State Highlights 12/6/1945

Western State High School
Yuletide Dance Slated for Gym

Anyone entering the Women's Gym at nine o'clock on the evening of December 21 will find the old place a blaze of evergreen and tinsel and looking more charming than ever in its entire existence. For, at that mystic hour, on that date, State High's annual Christmas formal will be underway. The "anyone" mentioned above, having the required $1.50 and a date, will welcome Yuletide in, between the hours of nine and twelve, to the music of Bud Hall's orchestra. Refreshments will be served.

The committee in charge of this affair, headed by Carolyn Mitchell, consists of Marge Davis, Mary Delano, Dick Dorgan, Dale Pattison, Otto Schuhardt, Herb Smith, and Burt Upjohn. The party will be chaperoned by parents and members of the faculty who are Dr. and Mrs. Roy C. Bryan, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Sebaly, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Stulberg, Mr. and Mrs. Cameron L. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. S. Kyle Morris, and Mr. and Mrs. Henry L. Upjohn.

New Policy for Bus Trips Announced by Committee

Hank Berry, chairman of the bus committee, has announced that the policy of sending busses to out-of-town games will be continued during basketball season but tickets for the games must be secured from the committee in advance. The Student Council will pay the bus fare and buy tickets for the cheerleaders and the faculty sponsors.

The busses will leave the Men's Gym at 5:00 P.M. and one half-hour after the end of the game will begin the return trip. The students riding in the busses will not attend dances after the games because that would make the arrival in Kalamazoo too late for those having to work the next day.

The way to and from the games, no stops will be made, but prospective passengers should not fear the pangs of hunger; for the junior class is planning to sponsor the sale of sandwiches and cokes on the busses.

Calendar

December 7—Game with Niles, there.
December 13—South Haven, here.
December 14—The Messiah
December 18—Christmas Play; Dowagiac game, there.
December 21—Formal.

White Christmas?

Masquers Plans Christmas Play

The annual Christmas play to be presented in the Little Theatre at 8:00 P.M., Dec. 17 will be "The Littlest Shepherd" by Florence Ryerson and Colin Clements. This play which portrays the Nativity scene and events that took place in a pasture near Bethlehem the evening of Christ's birth, will be produced by the Masquers Club, directed by Mr. George E. Mills.

The cast is as follows: Speaker of the Prologue, Donna Kowalski; David, a shepherd boy, Dale Griffith; the Little Girl, Eleanor McCane; the Angel, Joan Rood; Mary, Becky Fuller; Joseph, Jim Osborne; Wise Man of the East, Dave Peterson; Wise Man of the South, Pete Junker; and Wise Man of the North, Stephen Davis; The Shepherds, Bonnie Hardy, and Constance Hasting; and peasants, the remaining Masquers.

The choir, under the direction of Mrs. Leoti C. Britton, will present a group of three numbers of Christmas music as well as provide an important choral background for the Nativity scene.

Two Senior Soloists Serenade Soldiers

On Thanksgiving Day, two State High girl's, Pat Herr and Lola Cheyne, entertained the convalescent soldiers at Fort Custer. Their program was sponsored by the Gray Ladies and was enjoyed very much by all the soldiers. Lola sang while accompanied by Pat and the songs that were received with the most enthusiasm were "The Irish Lullaby", "Thanks Be To God," and "I'll Buy That Dream." The girls visited five paralytic wards and one tubercular ward, singing what ever songs the men requested.

In one of the wards the girls sang and very much enjoyed the movie "Salty O'Rourke." A soldier in the same ward gave each of them a bracelet that he had made.

Faculty Anticipates Party

While State High Students are eagerly looking forward to the Christmas festivities, the faculty are making their own plans for tossing aside the old books for a little fun, i.e., a party to be held December 18 in the Social Room of the Methodist Church. In charge of the whole affair is Mrs. Leoti C. Britton with Miss Sophia Reed and Miss Elizabeth Hathaway serving as a committee under her. The program is left to the discrimination of Mr. A. L. Sebaly and Mr. Ray Deur. Miss Hazel Paden is in charge of decorations.

Debate Teams Preparing For Lansing Tournament

State High's debate squad is working hard and preparing for the first League tournament, Tuesday, December 18 at Lansing Sexton. In order to qualify for the Eliminations, the debaters must win six of the eight debates in the December and January tournaments. In these tournaments, the following schools will participate: Lansing Eastern, Lansing Sexton, Grand Rapids Union, Grand Rapids Christian, Battle Creek Central, Muskegon Heights, Jackson and State High. Since the smallest enrollment next to State High's is 1,000 and the largest is 2,050, Mr. George E. Mills' debaters will face stiff competition.

