State Highlights 1/18/1945

Western State High School
OPERETTA LEADS IN REHEARSAL

Debaters Entering Second Round Today

State High's debate teams are entering the second round of League Contests today at Jackson. Since all four contests in the first round were won by State High, the teams only have to win two more debates in today's tournament. Six wins out of eight are the minimum requirement to enter the State Eliminations.

Mr. George E. Mills, debate coach, reorganized teams that were entered in the first round. This enables four teams to debate, each of them consisting of one experienced and one inexperienced debater.

One affirmative team made up of Paul Nibblelink and Bob Heath is debating Jackson High School at 1:30, while the other affirmative team composed of Burton Upjohn and Jim Knauss meets Battle Creek at 3:00. The negative team of Bill Gilbert and Margery Davis is debating Lansing Sexton at 1:30, and at 3 o'clock Bill Cox and Dick Barnes will form the opposition to the Coldwater High School affirmative team.

Miss Pearl Ford, Student Council Sponsor, has been made a member of the Constitutional Committee of the National Association of Sponsors of Student Participation in School Administration.

Radio Time Changed

State High's radio program, previously heard every other Tuesday at 1:45 over WKZO has thus far presented shows covering a wide range of topics. Starting with the next program, the time will be 1:30.

The next two programs will be round table discussions by the advanced speech class on the topic of compulsory military training. On January 23, the pros and cons of the military reasons for this training will be discussed and the non-military reasons will be aired on February 6.

Mr. Mills, radio director, wishes to urge that if any instructor desires to present a program, he is cordially invited to do so. All aid and assistance possible will be given in production.

Choir Prepares For Big Event

The "Pirates of Penzance," who are really noblemen indulging in piracy only as a hobby, and Frederic, the hero, who became a pirate through an error, along with the chorus of ladies and policemen, will make up the largest cast in the choir's history for the operetta to be given Friday, January 26 and Saturday, January 27, at 8:00 in the Little Theater.

The double cast will be arrayed in gorgeous costumes, two-thirds of which are rented from the Boston, Gilbert and Sullivan Company, the best company of its type in the country.

With the accompaniment of a professional pianist, Mrs. Warren Carr, formerly the accompanist for one of the biggest Detroit high schools, and a special orchestra trained by Mr. George Amos, Mrs. Leoti C. Britton, the director, feels that such intriguing music will confront the audience that they will all go home whistling the tunes they've just heard.

Under the supervision of Miss Hazel Paden, Miss Pauline Underwood, a college student, is making the attractive scenery, while Mr. George E. Mills, head of the high school speech department is doing the dramatic coaching and supervising the makeup.

The part of Mabel will be taken by Lola Cheyne and Ida Schuhardt, on Friday and Saturday nights respectively. Opposite Lola and Ida as Frederic will be Lester Shelley. Other lead parts are: Bill Cox as the Major-general; Martha Delano and Barbara Coleman as Ruth; John Dunham and Jack Herr as the King; Marilee Fonner and Pat Herr as Kate; Dick Hill and Tom McKinney as Sam; Frances Spitters and Ione Bailey as Edith; Bob Burns as the Sargeant; and Margaret Tozer and Marguerite Klein as Isabel.

The chorus consists of: Dorothy Boehm, Mary Brody, Ann Corbus, Ann Diller, Peggy Elliot, Marcia Foster, Barbara Fitzgerald, Barbara Frederick, Becky Fuller, Frances Garrison, Gail Gibb, Virginia Glenn, Jean Guymer, Suzanne Hart, Helen Holly, Marilyn Hinckley, Gerry Klein, Eleanor McCane, Donna Kowalski, Shirley Lloyd, Melba Manning, Nancy McQuigg, Virginia Mitchell, Joan Mulder, Loretta (Continued on page 2)

CALENDAR

January 18—Basketball at Holland Christian
Jan. 26, and Jan. 27—Operetta, "Pirates of Penzance" Little Theater
January 26—Basketball game at Niles
Thursday, February 1—Marks must be in the office
Monday, February 5—Marks issued to pupils
February 26 through March 6 Spring Vacation
How's Your Citizenship?

"What is an 'A' citizen?" "What is the citizenship average?" "Will a 'C' in citizenship keep me off the honor roll?" "Will the teachers mark on all-round behavior or individual class behavior?"

