



Western Michigan University  
ScholarWorks at WMU

---

Western's high school newspaper

Western Michigan University

---

10-24-1941

## State Highlights 10/24/1941

Western State High School

Follow this and additional works at: <https://scholarworks.wmich.edu/high-school-news>



Part of the Secondary Education Commons

---

### WMU ScholarWorks Citation

Western State High School, "State Highlights 10/24/1941" (1941). *Western's high school newspaper*. 7.  
<https://scholarworks.wmich.edu/high-school-news/7>

This Newspaper is brought to you for free and open access by the Western Michigan University at ScholarWorks at WMU. It has been accepted for inclusion in Western's high school newspaper by an authorized administrator of ScholarWorks at WMU. For more information, please contact [wmu-scholarworks@wmich.edu](mailto:wmu-scholarworks@wmich.edu).





# State Highlights

VOLUME IV

KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN, OCTOBER 24, 1941

NUMBER 2

Member of Columbia Press Association

## Grads Excel At Western

### Extensive Study Reveals State High Alumni Tops

During this past year an extensive study of the graduates of Western State High School from 1934 to 1940 has been made by Mrs. Edna Whitney, of the Commerce Department. In comparison with other freshmen in college the study showed that Western State High School graduates earned much higher marks than those earned by college freshmen in general. The superiority was too marked to be accounted for in mental ability.

#### Purpose of Research

The purposes of the study were: to discover the part which the school had served in preparing these students for their present or future occupation; to determine to what extent the students felt that the present course of study met their needs; to provide an opportunity for the graduates to offer suggestions and criticisms for school improvement; and to discover the success in college of Western State High School graduates in comparison with graduates from other high schools as revealed by the marks earned in college.

A four-page questionnaire was mailed to 365 graduates. Two hundred forty-four responses were received. Additional information was obtained from the permanent records of Western Michigan College of Education.

Ninety five percent of those responding expressed the belief that their high school training was excellent, and five percent felt that it was poor.

#### 81% Satisfied with Instruction

Eighty-one percent of the students expressed satisfaction with the amount of work done while in high school, or felt that their failure to work was their own fault and not that of the instructor.

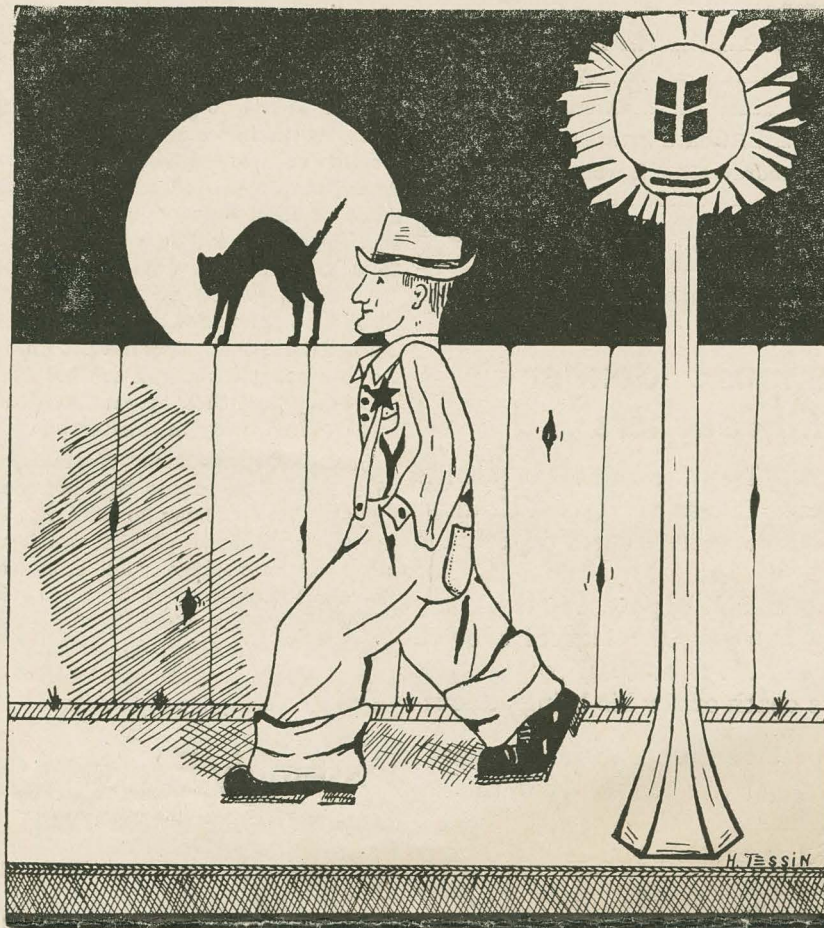
An effort was made to get the opinion of the students on the importance of different study habits. In the judgment of these graduates, these study habits listed in order of their importance were as follows:

