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# State Highlights

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## Junior Symphony Begins Season

The Kalamazoo Junior Symphony has long been an organization in which many State High students are very interested. Represented in the violin sections by Tom Hickmott, Joan Rood, Martin Friedman, Betsy Davis, Carol Morris and Carolyn Mitchell, State High can also claim Jim Bigelow and Don Parsons, members of the French Horn section. Marilee Fonner and Ruth Ann Emerson, cellists, also hail from State's halls, as does flutist, Marge Davis.

The Little Symphony was organized seven years ago under the direction of Mr. Eugene Andrie with a membership of twenty. Last year saw a total of 75 players under the baton of Mr. Julius Stulberg, now a member of Western's music department. A great many members of the orchestra have joined the armed forces or gone away to school, decreasing the roll to approximately sixty, and any musicians interested in joining this group are invited to attend the rehearsals Saturday mornings, 10:00-12:00 in the Kalamazoo Conservatory of Music to receive an audition. Three concerts are presented each year with a great variety of program material. Tickets for this season will be on sale very soon and may be purchased from any member of the orchestra.

## Paden Plans Art Project; Classes Larger Than Ever

Two of the largest high school art classes she has ever taught, welcomed Miss Hazel Paden, on her return last week after a rest following an operation. State High's art instructor was overwhelmed at the large enrollment of both classes and says that there seems to be a great amount of talent among the twenty-nine members of the nine o'clock class and the twenty-five people scheduled for art at eleven o'clock. Their first project as announced by Miss Paden will be to do over, sketches and pictures from their sketch books and bind them into booklets for the soldiers at Percy Jones Hospital. She considers this as being not only an art problem but a way of helping the hospitalized veterans.

### CALENDAR

October 10—Game with Three Rivers, here.

October 12 — Juke Box Dance at Walwood Hall.

October 15 — Dance at Walwood, with orchestra.

October 16-17—No school.

October 19—Game at Dowagiac.

## NEWS-ettes

The Red Cross meeting was held Saturday, September 30. Nyla Worden, State's representative reported that Mrs. Olive C. Taylor and Mr. Daniel J. Heathcote made addresses stressing the importance of Red Cross drives for 1945-56. State High's drive will start in the near future and contributions of cards, games, sheet music, vases (quart size), checkers, records (undamaged), toys, sweaters (to be unraveled for the wool content), cartoon and joke books are greatly needed.

A new club added to ten veteran clubs offered to State High students in the past is the aviation club, headed by Mr. Herbert Ellenger. The purpose of this club is to familiarize boys with aeronautics, and meteorology, radio, aerodynamics and airplane engines are among the subjects the fellows will study in addition to building model airplanes.

Mr. Ellenger expressed his desire to have various lectures during the year by fliers who have returned from overseas duty and can tell club members of their flying experiences.

This club will also prepare any boys, fifteen years old or over, for the Air Scouts.

During the junior class meeting Thursday, Oct. 4, in 202A, officers were elected and plans for the coming year discussed. Herb Smith as President will take over, assisted by the Vice-President, Mary Jane McCarthy. Secretary, Carol Morris, and Treasurer, Carl Cooper, Jr.

Major James W. Boynton, former instructor of chemistry in the college, has returned from four and one half years in the Army, 27 months of which were spent in India, China, and Burma. Major Boynton will take Mr. Greenlee's place as instructor of the high school 3:00 chemistry class.

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The faculty and students of State High extend their sympathy to Miss Sarah McRoberts on the recent death of her father, Mr. Frank McRoberts.

Homerooms 3A, 206A, and 201A, which are Freshman and new student homerooms, have elected their representatives to the Student Council. These are: 3A, Shirley Beebe; 206A, Roger Burns, Ken Louis; and 201A, Otto Schuhardt, Louis Vanderlinde.

Mon., October 15, is the date of the last informal dance of the year held in Walwood. Tickets are now on sale for 45c with Bud Hall's 10 piece orchestra from the Armory scheduled to provide the music.

Mr. George E. Mills, director of speech, says that if enough people sign up for Masquers, they may be able to present "Tomorrow the World."

