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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 a great demand 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 to 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 82.5 percent; disagree 21.0 percent; undecided 6.5 percent.

2. I think our study hall are well managed.
   Agree 80.0 percent; disagree 15.0 percent; undecided 5.0 percent.

3. I am satisfied with the way our study halls are managed.
   Agree 50.7 percent; disagree 20.3 percent; undecided 29.0 percent.

4. I cannot get much accomplished in the study room because there is too much noise.
   Agree 62.9 percent; disagree 20.1 percent; undecided 17.0 percent.

5. I think that our study halls are well managed.
   Agree 87.0 percent; disagree 5.6 percent; undecided 7.4 percent.

6. I think that study hall problems are caused by persons and things which would be excellent if these few persons were not in a study room.
   Agree 78.3 percent; disagree 16.0 percent; undecided 5.7 percent.

7. I think that too many high school students fail to give enough cooperation to make study halls successful.
   Agree 71.5 percent; disagree 19.1 percent; undecided 9.4 percent.

8. I am in favor of placing monitors with teachers in all study halls.
   Agree 74.7 percent; disagree 19.4 percent; undecided 6.9 percent.

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Many Enjoy "Turnabout"

Last Friday night, March 5, the girls of State High had a chance to show what a real date is at the fourth annual Turnabout held from 9 until 12 o'clock in the Woman's Gym. It had been the procedure in the past to have only the girls make the dates, but this year either girl or boy 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 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. 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 quickened up down here. We're all glad they're in a beautiful place and we never can get ourselves where our fits 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

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 the district were guests of the DAR chapter as a part of the "good citizenship pilgrimage" with which the DAR sponsors.

Operetta Prizes Awarded

Prizes for the annual operetta contest were announced at the assembly Friday, February 19. Prizes were awarded for the largest individual sales of tickets for the best poster. 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 one dollar. Hundreds of dollars in cash and other prizes were given out to those who placed in the contest.

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 Mathers and Miss 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, Bill Gilbert, and Caroline Richmond. Students earning twelve honor points were Thomas Hickmott, Gisela Keck, Sally Anne Benton, Janet Crum, Martha DeLano, Chrislie Berry, Joan Gerpheide, Robert Palmatier, and John Overley.

Fifty-Four on Second Roll


Eleven on Third Honor Roll

Students who earn places on the third honor roll were those who earned at least seven points and included: Donald Lambrix, Joanne Ogden, Allen Hilliard, Vincent Solomon, Audrey Marr, Jane Pratt, Barbara Stevens, Joanne Morgan, Barbara Shaffer, Joan Spitters.
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 the situations, 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 Walton 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, consider the number of people who are likely to use Walton 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 courses 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 Herald, 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.

An Appeal to Patriotism

From the way things have shaped up in recent weeks, State High students will have two bold questions to face un 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.
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.
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 who were 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 relay 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 brnunette? And the blond! He was also fairly satisfactory. In fact, Three Rivers is a pretty lucky town.

At 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 folds John Skoubes as he dashes 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. 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.

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 was played in the Y.M.C.A. handball courts, the first week in March.

Good prospects for the doubles championship are Bob Jones, David Foy, and Harold, 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 thier lead. During the first half, the Cubs held the Three Rivers team to only three points and three free 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. Gall Kisinger will 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, scored with a total of 8 points.

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 Allendale. It is expected that 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

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 with a winning record of five and seven. 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 defense.

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 defense. This loss seemed to put the sorely needed spirit into the Cubs, for the balanced right back to whip Sturgis in a close one 26 to 25. Following this, the Cubs beat Dowagiac, 30 to 29, and last week Sturgis beat the Cub’s schedule and the final one on the Cub’s schedule and the final one on the Cub’s schedule and the final one on the Cub’s schedule and the final one on the Cub’s schedule.

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 Auker, Dick Barnes, Bruce Cowie, and John Dunham sharing the guard position, the team has, 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 23 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 27 South Haven 27
State High 34 Dowagiac 20
State High 52 Niles 39
State High 46 Holland Christian 20
State High 41 Three Rivers 18

Spotlight

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 and every second player possibly himself 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 second basemen do.

If you missed the game, try to see a bit of it atState High’s basketball game.
"Quips from Drips"

Dear Mac, Shadabady, Beewa, Gaji,

Just guess what happened last week. Our basketball team really got hot and beat the pants out of Holland and three other teams. 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 advertised Charlie Chaplin. It was a sequel, and the most terrible thing occurred. The movies never came so the committee chewed up three movies at the very last minute. Mac, Shadabady, 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 celebraties. Thrilling wasn't it? Gee! I wish I were one! Maybe someday someone will discover my hidden talents. Then on top of that honor all the students on the students list and we can wear 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 when I'm gone.

Mac, Shadabady, Beewa, and Caji; we are having a dance where the females take the males and pay all the expenses. Now all we wantfesses can go and have a great time. 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 off all just 'how good we are.

Well kids—there's the bell we've got to check that 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.

Christie 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 13:00—Picnic In Purgatory" Ted Laurence—"Drummer Boy"

Pete Kakabaker and Colleen Patterson—"Our Devotion" Pat Roney—"Smoke Gets In Your Eyes" Jeanne Malby—"My Lucky Star"

Jean and Joyce Andersen—"It's so Peaceful in the Country"

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

FROSH—Eeg 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 something. Apparently the tables are turned for it seems some of the students are teaching us a few things—after a few 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? ??

DUNEBELL 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 answer in which the students in the different study rooms answered the questions is 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, that they feel that it reflects credit on them to be able to manage their own study halls successfully.

4. The majority of students 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 the 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 — Bill Gilbert
Howie Newsome — Bill Cox
Simon Stimson — Norman Carver
Mrs. Soames — Phyllis Dubb
Constable Warren — Jim Knowl
Si Crowell — Don Lambrix
Baseball players: Bob Gleason, Bill Smith, and Dick Husted
Joe Stoddard — Bill Smith
Women in audience — Ruby White and Marquetter Bowersox
Man in audience — Glen Melling

The End. Down To Boy, Beverly Smith, Charles Klein, Barbara Bowman, and Barbara Bigelow