- (1) Ability to take notes on college lectures.
- (2) Ability to master a specific piece of subject matter.
- (3) Ability to read rapidly and efficiently
- (4) Ability to take notes on material readily
- (5) Ability to use the library efficiently
- (6) Ability to write themes

As to the success of the State High School in preparing students for college work in respect to these study habits the graduates deemed that the school had been most successful in training for efficient use of the library, theme writing, rapid and efficient reading, and ability to outline.

Ibid was a famous Latin poet.

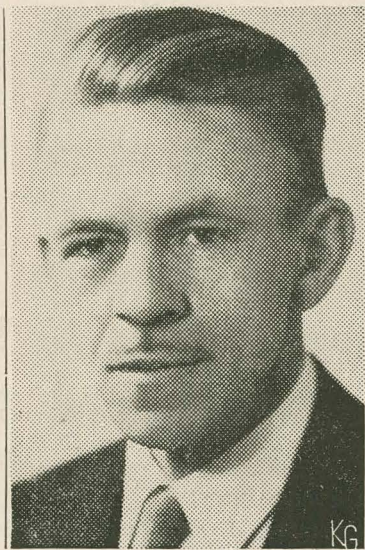
## You'd Better Watch Your Step on Hallowe'en



## Wash Office Walls

Thanks to Mr. Forrest Bond, the walls of the Highlights Office have been washed. This is the first step of several toward making the office attractive and as conducive to efficiency as possible.

Members plan to make the surroundings more attractive by the addition of several plants, and the rearrangement of furniture.



Dr. Charles Butler

## Graduates of '40 Leave Bulletin Board to School

In accordance with the long established precedent of leaving a gift to the school, the Class of 1940 presented State High with a fine bulletin board for a parting gift. This gift was one which the school had long needed and wanted. Already it is proving very useful.

## Grad Called to Colors F. Griffith Joins Marines

Floyd E. Griffith, Jr. was formally enrolled in the Marine Corps on October 10th and transferred the same day to Parris Island, S.C.

While a student at State High School, Griffith was a member of the Tennis Team and "S" Club. During his senior year, he was elected President. After graduating in 1940, he attended Western Michigan College, majoring in science.

## Dr. Butler Publishes Mathematics Text

Dr. Charles H. Butler, professor of Mathematics at Western Michigan College and State High school has recently written a book, "Teaching of Secondary Mathematics." Dr. F. Lynwood Wren, Julia A. Sears, professor of Mathematics of George Peabody College for Teachers, Nashville College collaborated with Dr. Butler in the writing of the book.

The book which contains 513 pages is divided into three parts: (1) Place and function of Mathematics in Secondary Education, especially designed for students who have a special interest in attaining the proper orientation of Mathematics in secondary school curriculum. (2) Improvement and Evaluation of Instruction in Secondary Mathematics. This part is of interest to administrators and supervisors seeking to improve instruction for their secondary Math pupils. (3) "Teaching of Special Subject matter of Secondary Mathematics. This last part is devoted to problems of the instructor of Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry and Calculus.

## Leaders Chosen By Homerooms

Now that school is well underway one of the many important tasks is finished; namely the election of homeroom officers.

Homeroom 210, which is the Monitors' homeroom, has elected Norman Rabbers to head them. Bob Fuller will be his assistant and Iris Agar will take the notes. Dean Hudnutt the president of the student council and Gale Kisinger the Vice President of the council are in room 210.

Homeroom 219 elected Bob Smith for president, Jim Cook for vice president and Norma Stevens for secretary.

Don Seelye is the president of Homeroom 208 and Harry Parker, the vice president. Earlene Harbeck was elected secretary.

In homeroom 209 Dean Harshawill rule with the capable help of Larry Burdick. Dayle Martin was elected secretary.

In the frosh homeroom 201, Bill Gilbert was elected president, Bill Cox vice president and Paul Nibbelink secretary. This homeroom thinks the boys capable of taking a few notes!

