeth to replace those demolished by his toothpaste.

Even typists have certain speed restrictions, which they must follow, as Beverly Thiessen discovered on her first day at the office of Darwin Rott, now well known as a designer of fashionable sport cars. She was given a speeding ticket after she was caught typing beyond the speed limit. After paying the 2½-cent fine, she was released.

Gerald Waa won his case with a minimum of trouble. He farmed on a small scale, and the state decided to build a highway through that section of land. In this event, Jerry would be forced to confiscate his square foot of land. As he had his entire crop planted on it, he refused to part with it. His main worry was that his potatoes would not thrive on unfamiliar land. The court decided that the state could build a curve in the highway and permitted Jerry to keep his land.

Jack Brown, the well-known big-game hunter, no longer wanted to journey to the wilds of Africa for his animals. In order to save money and time, he went to a near-by zoo and shot ferocious lions and tigers. The zoo keeper definitely did not approve and Jackie was ordered to replace the animals.

A complaint was filed against Myrtice Luhman for disturbing the peace at a funeral. As an undertaker, she introduced a novel theory which would abolish the solemnity of funerals. She made it a practice to read a BOOK of jokes at the interment because of her desire to serve her customers with a smile. Unfortunately, Myrt's ideas did not coincide with those of Claudia Shearburn, her secretary, who registered the complaint. Called upon as witness was Marlene Beistad, fashion designer for Tony Curtis, who made the court realize that Myrt was merely exercising her right of freedom of speech and thought.

Richard Kounovsky, the author of the current best seller, "The Accordion and I," was accused of driving around a corner on only two wheels. He pointed out that he was riding a bicycle and was readily acquitted.

Karen Kylo, New York socialite, registered a complaint against the "Fluffy Angel Food Cake Factory," managed by Don Lindgren. She stated that she was mortified to death when at a recent party, she gave after attending the Broadway show, "Guys and Balls," produced by the famous

New York producer, Gordon Olson, she served one of these cakes. Because it was so fluffy, it was impossible to eat with the customary "pinky" finger extended. It was necessary to use all five fingers, much to Emily Post's displeasure.

Her lawyer, Morris Pyle, who on the sideline is doing research to find if there are two snowflakes alike, produced evidence No. 123. It was a piece of the offending cake. Ruth Folstrom, head of the newly formed government cabinet post, Secretary of Calories, Food, and Nutrition, was called upon to test it. After three hours deliberation she reported that it had three more beats than is customary in making angel food cakes. Mr. Lindgren was ordered to apologize to Miss Kylo, and from then on only can use the 276 beats necessary.

Mary Jean Christiansen and Marlys Willert, the famous dancing king size and medium size 'Old Silver Cigarette' advertisers, asked permission to add another size cigarette to their team. They wanted Mary Jean Pederson to advertise "Tiny-Tiny Cigarettes" for midgets and small children who like to smoke. Their request was not granted because the court felt it would be harmful for children.

Curt Hildahl, that humorous man from Indiana, North Dakota, was next. He sued the New York City Hospital because his wife did not present him with another set of twins. Curt, as you know, is the star of the Television show, "Three for the Cash."

Gary Stensatter, center for the Minneapolis Lakers, was next to appear. His opponents, the Baltimore Beetles, charged that Gary, now 6' 10", was violating the national rules by singlehandedly outscoring his opponents. The case was dismissed because of insufficient evidence.

Failure to abide by his platform, North Dakota's governor, Jon Peterson, was brought before the court. He had promised the students of North Dakota that he would grant them a six months vacation two times a year, if elected. The case was dismissed after Mr. Gerald Gregor, Superintendent of West Fargo schools, pointed out the unemployment caused if such a decision was made.

Dale Ruff was cited for deportation charges after it was learned that he swam from Korea to the western coast of the United States non-stop. He had no citizenship papers. His press agent, Dale Gilberts, said he was swimming off the coast of Korea, in preparation for his December 27 swim of the English Channel, when he got lost and strayed to the coast of the United States. Case was dismissed because Dale swam back before charges could be made.

President of the Blackhound Airlines, Verne Nibbe, was called because of his head mechanic, Richard Jacobson. It seemed that Richard put the propeller on backwards, putting the plane behind schedule. Bonnie Highness, stewardess, pressed charges because she was late for a date made for her next stop. Mr. Nibbe was ordered to explain matters to her angered boy friend and the case was dismissed.

Marilynn Storley, who just took Miss America honors at Atlantic City, was next. She had won two-thirds of the points in the field of bathing suit styling and opera singing. Miss Lora Moore was contesting the decision on the grounds that Marilynn was engaged and no longer in the "Miss" bracket. Marilynn was put in the "Mrs." bracket and Lora Moore was justly given the Miss America title.

Judge Paulsen adjourned the court. Thus the fates of the thirty-one 1954 graduates of West Fargo High School have been recorded in the record books at the High Court of West Fargo.



Enjoying the music of Claudine Tuskind, seated at the piano, are: Joann Stone, Orriene Morken, Paul Berg, Catherine Thoenke, Bonnie Wilson, Lois Thompson.



Displaying intense interest in the movie are: Frances Phillips, Larry Lepird, Genevieve Kovell, Peggy Ament, Sylvia Monson, seated front; Mary Ann Barnes, Annette Ernst, Dick Kylo, Joyce Murdoff, Jean Anderson, seated back; Richard Kounovsky, Bruce Stenerson, Donald Osterberg, standing.



Discussing plans for the Prom are: Colleen Lundie, President; Clarence Knutson, Vice-President; Danell Wahlen, Student Council; Fern McNamara, Secretary. Standing are Jack King, Ad-
vice Council, Andrea Walberg



Busy at their typing are: Phyllis Thies, Marlys Jean Johnson, Barbara Dahl, Emilie Loberg, Ernest Rollefson, Marlys Joann Johnson, Donald Osterberg, and not pictured is John Berlin.

JOLLY JUNIORS

The Junior class began a busy year by selecting Andrea Walberg as their candidate for Homecoming queen and building the class float.

To raise money for the prom and banquet the Juniors were busy in many ways. They held a square dance and sold refreshments at basketball games.

The subjects they take include: Typing, Shorthand, English, World History, Business Law, Psychology, Chemistry, and News-writing.

Orriene Morken was elected District F.H.A. treasurer and Claudine Tuskind accompanied the chorus.



Officers and advisors admiring their traveling trophy: Fred Pailoch, Red Cross, Doris Folstrom, Sec.-Treas., and Student Council, Normae Thompson, President; James Sautebin, Vice President, Mrs. Baker, Advisor.



