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Western State High School
Three Secure Places
In Forensic Contest
Friday, April 12, Mr. George E. Mills took eight State High students to the State Forensic Contest at Benton Harbor. In these contests a novel form of judging, in which each coach rates all the contestants but his own, was employed. But Upjohn was to have won first place in the Extempore Speaking Contest, but when he was disqualified for having few seconds overtime, Marge Davis coach rates all the contestants but
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honors in Dramatic Declamation. Mr.
Mills said he was very pleased with
the performances of the State High
speakers.

Students who represented State at Benton Harbor were qualified for the District by winning first or second place in the local Forensic Contests held here April 2 and 4. In the field of Oratorical Declamation, Betsy Davis "Don't Die on Third" won first place while Marjorie Hinckley took second place with her "Homes of the People." Alison Clark's Dramatic Declamation, "The White Cliffs," won first place in that division, while Becky Fuller took second with a cutting from "Mary Stuart." Marguerite Klein won the Oratory Contest with her oration "Eulogy of Michael Quinn." Bob Steile was also to have given an oration, but when he was unable to make the trip, Bonnie Hardy went instead and gave her "Rights of The Underworld." No Extempore Speaking contest was held since there were only two contestants.

The winners of the various District contests in Southwestern Michigan will compete in the Regional contests to be held at the Theatre sometime in the next two months.

Six Win Art Recognition
In Annual Scholastic Show
Six of Miss Hazel Paden’s art students have recently been awarded Certificates of Merit and gold Achievement Keys, for their water color paintings which were entered in Scholastic Magazine’s annual National High School Art Exhibition, sponsored by Crowley, Milner, and Company.

The painters of these prize-winning creations were: Linda Griffin, Gisela Kreck, Nancy Kesler, Jim Powell, Lester Shelley, and Mary Ellen Ward. These entries, which were given awards in the Michigan Regional Art Exhibition, have been sent to the Fine Arts Galleries, Carnegie Institute, Pittsburgh, Pa., where further eliminations are held to select finalists for the Madison Square Garden show. The twelve winning pictures in the National Contest will appear in the April 1947 number of the Ingersoll Calendar for 1947 and will be awarded a cash prize of $100 each.

Seniors Place First in Honors
Girls Win Highest Scholastic Grades
Seventy-five "superior intellects" of the senior class have just received the glad tidings that their hard work has been rewarded, receiving marks which will entitle them to appear on the Honor Roll. The Senior class distinguished itself by placing 27% of it's enrollment on the Roll, and the Juniors followed closely with 25%. 19% of the sophomore class were eligible this marking period, and the Freshmen came in last with 15% of their number placing. The lassies of S. H. S. seems to have out-smarted the lads, for 26% of the total feminine population received the required grades for the Honor Roll, while 16% of the masculine group appeared. The following 13 members received the necessary all A’s or 4 A’s and a B to qualify for the first honor roll: Alison Clark, Carl Cooper, Marge Davis, Barbara Frederick, Franklin Fulton, John Gary, Tom Hickmott, Ann Hoebeke, Sue Raiford, Joan Rood, Hildur Sangren, Herb Smith, and Nancy Upjohn.

The second honor roll, comprised of those who received at least 2 A’s and no grade less than a B, is made up of the following 28 people: Bill Alman, John Avery, Henry Berry, Jim Bigelow, Betty Carver, Shirley Dale, Betty Davis, Phyllis Haldanus, Gisela Kent, Lillian Kestler, Myrra Kite, Donna Kowalski, Marilyn Kuempel, Nancy Kurtz, Larry Mayer, Nancy McGivney, Ivan Miller, Beth Moore, Judy Orand, Jim Orwin, John Overly, Don Parsons, Rosemary Porter, Emily Schirer, Lois Solomon, Betty Warren, Ann Weber, and Sally Wykels.

The largest Roll is the third, where the following 34 received the required grades of nothing less than a B: Jane Salomon, Harriet Beerstecher, Bill Boynton, Fred Buckham, Bob Burns, Phyllis Cady, Julie Carlson, Mary DeLano, Phil Fast, Betty Frakes, Martin Friedmann, Virginia Glenn, Dale Griffith, Carol Hankins, Marjorie Hinckley, Dick Koloff, Warren Louis, Charles Malby, Judy Miller, Ralph Miller, Carolyn Mitchell, Pat Mitchell, Joan Mulder, Mary Jo Rix, Martha Schuhardt, Otto Schuhardt, Bob Smith, Marjorie Steen, Walter Storey, Jack Thomson, Burt Upjohn, Mary Ellen Ward, Marjorie Williams, and Lillian Willie.

