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State Highlights

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Dr. Bryan Reports On Monitor System

"The student body of State High School has strong confidence in the monitor plan. It is doubtful if there would be greater agreement on any school policy." These statements were made by Dr. Roy C. Bryan, principal of State High School, who spoke at the Monitor's Luncheon on March 3 and reported the results of a survey made on March 2 in the student-managed study halls.

A questionnaire was submitted students in the study halls for the purpose of getting their opinions on the manner in which the study halls are being managed. The results of the survey follow:

1. I think it is a credit to the students of State High that they can manage their own study halls.

Agree 88.2 percent; disagree 2.5 percent; undecided 9.3 percent.

2. For the most part I think that our study hall are very well managed.

Agree 87.0 percent; disagree 5.6 percent; undecided 7.4 percent.

3. I am satisfied with the way our study halls are managed.

Agree 59.2 percent; disagree 22.2 percent; undecided 18.5 percent.

4. I cannot get much accomplished in the study room because there is too much confusion.

Agree 8.0 percent; disagree 84.0 percent; undecided 8.0 percent.

6. I think that study hall problems are caused by comparatively few persons and things would be excellent if these few persons were not in a study room.

Agree 62.9 percent; disagree 21.0 percent; undecided 16.0 percent.

7. I think that too many high school students fail to give enough co-operation to make student-managed study halls successful.

Agree 33.3 percent; disagree 47.5 percent; undecided 19.1 percent.

8. I am in favor of displacing monitors with teachers in all study halls.

Agree 7.4 percent; disagree 84.0 percent; undecided 8.6 percent.

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Many Enjoy "Turnabout"

Last Friday night, March 5, the girls of State High had a chance to show the boys what a real date is at the fourth annual Turnabout held from 9 until 12 o'clock in the Women's Gym. It had been the procedure in the past to have only the girls make the dates, but this year either girls or boys could do the inviting.

The theme of the dance was "Spring Swing" and the music was provided by George King's orchestra.

Chaperones for the dance were Dr. and Mrs. Roy C. Bryan, Dr. and Mrs. Gifford Blyton, Mr. Otto Yntema, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Quiring.

Cast Selected For "Our Town"

"Our Town," a Pulitzer prize-winning play by Thornton Wilder, has been selected as the spring play by Mrs. Gifford Blyton, sponsor of the Masquers Club and director of dramatics at State High School. The play will be presented on May 7 and 8 in the Little Theatre.

The story of the play is that of two young people, Emily Webb (June Albertson; Florence DeLano) and George Gibbs (Don Griffith). As the stage manager, narrator (Joe Cox), explains, "This is the way we were in our growing-up, in our marrying, in our living, and in our dying."

In the first act we learn some of the political and economic history of "Our Town" from Professor Willard (Bill Shumaker), professor of history at the college. We learn of social events from Editor Webb (Dunlap Clark) publisher and editor of the "Grover's Corners Sentinel," the town newspaper. Editor Webb is Emily's father. Act two begins with George and Emily's wedding day. The third and last act takes place on a hilltop which the Stage Manager describes as "a windy hilltop—lots of sky, lots of clouds—often lots of sun and moon and stars. An awful lot of sorrow has quieted down up here. We're all glad they're in a beautiful place and we're coming up here ourselves when our fit's over." There is no scenery except for trellises which mark the entrance to the Gibbs' and the Webb's homes.

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Joan Spitters DAR Guest

Joan Spitters represented State High School at the annual luncheon given by February 10 at the Columbia Hotel by the Daughters of the American Revolution. At these annual luncheons, girls from schools in this section of the state are guests of the local chapters as a part of the "good citizenship pilgrimage" which the DAR sponsors.

Operetta Prizes Awarded

Prizes for the annual operetta contests were announced at the assembly Friday, February 19. Prizes were given for the largest individual sales of tickets and for the best posters. The first prize of two dollars for selling the most tickets, went to Jane Britton, who sold one hundred and forty tickets. The second prize of a dollar, went to Mary Robert, who sold ninety one tickets.

