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Debate Team Makes State Semi-Finals

Play Selection And Cast Given

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The Play Selection committee was composed of June Albertson, Dunlap Clark, Hendrick Meyer, and Joanne Ogden, assisted by Mr. George Mills, dramatics teacher.

The plot of the play deals with the trials and tribulations of a high school boy of sixteen, Albert Williams, who gets into all the mischief possible for one human being. This part will be taken by Don Griffith. The part his somewhat unlucky girl-friend, Snooky Phipps, will be portrayed by Rita Wood.

The four character leads, in the form of two teachers, a public-minded citizen and the school janitor, will be taken by Don Griffith as the principal, Bob Heath as the absent-minded Latin teacher, Lois Kellner as Mrs. Rathbone, and Bill Shumaker as "Pop" or the janitor.

Other roles are as follows in the order of their appearance: Miss Gunther, Martha De Lano; Sibinburne Jones, Dick Barnes; Miss Stickney, June Albertson; Ethel, Judy Ogden; Mrs. Jones, Joanne Ogden; Mrs. Thurston, Gerry Klein; Gus Landers, Dunlap Clark; Red Barry, Bill Cox; Lenny, Karl Hokenmaier; Dify Alber-nee; Mary Dawson; first girl, Pat Abraths; second girl, Mary Lou Harvey; third girl, Gail Gibb; fourth girl, Joanne Vander Linde; fifth girl, Joan Winkelman; Gloria, Pat Fisher; Barbara, Rose Bingham; Henry, Jim Rosenbaum; and postman, unannounced.

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For the first time in twenty-three years, State High's debate team has reached the semi-finals of the State Championship. The victories were two for the affirmative team, Bill Shumaker and Don Griffith, who defeated the Battle Creek and Marshall teams in the first and third rounds, respectively; and one for the negative team, Paula Harrington and Bill Gilbert, who defeated School Places Fifth

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A student party has been tentatively planned for State High on March 31 in Walwood Hall. The plans include dancing, cokes, and the opening of the Men's Union to the students. It is said by the Student Council that the students want more dances and parties, but when called on to support them, they relax their attendance. This new party coming up is a chance for the students to show their school spirit concerning school activities.

Additional credit was given to Phyllis Smith for her picture, "Boy and His Dog," which appeared in the Detroit Free Press in March 5.

Art Students Win Awards

Several State High students won National Scholastic Art awards in the Michigan regional exhibit held in Detroit recently. Alison Clark, Gisela Kock, Phyllis Smith, Linda Griffin, and Emily Frey are to be given achievement keys in recognition of their work. Also, Maria Frey, James Powell, Sally Benton, and Mona Brown received honorable mention.

The pictures were exhibited in order to select water paintings for the national showing which is to be held in Pittsburgh some time in April or May.

Calendar

March 16—Monitor Luncheon
March 31—Student Dance
April 28-29—Spring Play
April 10—Marks for third period

It is rumored Central will present a program of Band Follies March 21.
State Highlights

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Congratulations!

"That's Bill Perrin, the star center of the basketball team" or "That's the captain of the football team" are common phrases in the halls of State High because these fellows are school news. They are big stuff; everyone lauds the star athletes of a school. But, by the same token, how many times is it that you hear in the halls, "That's Don Griffith, our swell debater" or "There's the girl who sang the lead in the operetta?" These people are also important to the school. They, also, spend a lot of their time in preparing and perfecting their specialty in school activities. These people also deserve recognition for their good work for the good and the name of State High.

How many students realize that our debaters, Bill Shumaker and Don Griffith on the affirmative, and Bill Gilbert and Paula Harrington on the negative, have gone as far as the semi-finals in the State Debate Tournament and have a good chance of winning the State Championship? How many of us realize that this year's debating team, coached by Mr. George Mills, has added another trophy to the collection in the hall trophy case, by winning the regional championship? Our debate team is the best team in this part of the state and possibly in the whole state.

Another organization in our school which needs and merits recognition is the choir for their presentation of their annual operetta, "Iolanthe." Many of State High's students spent long hours to make ready for presentation this affair and along with their director, Mrs. Leoti Britton, deserve our thanks and appreciation.