Practice debates have been arranged with Lakeview, Marshall, Galesburg, Augusta, Kellogg, and Sturgis. The affirmative debaters are Phil Avery, Alison Clark, Becky Fuller, Snooky Klein, Judy Ogden and Burt Upjohn, while Marge Davis, Bonnie Hardy, Dick Maher, Carolyn Mitchell, Carol Morris and Bob Stelle support the negative side of the proposition. The teams for the Lansing tournament are not yet decided.
Hunters See Movies, Swap Experiences

An organization of State High that really gets a "bang" out of its activities is the Hunters Club, a group of thirty-five fellows who enjoy discussing their experiences as nimmords of the field.

Meeting every Wednesday during club time, the hunters, sponsored by Dr. Roy C. Bryan, are given an opportunity to recount their hunting experiences or listen to speakers.

Howard Morrison and his father, Paul E. Morrison, seem to be tracking down the same hobby. Mr. Morrison was a recent speaker at the club where he gave a lecture on firearms, using his collection of twenty guns to illustrate his talk.

Every other week, movies obtained from the Michigan Dept. of Conservation are shown. Recent films have been about various wild animals, while scheduled titles are "Red Foxchaser" on Dec. 12, "Never Off Duty" on Jan. 9, and "No Idle Acres" on Jan. 23.

The officers of the club are Dave Anderson, president; Leon First, secretary; and Roger Ekema, treasurer.

Dick Maher Back With Classmates

A former student of State High, Dick Maher, has returned to these fair halls after an absence of two years. This boy has really travelled, having been a resident of Carmel, California, St. Louis, Mo., and Kokomo, Indiana, before resuming his former standing as a loyal "Kalama-zooan."

Among the students whom he remembers best, Norris Sutton and Bill Ryan head the list, and Dick says that Harold Upjohn and Dunlap Clark, now attending other schools, are two former members of his class whom he recalls with special vivacity. But, he claims, no particular girl stands out in his memory. Well, well, how about that? Miss Spath seems to have fared better, as Dick misses her English class and regrets her absence, stating that many new names seem to have been added to the faculty roll since he was a struggling freshman.

His most amusing recollection of that year is the wild and hectic first year algebra class which seems to have provided its members with many shall we say, fond memories.

His favorite hobby being sports, he expects to go out for baseball in spring, and should distinguish himself as a catcher. Dick has found, through observation of the various schools which he has attended in the past two years, that State High has the best student government and monitor system, and in no other school of which he was a member were students allowed to manage the study halls. (Makes us feel pretty proud, doesn't it kids?)

"I'm glad to be back," Dick says, and we're happy he arrived here in time to join his former freshman friends as senior whirl-winds.

By CAROL MORRIS

Here's to Hue

By ME

'Twas a gay time in State High when all through the school.

The painters were standing on ladder and stool.

The paint cans were hung on their high hooks with care,

While dripping paint brushes sailed thru the air.

And the teachers and students from classrooms must flee,

As the painters continue their wild painting spree.

To 208, to 212, to 210 and all.

The paint was soon slapped on each ceiling and wall.

The plasterers also were having their day,

As they watched the girls in gym classes at play.

They were heard to exclaim as they quit for the night,

"So these are State High girls? Egad! What a sight!"

Despite the confusion and turpentine fumes,

The painters soon finished in painting the room.

Now all of State High School can say with delight,

We'll really have A Christmas that's white.

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Football Flashback

With everyone looking back at the Cub's '48 grid season, here's a chance to look back a little farther and discover who heated the gridiron while the present seniors were just "freshies."

The 1942 eleven was the first State High grid squad to be coached by Bob Quiring, whose ability was reflected in the "Big Six" championship the Cubs won for him that year. That's right, Big Six, not Seven, for Buchanan was not yet a member of the league.

Representing the championship team on the all city grid-squad were five Cub players—Norm "Romeo" Rabbers and Dick "Chad" Hanna, forwards; John "Rangy" Skobee, center; Bill Skinner, guard; and captain Gale "Red" Kissingher, back.

Finding out the present whereabouts of those fellows and the others of the 1942 eleven took a lot of tracking down by the alum reporter, but he succeeded in getting the locations of nearly all of them.

Johnny Skobee is now a midshipman in the navy ROTC unit at Northwestern University, while Norm Rabbers is a marine in the V-12 unit at the University of Michigan.

At Western Michigan College this year are Dick Hanna, who is in his freshman year, and Bob Maloney, tackle of the '42 team, who is a junior.

Pfc. Bill Skinner is in the army stationed at Camp Lejeune, N. C., but no information had been found about the fifth member of the all city squad, Gale Kissingher. (The alum reporter would appreciate any news about "Red" from the students.)

Former tackle, Oscar LeMieux, is now back in the navy, while Cpl. Wesley Lewis, guard of '42, is serving with the army in northwestern Germany.