Hard at work in Mechanical Drawing: Conrad Olson, Robert Phillips, Howard Emerson, Allyn Bell, Larry Morris, and George Johnson.

SATISFIED



Striving for a perfect garment are: Vernita Gilberts, Florence Fiest, Janis Willert, Kay Cavegn, Joanne Berg, Marilyn Cowan, Helen Cole, Arle Jean Goldade, and Beverly Burner.

SOPHOMORES

Twenty-eight members compose the Sophomore class. A good share of its members are active in Band, Mixed Chorus, FHA, GAA, Pep Squad, and athletics.

The class took top ratings when they crowned Beverly Burner Homecoming Queen, and also when they won the traveling trophy for the best float.

Doris Folstrom had the honor of being elected as State FHA President.

The Freshmen Initiation Party, which was given by the Sophomore class, was the first class party of the year.



Biology has its interesting points as proved by: Gail Hoganson, Janice Larson, Wayne Selberg, Betty Waa, Louise Hebert, Bob Severson, Alvida Hagen, Arlene Payne, and Jo Lea Evans.



Members chosen to lead the class for the year are: Janice Tomt, Red Cross; Larry Dobrinz, Vice-President; Gordon Kovell, President; Doris Rustad, Secretary-Treasurer; Gary Willert, Student Council; and George Galloway, Advisor.



Posing for the camera are: Merle Wilson, Ron-Thompson, Betty Wallace, DeAnn Walen, Doris Doris Heinrickson, Margaret Zacher, and Di Ann Tintes.



Row 1: Richard Olson, Larry Paulson, Roger Thiessen, Billy Thies. Row 2: Louise Dahl, Deloris Schneider, Janice Matthys, Corolene Skov. Row 3: Donna Payne, Marcella Ibach, Patty Gonrowski, Janice Orth. Row 4: Myrna Ashland, Jimmy Martin, Ernest Jensen, Kenneth Olson. Row 5: Roger Ellenson, Marjorie Henning, Bonnie Bjorkman, Doris Wagner. Row 6: Mary Lou Dobler, Myrna Pederson, Diane Moen, Vernita Gilberts. Row 7: John Berger, Clyde Liley, Raymond Dahl, Joanne Drake. Row 8: Robert Moore, William Ibach, James Lindblad, Larry Bessette. Row 9: Jim Anderson, Gerald Germolus, Sharon Anderson, Reita Beyer. Row 10: Arlo Ashland, Duane Lindblad, Susan Sprecher. Not pictured: Eugene Kapaun, Beverly Olson, and Laurel Saker.

FAITHFUL FRESHMEN

After a welcome into the high school, in the way of an initiation party given by the Sophomores, the Freshmen settled down into the routine of school life.

For the first time, the class has the chance to take Shop or Home Economics. Their other subjects are English, Algebra or Arithmetic, and Science.

Many of its fifty-three members are active in mixed chorus, pep squad, GAA, FHA, band and athletics. They have members in the Lettermen's Club.

Janice Tomt represented the class as candidate for Homecoming Queen. Also chosen from the class are the Junior Cheer Leaders, Janice Tomt, Janice Orth, and Patty Gonrowski.

EAGER EIGHTH GRADE

The eighth graders are the babies of this school since the seventh grade is in the grade school. They take the subjects English, Arithmetic, History and Science.

The eighth grade was given the privilege of putting a candidate up for the office of Homecoming Queen. Carol Hebert was chosen for this honor.

The forty-nine eighth graders took part in the Christmas Musicale with Sharon Zick and Marilyn Knutson as their accompanists.



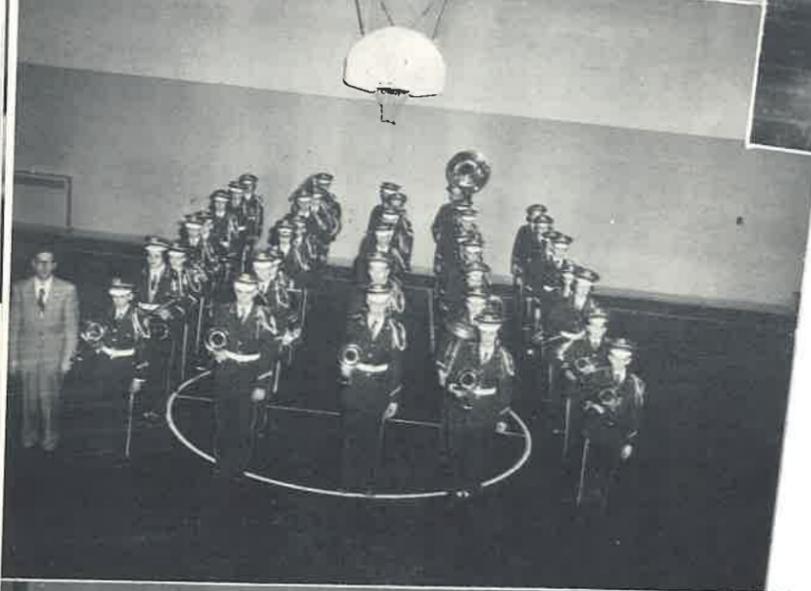
Mr. Belgium, advisor, is explaining the lighting system to the eighth grade officers. Left to right, they are: Larry Christiansen, Student Council; Valorie Powers, President; Mr. Belgium; Albert Thoenke, Treasurer; David Birkliid, Vice-President; and Rodney Beistad, Secretary. Gary Sumpster, Red Cross, is not pictured.



Discussing their day's assignments are these members of the eighth grade. Left to right: Bob Stone, Sharon Thiessen, Dennis Ornberg, Sharon Zick, Marjorie Scholz, Jack Ruff, Denis Olson, William Thoenke, and Freddie Etwiler.



Row 1: Marilyn Knutson, Maxine Drake, Carol Hebert, Barbara Ament, Nola Nielson, Beverly Pfingsten, Betty Rohrich, Mr. Belgium, advisor.
 Row 2: Ann Bjore, Linda Pederson, Sharon Burner, Marlene Gillis, Joan Hubbs, Connie Blumhardt, Betty Goldade, Diane Kylo.
 Row 3: Gloria Neuschwander, Beverly Price, Janice Larson, Janice Larson, Janice Larson, Beverly Palloch, Roger Hogoboom, David Foley.
 Row 4: Roger Arzt, Allan Ronningen, Willis Nibbe, Garland Loberg, Tom Liley, Gerald Jensen, Lloyd Brown, Monte Anderson.
 Not pictured: Robert Brown, Richard Ellis, Sharon Linde, Gay Paulson, Gayle Thompson.