Citizenship seems to have suddenly become a key word in the vocabularies of the inhabitants of State High School. Everyone, faculty and students alike, is talking about it. All the discussions were prompted, of course, by the institution, this year, of letter grades in citizenship to be placed on the student's record along with his scholastic grade.

An examination of the standards which have been set up proves that an 'A' citizen is nothing "out of the world," as the general student opinion would have it, while the 'C' citizens will probably be few and far between. An 'A' citizen is the fellow who gets to class on time, is courteous to his teachers and classmates, is tolerant of other's views, meets his responsibilities, and acts in general in a manner which should be expected of a superior high school student. On the other hand, a 'C' citizen is the one who always gets to class at the last minute, whose courtesy is satisfactory in terms of the minimum requirements, and who is rather indifferent to the welfare and functions of the school and its organizations. A 'C' in citizenship will keep you off the honor roll; but why shouldn't it? You certainly aren't to be honored very highly with a citizenship 'C' under such standards.

One of the main points for question in this whole matter seems to be the basis upon which the teacher will mark the student. Will it be only as he sees the student in his own class, or will it be his general impression of the student as is evinced by his conduct in the school as a whole: halls, classes, office, and extra-curricular activities? This question has been in some rather heated debates. When the smoke cleared, it was decided that the teachers would mark on conduct in their individual classes. The homeroom supervisors and boy or girl advisors would take up general conduct and loyalty and attitude toward school regulations and organizations in their citizenship evaluations.

The marks are coming out in a couple of weeks. If this whole thing isn't clear now, you'll find it out then, "the hard way." Only time will tell what State High Students' destinies as citizens are, but sometimes destiny may be controlled.
Two Wins Keep Cub Hopes High

The State High Cubs have won two of three basketball contests in recent weeks and still have hopes of snatching the Big Seven Conference title. On December 19 the Cubs journeyed to Three Rivers and tamed the Wildcats by a score of 27 to 25 in a see-saw contest. The highlights of this game was the scoring punch of Captain Dave Auxter who poured 13 points through the hoop. The work of sophomore center, Gene West also stood out. For Three Rivers the all around play of forward Lasik was spot lighted. This defeat eliminated the Wildcats from the league race.

Returning to action after Christmas vacation the State High Cubs scored one of the biggest upsets of the season by toppling St. Joseph Bears, 33 to 26. The game was played as a preliminary to the Western-Central Michigan game and attracted 2,000 spectators, probably the best crowd of the season. In this game little "Berghoff" Burns hit a hot streak and scored 13 points to lead the Cub scoring. On defensive "Rudy" Auxter shined, holding Cletus Hosbein, the St. Joseph scoring star, to three points, all made on free throws. For the Bears Phil Morron looked best on the offensive while Al Stockman was the defensive star.

Last Friday, January 12, at Buchanan the Cubs' two game win streak was snapped by the "Battling Bucks" who scored a 27-26 upset victory. The small Buchanan floor handicapped the Cubs to no end as it is only one-third the size of the Cubs' practice court. Another element which contributed toward the defeat was the fact that the ball used in the first half wasn't a regulation league ball, and the Cubs couldn't handle it well. When a regulation ball was put into play, State outscored Buchanan 14-5.

Bob Burns led the Cubs in scoring with seven points, while rebound work of substitute center, Dick Klepper, also stood out. J. B. Anderson led Buchanan with nine points before being put out on fouls late in the game.

### BIG SEVEN STANDINGS

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Cagers Next Two Contests to be Away

Continuing their drive for the Big Seven basketball championship, the State High Cubs will hit the road for two tough games in the next two weeks. Thursday night the Bruins journey to Holland to meet the towering Holland Christian Dutchmen, who have improved tremendously since taking a 31-14 shellacking from the Cubs in the season opener. One indication of Holland's improvement is shown in its recent victories over Kalamazoo St. Augustine and Grand Rapids South. The Dutchmen are led by Bob Altena, who is their high scorer, and Fred Brieve, one of the best rebound men in Southwestern Michigan. This game is a non-conference affair, but the Cubs aim to chalk up another victory.

On January 26 the Cubs trek to Niles to meet the league leading Vikings in a game which can make or break the Cubs because a loss would throw them out of the title chase. Earlier in the season Niles won over State 33-26, but they were forced to come from behind to win from the tiring Cubs. Niles has two outstanding men in Bill Cashbough, who threw in 13 points in the last Cub encounter, and Walt Wilson, speedy forward, who is a consistent scorer and a good floor player. The Cubs have now hit their peak and can be counted on to be in there battling until the final whistle.