Mary DeHaan won first prize of one dollar, for making the best poster. Gisela Keck won second prize of fifty cents and Earline Harback came in third, winning a ticket to the operetta.

80 Gain Places On Honor Roll

A recognition of "Scholarship for Victory" accompanied the announcing of the honor roll for the first semester. Under the direction of Miss Mathilde Steckelberg, badges bearing the inscription "Scholarship for Victory" were prepared for students who won places on the honor rolls. These were distributed by Dr. Roy C. Bryan, principal of State High School, and students were asked to wear them on March 2 and 3.

The first honor roll includes students who earn from twelve to fifteen points; the second honor roll, those from nine through eleven points; and the third honor roll, those who have at least eight points.

Fifteen on First Honor Roll

Donald Griffith placed first on the highest honor roll, having earned fifteen honor points during the first semester. Doris Krudener was second with fourteen, followed by Glen Melinger with thirteen and one-half points. Other students who made thirteen honor points were Margery Davis, Bil Gilbert, and Caroline Richardson. Students earning twelve honor points were Thomas Hickmott, Gisela Keck, Sally Anne Benton, Janet Crum, Martha DeLano, Christie Berry, Joan Gerpheide, Robert Palmatier, and John Overley.

Fifty-Four on Second Roll

The second honor list of students who earned from nine through eleven honor points includes: Nancy Clement, Franklin Fulton, Carol Haskin, Patricia Herr, Lois Hitchcock, Mary Ellen Dawson, Warren Louis, Larry Mayer, Anna Porter, Romange Pringle, William Ryan, Harold Upjohn, Marilyn Whaley, Rose Bingham, Mary DeHaan, Gail Gibb, Mary Louise Harvey, Robert Kistler, James Knauss, Ann Leander, Martha Ann Miller, Ruth Morton, Walter Orwin, Joan Reade, Ida Schuhardt, James Stephenson, John Toorman, Robert Espie, Joy Matthews, Betty Miller, Judy Rosenbaum, Bill Shumaker, Phyllis Smith, Hope Thezelius, Jack Van Boven, Barbara Bigelow, Barbara Bowman, Shirley Cook, Maxine Cornhill, John Folz, Robert Fuller, Marilyn Hiller, Jesse Keville, Larry Lage, Barbara McLaughlin, Norman Rabbers, Ralph Oakland, Joan Read, Lois Schneider, Barbara Sisson, Bill Skinner, Emma Frey, Ann Hanselman and Lisel Goldstein.

Eleven on Third Honor Roll

Students who earned places on the third honor roll with eight points include: Donald Lambrix, Joanne Ogden, Allen Hilliard, Vincent Solomon, Audrey Marr, Jane Pratt, Barbara Stevens, Robert Maloney, James Morgan, Barbara Shaffer, Joan Spitters.

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An Appeal to Patriotism

From the way things have shaped up in recent weeks. State High students will have two bold questions to face in the very near future: "How about the registration for farm work this summer?" and "What are the chances of an enlistment in a reserve corps before the draft board calls?"

In the assembly of February 19, Mr. Amrhein, chairman of the drive in Kalamazoo County, and Mr. Corbus, of the college agriculture department, informed the student body that the program was open to boys and girls from 14 to 18 years of age who were willing to sacrifice a summer in the city for three months of keen, wholesome, labor in the rural area. They pointed out that the help will receive fair wages, determined by ability, service, and the type of job. In addition "keep" will be provided. Either a permanent summer job or one of a short time may be secured. At a meeting on March 11, the farmers and the local committee will try to decide set wages and available jobs for the boys and girls. For the unexperienced a training course of from six to eight weeks under Mr. Corbus will be held to acquaint them with the machinery, crops, and animals of the farm. And for those who have registered and have yet to register, a meeting will be held at 2 P.M., March 13, at the Y.M.C.A.

