State Highlights 4/30/1947

Western State High School
Cast of "Kind Lady" Announced by Mills

The cast for the spring play "Kind Lady," to be presented by the Advanced Speech Class May 1 and 2, was announced by the director, Mr. George E. Mills, who is assisted by Eugene Baker, and William Sack. The play is centered around the attempt of Henry Abbot to impose upon the kindness of Mary Herries, rob her, and drive her to madness.

Marguerite Klein has the title role of the kind lady, who is Mary Herries, while Jean Thoma will play the part of her close friend, Lucy Weston, and Carol Murrill, that of the maid, Rose. The heroine's niece, Phyllis Glenning, will be interpreted by Jinx McCane, while Tom Murray will be Phyllis' fiance, Peter Stantand. Henry Abbot, the handsome young crook, will be played by Bob Dunham, with Gerrie Klein as the not too bright girl who poses as his wife. Friends of the couple will assist in the production under the supervision of Ardith Kallaward, and Loretta Pyne.

Assisting in the production are Herb Smith as stage manager, and Marjorie Steen as general business manager.

Barbara Jordan, Joan Bixby, and Martha McKinley will secure the needed properties, and costumes are under the supervision of Ardith Kallaward, and Loretta Pyne.

Composing the stage crew are Jack Herr, Jerry Hagan, and Marcia Foster. Bob Dunham, and Gerrie Klein are in charge of publicity.

Marcia Foster and Ardith Kallaward are in charge of make-up and programs respectively. Dick Roberts is to handle the sale of the tickets which are fifty cents, and Loretta Pyne is in charge of ushers.

Freshman Clair Miche' Wins Prize In Contest

State High rated high as the results of the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra Societies poster contest were announced. Freshman, Claire Miche', won the first prize of twelve dollars. Other outstanding posters were made by Jack DeBoer, Bob Dunham, Dick VanderKlok, Yvonne Hill, Donna Kowalski, Howard Morrison, Garrett Kruizinga, Pat Mitchell, Ruth Pinkoe, Gene West, Sally Wyman, Myrna Kite, Eugene Toorman, Bob Redmond, and Gordon White.

Results Of Marking Period Revealed

Up-to-the-minute results of the last marking revealed that twenty boys and forty-five girls claimed places on the scholastic honor rolls with the seniors topping all with 23% on the rolls. Next came the sophomores and juniors who tied with 18% each, while the freshmen followed close behind with 17%.

The highly coveted position of leading homeroom was seized by the Highlights with 68% of its members joining the honor roll. The monitors came next with 50% of their members listed.

Those students who received all A's or 4 A's and one B are as follows: James Osborn, Marguerite Klein, John Avery, Barbara Fredericks, Dona Kowalski, Nancy Kurtz, Hildur Sangren, Phyllis Heidanus, Ann Hoebeke, Carolyn McLaughlin, Nancy Upjohn, Betty Davis, Billie Fay Forbes, Frances Frey, Jacqueline Slaughter, and Alice Teugh.

The remaining group consisted of William Alman, James Bigelow, Don Sherman, Louis VanderLinde, Bonnie Hardy, Arlene Townsend, Joan Mulder, Ann Corbus, Bob Dunbar, Jack Gibbs, Dwight Stocker, Jacqueline Kingsept, Sally Wykkel, Eddie Lou Bennet, Winston Wessels, Claire Miche, Minnie Myland, and Gloria Redmond who had no mark less than a B.

For the first time 3 separate citizenship honor rolls were also computed for all those students who received at least all A's but two. Of the fifty-five students, of which it is comprised, forty-one are girls and fourteen are boys.

Those who received all A's are as follows: Billie Fay Forbes, Nancy Kurtz, Ralph Miller, Arlene Townsend, Beth Moore, Carol Morris, Thomas Murray, Mary Ellen Ward, Ann Weber, Nylas Worden, Hildur Sangren, Jackie Slaughter and Virginia Mitchell.

All A's but one were needed to join the second honor roll which is made up of: Marian Cook, Carl Cooper, Betty Carver, Barbara Fredericks, Martin Friedman, Pauline Karling, Donna Kowalski, Alice Teugh, Mary Lou Woodworth, Jack Hill, Ann Hoebeke, Lorraine Hope, Jim Osborn, Jane Salomon, Herb Smith, Ann Salomon, and Wal Storey.