WFHS gives the students a chance to enlarge on their musical ability and talents. Chorus and band are offered the music aspirants, as well as song fests for the entire school.

One of the students' favorite pastimes is listening to music on records or radio. The top hits of the year are "Stranger in Paradise" and "Vaya Con Dios." Eddie Fisher seems to be the favorite crooner.

In the picture at the lower left, Marjorie Henning and Wayne Selberg are punching a tune on the school juke box. At left center the school band is in full uniform and in marching position. The upper right picture is an informal picture of the chorus reading through a number. Mrs. Lindgren is playing the piano. The upper left picture is the band at their morning rehearsal. Darrel Wallen seems to be enjoying the music of Doris Folstrom in the picture on the opposite page.

The students learn the truth in charms" — Matthew, Green, in their study of



MUSIC



Row 1: Claudine Tuskind, Richard Jacobson, Doris Rustad, Shirley Tomt, Marjorie Henning, John Berger, Paul Berg, Darwin Rott. Row 2: Colleen Lunde, Gail Hoganson, Sharon Zick, Orriene Morken, Roger Hogoboom, Denis Olson, David Olson, Monte Anderson, James Sautebin, Bob Stone, Jack Ruff, Donald Lindgren. Row 3: Patty Gonrowski, Ruth Folstrom, Janice Orth, Betty Wallace, Gordon Kovell, Allyn Bell, Janice Tomt, Di Ann Tintes, Larry Bessette, Gerald Gregor, Michael Berger, Gordon Olson, Conrad Olson, Michael Farrell, James Dahle, Larry Paulson, Clarence Knutson, Doris Folstrom, Dale Ruff, Mr. Thingstad. Not pictured: Beverly Palloch, John Rogne, Wesly Lund, Marjorie Scholz, Vivian Palloch, John Berlin, Loren Bell, Margaret Farrell, Corlyn Tintes, Douglas Veitch, Eileen Eissner, Tommy Aakeson.

MAKE MINE MUSIC

Fifty-one boys and girls make up the WFHS band under the direction of Morris Thingstad. In addition to the first band, there is also a second and third band.

Mr. Thingstad, WFHS's first full-time music instructor, feels that each student should get at least three hours home practice to have an accomplished band. He initiated the card system whereby the members practice and record their time.

The first band has practice every morning for forty minutes.

The band participated in the Christmas Concert held December 16. They played hymns and Christmas carols.

Mr. Thingstad organized a clarinet quartet, saxophone quartet, brass ensemble, and pep band. They entertained at PTA, Dedication of the South School, school play, and the pep band played between halves at all basketball games. The audience's favorite was the top tune, "Rags to Riches."

The band marched in the WFHS Homecoming Parade and also in Fargo for the NDAC Homecoming.

The band played Overture "Euroica" by Beethoven at the district music festival, and there were band solos participating.

The band gave a concert in the latter part of March and played in a few exchange concerts.



Marjorie Henning, majorette, gets the band in formation for the Homecoming Parade.



The sax quartet, composed of Roger Hogoboom, Janice Tomt, Orriene Morken, and DiAnn Tintes, played for the Dedication of the South School, the Lions Club, and other organizations.



Band majorettes, Beverly Burner and Marjorie Henning, lead the band through drills while marching in parades.



Mr. Thingstad and the band line up in marching position. They marched for the AC and WFHS Homecoming.



Richard Jacobson, Colleen Lunde, Claudine Tuskind, and Gail Hoganson make up the clarinet quartet. They played numbers for the PTA.

SAY IT WITH MUSIC



The octette, composed of Marjorie Henning, Normae Thompson, Ruth Folstrom, Marlys Willert, Kent Hanson, Duane Paulson, Verne Nibbe, and Gordon Olson, sang "Blue Moon" for Homecoming.



The small chorus sang "Halls of Ivy" for the dedication of the South School. They are: Row one—Andrea Walburg, JoAnne Stone, Marjorie Henning, Ruth Folstrom, Gail Hoganson, Normae Thompson. Row two—James Sautebin, Colleen Lunde, Bob Fuller, Jack Berger, Doris Folstrom. Row three—Darrell Walen, Wayne Selberg, Duane Paulson, Gordon Olson, Gerald Gregor, Kent Hanson.

The mixed chorus, under the direction of Morris Thingstad, has practice every Monday afternoon.

The chorus gave a Christmas Concert, a spring concert, exchange concerts, and participated in the District Music Festival.

As a back ground for the Christmas Concert, a painting of the Nativity was hung on the stage.

Some of the songs the chorus sang were: "Carol of the Bells," "Good King Wenceslas," and "O, Come All Ye Faithful."

The chorus purchased a set of folding risers which improve their appearance and tone.

Mr. Thingstad organized a small chorus, an octette, a girls triple trio, and a boys quartet.

A few of the songs they sang through the year were: "Rise, Arise," "Song from Moulin Rouge," and "The Woodchuck Song."

The accompanists are Claudine Tuskind, Ruth Folstrom, and Lora Moore.

BOYS CHORUS



Row 1: Merle Wilson, Bob Fuller, Gerald Gregor, Kent Hanson, Gary Willert, Larry Paulson, James Sautebin. Row 2: Dale Ruff, Darwin Rott, Paul Berg, Larry Lepird, Bob Moore, Jack Ruff. Row 3: Donald Lindgren, Richard Jacobson, Wayne Selberg, Fred Palloch, Conrad Olson, Jim Anderson, Gordon Kovell. Row 4: Allyn Bell, Verne Nibbe, Donald Osterberg, Duane Paulsen, Gordon Olson, Darrell Walen.

GIRLS CHORUS



Row 1: Normae Thompson, Beverly Burner, Janice Matthys, Janica Orth, Louise Hebert, Andrea Walburg, Lois Thompson. Row 2: Betty Waa, Sylvia Monson, Claudine Tuskind, Ruby Speers, Marlys Willert, Myrtice Lushman. Row 3: Doris Folstrom, Betty Wallace, Diane Moen, Joyce Murdoff, Vernita Gilberts, Reita Beyer. Row 4: Susan Sprecher, Di Ann Tintes, Mary Jean Christiansen, Colleen Lunde, Mary Pyle.



Row 1: Lora Moore, Marilyn Cowan, Patty Gonrowski, Fern Mc-Namara, Kay Cavegn, Doris Rustad, DeAnn Walen. Row 2: Janice Tomt, Mary Jean Pederson, Marlene Beistad, Genevieve Kovell, Bonnie Highness, Gail Hoganson. Row 3: Marjorie Henning, JoAnn Stone, Ruth Folstrom, Karen Kylo, Claudia Shearburn, Bonnie Bjorkman. Row 4: Marilyn Storley, Orriene Morken, Myrna Pederson, Marlys Johnson, Jo Evans, Beverly Thiessen. Not pictured: Beverly Thiessen.



