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State Highlights

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Debate Team Makes State Semi-Finals

Play Selection And Cast Given

The students of State High will have a chance to see what they look like and the faculty will be able to sit back and enjoy the antics of the students rather than worry about them at the annual spring play to be presented by the Masquers Club and the Advanced Speech class on April 28 and 29 in the Little Theater. The title of this year's production is "Youth Takes Over" or "When a Man's Sixteen", and it was written by Betty Smith and Robert Finch.

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 Bil Gilbert. The part of his somewhat unlucky girl-friend, Snooky Phipps, will be portrayed by Rita Wooden.

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" the janitor.

Rehearsals are underway for the play and members of the Masquers Club and speech class will serve on production committees.

Other roles are as follows in the order of their appearance: Miss Gunther, Martha De Lano; Swinburne 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; Ditsy Price, Mary Dawson; first girl, Pat Abrams; 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.

School Places Fifth

The incomplete returns of the amount of War Bonds sold in schools during the Fourth War Loan Drive last month found State High fifth in line. Vine was first with \$47,108.25; Woodward was second with \$47,045; third was Central with \$46,217.30; Washington raised \$37,550.00 and State High was fifth with \$21,204.90. There were 26 schools listed which followed State High.

The students of State High mourn the loss of one of their companions, James Broholm, Jr., who died on February 27, 1944.

Jim was born on August 30, 1926 in Chicago and moved to Oshtemo when about nine years of age. He entered State High as a freshman in 1940. In this year he was active in the Dance Club and was elected vice-president of his homeroom.

He was active in 4H work also; one of his hobbies was stamp collecting. Jim was always interested in sports, but a weak heart prevented him from participating actively in any of them.

All through his high school years he had planned on a career in the business world. Jim was a popular member of the Senior class and was well-liked by all of his classmates.

Monitors Honored

To honor the monitors, the Student Council will give the monitor luncheon on Thursday, March 16, at 12 o'clock, in the First Presbyterian Church House. Invitations have been sent to the monitors, council members of both semesters and some members of the faculty.

The chairman and toastmaster will be Bill Watson, president of the council, and the co-chairman will be June Albertson, secretary of the council. Dr. Roy C. Bryan and Dr. Paul Sangren will speak, and short talks will be given by Donald Griffith, president of the monitor homeroom, Bill Watson, June Albertson, and Karl Hokenmaier, vice-president of the council. These talks will be based upon well-known quotations.

Green and white in honor of St. Patrick's Day will furnish the color theme of the decorations.

The committees are: Decorations, Phyllis Smith, June Albertson, Bill Watson, Bill Lee; invitations, Mary Lou Harvey and Carolyn Mitchell; program, Mr. George Mills, Miss Pearl Ford, Bill Watson, June Albertson, and Karl Hokenmaier.

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.

Debaters Break 23-Year Hex

For the first time in twenty-three years, State High's debate team has reached the semi-finals of the State Championship debates! For the first time in four years, they have won the coveted trophy for the Southern Michigan Elimination Tournament! If they emerge victorious from their next contests, they will be participants in the debates for State Championship which will be held in Hill Auditorium at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

In Marshall, on February 22, State High's debate team, by winning three decisions, entered the semi-finals for 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 Bil Gilbert, who defeated Jackson in the second round. By winning all three decisions State High won the District Championship, which qualified the debaters for the quarter-finals; then they proceeded automatically to the semi-finals. These are to be held April 1 at Ludington, with State High taking the negative and Ludington the affirmative.

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 Keck, Phyllis Smith, Linden Griffin, and Emily Frey are to be given achievement keys in recognition of their work. Also, Maria Frey, James Powell, Sally Benton, Mary De Lano and Lona 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.

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

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 knows 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 Bil 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 extra-curricular work, "Congratulations."