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Clubs Announce Officers
Newly elected club officers for the second semester are as follows:

HI-Y President, Tom McKinney; Vice President, Walter Storey; Secretary, Bob Pattison; Treasurer, John Avery.

Aviation-President, Claire Polloms; Vice-President, Dick Schlick; Secretary, Ken Simmons.

Masquer-Princes, Frances Splitter; Vice-President, Joan Rood; Secretary, Dawn Birch.

Radio Club-President, John Overly; Vice President, Al Shieley.

CALENDAR
April 18—Track meet with Battle Creek Central—hatsings, there.
April 22-27—Spring vacation.
April 23—Spring formal at Walwood, golf with Dowagiac, here; tennis with Douglass, here.
April 27—Hastings relays, there; golf with Niles, here.

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**Choir Director Back After Cleveland Trip**

Mrs. Leoti C. Britton has recently returned to Kalamazoo after a week in Cleveland, where she attended a musical convention of 10,000 music directors.

After hearing numerous concerts given by some of the United States’ best high school musical organizations, State’s choir director said that she had some wonderful ideas for State High’s forthcoming spring concerts, including choir, band, and string ensembles to be given May 7 and 8.

"Mrs. Britton, the biggest thrill of the whole convention came when 1750 high school students 750 in band and strings gathered together to give a final concert, which was eagerly anticipated by an audience of thousands. Mrs. Britton concluded by saying that the convention was a big success, and that she had been given a marvelous chance to see other high school choirs perform.

Tom Hickmott Wins "Pepsi" Scholarship

Marge Davis Also Honored

One of State’s senior boys, Tom Hickmott, received high honors recently by winning one of the two scholarships offered by the Pepsi Cola Company to the boy and girl in the State of Michigan, who made the highest scores on a competitive examination. By winning this scholarship, Tom is able to choose any college in the nation and attend it for four years with all tuition and fees paid. Besides his, he will receive $25 every month for any additional expenses he might have.

Margery Davis, another State High senior, who attended the convention, received a Certificate of Merit which entitles her to $50 toward her college education. State High was the only school in the state with two students among the twelve finalists in this contest.

The $64 Inquiring Reporter Question

Myrna Kite—"Yes. It sure would come in handy sometime."

John Avery—"Yes. It would cut down the number of automobile accidents."

Jean Thomas—"Yes. It’s handy in case of an emergency."

Clare Marie Rancic—"Yes. I want to learn to drive."

Roger Burns—"Yes. It would certainly come in handy if you have a date."

Lester Shelley—"No! There are too many cars driven by teen agers already."

Arlene Townsend—"Yes. It would help prevent a lot of automobile accidents."

Lorraine Smith—"Yes. Maybe life would be less boring with a car to drive."

Dick VanderKlok—"Yes. Then the boys and girls could take turns driving."

Rosalie Kitchen—"Yes. Then I could learn how to drive."

**Faculty Abdicates As Students Reign**

The first student government day ever held in State High will take place on Wednesday, May 15. Since this is the first experiment with such an event ever here, it is extremely important that every student realize his responsibility in making this undertaking as successful as possible. The Council would like every student to familiarize himself with the following rules for this Student Government Day:

The purpose of a Student Government Day in State High shall be:

1. To give the students a sense of responsibility.

2. To teach the students to work together without faculty control.

3. To test the efficiency and practicality of our Student Government program.

4. To teach the students that the Administrative jobs aren’t as easy as they look.

5. To show the students not in favor of law and order that they are far outnumbered by those who believe in orderly conduct.

**The Student Government Day would be conducted in the following manner:**

1. **ADMINISTRATIVE JOBS**

a. Council officers shall replace Dr. Bryan, Mr. Sebaly, and Miss Stokete.

b. Each teacher will appoint a student in advance to take his or her position. The teacher will discuss the class period beforehand and explain the correct procedure. An alternate shall be appointed by the teacher in advance in the event of the student’s absence.

c. No student teacher will be present in high school classes this day.

d. The monitor staff shall work at their regular jobs as usual.

e. The procedure in The Reporter clubs will be the same as in classes.

2. **STUDENT VIOLATORS OF THE RULES**

a. All violations will be handled by the Student office adviser.

b. Minor violations in classes will be reported to the teachers the following day.

c. Regular punishments will be issued by the student office force and violations will be posted in the permanent record. Failures to comply with these punishments will be handled by the regular advisers on the following day.

3. **FACULTY SUPERVISION**

a. The only faculty member of the high school will be Miss Ford, who will be available at all times in her office in the library.

