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Class Experts Prove Their Ability in Book Assembly

Chaucer Wears Modern Dress

Miss Louise Walker's English IV classes have been reading Chaucer's Prologue to the Canterbury Tales and some of the stories. Recently for an assignment the students were asked to write descriptions of a modern character. The following are two of those submitted:

Meet the Boss
A Principal there is, a worthy man,
"That frot the tym he thot he first began
To teach in schools, he made, as his vocation,
The studie of progressive education.
At writing books on this subject he would work,
And seldom from his duty would he shrink,
Except when pleasant season rolled around;
Then in the woods a-hunting was he found.
His skill with guns was of the very best;
Not he who shot his limit would he rest.
"Of his stature he was of even length,
The wondering deliver, a great strength of his.
At boxing was he good and very strong.
It is not wise with him to be in wrong.
"Of studie takes he most cure and most heed.
And very well his high school does he lead.
Guess Who?
There was a gentle worthy here at State
Who never liked scholars to be late.
A great exponent she of claritie they profited greatly by the trip.
No true were the love notes of the birds.
And as the parched earth drinks deep of dew
The thirsting listeners quaffed each draught anew.
For famous quotes and else of ancient lore
Fall from her lips like summer rains.
Their welcome torrents on the empty spaces
That dwelt behind the starved student's face.
And not alone was 'compliment in speeche,
For gladly would she learn and gladly teach.

It has been announced that Ward Sangren, who graduated from State High in 1940 is on the Varsity Football Squad of Princeton University this year.

Debaters Travel South
Speak at Benton Harbor

State High Debaters travelled to Benton Harbor, Saturday, November 1, to debate against Muskegon Heights and St. Joe on the question: Resolved: That every able bodied male citizen in the United States should have one year of full-time military training before attaining the present draft age.
The negative team, consisting of Lois Schneider, Bill Shumaker, and Dean Hudnutt, lost to St. Joe A in Round One at 10:00 A.M., but won from Muskegon Heights, an experienced team, in Round Two at 1:30 P.M.
The Affirmative, composed of Larry Lage, Bob Gray, and Connie Sargent, lost to Muskegon Heights, an experienced team, in Round One and to St. Joe A in Round Two. The team went to this debate to gain experience. The barriers feel that they prunted greatly by the trip.

Calendar
Nov. 7—Football game at Buchanan Nov. 11—Armistice Day Assembly Nov. 13—Practice Teachers' Tea Nov. 18—A Movie

Freshmen Assembly

The Fourth Annual Principal-Freshmen conference was held at Walwood Hall, November 6. State High's orchestra played "La Serenissima Waltz" by Walcklot, "Vienna March" by Schrannel, and "The Victorious Eagle March" by George Rouse.
State High's choir sang a number of songs. They were: "Cherubin" by Tchaikowsky; "Golden Slumbers" by Robertson, "In the Time of Rosary" by Reichart, and "O Susannah" by Foster-Cain.

Bar Admits Grad of S.H.

Attorney Bartlett B. Smith, graduate of State High school in 1933, who was admitted to the bar in August, opened offices in Kalamazoos, November first.

Want Entertainment? Listen for These

For those interested in the method as well as the important material being discussed, the University of Chicago Round Table offers excellent opportunities to observe both. This program may be heard from 2:30 to 3:00 Sunday afternoon over the NBC network, or at 10:30 to 11:00 the following Saturday morning, when a re-broadcast is given. The group usually three well-known persons all of whom are well prepared to discuss the current problems.

Are dramatics the love of your life? Listen to the technique of beloved Helen Hayes as she brings to you each Sunday night at 9:00 over the Columbia Broadcasting System, her interpretation of the world's best loved plays, ancient and modern.

Program for Music Lovers

Every music lover will appreciate the Ford Sunday Evening Hour which goes on the air over station WJR every Sunday at nine. The familiar strains of Humperdinck's "Hansel and Gretel" introduce a program of fine music. A guest artist, oftentimes a Metropolitan Opera star, is featured each week.
Here's a little note—if you're interested in Fort Custer and the activities of our soldiers, listen every Monday and Wednesday evening 7:00 to 7:30 over WKZO to "Fort Custer on the Air." Highlighted by the Reception Center Orchestra, different celebrities who have been called to the colors are featured each evening.

Alumnus Commissioned

Victor V. Valentine is one of the twenty-four Michigan men graduated from Randolph Field, Texas, October thirty-first. The tenth class to complete secondary basic training, Valentine's unit is now working on the final few weeks of specialized instruction and their commission as second lieutenants in the Air Corps Reserve.