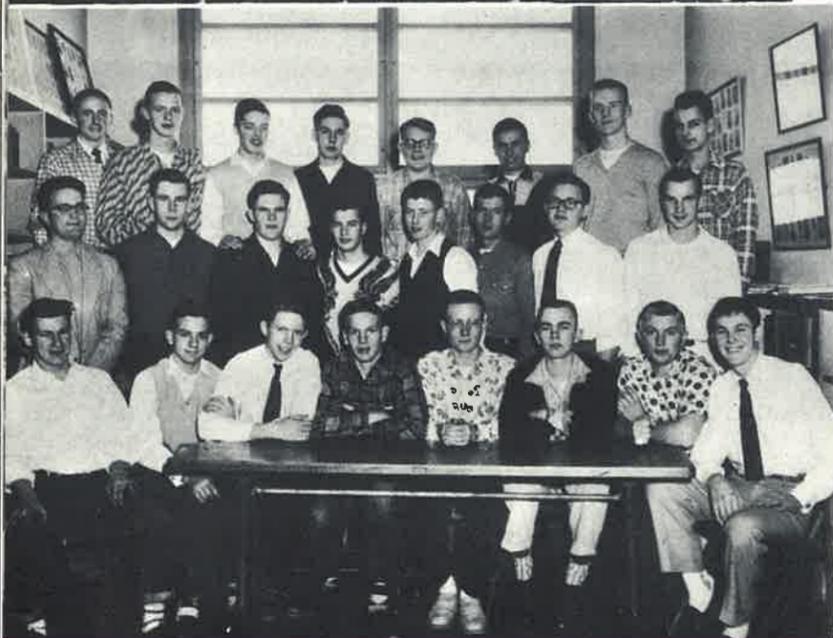
DIG THESE

1. Pucker up, girls.
2. One for the road.
3. Minot hopefuls.
4. Mirror, mirror, on the wall.
5. Push me someone.
6. I dare you.
7. Sitting pretty.
8. Starry eyed.
9. Eek!!
10. Smile pretty.
11. Reflection of 4.
12. Mona Lisa.
13. Antiques.
14. So then I sez—
15. Butterflies or relaxation.
16. What you looking at?
17. See, as good as a woman.
18. Big trophy.
19. Mrs. Baker.
20. Rah, rah, rah.
21. Miracle, she stopped talking.
22. Dress rehearsal toast.
23. HANDSOME.

CRAZY SNAPS

1. Southern exposure.
2. Tough night, girls?
3. Clarence's romantic moment.
4. What's so funny?
5. Royal couple.
6. Big night.
7. Time out.
8. Second helping, Lora?
9. Think of the fun.
10. 18th Century get up.
11. Which hand do you want?
12. Athletic profile.
13. Dead end kids.
14. Ain't we got fun.
15. Sewing, girls?
16. School days.
17. Where to next.





The main sports offered at WFHS are basketball and football, though there is some track. There is GAA for the girls, in the line of athletics.

All students are required to take physical education while attending WFHS. This department presents a program for the PTA annually, showing the activities undertaken during the year. The students have grown quite able on the trampoline, tumbling, etc.

An eighth grade basketball team has been organized. This team played preliminaries to other games and after school.

At top right is Jerry Hillius, son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Hillius, training for his future basketball career. The top left picture is Gerald Gregor, the student manager for the WFHS basketball team. Senior cheerleaders, Betty Waa, Colleen Lunde, and Beverly Burner, are pictured at left center. The Lettermen's club, at lower left, is the newest club at WFHS. Composed of boys who have earned athletic letters, the club bought letter sweaters for all members. Officers are: Curt Hildahl, president; Gordon Olson, vice-president; Gary Stensatter, secretary; and Dale Ruff, treasurer. Barbara Ament is getting Kent Hanson's autograph in the picture on the opposite page.

"All work and no play" as the old proverb goes, holds true as WFHS takes an active part in their school of