## Council Chooses Committee Heads

Under the leadership of president Burt Upjohn, this year's student council has already chosen its various committees which provide the smooth workings of the student body.

Furnishing State High with good assemblies is the job of the following assembly committee members: Jack Herr, Judy Ogden, Dale Pattison, Joan Winkleman, Burt Upjohn, Herb Smith, and Carolyn Mitchell, while boosting pep is the duty given to the pep committee, consisting of Dick Dorgan, Judy Ogden, Joan Winkleman, and Marguerite Klein.

The social committee, dedicated to bigger and better dances, is comprised of Carolyn Mitchell, chairman, Otto Schuhardt, Dick Dorgan, Dale Pattison, Mary DeLano, and Marge Davis, while another important undertaking, the noon recreation committee, has for its head, Jack Herr.

Judy Ogden is chairman of the Red Cross committee and Louis Vanderlinde, Dale Pattison, and Hildur Sangren are in charge of the finance committee. Heading the citizenship committee are Herb Smith and Louis Vanderlinde, while the bulletin board is under the control of Marge Davis. Jack Herr and Otto Schuhardt supervise the Service Scroll, and Shirley Beebe and Marguerite Klein have charge of the Scroll of Honor.

Those unfortunates who miss school will be happy to know that Carolyn Mitchell and Margot LaCrone will take an interest, since they head the friendship committee.

## State Students Winners Of County Fair Awards

Now that Kalamazoo's county fair is over, everyone can settle back and bask in the memories of the octopus, the ferris wheel, candied apples, popcorn and scads of other delightful experiences.

For a few State High students the fair has meant a lot of hard work besides fun, but the awards they walked off with seem their just returns. Jacqueline Leach, a freshman, came away with fourteen ribbons, taking first places in the 4H with her garden exhibit, canning exhibit and her Brown Swiss Calf, that also won for her the Reserve Championship. In the open class, Jacqueline won first place for her canned carrots, summer squash, peppers, and her Pioneer corn. In addition to these she won seven ribbons.

Of course, Jacqueline wasn't the only one to win first places. Sophomore John Pionke won first place

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## Latest Returns on Alums

Anyone wandering down the halls of State High last week might have thought that Father Time slipped up someplace and turned the clocks back a year. The reason for this would be the sight of so many State High grads and alums who came back to visit.

Chuck Peterson, a grad of '45, now in the Air Corps at Scott Field, and Jim Carl, also a '45' er, now in the navy at Great Lakes, were seen in the midst of welcoming crowds last week, as they came back for a visit to the old Alma Mater.

Bil Gilbert, another '45 grad, and Dick Slusser, who graduated in '42, have both been seen wandering around the halls of State High on leave from Great Lakes.

Several other grads are home from the Army Air Forces. Jack Lawrence, a '45 grad, home from Scott Field, Illinois, and Owen Townsend, '42", who is stationed at Hondo Army Air Field, Hondo, Texas, were recent visitors at State High.

Other Air Force fellows who have put in an appearance in the old school lately are Doug Van Eck, who graduated 'way back in '38, and "Gordy" Young, who left State in '43.

"Ritz" (Dave Ritsema), a grad of '45, who is in the Navy now, has been up at school recently, and so has Bob Palmatier, who graduated in '44 and is in the army now.

Two former student council presidents, Bill Watson '44, and Glenn Mellinger '45, were also among those to pay a visit to ye olde State High. Bill is now in the Army Air Force at Chenute Field, while Glenn is preparing to go to Oberlin College this fall.

The last State High dance at Walwood also attracted various alums. Peg Elliot, '45; Kay Hudson, '44; and Mart DeLano, '45, were among those present, not to mention Harold Williams who is still wearing his loud ties.

Ann Leander another grad of '45 came back for a short visit before leaving for Rockford College, Illinois, and Bob Heath '45 who will attend Princeton this fall also looked in on his pals at State Hi. It seems that all of the "Harry's" have returned.

John Dunham, Bill Cox, and Jim Stephenson, three of last year's football stars, are still in 'civies' and still in Kalamazoo. John and Bill are attending WMC and Jim is working for the government as a postman.