Mollie Clancy, Roger Ekema, Ardith Kallaward, Charles Maltby, Phyllis Mann, Roger Kueppel, Mary Jane McCarthy, Judy Miller, Minnie Myland, Bill Newberry, Betty Wells, Gordie White, Marjorie Williams, Mary Willis, Jacqueline Winther, Sally Wykkel, Phil Avery, Shirley Beebe, John Pinkoe, Clare Poloms, Gloria Redmond, Louis VanderLinde, Martha Schuhardt, Louise Van Stratton, and Lorraine Smith made the 3rd honor roll with all A's but two.

State High Students Attend Music Festival

Three of State High's illustrious musicians, Frances Garrison, oboe; James Osborn, flute; and Warren Graybiel, clarinet, participated as a woodwind trio in the Michigan School Instrumental Music Festival held at the University of Michigan on Friday, April 18. Frances Garrison also played an oboe solo, and was given a second division rating, while the woodwind trio received a third division rating. Due to illness, Martin Friedmann was not able to enter the contest.

Saturday, April 19, Frances Garrison, James Osborn, Warren Graybiel, and Don Sherman, accompanied by Mr. Elmer Beloof, listened to several state bands performing in the festival.
Thanks, Cheerleaders,

Ever notice how school pep has been improving this year? Don’t you think that turn outs for games have increased? Surely you do and that energetic quartet “Skip” Bills, Shirley Loughhead, Shirley Bebee, and Sally Bradfield, have been largely responsible for the welcome change. They have dreamed up new yells, have encouraged ideas for school pep improvement, and have finally succeeded in doing what cheerleaders for the last few years have only tried to do. obtain some form of uniforms. You all would like to thank them personally so to save you the trouble, we’ll do it for you. THANK YOU CHEERLEADERS! !!!!!!!

Program Started

Under the guidance of Miss Sarah McRoberts, a group of girls is beginning the organization of a G.A.A. (Girl’s Athletic Association) here in State High. Friday, April 18, at 4:00 P.M. a short meeting was held in the women’s gym at which Nancy Upjohn presided, outlining briefly activities of the group which will follow in the future. The girls hope to organize tennis and softball teams that will be able to play this spring. A ladder elimination tournament is now being set up and practice schedule for softball is being considered. Next year the group hopes to be fully underway with volley-ball, basketball, badminton and swimming teams which will participate in both inter-class and inter-school competition. If the interest that was evident at the first meeting last Friday holds out, the girls will continue to plan for a girls’ athletic program here in State High.

May Festival Announced

Since finishing its unit of work on the Mikado, the State High Choir has been practicing new songs in preparation for the May Festival. The Mikado has been presented at 3:00 P.M. on Saturday, May 3 in the Men’s Gym. Dr. Elwyn Carter is the general chairman of the event, and Dr. Harry R. Wilson of Columbia University will be the guest conductor. This annual festival gives many high school students in southwestern Michigan a thrilling opportunity to sing with a nationally known conductor and to become acquainted with some of the finest vocal literature. In addition to the College Choir, the Auxiliary Choir and the Girls Glee Club of Western Michigan College will be participating. Other high school choirs include Kalamazoo Central High, Hastings, Three Oaks, Paw Paw and Decatur. Athens Holland, Battle Creek Lakeview, and the W. K. Kellogg School.

State High Student Council Members Attend Conference

Six representatives from the State High Student Council and the faculty sponsor attended a meeting of the Cooperative Association of Southwestern Michigan Student Councils in Sibley last Friday night, April 25. Those attending were: Bob Fisher, Roger Schultz, Walter Storey, John Post, John Bigelow, and were accompanied by Mr. Ray Deur. A dance followed the meeting.

Incoming Students Of ’47 Listed

New students who thus far have been received for admission into State High and who will be seen in the hallways of the Old Building next year are from several different schools and states.

The twenty-nine from the Training School are Marshall Brenner, Donald Cain, Duncan Carter, James Casey, Ronald Chippa, Robert Dalm, Joan Daniels, Irene Emendorfer, Goldie Fooy, Shirley, Gary, John Gelder, Yvonne Hamilton, Mary Hilliard, Fred Hubbell, Peter Lindquist, Roger Lininger, Frank Mahler, Mary Malby, Graydon Mointz, Dean Nusbaum, Peggy Rood, David Roth, James Russel, Eleanor Scamehorn, Philip Steen, Marjorie Swander, Mary Tuberty, and Donna Zieser.

The nine students who are coming from Oakwood are as follows: Laura Beach, Lola Bennett, Sandra Hackett, Don Dooley, Paul Delyaye, Jack Henderleider, Paul Strong, Maxine Bondhouse, Ilyne Weisman, and Clair Patnode. Eleanor Williams, Paul Deal, Gaylord Kitchen, Donna Bush, Joan Harbour, and Frank Spitters are the six from Parchment.

