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Fifty - Seven Students Make Honor Roll

Xmas Plans Underway

Students of this fair institution will be going to the Canteen every Friday night for weeks to come, as no State High dances are scheduled until December 19. There will be, however, a Canteen Dance December 6 in the women's gym following the first basketball game of the season when State will meet Niles here.

Then on December 19 comes the first formal of the year appropriately named "Winter Wonderland" to be held in Walwood Hall from 9-12 o'clock with admission \$1.50 per couple. A box in the hall provides a place in which the students of State High are asked to put their favorite songs so Eddie Smith will have some idea of what to play. The chaperons to attend are Mr. and Mrs. Harry Carver, Mr. and Mrs. S. Kyle Morris, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Vander Linde, Mr. and Mrs. Kirby Smith, Mr. and Mrs. W. Storey, Mr. and Mrs. H. Bills, Mr. and Mrs. John Meek, Dr. and Mrs. Willis Dunbar, and Dr. and Mrs. Paul V. Sangren. The entire faculty is also invited. The committees are as follows: Chaperons, Betty Carver; Refreshments, Lou Vander Linde; Decorations, Judy Ogden, Walter Storey; Publicity, Fred Meek; Tickets and Programs, Herb Smith. The other members of the social committee are general chairman, Carol Morris, Barbara Klop, Ronald Selner, and Trevor Jones.

Students To Participate In Thanksgiving Assembly

In recognition of American education Week a mock broadcast was given on November 13 by some State High students with the help of George E. Mills, speech director and his student teacher, John Pruis.

The students who participated in the broadcast dealing with the history and solution of the atom bomb were Jim Bigelow, John Gary, Walter Storey, Lester Shelly, Herbert Smith, Jack DeBoer, Jim Stawell, Anthony VerHey, Howard Morrison, and Tom McKinney.

For the last half of the assembly Otto Yntema, director of adult education, spoke to the audience about the needs for tomorrow.

The annual Thanksgiving assembly, which is to be held on November 27, will include student participation also with short talks on different countries.

The students who participate hope to prove by their examples that each individual has a great deal to be thankful for.

There will also be group singing.

Meet Held Nov. 13

Stimulating Students to do Better School Work" was the theme of the annual Parent-Teachers Meeting Wednesday evening, November 13 at Walwood Hall. The program included a short welcome by Louis Vander Linde, student council president, a duo piano selection by Hildur Sangren and Virginia Glenn, a medley of Victor Herbert melodies sung by the senior trio, composed of Marilee Fonner, Marguerite Klein and Gerrie Klein, and two violin solos by Martin Friedman.

Later, three group discussions, one for parent of freshmen, one for sophomore parents, and one for junior and senior parents were led by Mr. Avis L. Sebaly, Miss Evelyn Steketee and Dr. Roy C. Bryan respectively.

In the remaining time selections were sung by the State High Choir, under the direction of Mrs. Leoti C. Britton, refreshments served, and individual conferences held.

Alum Dance Planned For December 30

Here's a chance to see and meet (In person) all those famous alums you've been hearing so much about! State High is having its first alumni dance next December 30 in the women's gym from 9:00 to 12:00 to the smooth strains of Bobby Davidson's music makers. The price is to be 60 cents per person.

Marguerite Klein, general chairman, will be assisted by the rest of the senior class.

Invitations are to be sent to all those who once attended State High from 1940 on, though all who graduated previous to that time will be welcomed to this semi-formal event.

Remember, kids, save the date!

CALENDAR

- November 28—December 1—Thanksgiving vacation
- December 6—Basketball game with Niles, 6:45 P. M.
Student Canteen at State High.
- December 13—Basketball game with South Haven. (away, 7:00 P. M.)
- December 17—Overall Day
Basketball game with Dowagiac. (here, 7:00 P. M.)
- December 19—Christmas Formal at Walwood Hall
- December 20—January 2—Christmas Holidays.
- December 27—Basketball game with Holland Christian (away, 7:00)
- December 30—Alumn Dance

Freshmen, Seniors Top List With 21 And 19 Per Cent

After six long weeks of study, fifty-seven industrious persons have earned places on the honor rolls which include sixteen boys and forty girls.