Homeroom 1A thought Bill Perrin would make a good president. Bob Malaney was chosen vice president and Joan Spitters will be the secretary.

Homeroom 11A chose Charles Dean for president, Phyllis Smith, vice president and Elaine Arnett, secretary.

Homeroom 8A hasn't had its election yet.

The Highlights homeroom appointed Doris Jesson as their reporter representative.

## Successful Grad Praises State High's Prep Training

After the assembly one of the Highlight reporters approached Mr. Glen Allen and asked, "Would you mind telling me what do you think of the training which one receives in State High? Did you have difficulty in getting along in college your first year?"

Mr. Allen replied enthusiastically, "After I graduated from State High School, I attended Amherst College for one year and thereafter returned to Kalamazoo College.

Both at Amherst and at Columbia, I came in contact with many men who had prepared for college at exclusive preparatory schools and Eastern high schools of national reputation. It was my observation that none of these schools gave its graduates any better training and preparation for college than I received at Western State High School. I am convinced that State High gives as fine a training for graduate work as will be found in any other preparatory school or high school in the country."

At the annual meeting of District 8 of the Michigan Educational Association held in Battle Creek October 16 and 17. Miss Pearl Ford of the Mathematics department was elected to represent the district at the N.E.A.



## State Highlights

The State Highlights is published every two weeks by the students of Western State High School. The State Highlights is a member of the Columbia Press Association and the Michigan Interscholastic Press Association.

Editor-in-Chief ..... Joan Carter  
Associate Editors ..... Mary Eldridge, Mary Jeanette Perdew  
Features ..... Betty Caldwell, Elisabeth Foley, Joan Gerpheide, Robert Palmatier, Beverlee Scharer, Kay Stimson

Art Editor ..... Eugene Grashorn  
Society Editor ..... Ann Hanselman  
Club Editor ..... Nanita Wetherbee  
Boys' Sports ..... Richard Slusser, Robert Espie  
Girls' Sports ..... Audrey Kite, Barbara McLaughlin  
Staff Photographer ..... Norman Carver  
Morgue ..... Virginia Hodgson  
Circulation Manager ..... James Sweetland  
Typists ..... Doris Jesson, Dorothy Musselman

## Careless Drivers on Campus Endanger The Lives of Students and Teachers

With a honk here and a screech of brakes there campus life races merrily on its way, for some. Others wildly clutch their hats and duck thither and yon to escape the oncoming vehicles of college and high school youths.

Complaints have been made that in their apparent hurry many students have been endangering the lives of pedestrians. Have you honestly considered how you would feel if because of recklessness you were responsible for a person's death or for his being seriously maimed?

Education teaches us to respect the property and lives of others. Too often in the joy of sweeping Western's curves, this injunction has been completely forgotten.

Your training and common sense caution you to drive carefully, for at all times Western's hills are dangerous. In icy weather, they are especially treacherous. Then too, one cannot anticipate the moment when a child will dart heedlessly across one's path. Think of the other fellow's family as if it were your own.

Because of the limited parking space the hilltop has been reserved for members of the Faculty and the Office Force. Only upstarts and persons lacking in courtesy attempt to usurp rights and privileges which have not been granted to them. State High ranks high in courtesy and good citizenship. We must not fail this year to uphold our reputation. If you drive to school, park at the foot of the hill, and skip up the steps. By such a procedure, you won't need to worry about too many calories and you'll help to maintain State's reputation for good citizenship, courtesy, and respect for the rights of others.

## Monitor System in Working Order

This year State High will again have its Monitor System under the sponsorship of Miss Grace Spaeth. The home room is composed largely of juniors and seniors with only a few sophomores. Miss Spaeth hopes to have more sophomores soon.

Norm Rabbers received the honor of being elected President of his class and Bob Fuller was chosen Vice President. Iris Agar will take care of the secretarial work and the money of the home room.

The following students are in charge of the study halls: Gale Kisinger, Bob Roe, Kay Stimson, John Folz, Shirley Upjohn, Barbara Canine, Phyllis Ralston, Bill Shumaker, Iris Agar, Noreen Catenby, and Felix Flaitz.

Those placed in the halls are: Jim Norrix, Bob Fuller, Bob Maloney, Dean Hicks, Dean Ruple, Norm Rabbers, Virginia Hodgson, Bob Pierce, Barbara Shaffer, Jane Pratt, and Bill Skinner.

