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State Highlights

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Debaters Win First Place

State High's debaters took top honors in the first district tournament of the Michigan High School Forensic Association held Friday, December 10. By winning all four of its debates, State High became the leading contender for the district championship. The topic for debate was: Resolved, that the United States should join in reconstituting the League of Nations.

The teams for State High included Don Griffith and Bill Shumaker on the affirmative and Bill Gilbert and Paula Harrington on the negative. The affirmative team defeated negative teams from Benton Harbor Senior, and Sturgis. The negative team defeated affirmative teams from Battle Creek Central and Sturgis.

The schools participating in this tournament were Battle Creek Central, Benton Harbor Senior, State High and Sturgis High. State High ranked highest by winning all four debates. Battle Creek was second with three out of four debates to its credit. Benton Harbor won one of its contests and Sturgis lost four.

Another tournament is to be held soon after Christmas. In this tournament State High must win only two out of four debates in order to go on to the State Elimination tournaments.

Military Information Given

Boys who will be seventeen and one-half years old by December 15 and who expect to go into the service soon will be issued blanks which are to be filled out by any five teachers of their choice. The teachers will give information on the boy's general character and ability and this will be used to help in the correct classification of the inductee. State High is one of several schools which is co-operating with the Department of Public Instruction and the State Selective Service in the carrying out of this program.

Mr. Leonard Gernant has announced that the requirements for Naval Aviation V-5 have been lowered and requests that all interested boys see him for further information. "Getting Ready for Induction," a pamphlet, has been given to all boys through their homerooms. Any boys who failed to receive this material can secure it at the office.

Sway and Swing With Georgie King

The strains of George King's orchestra, the purple lights of Walwood ballroom, the Christmas decorations, the swishing multi-colored formals, and the general excitement of the Christmas season are all in the dreams of the State High co-eds during the few days before Wednesday, December 22, at 9 P. M. At this time Walwood Hall will bustle with the eager and excited young people of State High assembled for their annual Christmas Formal.

Tickets for the event are \$1.25 and guest slips must be obtained for all outsiders.

June Albertson is general chairman of the committee in charge and is assisted by Phyllis Smith, decorations; Hope Thezelius, refreshments; and Mary Jane McCarthy, tickets. Mr. Donald Dolan of the faculty is acting as adviser of the committee.

Highlander Plans Progress

It has been announced by Don Griffith, editor of the 1944 Highlander, that Slocum's Studio, The Crescent Engraving Company, and the Wolverine Press will do the photography, engraving, and printing for the Highlander. A plan of the book is being made but the details will not be made known. Subscriptions will be taken in the near future although the exact price has not been decided upon. The staff is trying to make this year's Highlander better than ever in spite of difficulties.

Council Plans Sale

"No lunches Wednesday." That's the motto of loyal State High students for Dec. 15. The Student Council is having a sandwich sale on that day. Sandwiches of all kinds will be sold between classes all day (or as long as the sandwiches hold out).

Stage Materials Wanted

State High's art department is working on the stage sets for "Tolanthe," the Choir's operetta. For this they are creating a forest and formal gardens from cartons, old sheets, Kraft wrapping paper held together by sticky tape. The department would appreciate any materials which would help in making this scenery, especially old cloth, such as sheets and tablecloths. Materials may be taken to room 202 in the Barracks.

Christmas Play To Be Presented

One of the most outstanding and eagerly anticipated events of the holiday season for State High's students, faculty, and friends is the traditional presentation of "Why The Chimes Rang" by the Masquer's Club and Choir. The play will be held on December 21 at 8 P. M. in the Little Theater. There is no admission charge and all interested are cordially invited to attend.

The Misses Betty Pickett and Clara Bush are directing the play under the supervision of Miss Muriel Rix and Mr. George Mills.

The cast, headed by Jim Pellows as Holgar, Pat Abrams as Steen, and Dunlap Clark as Uncle Bertel, also includes Mary Lou Harvey as The Old Woman and Mary Roberts as the Angel.

