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Students Eagerly Await Operetta

68 on Honor Rolls

Thirty-eight girls and thirty boys took top honors in scholarship for the first semester, with homerooms 219 and 210 tied for first place. Anyone who has a "C" or an incomplete is automatically ineligible for the roll.

The first division includes those students who have received all "A's" or four "A's" and all "B's" grade, and those who have all "A's" or all "B's" with all "C's" and "D's" and all "P's" and "S's." Mary Louise Kline, Janet Crum, Mary DeHaan, Donald Griffith, Tom Hickmott, Gisela Keck, Jim Knauss, Glen Mellinger, Ruth Morton, James Osborn, Anna Porter, Caroline Richardson and Jack Van Boven.

Students who have at least two "A's" receive their second part of the honor roll which is as follows: June Albertson, Sally Benton, Henry Berry, Frederick Buckham, Margretta Burdick, Marta De Lano, Franklin Fulton, Linel Goldstein, Alice Ilhing, Mary Louise Kline, Doris Krule, Jeanne Maltby, Audrey Marr, Larry Mayer, Margaret Mehlaff, John Overley, Robert Palmatier, Jane Pratt, Ellen Roed, Herbert Smith, Vincent Solomon, John Tooneman, and Harold Uphoff.


Assemblies Announced

The main feature of the Fourth War Loan Drive assembly to be held February 8th will be a talk by a Marine. He will tell about his experiences and show how necessary it is to buy more bonds.

The social science classes will be in charge of the 4th War Loan Drive which extends from January 18 to February 15, though inter-class competition will still be carried on.

Kalamazoo's part of the nation's 14 billion dollar quota amounts to $7,877,000.

The senior assembly which follows on the 15th of February promises, from all reports, to be something you don't want to miss.

Feb. 1 Holland Christian (there)
1 Orchestra Assembly
4 Dowagiac (there)
8 War Loan Assembly
9 " Iolanthe"
11 " Nile (here)
12 " Iolanthe"
15 Senior Assembly
15 Sturgis (here)

Debaters To Enter State Eliminations

State High's debaters again took top honors by winning three of their four debates in the second West Michigan Debate League Tournament held at Woodward Hall Thursday, January 20.

By winning seven out of eight debates in two tournaments, State High and Battle Creek Central tied for the championship of this district.

Sturgis High withdrew from the League, State High won two debates by default and won one and lost one in their recent contest with Sturgis' negative team.

The proposition for debate was: Resolved, that the United States should join the reconstituting of the League of Nations.

The schools participating in this tournament were: Battle Creek Central, Benton Harbor Senior and State High, Battle Creek and State High are each eligible to enter the State Eliminations Tournament to be held sometime in February.

In this State Tournament and in all subsequent debates and tournaments State High must win every one of its debates. Finally, by this method two teams are chosen to debate in the State Finals at the University of Michigan.

Council Members Elected

The following are the newly elected homeroom officers who will serve as representatives to the Student Council during the semester: 211, Carolyn Mitchell; 210, Donald Griffith, Jim Stephenson; 209, Herbert Smith, Carol Morris; 208, Jack Herr, Marguerite Klein; 15, Bill Lee, Al Hilliard; 13, Bob Kistler, Mary Lou Harvey; 11, Doug Beebe, Bob Anderson; 5, Jim Ralston, Jim Powell; 219, Bill Gilbert, Phyllis Smith.

Class Redecorates Office

If a few State High girls have paint in their hair and on their legs it is because they, June Albertson, Gail Gibb, Rosemary Mayo, and Mary Rooney, have painted Miss Helen Howery's office. This is a part of Miss Sophie Reed's Home Economics class. This class with the help of Miss Virginia Fell, their student teacher, undertook the washing, painting and furnishing of the office. Some girls are making curtains and a cover for the cot. The big job now is to take the paint off the floor, the filing cabinets and themselves.

Iolanthe To Be Given By Choir

The love affair of Stephon and Phyllis, the antics of the Lord Chancellor, Phyllis's guardian, and the perplexing problems facing the House of Peers of England, are among the things that will occupy the stage of the Little Theater on the evenings of February 9 and 12. The occasion is the annual operetta presented by the State High Choir directed by Mrs. Lecii C. Britton. This year's choice, "Iolanthe," while not one of the better known of the Gilbert and Sullivan works, is none the less one of their most musical and thoroughly enjoyable compositions.

Tickets for both evening performances may be obtained from any Choir member for 55 cents. Plans are also being completed for an extra matinee performance for children to be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, February 12. Tickets for this event are 25 cents for children.