Ideal Junior Boy and Girl Poll

| | Boy | Girl |
|------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Intelligence | Glen Mellinger | Janet Crum |
| Personality | Bob Anderson | Pat Fisher |
| Popularity | Bob Anderson | Ida Schuhardt |
| School Spirit | Bob Anderson | Martha DeLano |
| Artistic Ability | Linden Griffin | Sally Benton |
| | Norman Carver | |
| Musical Ability | Paul Nibbelink | Martha DeLano |
| Dancing Ability | Dick Barnes | Ann Leander |
| Humor | Bob Anderson | Gail Gibb |
| Hair | John Dunham | Marty Miller |
| Eyes | Dick Barnes | Betty Williams |
| Nose | Bob Kistler | Ida Schuhardt |
| Smile | Bob Kistler | Ann Leander |
| Complexion | Paul Nibbelink | Joanne Schrier |
| Mouth | Jack Moss | Barb Coleman |
| Voice | Bill Cox | Ida Schuhardt |
| Legs | Doug Beebe | Gladys Bowersox |
| Figure | Dick Klepper | Gladys Bowersox |
| Clothes | Dick Barnes | Ann Leander |



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

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

Navy Air Corps — Bill Perrin, Al Hilliard, John Skoubes, 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 15, A-12 and V-12 tests will be given for qualified seventeen-year-old fellows who graduate in June.

P.F.C. Blaine Rabbers 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 P.F.C. 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 '39. 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 having engaged 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

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 this year. To give the boys plenty of competition, there will be Bob Anderson in the 440 and John Toornman 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. There is a distinct lack of distance runners. Also, the field events do not look too bright from the standpoint of returning veterans but there has been little chance for much practice along this line as yet, although the shot putters have been working out in the pit regularly. Of this group, Gordy White and Francis Hamel look the best. The latter of this pair gets off a tidy toss of around 35 feet. All in all, this should be a very bright year for the men on the cinder track.

Next on the list we find the aged game of baseball. There will be many returning letter winners from last year's squad. They include Bob Kistler, pitcher; Dick Husted, catcher; Bill Perrin, first base; Harry Parker and Dave Ritsema, second base; and Bob Burns, shortstop, which leaves third base vacant. In the outfield there will be returning Bill Lee and Bill Watson.

A call has been issued for all pitchers and catchers and practice sessions will be held whenever the pit is available. With as many lettermen as this back, the hopes for the baseballers look quite bright.

As for tennis, there is not too much to say, as there will undoubtedly be few changes in the tennis team; they have had no chance to work out yet. The returning members are Bob Espie and Harold Upjohn, finalists in the State Junior Tennis match. Dick Barnes and George Waber are also returning letter winners from last year. The boys should go far in the coming season and will probably get help from newcomers.

Your reporter thinks that State High should have very little to worry about this spring as far as sports go, especially in track and tennis.

—BILL COX.

Cubette News

Bulletins from the girls' locker room are gathering in intensity and interest constantly. So the Cubette News springs forth once more (regardless of the pearls of wisdom on the subject which may proceed from the column entitled "What Say").

One thing the school has been anxiously awaiting is the outcome of the basketball tournament. Here are the scores so far: In the Monday-Wednesday class, Team 1, captain Adele Kuempe, won the championship, with Team 5, captain, Ruth Morton, winners of the consolation prize. Returns to date in the Monday-Thursday class show that teams one and two are tied in the race for championship. Judy Ogden is captain of Team One and Pat Kyser of Team Two. In the Tuesday-Thursday class — Team Three, Nancy Kesler, captain, came in on top in the championship race.

Another item of intense interest is the way the girls have been walking lately. Have you noticed any covert limps and obviously stiff muscles? The girls have taken up calisthenics, marching and drill, and closely resemble a section of well-trained Rockettes and the way they do their pushups, why, it's nothing less than professional! The track audience will undoubtedly increase tremendously when word gets around about what's going on down there.

—MARTHA DE LANO.

What Say!

Basketball is over and there's not much sense in rehashing it. Boys did a good job, considering everything. Returning next year from this team are three regulars, Harold Upjohn, Jim Ralston, and David Auxter. Also there will be three subs, Dick Barnes, Dave Ritsema, 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 in the finals.

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 end 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.

—BIL GILBERT.

Cubs Win 50-34 Lose 37-34

The State High Cubs downed Coldwater Thursday, March 2, at Sturgis, but bowed to Sturgis Friday, March 4, to lose all hopes of defending their regional championship at St. Joseph.

In the game with Coldwater the boys started off with a bang, getting a 12-4 lead. They suddenly cooled off, and Coldwater began to hit from the corners and far out. Then the Cubs improved in this game; Coldwater intercepted many passes, giving State High a marginal lead 21-20 at half-time.