The assembly of the junior and senior boys on Thursday, February 25, brought the armed forces forth in a different light. Mr. Leonard Gernant, enlistment advisor, pointed out openings for seventeen and eighteen year old high school students in the Army, Navy, Marines, and Coast Guard. He listed favorable branches:

1. Enlistment in the Navy
2. U.S. Marine Officer Candidates—a reserve corps formerly for college students but now open to high school students.
3. U.S. Coast Guard Reserve.
4. Reserve Corps of Army
5. Army Aviation Cadets Reserve
6. Navy V 12
7. Navy V 5—Air Corps

Mr. Gernant urged quick action on the part of the boys in deciding their very near futures before they become of draft age.

For more information on these subjects, students are advised to make an appointment to see Mr. Gernant at the Barracks or Mr. Amrhein at the Y.M.C.A.

High School, College Councils Debate

The Student Council of State High School and Western Michigan College have formed a joint committee in response to demands from both student bodies concerning problems which arise between the two schools. The purpose of this committee is to promote a better understanding of these situations, to plan to remedy them, and to create a better feeling between both groups. Because State High and the College are so closely connected it is only natural that problems would arise between them. In the past there has been little attempt to reach agreements. The opinion of State High has been that the College has often unjustly blamed State High students. Through this committee, both sides of any matters that need consideration will be presented. The result should be a better understanding of the problems and solutions favorable to both schools.

The immediate aims of the committee are to settle the present problems that exist. The first problem to be considered is the congestion in the soda bar and the lounge at Walwood Hall. Complaints have come from both the College and State High that because some people loiter in the soda bar excessively, it is difficult to obtain a place. The Committee suggests that the problem could be easily remedied if students would be more considerate of others. Remember that there are about twelve hundred college students and three hundred high school students. Therefore, considering the number of people who are likely to use Walwood Hall and the proportion of college students to high school students, everyone should understand what is expected of him personally.

In regard to the matter of State High students taking College Heralds, it may be pointed out that by doing so, college students may be deprived of their newspapers. As State High students do not need to use the Heralds, the committee agreed that there would be no problem when State High realized the situation.

The problems of State High attendance at College dances and of College students coming to State High parties were discussed. The decision was reached to have each school responsible for the attendance at their dances. However, students are asked not to "crash" parties of the other school.

The situation at basketball games was considered by the Committee, and it was decided to drop the matter as State High students are not necessarily responsible for college students not having seats at the game.

These problems will be easily settled if everyone will realize his own responsibility toward situations that are bound to arise, as our High School and the College have so many common interests.

Track Team Can Have Good Season This Year

Unless the draft, ineligibility, injuries, or non-attendance interferes with the track season, Coach Quiring expects to have a fine squad reporting for the team this spring.

Many of the veterans of former years will report when the first practices are held in the near future. At least seven letter winners will be back this season. Probably coming back, for at least their second year in the long distance races will be Bob Maloney for the half-mile; another will be Wesley Lewis for a similar position; and Dave Walsh and Bob Anderson are expected to hold the positions for the 440 yard dash. In the 100 and 220 yard dashes will be Bill Milham, "Red" Kisinger, and Ted Lawrence. "Red" Kisinger will be expected to lead the team in the hurdles and the broad jump. Some new members of the school and some freshmen are expected to report.

Last Game Reviewed By Girl in the Stands

The game on February 27 was the last of the season and the turn-out was exceptional. The State High team in their blue and gold looked stunning as usual.

The visiting team was attired in purple and white. Did you notice that tall brunette? And the blond! He was also fairly satisfactory. In fact, Three Rivers is a pretty lucky town.

At the half the score was 18 to 7 with State High in the lead. I wonder how Norm Rabbers keeps such a lovely wave in his hair. Have you ever noticed that quiet (?) sign that follows John Skoubes as he flashes down the floor past the bleachers.