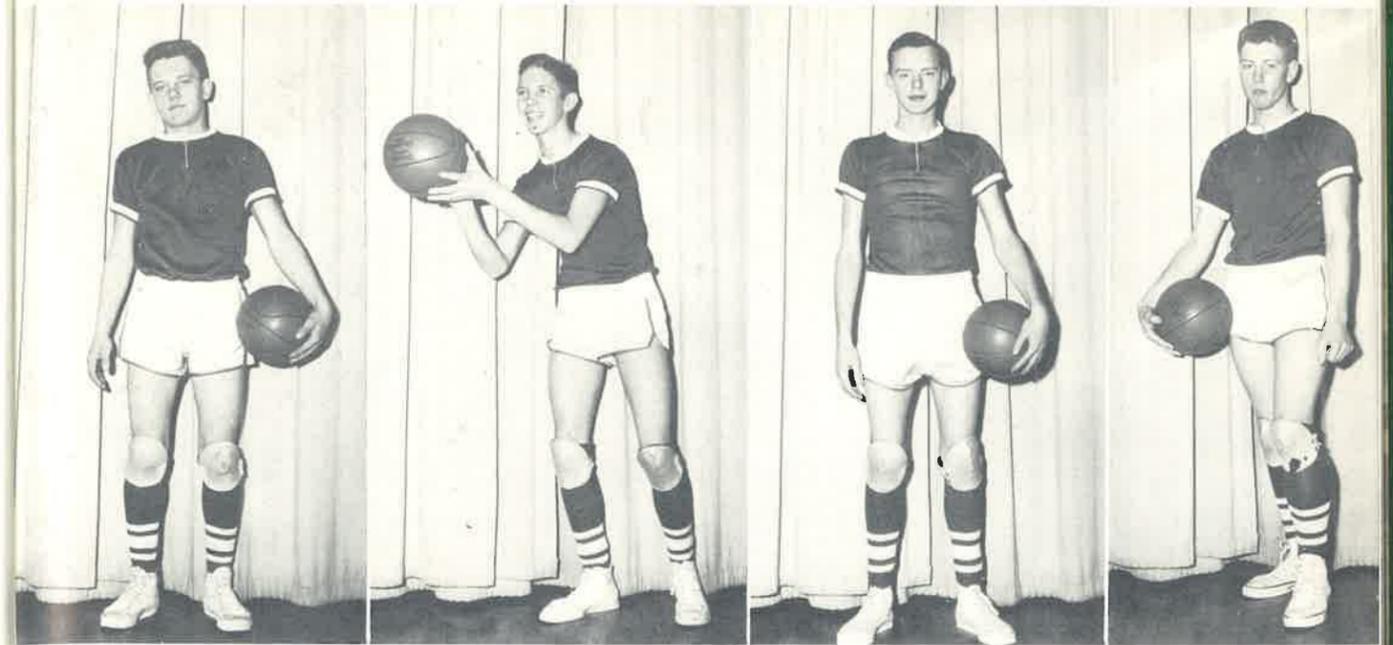
ATHLETICS



LARRY LEPIRD
Center

CURT HILDAHL
Forward

KENT HANSON
Guard



WAYNE SELBERG

DUANE PAULSEN

BRUCE STENERSON
Center

GORDON OLSON
Guard



GARY STENSATTER
Co-captain
Guard



DONALD LINDGREN
Co-captain
Forward

WE LEARN MUCH

The WFHS Packers, coached by Jack King and led by co-captains, Donald Lindgren and Gary Stensatter, had an average season, winning 12 games while losing 13.

The Packers started out the season at a red-hot pace, winning 11 of their first 14 games; but stricken with injury and bad luck, the club hit a 10-game losing streak.

Two highlights of the season were the 55-51 win over MSTC, top team in their Minnesota league, and a 49-46 win over St. John's of Jamestown, the team that was first to defeat Oak Grove.

The boys were defeated by Valley City, 57-53, in the first round of tournament play at Casselton. They snap-

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ped their 10-game losing streak by winning consolation honors, defeating St. Catherine's of Valley City.

Only one regular, Gary Stensatter, returned from last year's squad, which took third in the state tourney. Other returning lettermen are Don Lindgren, Ernest Tollefson, Curt Hildahl, and Kent Hanson. Larry Lepird, transfer student from Mesa, Arizona, took over the center spot this year. Other members of the squad are: seniors, Duane Paulsen and Gordon Olson; juniors, John Berlin, and Bruce Stenserson; and Wayne Selberg, sophomore.

Next year's team will have more height, but will lack experience with only one regular returning.



ERNEST TOLLEFSON
Guard



Row 1: Larry Lepird, Bruce Stenerson, Gary Stensatter, Donald Lindgren, Duane Paulsen, Curt Hildahl.
 Row 2: Mr. King, Kent Hanson, Ernest Tollefson, Wayne Selberg, Gerald Gregor, student manager.

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Coach Jack King works the boys out each evening. He organized a Lettermen's Club for the first time in our school.

BUILDING FOR TOMORROW

The West Fargo B-Squad under the leadership of Coach George Galloway, finished the 1953-54 season with an 8-10 record.

This record is not indicative of the experience and knowledge gained while under Mr. Galloway's guidance. The purpose of the B-squad is to train younger students for the varsity squad.

The team held the spotlight when they played host to the Mapleton varsity squad. Another eventful night was when they showed their potential power by beating College High of Valley City 52-22.

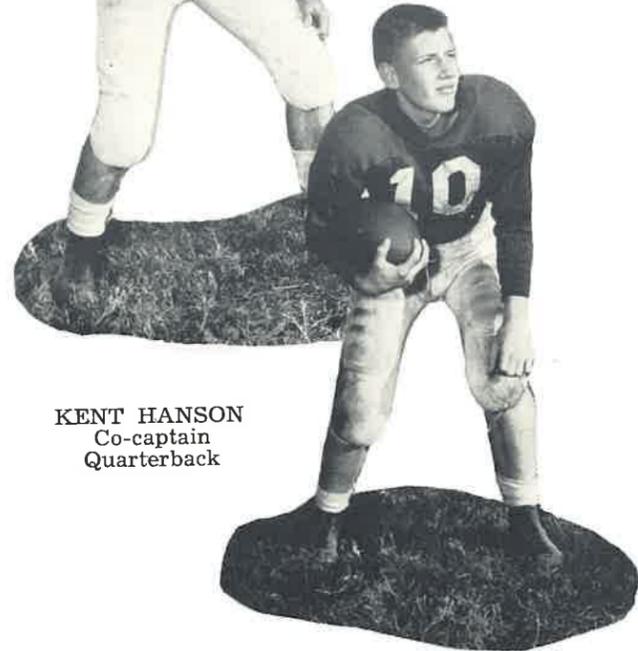
Our basketball team of the future is to be made of the material now on the B-squad.



Row 1: George Galloway, Bob Severson, Donald Osterberg, Howard Emerson, Paul Berg, Darrell Walen, Gary Willert.
 Row 2: Gerald Gregor, student manager; James Martin, Fred Palloch, James Lindblad, William Ibach, William Thoemke, Larry Paulson, Kenneth Olson.



First eleven of the 1954 Packers: Linemen: Donald Osterberg, right end; Curt Hildahl, right tackle; Gerald Gregor, right guard; Bruce Stenerson, center; Dale Ruff, left guard; Morris Pyle, left tackle; Larry Lepird, left end. Backfield: Gordon Olson, right halfback; Kent Hanson, quarterback; Ernest Tollefson, left halfback; Darwin Rott, fullback.



KENT HANSON
Co-captain
Quarterback

GORDON OLSON
Co-captain
Right Halfback

DALE RUFF
Left Guard

RICHARD JACOBSON
Guard

GERALD GREGOR
Right Guard

JON PETERSON
End



TEAM WORK OUR GOAL

The 1953 Packers, suffering through their worst season in the history of the school, lost all eight of their games. The squad, hit hard by graduation and service calls, lost eight regulars from last year's team.

Coach Jack King, formerly from Arthur, North Dakota, introduced a new "Y" formation to the team. He was assisted by George Galloway.

Although we were unable to win a game, sportswriters picked Morris Pyle and Kent Hanson for the All-Conference team. This was the first time that more than one player from West Fargo was placed on the All-Conference team.

The team, led by co-captains Gordon Olson and Kent Hanson, opened their season against Waubun. The boys had a very strong line and made 12 first downs to Waubun's 4. Waubun intercepted a West Fargo pass for their only score, defeating us 7-0.

The boys journeyed to Oakes for their second game. Their line was strong, and Oakes started passing, beating West Fargo 19-0. The boys enjoyed a dance after the game and stayed overnight.



RICHARD KOUNOVSKY
Tackle

DUANE PAULSEN
End

CURT HILDAHL
Right Tackle

DARWIN ROTT
Right Halfback

MORRIS PYLE
Left Tackle

AS WE STRIVE FOR

The Dilworth Locomotives, paced by Curt Dawson, scored early in the game and scored two other touchdowns by passes. Ernest Tollefson scored the West Fargo tally. The Packers outgained the Locomotives, but errors proved costly. West Fargo lost 19-7.