Three sophs of last year, no longer in Kazoo are Don Stace, Ellen Rood, and Jeanne Balch. Ellen and Jeanne are both attending Walnut Hill School for girls in Massachusetts. Don, who was president of the sophomore class, left us in early spring of last year for the Navy and is now in Corpus Christi, Texas.

Sgt. Blaine Rabbers, a '41 grad who participated greatly in sports and social activities, is now taking part in the occupation of Southern Germany. Miss Ford received his letter last week and she said, "He has seen a better part of the world in his travels."

Among those '45'ers who are attending the University of Michigan are Martha DeLano, Ruth Morton, Joanne Ogden, Jim Knauss, and Francis Hamel, and those attending Kalamazoo College are Rosemary Hogan, and Joanne Schrier, while Swarthmore College has been the choice of the Highlight's editor of last year, Janet Crum. Jack Moss, the Highlights sports editor last year, is now working in the sports dept. at Kalamazoo Gazette and is spending all his spare time, it seems, back at the old alma mater.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

October 12 —	Ann Diller
	Margaret Verdon
October 14 —	Dorothy Boehm
October 16 —	Joanna Barnes
	Marjorie Hinckley
	Jerry Hagan
	Charlotte Kandler
	Pat Sipperly
October 17 —	Russell Bush
October 19 —	Mary Dorgan
	Janielynn King
October 20 —	Judie Doornbas
October 21 —	Bill Alman
	Eugene Toornman
October 22 —	Patsy Todd
	Barbara DeHollander
	Jeanne Vogt
October 23 —	John Overley

## Duer Does Double Duty

Mr. Duer, a familiar personage to many as teacher of biology, physical science, and sponsor of the Hi-Y club, in addition to his regular classes here is now commuting thrice weekly, in the afternoon, to Clear Lake Camp where he nature-studies with students from surrounding towns.

He had as he says "An extremely interesting and busy summer." Not only did Mr. Duer continue his Hi-Y activities during the summer but also served as an instructor for the Battle Creek Boy Scout Camp at Sherman Lake. Here Mr. Duer exhibited another phase of his abilities by turning rifely instructor for over 300 Boy Scouts. Of course Mr. Duer found time to tramp through the woody wilds, giving numerous merit badges to his nature-loving followers.

As a Hi-Y leader Mr. Duer counceled at the Torch Lake camp, gathering pointers for the cream of the Hi-Y members and leaders from all over Michigan. On October 3rd., Mr. Duer ended his busy vacation by journeying with four other Hi-Y members to St. Joseph where a meeting was held concerning the future Hi-Y program.

## Lt. Buckholz Is Home

First Lt. Charles M. Buckholz, a graduate of 1936, is home at last after fifty-four months overseas. He was in the Phillipines two months before the war and was captured at Bataan. After three month's imprisonment, he escaped to live with the Igarots, wildest natives in the mountains of Luzon. In spite of their being head-hunters, Lt. Buckholz says that he had a "good time" while with them.

He was active in guerrilla warfare from mid "44" till September 1945, and arrived in the U. S. A. by plane September 17. Lt. Buckholz thought it was fast when he reached the Pacific in eighteen days but was home in thirty-seven hours.

## FAT I AM

Fat I am and fat I'll be  
No more dieting for me.  
I like chow that offers fun,  
That makes the gastric juices run.  
I can't keep my raptured gaze  
From cream gravies and souffles.  
Carrots stick right in my throat,  
Spinach, too; I'm no goat!  
I crave large and juicy steaks,  
Sausages and buckwheat cakes.  
Biscuits hot and luscious hams  
Champagne sauce and candied yams.  
I like all unhealthy things,  
Let the thought of health take wings.  
Clash the cymbal; beat the drum,  
Diabetes here I come!!!!

This bit of verse was borrowed from "The Tomahawk." (One of ours in exchange).



## Wildcats Invade Bears Crush Cubs

### Kazoo for Tilt

State High Cubs will play host to the Three Rivers Wildcats this afternoon at 4:00, in Waldo Stadium.

Coach Bob Quiring's fighting Cubs will go out on the field determined to revenge their 26-6 trouncing which the Wildcats handed them last year.

