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John C. Hoekje Will Speak at Graduation

Orchestra and Boys’ Quartet Will Offer Selections At Graduation Exercises

As summer vacation and graduation loom in the near future, the commencement plans are being discussed with pupils of State High. Mr. John C. Hoekje, Registrar of W. M. C. E. will address the seniors on the subject, “The Challenge of the Unknown.” Miss Mathilde Steckelberg, chairman of the arrangement committee, also stated that the invocation and benediction will be given by Reverend William S. Keith, pastor of the First Congregational Church of Kalamazoo.

The High School Orchestra under the direction of Mr. George Amos will play the processional and the recessional. In addition, it will offer, “Cathedral Memories: ‘The Boys’ Quartet of State High School including Howard Corbus, Arthur Lewis, John Hoekje, and Richard Bumke will sing two numbers, “Passing By,” and “Call to the Road.” They will be accompanied by George Twigg. The State High Choir, under the direction of Mrs. Leoti Britton will present the following: “Music of Life,” and “America My Own.”

Dr. Roy C. Bryan, principal of State High School will present the diplomas to the senior group comprised of eighty-five members.

The following juniors are assisting: Harold Harwood, Wesley Whiffen, Patti Strother, Dean Hudnut, Ronald Meyers, Robert Pierce, Jim Shiley, Robert Gray, and Richard Bumke.

The seniors are: John Hoekje, Bill Honey, Betty Schultz, Jean Upson, Phyllis Raymon, and Maxine Gofsiek. Miss Helene Merson is assisting with the processional and Miss Hazel Paucek with the decorations.

Seniors Present Bulletin Board as Gift to School

It has been the custom of the Senior Class each year to leave a gift to State High. This year a committee consisting of Jean Throeder, Virginia Benam, Marilyn Maloney, Douglas De Young, and Bob Anderson met to suggest appropriate gifts.

In the Senior Class meeting of May 30, 1941, the class decided to purchase a bulletin board. This board will be similar to the one hanging near the Co-op Store on the first floor of the Administration Building. The bulletin board has moveable type and important events of State High will be posted upon it.

Four Seniors Awarded Scholarships at Western

Allen Bush, Ruth Foley, Blaine Rabbers, and Lois Smith have been awarded scholarships to Western Michigan College for the coming college year, according to the recent announcement of Registrar John C. Hoekje.

Prom to be Held Saturday Night

Juniors Carry Out Annual Dance with Hawaiian Theme

Amid a Hawaiian atmosphere the juniors will entertain the seniors tomorrow night at Waywood Hall from nine to twelve o’clock. Roy Williams will be on hand to swing the “Wa- waian War Chant” and other native melodies. The Soda Bar will be open to furnish guests with their coconuilk and pineapple juice (alikokes).

Tickets Used as Tickets

All juniors and seniors are to be admitted as guests, but if they bring undergraduates or students not connected with State High, the charge is fifty cents. No tickets have been made; guest slips which may be obtained from Mrs. Jean De Koning are being used instead of tickets. Alumni and parents of State High, Students attend ordinarily invited by the Junior Class.

Sally Mosgrove Is Chairman

Sally Mosgrove has managed this festive affair with assistance of the following: Morris Stimson, orchestra; Nanita Wetherbee, decorations; Audrey Kite, publicity; and Kay Blumson, invitations and programs. Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Hansealman, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Read, and Mr and Mrs. L. B. Burdick will be guests at the dance. Miss Sarah McRoberts has helped the class with the intricacies of the grand march which Bud Hansealman, president of the Junior Class, and Blaine Rabbers, president of the Senior Class, with their guests will lead. Miss Myrtle Windsor, who is the Junior Class adviser, has superintended the arrangements.

Council Picnic June 16

Bill Honey, Jeanneane Weaver, and Wesley Whiffen compose the committee for the Student Council picnic. This year it will be held on Monday, June 16 at Covert Park on Michigan. The membership of the Council both semesters are invited to come and bring a guest. The counselors, the newly-elected officers, and the faculty sponsors of the class will complete the group to celebrate this annual affair.

Gerophele Declared 1941 Valedictorian

George Gerophele has recently been declared valedictorian of the Senior Class of State High School. George has maintained an “A” record throughout his high school course. He has been active in the school self-government program, having served as a monitor, president of his home room, and representative to the Student Council. As a senior, he has been Photography Editor for the Highlander.