One would report to these people if one went to the library: Jackie Anderson, Barbara Bowman, Jean Price,

Jessie Brown, Janet Fogerty, and Dick Kirch.

Helping in the office are: Don Griffith, Maxine Cornhill, Madalyn Stelle, Joyce Brown, Marguerite Bowersox, Mary Caryl Martin, Jane Pratt, and Marilyn Roe.

In the lunchroom are: Bill Meyers and Clyde Maynard.

Georgia Slate has the special duty of keeping the books in study in order.

## Phone Numbers Next Issue

Barbara Bigelo(W)  
Marilyn (H)iller  
Nanc(Y) Wood

(B)arbara Sisson  
Marilyn R(O)e  
Maril(Y)n Parsons  
(S)ally Mosgrove

(C)hrissee Lou Barry  
Betsy L(A)ng  
Joa(N) Read  
Norma S(T)evens

Phylli(S) Ralston  
Joan Spi(T)ters  
R(U)th Koffel  
Ju(D)y Rosenbaum  
Jean Pomero(Y)

## Coming Book Week Serves As Reminder of Freedom

With Book Week approaching, it is all the more appropriate that we insert a little reminder of just how fortunate we in America are as compared with the peoples of the rest of the world. This is, of course, a time worn theme, but in the world of today this comparison takes on a little more significance. Only in America are the people free to go about their business without carrying the great weight of war on their shoulders. Again only in America are the great fields of entertainment and education still open to those who have only to take the time to enjoy them. People in Europe, busied by the war have no leisure time to spend in this way. Furthermore, their magnificent libraries are being destroyed so that it is necessary for their great literature to be stored away in a safer place.

Let's let this Book Week serve to remind those of us who seem always to be too busy to visit our libraries and learn of the wondrous store of knowledge and education therein that not only have we the opportunity but also that we are downright privileged to be able to take advantage of the great fields open to us through our literature.

## Assembly Features Prominent Alumnus

The first scheduled assembly of the year was the occasion of the return to his Alma Mater of one of State High's best students and one of her most successful alumni. Mr. Glen Allen, now a prominent attorney of the city, graduated from State High in June 1932, with an excellent record. Despite the fact that he was president of the Student Council, letter man in tennis and participant in a great many other worthwhile extra curricular activities, he maintained an enviable scholastic record.

His speech on Tuesday, October 14, was on the West Indies, which is turning from the playground of the Americas to Arsenal of the Americas. He delivered his speech in a fine, easily heard voice with an easy, graceful manner. Mr. Allen was extremely well informed on his subject and kept his audience intensely interested. Liberally sprinkled with facts and anecdotes, his speech not only made a colorful travelogue but also gave an accurate picture of America's new line of defense—the West Indies.

## Council Begins Work

At the meeting of the Student Council held on Monday October 13, the following persons were chosen to act on the standing committees for the ensuing year:

Assembly, Dean Harsha; Social, Ruth Koffel, Bob Smith, Charles Dean Citizenship, Norman Rabbers; Song-books, Bill Perrin; Bulletin Board, Gale Kisinger; Pep, Don Seelye, Ann Hanselman, Martha Gilmore.

## Dr. Bryan Names Sponsors

The following members of the Faculty will act as class sponsors: Freshmen, Mrs. Leoti Britton, Sophomores, Miss Ada Hoebeke; Juniors, Miss Mathilde Steckelberg and Seniors, Miss Pearl Zanes.

## State High Resumes '41-'42 Club Program

Book Club, this year is in charge of Mr. Frank Householder. This club plans to read both classics and popular fiction, and then discuss them. It will meet on Monday.

The Chess club will also meet on Monday. It is headed by Dr. Charles Butler and has twenty-two members. The members plan to divide into two groups and when they become skilled, have a contest between themselves.

The Beginners' Dancing Club is headed by Miss Sara McRoberts, and meets on Thursday in the Women's Gym. There are fifty two members.

The Present Day Question Club is in the hands of Miss Grace Spaeth. No definite plans have been made yet, but the committee hopes to have speakers and films. The nine members welcome any new additions.

Mr. Harold Amrhein is sponsoring the HiY Club. The club hopes to have speakers and sponsor skating parties and other social activities. There are fourteen members.