The non-speaking parts are:

Priest, Dorothy Pine; rich man, Hendrick Meyer; courtier, Judy Ogden; scholar, Cameron Clark; young girl, Joy Van Haften; king, Don Griffith; lady, June Albertson.

The Committee Chairmen chosen from the Masquers Club are stage manager, Norman Carver; costumes, Rita Wooden; properties, Joan VanderLinde; make-up, June Albertson; publicity-program, Sally Benton.

Freshmen Sponsor Dance

A dance will be sponsored by Homeroom 208A after the Three Rivers game on January 14. The dance, which will be held in the women's gym, will begin directly after the game and will last until 11:30. The admission is 15 cents and everyone is invited to come.

The committee in charge includes: Nancy McQuigg, chairman; Jean Balch, and Gerry Klein.

Calendar

- Dec. 15—Student Council Sandwich Sale
- Dec. 17—Basketball Game — Dowagiac, here.
- Dec. 21—Christmas Play, 8:00 p. m.
- Dec. 22-Jan. 3—Christmas Vacation
- Dec. 22—Christmas Formal
- Jan. 7—Niles, there.
- Jan. 14—Three Rivers, here.

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Merry Christmas!

"Merry Christmas" you say. If someone were to ask you what you meant, would you know just what to reply or would you stumble over your answer a little? Would you say, "I mean I hope their Christmas is a happy one"? Then someone might inquire. "What do you mean by Christmas?"

Christmas . . . what is it? Is it the mobs downtown and the people who ring bells as they stand by little kettles on the street? Is it tinsel and tape and rustling paper and red ribbons? Is it wreaths and bells and colored lights and gaiety about a shining tree? Maybe it's a creche or silver stars glimmering in the blue-black heavens. Could be it's children singing, or gifts, or any number of things. But it's not. It isn't ONE of these things; it's all of them mixed up with one simple little emotion—love.

That's why Christmas is such a happy season from beginning to end—because when the creche and colored lights are gone, there are still the gifts; when they are gone, there are still the stars; when the stars are gone, there's still love, and . . . well, that's what makes a Merry Christmas.

Patriotic Packages Popular

Every year at Christmas time the mail routes and post offices of the country are loaded with excess packages and mail. This year, because of the correspondence to and from members of the armed forces, and because many persons are living away from home who would not ordinarily have moved, the mails are especially burdened and weighed down.

Of course, all overseas packages were mailed Nov. 15 or Dec. 1 at the latest, but there are millions of men in this country who will want to receive mail on time. It wouldn't be any fun to have all your Christmas presents come a week late.

The government asked that all packages be mailed two weeks early. If you still haven't mailed your out-of-town packages, do it now. You can plaster them from end to end with "Do not open until Christmas" labels if you like, but mail them early! The chances are that they'll get there just in time, if not too late.

One last point, the less room these packages take, the more patriotic is our gift. And what could be more compact, easy-to-wrap, valuable and patriotic than a United States War Bond?

There are several brothers among the State High grads who are in the services.

David Anderson, a freshman, has two brothers, Corporal Bob Anderson and A/S Joe Anderson. Bob, who graduated in 1939, was on the football and baseball teams while in school. He is now with the Marines in North Ireland. Joe, a graduate of 1943, participated in track. He is a member of the Army Air Corps in Tennessee.

Betty Miller, a senior, also has two brothers in the Armed Forces. Harold is now a private in the Air Corps stationed at Greensboro, North Carolina. Carl is a cadet midshipman in the Merchant Marines somewhere in the Atlantic.

Mary and Art Buckholz have three brothers in the services, one of whom is missing in action. Charles was with the Army in the Philippines when the Japs struck at Pearl Harbor. He was last heard from on the 15th of December, in 1941. Albert Buckholz is a boatswain's mate 2nd class, stationed at Boston, while Bob is in the Navy Reserves. He is a Radioman 2nd class and is instructing at the Polytechnic Institute in Auburn, Alabama.