George’s special hobby is making model airplanes. This year, in the annual contest of the Kalamazoo Model Plane Club, he carried off first prize in the senior division of stick models.

Recently George was elected to the National Honor Society. George plans to enter the Massachusetts Institute of Technology this fall.

Dr. R. Bryan Praises Seniors at Assembly

The senior assembly was held Tuesday, May 27, with Dean Hudnut, the Student Council president for next year, presiding. Some of the Senior boys among them George Hilliard who portrayed Hitler presented a small skit. A quartet composed of Howard Corbus, John Hoekje, Arthur Lewis, and Dick Simon sang “Walls of Jericho.”

This rendition was followed by remarks from Dr. Roy C. Bryan and Mary Jeanette Perdue expressing appreciation to the seniors. Dr. Bryan stated that the present senior class is the largest ever to be graduated from State High and that this class has been the most popular with the faculty. He also expressed the opinion that seniors during the past year have contributed the most toward building up the student government.

Senior Accepts Scholarship

Robert Hickmott, a senior at State High School, is one of the 106 winners of the University of Michigan alumni undergraduate scholarships. However, he has declined the University of Michigan scholarship to accept a scholarship at Kalamazoo College.

Many Seniors Receive Awards

Many seniors have received re-wards throughout the year for various curricular and extra-curricular activities for outstanding ability and achievement. Honors Given to Four

Allen Bush, retiring president of the Student Council, was awarded the Alpha Beta pin by the members of the class of 1941. The faculty, however, chose Barbara Rasmussen and Howard Corbus as the outstanding seniors whose names will be engraved on the plaque for that purpose.

Mary Stanley received the honor given by the Classical Club for the student who received the highest marks in Latin over a period of four years.

Students Represent State High

The class elected Betty Schultz to represent it at the D. A. R. convention. She was elected on the basis of scholarship, leadership, and service to the school.

Many of the debating banners and plaques on display at State High were won by the able debaters: Art Lewis, and Howard Corbus. As personal awards they received five dictionaries offered by the Detroit News. Howard Corbus won the oratorical banner in the sub-district contest, May 16.

The two essay contest winners for the year were Emily Matthews who won the City-Wide Bank Contest and Harold Miller whose patriotic essay won the Red Arrow contest.

Senior Picnic Planned

This year the seniors will have their annual class picnic Tuesday, June 17, at St. Joseph. The committee in charge of arrangements is chairman, Mary Stanley, Jerry Richardson, and Lewis Lang. The class sponsors for this class will be invited. Seniors should leave Kalamazoo about 1:30. Students will provide their own lunches.

Senior Attends Boys’ State

Robert Brown, senior at State High, has been selected by the West Oshtemo Grange to attend the Wolverine Boys’ State, June 22-28 at East Lansing.
The following year, after having experimented considerably with types of makeup, the HIGHLIGHTS received a rating of fourth in its class from the Columbia Press Association. The editor that year was Mary Stanley, with Dorothy Milham and Bill Canine as assistants.

Consistently rising, the HIGHLIGHTS this year achieved a third place rating and a small trophy, a place rating and a small trophy, a small number of Polynesians. These people were assisted in their work, and they collaterally contributed to the development of the school. The editors have a feeling of friendliness and interest in the school, and they will visit us whenever possible.

We shall watch their records in business school, or we must add, in the army. As a result of their study here, they probably have gained many suggestions to offer to the faculty and students for improving the school and selecting the most desirable courses. We hope they will make these suggestions freely so we may profit by their experiences. We also hope that these students will continue to maintain a feeling of friendliness and interest in the school, and that they will visit us whenever possible.

State High has become a home of the properties committee. As a senior she has been very active in the Masquers, and was chairperson of the properties committee. She is also typist for the Highlights and Highlander a job which requires a great deal of time and patience.

The operetta and minstrel show have claimed much of Jeanette's time but she still manages to bicycle, read, and enjoy sports of all kinds. Blaine is one of State High's four year men, and during his high school career he has dipped his fingers into a little bit of everything. He has always taken part in club activities, and has been on the Highlander Staff, a member of the Student Council, and President of the Dramatics Club.

Blaine has no particular hobby, but like most boys he enjoys all sports and has been a football letter winner.

Ariel Swyle became the bride of Thomas Richmond in a ceremony held Friday evening. June 6. Arie was graduated from State High in 1939.
Records Indicate Better Season Than Was Expected

The athletic season at State High has just been completed. It has not been the best season that the school has had, but the records indicate a better year than was expected last fall.