The students of State High say to all of these fellow students who have given so generously of their time for the school's extracurricular work, "Congratulations."

Ideal Junior Boy and Girl Poll

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A count was recently made of senior boys who enlisted in one of the armed forces or reserves. The results are as follows:

Army Air Corps — Jerry McKinney, Bill Lee, Stanley Chase, Jack Young, Mark Thompson, Bill Watson, Bill Miller.

North Air Corps — Bill Perrin, Al Hilliard, John Skoubs, and Dick Du Mouchel.

Edward Campbell enlisted in the A-12 (classified 1-A) and Ronald Sherman is in the CAP. Karl Hokenmaier and Howard Hobbs have been drafted into the U.S. Navy.

Any other boys who have joined the services are requested to inform the Highlights staff.

Another announcement which has come through the office is that on March 10, A-12 and V-12 tests will be given for qualified seventeen-year-old fellows who graduate in June.

P.F.C. Blaine Rappers was home recently. Blaine is at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tennessee, at the moment in the ASTP unit there. Also in an ASTP unit is PFC. Douglas R. DeYoung who is stationed at the University of Iowa, Iowa City.

"All possible efforts have failed to locate your son, officially reported missing in action February 16, 1943, while on an operational flight in the European area." This was part of the message received by Mrs. Henry McGinnis from the adjutant general's office concerning her son, Staff Sgt. Donald C. McGinnis, a member of the State High graduating class of '40. We wish to express the sympathy of the student body of State High. Sgt. McGinnis was awarded the Oak Leaf Cluster and the Air Medal for his service in five bomber combat missions over enemy-occupied continental Europe.

News has recently come in on the military progress of Pvt. Lloyd Meadows. Lloyd's first stop was Fort Sheridan in Illinois; from there he was sent to Miami Beach for basic training and then to teletype school at Camp Crowder, Missouri. He is now in the second platoon, Company B, Regis College, Denver, Colorado.

Grads Receive Honors

Marian Stillwell, a 1940 graduate of State High, recently received the highest honors of her class at Western Michigan College. Hilda Flaitz, also a 1940 graduate from State High, has graduated Cum Laude from Radcliff College. Both of the girls received high honors and were members of the National Honor Society while in high school.
**Cubs Down Coldwater; Bow To Sturgis**

**Cubette News**

**Review Spring Sports Material**

There are many signs signifying the coming of spring. As you might have already guessed, one of them is the early practice for the coming spring sports.

Probably the sport that will give the coach the fewest headaches is track. This is due to the fact that many outstanding performers will return from last year's squad, aided by what looks like a pretty good crop of newcomers. The squad will have such stars as Ted Lawrence and Bill Ryan in the 100 yard and 220 yard dashes. Mark Thompson, who won the 440 yard dash in the Regionals last year, should do all right for himself. To give the boys plenty of competition, there will be Bob Anderson in the 440 and John Toorman in the 440 and 220. Also, from all these dash stars it should not be very hard to pick a good 880 yard relay team.

But from here on the headaches start. Bill Perrin, who won the 220 yard dash and Harold Upjohn, who won the 440, to lose all hopes of defending their regional championship at St. Joseph.

The first half was a much different story. The Cubs, with improved ball-handling, started to pull away. Harold Upjohn got six points in this half to bring his total to 19 points, high score for the evening. Raiston followed Upjohn for the Cubs with 10 points. Bill Perrin played outstanding teamball with Dave Auxter and Jim Raiston controlling the backboards. Winning this game sent the Cubs to the District finals at Sturgis.

The Cubs started out fast in this game with Sturgis, the other District finalists, although Sturgis got 4 points before the Cubs. Harold Upjohn sensational Sophomore, counted four deuces in a row and State High led at the end of the first quarter 11-5. This looked promising but due to good ball-handling by the Sturgis boys, they cut the margin to 15-14 by intermission time.