The Packers took an early lead against Hawley 7-0. Ernest Tollefson scored the touchdown and the extra point. After that, the line fell apart and Hawley scored freely, defeating West Fargo, 24-7.

For the first time in the history of West Fargo High School West Fargo bowed to Oak Grove 14-6. John Berlin passed to Larry Lepird for the touchdown. Oak Grove scored twice on passes, thus spoiling West Fargo's Homecoming.



Row 1. James Sautebin, student manager; Ken Olson, William Ibach, Fred Palloch, William Thoenke, Conrad Olson, Gerald Germolus, Clarence Knutson.
Row 2: Gerald Gregor, Don Kounovsky, Paul Berg, Kent Hanson, Ernest Tollefson, Wayne Selberg, Howard Emerson, Richard Jacobson, Bruce Stenerson.
Row 3: Richard Kounovsky, Larry Lepird, Dale Ruff, Don Osterberg, Gordon Olson, Duane Paulsen, Curt Hildahl, Darwin Rott, Morris Pyle, Jon Peterson.





Above: Doing push-ups before practice are Sophomores Wayne Selberg, Howard Emerson, Fred Palloch, and Conrad Olson.

Left: Loafing!? William Thoemke, William Ibach, Gerald Germolus, and Ken Olson.



Upper left corner: Always busy is our Student Manager, James Sautebin.

VICTORY

Kent Hanson led the Packers in a night game against Casselton. West Fargo was the only team to go through the Squirrel's line, but we lost 41-0.

In the last two games of the Season, WFHS lost to Lamoure 13-0 and St. Johns of Jamestown, 27-0.

Senior lettermen include Morris Pyle, Curt Hildahl, Darwin Rott, Dale Ruff, Kent Hanson, Gordon Olson, Gerald Gregor, Duane Paulsen, and Richard Jacobson.

The nine returning lettermen for next year are Paul Berg, Ken Olson, John Berlin, Ernest Tollefson, Bruce Stenerson, Larry Lepird, Howard Emerson, and William Ibach.

Other members of the team include Darrell Walen, Conrad Olson, Clarence Knutson, Fred Palloch, William Thoemke, Gerald Germolus, Larry Bessette, and Wayne Selberg.

Ernest Tollefson was elected captain for next year's campaign.

Left center: The Seniors and the under classmen had their battles! Who is number 52? Left: Ready for action are: Donald Koun-

A GAME FOR EVERY GIRL

Under the direction of Joyce Holmes, advisor, the GAA meets after school weekly. The girls play basketball which is their favorite activity. They also tumbled and played speedball and volleyball. Many of the girls participated in the PTA exhibition given annually.

Candy and pop were sold at the basketball games to raise money.

The officers are: Mary Jean Christiansen, president; Ruth Folstrom, vice-president; and Marlene Beistad, secretary-treasurer.



At left Colleen Lunde stops the ball during a jump ball. Her opponent is Jo Evans. Above, Janis Willert dribbles in to the basket for an easy two points.



Row 1: Di Ann Tintes, Susan Sprecher, Mary Jean Christiansen, Barbara Price, Sharon Anderson, Reita Beyer. Row 2: Mrs. Holm, Marjorie Henning, Ruby Speers, Orriene Morken, Vernita Gilberts, Ruth Folstrom. Row 3: Gail Hoganson, Doris Heinrichson, Doris Rustad, Diane Moen, Marlene Beistad, Janis Willert. Row 4: Doris Folstrom, Betty Wallace, Marilynn Storley, Kay Cavegn, Myrna Ashland. Row 5: Janice Tomt, Marilyn Cowan, Betty Waa, Beverly Burner, Patty Gonskowski, Norma Thompson.



Besides the activities and clubs offered to the students, there are also other features in WFHS.

To elect the Student Council, there was a school-wide campaign directed by the boy and girl stagers. There were two political parties, speeches, and advertising.

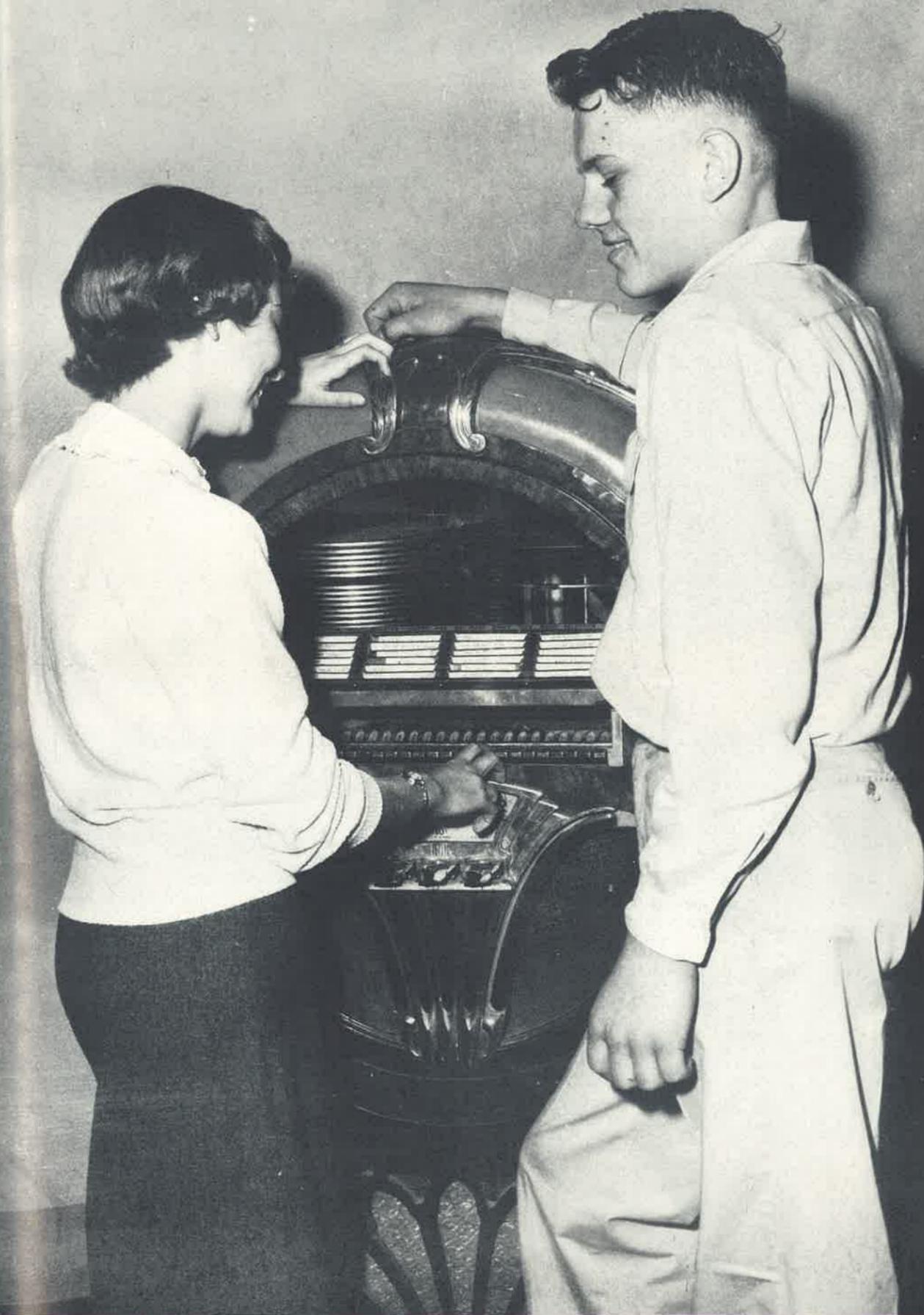
The Student Council sponsored a talent show with all WFHS musical acts participating.

