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Office Releases Midterm Marks

Fifty-Two Students Receive Recognition for Good Work

Since the midterm examinations were given there has been much concern and considerable speculation among the students as to their status on the scholastic ladder. Many an anxious pupil has asked himself "Is my name written there?" Today as the High School goes to press, the list with the coveted positions was released by the office.

According to the record fifty two persons are entitled to recognition for superior work. Five persons secured berths on the all A list. Seven students received, at least, 3 A's and only one B. Two of the students starred in this list were carrying five subjects and received 4 A's. Third honors were given to those students who received several A's and no grade less than a B. The fourth grouping comprises those who made a straight B record.

Five Earn All A Record

The five persons who secured berths on the all A list for the midterm scholarship check up are: Janet Crum, Mary Eldridge, Ruth Koffel, Mary Caytly Martin, and Martha Miller.

The following persons were nosed off the top list by receiving one B: Elisabeth Foley, *Donald Griffith, Dorothy Kruider, Jean Martin, William Morgan, Robert Palmatier, Lois Schaefer, and Kathryn Stimson. See also "Scholars." Fifty-Two Students Receive Recognitions for Good Work.

Annual Christmas Formal at Walwood

In the ballroom at Walwood there is excitement as students heard the strains of George Woodville's "Michigan's Most Popular Band." State High students will start off the Christmas season amid Christmas greens and mistletoe. The California School System Marching Band will be present. The students are being requested to watch for some fine act of citizenship this week, as the students receive tax inclusive, and can be secured by paying $1.00. Mr. Albert Becker announces that Mr. X further plans to inspect the halls to the strains of George Woodville's "Michigan's Most Popular Band." State High students will start off the Christmas season amid Christmas greens and mistletoe. The California School System Marching Band will be present. The students are being requested to watch for some fine act of citizenship this week, as the students receive tax inclusive, and can be secured by paying $1.00.

Debaters to Seek Honors At Tournament Tonight

Mr. Albert Becker announces that on December 5, 1941 in Walwood Hall another debate tournament will be in progress. In this meet, State High debate teams will meet competition from Hastings, Benton Harbor, Otsego, Paw Paw, and Niles. The topic to be debated is: "Resolved: that every able-bodied male citizen should have one year of full time military training before attaining the draft age." The winning team will receive a plaque presented by the Detroit Free Press. The team has already shown a good record by winning three out of four debates in a recent tournament. The affirmative won from Benton Harbor and the negative teams from Hastings, and Otsego. Practice debates have been held with Paw Paw, Hastings, and Ionia.

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Seek Student Support for Yuletide Dance

This is a direct plea to all students and especially to those reticent lads who never seem to have enough nerve to ask a girl for a date. If you are at all wide awake, you know by this time that the Christmas Formal is scheduled to come off on December 12, with music by George King's orchestra.

State High-ites clamor for dances, but the attendance at a success is seldom as high as one hundred and twenty five. As the Christmas Formal is one of the biggest annual events of State, the social committee is striving to make this year's Yule dance a real triumph. Incidentally, it would greatly help financial matters if eighty five boys would buy tickets to the dance. Whether the dance turns out to be all it should be, however, is up to the male population of the school.

Every girl in the school, from the lowly freshman to the lofty senior, is dreaming of going to the Formal, but she must wait with folded hands until someone asks her. Don't be the one to ruin a beautiful dream.

If you go to all of the school dances, tell your bashful friends what fun they can have being a social being and if only for the night of December 12. And here's a timely hint, fellows: Do your Christmas Formal dating early and avoid the rush.

Direct Overflow of Energy Toward More School Spirit

A citizen owes certain duties to his community. You are a citizen of State High School; you have certain duties toward it, only let's not call them duties, instead, think of them as privileges. We have the privilege of keeping our school clean. Make it something that we shall be proud to have outsiders see. We also have the opportunity to support the school's activities. Make things go. These are only two of many responsibilities which we might assume.