Those reserves are nothing to kick about either. Pretty boy Barnes certainly thrills the girls when he looks at them through those long lashes with those big blue eyes. And, of course, the freshmen girls can find a couple of good reasons for attending the games. How about that freshies?

State High won the game 41 to 18.

Handball Tournament Opens New Sport for Boys

Something new has been added to State High sports; it's handball. As many of you know, handball is already played rather extensively by some of the boys. At last, however, Coach Quiring decided to find out who was best. The result—the handball tournament. Many boys jumped at the chance to sign up, and so by the time the first matches were ready to be played off, ten couples for the doubles and thirteen boys for single had signed up for the match, which will be played in the Y.M.C.A. handball courts, the first week in March. Good prospects for the double championship are Bob Jones, David Fooy, and Hanna and Parker, and Gilbert and Knauss. For singles, Robert Jones seems to be a good prospect. Prizes will be given to the winners by Coach Quiring.

Cubs Defeat Three Rivers To End Year

The State High Cubs wound up their 1942-43 basketball season by overwhelming last year's conference champions, Three Rivers, by the score of 41 to 18. It was clearly State High's night from the beginning to the final gun. The Cubs scored first and after that time never relinquished their lead. During the first half, the Cubs held the Three Rivers team to only two field goals and three foul shots while they rolled up a total of eighteen points. This first half attack was sparked by Gail Kisinger who scored 11 points during this period. During the second half, Three Rivers began to hit the rim a little more accurately, but at no time did they seriously threaten the lead of the Cubs. In this final period Coach Quiring used substitutes freely and gave the State High fans a glimpse of some of the boys who will make up his next year's team. Gail Kisinger lead the scoring for the Cubs with 13 points, right behind him with 12 was "Chad" Hanna, cub center, while third for the night was Howard Winchell, speedy forward, with a total of 8 points. Saturday's game was the final one on the Cub's schedule and was the final game for the following boys who are seniors, "Red" Kisinger, Howard Winchell, Bob Fuller, forwards; Dick Hanna, center; and Norm Rabbers, guard.

Because of the war this year, the annual state basketball tournaments will be seen in an entirely different form. On account of transportation problems there will be no one champion for each class but several champions in various districts. State High will begin its regional tournament play at Western's gym on Friday, March 12. Its first opponent will be Allegan. Besides Allegan, there will be Three Rivers and Sturgis all in the same bracket with State High. All of these teams will be shooting for victory in the local tournament so let's be out there and give our

Sportlight

For the benefit of those who don't know, "Ritz" is David Ritzema, a sophomore in our school. He came here, as a freshman, from Milwood a year ago, last fall. You've possibly seen him with the big blue "S" on his sweater when he walks down the hall. He received this for playing second base on our baseball team last year. He did a splendid job, as those of us who saw him play last year can testify. He also went out for basketball and did a good job. This year he is again out for basketball and has played in two varsity games, Niles and Dowagiac, as well as the reserve game. "Ritz" intends to try out for baseball again, and now with Jack Vandenberg gone he is practically sure of first string second baseman. The expectations of State High ride with you Dave. Good luck!

Cubs Complete '42-'43 Season

Place Third in Conference In Quiring's First Year

By running over Three Rivers, Saturday, February 27, the State High Cubs' basketball team closed its season, winning nine and losing five games. Even though Coach Quiring led the team to a victorious season, the Cubs won only five conference games and finished third in the Big Six standings.

Center "Chad" Hanna led the team in scoring, followed by "Red" Kisinger, who made 19 points during one game, the highest this season, and John Skoubes, Junior guard. Howard Winchell, Norm Rabbers, and Bill Perrin completed the first string squad, who were especially good on the defensive.

The Cubs opened the season with a win against Holland Christian but lost the next one, their first conference game, to a very powerful St. Joe team, when completely subdued by a vastly superior offence and defence. This loss seemed to put the sorry needed spirit into the Cubs, for they bounced right back to whip Sturgis in a close one 26 to 25. Dowagiac, next on the schedule, was an easy victim and so conquered 33 to 39.