Baseball Tournament

As yet, the All-Sports Tournament for this season has not been awarded. At present, it seems to be a nip and tuck race between Three Rivers and State High. The record for this year shows that the only team that the record team was received was the baseball tournament. The team tied for this sport with Dowagiac and each team received a trophy. In football, Dick Dennis, Pete Kakabaker, and behind Three Rivers and Niles. The boys picked up a bit when it came to baseball, and were second in the district. The team, which is considered a minor sport in the school, was also won by Three Rivers. The Wildcats more than doubled the score of their nearest rival.

The golf team got off to a better start than usual this season losing only one dual match. In the conference, they finished third behind St. Joe and Dowagiac. Dowagiac nosed out the Cubs for second place for the first time in 14 years.

 recurve Unbeaten

The tennis team turned in the only undefeated team of the year, by winning nine straight dual matches with an injured foot. When asked why they wanted to be unbeaten, the players answered: "A great deal of credit should be given to the student body for their support and encouragement and to the faculty for their guidance."

Graduating Athletes Highly Commended

Much of the fine record established by the State High Athletic teams in the past four years has been due to the hard work and ability of these seniors in this year's senior class. Space does not permit recognizing each one of them individually, but by printing this story Senior Day, the State High hopes to transmit to them a little of their gratitude for their fine service.


Tournament Hopes Lost by Star's Injury

Dowagiac High School successfully defended its tennis title by scoring 15% points in last week's conference match, State High and Haven tied for second place with 7 points.

Although Dowagiac had no winners at the end of the meet Saturday, they had strength in the early rounds of the tournament.

State High was favored to win the tournament, this year, and might have done so if its star player, Bill Honey had been able to participate. Bill was kept on the sidelines with a foot injury.

In the singles finals, Bob Arkins of South Haven easily defeated Don Wanner of Three Rivers, 6-2, 6-4.

Bad Dalm and John Hocke swept through the doubles finals without losing a game to Foreman and Kenyon of Dowagiac. They been extended to three sets in all three of the earlier round matches.

Central Noses Out Cubs by 3-4 Point

The State High tennis team lost a tight match. A regional match here May 24, was edged out by Kalamazoo Central 3½ by a point. Bill Honey, however, won the singles crown for the Cubs, by defeating John Milroy in the finals, 6-2, 6-1.

The match was decided during the final sets of the doubles when the finals were lost. In these matches, Don Wanner and Bobby Stove, Central No. 1 team, defeated Dalm and Hocke, 5-7, 6-4, 6-1. The Champs had made a return several times before Staake and Stove managed to put an end to the match.

Last year, the Cubs won the regional meet, but when the scores were tallied for this year's tournament the score was Central 9½; State High 9¼; Battle Creek 4½.

Attends Girls' State

Jeanette Needles, senior at State High, has been chosen to attend the Women's College Girls at University of Michigan, June 15-26.

State High's Successful Athletes Are Guests of Honor at Annual Banquet

Whoever Saw Athletes Who weren't Hungry?

By DICK SLUSHER

State High's redoubtable athletes received their well merited official recognition the evening of May 28. The Sports Banquet -- attended by whoever saw an athlete who wasn't hungry? -- dinner music was played by Esther Brown, Rosemarion Rikkenberg, and George Hilliard.

Arthur Lewis Toastmaster

After the last particles of meat and cake, one hundred and thirty hungry guests settled back for the program. Arthur Lewis, the toast master, extended greetings to those present and introduced Harpper Mayner, Jr., who led group singing. Douglas Shakespeare gave the baseball trophy for the first time, 1941. He gave an earnest plea for freshmen to stick at the job and work hard because they would become the varsity. Gale Kisinger spoke on the basketball trophy for the first time, 1941-42. He disclosed that next year's team would be composed of experienced players of the year's reserve team. After the men's chorus of State High's "Invictus," by Hultin, Terry Hoy spoke on "The Place of Athletics in State High." He pointed out that athletics promote and engender right habits of character and build of good citizenship.

Award Presented

Trophies were presented to the letter winners, band members and cheerleaders. Mr. Floyd Smith introduced the band members; Mr. Leonard Weinter, the cheerleaders; Roland Cheyne, the tennis squad; Mr. Donald Wilbur, the track team; and Coach Frank Noble, the basketball, baseball, and golf letter winners.

Western football coach, Mike Gary, was the principal speaker. Gary emphasized the value obtained from early training for success in athletics, and the importance of doing well whatever one does.