Winning the homeroom contest, the Highlights homeroom topped the monitors with sixty-one percent of its members gaining places on the honor roll, while the monitors followed with thirty-seven percent.

Although the race between classes was close, the "Freshies" turned out to be the most studious with twenty-one percent of their class receiving positions on the rolls. Following close behind was the senior class with nineteen percent taking top honors. In the battle between the juniors and the sophomores, the latter won out with sixteen percent on the roll to the juniors fourteen percent.

Those students who received all A's or four A's and one B were placed on the first honor roll and are as follows: Marian Cook, Mary Jane McCarthy, Jim Osborn, Herb Smith, John Gary, Betsy Davis, Ann Hoebeke, Jacky Slaughter, and Alice Tough, Barbara Fredricks.

At least two A's and nothing less than a B were the required marks for those who joined the ranks of the second honor roll. Those who qualified were Jack Hill, Elizabeth Brenner, Ann Eldridge, Frances Frey, Lorraine Hope, Julie Cartland, Phyllis Heidanus, Marilyn Henning, Nancy Upjohn, John Avery, Don Parsons, Margaret Storey, Mary Ann Tinkham, Myrna Kite, Donna Kowalski, Marilyn Kuempel, Nancy Kurtz, Hildur Sangren, Margaret Verdon, Marguerite Klein, Beth Moore, Carol Morris, Ann Weber, Jim Bigelow, Carl Cooper, Martin Friedman, Don Sherman, and Gerrie Klein.

Third honor roll positions were given to those students who received no mark lower than a B, they are Bruce Kitchen, Betty Carver, Ardith Kalleward, Marjorie Steen, Philip Fast, Kenny Louis, Charles Maltby, John Smith, Phyllis Mannes, Carolyn McLaughlin, Suzanne Pullon, Emily Schrier, Sally Wykkel, Mary Fopeano, Billie Forbes, Minnie Myland, Millie Schoutens, and Winston Wessels.

Band Purchases Instruments

As a result of the efforts of Mr. Elmer Belooof, of the Music Department, State High has a supply of instruments to aid in starting beginners' classes for anyone interested in music. The stock, as of late, includes a bass drum, two snare drums, a string bass, a baritone horn, a clarinet, a tom-tom, a set of drummer's traps, a melophone, and an E-flat Saxophone.

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There'll Be Some Changes Made

Hi there! What's been going on around these hyar parts, neighbor?

Well, two mammoth changes have been wrought, as ye Old English say. Nary a scrap of paper has been seen for two months, report our eagle-eyed stool-pigeons . . . But . . . and we pause for a moment of silence, it isn't due to our seekers-of-knowledge. Oh, no it's our one and only janitor who is responsible for this accomplishment. It seems he spends the better part of his daylight hours roving these dear old halls, following Freshies, sad Sophs, careless Juniors, and Superior Seniors, clutching tightly all the while little wrappers, gum drops, stray yo-yos, and the like. After collecting enough junk, he pops it into the nearest WASTE PAPER BASKET.

This other thing that I've hidden under the bushel—hoping to shed a little light on the subject; who, oh, who is the queer that writes his private autobiography on the posts holding up 219, 15A, and others. It couldn't be Kilroy because his vocabulary's limited to three words!!!!

Well it looks like the only remedy for this is the bucket brigade. And guess who's going to be a charter member? Why, YOU, of course. Get it?

Council Officers Attend Conference

Have you noticed the effervescent spirit with which Louis Vander Linde, Walt Storey, and Carol Morris are taking the new ideas for the Student Council? Their "enthusiasm," springs from last Friday November 15, when accompanied by Mr. Ray Deur, Student Council advisor, they attended a state wide class A and B high school conference in the Rackham Building, Ann Arbor, on how to make high school student councils more effective.

