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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 Murriss, 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 villain are Mr. and Mrs. Edwards, enacted by Clare Poals and Joan Winkleman. Aggie Edwards, their kleptomaniac child, is portrayed by Mary Fopeano. Tom McFinn as Mr. Foster, the bank official, Bruce Kitchen, and Jim Osborn as Gustav Rosenberg, an art dealer, complete the cast.

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 Kalaward, 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 Kalaward 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 Picone, 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 toping 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, Donna 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.

Herb Smith, Martin Friedmann, Marian Cook, Marilee Fonner, Pauline Karling, Gerrie Klein, Beth Moore, Carol Morris, Jane Salomon, Maryellen Ward, Ann Weber, Nylia Worden, John Bigelow, Dick Kollof, Don Parson, Ronald Selner, Ardith Kallaward, Liesel Kestler, Marilyn Kuempel, Ken Louis, Bob Smith, Marilyn Hening, Sue Ralston, Emily Schrier, Julie Cartland, Dick Curry, Jack Hill, Mary Fopeano, Lorraine Hope, Mary Jane McQuigg, and Mary Lou Woodworth received at least 2 A's and nothing lower than a B.

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 Kingscott, 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, Nylia 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 Friedmann, Pauline Karling, Donna Kowalski, Alice Teugh, Mary Lou Woodworth, Jack Hill, Ann Hoebeke, Lorraine Hope, Jim Osborn, Jane Salomon, Herb Smith, Ann Salomon, and Walf Storey.

Mollie Clancy, Roger Ekema, Ardith Kallaward, Charles Maltby, Phyllis Manns, Marilyn 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 Pionke, 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 Beebe, and Sally Bradfield — have largely been 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 which the group 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 volleyball, basketball, badminton, and perhaps 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 annual high school and college Vocal Festival, which will be 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, Dowagiac, Decatur, Athens, Holland, Battle Creek Lakeview, and the W. K. Kellogg School.

Calendar

May 1-2—“Kind Lady”
May 3—College May Festival
May 7—School election
May 10—Band Social
May 29—“S” 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 Donna Kowalski, Shirley Beebe, John Post, and Dick Dorgan with Betty Carver, Marguerite Klein, Bruce Kitchen, and Chris Nezamis aiding them. Hildur Sangren, Ardhith Kallward, 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.

State High Student Council Members Attend Conference

Six representatives from State High’s Student Council and the faculty sponsor attended a meeting of the Cooperative Association of Southwestern Michigan Student Councils in Kalamazoo last Friday night, April 26. 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 Chips, Robert Dalm, Joan Darrow, Irene Emrath, Enz, Goldie Foy, Shirley, Gary, John Gelder, Yvonne Hamilton, Mary Hilliard, Fred Hubbell, Peter Lindquist, Roger Lininger, Frank Maher, Mary Malby, Graydon Meints, Dean Nusbaum, Peggy Rood, David Roth, James Russell, Eleanor Scamehorn, Philip Steen, Marjorie Swander, Mary Taberty, and Donna Zeiser.

The nine students who are coming from Oakwood are as follows: Laura Beach, Lola Bennett, Sandra Hackman, Don Dooley, Paul DeRyke, 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 Schrar, 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 McHimis, and Harold Harstman are from Knollwood.

The three from Milwood are: Arthur West, William Persons, 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, and 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 Clair 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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COME TO THE STATE HIGHLIGHTS MEET—THURSDAY 5:00 P.M.
### Thincldsook Good at Relays

With the coming of the 1947 track season, the Cub's prospects were only fair. 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.

In their first meet, a dual indoor affair, the thinclds bowed heavily, taking a thorough beating from North Side and their own Port Washington, Indiana, a class A school. Bill Alman and John Derhammer were the only ones on the Cub team to take firsts.