Three Rivers has a good team and the State eleven will have their hands full, holding the Cats.

Coach Pellegrom of the Three Rivers aggregation will probably use the same lineup as he used in previous games. His line is made up of Lesik and Jacobs, ends; Adshire and Gierer, tackles; Bulsher and Ohlin, guards; and Jones at center.

In the backfield, the Wildcats have, Zander, quarterback; Hagenbuch and Keefer at the halfback positions, and Big Thompson, who anchors down the fullback job.

Quiring's starting lineup will probably be the same as the one he sent against St. Joe last Friday night. The Cub line is as follows: ends, Lloyd Fowler and Jim Ralston; tackles, Duane Smith and Hank Berry; guards, Doug Johnson and Norris Sutton; center, Dick Hill. The backfield is made up of, Gene West, of Bob Burns, quarterback; "Slug" Rafferty and Bill Ryan, halves; and Gordy White, fullback.

### Sports Scribbles

#### By STUB

Where is the origin of that well known locker room term "lob off"?

We understand that some of the football squad had a gay old time in Holland, the other week. How are the Dutch girls, Powell, Reeves, Miller, and a few others?

Steve Crane, the big sixfoot shot put ace of the track team, is in the Marine Corps.

Rumor has it that "Slug" Rafferty is a five sport man. The fifth sport being girl (s). How about it, P.H.?

The Cub "B" squad will open their '45 grid season on October 11, when they meet a strong Paw Paw eleven.

It seems another exclusive club is being organized. It is properly called the Queer Club since its members say only queer people can join. Bob Stelle is president, Dick VanderKlok, vice-president, Jack Herr, secretary, Phil Avery, treasurer, and Dave Anderson holds the honored position of water boy. Where to from here?

Some of us are wondering about that blind date West had Saturday. How about it, Gene?

The St. Joseph Bears proved to be the superior team when the State Cubs gave St. Joseph its second straight conference victory last Friday night.

Coach Harry Lee's Bears took the ball on the kick-off. St. Joe fumbled on their own forty-five, but after State lost the ball on downs, the Bears took possession and they promptly marched down the field with Jim Vance taking the ball from the four yard line. Bob Ludwig plunged off tackle for the extra point. In the second period St. Joe scored twice with quarterback Bill Zitta completing two passes, one a sensational 45 yard pass to end Gay Ross, who got behind State's secondary. The other pass to speedy Jim Vance was good for 20 yards, and then 20 more yards as he ran for his second of three touchdowns. Both pass attempts for the extra points were not good and at half-time St. Joe led 19-0. In the third quarter State was passing desperately deep in their own territory in an attempt to get back in the ball game, but Big Bob Ludwig interrupted and ran 22 yards for a touchdown. The pass attempt for the extra point failed, and the score then stood 25-0. Before the third quarter ended, St. Joe's scat back, Jim Vance, raced off tackle from his own 22 yardline, and ran 78 yards for a touchdown, with Husky Joe Griffith plunging over for the extra point. At this point St. Joe put in a second string aggregation. In the fourth quarter State scored its lone touchdown on a pass from Gene West to end Lloyd Fowler on a sensational catch in the end zone.

The extra point attempt by West was low and the final score of the game stood 32-6. Even in defeat, our Captain, Gardy White, shone on defense as well as offense.

Two prominent senior football players are the "Sport's Review's" choice this week. They are right half-back, Paul "Slug" Rafferty, and right end, Jim "Moose" Ralston.

Rafferty came to State High in the fall of "44", entering as a junior. Previously, he attended Schoolcraft High, where he played on the varsity grid squad as a soph. Slug was not eligible to take part in any of the Cub's grid games of "44" because he was a transfer student. Paul is a four sport man; he plays football, basketball, baseball, and is a member of the track team. On the baseball diamond Slug plays center field and is a big gun with the stick. He is a member of the Schoolcraft Bears semi-pro baseball squad. Paul is also a sprinter, for he is one of the key men of the Cub tracksters, where he holds a position as a member of the relay team. In the winter months "the Schoolcraft Kid" is occupied with basketball, in which

## Holland Nips State Eleven

On the cold, rainy, windy night of September 28th, the powerful Holland Dutchmen defeated the State High Cubs to the tune of 7-0.