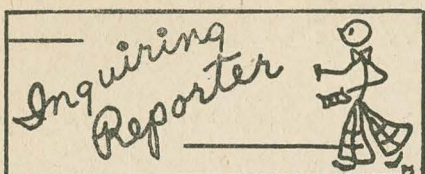
The second half was a much different story. The Cubs, with improved ballhandling, started to pull away. Harold Upjohn got six goals in this half to bring his total to 19 points, high score for the evening. Ralston followed Upjohn for the Cubs with 10 markers. Bill Perrin played outstanding teamball with Dave Auxter and Jim Ralston 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 tallied. Harold Upjohn sensational Cub 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 period, though the Cubs were unable to cling to their 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 for the Cubs 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 Bil 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 back seat, Sunday and Saturday night driving, knitting and sleeping in class) which do not require the use of some kind of a ball.



What did you do during vacation?

Gene West—"Nothin'".
 Dick Morton—"Went to Florida."
 Peg Elliott—"Washington Square is an awfully interesting place."
 Joan Reade—"Went to Knox College to visit Mary Greene."
 Cameron Clark—"Slept."
 Marilyn Whaley—"Slept; Visited Central" (Why?).
 Kent Aach—"Was sick. Managed to come to Turnabout though."
 Becky Fuller—"Worked on scenery for 'Junior Miss' at Civic Theater."
 Mary Jane McCarthy—"Loafed."

Decorations Vanish

What happened to the decorations at the Turnabout Dance? When last seen, various elephants, horses, pigs, and so on were being snatched off their already none too secure places on Walwood's walls. Where most of the other wall pieces at the dance went, heaven only knows!

After George King had played his concluding theme, the committee rolled up its sleeves, met in the ballroom, and prepared to take down the decorations. Well, there weren't any to be taken down!

This committee would like to advise future committees that if they want less work, all they have to do is to put up decorations which souvenir collectors can easily carry away.

Eight pieces have been located to date. Barb Stevens has something which might pass for a Mexican; Pat Fisher managed to hook the red-flowered donkey; a green elephant fell to the lot of Phyllis Smith; Jack Stiles was seen walking out with a Mexican dancing girl (Mary was also with him); Ann Leander and Betty Miller also collected a couple of the ornaments. Some other sort of Mexican was nabbed by Hooky and Hubbell, and lastly the eight piece was seen in the hands of Mrs. Roy C. Bryan.

Now maybe you readers would like to ease the committeemen's minds and tell them where the rest of their decorations are—just for curiosity's sake.

Winter Wishin'

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

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
 wight.

And in this land so fresh and green
 Again no snakes are ever seen.
 By the grace of God they were driven
 away;

T'was 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.

Shoo Shoo Baby!

Making her debut as personage of the month is Miss Sally Householder, age one month. Upon seeking an interview with the popular Miss Sally, we were informed that she was detained in an important conference dealing with matters of state and directly concerning the management of some mysterious flask which, we were told, contained a new secret formula for the mass development of manpower, with which she is experimenting for the war department.

Although we regretted not being able to talk to Miss Householder personally, we were fortunate in contacting her publicity manager, the soulful Mr. Frank Sinatra Householder, better known as The Subtle Punster (Ed. note: Compare this approach with the technique used by Jack Van Boven) a figure of no mean repute around the cloisters of State High, who informed us that Sally, as yet, remains aloof and ruggedly individualistic with regards to physical resemblance to the ol' man and little woman. He further qualified this with some remark about the many blessings that she, so far, is not paternally inclined. (He must be kidding!) When asked to make a statement for the press, he said that the family is in favor of Sally and, therefore, think they'll keep her.

For up-to-the-minute reports on activities of said Sally, consult your bi-weekly Highlights which brings you what you want to read, when you want to read it.

Geezel: What did the city girl become when she moved to the country?

Weezel: What?

Geezel: The neck of the woods.

He: May I have this dance?

She: Why, certainly, if you can find a partner.

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 Schuhardt — "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 Ralston—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
- Betty Bond
- 19—Warren Graybiel
- 21—Leon First
- 24—Becky Fuller
- Chuck Peterson
- Burton Upjohn
- 25—Robert Wolbers
- 27—Arthur Buckholz
- 28—Mary Wilbur
- 29—David Anderson
- 30—Jim Pellowe