Led by Dillard Crocker, the Niles Vikings started a losing streak for the Cubs. Crocker making 22 points, the Vikings conquered the Cubs, during the following two-week ends the Cubs beat Three Rivers, but when they went to St. Joe, they were beaten again by the Bears.

From here on something hit the Cubs and they took care of Sturgis, Dowagiac, Niles, Holland, and Three Rivers. This streak hitting its peak, when the Cubs completely ran over Niles 52 to 23 in revenge for their former defeat.

The State high reserves are having just as successful a season as the varsity had. The reserves won for their coach, Gene Conally, eight games, while losing only five to date. With Harold Upjohn and Jim Ralston, two freshmen as forwards, Cornelius Vander Weele at the center position, and Dave Auxter, Dick Barnes, Bruce Cowie, and John Dunham sharing the playing at guards, the team had, and is still having, some fine games.

The final tabulation of the varsity games is as follows:

State High 43	Holland Christian 33
State High 24	St. Joe 36
State High 33	South Haven 34
State High 26	Sturgis 25
State High 33	Dowagiac 29
State High 30	Niles 36
State High 41	Three Rivers 38
State High 28	St. Joe 46
State High 34	Sturgis 31
State High 26	South Haven 27
State High 34	Dowagiac 20
State High 52	Niles 89
State High 46	Holland Christian 20
State High 41	Three Rivers 18

"Quips from Drips"

Dear Mac, Shadbaby, Beewa, Gaji,

Just guess what happened last week. Our basketball team really got hot and beat the pants off Holland and Three Rivers. Why don't we do this more often? We did come out third in the Conference. Just think we would have come in first if two other teams hadn't come in ahead of us.

The rarest thing happened. The Student Council planned a movie and advertized Charlie Chaplin. It was a sell out! But the most terrible thing occurred. The movies never came so the committee chewed up three movies at the very last minute. Mac, Shadbaby, Beewa, and Gaji; they certainly looked like last minute thoughts too. Well anyway, we all consider it worth eleven cents to get out of that boring 2:00 class.

The first week in March has really been the week for recognition in Gazette? There were four pictures of State High. Did you see Sunday's State's celebrities. Thrilling wasn't it? Gee I sure wish I were one! Maybe someday someone will discover my hidden talents. Then on top of that honor all the students on the Honor Roll are wearing red, white, and blue tags on them saying "Scholarship For Victory! Gosh it sure must be wonderful to be smart! I should study more but I really don't know how.

Wilber left to fight for the good old U. S. A. Almost everyone went to see him off and boy, he sure has millions of friends. I hope I have that many some time.

Mac, Shadbaby, Beewa, and Gaji; we are having a dance where the females take the males and pay all the expenss. Now all we wofusses can go and find out what a dance is like. Watch out boys, here we come! And we mean it. When something like this happens it's nothing short of a stampede!

The Monitors held their annual luncheon on Wednesday March third. You know what Monitors are—those red demons with horns. The theme was airplanes and was really nice, and the Student Council deserves the credit for putting over another luncheon with a bang.

The Class B Basketball tournaments start March 12 and we have hopes of showing all just how good we are.

Well Kids—there's the bell we've got to check this place.

Love,

Booger, Eenor, and Ooshbar

Staff Adds New Members

The "Highlights" staff announces several staff changes for the second semester. Barbara Griggs and Betty Little are joining the staff as typists. Phyllis Smith will be art editor and Burton Upjohn, photographer. Lisel Goldstein will be on the general staff.

Chrissie Berry, Marilyn Hiller, and Jim Sweetland have transferred from the staff to other activities.

