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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 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 lesson.
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.

Grad Called to Colors, F. Griffith Joins Marines
Floyd E. Griffith, Jr. was formally commissioned in the Marine Corps on October 16th 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. Lyndwood Wren, Julia A. Sears, professor of Mathematics at 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, and (3) "Teaching of Special Subject Matter of Secondary Mathematica. This last part is devoted to problems of the instructor of Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry and Calculus.

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.

You'd Better Watch Your Step on Hallowe'en
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 conducive to efficiency as possible.

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

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Leaders Chosen By Homerooms
Now that school is well underway, one of the many important tasks is finished; namely the election of home room officers.

Homeroom 210, which is the Monitors' Homeroom, has elected Norman Rabberds 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 Kisting 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 Sweeney is the president of Homeroom 208 and Harry Parker, the vice president. Earlene Harbeck was elected secretary.

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

In the freshmen room 201, Bill Gilbert was elected president, Bill Cox vice president and Paul Nibblew link 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 Jenson as their reporter representative.

Successful Grad Praises State High's Prep Training
After the assembly one of the Highlights 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, 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**

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**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 cars 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 harmed?

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, these 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 will take advantage of the great fields of entertainment and education still open to those who have only to take the time to enjoy them. People in Europe, forced by the war, have no leisure time to spend in this way. Furthermore, their magnificent libraries and learning are available to us without carrying the great weight of war on their shoulders. In America are the greatest fields of entertainment and education still open to those who have only to take the time to enjoy them. People in Europe, forced by the war, have no leisure time to spend in this way. Furthermore, their magnificent libraries and learning are available to us without carrying the great weight of war on their shoulders.

**Assembly Features Prominent Alumnus**

The first scheduled assembly of the year was the occasion of the return to the Alma Mater of one of State High's most successful alumni. Mr. Allen, now a prominent attorney of the city, graduated from State High in June 1922, with an excellent record. Despite the fact that he was president of the State Council, letter man in tennis and participant in a great many other worthwhile extracurricular activities, he maintained an enviable academic record.

His speech on Tuesday, October 14, was on the West Indies, which is fascinating from the standpoint of the American to the Americas of the Americas to the Americas. He delivered his speech in a fine, easy, 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 nations.

**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 it. It will meet every Thursday in the afternoon.

The Chess club will 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, hold a game with one another.

The Beginners' Dancing Club is headed by Miss Sara McRoberts, and meets on Thursday in the Women's Gym. There are fifteen 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 film. The nine members are in charge of new additions.

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

Miss Myrtle Windsor is in charge of the Palmers. She has one member for English, two for advanced photograph. Mr. Julian Greenlee is the instructor.

The Taxi Club, states: is going to have a demonstration and then stuff their own birds. Mr. Leonard Wiener is in charge.

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

The Masquer will meet on Friday with Mr. Allen at the head of the program 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 offering is Mildred Ames. Good luck Mildred! Margarette Bowerson has a younger sister, Gladys, whom we see running around the halls. Do you remember Jim Cornelius? 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 her reputation. Bob Smith and Audrey's. We're sure Ruth Morton will be as popular as Joan. Joan Head is carrying on beautifully where Betty left off. If Dave Rilsena ever gets in doubt, he can count on his sister Polly. Wall, Nancy, how is brother Benton with this freshman gang?

**Phone Numbers Next Issue**

Barbara Bigelow

Marlyn (Miller) (Heller)

Nanc(Y) Wood

(Barbara Sisson)

Mary R(O)e

(Maryn Y) Parsons

(Bally Mungrove)

(Chrisisee Lou Barry

Betsy L(A)ing

Jose(D) Read

Norma S(T)eves

Phyllis (R)halton

Joan S( P)ters

(R)Ull Koffel

Sad(D)y Rosenbaum

Jean Pome(Y)
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 pass the ball, and this was the natural place for the Wildcats to score their first points. A pass interception paved the way for a touchdown.

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 passing.

The kicking of Ed Smith and the defensive work of Bill Young were to pose in front of its milk-truck, 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 the school dances.

Most of the hobbies and sports of young people will also feel the pinch of the increased taxes. Whether one whistles away the time with a game of solitaire, along with 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 Weber—October 26
Debby Brun—October 27
Charles Klein—October 27
Martha Fast—October 29
Betty Little—October 29
Milton Johnson—October 31
Andrew Jako—November 4

Drink Plenty of Milk and Become a Football Player

State High's football team now is in the advertising business. The Keen Mary 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.

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 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 failed to get the ball back 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.

Kislinger Strengthens Line

With Red Kislinger 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 Kislinger 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 Parke 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.

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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.

Amoeba: 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 vote

You can't even talk to YOURSELF in a sentence.

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 Di-rector, was traced as far as China; there all traces were lost."

A coffee is what a medium falls into.

A grass widow is the wife of a vegetarian.

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. How many know where Hallowe'en originated?

Many other holidays, Christen-dom has inherited Hallowe'en from pagan times. It is a survival of the ancient Briton's fall festival honoring their sun god. The Druids in Great Britain were the ones this thanksgiving harvest. On this occasion, Samhain, the lord of death, assembled all 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 Samhain.

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 modern celebration far from the expression of gratitude for harvest. In each country other beliefs and names have been gradually granted 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 supernatural powers, all traces 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 preserved in use.

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.