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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 fro the ymne that he first began,
To teach in schools, he made, as his vocation,
The study 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 he found.
His skill with guns was of the very best;
Nor did he shoot his limit but he rest.
"Of his stature he was of even leight,
The wonderly delivey, a grete strength."
At boxing was he good and very strong.
It is not wise with him to be in wrong.
"Of studie takest 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
And often stated "Hear me carefuly!"
Old England with her bots she loved so well
The stories, poems, and songs would often tell.
And such expression composed her wonder.
No truer were the love notes of the birds.
And as the parched earth drinks deep of dew
The thrithing listeners quaffed each draught anew.
For famous quotes and else of an
time are featured each evening.
Fall from her lips like summer rains
Would pour.
Their welcome torrents on the empty spaces
That dwelt behind the starred student's faces.
And not alone was 'complishment in speech;
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 peacetime 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 profited 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 Serenata Waltz" by Walseuf, "Vienna March" by Schrammel, and "The Victorious Eagle March" by George Rosey.
State High's choir sang a number of songs. They were: "Cherubin" by Tchaikowsky, "Golden Slumbers" by Robertson, "In the Time of Rosary" by Reichard, 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 Kalamazoo, 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 9:00 to 9:30 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 dramas the love of your life? Listen to the technique of beloved Helen Hayes as she brings to the stage 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 the Columbia Broadcasting System, every Sunday night at 9:00. For those interested in the method of training before attaining the peacetime draft age, the following: "Hear me carefuly!

Students of State High Vote for Class Officers

State High class elections were held last week.

The Freshman Class chose Doris Krueger 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 Vandenbark was chosen president of the Junior Class. Bob Fuller obtained the second largest number of votes and was automatically given the vice-presidency. Ann Hanzelmann received the secretary treasurer position.

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

Homerooms Holds Election

In the homeroom meeting Room 5A on October 31 the following officers were elected: Bruce Cowie, president; David Rizza, vice president; Pat Fisher, secretary; Jack Moss, treasurer; Bob Heath, citizenizes committee; Gladys Bowerman, home room reporter.

Spirited Quiz Entertains All

Agar, Hodgeson, Hanzelmann
First to Stump Experts

The regular assembly last Tuesday featured a quiz program in which the English classes at State High recognized Book Week.
Before the section of the program devoted to Book Week, group singing was led by Jean H. Howell, Treace, 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, Bruce Cowie, Ann Rodgers, Janet Fogerty, and Joan Carter represented the Freshmen, Sophomore, Junior, and Senior classes respectively. The unrecorded conversation between the master-of-ceremonies and the experts brought many laughs from the audience. The quiz was said to have been ingenious and educational as "Information Please."

Questions which "stumped the experts" were those formulated by Jim Sweetland, Virginia Hodgeson, Ann Hanzelmann, and Iris Agar. Some well selected book rewards for the experts and the authors of the four unanswered questions.

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 ten weeks of specialized instruction and their commission as second lieutenants in the Air Corps Reserve. Valentine graduated from State High School in 1935.
"Like Brothers Like Sister" Says New Miller Addition

About five years ago, into the lives of State High came one Ray Miller. Arriving from Oakwood High, he was the first of a series of Miller's who have or are exerting a strong influence on us. The story of Oakwood, owners of the world's craziest nicknames, the boys have been working themselves into 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, were a year apart, Carl being the younger. For his ever flowing wit, it is greatly missed that he is gone. However, we still have Carl, and to and 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 just 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 Kerlee-Nov. 5
Clay Mynard-Nov. 7
Barbara McLaughlin-Nov. 8
Lyle Horne-Nov. 9
Dean Hainott-Nov. 11
Mary Caryl Martin-Nov. 11
Bob Johnson-Nov. 12
Kirk Kinney-Nov. 12
Howard Winchell-Nov. 12
Phyllis Daub-Nov. 13
Laurel Meadows-Nov. 14
Marjorie Moore-Nov. 15
Jeanne Martin-Nov. 15
Larae Wise-Nov. 16
Eugene Grashorn-Nov. 17
John Toorman-Nov. 19

Bookbinder Here Praises Intriguing Vocation

"Book binding is an interesting vocation," exclaimed Mrs. Florence Coles, who has been doing this work for three years. Your reporter found Mrs. Pettit in the back room of the library. She works under Miss Sterling for three years, but since Miss Sterling's illness she has been doing all the regular work. "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 cover panels. A great many books are badly torn, but able to speak, he did not ask the questions. The same man regained consciousness in Germany. Some days later, the doctor, feeling that his memory returned.