The Dutchmen won the toss and elected to kick-off. Receiving the ball, the Cubs marched to Holland's 27 yard line before an offside penalty helped Holland to take over the ball. Then Coach Paul Camburn's eleven stalked to the Cub's nine yard line where State's line held and the Cubs took the ball on downs.

The second and third quarters were scoreless but Ken Kuipers and "Chicago Joe" Caravia of Holland gave the Dutchmen the upper hand.

Late in the third period the Cubs kicked out to their own 37 yard line where "Chicago Joe" ran the sidelines until he was stopped on State's ten as the quarter ended.

At the start of the fourth, Kuipers got four yards with an off tackle play and Caravia scored by starting wide around end and cutting back sharply dragging a defensive man over the goal.

Many thrills were still to come. Gene West got off a 50 yard punt which took the ball to the Dutchmen's 26. Holland was unable to gain in three plays so decided to kick.

On the next play Holland's kicker dropped the ball; State was on the Dutchmen's 17. West made a yard. Then Paul Rafferty went around end to the two yard line before he was forced out of bounds. In the next three plays State failed to score, so on fourth and goal to go, White was sent through the center of the line, but was piled-up under a deluge of Holland line men. Holland booted out to the 23 from behind its goal. State's passes failed to click and Holland protected its lead.

## Sports Review

his speed is much to his advantage, for he can really buzz up and down that court.

Ralston entered State High as a frosh in the fall of "42", attending the Training School before coming to State. Jim went out for football in his freshman year, and played reserve ball. As a soph, Moose came out for the grid squad but was injured and did not see any action. Ralston played right end on State's first eleven as a junior, and is now holding that position on the present grid team. Not being satisfied with football alone, he takes part in three other major sports. They are, basketball, where he has played varsity guard for two years, baseball, in which he covers the left field district, and track, where he is the No. 1 broad jumper.

Moose, as he is called by his teammates, has passed the selective service exam but will not be called for duty until after his graduation from high school.



# WHAT SAY!

By **BIL GILBERT**

After I got down on my knees and pleaded with that glamorous feature editor on the State Highlights, Alison Clark, she finally consented grudgingly to let me fill up a column. She said it was on one condition, however, that I didn't drivel and stuck strictly to telling about the Navy (being an old salt of at least seven weeks). I kindly consented.

Boot camp is really just like home. The only thing is that everything is done backwards. However, all joking aside, the Navy is really interesting. While I was there we had some contact with the Navy's new secret weapons (which are sometimes called mops, but being an old saltie we will call them swabs).

One thing that is very fascinating is standing watches in the boot camp. The watches are said to be divided into four hour periods covering all twenty-four hours. Personally, I wouldn't know about that because all mine were from midnight to four in the morning. We used to have a lot of fun on that watch (that word 'watch' is used loosely because the only things to watch were the clock and the barracks. Nobody would take the clock, and the barracks is too big for one man to carry away anyway.)

The idea on the twelve to four watch was to wake up as many people as possible. This was done under the assumption that if you couldn't sleep, no one else should either. There are many theories as to how best to wake up a sleeping man. The most obvious is to shake him gently and say, "I have a terrific bargain for you! A rubber battleship going for only one dollar and twenty-five cents! Hurry, hurry!"

This never fails to be interesting. Then there are those who work under the assumption that a bucket of water is far less painless. But by far the most sporting is to fill the bed up with paper, shake the victim, and then watch the reaction as he tries to get it out of the bed and tries to figure out what it is. Anyway it all added up to good clean fun which, of course, is the purpose of almost anything.

And so as they say in the Army, "That is all, because I haven't got anything more to say."

P. S.

The above piece of genius was composed by one of State's most scintillating grads and our former feature editor (it was a good page, then), Bil Gilbert. You have seen this handsome sailor (now we're even, Bil) adorning State High's halls with highly decorative presence. And he magnanimously consented to give State another chance to publish his works of genius. Oh, Freshies! To think you might have passed through S. H. S. without experiencing the thrill of hearing Bil!

Al. Cl.