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Valentine graduated from State High School in 1935.

Spirited Quiz Entertains All

Agar, Hodgson, Hanselmann
First to Stump Experts

The regular assembly last Tuesday featured a quiz program in which the members put their knowledge of State High recognized Book Week.

Before the section of the program devoted to Book Week, group singing was led by Jim Holloway of the band, a former State High student.

Then Dean Hudnutt introduced Miss Hazel Cleveland who gave a short talk on the use of the library and some especially good books which are available to State High students.

The main attraction was a "Stump the Experts" quiz, run on the order of Information Please. Robert Fuller was the "Clifton Fadiman" of the quiz. He introduced the experts, each of whom was elected to represent one of the classes. State High, Cowie, Ann Rodgers, Janet Fugerty, and Joan Carter represented the Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, and Senior classes respectively. The unprepared conversation between the master-of- ceremonies and the experts brought many laughs from the audience. The clue was said to have been ingeniously and educationally as "Information Please." Questions which "stumped the experts" were those formulated by Jim Sweetland, Virginia Hodgson, Ann Hanselmann, and Iris Agar. Some well selected books were awarded to the experts and the authors of the four unanswered questions.

Students of State High
Vote for Class Officers

State High class elections were held last week.

The Freshmen Class chose Doris Kreider as its president, Bill Cox as its vice-president, and Martha Delano as secretary.

The Sophomore Class elected all boys. The officers are Ted Lawrence, president; Bill Lee, vice president; and George Pyle, secretary.

Jack Vandenberg was chosen president of the Junior Class. Bob Fuller obtained the second largest number of votes and so was automatically given the vice-presidency. Ann Hanselmann received the secretary treasurer position.

The president of the Senior Class is Ronald Myers. The other officers are Dayle Martin, who is secretary, and Bob Pierce, who is vice-president.

Homerooms Hold Election

In the homeroom meeting Room 5A on October 31 the following offices were elected: Bruce Cowie, president; Dave Ritsema, vice president; Pat Fisher, secretary; Jack Moss, treasurer; Bob Heath, citizenship committee; Gladys Bowersox, Homeroom reporter.
Armistice Should Denote Permanent Peace

Once again America is celebrating Armistice day. It seems ironical to remember now that it started twenty-three years ago as a holiday to celebrate the laying down of arms at the end of the four horrible years of the first world war. The very word, “Armistic” suggests a temporary truce, an end to fighting between exhausted armies. According to history it has become exactly that—a brief interlude of peace in an unfinished war, the second chapter of which should never have had to be fought.

Such a moment in America’s relations with the rest of the world, Armistic Day might well be called “National Defense Day.” There are many factors which have compelled this nation to reverse its previous peaceful tendencies and to remain aloof against any possible combinations of enemies.

Unless we want to resign ourselves to perpetuation of war and an ever-wakening civilization, we are compelled to believe it is within the power of men to build a lasting peace. What part can or should the United States play in it?

Prime Minister Churchill has time and time again been asked to state what England is fighting for. His answer remains: “To stay alive, to win the war.” Merely to salvage the British Empire, to exterminate the dictators, and restore the conquered nations will not make an end of war. There are omens in Britain today that show what democracy may do for human beings in peace as well as war.

In the post-war reconstruction of the world, we shall have many grave questions to study and upon whose solution rests the problem this way: How may we so reorder the world that the causes for future war shall be eliminated?

Americans must think about this question and they are to live their decent world for the next half century.

Next time, it must not be just “Armistic Day.” It must be “Peace Day.”

Current Magazines Attract Interest

Now that school has been in session nearly three weeks, the students more or less know the numerous opportunities that are available to them around the campus such as the use of the science laboratory facilities, the college gym for basketball games and the athletic fields for football and track. But are you acquainted with the library and the wonderful advantages and enjoyment it holds? You may not know it, but there are scores of new magazines in the college library, and the High School Office has just ordered a number. The following are magazines available for you to read in Room 206.


“Thunder in the Earth”

In addition to being a swift, vivid, tale, full of action and suspense, “Thunder in the Earth,” Edwin Lanham’s new novel is a synopsis of the history of oil. In its scene, Texas, in the early 1890’s, his book is so richly packed with details and information that one absorbs the whole history of an industry without realizing it. From Mr. Lanham’s story one learns how the ruthless have wasted natural resources and how as oil became powerful they also became robber barons. One sees what happens when oil is struck suddenly; one watches it change, change, and corrupt the lives of all men with it in its radius, and one follows the birth and flamboyant development of a typical boom town.

