State Highlights 3/21/1945

Western State High School
Now's The Time
There probably isn't one student in all of State High, who doesn't have a relative or some pretty good friend in the service, is there? Well then, there certainly shouldn't be anyone in the whole school who fails to contribute to the nationwide Red Cross campaign during the month of March.

Oh—so you don't get the connection? There is one—and it's a very vital one too. Just listen to this:

To a G.I. in a prison camp, the Red Cross can actually mean the difference between life and death.

Maybe you didn't realize it was that important, but the importance of this organization cannot be too greatly emphasized. Often the only food or medical treatment a captured Yank receives, is from the Red Cross and it's pretty grim to think of what would happen without that aid.

Picture your own particular G.I. Joe, starving in the filthy agony of a Japanese prison camp or suffering from lack of medical treatment, with no possible way of getting help to him. It's not a very pretty picture, is it? But the real horror of such a situation could be known only by the fellows that have to face it.

Sure, you can see the connection now. Then for Pete's sake—or Harry's or Ed's or whatever his name might be—give to the Red Cross ... NOW, so that whenever he, or any of his buddies need help, there WILL be a way to bring it to him. Remember, you give to him, when you give to the Red Cross.

Red Cross Drive Starts Friday
State High's Red Cross drive will be sponsored by the Red Cross club, under the direction of Carolyn Mitchell, with the aid of the Student Council. Collections will be made in the Home-rooms Friday, and students are urged to back the drive with 100 per cent participation.

Speech Class To Give Spring Play
The annual Advanced Speech class play will be presented under the direction of Mr. George E. Mills, Miss Evelyn Crapple, and Miss Ruth Schroer, on April 19 and 20, in the Little Theatre, and is to be Molière's popular comedy, "The Imaginary Invalid.

Rehearsals are under way and the cast, as follows, will represent the different sections of the school:

Monsieur Diafoirus .................. Jim Knauss
Monsieur deBonnefoi ........................ Jack Erwin
Monsieur Fleurant .................. John Dunham
Monsieur Purgon .................. Bill Cox
Monsieur Dinoirous .................. Burton Upjohn
Bob Heath
Evelyn Shnoor, Mary Lou Harvey, Ida Schuhardt, Sally Benton, Glen Melinger, and Bill Ryan.

Calendar
March 23—Monitor Luncheon, 12:00, 1st Pres.
March 27—Easter Assembly
March 30—No school.
April 3—Movie
Notes from Service Men

The well-known Karl Hokenmaier, a graduate of last year, has been wounded while fighting in Belgium. How serious the injuries are, we don't know, but letters from "Hokie" say not to worry. He says that it's his left arm and he also has a perforated ear drum. He is now in a hospital in Paris and seems to be satisfied with his surroundings. This couldn't be due to the fact that he has a very pretty nurse or anything like that, could it?

At State last year, Karl was vice-president of the Student Council and also an all-city tackle in football.

"Andy's been to Pearl Harbor"—that's the latest. After thirty days they can reveal their whereabouts, so now we know. "Andy" is, of course, Bob Anderson, who went into the Navy last summer and would have graduated this year if he could have "stuck around."

He's seeing the world, all right, complete with "a girl who showed us how to do the "hula", with each motion of the hands meaning something." While in Pearl Harbor, he went on a tour of the island and saw acres of sugar cane and pineapples.

And by the way, he and George Moran, a '44 grad, are still together.

Bob was a star on the track team last year and had been chosen track captain for his year.

A graduate of last year, Pvt. Ronald Sherman, who is now in the army at Camp Beaumont, Texas, writes in letters to his folks:

"We see on the average of nine training films per day. All the classroom training is done by moving pictures about which we take notes. Afterwards there is a question and answer period. "We eat C rations for noon chow. Our whole meal was in two cans small enough to put in your pocket. One contained pork and beans. All the water had been taken out except enough to keep it moist. But that little can contained all I could eat. It must have had extra vitamins in it. The other can contained three filling cookies, coffee powder, three sugar pills, and three pieces of candy. It was all one could eat and very tasty."

"We went through the gas chamber today. One side contained tear gas, the other a deadly poison gas. We went into the tear gas with our masks on. About 20 feet from the exit, we had to remove our masks and tell the officer our names and numbers. If you were homesick, here was the place to cry because no one would know the difference."

The Male Box

In every issue, there will be printed a story of a former State High student who is now in the armed forces. The boy, whose name and address appear in the box below, would like to receive mail from you.