Miss Myrtle Windsor is in charge of the Beginners' Bridge Club. The fifteen members plan to learn the rules by playing the game, and they hope to be experts by February.

Mr. Walter Marburger is going to instruct the Radio Club in the theory and operation of the radio. The eight boys will build a radio receiver.

The Photography Club will be divided into two parts, one for beginners and another for advanced photographers. Mr. Julian Greenlee is the instructor.

The Taxidermy Club is going to have a demonstration and then stuff their own birds. Mr. Leonard Wienier is in charge.

The Band will again function under the direction of Mr. Wienier. Most of the old members are back. The organization has been augmented by several new members.

The Masquers will meet on Thursday with Mr. Albert Becker as sponsor assisted by James Harvey and Lester Schilling.

## Freshman Class Discovers It Must Fill Elders' Shoes

Patricia Abrams has a good hold on high school life with Jim as a guidance adviser. Another faculty offspring is Mildred Amis. Good luck Mildred! Marguerite Bowersox has a younger sister, Gladys, whom we see running around the halls. Do you remember Jim Cornish? As soon as he left, his brother Frank popped in. Joe Cox's brother Bill really hits the low notes in choir. Ralph Kirch need never worry about homework with brother Dick hanging around. Doris Krudener really has to live up to two reputations, Bob's and Audrey's. We're sure Ruth Morton will be as popular as Joan. Joan Reade is carrying on beautifully where Betty left off. If Dave Ritsema ever gets in doubt, he can question elder brother Matt. Well, Nancy, how is brother Benton with the freshie girls?

## Quiz Quiets Quips

The assembly on November fourth will be in keeping with Book Week. Representatives are to be chosen from the various English classes to take part in the assembly. The main feature will be to "Stump the Experts." This program will be very unusual and promises to be very entertaining.



# South Haven and State High Set for Battle Tonight

## Wildcats Down Cubs 26 to 0

Facing the strong Three Rivers champions at Waldo Stadium on Friday October 9, the Cubs lost their third in a row and the first loss in two conference games by a 26-0 score.

Lack of a good running attack forced the Cubs to resort to passing deep in their own territory which proved fatal as Three Rivers took advantage of three intercepted passes to tally three of their four touchdowns.

State's line held the hard charging Three Rivers eleven on even terms during the first quarter. Smith's punting kept Three Rivers out of State territory in this period. At the beginning of the second quarter, a wildcat pass brought the Three Rivers team deep into State territory and enabled them to gain the upper hand. The Wildcats maintained this advantage for the rest of the game. The Cubs stopped this threat, but Three Rivers came right back and scored on a long pass to give Three Rivers a 6-0 lead at the half.

### Scoring Continues in Second Half.

In the second half, Three Rivers continued its scoring by taking advantage of Cub misplays. Three intercepted passes paved the way for three wildcat touchdowns. The Cubs running attack was stopped so effectively, except for a 19 yard run by Jim Cook, that they had to resort to passes.

The kicking of Ed Smith and the defensive work of Bill Young were the outstanding features of the Cub's play. Coney and Barger were the best performers for Three Rivers.

Three Rivers made ten first downs to State's two.

## Co-eds Decide on Football Wardrobe

What to wear to the football game is a problem which often arises. To try to help solve this perplexity, let's take a trip on the flying carpet.

The first stop is at the afternoon game of a local team. On this cool day, most of the girls are wearing bright-wool sweaters, some with blouses, and plaid or plain wool skirts. They have on light rain coats or winter coats.

The next stop is at a night game. There is to be a dance after the game so some of the girls are wearing wool dresses with low heeled pumps. These shoes are very chic in suede or plain leather trimmed with lizard or alligator. The girls keep warm in their heavy winter coats.

Now make a long flight down to one of the universities' big games. Three piece suits are seen. These can be worn at all times for the top coat makes a beautiful ensemble with the suit when the weather is cold and it can easily be left off if the weather is warm. A two piece suit with a fall top coat is also popular. Another variation is a gay plaid or plain wool dress with that new winter coat with the fur trim.

With the wardrobe question settled, the feminine fans can settle down and enjoy the football game.