Six more from Gull Road School are: Louise Scharer, Margaret Stevens, Beatrice Stevens, Diane Hayward, Davik Wank, and Charles Marble.

The four from Woodward are: Donna Tucker, Nancy Doubleday, Beverly Howard, Phyllis Rothman, Bonnie Harlan, Barbara Forbes, Charlotte McHinmis, and Harold Harstman are from Knollwood.

The three from Milwood are: Arthur West, William Penson, and Clyde Flora, while the four from Vine are: Sandra Beebe, Joyce Perry, Joyce Dean, and James Nichols.

One boy, John De Groat, is coming from Central, arriving from New Trier and Maud, Oklahoma are Ruth Ann Kidder and Nancy Holley respectively. The members coming from Burke are Marilyn Smith, Marlene Williams and Edith Smith. The two from Recreation Park are Claire Kirkpatrick and Robert Cox.

To acquaint the incoming students with the campus and the rules and aims of the school another visitation day has been planned this year for May 14. All students planning on entering State High will be invited.

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Calendar

May 1-2—“Kind Lady”
May 3—College May Festival
May 7—School election
May 10—Band Social
May 29—“B” Club Formal

S. H. Politicians Campaign for Offices

Election time has rolled around again. The various petitions and signs seen in the halls prove that many able people are trying out for a full time job as a Student Council officer. Aspirants to the office of president are Dale Griffith, John Bigelow, and John Derhammer whose campaign managers are Bill Alman, Herb Smith, and Phil Avery respectively. Aiming to be the assistant to the winner of the above election are: Ardith Kalleward, and Nancy Kurtz. Shirley Beebe, John Post, and Dick Dorgan with Betty Carver, Marguerite Klein, Bruce Kitchen, and Chris Nezamis aiding them. Hildur Sangren, Ardith Kallesward, and Nancy Kurtz are running for secretary with the help of their respective managers Judy Ogden, Bob Bills, and Martha Schuhardt. All these candidates have a chance to campaign for their office in the assembly on May 7 after which the students will vote by ballot in between classes in Mr. Sebaly’s office.
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**Thincalads Look Good at Relays**

With the coming of the 1947 track season, the Cub's prospects were only fair. With Bill Ryan, captain of last year's squad, and Jim Ralston, two of the point snatchers, both gone, it looked as if State High would have only an average season.

In their first meet, a dual indoor affair, the thinclads bowed heavily, taking a thorough beating from North Saginaw and John Derhammer were the only ones on the Cub team to take firsts.

Turning to the outdoors in a triangular encounter between Three Rivers and Hastings, the Cub's prospects were only an average season. With Bill Ryan, captain of last years squad, and Jim Ralston, two of the point snatchers, both gone, it looked as if State High would have only an average season.

Weakness was shown in all the field events except the shot put, where White walked. In the 300, with a heave of over forty feet and Roger Burns captured fourth, although Jack Herr took first place in the broad jump by leaping over forty feet. Had not been for Roy and Bob Branch of Hastings who seized firsts in the 100, the 220, low hurdles, and ran on the winning relay. The Cub's woes were easily taken first in the meet. Derhammer again took first in the 880 run and Bill Glennon and Jack Sipperly looked good in the dashes and relay.

Next in line of State's meets was the River Rouge invitational indoor meet at Ford field house at the University of Michigan. In Ann Arbor, with over 100 schools taking place this meet proved to be the largest of its kind in the world. State High finished third in all the class B schools present and the track team seemed to be working its way up the ladder of perfection.

In the Hastings relays State High entered just six events, putting Roger Burns at shot put, Phil Avery and Dick Dorgan in the hurdles, and entering four relays, the 440, sprint medley, distance medley, and the 880. In the 440, Bills, VanderLinde, Polons, and Sipperly combined their efforts to take a first place and ten points. In the sprint medley McKinney ran the 440, Alman and Holman the two 220's and McMurray ran the half mile to take third and four points. In the distance medley the distance medley was composed of a 440, 880, three-quarters of a mile, and a mile. Alman, Derhammer, Hollowell, and Smith teamed up in this event to take the event, ten points, and set a new meet record 14:5 seconds faster than the previous one. In the last event, the 880 relay again Billist, VanderLinde, Polons, and Sipperly got together to walk away with firsts and another ten points. Total: 34 points, just one behind Alma, the winners of the match, for second place.

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Ralph Miller

His pitching will be a big factor in the season's games.

**Miller Hurls No-Hit Tilt; Down Niles 7-0**

Coach Freddie Stevens' State High Cubs set back Dowagiac and Niles in their first two Big-Seven tilts at Versluis diamond. The scores were 12-4, and 7-0 respectively.