**Pvt. Ronald D. Sherman 369/26487**
**Co. B, 82 Bn., 15 Trng. Regt.**
**Camp Fannin, Texas. (U. S. Army)**

You have heard from him—He would like to hear from you.

**FLASH!**
**S1/C John Toorman is in the navy at Great Lakes.**

**Mark Thompson** is home on a seventeen-day furlough.

**S2/C Jack Stermer,** who was home recently, is at the Medical Corps School at San Diego, California.

**Joe Anderson,** who graduated in 1943, has received his commission.

Home last week was a former student of State High, **Dave Walsh,** who is stationed at Lowery Field, Denver, Colorado.

**SENIOR SLOGAN**

First in peace,
First in war,
First down the aisle,
First out the door.

Albion Cardinal

Fulton Honored

It seems that there is more than one outstanding "Frankie" in the field of music. State High has its own in Franklin Fulton, a very accomplished pianist who was featured in the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra concert, Sunday, March 11. His solo was Rachmaninoff's Concerto in C minor, 3rd movement.

For four years he has been studying piano with H. Glenn Henderson as his instructor.

Frank has been invited to play for the annual Western Michigan College Spring Music Festival and he will also participate in State High's Music Festival this spring.

Freshman Made Robe Master

Peter Junker, a most versatile freshman, has a variety of activities in his repertoire, one of which is being the choir robe master. The job consists of handing out the robes and keeping track of them. Pete, who holds down the position of soprano here, intends to continue in the choir for three more years, since he enjoys music a great deal.

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A turn in the road,
A peach at his right,
Fruit Salad that night.
Willson Focus
**Spring Sports**

**BASEBALL**

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Distances if they work hard enough.

**STATE HIGHLIGHTS**

**Cagers Win Big Seven Title**

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As the season opened, things looked dark for the Cubs because they had the most inexperienced team in the league but a brilliant finish enabled the Cubs to capture the league title.

In the season opener, State looked good in whipping Holland Christain 31-14 but the followin week Niles stopped the Cubs 33-26 and Dowagiac duplicated the feat by edging out the locals 27-26. After their losses the Cubs bounced back to beat South Haven 55-21 and nip Three Rivers 27-26. After Christmas vacation State upset St. Joe 32-26 and then lost two games, bowling to Buchanan 27-26 and Holland Christain 32-27. At this time the Cubs started their whirlwind finish, the first victim was Niles by a 51-21 count, a loss to Sturgis 35-29 temporarily halted the Kalamazoons but they came back to whip South Haven 35-26 and Dowagiac 33-30, before being upset by Three Rivers 41-30. The Cubs finally claimed the championship by closing their schedule with wins over St. Joe, 41-21, and Buchanan, 45-17. In the Class B, district tourney State ran over Coldwater, 52-22 but they lost in the final to Sturgis 39-27.

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**TRACK**

As the warm weather is arriving, the attention is focused on the track season that is about to begin this year. The prospects seem pretty bright for State High, since it will be strong in most events.

In the century there is Bill Ryan, number two man from last year, who undoubtedly will be the best sprinter in the 100 yard dash. Also there is "Louie" Vanderlind who showed some promise from last year and will be pressing Ryan. These two will probably run the 220 yard dash, also.

Next comes the 440 yard dash, an event in which the team will surely be weak, since there are no veterans whatsoever returning.

In the hurdles there are no veterans, but Coach Quiring says that there are some fair prospects. John Dunn and Jack Dorgan, from last year, head the list in the half-mile race. George Lum is also a prospect.

In the mile is Burton Upjohn, top "miler" from last year. There are also two good prospects in Herb Smith and Bob Talbot who show much promise. Jim Balston and John Dunn, two lettermen, lead the field in broad jump and high jump.

In the shot, Francis Hamel, who was in this event last year, and Jim Carl, a transfer student who also has had some experience, are the best bets.

The man in the pole vault is Jack Dorgan, an experienced vaulter of former years.

**BIG SEVEN STANDINGS (Final)**

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The Ridiculous To the Sublime

See yourself as others know you. Take the initial of your first name and match with the adjective beginning with that letter. Then take the initial of surname and match in list of nouns. Result — from the ridiculous to the sublime. (This idea was taken from “The Washington Surveyor”).