Two of our representatives, Louis Vander Linde and Carol Morris, were chosen out of the assembly to head groups. Lou was chairman of the group on "How to Develop Responsibility on the Part of Young Citizens," and Carol was Secretary of the group discussing "Evaluation of Citizenship."

Each school was invited to send three officers of its Student Council with a faculty advisor to this confab sponsored jointly by the Extension Service and School of Education of the U. of M., and the student council officers of University and Ann Arbor High Schools.

Martin Friedmann To Play With Junior Symphony

State High's newest and most illustrious candidate for the Hall of Fame is Martin Friedmann who will be featured violin soloist with the Kalamazoo Junior Symphony Orchestra at its first concert of the season on Sunday, November 24 at 4:00. Martin will play Bruch's Concerto in D Minor.

According to Martin it has been "very much fun" working with the orchestra. He says that the orchestra has done such a wonderful job of accompanying him.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Gene West—Nov. 21
 Dick Robert—Nov. 21
 Brady Smith—Nov. 24
 Jim Pore—Nov. 25
 Gordie White—Nov. 26
 Gary Wilson—Nov. 28
 Bob Houts—Nov. 29
 John Gary—Nov. 30
 Eddie Lou Bennett—Dec. 3
 Harry Carver—Dec. 7
 Bob Pattison—Dec. 9
 Alice Teugh—Dec. 9
 Dick McCallum—Dec. 11
 Ann Solomen—Dec. 12
 Betty Roberts—Dec. 14

Norway Greet S. H.

Ingrid and Louise Van Stratton, two State High students, are now visiting in Bergen, Norway. Louise is a Junior this year, while her sister has just entered high school after graduating from the Training School last spring.

Miss Evelyn Steketee, girl's advisor, recently received a letter from Louise in which she related some interesting experiences of her new life. Here are a few excerpts from her letter:

"I am now in Norway and having a wonderful time. I wish everyone in State High could come here and see the wonderful scenery and have some of the new experiences that I'm having.

"There are many historical places here in Bergen, but the place I want to see is under military police. The King's Hall was very near the pier, and when the explosion happened in '42, it blew up the whole place. Now it just a pile of rubble.

"It is very hard to study here. I am studying American History and Literature by myself, but I have a teacher for Latin. We have a teacher lined up for my French and Chemistry if the books ever come."

The Van Stratton's left this country in September and will probably return sometime in February.

Recreation Group Plans Evening Schedule For Year

A recreation program worked out through the Kalamazoo Recreation Commission was presented at the last meeting. This program which all students are invited to join, starts on November 13

Social dancing instruction, November 13, 7-9 at Edison School. Badminton Class—Wednesday November 13 from 7-9 at Woodward, Players furnish own equipment.

Boy's basketball, Monday, Washington School; Tuesday, Central; Wednesday, Lincoln School; Thursday, Central.

Boy's swimming, Wednesday, Lincoln School; Tuesday and Thursday, Central.