4. **WHAT THE FACULTY WOULD BE DOING**

a. According to Dr. Bryan, this would be an excellent time for a faculty meeting in Walwood.

5. **NOON PERIOD**

a. Mr. Greenlee will appoint someone to take his place during the noon hour.
STATE HIGHLIGHTS

Impertinent Prattle
By AL. CL.

Hi, as they say at State. Another issue, another grueling session with the deamers and misdeemers of ye student body (unshapely as it is).

Walt Storey and his men deserve a round of applause for putting over a swell carnival. Natch, all the Sophs males were insanely jealous of Tony VerHey - not only did he win $3 (three smackers) but he got to daw a chaste, brotherly (?) kiss on the countenance of Queen Bobbie! Quite a haul, no?

We of the staff are delighted that one of our members was holding the luck six-pack ticket! All for one and one for all, you know. Share and share alike and all that. Note! De-Lano—"Oh yeah?"

"New talent among our beloved facul-ty was revealed in Dr. Beirge's fortune telling. Some fascinating dis-closures include: about S.H.S. sus-ppecting citizens. Marriage was a topic of paramount interest; Donna Kowalski is going to make her future husband famous and Joan Platt will be a gay divorcee, no doubt, with two marriages to her credit, while Jude DeNiroboos, etc., eagerly clinging to the fence behind Vandercook. Come, come, girls, you're supposed to be SWINGING but, not staring at one! (Sorry, boys, couldn't resist.)"

Joanie Winklemann and Gerrie Klein were miffed because they missed seeing off their pals on April Fool's Day. There was a gorgeously wrapped pink package, too, which, we later discovered, was filled with onion-s and well-aged apples. However, the parting chums aren't going to be deprived—the gals plan to mail it to them . . . C. O. D.!!

By the way, kids, don't forget to make that swoopy trip "Over the Rainbow" on April 25. See if you can round up some squares—give 'em a straight line and they'll get the point glad! what a geometry class can do to one!). Let's make it a good turn-out this time.

Some of the senior gals find that air to be the most chic style lately. At least we know it's not a put-up job.

Other signs of our times might in-clude a few fortunate friends who have gotten their ficult pixels on some of that too-coveted bubble gum and are "forever blowing bubbles."

So long, now. Happy Hunting, gals!

Eeny, Meeny, Miney, Moes, He Doesn't Know With Whom to Go.

We Mustn't Say Goodbye - Oh Yeah?

After the first flurries of arriving Spring, State High has settled down to its usual humdrum existence, whatever that may be, with nothing to look forward to but Spring Vacation. Of course, to most students this little break in the fascinating school curriculum means nothing. No one cares about Spring Vacation around here—in fact, most of the denizens of S.H.S. simply ignore it and come to school anyway. (That is the biggest fattest joke, son!)

Seriously, around this time of the year, the only thing that matters at all to any lad or lass of any class is the approaching time when, for a while, they'll be free . . . hhh . . . hhh . . . hhh!!! as it were.

When one sees the affectionate half-bench couples billing and cooing away and they saying "Hitch up," or "Darling, you're so smart" (love is blind?) No, the conversation runs like this:

"Say, kid, I can hardly wait 'till vacation!"

"Why, so we can go out every night!"

"Naw, so I can sleep all day!"

Ah, romance!

The faces of State High Students always have worn a rather-almost shrewdly-perked expression. Otherwise, they cannot understand certain of their subjects (all four, to be exact), much less enjoy the worries broin is the weather—will it be fair during vacation or will it rain? Countless grooves are worn in arms of chairs from nervously tapping fingers and the rasp of frenzied ear-scratching fills the air.

As this anticipated time moves nearer, days are crossed off calendars, hours are yawed through with noble perseverence, and the women begin curling their eyelashes in preparation for that long awaited vacation, known as "hooking a date for the formal."

From all of which one can gather that vacation is coming, and quite out from some of our saus, sophisticated, imperturbate State High Students, "Gad! How much longer?"

(Continued from Column 2)

Happy Birthday!
April 22 Ruth Ann Emerson
April 23 Allison Clark
April 24 Stephen Davis
April 24 Jeanne Klimp
April 25 Arlen Kay Winther
April 27 Marilyn Pomeroy
April 29 Marilyn Kuepnel
April 29 Pete Statler
May 1 Philip Bell
May 1 Tom Hickmott
May 6 Roger Burns
May 9 Jinx McCane

(Continued in Column 3)
Cindermen Win Triangular Meet

Led by Captain Bill Ryan, the State High cindermen took top honors last Tuesday in a triangular meet held at State High with tracksters from Three Rivers, Buchanan, and State taking part. The Cub track men chalked up a total of 59% points to the Buck's 46, and the 29% score by Three Rivers.

