State Highlights 5/8/1942

Western State High School
Election Closes Campaigns
Bob Fuller, Norman Rabbers, and Joan Reed were the successful candidates for president, vice president, and secretary respectively in the Student Council election held April 28.
The election followed a week of very spirited campaigning. The high point in the political fray was the assembly on the morning of the election. The candidates together with their managers publicly declared their platforms and made their official promises. One aspirant in his enthusiasm kissed the babies and passed out lollipops.

Cub Forensic Contestants Win District Laurels
In the past few weeks, State High students have been participating in speech contests in Paw Paw and Sturgis.
In the contest held in Paw Paw, April 18, June Alberson won first place in the oratorical declamation division, and Hendrick Myer came in third. Other participants in this contest were Karl Hokepmier, dramatic declamation; Dayle Martin and Don Griffith, oratorical declamation; and Donald Husser, Jane Pratt, and Shirley Upjohn, humorous declamation.
In the contest at Sturgis, April 17, first place awards were won by Barbara Glendenning and Lois Sneider, oratorical declamation; Peggy Van Haften, dramatic declamation; and Dean Hudnutt, extemporaneous speech. Two other record place winners were Edward Billing, oratorical declamation; and Joan Carter, extemporaneous speech.

State High Artists Will Give Musicale
The State High Choir and Orchestra will present a Spring Festival of Music for parents and friends on Friday evening May 15 at eight o'clock in Western's New Theater. Letters of invitation will go to the parents this week. When parents have received all tickets which they want, the high school students may secure their tickets by contacting Mrs. Britton. The tickets are free. The following program will be head:

Adoramus Te Palestrina

Cherubin Song No. 6 Tschaikowsky

Tenorae Factae Sunt Engenieri-Collings

Choir, Mrs. Britton, directing

Selections from "High Jinks" Fryml

Pizzicato Thome

Orchestra, Granville Cutter, conducting

Dance in Stardust

This evening from nine to twelve o'clock under a canopy of stars, State High will have its annual Spring Formal at Walvood Hall. At the "Stardust Formal" the guests will dance to the music of George King's orchestra.

Seven State Hi Seniors Elected to Honor Society
Friday, May 1 when the office announced the result of the Faculty's vote, five girls and two boys of the Senior Class achieved the coveted honor of being elected to membership in the National Honor Society. The following seniors will receive pins: Charles Dean, Virginia Hodgson, Dean Hudnut, Mary Cyril Martin, Phyllis Raiton, Marilyn Roe, and Kathryn Stimson.
In accordance with the rules of this organization only those seniors whose scholastic standings are in the upper one third of the class receive membership in this organization when they were juniors: Betty Caldwell, Joan Carter, Mary Eldridge, and Ruth Koffel.

'14 Honor Roll Discloses Ten Top Students
Homerroom 218 Draws Top Honors with Eighteen Places;
At the close of the mid-semester seventy-eight students, fifty-seven girls and twenty-one boys, had secured for themselves berths on the scholarship honor roll.
Homerroom 219A drew top honors with 15 seniors; 1A and 11A tied for third place with eleven students; 201A fell into fourth with eight students; 2A had six students; 208A, five; and 210A and 206A, two students respectively.
The following ten students, seven girls and three boys made an all "A" record:

Goldstein, Lise; Griffith, Don; Keville, Jesse; Lawrence, Ted; McClaughlin, Barbara; Mellingor, Glen; Miller, Betty; Morton, Ruth; Slusser, Richard; Smith, Phyllis.

Individuals entitled to third honors earned between 8 and 14 honor points with no grade less than B.

Berry, Chrissie Lau; Bingham, Rose; Bowley, Barbara; Carter, Joan; Cornhill, Nola; Davis, Mary; Foley, Elizabeth; Frey, Emma; Gatenby, Noren; Gilmore, Martha; Hanzeman, And; Helen, Hillard, Allen; Hubbell, Dorothy; Iving, Edward; Jezson, Doris; Kistler, Robert; Kite, Audrey; Knaus, James; Kruiser, Audrey; Kuspeel, Adele; Leander, Ann; Mathews, Joy; Norris, James; Orwin, Rachel, Phyllis; Pease, Joan; Richardson, Caroline; Roe, Marilyn; Rogers, Ann; Rosenbaum, Judy; Schaefer, Beverly, Naser; Stenfler; Barbara; Spitters, Joan; Stimson, Kathryn; Theszduis, Hope; Toormun, John; Watson, Bill; Weston, Harold; Field, James; Pogerty, Janet.

Calendar of Events
May 8—Regional Forensic Contest
May 8—Spring Formal
May 12—Vocational Movie Assembly
May 13—Council Movie—Dramatic Art Building at 8:00 A. M.
May 14—Tennis—Ekhart, here
May 15—Musical—Dramatic Art Building at 8:00 P. M.
May 15—Baseball—Dowagiac, here
May 19—Senior Assembly
May 19—Baseball—Dowagiac, here
Alumna Narrates College Experiences; Describes Wheaton's Beautiful Grounds

Says College "A Big Jump From High School, But Fun"

Hello, State High-ites and the Highlights Staff:

We will be into the second semester now and everyone is settling down to the old routine. We miss the cook, but we got every night during exams, but the worrying is over until May.