The two big dances of the year are the Homecoming dance and Prom.

The upper left picture is a group of WFHS party-goers dancing at the "Top of the Mart" in the FM Hotel at the 1953 Prom. The picture at the top right is Mary Jean Pederson, Packer co-editor, selling Packers to the students. At left center is a view of the senior class eating lunch at their outing at the lakes last year. At lower left is a group of students doing the Bunny Hop, the current dancing favorite. Wayne Selberg and Marjorie Henning are choosing the next song at a dance on the school juke box.

The students find that "The best things are accomplished in spare moments"—James Bryce, in doing their

ACTIVITIES



RECORDING THE YEAR'S EVENTS



Discussing technical problems for the YEARLING, are Sylvia Monson, Co-editor; Duane Paulsen, Business Manager; seated: Ruth Folstrom, Co-editor; and Normae Thompson, Associate Editor, standing.

Under the direction of co-editors, Ruth Folstrom and Sylvia Monson, and with the knowledge gained at the NIPA convention last spring, the YEARLING staff set to work to assemble a yearbook with an entirely new style.

To help defray expenses they solicited money from the town businessmen and sold candy and pop at basketball games.

Their only wish is that in the years to come, you can look back at this annual and it will bring back the fond memories experienced at West Fargo High School in the year 1954.



Row 1: L. E. Berger, advisor; Ruth Folstrom, Sylvia Monson, Normae Thompson, Duane Paulsen, Mary Jean Christiansen, Orriene Morken, Ruby Speers, Mary Jean Pederson, Claudine Tuskind. Row 2: Marlys Willert, Gail Hoganson, Beverly Burner, Janis Willert, Doris Folstrom, Kay Cavegn, Louise Hebert. Row 3: Robert Fuller, Morris Pyle, Curt Hildahl, Gordon Olson, Colleen Lunde, Mary Pyle, Genevieve Kovell, Marlene Beistad.

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"GET THAT NEWS" EDITORS

To put out a better than ever Packer is the goal of the Packer staff this year. Miss Kaspari is advisor with Mary Jean Pederson and Gordon Olson Co-editors.

The Packer is published at the end of each month. Members are from the three top classes.

Next year's editors, Orriene Morken and Ruby Speers, as well as part of their staff will attend the annual NIPA Convention in Grand Forks this spring. This convention gives the staff many ideas for next year's paper.

The Packer is sent to last year's seniors and to all WFHS graduates serving in the armed forces.

This paper keeps all students up to date on school happenings.



Miss Kaspari talks over problems with Mary Jean Pederson, Gordon Olson, and Morris Pyle.



Row one: Gordon Olson, Mary Jean Pederson, Marilyn Storley, Mary Jean Christiansen, Orriene Morken, and Lora Moore. Row two: Miss Kaspari, Marlene Beistad, Ruby Speers, Marlys Willert, Ruth Folstrom, Mary Pyle, Duane Paulsen, Morris Pyle, Gary Stensatter, Donald Lindgren, and Bob Fuller.



Sitting: Merle Wilson, Ruth Folstrom, Myrtice Luhman, Mary Jean Christiansen, Duane Paulsen, Paul Berg, Colleen Lunde, Gary Willert.
 Standing: Darrell Walen, Mrs. Lindgren, Claudine Tuskind, Jean Anderson, Normae Thompson, Bob Fuller, Jo Evans.

CURTAIN GOING UP!

"The Baby Sitter," our annual three-act school play, was given November 13, 1953. The plot of the play involved the little boy, Junior, played by Merle Wilson, who managed to mix up the affairs of his family as well as their friends.

Normae Thompson and Bob Fuller did fine jobs in portraying the luckless teenage couple whose love affair had been broken up by interfering parents. All ends well and Junior gets his well deserved paddling.

The cast had a hilarious time practicing for the play. With lunches served each night, and comic portrayals of parts, the cast enjoyed every moment.

Mrs. Lindgren, the very able director, furnished lunch for a cast party after dress rehearsal.

Besides the cast, there were many "behind the scene" people working on publicity, prompting, make-up, properties, stage managers, and ushers. They all did a fine job and the play was a great success.



Orriene Morken, on the make-up committee, applies make-up to Merle Wilson, the cause of all the trouble in the play.

HOMEBUILDERS OF TOMORROW



Row 1: Alvida Hagen, Normae Thompson, Janice Tomt, Jean Anderson, Deloris Schneider, Louise Dahl, Beverly Burner, Marilyn Cowan, Betty Waa, Corolene Skov, Donna Payne, DeAnn Walen, Carol Henke.
 Row 2: Helen Cole, Patty Gonrowski, Marcella Ibach, Janice Matthys, Doris Wagner, Bonnie Bjorkman, Fern McNamara, Janice Orth, Betty Wallace, Kay Cavegn, Myrna Ashland, Marlene Beistad, Mrs. Baker.
 Row 3: Orriene Morken, Florence Fiest, Doris Folstrom, Doris Heinrichson, Doris Rustad, Diane Moen, Janis Willert, Gail Hoganson, Marjorie Henning, Jo Lea Evans, Joanne Berg.
 Row 4: Arle Jean Goldade, Myrna Peterson, Joanne Drake, Rita Beyer, Ruth Folstrom, Mary Pyle, Vernita Gilberts, Sharon Anderson, Barbara Price, Peggy Zacher, Susan Sprecher, DiAnn Tintes.
 Row 5: Mary Lou Dobler, Janice Larson, Peggy Ament, Ruby Speers, Genevieve Kovell, Sylvia Monson, Claudine Tuskind, Arlene Payne, Mary Ann Barnes, Mary Jean Christiansen.
 Not pictured: Beverly Olson and Louise Hebert.