Has any state demerit marks? For instance, those traffic jams, consisting of tumbling, slugging boys, whose elbows fly out at the most inopportune times and hit people in the eye. Are they a credit to any school? And then, there's the noise of high pitched voices shouting things that really aren't very important. Noise and display are indications of the absence of control. Loud talking is a sign of a consciousness that one's reasoning is tumbling, slugging boys, whose elbows fly out at the most inopportune times and hit people in the eye.

Once in a while it happens that a person sees himself unexpectedly in a picture in a newspaper or moving picture. Last summer, a faculty member of State High was in the front row of a crowd surrounding a distinguished visitor and was caught unknown to himself by the camera man. If that should happen to you, what would you think of yourself? What would you think of your being recognized yourself? Probably you would look anxiously to see whether your necktie was straight, your hair was neatly combed, your hat at the right angle, and whether you were wearing your prettiest smile. Then perhaps you might have a feeling of surprise at your own appearance.

It is interesting to think that every day we present ourselves in a manner that we would like to have others see, and that we together with others are the actors in a moving picture in which all take part. From the time you awaken in the morning until you fall asleep at night you are part of a social group. For that reason, your conduct and appearance should be of great importance. Have you ever asked yourself these questions? First, what impression do I make on the minds of my fellow students and teachers as I go about my daily work at school? Second, What kind of a place would my school be if everyone acted exactly as I do? Third, Will the faculty and citizen be proud of this school because of me or in spite of me?

Can it be that Dr. Roy Bryan is taking lessons in bridge? Miss Myrtle Windsor is patiently explaining the rules to him but he seems a little puzzled doesn't he? Miss Windsor is sponsoring the "Beginners Bridge Club" this year.

The Club started out by learning the rules, but later decided that experimenting with the best teacher. Now the twenty members spend the time in actual playing.

Listen to These Programs Chosen for Your Pleasure

What radio programs do you consider the best? This is the time of year when in many classes, it was found that State High students quite unanimously placed a few well-chosen programs at the top of their lists. Although it is impossible to list every choice, the following programs were the most popular:

Sunday: Ford Sunday Evening Hour, 9:00 P.M. WJR; University of Chicago Round Table, 2:30 P.M. WMZQ.
Monday: Voice of Firestone, 8:30 P.M. WMZQ.
Tuesday: We People, 9:00 P.M. WBRM.
Wednesday: Marianist Gilbert and Sullivan Operettes, 12:00 WKKO; The People's Platform, 7:00 P.M. WKKO; Knickerbocker Playhouse, 8:00 P.M. WMZQ.
Mary Lou Stephenson, Northwestern University, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Karl Hokenmaier - December 8.
William Morgan - December 16.
Happy Birthday

William Weese - December 7.
Jack Lawrence - December 8.
Karl Hakenhaller - December 8.
John Skrobel - December 11.
Arnest Edwards - December 11.
Edwin Koops - December 14.
William Morgan - December 16.
Marguerite Rouson - December 18.

Alumna Describes Her College Life

Aurora, New York

Dear friends in State High:

College life is wonderful even though no one will believe that there is a place called Kalamazoo and students make fun of the Gazette! They feed one splendidly and treat them kindly, now that hasing is over. We'll enjoy the Ivy-covered-building-and-tradition type of school. It is one of the few girls' schools that has continued hazing. For two weeks, we freshmen were hardly permitted any social privileges other than to be shouted at.

After formal hazing was over, we had to wear signs and be obedient for the rest of the time before Thanksgiving vacation. Now that we've been properly put in our places, the sophomores have shed their aloofness and are proving that they're really very sporting. We still have to hold doors for any upper-classmen, though. I got so used to doing that whenever I entered a store in New York during vacation, I looked behind me expecting to see some upper-classman trailing behind.

Aurora may be a little burg, but its beauty compensates for its size. We had a gorgeous fall season. The college buildings and houses of the villagers look out upon Lake Cayuga. Behind are the hills up which we trudge to the golf course and athletic field. A holiday for Wells is declared when the Cayuga freezes over, but it has done so only once in the history of the college. We ice skate on frozen tennis courts instead.