The part of Phyllis, ward of the Lord Chancellor, is taken by Adele Kempre, while Karl Hokeamter plays Stephon, (half a fairy) her lover. The Lord Chancellor is portrayed by Jack Van Boven while Bob Huyser is his trainman. Jim Knauss and Bob Burns are seen as contenders for the hand of Phyllis while Ida Scluhardt plays Iolanthe, a fairy and Mother of Stephon. Dunlap Clark is Mr. Willis of the Grenadier Guards, Elaine Arnett, Lola Cheyne, Frances Spitters, and Margarette Klein are seen as fairies. The rest of the choir is heard as a chorus of Peers and Fairies.

Twenty-four members of the cast journeyed to Chicago on January 13 to see the Boston Opera Company's presentation of "Iolanthe." This group was accompanied by Mrs. Britton and Mr. George Mills, who is the director of the dramatics of the play. Miss Hazel Paden is in charge of the staging. The leads' costumes are being obtained from Boston and the others are being made in Kalamazoo.

War Stamp Totals

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Let's Keep School Democratic

The United States is a democracy. Every citizen plays a part in making it a highly successful democracy. Occasionally some person or group of persons fail to meet their responsibility and threaten the stability of the whole system. Something must be done to make them do their part and to insure the continuance of the plan. The most desirable thing is to make these groups see their faults and correct them. If this can be done, the leaders of the democracy must exercise their power.

State High's student government system is also a democracy. It is on a smaller scale but is none the less highly important to all who participate in it. There are few schools which have achieved the high degree of efficiency of the democratic system as we at State High have. Each of the students of State High, whether he admits it or not, has a certain pride in this well organized student council and monitor system.

As in a national democracy, each citizen of State High School must do his or her part in making this democracy function properly. There are certain persons and groups who are threatening the whole system by failing to recognize their duty. Something, too, must be done about these persons.

Let us take the more desirable route. The students of State High know who these offenders are. It is part of our duty to use our influence in words and actions to make them get back into the cooperating spirit. Let us make them see exactly what they are threatening with their thoughtless and selfish actions. Let us keep State High democratic.

Erratic Entrances Ebb

Tardiness of students is a problem in any school. It was in State High until December, when meetings were held to discuss it and detention for it was increased. Since that time, promptness has climbed steadily.

Of course, some students are always on time, just as others are always late. There are some whose sense of duty is strong enough to get them out of bed on cold mornings in time to reach school before the eight o'clock bell rings and there are many who always take that “extra five minutes” which develop into ten or fifteen before they finally drag themselves out of bed. Do you know that you can’t make it to the Barracks in thirty seconds? Some people do, you know. There are 68 students whose records are perfect so far this year. If all those people can get places on time, certainly the rest of us can make some effort to follow their excellent examples.

And here’s a bit of encouraging news. If the tardiness situation improves still more and tardiness remains at an absolute minimum, there is a very good chance that tardiness detention halls will be discontinued. Isn’t that worth working for?

State High regrets the loss of one of its former students and outstanding athletes, Deane Foster, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy O. Foster, 203 Olmstead Road. Deane graduated from State High in June 1938 and later became a First Lieutenant in the Army Air Corps. His family was notified that he had been killed in a traffic accident and memorial services were held at the Wilson Memorial Church, Recreation Park Sunday, January 16, 1944. Chaplain W. R. Campher, Fort Custer, officiated with two members of the W.A.C. and two Army men attending.

A large, blue leather book has been placed in the office in order that the school will have a record of graduates now in service, who have revisited the halls of State High. In this register grades may give their name, the date of the visit, the name of the hall of the service and the present address. Remember State High’s “Men in Service” when your former class mates come back for a visit.

Flight Preparation School at Delaware. Ohio was the training station of Richard Slusser, grad of ’42 when he returned home for a visit at Christmas time. This school was the first of five Dick attended before the completion of VS Naval Flying Training. At the present time he is stationed at Mount Pleasant, Michigan, the second stage of his training. Fellow who enter the War Training Service August will be able to fly before they reach the primary stage of the VS training. Dick soloed at the end of eight hours’ flying which is the minimum. While at State High he was a feature writer on the Highlights staff and participated in all sports.

Capt. Robert Barnes, First Marine Division of the Fleet Marine Force is in active combat in the southwest Pacific. He writes, “An amusing thing happened the other day on our troops were attacking the Japs and, as you know, this is jungle warfare, yet our tanks are a great help. Our tanks, followed by infantry, would knock Japs out of the tops of coconut trees by bumping the trees and shaking them until the yellow men tumbled out. Then our guns would make short work of them. When your former class mates come back for a visit.”

We also have our Sot York here. The other day one of our Sgt’s dove into the bushes to avoid an enemy shell. He heard more men near, so he ran to his feet and said, “Come out, you yellow men!” Eleven Japs pilled out to his surprise. This is not the usual case. They usually don’t give up but fight to the last man. Also they say, “We fight five, but when our General would go to surrender.”