## State Gridders Practice Kicking



Wes Whiffin Gale Kisinger Ed Smith

## Drink Plenty of Milk and Become a Football Player

State High's football team now is in the advertising business. The Kalamazoo Creamery asked the Cubs to pose in front of its milk-truck, each player holding a bottle of milk. Coach Frank Noble agreed, and so on the afternoon, October 14, anyone walking up Oakland Drive, past the State Hospital, might have seen our hardy boys, sitting in front of the truck, each holding a bottle of milk in his hand. The main idea of the advertisement was that, to be as strong as the State High Cubs, one must drink plenty of milk. After practice each member of the team was rewarded by a pint of milk. The boys didn't find it hard to take.

## Games Now Taxed

The Federal government has imposed a 10 per cent tax on our football games now. All students attending games must pay four cents for admission. This tax applies also to all the school dances.

Most of the hobbies and sports of young people will also feel the pinch of the increased taxes. Whether one whiles away the time with a game of solitaire, among the gang with a new horn, or kicks the pigskin around, an increased portion of all he spends on his pastime will be tax.

## Happy Birthday

Barbara Bigelow—October 25  
Stanley Louis—October 26  
George Waber—October 26  
Bobbie Burcaw—October 27  
Charles Klein—October 27  
Martha Fast—October 29  
Betty Little—October 29  
Milton Johnson—October 31  
Andrew Jako—November 4

## Cub Eleven Upsets Dowagiac in Thriller

With a second half rally that netted two touchdowns, the Cubs defeated the favored Dowagiac team 12-2 last Friday afternoon October 17 in Waldo Stadium.

Quarterback Frank McNutt scored the two touchdowns by breaking over the goal from the two yard line in both the third and fourth quarters after Red Kisinger sparks the team with his passing attacks. Wes Whiffin missed both tries for conversion from placement.

### Looks Like Offensive Team

Dowagiac looked like an offensive team in the first quarter when Tagert chief halfback, scampered 42 yard on the fourth play from scrimmage, running the ball to the Cub 22 yard line. Parker tackled him from the rear at this point preventing a Dowagiac score.

The two teams were evenly matched in the first half until Dowagiac punted to the State two yard line. Attempting to kick out of danger, Ed Smith was downed behind his own goal line after a bad pass from center. This gave the Chiefs a 2-0 lead as the first half ended.

### Kisinger Strengthens Line

With Red Kisinger in the line up the Cubs looked like a different eleven in the second half. Red completed two passes in the third quarter which moved the ball to Dowagiac's 15 yard stripe. When Kisinger dropped back to throw another aerial, he was thrown for a nine yard loss. Red crossed up the Chief's defense by running from a pass formation to the six yard line where the Cubs lost the ball on downs. After a poor Dowagiac kick McNutt and Harry Parker alternated to push over the first touchdown.

In the fourth quarter McNutt intercepted a pass giving the State High team the ball in Dowagiac's territory.

## Noble Primes Team For Tilt

### Game Tonight May Balance States Wins and Losses

Tonight's football game will have to show a much improved State team if the Cubs expect to beat South Haven under the lights. South Haven, playing on familiar grounds, will be hard, if not impossible to score on. Judging by its three losses so far, the Blue and Gold should go into the fray tonight with fear and trembling. The overconfidence of the team may be their stumbling block if, and that "if" is not very big, they lose. Overconfidence in the Three Rivers game, after two losses, was terrific. What will it lead to after last Friday's win? Certainly the team had no reason to feel sure of beating Three Rivers, after losing to Alpena and Albion. The only mistake the boys made was in reading the well meant but undeserved acclamations and optimistic, uninformed predictions in the last issue of the Highlights. Erratic playing, lack of deception and initiative, and slow running are the pitfalls that State High has to beat before they beat South Haven.

State High's team is at our call. Win or lose they shall not fall. For though they've lost or even tied, They've done their best and really tried.

The team has not had much support On the field or on the court.

From now on, though, they can expect Plenty of cheers and not neglect.

## Reserve Cubs Lose

State's Reserve team failed to get into the game when it encountered Three Rivers' Reserves under the floodlights, Thursday, October 9 at Three Rivers. The score was 14-0. The victors marched 30 yards in straight football for a score in the first period. Crose and McQuigan did outstanding work for Three Rivers. The Noblemen failed to threaten during the entire period.

## Gym Becomes Barn For Victory Dance

A large representation of State High attended its first school party, a Barn and Victory Dance combined, on Friday, October 17, in the Woman's Gym.

A low wooden fence enclosed the center of the gym. A profusion of corn stalks and wild sumac were strewn along behind the fence. Large bales of straw heaped in the corners for the dancers provided places to sit between dances.