Who's Who

A/S Bill Meyers, who graduated in '42, was transferred from the engineers to Syracuse University for pre-flight training in the Army Air Corps.

Larry Burdick, a Seaman 2nd class, is stationed at Navy Pier, Chicago. He was a member of the football and tennis teams and graduated in 1941.

One of the State High grads who was recently home on leave is Pvt. Matt Ritsema, a graduate of '42. While in school here he was a member of the basketball and tennis teams. On entering the Army he spent three months at an enlisted men's school in Virginia. Then he was sent to Florida for amphibious training with the engineers. He is now at Camp Pickett, Virginia.

2nd Lt. Fred Davis graduated from State High in 1935 and is in the Army Air Forces. He is now a prisoner of war in Germany.

Glenn Husted is a private in the Army and is "doing fine." Glenn graduated in 1937 and was on the football and baseball teams. He is stationed at Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

PFC James A. Shiley, a former member of the football team, who graduated in '42 is in the Marines. He is stationed at Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, Calif.

Former Coach Writes Editor

Fort Logan, Colorado
November 16, 1943

Mr. Jim Knauss
Sports Editor,
State Highlights:
My Dear Friend Jim:

Just received the October 18 issue of the Highlights. It has followed me from Miami, Florida, to Fourth District Headquarters to Salt Lake to Kearns, Utah, to District Headquarters to Fort Logan, Colorado.

Fort Logan is one of the oldest and nicest Army Posts in the country. It has two nice lakes on it with trout in them, a golf course, nice officers' club and a fine gymnasium. Pike's Peak, snow-covered, lies in the distance towering some 14,000 feet above sea level. The deer, elk, pheasant, and duck season is now on and many of the men and officers have been out and have been successful. I have been here since Sept. 1, 1943. Sure hope I stay a while. In the last year I have traveled from Kalamazoo to Oklahoma to Denver to Salt Lake to Kearns to Denver to Lowry Field to Miami to Denver to Salt Lake to Kearns to Lowry Field to New York City to Salt Lake to Fort Logan, about 17,000 miles in all.

At present I am athletic director and recreation officer. We have touch-football leagues, basketball and other leagues for the enlisted men in addition to the strenuous physical training program.

Our post basketball team will be entered in the National AAU Tournament in March so I have a big year cut out for me. Some of the outstanding college players in the country are in this area so we look for a hot fight for the championship.

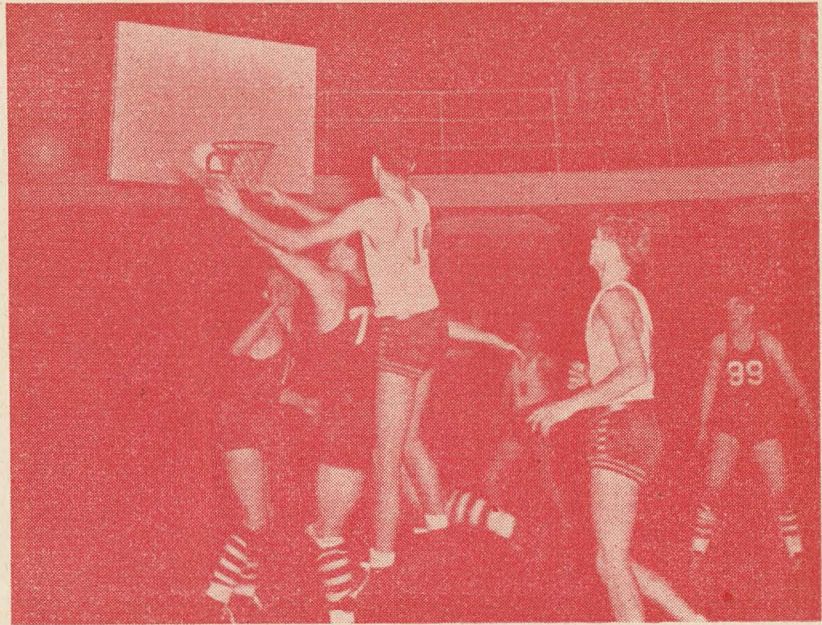
The picture of the football team sure looks like old times, even the names of the players have a familiar ring: Parker, Skoubes, Watson, Moran, and McKinney and the rest.