Ralph Miller allowed only three safeties in the Dowagiac game. The third inning was a big one for the Cubs. Gary Wilson led off with a solid hit of the game with a single. White and Brown each singled to bring in two runs. The inning ended with Woodworth's and VanderLinde's fly balls. Conlin then grounded out.

**Linksters Off to Bad Start**

The State High golf team got off to a bad start as they defeated 10½ to 1½ at Dowagiac in the first match of the year. Only two men gathered points for the State team as captain Bill Tuberty got a half point and Jack Rowe took a point. However, the cublinkaters hope to do better against Three Rivers in a home match on April 25 at the Arcadia Course.

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The score of this game was 7-0. The scoring began in the second when Don Brown popped a Texas Leaguer behind second base. Brown stole second and third when John Wood, who walked, Hagan then rapped one down the third base line. The pitcher threw wild to first scoring Brown, and runners third and second. Gary Wilson on third where he scored on, Ressegui's trip to the plate.

Brown of State had three for three and was at far the hitting star of the day.
Freshman Class Poll

Jackie Slaughter .............. Most Ambitious
Ruth Pionke .................. Friendliest
Jackie Slaughter .............. Most Popular
Lois Green .................... Most Athletic
Shirley Longhead ............. Most School Spirit
Margaret Burns ................ Most Talkative
Dorothy Tucker ................ Quietest
Jackie Slaughter .............. Cutest
Mary Ann Tinkham ............. Best Dancer
Phyllis Balch .................. Happiest

It Can't Happen Here!!

The Student Council members of State High present you to an unordinary meeting of (you guessed it) "The Student Council." Please realize now that this version in no way resembles an actual meeting and the characters are in no way fictitious.

The trumpets blow and King Louie is carried in on his jeweled throne on the manly shoulders of John McKinney and Roger Bennett. The meeting is called to order and Marian Cook says "That's how they do it at Central" and Walt Storey makes a five minute speech.

The program is taken over by Master of Ceremonies Tom Murray who asks the Representative from Calhoun Falls, Trevor Jones, a question on the subject of the quantity, quality, and price of mosquitoes per square inch of air space in Southeast Africa. The question goes unanswered but a consolation prize is awarded. The meeting continues with a discussion in which everyone talks on a different subject and no one says anything.

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New business is called for and Betty Davis rushes in with the latest hot tips on the fifth. Council members plan to rent a hots and sit with baleful breath. Bob Fisher puts lines on the baits and draws in a big catch. In the meantime Mr. Deur comes in in "fifth and everyone collects on their bets.

Carrol Morris makes a motion that the council find a method of making her note taking easier. Motion is carried till it gets too heavy and a recording machine is rolled in.

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Committee reports are called for and we find that the citizenship committee is sponsoring a campaign to find a citizen. The Recreation Committee has a bill for records to present to the Finance Committee and the school immediately goes broke so Marian Cook says "That's not how they do it at Central," and Walt Storey makes a five minute speech. Phil Avery of the Pep Committee is unable to report because of a lack of energy.

The meeting is adjourned and a free lunch is served during which Walt Storey steps on Marian and continues to make a ten minute speech.

The other nite I entered Walwood Ballroom and boy—what a wreck!!! I drew quick conclusions that the place should have been named Walwood Brawl Room (a number of weary faculty members heartily agreed).

It seems the recent PTA meeting got a bit out of hand and the riot squad from the Kazoo Police Dept. was called upon to restore order.

Upon first hearing this shocking piece of news, I bounded up the stairs four at a time (five if you'll believe it) and washed onto the lovely dance floor. As the room was littered with torn up programs, broken furniture, and bits of severed scalps, I realized there must have been an over-heated discussion preceding the free-for-all. Trying to get to the bottom of things, I discovered Mr. Deur firmly entrenched in a pile of rubble and lying quite helpless with a piece of shrapnel from a tea cup in his left arm. He moaned something about a hot debate on whether ponies were better than a good honest 'open book' exam. I took the sly in the back of the room and whether parents should help their children make out clever little microfilmed editions of their text books. At this point he went into a relapse and didn't give me a chance to ask who won.

While seated by Mr. Deur, I stumbled on chief officers. He hadn't been to the meeting—just passing by. He offered willingly so seeing he was eager to help, I suggested he might see about the condition of Mr. Mills who was stretched out on a pool table in the Men's Union. Poor Mr. Mills was feeling very blue since he had prepared a fifty minute speech on nothing and no one would listen. After this Mr. Weber got back at the parents for writing more comments on the back of report cards about the teacher than about the student.

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