From 8:30 until 10:30 o'clock a fiddler and accordion player furnished the music while a caller shouted the calls for the barn dance.

After the caller had left, music for round dancing was furnished by recordings of famous bands.

Using the same procedure which gave them the first score, the Cubs marched straight down the field for their second score.



## Dr. Bryan Skips; Joins Nimrods

Last Wednesday, October 15 was generally understood to be nimrods' day and the long awaited hunting season opened with shouts and noise.

Official benediction and sanction was given the many wandering willies who somewhat disrupted classes because of their absences. Mr. Otto Yntema signed his name to many little blue slips permitting the game-laden boys to re-enter their classes Thursday without being censured for their truancy.

Notable among the missing and conspicuous by his absence was none other than the reason for all the excused absences. After all, could Mr. Yntema issue a summons to Dr. Roy Bryan?

There was no regret in Dr. Bryan's heart and no particularly sharp twinge in his conscience as he walked along in the vicinity of Marshall with his two dogs and his trusty 20-gauge in the company of Mr. Charles Carr and Mr. Harley Holmes, Superintendent of the Marshall Schools. The Principal and his friends must really enjoy playing hookey once a year. For, no doubt, it is just like old times cut down to reasonable frequency. Incidentally, the hunting was fine since all of them bagged their limit—two pheasants and three rabbits. In the afternoon, Dr. William Berry and State's Dean of Boys' joined State's Principal.

There was really no excuse for skipping school to go hunting. This assertion can be upheld by taking the case of Bill Young and Marilyn Parsons, who caught an owl in study hall, or that of the State High grads who, with the janitor of the men's Union, cornered and bagged a "wee mouses aebout threa cubits in lengthe," or the case of the teachers, who cornered and squelched the "excused absences" who had failed to get their assignments.



Mr. Householder: "Now we will study gerunds. John, give one in a sentence."

John: "Swimming is a good sport."

Mr. Householder: "Donald, another."

Don: "Skiing is a good sport."

Mr. Householder: "We have quite a few good sports in the class."

Amoebae: bunches of jelly with legs when they feel like it.

Pupils study figures in geometry.

Where did I get that black eye? I tried to go to my locker before ten of twelve.

Primate: First wife

You can't even talk to YOURSELF in study hall.

Strategy is the time when you don't let the enemy know that you are out of ammunition, but keep on firing.

"How far do they trace their ancestry?"

"The grandfather, a City Bank Director, was traced as far as China; there all traces were lost."

A comma is what a medium falls into.

A grass widow is the wife of a vegetarian.



Dr. Roy Bryan

## State High-ites Voice Superstitions

Are you superstitious? Ask many people this question and they will answer with a haughty glare, "I should say not! This is the age of science; people don't believe in superstitions anymore."

Oh, but they do! Almost everyone is living in his own unseen world, peopled with strange beings who thwart the plans of his everyday life with their strange powers.

Sally Mosgrove, for instance, won't raise an umbrella in the house. She claims it brings her bad luck.

Dave Walsh says that black cats and the number thirteen bring him good luck. Most people believe that these are omens of bad luck.

Did you ever wish upon a star? Barbara McLaughlin does, and believes that her wish will come true.

Beverlee Scharer avoids passing beneath ladders for the good reason, says she, "The ladder might fall."

"Sew a stitch on Sunday, and you'll always cry on Monday," says Connie Sargent. She sews all buttons on firmly Saturday night.

Rolf Powers says that three on a match is unlucky. Nothing like being extravagant!

If Ruth Koffel is very sure of something, sure enough to tell all her friends about it, then it never happens. I wonder what her friends think?

June Albertson gets out on the same side of the bed every morning, but not because she's superstitious—just because she's practical. The wall is on the other side!

## State High Girl Discovers Experience Best Teacher

Wool shrinks. That is a lesson "Patty" Sweetland learned last week. Tuesday she arrived, in a downpour of rain, at her Home Economics class drizzled and dripping; her hair was limp and hanging, her raincoat wet through, and her "tootsies" begged for dry shoes and anklets. She was untroubled by her situation, however, until she took off her wrap. Her wool pleated skirt had shrunk five inches in length and fit like a custom made bathing suit.

Patty wasn't scheduled to learn this lesson about the propensity of wool in Home Economics until next semester. Experience, however, is the best teacher.