The other day I read a Jap order to their division which we just wiped out. It stated Americans were purely defensive fighters and not offensive. (They left one on this factor.) They went on to say all troops would attack by night for daylight fighting was a thing of the past. They also went as far as to give the place our General would go to surrender.
Cubs Win Thriller At Sturgis, 34-31
Perrin High at Sturgis;
Collects 21 Points

Tuesday, January 25 the State High Cubs downed Sturgis High at Sturgis in a bitterly contested cage contest to the tune of 34 to 31. This was the Cubs’ sixth win in seven starts, though for Sturgis it was their first defeat of the season.

As the first quarter got under way Sturgis jumped into a 3-to-1 lead. Although the Cubs’ ball handling was good, they could not seem to locate the hoop with any degree of accuracy. But on the fine work of Bill Perrin, the Cubs kept in the game and as the quarter ended trailed by an 11 to 9 score.

In the second quarter Perrin, who was still riding high, picked up some help from Harold Upjohn, who connected for two baskets. The Cubs outscored the Trojans in this to make the halftime score 20 to 21 in favor of the Trojans.

As the second half started Harry Parker shoved in a basket, Auxter got a foul shot and the rest was up to Perrin. Also in the next quarter Ralston scored, getting a charity toss and a basket, but Bill Perrin, making good use of a fancy fake, tossed in two quick baskets, to put the Cubs ahead 34 to 31. These two baskets clinched the charity toss and a basket, but Bill Perrin, the difference in the game. West was high 21 points.

The schedule known to date will be as follows:
- Hastings—There
- Paw Paw—Here
- Three Rivers—Here
- Three Rivers—Here

Cubette News

The girls of State High have felt for some time that entirely too much has been said about boys’ sports and not nearly enough attention has been paid to the women’s gym. And so we have the female equivalent of “What Say.” Perhaps it could be called “The Weaker Sex,” “Ladies’ Locker Room,” “Cat Scratches,” or something similar. How about it? Would you like to read a girl’s sports column occasionally? If you would and if you have an idea for the name of such a column, say so.

Now, let us follow that group of girls who are rounding the track and descending the stairs to the girls’ locker-rooms. After they have gone in, we take out our gin rummy deck and settle down to await their return. Suddenly the door flies open and a streak of blue passes us. How different is this to the boys’ locker-room? Sturgis High have felt for some time that entirely too much has been said about boys’ sports and not nearly enough attention has been paid to the women’s gym. And so we have the female equivalent of “What Say.” Perhaps it could be called “The Weaker Sex,” “Ladies’ Locker Room,” “Cat Scratches,” or something similar. How about it? Would you like to read a girl’s sports column occasionally? If you would and if you have an idea for the name of such a column, say so.

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Earthquake!

Now to be downright honest with you folks of that there readin public this hear articile ain't exactly what was planned in the beginning for this column on account of that whole earthquake thing which did not happen. But that is of course another story and a pretty good story so I might as well start at the beginning and tell you about it because that's where it all starts at the story I mean. The other day the Ed calls me in and he says to me he says "Sed," that's a misspelling trick, "Sed, I want you to go out around the school some place and find me a real pertinent feature which not only will be newsy but will interest the student body as a whole." Now I'm not just making this up on account of that's how Ed talks all the time with them big $64 dollar words like them there. Well any way as you can see right off the bat that's not no chinch thing to right about. So I sits my self down and I start to think like nobody business and then up comes Boit He's the photografer on the paper and I tell him all about my troubles and he sets right down and starts to think likewise. After while having been convying for a time we decides that about the newest and most interesting thing we can think of is that maybe we could be an earthquake photo starting to quake in the halls of our school which is named State High. Then Boit goes and looks up in the Incyclopedia E all about earthquake and such and then he's back and he says "By Golly there's goin to be one this year," so we decided that its got as good a chance of happening hear as any place else, make more. So Boit gets his camera to be able to take pictures of it and I get a pencil and paper and a fire extinguisher to be able to right with (the fire extinguisher is not to right with but to be used to put out any dangerous fires) and we both pull up a chair and sit down to wait for things to start poppin so to speak. We set there quite awhile and nothing happens but quite a few of our fellow students ask us what we are doing and we dont tell a thing because of the fact we are working on an important story. We only say dont you think we are having more weather too. The day befor yester day, which compeletly throws them off the count of the big story about the earthquake. After awhile Mr. Leonard Gernant and Miss Helen Howery come along and start to hold a conference and Boit thinks maybe he better start taking pictures of the earthquake but he got better judgment and I say no, but wait. So we wait til about 5 ockock till we finally decide that it ain't goin to hap pen and the Incyclopedia E is wrong after all so we go home. And thats why like I been telling you this ain't exactly what was story about earthquake with appropriate pictures by Boit.