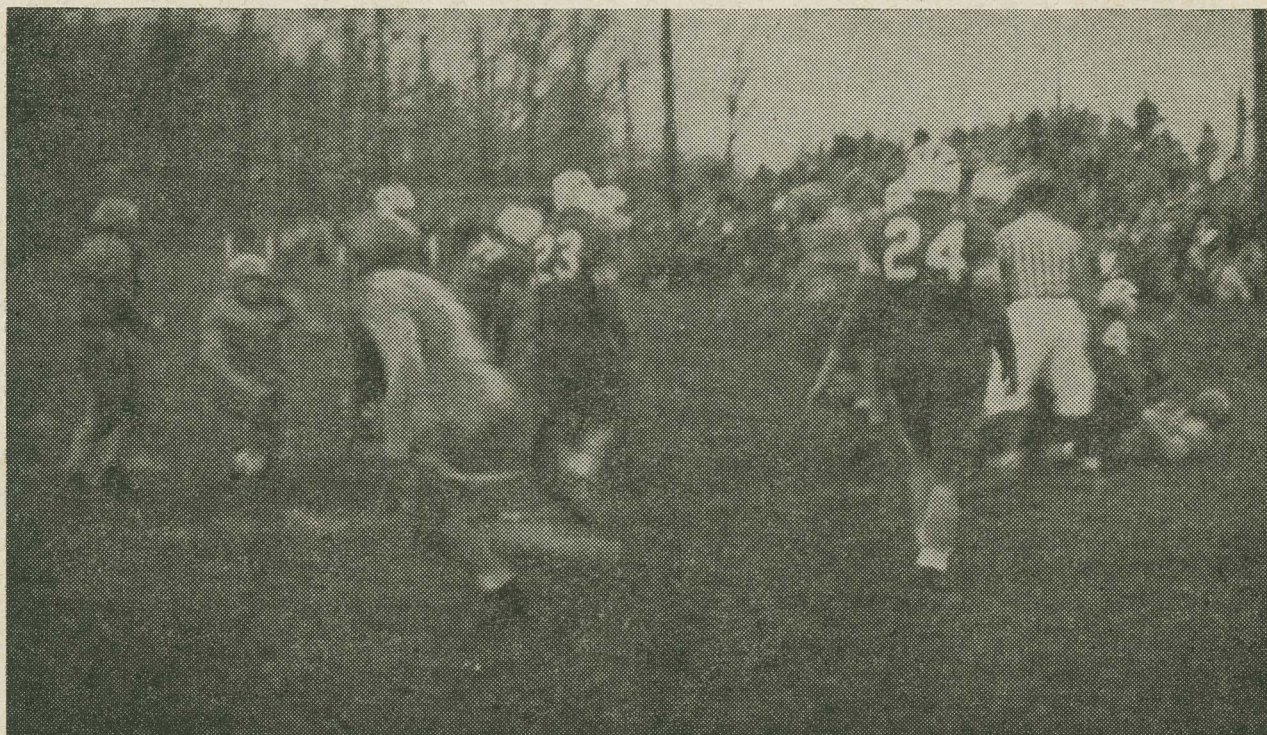
Girls basketball—Monday, Lincoln School; Monday and Thursday from 4-6. Bowling is open at 30 cents a game.

A list of interested people from various schools is to be obtained. It will be decided later whether the activities will be instructive or be organized as leagues.

Lodge Built At Sanctuary

John Avery, Tony Ver Hey, Dale Griffith, and Mr. Ray Deur went to Marshall November 9 where they helped in the construction of a lodge at the Bernard Baker Sanctuary. This lodge is the project of the Michigan Audubon Society.

Battle Creek vs State



Cub Quintet Opens Season On Dec. 6

State High opens its basketball season on Friday evening, December 6, when it meets the Niles quintet here in the men's gym at 8:00.

This game is the first of the season for both teams and will test their strength. The Cub Cagers lost four starters last spring in Jim Ralston, Paul (Slug) Rafferty, Bill Ryan and Bobby Burns, leaving Gene West as the only returning starter. Other senior lettermen who graduated last year were Warren (Stub) Lewis, Jack Thompson and Jim Mateer. Dick Cain, another letterman, along with West, will form the nucleus of this year's team assisted by some good material from the reserves in Jerry Hagan, Bob Dunbar, John Smith, Tommy Woodworth, and Jim "Face" Orwin.

Coach Fred Stevens expects a winning season, and he should get just what he is asking for. Although not much is known about this season's Niles team, it is expected that the Cubs should jump ahead and put the game on ice in the first half and be able to hibernate through the second half. The fast offense and the shifty defense should be some of the factors which will aid the prospective victory on December 6.

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the Junior High School Basketball Leagues and will settle down and give us some great basketball."

Then we went to 211A where we quizzed Gene West on some questions. He said, "I think our possibilities are darn good."

Stars And Answers

As the new basketball season rolls around the boys from the hilltop school will be gunning for the big seven championship. They are anxious for the season to get under-way and we are sure the Cubs will have a winning team.

Last year's great team which was runner-up in the conference went through the districts at Sturgis and was beaten only four times all season, once at the hands of Holland Christian's Dutchmen and three times by the class B State Champs.