## Hallowe'en Dates Back to Ancient Times Survival of Two Pagan Festivals

Most people can answer correctly when asked what events we celebrate on Christmas, Easter, or the fourth of July, but how many know where Hallowe'en originated?

Like many other holidays, Christendom has inherited Hallowe'en from pagan times. It is a survival of the ancient Briton's fall festival honoring their sun-god when the Druids lit great bonfires to express their thanks for the harvest. On this occasion, Samhair, the lord of death, assembled the souls of those who had died during the year and who, for their sins, had inhabited the bodies of lower animals. Even today the Irish call October 31st the Vigil of Samhair.

Another equally important source for this holiday is from the Roman festival honoring Pomona, the goddess of fruits and flowers.

Strange as it may seem these two awe-inspiring religious ceremonies of old have now evolved into the gay, modern celebration far from the expression of gratitude for harvest.

In each country other beliefs and rites have been gradually grafted to the vestiges of these Druidic and Roman rites so that each country has a somewhat different conception of the holiday. For example, because the dead are associated with super-

natural and the supernatural is associated with prediction of the future, many old English Hallowe'en customs deal with fortune-telling; however, in Scotland, cabbages and the playing of pranks are inseparable from the Hallowe'en celebration; among the peoples of Brittany it is believed that for forty-eight hours, the souls of those in purgatory are freed to revisit their old homes, and it is also common for the poor people to beg for "soul cake" from their wealthy neighbors in return for a prayer. These different Hallowe'en beliefs and customs from each country have finally merged in the United States to make our celebration a grand conglomeration of all. Our Hallowe'en symbols support this statement fully. The black cat is the traditional companion of witches. The pumpkin is a symbol of harvest. Stealing is a relic of the time when gates and gate posts were said to have been stolen by evil spirits. Fortune-telling is the old English custom. Bonfires were part of the Druidic rites. Even the name Hallowe'en means All Hallow Even because it precedes All Saints day.

Originally inspired by serious religious convictions, this holiday has been progressively lightened and secularized until it is now one of the gayest holidays of the year.

## Seniors Remember Events From Freshman Days

Seniors, remember our first October here at State High when we were freshies?

Mr. Leonard Wiener and Mrs. Edna Whitney were added to the faculty in the Biology and Commerce departments respectively.

The homeroom plan was inaugurated.

The freshman girls learned the new Lambeth Walk in their first Physical Education class.

Among the answers to the Inquiring Reporter's question "What do you think about the new 'upper trend' in girls' hairdresses?" was Mr. Yntema's reply, "What I would say about it wouldn't be fit to print."

St. Joseph won the opening game 6-0.

State High joined in the Waldo Stadium Drive.

The debaters attended a conference in Hastings and heard a debate on the question 'Resolved that the United States should form an alliance with Great Britain.' That was before the war.

State High danced to Bob Jones Orchestra at the first tea dance of the year.

Among the many items of advice of freshies were these choice bits.

"If a teacher breaks up your little conversation with your neighbor while in class, report her to the nearest monitor at once."

"Do not stare a hole through the seniors. They are very sensitive. More over, they are opaque."

Mary Lou Stephenson, graduate of State High in 1941, has been pledged by the Kappa Alpha Theta sorority at Northwestern University, where she is studying this year. The girls pledged by the sorority are initiated as active members after six months if their scholastic records meet the University's standards.



By PALMATIER

Monkeys are animals, that is, sometimes they are and sometimes they aren't; usually they are. I know a lot of monkeys. Mr. Wiener says that men did not descend from monkeys. He's right! Monkeys are descended from men. When monkeys aren't up to some monkey tricks they are hiring out to organ grinders; this is called monkey business. Most monkeys have tails. Those that don't either got them cut off or just simply don't have any. Monkeys without tails are called people! People are monkeys only larger. Monkeys are people only smaller. Is that clear? Monkeys eat bananas, oranges, and other tropical fruits. Sometimes monkeys get sick; other times they get indigestion. I'd rather get sick. How about you? Monkeys have very peculiar habits. They stay awake in the daytime and sleep at night. This is more than I can say for some of my friends. When monkeys do sleep in the daytime they take monkey naps. These are cat naps except in this case it's a monkey that's doing it. If you would like to know more about monkeys, go to the Smithsonian institute or ask a truthful friend. I'd better give up, this thing is going to the monkeys.