The banquet was sponsored by the Athletic Department and State High's Hi-Y Club, The Hi-Y Committee and Alumni News

The announcements of the engagement of Misses Mary and Jane Adams to Private Norman J. bland and Frederick DeBoer respectively, were made Sunday, June 1, 1941, by Mr. and Mrs. Simon Adams. Both girls graduated from State High in 1935.

Barbaret Smith, 1925 graduate of State High and Western Michigan College, was graduated from Dartmouth College of Law Wednesday, June 4. At present he is affiliated with a Det- rroit insurance firm, and plans to settle in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Victor Valentine, alumni of State High Class of 1905, left for Stanford, Texasature, Saturday, May 31. While there he will undergo ten weeks' pre- liminary training for the army air corps.

Dan Eaton, who graduated from State High in 1936 received his diploma from the United States Air Force Academy June 11. He was ap- pointed to the Academy by Repre- sentative Paul Shaffer, and became a sergeant in the corps of cadets. He will be commissioned in the cavalry, and expected to be stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas.

Mr. Wienler, the faculty sponsor of the club, planned the affair. Bob Brown was chairman of the event.

Varsity award winners were pre- sented as follows:


Track — Bert Romano, Charles Han- senman, Harold Mor- cer, Carl Miller, Wilbur Whiffen, Richard Kirch, Arthur Lewis and Max Wattles.

Cub Diamond Men Lose Final Games

Eagles Win, 5-4

Constatine High School proved too much for State High's baseball team May 27, and avenged the 11-2 setback the Cubs took from the previous encounter, with a 5-4 victory of their own. Chuck Lester did the hurling for the Cubs.

The Constantine team opened up hostilities in the first when they got the first run. Constantine again scored 2 runs, this time on a double and an error. The Cubs came back in their half of the fourth, however, to score 4 runs, but could not squeeze out another 3 runs. The game and final score read Constantine 5, State High 4.

Defeated by Albion

The State High Cubs lost a thrilling game to Albion High School May 29. 2-1, Albion won the game after two Cubs pitchers had tied the bases on three straight walks. This game closed the season for State High.

After the game had been filled by three walks, Wellington hit a ground- er to Lang at third who charged the ball, but was unable to make a play at home and Burns trotted in from third with the winning run.

The next 2 runs by both teams were scored on errors. A single, a sacri- fice, and an overthrow at first enabled Lang to score the first run for the Cubs. Cook's had to third on an attempted steal in the same inning accounted for Albion's first run.
Grades and Whereabouts of 1941 Graduates

Elton Alfred—WMC
Bob Anderson—WMC
Robert Brown—WMC
Allen Bush—WMC
Robert Carman—Business College or WMC
Richard Chaderton—WMC
Howard Corbin—Undecided
James Curnish—Kalamazoo College
Robert Craig—WMC
Jack Dalin—Kalamazoo College
Douglas DeYoung—WMC
Max Edgerton—WMC
Sam Folsom—Kalamazoo College
Walter Faye—WMC
George Gerhardt—Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Floyd Green—WMC
Tom Grippen—WMC
Dick Hathaway—WMC
Bruce Henderson—WMC
Robert Hickman—Kalamazoo College
George Hilliard—Oberlin
John Hodges—Undecided
Bill Honey—University of Michigan
Dick Kassuri—WMC
Bob Keese—College
Levi Lang—WMC
Roger LaRoy—Michigan State College
Douglas Leonard—WMC
Charles Lester—WMC
Arthur Lewis—Wheaton, Illinois
Harold Miller—Michigan State College
Morris Morton—Michigan State College
Richard Nile—WMC
Blaine Rabbers—WMC
Bert Ramo—WMC
Hugh Rath—WMC
Ivan Smith—WMC
Jim Thomas—WMC
Don VanderWiel—Get a job
Robert Travis—Kalamazoo College
Max Wattles—WMC
Dick Wilson—WMC
Bernard Zuidema—WMC
Glendalin Dauer—WMC
Virginia Deam—Detroit Commercial College
Virginia Campbell—Work
Arlene Dunham—Parson’s Business School
Barbara Jean Estep—WMC
Ruth Posey—WMC
Maxine Gustavow—Work
Mary Lou Harris—Carroll, Wisconsin
Sue Hick—WMC
Mary Hicks—Maker’s Business College
Harriett Hollowell—Art School
Frances House—Parson’s Business School
Margaret Huston—Work
Elizabeth Kenyon—WMC
Martha Love—WMC
Marjorie Lumm—WMC
Marlyn Maloney—I’m not sure
Emily Matthews—Kansas State
Joyce Maynard—Parson’s Business School
Dorothy Milam—Undecided
Jackie Miller—WMC
Millred Mitchell—Working
Mary Alice Powerny—Undecided
Barbara Rasmussen—Kalamazoo College
Phyllis Rayman—Work
Jerry Richardson—Kalamazoo College
Betty Schultz—WMC
Lury State—WMC
Lois Smith—WMC
Mary Stanley—Uncertain
Mary Lou Stephenson—Northwestern
Jean Strother—WMC
Pauline Underwood—Michigan State.