The Cubs with two returning lettermen from last year's team will merely be the dark horse of the League this year, but many members of last year's reserve team will be moved up to the Varsity. The Reserves last year ended the season with a record of fourteen wins and only two losses. Again both of the B teams losses were at the hand of St. Joe's B's.

There were four freshmen on the first team for the reserves last year, and the season will depend upon how well these boys ran round into shape. We can surely depend on last year's letter winners, Gene West and Dick Cain, for some great ball, and if the Sophomores live up to their last year's reputation, there is no telling where the guys might go.

We have interviewed the two returning stars of last year's Varsity. Here is what they said:

First your reporter asked Dick Cain for his opinion of the possibilities of this year's team. Dick said, "After a couple of games the Sophs of the team will have gained experience along with that obtained playing in

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Cub Gridsters Lose To Lakeview Eleven

Last Friday State High school met defeat at the hands of Lakeview, 19 to 6, in the last game of the season. Although the Cubs were beaten, they out-played the Spartans fifteen first downs to eight and took advantage of Lakeview's weak pass defense to gain a good percentage of yardage through the air with Dick Cain heading the bombardment.

On the first play in the second quarter Dale Cummings, a Lakeview speedster, drove off for a touchdown for the first tally of the game. After an attempted pass for the extra point was incomplete, the score stood 6-0.

Half way through the second quarter Cain's attempt to pass on fourth down was incomplete, and the Spartans took over on their own thirty eight yard line. After two line plays netted only four yards, Lakeview got off a perfect pass and lateral for a gain of 59 yards and a touchdown. After a extra point placement split the uprights, the score stood at 13 to 0. The half ended with State High on the Lakeview's four yard strip.

On the first play of the final quarter, the Spartans raced to the Cubs' nineteen yard line. The second play saw Lakeview go around end to race to paydirt. The attempted placement was wide, and the score stood at 19 to 0.

Late in the final period after West brought the kickoff back to mid-field and Stelle advanced the ball to the hometeam's twenty-yard line, a series of linebucks brought the Cubs their only tally. The placement was blocked and the final score stood at 19 to 6.

Seniors Reveal Past Present, And Future

Into the limelight this week steps a newcomer to the ranks of seniors. She's blonde, brown-eyed Jackie DeGroot and hails from almost anywhere in the middle west. Her father, being an officer in the army, enabled her to get a glimpse of the old south not mentioning her stop here in yankee territory. It seems our worldly Miss DeGroot made a pleasant jaunt to sunny France in 1934 and let that country help celebrate her 5th birthday. Their five month trip included such well known cities as LaHarve, Paris, Lyons, and Mediterranean sea coast towns.

So if mumbled phrases come bubbling from this vivacious youth, don't think the latest has passed you up, for undoubtedly it's French and won't mean a thing to you.

Since Jackie is broadminded in her opinions, she will not commit herself to any special song or food, but just says she likes them all.

On answering as to her future plans, she probably said "Laboratory Technition" just to see it spelled wrong, but come to find out, she's really serious about it.

Widely Traveled

A second version of Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt or Margaret Burke White is Pauline Karling. Having traveled and lived in almost every part of the nation except out West, she must have innumerable experiences to relate but says the most fun was dodging policemen in order to feed some bears in the Smoky Mountains. (Why these girls haven't ventured West is a mystery. You know, the cowboys are civilized and you have to beg the Indians to wear war paint now.)

Pauline's majors are in Math and Science carried over from LaCrosse Central H. S. which she attended last year. She's starting off on the right foot by saying the program here gives the students an opportunity to govern themselves, and therefore she likes the school very much.

Outside activities such as dancing, writing poems, and roller skating occupy much of our pert young senior's time, and every now and then she indulges in her favorite food, needless to say ice-cream.

Well Kids, this gives you a picture of two of our striving seniors both of whom their class is so proud! Like 'em?