We were just getting a fine team together at Kearns, Utah, when I received orders to Fort Logan. However, that's the life in the army. You just never get settled in any one place.

My work has been much like coaching and teaching physical training except magnified a thousand-fold. Instead of having 100 in a class we have classes of 3,000 and there will be from 10 to fifteen at one time.

Give my regards to all.

Very sincerely,
Frank S. Noble,
1st Lt., Dir. of Athletics.



What Say

By Jim Knauss

If a person were to look over the starred on the teams of State High in the last two years, I think that he would come to one major conclusion: that practically all of these boys came from a little-known "berg" on the outskirts of Kalamazoo, which is known as Oakwood.

Let us go down the list of seniors who graduated last year. All of us remember star athlete Gale Kissinger, who so distinguished himself in both football and basketball. Gale was raised in Oakwood and spent most of his life there.

Another letter man whom most of us remember is "Chad" Hanna, who was another well-known Oakwood boy.

Ruple, a letter man in golf and football, Howard Winchell, another letter man, and Dean Hicks, last year's number two man in golf.

There are two current athletes who have already distinguished themselves. They are Karl Hokenmaier, all city tackle, and George Moran, quarterback.

also out for basketball.

Oakwood also shows promise of developing major athletes in years to come. Dave Auxter and Francis Hamil, the starting guards of the football team, both are juniors, who will be back next year. Auxter is also in the starting lineup for basketball. Jack Moss, who is first string reserve in basketball, shows promise in the field of golf. The underclassmen also have many prospects like Gene West and Fowler on the reserved football squad. Good luck, fellows! Here's hoping for some more championship teams!

Cubs Score Victory Over Goldies 28-19

Winning by a score of 28-19, the Cubs defeated South Haven Friday, December 10, to make two victories in a row. The Cubs outplayed the Goldies in every quarter but the first.

In the first period the Cubs seemed evenly matched with a score of ten all at the end of the first quarter.

Perrin and Upjohn scored in the second quarter and the Cub defense tightened to make the halftime score 17-12.

The second half had not so much scoring as the first, but the Cub defense held, so that the visitors were outscored in this period also.

The State High reserves were defeated 27-22 in the preliminary. With three of the Cub reserves out on fouls, the visitors increased their lead.

The Cubs play another conference game Friday, December 17, meeting Dowagiac here.

State High (28)	B	F	P
Parker, f	1	0	0
Upjohn, f	5	1	3
Perrin, c	4	1	3
Auxter, g	1	0	0
Ralston, g	1	2	0
Substitutions:			
Ritsema, f	0	0	0
Barnes, f	0	0	0
Thompson, g	0	0	0

South Haven (19)	B	F	P
Park, f	2	0	2
Mendelson, f	1	2	0
Lamssies, c	2	1	3
Sherman, g	2	2	3
Peterson, g	0	0	0
Substitutions:			
Hoag, f	0	0	0
Muske, g	0	0	0
	7	5	0

Dear Santa:

I will be
satisfied with
"all or noth-
ing at all."

Linden

Griffen.



Dear Santa:

Please send
me a nice
handsome
man, civilian
or otherwise.

Caroline
Richardson.

Dear Santa,
Please send me the sophomore
Frank Sinatra.

Mary De Lano

(Editor's note: Why don't she
and Jack get together?).

Dearest Mr. Claus,

Send me one helicopter complete
with pilot.

Judy Ogden
(progressive, aren't we?)

Please send Norm Rabbers home
by speediest reindeer.

Ruthy Morton

Dear Santa,

I'd like a nice, quiet love affair.
Chuck Peterson

Dear Santa,

Send me some wings. I look so
silly walking around on these
clouds.

Hope

Dear Santa,

Please send me a three-year-old
combination of Alsatian and Whirlaway,
so I can win the Wreath of Roses. It's
the closest I'll come to a corsage.