"Thunder in the Earth"

In addition to being a swift, violent, tale, full of action and suspense, "Thunder in the Earth," Edwin Lancham'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 rich history of the industry without realizing it. From Mr. Lancham's story one learns how the ruthless have wasted natural resources and how as oil became powerful they also became robbers. One sees what happens when oil is struck suddenly; one watches it rise, change, and corrupt the lives of all men with its radius, and one follows the birth and fl amboyant 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 Hanselmann, second page—Betty Caldwell, third page—Bob Espie and fourth page—Mary Eldridge.

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, "Armistice" 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.

An important part in America's relations with the rest of the world, Armistice 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 perpetual war and a world without 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. There will be no peace in Europe today that show what democracy may do for human beings as well as war. In the post-war reconstruction of the world, we shall have many grave questions to study and the first important question is: How may we so reorder the world that the causes for future war shall be eliminated?

Amer idans must think and act upon this question if they are to live in a decent world in the next half century.

Next time, it must not be just "Armistice 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 Building's laboratories, the college gym, 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 magazines are available for you to read in Room 206.

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

Mr. Judson A. Hyames
Kalamazoo, Michigan

Dear Juday:

Last Friday night, I refereed the Alpena-Traverse City football game. It was a hard fought game but very clean. After the game I consulted 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 for any boys ever had. We were the cleanest playing, 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 Niebit

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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 championship.

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 point after the first touchdown in the second quarter.

For the Blue and Gold gridironers the game was the fourth loss in seven games bringing State High's 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 Nolemen to a scoreless tie in the first quarter. The fine punting of Coleman during this period gave Niles the advantage as the opening quarter opened 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.

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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. 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 records 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 Dowagiac, St. Joe, and South Haven.

The Cubs played one of their best games with Dowagiac 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.

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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, daintily they pirouette and kick.

Many girls have difficulty controllling their feet when doing such intricate dances as the English "Odamsen" and the "Scottish Sword Dance". The result is a mis-step or ungainly stumble that doesn't please 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.

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Here's V for Victory

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

Robert Murray Krudener, Jr. has been awarded honors for scholastic work during the month of October at the Middle School, according to the term report received from the headmaster at Hightstown, New Jersey. Robert had the first two years' work in State High.
All Homerooms Submit Notes

Frosh Show School Spirit

Well, well, well. It looks as if the Froshmen 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 change.

Girls and boys from schools throughout the city are represented in the freshman class. Danville High, for example, had the luck of obtaining Hank Greenberg's autograph. She has been getting this autograph for a long time.

This is a request to students to try to resist the temptation to stamp on IA. Thank you.

Beverley Smith, who visited her cousin's house last weekend, still feels the effects of horseback riding. IA wishes good luck to the football team next week.

Ron Meyers and Bud Hanselman were the guests of the Rotary Club at a recent dinner meeting.

Ten members of the varsity are seated in our homeroom. Homeroom 201, the proud of the good work of the cheerleaders, two of whom are in this homeroom, namely, Joan Read and Barb Sisson.

We're bragging cause we have the "biggest" president in State High.

Frosh Elect Doris Krunder

Following in the footsteps of Audrey and brother Bob, is little sister Doris, President of the "moo." Chosen as the leader of the green freshman class to direct their fortune ability, Ted Lawrence, the one and only, he'll carry on his shoulders the duties of the class, in this 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 "girls.

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

Readers Digest Now Sells At Low Price to Students

This year, the Reader's Digest may once again be obtained through the school at a reduced price. Through club organizations, such as we have in State High School, the Digest may be purchased for 15 cents instead of the regular 25 cents. Orders may be given to Miss Pearl Zane, Miss Louise Wulff, or Mr. Otto Ytema.

Kendrick Back from Hospital

Howard Kendrick, reserve football player who was hurt in the Three Rivers game, is back to school after his two weeks absence. He received a sprained knee in the game.

Martha Past of homeroom 208 gave a birthday party, October 29. Darla Schleier celebrated her 15th birthday. Saturday night, October 25, a hayride was held at Albertson's stable.

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There is but one physical science course in 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 concussed.

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, gals? At that rate, what will you look like 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 nips.

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 poisonity?