Artists Compete For Prize

A heated contest is on between the artistic souls of State to see who will be the lucky winner of a free ticket to "Winter Wonderland," the Christmas formal. The competition involves the cover of the dance program, for which they all have ideas. The committee deciding the lucky winner is composed of Mr. Harry Hefner, Mr. Mr. John Kemper, Herb Smith, and Carol Morris.

A Feast !!



Rumors Are Flying

It seems Helen Fischer's hayride was the biggest blowout of the past weeks. There was a group of stags in the gallery who saw quite a show. Jimmie Orwin seemed to think that the scintillating Soph. gal would do in a clinch. Rog Burns seems to have discovered the Senior gals.

The weekend was the time of another Klein excursion to the U. of M. campus. What with no brakes, nine keeds piled in the coupe, and a jammed clutch, the party had a comfortable time. The State Highites were lucky to be present at that decisive struggle, that contest that all America had their eyes on the University of Michigan vs. Michigan State game.

Lovelorn Dept.

Attention-Barney Fowler! Get on the phone, buddy! She wants a date!!

A Soph. Blonde is the reason for that queer dazed look on our most honorable president's face. Lou seems to be in the habit of delving into the under classes.

Who??

1. Was the dashing Senior Casanova who arrived for a Sat. nite date in overalls and no change?

Clue: Usually seen carrying a young college girl's books.

2. Is the Senior line-man who has a gold-mine in Alaska that is going to be found with the gold already minted?

Clue: Seen in close company of a large briefcase.

Anyone who has any information concerning used musical instruments for sale, especially string instruments, cornets, and clarinets, please see Mr. Belooof as soon as possible.

No Trouble At All

"I'll have to admit I have a few idiosyncracies," politely confessed the new roomer.

"That's perfectly all right," replied the landlady. I'll see that they are dusted off regularly."

Thanks to one of our exchanges. The Brier-Bits.

Gluttons Repent On The Morning After

"The time has come," the Walrus said, "to talk of many things." This time the "thing" being Thanksgiving or have you gluttonous fellows and girls already discovered the "day of plenty" is soon to arrive?

Yes, the big feast is almost upon us with its beautiful roasted turkey, scarlet cranberry sauce, heaping dishes of snowy-white mashed potatoes, and that very rare dish of heavenly salad which is served only on Thanksgiving day. Also, the never-to-be-forgotten juicy mince and spicy pumpkin pies which make their annual appearance about this time of year. Are your mouths watering properly now, or shall I go on to describe other delicacies?

Stop, you say? Ah ha, you are waking up to the fact that that extra piece of pie will add either another half-touch or the finishing touch to a good, old-fashioned tummy ache. Now, now, why worry about a little thing like that? The feast only comes once a year, and what's an extra pound or two compared with all that tantalizing food?

Lend A Hand

Perhaps you are one of the unfortunates who has to lend a hand to the painful ordeal of seeding the grapes for the salad or cleaning all the silver because rich Aunt Minnie is coming to dinner and "we must make a good impression, dears." Then again there is the lucky dog who finds he is invited (with the folks, of course) to Aunt Jane's for one of those super deluxe spreads. The whole family from baby to Great-grandfather John is going. So it promises to be an eventful day and no dishes either! Maybe that handsome third cousin who just got discharged will be there to liven the day or maybe you have sweet relations who don't mind feeding the extra mouth that belongs to your latest flame.

Please Eat

Naturally, the more people you can manage to invite to the feast, the fewer days you'll be eating turkey sandwiches in your lunch. So, by all means insist that everyone "try just one more piece of meat, and how about a few more potatoes" in order to relieve the left-over situation and save yourself days of wishing you had never seen a turkey.

A passing thought to leave with you (thanks to Hallmark Bros. Inc)

"Tis sinful to be gluttonous." It leadeth but to sorrow But on Thanksgiving have thy fill— Thou canst repent tomorrow.

Hi-Y Scavenger Hunt

Under the leadership of John Avery, a scavenger hunt for the State Hi-Y club members and their guests is to take place Saturday night, December 7, with Don Parsons as host.