Two backs of the 1942 squad who are both in the army near Osaka, Honshu are Sgt. Bill Smith and Cpl. Harry Parlier. The last letter Bill's folks received said that he expected to go to Osaka, while Harry had been at an evacuation hospital in Nagoya, Honshu, ten miles south of Bill's destination.

Pfc. Don Seelye, another "42" back, is in an army hospital in Bethesda, Md. Don has been serving overseas but expects to be home for Christmas.
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Judy Ogden Tells On Herman Fink

A distinguished character of great renown around State High is one Herman Fink. Not many people know about Herman so this little document was put together to clear up some of the questions covering him and to present some interesting facts about Mr. Fink's private life.

Fink made his first appearance in one of Mr. Greenlee's test tubes while he was doing research on his recent patented "Better Mouse Trap."

Mr. Fink received a well-rounded education at this institution and was quite a big-man-on-campus. I decided, in order to write a more interesting article, I would make an appointment for a personal interview. Since the material was able to work me into his busy day, I made my way thru the confusion of State High's halls to Herman's offices. After entering I waited a few minutes in his expensive waiting room, which was complete with all the back issues of Esquire and Esquire. Soon his private secretary moved towards me and said, "Mr. Fink will see you now." "Thank you, Mr. Sebaly," I replied, and stepped into Herman's luxurious inner-office.

To get the "Great Man" loosened up for more personal facts, I began the interview with some small talk. As the conversation developed, I found that one of his secret ambitions was to be a great "sport's review" writer as is Mr. Fink's good friend, Jack "Moedock" Moss. "Why is it, Mr. Fink, that you are not seen very much around the campus?" he responded.

He can apologized for being so busy all the time, but it seems that Herman's time is taken up keeping the trolley's from running.

After being asked his opinion of State High, Mr. Fink's remarks are as follows, and I quote: "State High has the tallest freshman class in any high school in Southwestern Michigan." unquote.

But alas! Our short interview was drastically interrupted as Mr. Sebaly came in and said, "Mr. Fink, you nearly forgot your next appointment! Don't you remember that you have to be down at the Burdick in ten minutes to speak to the committee that is running Jim for Mayor?"

Thus our meeting ended, but I hope that the material gathered will enable the students of State High to be drawn into a closer friendship with one Herman Fink.

Freshmen Choose Officers

The "Freshies" elected class officers at their last meeting and Bob Dunbar walked off with the top position, the presidency. Freshman Sue Raison was elected to the vice-presidency, while Emily Schrier received the highest "Fresh" votes for secretary. The big financial problem of the class have now been turned over to Phil Fast, who fills the honored position of treasurer.

Facts And Fancies

By FULLER

Now that Thanksgiving has passed and we are back to the old grind, I find another long and hard prodding, that there were many out-of-town visitors. Yours truly was in Ann Arbor to see the Michigan vs Ohio game, as were Ralph Moler, Hank, Jerry, Wilbur Ryan, and Jim Mateer.

Lynn Shoemaker had a gay old time in Lansing. Natch, there were women, even if it was a church conference.

Detroit and Canada held the interest of Lois Solomon. While in Detroit, she got to see the traditional Royal Oak vs Birmingham game. Lucky girl!

Our glamorous (is this going to cost her!) front page editor, Alison Clark, went to Culver for Thanksgiving. Though she said she had to go, she only went to see her brother, we think differently—especially when men are involved.

Those who didn't go away got a chance to go to the Rainbow-Demolay Formal. Say those who went: "It was swell." Couples were: Pete Junker and Carol Haskin, Shirley Beebe and Dick Vanderkloef, Jack Herr and Bev House (Central girls), and Ardith Kallweder and Les Shelley and others of course.

State has always had some kind of club. Last year there were the "Honorable Harries," which still exists, the "10" club, and not to forget the girls the "J.C.L.C." Some of our more recent ones are "Lobby McFudgenuckle Snoddonkisser III," the "Queer Club," and the "Confederated Odd Fellows."

Hear say that Flea Foster has someone to keep her company. It's a new cocker-spaniel. That ought to make both of them happy. Flea named it Tico.

The Queens, so I'm told, had a brute sliding party. What that means I don't know!!! No info. was given.

versed the "Navaho Trail" till I arrived at that structure in "The Middle of Nowhere." "Always" referred to as the barracks.

"I Walked In" and the first thing that met my eye was an artist working on a creation called "Sleighride In July" but "It Might as Well Be Spring" as far as I was concerned.

Then I said to myself: "You'll Never Know If you don't ask, so I Begged Her" to stop a minute and disclose the secret of her success. She said that she was "Always Chasing Rainbows" with her present job being to find out "What Makes The 5 String?"

"That's, For Me" I cried and now I too, may find dealing into the unknown realm of color, pigment, wielding a paint brush, and creating my own fiendish "pitchers."