## Roger - Wilco - Over

DeLano reporting on Holland: Visibility poor, lots of rain and mud, but we could see enough. Repeat: we could see ENOUGH!

The friendly Dutch girls were noticed by Jim Powell but def. And in public too! Tch, tch.

Dick Burkhart wasn't so observant. He made a fatal mistake—strange resemblance between Stub and Roberts, no? Kerchiefs can make a big difference.

You all know the bus broke down, and after the girls were picked up by Mr. Ryan (Bill's father, of course) a brute time was had by all—the boys.

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We have a few new couples wandering around, Betty Carver and Bill Alman for one; Pat Herr and "Slug" Rafferty for another; and then there are Bob Bill and Nancy Boudeman, who seem to be getting along beautifully. Theme song: "Nevada." Reason unknown.

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After spending a week-end in Chicago, Alison Clark was heard to remark to a friend, "Oh, darling, I was going to pick up something for you in Chicago."

Friend, politely, "Oh really, you didn't need to do that."

Al. Cl., "Well, I couldn't anyway—they all had such short leaves."

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Bobby Burns has a new technique—a whistle. He might be calling his dog, but it's not that kind of a whistle. Anyway, it saves wear and tear on the throat.

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According to Billie Sanders, we must have some hidden talent in our faculty. She insists that Mr. Householder looks exactly like Gregory Peck. Personally, I don't think he's tall enough.

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It seems that Jack Herr recently lost a notorious bet about not going out with "femme fatales" during football season. Carolyn, look what you have done.

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Donna Kowalski, one of our charming hall monitors, tells us that she hasn't reported any State High students yet, but she would like to report some of those sailors. How about that, V-12?

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Paid Advertisement:

Don't forget to listen to the great Jack Carson show tonight on WKZO at 8:00. (the editor pays up again.)

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Herb Smith is looking thin and pale lately because those daily letters just aren't the same. Others with this feeble trouble are Joanne Scougale, Frances Spitters, Carol Morris, and probably many others.

SNAFU

## Veteran Alum Enrolls in State

Calvin Carr, a former student of State High in 1939 and 40, has returned from the war to complete his last year of high school. On December 3rd, 1940 Calvin joined the U.S. Navy and received his boot training at Great Lakes, continuing his training at Aviation Metalsmith school at Penscola, Florida.

He was assigned to a transport in the Atlantic at the outbreak of the war and on Christmas day, 1941, his ship was attacked by submarines off the coast.

On August seventh, 1942 the landings at Guadalcanal began and Calvin, who was coxswain in a Higgins landing boat, came in the second wave at Tulagi. Only two Higgins boats could manage to get in at the same time because of the coral reef. Of the first wave, consisting of one hundred men and a captain in charge of each boat, only six men were left.

The next day he was transferred to a heavy cruiser which was sunk, and he spent the night of August eighth and the morning of the ninth in the water until he was picked up with other survivors by Higgins boats from Guadalcanal. They were taken to Guadalcanal for first aid and clothing and Calvin stayed there from then, August ninth, till December 25th, during which time he was wounded and contracted malaria.

He received his discharge on June fifth, 1943 but continued working for the government. His job was at a Naval Air Station near San Francisco where he worked as a production manager in assembly repair.

He remained there from June 22, he was flown out to the New Hebrides the same month of his discharge, till February of 1944. During this time he had 14 attacks of malaria so took a leave of absence to take an entrance examination for the University of Michigan where he was advised to finish his high school education first. At this time he was 20 years old and had been working as assistant circulation manager on the Ann Arbor News. He spent this past summer at the Y.M.C.A. camp Ohara.

"I returned to Kalamazoo with the idea in mind of finishing high school," he stated. Calvin likes State High a lot and thinks the students are friendly.

He is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wiedner during his stay in high school and is working for his apprenticeship in pharmacy at the Oakland Pharm. He plans to enter Purdue after high school to take up Pharmacy. To Calvin we extend our best wishes, welcome, and thanks.

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with his short horn calf, while George Buckham, a senior, got three first places for sheep and first place for his steer and his hog. Three first places for sheep also went to his brother Fred, who won several other ribbons, too.