College is really a big jump from high school but it's loads of fun. Wheaton is a small school, only about five hundred students. These girls are from all over the country, so one comes to know a lot of girls. The first few days are a jumble of Boston, Southern, Middle-Western accents.

Wheaton is very beautiful. It is set in a small New England town but easily accessible to Providence and Boston. The buildings are ranged in a square with the Aud building and "Thee" looking at each other across the street. One side contains two big dining halls and the eight dorms. Across the Dimple are the Science Hall, gym, two other class buildings, and the new Student-Activities Building, which includes Plimpton, Hull, The "Ike" and Science buildings. There have just opened new modernistic wings which are very comfortable and good-looking.

Numerous Opportunities for Trips

As I have said, Wheaton is near Providence and Boston, so we girls are always going into town to attend concerts and plays, and of course, dances. Movies we can see in the little neighboring towns and every Friday or Saturday night there are movies at school.

As for academic work, classes are interesting. They are small, the teachers all very scholarly, and willing to give individual help to those who need it. College work isn't too hard.

The great piece of land on the north side of the school was a huge success. A few benches and some good honest endeavor with a rake would do the trick.

This place would be an ideal spot where students might spend extra time and rest during their lunch period. Just think of the luxury of sitting on soft, velvety grass and bask in the Spring sun! How much more pleasant this picture is to the eye than that of students crowded up by the windows trying to catch the balmy spring breezes.

Why can't we have a special clean-up day and have everyone do his share of the work?

Let's see if we can make an all out effort to gain this desirable spot and to transform it into a place of beauty and rest for us State High Students.

Ernest L. Kuehler
Sports Editor

Land North of Trolley Offers Possibility for Park

Have you ever noticed the beautiful piece of land on the north side of the trolley? It belongs to the school.

Stop, and consider what a beautiful park for wheeling or walking it would make. A few benches and some good honest endeavor with a rake would do the trick.

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Gertheide Ranks First

According to a official report received by the office from the Dean of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, George Delano Gertheide class of 1941 has ranked first in scholarship in the class of 1945. The term ratings for this rank are 4.50-5.00.
State Baseball Team Breaks Jinx; Whips Martin Nine 12-3

Cubs Lose Two Previous Games

April 21, State High's baseball team met South Haven's at the State Hospital diamond. Arnolds nine suffered a defeat by the score of 4-3 in their first Conference Game of the season.

Both nine tallied two earned runs. State High had the best of the contest on seven hits by her opponent. She had two runs at South Haven's two, three, and four, and an error gave the visitors a 3-2 lead.

South Haven added another run in the seventh on a walk, another hit, and an error to provide the winning margin. The Cubs filled the bases for the second time in the contest in the final frame but managed to cross the plate only once. This run fell short of the score.

Box scores:

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**State High** 100 010 1-3

Former Athletic Alumni Enlist for Military Action

Howard Kisinger, graduate of State High in 1940, is at present at Fort Robinson, Arkansas. Before he enlisted, he attended W. M. C. Howard entered State High in his junior year and was a prominent track man during that time. He also served as a monitor in his junior and senior years.

Howard doesn't tell much about what he's doing at Fort Robinson except that he's working hard from morning until night.

Marshal Stewart graduated from State High in the class of 1935. He played basketball and tennis and was Captain of the tennis team in his junior year. He enlisted in the army under the selective service act on April 5, 1941. At the present he is stationed at Hawaii. His address is 5th Coast Art., Battery b, Schafer Barracks, Hawaii.

Alfred LaRoay '36 graduate of State High is now in the 6th Signal Company stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

State Golfers Set First Game Lead

State High golfers began a favorable spring season April 17 by taking all the matches from the South Haven, whose 109 yard dash is equal to the college and world's record on the 100 yard dash. He defeated the national college track records in the 100 yard dash, 220 yard dash, and 440 yard听听, running broad jump. He holds the world's track records in the 100 yard dash, 220 yard dash, and running broad jump.

Happy Birthday

May 14—Peggy Van Haften
May 15—Jack Van Der Berg
May 11—Jonas Thayer
May 9—Joan Spitters
May 24—Barbara Schaffer
May 19—Ruthie Power
May 6—John Davenport
May 26—Frank McNutt
May 28—Paul Kersten
May 9—Jeanne Kema
May 15—Robert Gleason
May 21—David Foeey
May 26—Bob Schrader
May 9—Jeanne Kema
May 17—Virginia Bourn
May 37—Barbara Dals
May 5—John Davenport
May 15—Jackie Anderson

It takes a half pound of sugar every evening. If you can't afford two, you have a lot of sugar left over. Five scores worth of cane sugar is used every time one of the large guns on a battleship is fired.
State High Students Present 'Tom Sawyer'

Tom Sawyer was presented last week by State High students. Left to right they are: Lary Lage as Joe Harper; Bill Shannon as Tom Sawyer; Bud Hanselman as Huckleberry Finn; Hendrick Meyer as Judge Thatcher. In the background: Eugene Grashorn as Mr. Harper; Myrofill Hagerman as Mrs. Harper; and Barbara Bowman as the Widow Douglas.