Page editors, whose duty it is to choose and arrange articles, were appointed for this issue of the Highlights. They are: first page—Ann Hanselman, second page—Betty Caldwell, third page—Bob Espie and fourth page—Mary Eldridge.

“Like Brothers Like Sister” Says New Miller Addition

About five years ago, into the lives of State Highlights came one Ray Miller, graduating from Oakwood Junior High, he was the first of a series of Miller who have or are exerting a lasting influence on us. The son of Oakwood, owners of the world’s greatest nicknames, the boys have been a very popular in every school activity. Several years ago, there came a double dose, in the forms of Harold, a junior, and Carl a sophomore, who, when they entered at the same time, are a year apart, Carl being the younger. For his ever flowing wit, Mrs. Miller has greatly missed her son. However, we still have Carl, and to behold, this year’s crop of new students once more brings us a Miller. Same family, same background, but no, this time it is not a boy. It is a little Betty Miller who is carrying on the tradition. Welcome, Betty, we know you will be as popular and as successful in State High as all your brothers have been.

Happy Birthday

Jesse Kerdle—Nov. 5
Clay Myrand—Nov. 7
Barbara McLaughlin—Nov. 8
Joyce Hurst—Nov. 9
Dean Hainaut—Nov. 11
Mary Caryl Martin—Nov. 11
Bob Johnson—Nov. 12
Barbara Kunin—Nov. 12
Howard Winchell—Nov. 12
Phyllis Daugh—Nov. 13
Laurel Meadows—Nov. 14
Marjorie Moore—Nov. 15
Jeanne Morton—Nov. 15
Gus Rose—Nov. 16
Eugene Grashorn—Nov. 17
John Toornman—Nov. 19

Bookbinder Here Praises Intriguing Vocation

“Book binding is an interesting vocation,” exclaimed Mrs. Florence Sterling, who has been doing this work for three years. Your reporter found Mrs. Pettit picking a part in the hallowed room of the school library. She worked under Miss Sterling for three years, but since Miss Sterling’s illness she has been doing the regular work. Mrs. Pettit explained.

“Books can be made to look like new again,” Mrs. Pettit explained. Her job requires a person who knows the technique of strengthening broken backs, mending torn pages, and replacing missing covers. A great many books are badly torn, but a careful checkout and mending, these pages of literature are once again made presentable. Students work on it after school hours.

Mrs. Pettit’s training came from working with Miss Sterling. The latter has worked with many old and valuable manuscripts while Mrs. Pettit has confined her work largely to books and magazines.

Some students might be interested in the field of this work. When questioned about this Mrs. Pettit said she thought there would be an opening for book binders, but she could give no statistics.

“Libraries all over the country employ binders and it is a job that a person can do. I think it would be a good job for students continually to bring back books and magazines which have been soiled or damaged in some way.”

Dear Highlights Staff:

I have been asked to receive your letter and also the copy of the “Highlights.” Congratulations! You’ve done fine.

We at Kalamazoo College have been in school over a month now, so we are used to the usual college surroundings. I might also say that everyone of us realizes how important good, organized study is. Seniors, study hard this week, it is too easy to just get by because you’re seniors and you’ll soon be out. The change from high school to college is big enough without having to learn how to study too.

The week at college is packed full of many interesting events. Wednesday night we were at a dance on the shore somewhere in Germany. Sunday days later, the same man received consciousness in a German hospital, still very weak, but able to speak. He had lost his memory, gave him his own last name, Lehmnn, the man discovered his own name. He was called Mr. Kaeus because he came from the East.

Ten years later, hearing helped and supported Hitler in his rise to power, Klaas Lehmann was Chief of Police in Berlin, trusted and respected by all. One night he was rushing to a disturbance, was caught in the crowd, and grew very faint. All of a sudden he remembered.

Read this most exciting story of Klaas Lehmann’s life while he was working for the Nazi government and the British Intelligence Service at the same time in “A Toast to Tommorrow” by Manning Coles.

State Buys for Defense Results of Sale Favorable

Mr. Becker’s Speech Class has just completed a week’s campaign for the sale of defense stamps. The results will be considered very favorable if the students continue to do the same. The sale from 201 took nearly $5.55 in stamps. The cooperation shown by the students of State High proves that they feel a responsibility toward national defense.
Cubs Finish Season; Tangle with Buchanan Tonight

Noblemen Beat South Haven

The Blue and Gold won its third game of the season when it outplayed South Haven 19-0, October 11. The Noblemen, after beating the Golden by the score of 20 to 0, stand tied with Niles for 2nd place in the Big Seven Conference with a percentage of .750.