The enrollment is about three hundred. All the freshmen and seniors live in the main building; there are outside houses for the sophomores and juniors. The freshmen are all on the four floors of Main, so no matter how much one consumes at meals he's likely to work at least part of it off by the long climb; Our diversions are many; plays given by students, lectures, concerts, movies at college twice a week, and last but not least, Cornell.

As for the work—just heed all the advice given to you each year by college freshmen about learning how to study and budget your time, and you'll get along finely.

Dorothy Millham

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'French without Tears' or 'It's in the Cards'
The Cubs never led the Chiefs once, and basketball. Michigan's undefeated football team: who won frosh letters at W.M.C. this standing player in baseball, football, Ward waters his first year at Northwestern; produce good football and basketball. The all-city team is chosen the Gazette together to narrow the list to the honorable mention. seeing who this young Olympian is? Well, plenty of good whole-

Noble's Cubs Often Star in College
State High seems to be able to produce good football players. Noble trained picklin toters almost always have the speed, stamina, good living habits, and the coordination necessary in football. A few of the men that were taught football by Coach Frank Noble in the days when Buchanan was our greatest rival are as follows:

Ashley Arnold, who won three letters his first year at Northwestern; Ward Sangren, playing varsity foot- ball for Princeton; Ken Stillwell, who played varsity half back on Western Michigan's undefeated football team; and Robert Anderson and Allen Baas, who won fresh letters at W.M.C. this fall.

Honored on All City

The Kalamazoo Gazette's annual all-city high school football selections were made last week. Two State High players Don Seelye and Gale Kis- niger were elected to positions on the team. Seelye the only junior on the the Cubs. He got his varsity letter. He was an out- berries. Dairy products are the perfect food. Eggs and their by-products. Milk and its by-products. Milk and its by-products.

Noble and his friends were chosen. Kisinger was a back with the Cub's handyman in the line. He played guard and center but 23-20. Now when basketball season is are: Winchell, Whiffin, and Neeb.

The Reserves lost to Dowagiac Reserve, in the first game of the 1941-1942 Basketball season by a 28-33 score as the fans got a look at the future prospects of the Cub basketball. The Reserves were the first to score but Dowagiac soon overcame this lead and were ahead throughout the rest of the game. The starting team was composed of the following players: Perrin, Purdy, Mar- tin, Parker, and Milham. Parker was highpoint man with 12 points.

Alumni Pledged at U. of M.
News from the University of Mich- gan, Ann Arbor, tells of activities of three State High grads. Jack Dalm, Jr., was pledged to Delta Kappa Ep- 

Gale Kisniger

Cubs’ Spirit Beats Dowagiac in Overtime; Two Subs Tied and Win from the field and from the free throw line for a total of seven points. State High has one of the smallest teams in stature in its basketball history.

Heroes and Glamour Girls Must Get Their Vitamins
So you're going "all out" for victory? "V" for Victory, is that it? Well, how about going "all out" for yourself? Physically, that is. Maybe you did have meat last night and fruit. Juice Friday morning. But do you know that you must have these things every day if you want to be the hero of the team or the glamour girl of the classroom? In this program you have three "V"s for Victory: vim, vigor, and vi- 

Seelye Makes All Star Team
Junior Takes High Honors; Placed in Right Tackle
The Cubs placed one man on the All Southwestern Michigan Football team this year. His honor went to Don Seelye who has played outstand- ing football during the 1941 football season and has been chosen for other honorary teams namely the All City Football team and the All Big Seven Conference Football Team. This year Don has already made a name for himself although he has one more year of football and was the only junior to place on the all district team. Don will, undoubtedly, star again next year and add to the name he made for himself this year. Seelye who weighs 166 pounds, is 5 ft, 1 in. tall, was chosen at right tackle for State's team. On the Cub eleven he started the season by playing guard and tackle, but later showing himself to be a really aggressive player, he was changed to center where he did a man's job of blocking punts and backing up the line at the pivot posi- 

Holland Here Tonite
The State High Cubs meet Holland Christian in WMC Gymnasium at 8:00 o'clock tonight. The two teams will be playing their second game of the year and should be fairly evenly matched. Traditionally, those Hol- 

Gym Classes Hold Playday
On Saturday afternoon, December thirteenth at one thirty the annual play-day for high school girls will be given in the Men's Gymnasium of Western Michigan College. Girls from the Portage, Paw Paw, and State High schools will participate in the volleyball contest.