Saga of 219

In 219 the breezes blow
Between the drab seats, row on row
That mark our place; and in the sun
The rest, so very happy, run
While we sit there, and watch them go.

We are the flunked. Short days ago
We crammed, burned midnight oil,
Felt hope that we would pass.
But then exams, and here we sit in 219.

Secrets Revealed

How To Win "A’s" And Influence Teachers

Realizing what a strain you have all been under during cramming time, we wish to help you. So without further ado, here's what you've been waiting for—directions on how to get on your report cards those little things that "apple-polishing" begins with.

First, of course, comes better studying. How's yours? Here's what teachers advise.

There are two inventions which are very helpful in studying. These are: (1) Mr. Bell's invention, and (2) that which, if your jujk box breaks, you can always turn to. The telephone is well utilized when you want to know something that is beyond your mental stores. But be sure you call your mental stores. Remember, people are always glad to show you how much they know and besides you wouldn't want any- one to feel slighted. Then there's the radio. As the old saying goes, "never study anything heavy without the radio." "Inner Sanctum" is a good program to start on. If you enjoy listening to ghost stories with the lights out, it's sort of hard to study, but anyone with ingenuity can get around that. Then the last idea for better cramming is studying in other teachers' classes. Of course this is a delicate matter as it takes a connoisseur of this type to plan a schedule correctly. There isn't space to go into that here, but remember—try and chemistry don't mix. Don't try it—it's dangerous.

Another point stressed by teachers is how much they appreciate eagerness on the part of the student, so here are a few pointers on how to get along with teachers. In the first place show your interest in the class by always arriving with a wide grin and try to take a front row seat. Whenever the teacher makes a statement with which you do not agree, and nod; this is reassuring. But if the statement is one to whose principles you are opposed shake your head vigorously and frown. Turning your thumbs down, effective also. This shows your individuality and impresses the instructor greatly.

Good attendance makes a great impression on instructors. While we're on, the point of work, it might be well to mention that extra credit work is always appreciated, especially in the form of lengthy written work covering at least both sides of ten sheets. Teachers always send home a note to your parents about your excellent work. And here is the place where a word must be put in about the truthfulness of the old saying's "Never believe what you see," and "Books don't make the student." Don't believe it. Any teacher is greatly impressed by your obvious diligence if you are sure to carry many books with you. Among these might well be the Webster's complete 20th Century Dictionary and a complete set of the Encyclopedia Britannica. Such worth while reading would impress anyone.

We hope these pointers have given you some idea of how to get your marks next time. These are all valuable, of course, but remember, above all be aggressive and individual. If your teacher makes a mistake don't fail to correct it, they appreciate it and it's SO impressing.

Galley Yarns

Editor's Note: By popular demand we're back again.

Recruits from the S.S.S. Club are pouring in. All interested see Leona Brown, president, or Barb Glendenning, vice-president.

The Choir, we've been told, had really a rare old time on that Chicago trip. Bet they were a bunch of dead soxies by the time the milk train pulled in.

Speaking of the Choir, since when has Hokie needed lessons in the technique of matching the woo—or maybe he's bashful before the admiring public. Well, anyway, it's a bet that Mr. Mills enjoyed himself. Wonder what Adele thought of it all.

If you haven't seen that statue on Miss Howery's desk, by all means do so. She calls it Jack Van Boven, and it's quite a study of modern art.

From art we go to literature. Now if you wanted to hear an illuminating rendition of "The Tempest," you should have visited Mr. Householder's 10:00 Eng Lit class. Jerry McKinney ably took the part of a drunken nobleman and his singing was superb.

The age of chivalry is not dead. Far be it from Jack Young to let a lady be lonesome while the rest of the boys change a flat tire.

To look at June Albertson and Betty Miller now you would never suspect that they were once bitter enemies. But back in the Oakwood days there were two opposing sides, the Albertson Apes and the Miller Mugs.

Happy Birthday

Feb. 1 Clare Poloms
Feb. 2 Caroline Richardson
Feb. 3 Bob Huyser
Feb. 4 Gisela Keck
Martha DeLano
Dave Ritsena
Feb. 5 Hope Thezelius
Feb. 7 Bob Stelle
Ida Schulhardt
Lester Gibbs
Loretta Pyne
Feb. 9 Betty Coyne
Louis Vander Linde
Feb. 12 Peggy Feltes
Janet Schuhardt
Feb. 15 Cornelius Vander Weel
Mary Ann Rohr