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Ear Beaters
By PHYL CADY

Has anybody seen a copy of Jinx McCane’s best seller, “The Ticklish Truth Ain’t Tripe” or “Who Stole My Guyji Board?” —in plain Greek, I mean to say—SLAM BOOKS!! The soph’s ideas aren’t new, but they’re mighty nice. After all, what man doesn’t enjoy a few compliments?

Speaking of snaperoo, ask Ryan to demonstrate the “Bruddler-Buddy-Denny” hand shake. It’s sumpin’ and no doubt it will become famous among all diplomas in the near future.

A name hasn’t been given the Delano’s famous thumbs-up handshake. It’s purty tricky, too—specially when someone borrows your thumbs!

Dorgan’s friends and followers caused horse-pistol officials more grief than we’d ever know! Smoke, laughter, noise and confusion prevailed during all visiting hours and those wheel-chairs (demon at the wheel) are more fun!

Nothin’ the News:

“Proxie’s” new lease on life! Dick “Red” Barnes’ slick crew cut which shows to go you what love will do!

“Laughy’s” laugh! Jack “Math-minded” Slippery’s theme song—“My fingers”: “Counting on You.”

“Crummy’s” long holiday — the envy of us all.

“Pete’s new tap-on-the-shoulder routine. He picks the smoothies, too!

As the watchman said when he handed me the key, “I guess this will wind things up!”

The old Spanish proverb, “Live with the wolves and you will learn to howl,” is proving itself every day. After having seen Lauren Bacall, the best of ’em are howlin’!

Mebbe Kistler has changed his mind about older women. (Who wouldn’t). It seems this prominent Harry has been taking in the town with a(n) S. S. Centralite.

WE WONDER:

—why Leroy is singin’ “Saturday Night Is The Loneliest Night in the Week”?

—why is that Jean’s ring around Jimmy’s neck.

—why Pat Abrams spends so much of her time at the Pharm.

—how the wolferies of Kazoo will divide their time between Carver and Stiles (the two Romances) who are coming home for S. V. this week.

—why Sip and Whaley are so-0-0 bow-leggers who curse these days. If ya’ really want to know—ask the horses at Al bertson’s for a key-rect answer.

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The following were extracted from the “Rouge Recorder”:

Mary: Do you file your nails? Jane: Sure, don’t you? Mary: No, I just throw them away after I cut them.

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Jim: And what did she say?

Bill: She said she would send me a picture of it.

OK—stop groaning!!!

‘Hot Lips’ James Wins Band Poll

As one wanders down the halls of State High, many melodious tones can be heard from those who-be-browns who are constantly humming or singing a snatch of the latest song hits. To determine just what the favorite tunes of State are, a poll was conducted, which resulted in some rather enlightening discoveries.

Then there was the group of music lovers in 202A who all voted for Spike Jones and the Strip Polka. The most outstanding feature, however, was the landslide for Harry James, who received more than three times as many votes as any other band leader, which shows that his “hot trumpet still rates first with State High.

“Spike” Morton and his corn-fed City Slickers actually are among the top bands in this poll, but then—the “slickers” voted too.

The favorite songs and bands in order of their popularity with the students of State High are as follows:

SONGS

1. “I’m Beginning to See the Light.”
2. “Stardust.”
3. “Always”.
4. “My Dreams Are Getting Better All the Time.”
5. “Don’t Fence Me In.”
7. “Strip Polka.”
8. “Accentuate the Positive.”
10. “Makin’ Believe.”
11. “Candy.”
12. “Rum and Coca-Cola.”

BANDS

1. Harry James
2. Spike Jones
3. Tommy Dorsey
4. Sammy Kaye
5. Guy Lombardo
6. Benny Goodman
7. Glenn Miller
8. Mark Warno
9. Charlie Spivak
10. “SPIKE” MORTON
11. Xavier Cugat
12. Artie Shaw
13. Freddy Martin
14. Wayne King

Stolen Goods

Exams are just like women, Which is exactly right.
They ask such foolish questions. And keep you up all night.
—Starr Commonwealth News

The height of embarrassment—Two eyes meeting through a keyhole.

—Galaxtin High News

Happy Birthday

March 15—Larry Mayer
March 17—Barbara Carl
March 17—Jim Mateer
March 18—Betty Bond
March 18—Carly Wonderland
March 18—Bob Vander Week
March 19—Warren Graybiel
March 21—Leone First
March 22—Liesel Kistler
March 23—James Carl
March 24—Burt Upjohn
March 25—Robert Wolbers
March 26—Joan Rocd
March 29—David Anderson
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