Red Scores Twice in First Half

Kisinger lost the loss and South Haven elected to receive, but after the kickoff they failed to gain and punted. On State High's first play, Kisinger carried the ball on an end run that was good for 45 yards to the Golden goal. Wes Whiffen kicked the extra point for a 7 to 0 lead for State. A few minutes later, South Haven again punted after gaining only 4 yards. The punt was blocked by Reeley on the 8, who specialized in punt blocking in the Downagin game and the Blue and Gold gained again after two plays on a delayed kick. Whiffen made the score 14 to 0 on a beautiful kick over the uprights.

State Increases Lead

In the 2nd quarter, Brady of South Haven led a passing attack that brought the Goldens up to State's 35 yard line. In 1939, Bill Kisinger entered State High as a sophomore, and immediately went out for football.

In his junior year, he played on the first team for the Cubs and made quite a name for himself. At the same time he received the honor of being chosen on the second string of the Southern Michigan Football Coaches Association.

Bill plays tackle and has been doing a mighty fine job of it this year. He has become one of the main sparks of the team and has been a outstanding performer in the line. Because of his fine playing he has been chosen acting captain of the Cub eleven.

Serving as Co-Captain Young is the tallest player on the team and weighs 205 pounds. The other co-captain is 6’5” and weighs 190 pounds.

High School Feats in College Football

Do you want to play football in college? If so, you may be interested in the statistics on this year's football team. Thirty-five of the 62 players on the team were captains of their high school football teams, 13 were captains of their basketball teams, two of wrestling teams, and one each of track and ice skating teams.

The average player is 20 years old, is 6 feet in height, and weighs 185 pounds. The heaviest candidate on the squad weighs 230 pounds; the lightest candidate weighs 169 pounds.

Illinois was the home state for two-thirds of the players, while the others played high school football in ten other states. Only one member of the squad did not play football in high school.

Robert Murray Krudener, Jr. has served as team captain since the first year's football game at Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois.

The following letter received by Mr. Judson Hyames is of interest to all State High.

Mr. Judson A. Hyames
Kalamazoo, Michigan

Dear Judgey:

Last Friday night, I referred the Alpena-Traverse City football game. The Cubs were beaten but very clean. After the game I conversed with the coaches on the attitude of their boys and Bill Finch of Alpena told me this incident. He said, "We had the finest lesson in sportsmanship this year from State High of Kalamazoo. They were the cleanest plating, cleanest talking team our boys had ever met. They were all the way through. It made such an impression on my boys that they made up their minds that they were going to try to act like State High did."

And the result was that your team must have taught a good lesson. I thought you would like to know this story and congratulate the boys and their coach, for that is about the most practical lesson in athletics that I know of.

Cordially,
Steve Nisbet

Buchanan Game Doubtful

The Cubs were beaten in a game which was played on a muddy field, last week by a much heavier Niles football team by the score of 19-0. This was the fourth loss for the Cubs out of seven starts and the record of not more than three defeats in one year was broken. But the Cub eleven is now determined that this last game will be put down in the record as a win. Tonight, the Cubs will not be overconfident and will play to the best of their ability. This spirit will make the contest a real tilt. So far this year State High has turned in some fine victories in spite of upsets. They have been victorious over Downagin, St. Joe, and South Haven.

The Cubs played one of their best games with Downagin and really showed that they had the old fighting spirit in them. If they show this same spirit tonight they should go on their way to a victory.

Girls' Gym Classes Try Folk Dancing

Gym isn't what it used to be, or anyway so say the "gals" in Miss Sarah McRoberts' folk dancing classes. Instead of being noisy opposing teams, the girls in these classes smile and curtsy to one another, quaintly they pirouette and kick.

Many girls have difficulty controlling their feet when doing such intricate dances as the English "Odamsen" and the "Scotch Sword Dance". The result is a mis-step or ungainly shuffle which is the teacher's light, nimble step. Miss Sarah McRoberts asserts this coordination of mind and body muscles is a splendid means of exercise, both physical and mental.

While Bill Shumaker excels on State High's debate team, brother Jim wins the Community Chest drive Speech contest.

Here's V for Victory

State High Set For Final Game

Meet Opposition in Contest Scheduled Under the Lights

Tonight State High will close its football season by playing guest Buchanan High School at Buchanan.