Graduation Claims AWretched Victim

By HAROLD MILLER

Ah, graduation, thou has wrought A wondrous change, and thou hast brought Unbounden pain beyond all fear, Excluding me from joy and cheer. No more I’ll stalk these gloomy halls No more I’ll dodge those ‘apton halls No more I’ll hear these teachers praise On how and why I was so late. No more assemblies can I miss, No more those freshmen girls I knew. No more that freshman hair I’ll shave, No more the lion’s wrath I’ll brave. No more cockroaches, no more pests, No more cheating on the tests. Ah, fate is cruel to tear apart These sites and scenes from my poor heart; Upon by alabaster brow A stiding breeze is drifting now. The study hall becomes a haze, And memories of blissful days. Of joyful effervescence fun, And happy thrills in work well done. These sites and scenes from my poor there are the Celanese and satin las-

Fashions and Vogue

By MARY LOU STEPHENSON

Summer’s here and what to wear is again a problem. Whether you’re at the beach, sailing, playing tennis, golfing, or just loafing, comfort and covered outfits are your main worries. Bathing Suits Popular

Bathing suits this year either have almost too much to them or hardly anything at all. Dreammaker suits are still fashionable but bathing bathing suits are more popular. Beautifully colored prints of cotton muito and brightly colored materials of silk jersey or sharkskin come in both dreammaker and dreamer styles. Parent suit of the newer suits that have been shown have very high necklines and a few even have little sleeves. Can it be that the styles are going back to the olden days? In contrast with these types of bathing suits there are the chaise lounge and satin laces styles. Some are very streamlined, others strapless or with a bare mid- riff. One has to have a wonderful figure to wear them. They are dying out on girls who acquire a beautiful tan.

Slacks Outsell Shorts

Sharkskin achieves more popularity every year because it is cool as well as very practical. Many of the latest tennis dresses are made from this material while being the most sought after color.

For other summer sports, shorts are longer but slacks are beginning to outsell shorts. Shorts are a cool for almost any occasion. Masculine shirts, bought at, least two sizes too large, are to be worn over the bath- ing suit or with slacks. The louder they are the better.

Canyon yellow is supposedly the color of the season, however, just the other day green was said to be this season’s rage. But whether it’s green or yellow make certain that it is one of the two colors and that you’re keeping comfortable and cool.

Social Notes

Barbara Glendenning entertained Kit Monroe and Christine Berry over Decoration Day at her cottage at Shovel Haven.
Hope Thezelius, Martha Fast, Nancy Wood, and Barbara Balz were the guests of Jean Pomeroy at a house party over Decoration Day at Gulf Lake.

Elton Alfred Discovers A Grunt in Wit

By HAROLD MILLER

Sure Hick: “What is a Schel?”
Jerrie Rosenbaum: “Channel No. 5, a perfume.”
“Sure, that’s what is the thing right under your nose,” she said. the girl began to grow a moustache.

Mr. Albert Becker: “He was of the Missouri English nobility, and an M. P., what’s an M. P.?”
Max Wattles: “Military Police?”
We know that fashion rules are strong;
But why, dear ladies, tall or dumpy, Must sweater sleeves be knitted long, And then pushed up so short and lumpy?
Jackie Miller: “Isn’t this wonderful weather for ducks!”
“Aren’t you mean foul weather?”
All of which reminds me of when I took my girl duck hunting, I took a shot at a high-flying duck and brought him spinning to the ground where he hit with a terrific thump. Imagine my chagrin when the girl friend piped up: “You fool, what’d you waste a shell for? The fall alone would have killed him.”
I took her fishing once too. There was about two inches of water in the boat and I grabbed her just as she was starting to cut a hole in the bottom of the boat to let the water out.