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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 and ability this will be 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 results 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 made highest 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 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 these blanks will be used to help in the correct classification of the inductee. State High is one of several schools which is cooperating with the Department of Public Instruction and the State Selective Service in the carrying out of this program.

Mr. Leonard German 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 home rooms. Any boys who failed to receive this material can secure it at the office.

Sway and Swing

With Georgie King

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

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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 Pellowes 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 Chairman chosen from the Masquers Club are stage manager, Norman Carver; costumes, Rita Wooden; costumes, Joan Van denLande; 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
Jan. 7—Niles, there
**State Highlights**

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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 creaky or silver stars glimmering in the blue-black heavens. Could it be 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.

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**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 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?
Mr. Jim Knauss 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. My work has been much like coaching and teaching physical training except magnified a thousand-fold. In stead 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.
Dear Santa:

I will be satisfied with “all or nothing at all.”

Linden Griffen.

Dear Santa:

Please send me the sophomore Frank Sinatra.

Mary DeLano

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

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

Caroline Richardson.

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, Please bring me a co-ordinate chart.

Miss Ford

Dear Santa, Please send me some winged sandals. I need them around here.

Miss Hathaway

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

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 girls for Christmas to take care of the surplus male population on the second floor at 11:55.

Don Griffith

Sir,

Please send some false eyelashes.

Undecided

(Revised, aren’t we?)

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.

John Dunham

Dear Santa,

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 A. A. Turner

Please send me a nice line of tender, tasty, and tall.

Floor at 11:55.

A weary hall monitor

Dearest Mr. Claus,

Send me one convertible in dull drab shades.

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