The FHA began a busy year by being host to the District Rally on October 17, 1953. The theme of the rally was "Better Homes Make Better Nations." Ruth Folstrom was presiding officer with Mary Jean Christiansen, Vice President. Orriene Morken was elected district treasurer for the coming year. Doris Folstrom was elected state president and was installed at the state convention at Fargo on April 3 and 4.

This year there are twenty-six girls working on their Junior Degrees, eleven on their Chapter Degree, and seven working on their State Degree.

The honorary seniors, Marlene Beistad, Ruth Folstrom, Mary Jean Christiansen, and Mary Pyle, were awarded FHA bracelets for their services.

Some of the many projects undertaken by the FHA this year were the Sadie Hawkins Party, Mothers Tea, Little Sister Night, and they entertained the eighth grade girls.

The following officers acted during the year: Orriene Morken, President; Normae Thompson, Vice-President; Jean Anderson, Secretary; Genevieve Kovell, Treasurer; Gail Hoganson, Reporter; Carol Henke, Historian; Ruby Speers, Parliamentarian; Doris Folstrom, Song Leader; Peggy Ament, Projects Chairman; Mrs. C. Hoganson and Mrs. E. Olson, Chapter Mothers; Mr. J. Folstrom and Mr. K. Pyle, Chapter Dads; Mrs. Baker, Advisor.

WE WORK FOR MORE SCHOOL SPIRIT



The pep squad is made up of four girls from each class as well as the senior cheerleaders.

The main duty of this club is to make plans for the Homecoming and decorate. This year they decorated the gym in different shades of blue, using "Blue Moon" as theme.

The pep squad sold pop and candy at basketball games to earn money to help with the expenses of Homecoming.

The officers are: Mary Jean Pederson, president; Doris Folstrom, vice president; and Lois Thompson, secretary.

Senior cheerleaders, Beverly Burner, Colleen Lunde, and Myrna Ashland, were chosen by the pep squad at an assembly. Myrna moved from town, and Betty Waa took over her position.

The cheerleaders take charge of cheering assemblies before each game at school. They furnish much of the pep shown at all games by the WFHS fans.



Row 1: Janis Willert, Beverly Burner, Doris Folstrom, Gail Hoganson, Orriene Morken.
 Row 2: Mary Jean Pederson, Doris Rustad, Myrna Ashland, Mary Jean Christiansen, Marlys Willert, Marjorie Henning, Colleen Lunde.
 Row 3: Miss Holm, Ruth Folstrom, Bonnie Wilson, Lois Thompson, Andrea Walburg, DeAnn Walen.

OUR GOVERNING BODY



After an ardent campaign of posters and speeches, one student from each grade was chosen to represent his class in the Student Council. The boys' party, the Nationalists, received a majority over the girls' party, the Federalists.

The Student Council sponsored a talent show made up of fifteen acts from WFHS. They also had charge of the lyceums and introduced the acts for the lyceums.

They elected the following officers: Kent Hanson, president; Darrell Walen, vice president; and Doris Folstrom, secretary. Mr. Hillius is the advisor.

Student Council members are: Doris Folstrom, Kent Hanson, Darrell Walen, seated; Mr. Hillius, Larry Christiansen, and Gary Willert, standing.

WE HELP OTHERS

The Red Cross worked to help people in foreign countries by filling Red Cross boxes. They sponsored an assembly with a first aid movie. The students also donated money for the Red Cross.

Duane Paulsen represented Cass County at the annual Red Cross Camp held in Michigan last summer.

The officers are: Ruth Folstrom, president; and Janice Tomt, secretary. Mrs. Lindgren is the advisor.



Mrs. Lindgren, Janice Tomt, Mary Jean Christiansen, Ruth Folstrom, Duane Paulsen, Ruby Speers and Fred Palloch, Red Cross Representatives, filled boxes for foreign countries. Gary Sumpter is not pictured.



ALL BOOKS ASIDE... HOMECOMING

With "Blue Moon" as their theme, the pep squad was busy making plans for Homecoming.

A snake dance and bonfire was held on Thursday evening as a preliminary to the main event. The football players, coaches, and queen gave short pep talks.

Friday's activities began with a parade featuring Queen Beverly Burner and her attendants, Bonnie Highness, Andrea Walburg, Janice Tomt, and Carol Hebert, the band, and the class floats. The sophomore class won the trophy for the best float in the parade. They featured a skunk with the motto: "They're Skunked."

The Oak Grove football team spoiled West Fargo's Homecoming by defeating them 14-6.

A huge crowd danced to the music of Paul Cornforth's orchestra and the vocals of Patty Clark. The mixed octette sang "Blue Moon" during intermission.

The gym was decorated with four shades of blue gradually coming to a silver moon where the queen was crowned.

The dance proved to be one of the highlights of the year.

AS STUDENTS ATTEND JUNIOR SENIOR PROM

The annual Junior-Senior Prom was held Friday evening, May 1, 1953, in the Top of the Mart at the Frederick Martin Hotel in Moorhead, Minnesota. The theme, "Till We Meet Again," was used on the banquet programs and place cards. The banquet began at 6:30 with Kent Hanson as Master of Ceremonies. Ruth Folstrom, Junior class president, gave the welcome and Leon Birkliid, Senior class president, gave the response. The class will and prophecy was read by Kent Hanson, followed by a short talk by Mr. Hillius. A girl's sextette, composed of Ruth Folstrom, Karen Kylo, Marilynn Storley, Mary Jean Pederson, Myrtice Luhman, and Marlys Willert, sang "Till We Meet Again." They were accompanied by Lora Moore. Mr. Berger then gave a short talk. Roger Lindgren and Richard Samson, representing the football and basketball teams respectively, said a few words, followed by Mr. Ohnstad, president of the school board.

Dancing began at 9 o'clock to the music of Paul Cornforth's WDAY orchestra with Al Edwards handling the vocals.

Approximately eighty Juniors, Seniors, alumni, and their dates attended the dance. During the intermission, a dance exhibition was given by Miss Ione Nettum and the Arthur Murray dancing instructor at the Frederick Martin Hotel.



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