State took honors in the 100 yard dash with Ryan coming in first and Jack Sipperly heating a close second; in the 220 yard dash with Ryan again taking first and Bob Bills running third; in the mile with Herb Smith winning by a good 50 yards and young Jerry Hollowell running a good fourth; in the broad jump with Jim Huyser, jumping 8 feet and 8 inches; and in the relay with Jack Sipperly, Bob Bills, Clare Poloms, and Bill Ryan taking an early lead and winning by a good margin.

Grant Eldred and Tom McKinney ran a third and fourth in the 120 yard hurdles while Don Brown tied for second in the pole vault. Jack Herr and Hollis Weston tied for third. In a close 440 yard dash Bill Alman finished second with Bob Stelle running third. Burton Upjohn ran a close second with John Derhammer and Roger MacMurray taking third and fourth positions in the half mile.

Eldred brought State a third in the 20th yard low hurdles while Gordie White and Jim Ralston brought thirds in the shot put and high jump respectively.

Storey and Eldred In Hi-Y Legislature

Chosen as acting Senator and Representative from State's Hi-Y Club, Walt Storey and Grant Eldred attended a session of Michigan's Hi-Y legislature held in Lansing on April 12 and 13.

A bill proposed by Grant Eldred was one of seven that was passed from the 62 introduced. The bill provided for a required annual physical examination for all residents of the state.

Governor Harry F. Kelly addressed the group at the opening of the first joint session, while Lieutenant Governor Vernon J. Brown and the acting boy governor closed the meeting.

State Netters Down Elkhart

On April 5 the State High netters opened their season by over-racing Elkhart High School of Indiana 6-0. The No. 2 doubles team was behind 4-4 when the No. 1 team won set 15-12, but because of darkness the rest of the match was called off. The Cub racketeers made notice that they again will be contenders for the State tennis crown.

Summary:

SINGLES
Richard Cain d. Roy Whorton, 6-0, 6-2.
James Orwin d. Ed Beaver, 12-10, 6-4.
Ken Green d. William Billington, 6-0, 6-4.
Robert Dunbar d. Bert McFarlane, 6-4, 6-3.
Will Tuberty d. Norman Enos, 6-1, 1-6, 6-1.

DOUBLES
Cain, Orwin d. Beaver, Billington, 6-2, 6-3.
Dunbar-Green vs. Wharton-McFarlane, 15-13 (called because of darkness).

Linksters Meet Dowagiac At Arcadia Course Tues.

Coaches Jack Moss and Gordy Sargent are shaping this year's Cub golf men into a supposedly strong golf team. The linksters of this year's aggregation are centered around a nucleus in the form of Little Bob (mouse) Huysers, who last year played in the No. 4 spot. He will be backed up by such candidates as Kent Aarch, Phil Past, Jack Thompson, and Bill Tuberty. Coach Jack (Moe) Moss, a former State High golfer, has been working with the team steadily for the last few weeks. When their first match rolls around, the fellows should be rounded into a pretty fair team.

Flash . . . !

At a meeting of State's golf squad last night, Bill Tuberty was elected captain of the linkster aggregation.

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The triangular track mee between Hastings, Battle Creek. and State, originally scheduled for today, has been cancelled. A dual meet with Hastings will be held later in the season.

Cub Batsmen Win in Season Opener

Coach Dave Arnold's State High baseball squad opened its 1946 season by squeezing out a 12-11 victory over a powerful Allegan nine, last Friday at Hyames Field.

Ralph Miller, veteran of two seasons, fanned 13 Tiger men but tagged five for four safeties. Miller came through in the first half of the 7th with two on and two out by fanning third baseman, Jim Beckett.

State High jumped into a 1-0 lead, but Allegan went ahead in the second, 2-1. However, the Cub nine came back in the last half of the second to pour seven big runs across the plate, giving State High a 6-run margin over the Allegan squad. Allegan collected five runs in the third and State scored one in their part of the third. In the sixth inning, sophomore Don Brown connected with one of Jerry Gilpins slow curves and blasted out a three run homer to put the game on ice for the hill toppers. Allegan threatened in the seventh, but fell one run short as the game ended 12-6.

Jim Ralston got a single and double, and Don Brown pounded out a homer and a single in three trips to the plate.

Lawrence Gearhart of Allegan got a triple and a homer, while Wayne Raymond came through with three singles.

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