Makes Three Teams
**Platter-Bugs Revel In These Favorites**

**Popular Hits Show Plenty of Rhythm**

What has that needle been grinding out of those little round discs called popular records?

Almost every nickelodeon in the country has issued forth the strains of that most familiar boogy-woogy called "Chattanooga Choo Choo." This bit of swing is Glenn Miller's most popular recording.

The most popular version of the Hit Parade's number two song of the month was "I Don't Want to Set the World on Fire," played by Horace Heidt.

If you're a T. Dorsey fan you must get that charming new ditty, "Skunk Song." "Yes Indeed!"

That old but still popular ballad "Time Was" is Eddie Duchin's great hit this month.

If Jimmy Dorsey is your idol, or the idol of your friends, you simply must have that super new record "Embraceable You" which is skyrocketing to fame.

Gene Krupa is swinging out with those three great hits "Let Me Off Upton," "The Dream on Me," and Hamtrameck! Danny Kaye's little round discs meet in demand are "Modern Design" and "Minkie."

If you don't already have it, your friend, girl or boy, will force you to buy that swell new hit, fast becoming popular "A Sinner Kissed an Angel."

**When a Feller Needs a Friend**

Co-op Assemblies Given; Paw Paw Lends Players

The assembly was presented before the State High student body at eight o'clock Tuesday morning, November 25, was the first of the series of programs under an exchange plan, Paw Paw and State High plan to present their assemblies by lending their dramatics groups for assemblies. The Paw Paw Thespians presented and played "Three is a Crowd" which was coached by Mrs. Ethel West. The cast was: Elmer, Ernest Smith; Marion, Harold Bough- ton; Madalyn, Arlene Scott; Ellen, Patsy Rachette; and Papa, Lewia Williams. A monologue given by Peg Smith entitled "The School Program" was well received.

**Hints for Hopefuls**

**Brown Wins Honors**

Robert Brown, of the class of '41, was on the winning team for the State Champion Livestock Demonstration. Bob and his partner, Phillip Steinman were representatives at the National 4-H Club Congress from Michigan which was held from November 26-December 5 at Chicago.

Brown is an outstanding figure in many 4-H Club projects. It might be remembered that Bob was a winner of the Kalamazoo Gazette trip to the International Livestock Show in 1941. He was the efficient circulation manager of the State Highlights during his high school course.

**State Hi Houses Art Worthy of Notice**

**1A Completes Test Series**

The member of Homeroom 1A are happy to report that they have finished with their cooperative English test. We still wonder what some of those words mean.

These Eight Traits Make Good Citizens

This issue of the Highlights features citizenship. A poll may be taken at a later date to name the person in State High excelling in the qualities of a good citizen. First, let us see what characterizes a good citizen.

1. Cooperation—this depends upon the individual seeing a common objective towards which his group is working and then lending his help to his fellow workers in the achievement of that goal.

2. Dependability—the most dependable person is one who comes nearest on all occasions to measuring up to the best that other people may expect of him.

3. Promptness—the habit of meeting obligations for either attendance or for the accomplishments of tasks at the specified time.

4. Honesty—a habit of being true in any instance and setting the standard of mutual trust which any situation might demand.

5. Giving other fellow his due—the willingness to give credit freely wherever the accomplishments of another person call for it.

6. Courtesy—simply a thorough going consideration for the rights, privileges and feelings of others.

7. Scholarship—quality is expressed through respect for high standards of accomplishments in study and reflection through actual achievement along this line.

8. Industry—the ability to drive one self steadily. A faithful performance of tasks that even may be distasteful.

A girl likes a chance to think whether her dress be blue or pink. If you ask for a "formal" date be sure that you don't ask too late.

If your partner likes to trade dances don't give any grimacing glances. Just be pleasant; don't start pining for a other person call for it.

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