Sturgis got out in front 27 to 26 by the end of the third quarter on a fine set shot from out court by Bogart, but Upjohn and Perrin put State High ahead 30 to 27 in the early minutes of the fourth quarter, giving the Cubs an opportunity to take the lead. Late in the game Grober and Bogart got in for two quick baskets to clinch the game for Sturgis, 37 to 34. Bill Perrin, who was high point man with 11 points, was closely followed by Upjohn with 10. The loss wound up the Cub basketball season by eliminating them from further tournament play.

The golf team will need a couple of replacements. They have back Bill Miller and Bill Gilbert, both letter winners from last year's squad, but, as for the other two places, they will have to be filled with green material.

Here is something new for What Say - Sport Quiz of the Week - Name Five sports (not counting touch seat, Sunday and Saturday night driving, knitting and sleeping in class) which do not require the use of some kind of a ball.

**What Say!**

Basketball is over and there's not much sense in rehearsing it. Boys did a good job, considering everything. Returning next year from this team are three regulars, Harold Upjohn, Jim Raistons, and Dick Auxter. Also there will be three subs, Dick Barnes, Dave Ritsesma, and Corny Vander Weele.

Track is starting up now and according to Coach Quiring there are pretty good prospects for this year. Right now there is a crying need for distance men, particularly. The state meet will be revived again this year and the coach has hopes of placing a few men.

We want to congratulate the Hockey league on its fine performance this year. There were many thrilling matches.

1st Lt. Frank Noble, AAF, now stationed at Fort Logan, Colorado, returned for a visit two weeks ago. He said he thought everything looked just about the same as when he had left it, even to the group of boys near the windows shooting the well-known barnyard beast, the bull.

Norm Rabbers, all city back of last year, now in the Marines, returned for the Turnabout. We tried to get a statement out of him but he said that he was sorry but that he was busy.

-BILL COX.

-BIL GILBERT.
Ode to March Seventeenth

By BILL SHUMAKER

T'was in a gayer day of yore,
When unto Erin's emerald shore
Came good Saint Patrick with staff so bright
And drove away both serpent and sight.

And in this land so fresh and green
Again no snakes are ever seen.
By the grace of God they were driven away;
Twas in Saint Patrick's glorious day.
Oh, that a saint would come once more
And drive from our world both strife and war.

Destroy the serpents that breed the fight,
And restore us to favor in our Maker's sight.

Winter Wishin'

Springtime's comin' Bees 're hummin'
And we're spinn' Bluebirds flyin'
Flowers peepin' Worms a-creepin' White clouds dashin'
Waves a-splishin'. Soft spring breezes, No more annas,
What's the use of blowin'? All it's doin's snowin'.

Galley Yarns

THEME SONGS

The Klein twins--"Take It Easy."

Lorraine and "Klep"--"We Go Well Together."

It sounds like quite a houseparty out at Oshtemo after the Turnabout. Nice thing about the country — no neighbors close by!

Joanie Winkelman -- "Taint No Good."

Jim Mateer -- "I Said No."

Who does that snazzy convertible belong to that Marilyn Whaley has been seen in so much?

Mary Jane McCarthy — One cute little number worth noticing.

Ida Schuhradt — "I've Had This Feeling Before."

Pat Herr — "Jim."

Cute couple — Peg Elliott and Phil Leland.

Watch it, girls! The 21st is coming up and that means cotton dresses! P.S. You'll probably need your red flannels, too!

Nancy Clement — "Don't Cry, Baby."

Jack Stiles—"You Made Me Love You."

Bob Gleason—"The Honey Song."

Jim Rabston—State High's Frank Sinatra.

How about those presents Miss Howery has been receiving lately?

Wolf in sheep's clothing — Chuck Peterson.

Sheep in wolf's clothing — Bob Gleason.

Wolf in wolf's clothing — Bill Milham.

Bulletin

"Pop" the janitor is impersonating the principal regularly on the stage of the Little Theatre. Thanks for the contributions you put in the Highlights box. Keep it up!

Happy Birthday

MARCH
15—Larry Mayer
17—Jim Mateer
18—Bob VanderWeele
20—Betty Bond
19—Warren Graybiel
21—Leon First
24—Becky Fuller
25—Burton Upjohn
27—Robert Wolbers
28—Arthur Buckholz
28—Mary Wilbur
29—David Anderson
30—Jim Pellowe