Doris Krudener

Dear Santa,

Send me one dozen new ties, prefer-
ably in dull drab shades.

Don Griffith

Sir,

Please send me some girls for
Christmas to take care of the sur-
plus male population on the second
floor at 11:55.

A weary hall monitor

Dear Santa,

Kindly send to Mr. Gernant a new
slant on student behavior.

John Dunham

Dear Santa Claus,

Please send me something along
the line of tender, tasty, and tall.

Undecided

(alias Harry Parker)

Dear Santa,

Now me, I'm not choosy. She
only has to be curved like Lana
Turner, have one convertible in
good running condition, and a
spare gas book.

Thank you!

Dave Auxter

Dear Santa,

Please send me a nice little
blond in the Sophomore Class.

Jack Stiles

Dear Santa,

Please leave me John Dunham's
nice curly hair.

Brenda Read

Dear Santa,

Please send me a toy giant panda.
It's better than a wolf.

Pat Fisher.

Dear Santa,

Can you send a paper doll? Or
is the rumor true that you have
converted to total war produc-
tion?

Dunny Clark

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a co-ordinate
chart.

Miss Ford

Dear Santa,

Please send me some winged san-
dals. I need them around here.

Miss Hathaway

Dear Santa,

Please send by reindeer express
one reducing machine and one pair
of false eyelashes.

Martha DeLano.

Dear Santa,

Could you arrange for a couple of
extra days' vacation? I'd like to
catch up on my sleep.

Del Lorander

Dear Santa,

Please send me a locker that will
not stick, one that will have shelves,
that keep the books from falling on
your head. I would appreciate it if
the said locker would be on the first
floor so I won't have to climb stairs.

A Hopeful Student

Dear Santa,

Do O.P.A. regulations permit you
to deliver real sailors?

Pat Sipperly

Galley Yarns

THEME SONGS

Barb Glendenning — "Princess
Poopooly."

Dunnie Clark — "Big Boy."

Vincent Soloman — "Answer Man."

Marty Miller and Gene West —
"We Go Well Together."

Gail Gibb — "You'd Be Surprised."

Chuck Peterson — "Oklahoma."

Doug Beebe — "Shoo-shoo Baby."

Mart Fast — "Two Big Eyes."

Most of State High around Christ-
mas — "Ain't Got a Dime to My
Name."

Mr. Dolan — "In the Mood."

Mr. Gernant — "I've Found a New
Baby."

Arlene Carlson has really the
right idea. In her initiation speech
for the Latin Club, she said: "I'd like
to marry Pluto so that I wouldn't
have to worry any more about shoe-
rationing, because he's king of the
Underworld and there are plenty of
souls down there."

LOST AND FOUND DEPT.

Found: A Jon Whitcomb drawing
came to life. Line forms to the right
of Jack's locker and there's a con-
venient stairwell for those going
overboard.

Found: The skeleton of Bob Kist-
ler in Mr. Gernant's office. Will some-
one please take the thing out? The
joint is getting crowded.

Lost: A "pile of bloody rags."
Last seen in the shape of Bil Gilbert.

Who's this "Queenie" of the fresh-
man class we've been hearing so
much about?

Why is it that a certain senior is
all of a sudden having a great deal
of trouble with her typewriter in the
2:30 class?

Jim Ralston ought to be able to tell
us why the boys are looking forward
to their basketball trip to Sturgis.

What were those four soph girls
doing that Saturday night we've
heard so much about?

Betty Williams seems to be suffer-
ing no man-power shortage even
though they are a bit young.

Happy Birthday

December 18—Douglas Johnson

December 22—Harold Williams,
Bob Heath

December 26—Stanley Chase

December 27—Hank Berry

December 28—Linden Griffin

December 30—Betty Carver

January 1—Bill Cox

January 5—Mary Bigelow,

Charlotte Okun

January 6—Bill Perrin

January 7—Ann Holdship

January 8—Cena Grace Young,

Jean Thoma

January 10—Betty Wells