The Fifth Column

Barb McLaughlin—"That Soldier of Mine"

The Soda Bar 12:00—"Picnic In Purgatory"

Ted Laurence—"Drummer Boy"

Pete Kakabaker and Colleen Patterson—"Our Devotion"

Pat Rooney—"Smoke Gets in Your Eyes"

Jeanne Maltby—"My Silent Love"

Jean and Joyce Anderson—"Its so Peaceful in the Country"

Frances Donahue—"Wonder When My Baby's Coming Home"

FROSH—Beg your pardon but I didn't understand the question

SOPH—Will you please repeat that?

Junior—What did you say?

SENIOR—HUH? ? ?

I've always thought practice teachers were here to teach ue something. Apparently the tables are turned for it seems some of the students are teaching some of them a few things—after school hours!

Apparently the senior class has nothing to offer for one of our newest senior girls. In fact she has taken to the Sophomore (and we don't mean college, not bad either. How about that Mary? ? ?

DUMBELL POME

Slippery ice—very thin.

Pretty girl—tumbled in.

Saw a boy—on the bank;

Gave a shriek—then she sank

Boy on bank—heard her shout;;

Jumped right in—helped her out;

Now he's hers—very nice.

But she had—to break the ice.

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In summarizing and interpreting the results of the survey, Dr. Bigan presented the following conclusions.

1. The student body has strong confidence in their monitor plan. It is doubtful if there would be greater agreement on any school policy.

2. The difference in the manner in which the students in the different study rooms answered the questions was not significant. In other words, the different study hall groups answered the same questions in virtually the same way.

3. The students definitely do not want teacher-managed study halls; they feel that it reflects credit on them to be able to manage their own study halls successfully.

4. The majority of studen's feel that they can study more effectively at home than at school, but only eight percent feel that there is too much confusion in study halls. Perhaps most of these would consider most of the confusion inevitable, for there is an obvious contrast between conditions when on person studies alone and when that person studies in the presence of from twenty to eighty other people.

5. Even though almost ninety percent of the students feel that the study halls are managed well, a large number are not "satisfied." This is as it should be. In most respects th criticisms by some were contradicted by criticisms of others. For example, some said that the rules are too strict while others indicated they are not strict enough. There was considerable agreement on the point that lack of co-operation can be attributed to a certain small number of students. There was much agreement that friendships between monitors and students results in favored, partial treatment too often. The latter criticism should serve as a goal for improvement. Monitors should put forth special effort to treat all students alike.

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The other members of the Gibbs family are Dr. Gibbs (Hendrik Meyer), the father; Mrs. Gibbs (Betty Muller), the mother; and the little sister, Rebecca (Joan VanderLinde; Paula Harrington).

In the Webb family are Mrs. Webb (Barbara Shaffer), Emily's mother; and Wally Webb (Ben Wood), her little brother.

Other members of the cast are:

Joe Crowell Pil Gilbert
Howie Newsome Bill Cox
Simon Stimson Norman Carver
Mrs. Soames Phyllis Daub
Constable Warren Jim Knauss
Si Crewell Don Lambrix
Baseball players Bob Gleason, Bill Smith, and Dick Husted
Joe Stoddard Bill Smith
Women in audience Ruby White and Marquerite Bowersox
Man in audience Glen Mellinger
The dead Dora LaRoy, Beverly Smith, Charles Klein, Barbara Bowman, and Barbara Bigelow

March 1—Bob Anderson
March 1—Beverly Carr
March 1—Bill Lorentz
March 1—Anna Porter
March 3—Douglas Beebe
March 3—Cameron Clark
March 4—Bob Burns
March 7—Barbara Coleman
March 7—Georgianna Slate
March 11—Jim Morgan
March 12—Kay Hudson
March 13—Joanne Scougale
March 14—Janet Crum
March 14—Barbara Stevens
March 18—Gordon Young
March 20—Joyce Anderson
March 24—Burton Upjohn
March 27—Art Buckholz
March 27—Frances Donoghue
March 28—Mary Wilbur
March 30—Jim Pellowe
March 31—Rose Bingham