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Cubs Lose to Niles In Mud and Rain

Losing to Niles 19-0 last Friday night, October 31, during a continuous downpour at Plym Field, Niles, State High's football team was virtually eliminated from the Big Seven.

Niles looked good enough to extend the Three Rivers team the present leaders in the Big Seven, as Coach Jim Tuma's lads moved across the Cub goal line once in each of the last three quarters. Prenkert of Niles kicked the extra points after the first touchdown in the second quarter.

For the Blue and Gold, gridiron fortunes to its lowest ebb under the tutelage of Coach Frank Noble.

The Cubs' passing attack failed because of the mud and rain which made the ball impossible to handle. As a result the Cubs never penetrated beyond the Niles' 35 yard line.

The Cubs held the Nilemen to a scoreless tie in the first quarter. The line punting of Coleman during this period gave Niles the advantage as the quarter opener and they scored after a seventy yard march to the Cub goal line.

In the second half, the Noblemen moved into Niles territory in an effort to tie up the game but an interception pass and a long punt gave Niles the upper hand and a touchdown seven plays later. Niles final score also resulted from a pass interception on the Cub's 35 yard line.

Reserves Have Tough Luck Lose to Comstock Eleven

The reserve team of State High was beaten by the Comstock reserves 5 to 0, October 21. A Comstock player took the ball on the first down and ran for a touchdown. From then on the two teams battled back and forth until the last whistle when Comstock reserves were on Comstock's 2 yard line.

Student Awarded Honors

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All Homerooms Submit Notes

Frosh Show School Spirit

Well, well, well. It looks as if the Freshmen in Homeroom 201 were out to set an example for State High. How's that for school spirit, or are they just being patriotic? But the fact still remains they gave the other homerooms a beating when it came to buying Defense Stamps. I wonder where they scraped up all the extra money.

Girls and boys from schools throughout the city are represented in the frosh. Danville, Oakwood, State West, and South are just a few of the names. The majority are from the Training School but Oakwood and South West are nearly tied, and South has the notebooks and Sophomore has representatives too.

Sophomore Gets Autograph

Among State High's autograph hunters in Homeroom 201 is a lady who was the luck of obtaining Hank Greenberg's autograph. She has been trying to get this autograph for a long time.

Thank you.

Doris Krudner

Frosh Elect Doris Krudner

Following in the footsteps of Audrey and brother Bob, is little sister Doris, President of the "moss." Chosen as the leader of the fresh green freshman class to direct their fortuneably, Ken Rogers, a truly clever little lass.

Lawrence is Soph Prexy

He's short and dark, this sophomore, and a drummer in the band. At orchestra he plays a part. He's always right on hand.

He won the votes of "guys" and "gals."

They knew he was the one To head the meetings of the class With an element of fun.

Vandenberg Leads Jrs.

Energetic and ambitious And full of lively fun, Is the leader of the Juniors— The one and only one He'll carry on his shoulders The duties of the class, To which he's pledged his service Until the very last.

Soph Prexy

If you think you are going to go on a date, go hunting instead. It's more economic.

Shirley Cook — "I usually go dancing or bowling."

Did You Know?

That season tickets for students are being issued for the Little Symphony concert series of 1941-42. Better see that musical friend of yours about it.

There is but one physical science class this year. Just try getting it at any other hour than 11:00 o'clock.

Senior girls no longer have preference in choice of sports. Could be the instructors don't want 'em to get confused.

Have You Noticed?

Those terrific lips some of the frosh girls have been wearing around aren't it a little early for so much war paint, girls? At that rate, what will you buy when you're seniors?

The really swell way some of the frosh have of going around saying "please and thank you." Give 'em a couple of hip "gals."

That efficient look the new bulletin board gives our hall.

The way we haven't said much about the sophomores this year.

Why Don't We?

Take a few vitamin pills before attending those community sing assemblies?

Get a campaign started for some new yells with personality not poison-

HUMOR

Lipstick: Fresh paint

Hair: A brevis casket; Couple short beards

HUDNUTT railing on the rilera

Talking to yourself is a bad hab-

It: You're always meeting up with the wrong people.

Relative pronouns are pronouns liv-

ing with their antecedents

Historians are right when they say knights lived in the dark ages.

Those freshmen midgets might come in handy some day in case we run out of paper weights. Till then try to keep track of them.

The Egyptian pyramid was made in the shape of a huge triangular cube.