Beware of 'War Vocations'; Prepare for the Future

Choosing a vocation has always been a serious problem; with the world situation as it is today, the choice has become more serious and difficult to make than ever before. This question is especially pertinent for high-school students for it is in high school that we first begin to prepare for a vocation.

To choose a vocation today, one must take into consideration so many more factors than in peace-time, because of the unnatural conditions causing war. During a war, certain industries become very necessary so many people change or prepare for these jobs. These people are essential but often times in their choices they are risking their future for when peace comes again there will be little need for their work or training. It is evident that the surplus workers, employed during war-time to make defense material, will be laid off. Consider an airplane factory, greatly expanded for war. It employs many times the number of people that it did in peace time. When peace comes again, it will no longer make the surplus material, therefore, it will lay off the extra workers. What is true of a trade is equally true of a profession. If too many people prepare for a profession which is necessarily only a wartime activity, a great many of them will be idle when peace comes.

Announce Contest Winners

Bud Keville and Paula Harrington, placed first and second as district winners in the National Essay Contest sponsored by the Women's Auxiliary of Veterans of Foreign Wars. The two State High students received prizes of $20 and $10, respectively.

Masquers and Speech Class Produce Hit; Tom Sawyer Enthusiastically Received

Students Plan and Make Colorful Stage Sets

When Masquers give a play its bound to be a hit; witness such spring annuals as "Growing Pains" and "Little Women." The advanced speech class also established a good dramatic reputation in last year's "Outward Bound."

This year, a combination of the two organizations produced the logical result—an exceptionally fine "Tom Sawyer" under direction of Albert Becker. Although a large cast is usually considered a disadvantage, the supporting characters for "Tom" proved a definite advantage by providing the play with warmth and spontaneity of atmosphere necessary for this popular classic. Those characters which were double cast were given equal dramatic opportunities in matinee and evening performances.

Because the work on the part of the actors as a whole was good it is not easy to pick out specific stars. However, we feel special recognition should be given to both Martha Gilmore and Connie Sargent in afternoons and evening roles of Aunt Polly. Bud Hanselman as a happy, go lucky Huck Finn, Clyde Myard as the mischievous Ben Rogers, and Myrofill Hagerman as Mrs. Harper also won top audience approval.

Also to be commended is the work of cast and crew on the scenery which was completed entirely under efforts of the students with the assistance of Mr. Becker.

Not without humor were the five weeks of rehearsal and production. The highlights would be lucky if it could review pictorially the antics of stage bees Clyde Myard as he rode a scenery drop into the peak of the theatre; Huck's dainty disdain of the biology lab cat during dress rehearsal and Mr. Becker's pose with and reline after the presentation of his gift lawn chairs. No doubt mystifying photoset series might be built around the "case of the missing pigtail."

The proceeds from the productions will be used to buy war saving bonds.

Cottons Take Lead in Fashion Parade

The new spring cotton dresses are being shown on all the fashion plates. Pale pinks, blues, and lavenders in checks, polka dots and stripes are the latest in these dresses. You see them in many styles: strictly sporty, jumpers and full-skirted affairs.

The sophomores and freshmen are well represented in these well-dressed State-Highites. A sophomore's red, green, white and blue stripes was strictly in accordance with the latest fashion notes. Its full skirt and tightly fitting bodice are features comparatively new in this year's fashions. The representatives from the Freshman Class also have been sporting some mighty cute little numbers. We particularly liked the pale lavender with the full skirt.

Drdndle skirts of various colors with white blouses are also "quite the thing" this season. The gals yellow, rust, and the red print gathered skirts that have been seen in the halls are the latest things in summer skirt news.

Royal Grippen is at Camp Forest, Tennessee. He has been there seven weeks.

Grads Serve in Armed Forces

Alumni Represent Varied Branches of Military Life

John Baumann, a graduate of State High, is now in the Medical Corp of the army. He was drafted January 26 and sent to Fort Custer. Later, he was transferred to Camp Grant, Illinois. At present, no word has been received of his whereabouts. While at State High, John was a member of the Masquers Club, for four years. He was also a member of the Student Council in his junior and senior years. John graduated from State High in June, 1938.

Ensign Robert McGowan of Caledonia is now a midshipman in the Navy, at the United States Naval Reserve, as active duty and was assigned to the USS Arkansas where he served as turret officer until November 28, 1941. When his gunnery training is finished he will again see active duty, this time in the real thing.

Douglas Van Riel of Rossville is now a gunner's mate in the navy, in a large group of American painters of the future.

At the Seventh Annual Exhibition of "Young America Paints" held in the American Museum of Natural History, New York City between April 2 and 10, three State High students, Norman Carver, Joan Reed, and Gordon Young had water colors shown. As a result of their success, they now belong to a large group of American painters of the future.