

*Cheer, cheer for Stillwater High
Back the team; they'll never say die.
Fight! Fight! Fight! With all your might,
Onward to victory. Rah! Rah! Rah!*

THIS EXCERPT from a Stillwater High School song, printed in a football-game program (circa 1920), illustrates the variety of information found in public school records. Recently, the Stillwater Public Schools transferred to the State Archives of the Minnesota Historical Society valuable documents and photographs that help preserve the history of its schools. Established in 1850, the Stillwater school district was one of the first in the state, so its history is long and significant. The transferred records date from 1858 to 1992 and, with some exceptions, are open for use.

School life is richly illustrated in photographs—from about 1880 to 1963—of classes, student activities (such as band, athletics, school plays), and buildings, past and present. There is even a 1900–07 record book of the high-school athletic association with the constitution, membership list, and meeting minutes. Of course, school grades and attendance are important.



Cheerleaders, Stillwater High School

HI SKULE DAZE

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SPORTSMANSHIP
Do you know we have a right to feel
that our team at least the way the boys
and their sportsmanship? Read what the
Mechanic Arts school paper,
The Mechanic, says:

"We should like to suggest that a
sportsmanship trophy be given at the Re-
gional Town-
ship meet next
year. This
trophy is
designed by
Mr. Gerhard
Korn and
is based
on ideas con-
cerning
the right
way of the
player and
the man
displayed
in action. It is a delight to see such a
man in action and we hope that many other
players will follow his example."

Harold Euch '22.

CLOSE BUT NOT QUITE
Stillwater won second place, being de-
feated by Lake Benton, a school of 71 pupils.
Center had 450 pupils taking the test
to get anywhere near the top. Lake Ben-
ton's average was 98.29. Our average was

This contest is one which places our
high hopes for state scholarship and
we were very proud though we were defeated
as small school. We had the better ad-

CONSTITUTION CONTEST
Wednesday evening, April 18, S.H.S.
was exceptionally well representing in the
National Constitution Contest at Chippewa
Falls by Arthur Berggren. His oration was
forceful; his delivery, enthusiastic, sin-
cere, and varied.

All the orations, this year, stressed
law enforcement. The speakers from Chippewa
Falls, from River Falls, and from Stillwater
were outstandingly good. The
speaker from Chippewa
Falls, who drew last
place on the pro-
gram, dealt with
the subject in a
rather informal way
so that his speech
stood out from the
others. The speak-
er from River
Falls was very
technical in his
discussion.

After about fifteen minutes of confer-
ence, the judges awarded first place to Chippewa
Falls, second to River Falls, and third
to Stillwater.

The judges were the county attorney
and the county superintendent of
schools, both of Chippewa Falls; and the
representative of the Chicago Daily News of
Chicago.

IN WAR AND PEACE
In a debate not slow enough to be in-
teresting, the affirmative team of Stillwater
defeated the Hudson speakers. The question
was: Resolved, that Capital Punishment shall
be abolished throughout the United States.
The speakers for the affirmative were Lili-
an Engbretson, Ned Elliott, and Mary Foss.
Ned Elliott distinguished himself with
his usual delicate satire, and was much en-
joyed by the audience. The decision of the
judges was given 2 to 1 in favor of Still-
water. We hope that we are not too frank in
saying that we think it could not have been
given otherwise.

ERIC MORTENSON/MHS

Selected student records (1872–1928) are available, though access may be restricted.

And don't forget the teachers! Stillwater's are documented in summary records (1924–49) that include the teacher's name, name of school, and subjects taught. The district's governance, finances, and operations are recorded in the Board of Education meeting minutes (1858–1987), with many of the early minutes written by hand. Summary financial information is important, and receipt and disbursement registers (1859–1927) are among the collection.

The Stillwater public school records are valuable for family and local history and are useful for studying the growth and development of both the school district and the City of Stillwater over a long period of time. Along with these, the State Archives also preserves selected records for other school districts, many of which no longer exist and are only a memory.

*Onward to victory. Rah! Rah! Rah!
Stillwater ! ! !*

—Charles Rodgers,
government records specialist

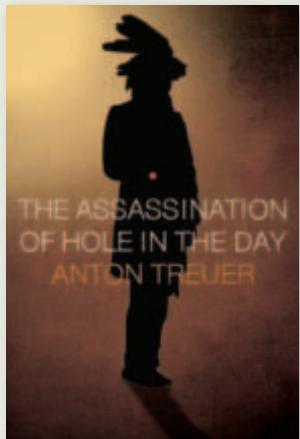


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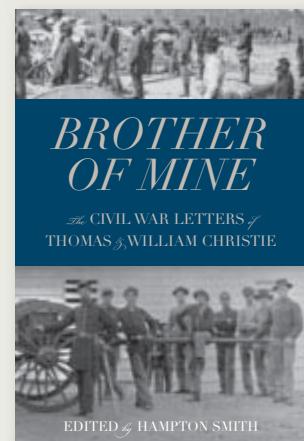
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