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Fifty-Seven Students Make Honor Roll

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.

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 making the price 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 previously 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-three percent of the class receiving positions on the rolls. Following close behind was the senior class with nineteen percent taking top honors. In the battle between the junior and the sophomores, the latter won out with sixteen percent on the roll to the juniors fourteen percent.

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 Fray, Lorraine Hope, Julie Cartland, Phyllis Heidman, Marilyn Henning, Nancy Uphoff, John Avery, Don Parsons, Mary Storey, Mary Cartland, Myrna Kite, Donna Kowalski, Marilyn Kuenkel, Nancy Kurtz, Hildur Sangren, Margaret Verdon, Marguerite Klein, Beth Moore, Carol Morris, Ann Weber, Jim Bigelow, Carl Coop-er, Martin Friedman, Don Sherman, and Gerrie Klein.

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Band Purchases Instruments

As a result of the efforts of Mr. Elmer Beloof, 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 who writes his private autobiography on the posts holding up 219, 15A, and others. It couldn't be Kilroy because his vocabulary's limited to "very fun." "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 Straton'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 50 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 district to 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 can 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 the Sophomore Leagues and will settle down and give us some great basketball."

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 five 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 for the extra point was incompleteLeather. 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 an 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 to race to paydirt. The attempted placement was wide, and the score stood at 19 to 6.

Late in the final period after West brought the kickoff back to mid-field and Stelle advanced the ball to the home team'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 Country. Jackie recently returned from a world tour. 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 Technician" 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 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 LaCross 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 stirring 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.

Glutons Repeat 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 glutinous fellows and girls already discovered the "day of plenty" is soon to arrive?

Yes, the big feast is almost upon us with it's beautiful roasted turkey, scarlet cranberry sauce, mounds of snow-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 pies which make their annual appearance about this time of year. Are your mouths watering properly now, or will I go on to describe other delicacies?

Stop, you say? Ah ha, you are wakening up to the fact that that extra piece of pie will please neither either 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 unfortunate who has to help fill in 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, dear." 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 dinner. 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 month 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.) "It's sinful to be glutinous." 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.