SPORTLIGHT

One of the less spectacular but most consistent players on State High's Cage squad is senior forward, Dave Ritsema. Ritz came to State as a frosh in the fall of '41 entering here from the suburb of Milwood which has sent many athletic stars to our fair school including Dave's "big" brother, who was a basketball and tennis star before graduating in 1942.

Dave went out for basketball as a frosh and made the reserve team. While in his sophomore year, he played as a substitute forward on the area championship team. Last year as a junior Ritz saw plenty of action as a substitute and gained valuable experience which no doubt has helped seem gained a starting berth and has him a lot this year. As a senior Rit been doing a fine job. He took high point honors against Niles, and he scored consistently all season.

Besides playing basketball, Dave excels on the diamond in the spring. Baseball as varsity second baseman, Ritz has won three major letters in and he plans to add another "S" to his growing collection this spring.

After graduation, Dave plans to join the navy where he hopes to enter the radar division. Big Ritz says that when he is through with the navy, he will probably settle down and get married. (He has a cute little brunette right now!) No matter what happens in the future, we wish Dave the best of luck!
Student Exchange

What would you do if you just learned State High won the Big Seven Conference?

Jim Knauss: "Celebrate New Year's Eve all over again."

Dick Morton: "Shoot off all my old Shotgun Shells."

Bill Ryan: "Go off and meditate."

Roger Schultze: "Tear up my History Book."

Ken Reeves: "Get out of school."

Jim Stevenson: "Find Beebe and go out and raise Cain."

Romola Price: "Gasp."

Dick Dorgan: "Open up a bottle of Pepsi-Cola."

Moe: "Wrauf! Wrauf!"

Cammy: "Quit worrying."

Jim Ralston: "Wake me up, I'm dreamin'."

Daffy-nitations

Diesel-Diesel do for you.

Sanctuary-Sanctuary much.

Delight-As in Delight That Failed.

—Bil Gilbert

From the Exchange

My neighbor doesn't study

Though I do every day

I wonder how it happens

That she also gets an "A."

—Lincoln Log

Singular Signs of Our Singular Times

The manners of frosh boys when they bump into you; especially when they jump backwards an estimated ten feet to beg your pardon. Very refreshing . . . ! !

The graduation pics flourished aloft by those girls fortunate enough to charm them away from their owners.

Also the sentiments on the hinds-ides of the aforementioned pics. Wow!

The "flu" and I.

Little brothers—one proof man descended from monkeys.

That dope, who, when there's still time for the assignment to be given, engages himself in an unimportant argument with the instructor, forcing the poor instructor to give a hurried version while detaining the others overtime, thus incurring the wrath of all.

Moron jokes. Say, did you hear the one about the little moron who said he reads A Bush Grows In Brooklyn. The other moron said he must be mistaken: it was A Tree Grows In Brooklyn. "No!" answered the silly little moron brightly. "I read the Reader's Digest Condensation!"

The 2:30 classes and study halls eagerly awaiting the arrival of the Highlights on alternate Wednesday afternoons. (a plug).

Those embryo meteorologists trying bravely to explain what happened to their weather predictions.

Frosh Wins 4-H Honors

An enterprising new Frosh, Louise Van Stratoon, has been showing promise toward bringing fame to the name of State High by her accomplishments in 4-H work. She was selected to represent her group, the Quad 10 Club, at the State Fair in Lansing last year, and exhibited two pints of tomatoes, one quart of peaches, and one quart of pears, being awarded second ribbon for each.

Louise has been active for five years and has taken four years of clothing, receiving honorable mention and a gold seal for each year, two years of gardening, also obtaining gold seals, one year of canning, another gold seal, and two years of cooking. At Lansing she attended the style judging contest, being one of the two selected at the County Center Building because of her outstanding ability at evaluating clothes.

Happy Birthday

Jan. 18 Joy Roelof
19 Bob Kistler
20 Marjorie Williams
21 Kenneth Greene
21 Pat Abrams
21 Nelva Moore
24 Bernadine Brocksus
25 Jim Amos
26 Otto Schuhardt
27 Roger Shultz
28 Tom Jenning
29 Howard Dewitt
31 John Bigelow