Turning to the outdoor in a triangular encounter between Three Rivers and Hastings, the Cubs finished second just nine points behind Hastings, and something like thirty-five percent of Michigan Three Rivers. In this meet the sprinters showed much strength in the mile run, placing three men. Herb Smith, Jerry Hollowell, and Dick Roberts, in first, second, and third places respectively. Weakness was shown in all the field events except the shot put, where White walked in first 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 twenty feet. Had it 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 team, the Cubs would have 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, taking all the class B spots 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, Polomas, 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. Nick was the distance medley 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 Bills, VanderLinde, Polomas, 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.

### Netters Out For State Title

The powerful tennis team of State High racked up its first triumph of the season. The match was rife with significant things to come for the squad, as they trimmed Dowagiac's netters 8-0 on the latter's home courts. The Chiefans were originally tagged to be the toughest conference opponent on the Cubs schedule. If everything goes as predicted, the last year's State Class B Champs should have little trouble coping the conference this year; however, tougher opponents have been scheduled and such teams as Ekhart and Holland Central should give the Cubs a bit more trouble.

At Dowagiac on Monday, April 21, the netters took on the Chiefans. In the feature match of the day little Kenny Green, filling the one spot, copped the honors in the match as he knocked off Tom Belton 6-3, 6-4 in a good match. Due to lack of practice because of bad weather, Dick Cain was forced to give up his number one spot which he will probably hold down in the remaining matches. While Green moved up from his number-three spot to whip Belton, Dick Cain took Emmons 6-0, 6-3, Jimmy Orwin state's number three man beat B. Emmons 6-1, 6-4, and Bob Dunbar did away with Bueselaar 6-0, 6-1 in the first match to be completed. In the fifth singles match Freshman Jimmy Pore defeated Gillum 6-0, 6-1. The Double results are as follows—Rosenbaum and Russel (S) VS Shank and Owen (D) 2-6, 2-6, 6-2. Fast and Oakland (S) VS Cooper and Taylor (D) 6-0, 6-1. Stocker and Tuberty (S) VS Shot and Gar (D) 6-1, 6-9.

### Linksters Off to Bad Start

The State High golf team got off to a bad start as they were defeated by Dowagiac in the first match of the year. Only two men garnered points for the State team as captain Bill Tuberty got a half point and Jack Rowe took a point. However, the cumbusters 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 was then joined by Bob 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 Ressig's trip to the plate.

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

Jackie Slaughter ................ Most Ambitious .................. Hadley Osborn
Ruth Pionke ......................... Friendliest .................. Jack Hill
Jackie Slaughter ................ Most Popular .................. Jim Pore
Lois Green .......................... Most Athletic .................. Trevor Jones
Suzanne Pullon ....................... Most School Spirit ........ Jerry Knowlton
Margaret Burns ..................... Most Talkative ................. Freet Foot
Dorothy Tucker ........................ Quietest ................. Milburn Copeland
Jackie Slaughter ................... Cutest .................. Steve Fast
Mary Ann Tinkham .................. Best Dancer .................. Jack Hill
Phyllis Balch ........................ Happiest .................. Roger Bennett

It Can't Happen Here!!

The Student Council members of State High present to you an unordi-
nary meeting of (you guessed it) "The Student Council." Please realize now that this version in no way re-
sembles 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 Mc-Kinney and 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 quality, quantity, 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. Marian Cook says "That's not how they do it at Central" and Walt Storey makes a five minute speech.

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

Carroll Morris makes a motion that the council find a method of making her note taking easier. Motion is car-
rried till it gets too heavy and a re-
cording machine is rolled in.

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Committee reports are called for and we find that the citizenship com-
mittee is sponsoring a campaign to find a citizen. The Recreation Com-
nittee 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 un-
able 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 night 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 Kazaoo Police Dept. was called upon to preserve 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 waddled 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 previous to the free-for-all.

Trying to get to the bottom of things, I discovered Mr. Deur firmly en-
trenched in a pile of rubble and lying quite helpless with a piece of shrimp

The first of two chess tournaments between State High and Battle Creek High was held Thursday evening, April 24, at the Kellogg Foundation Youth Center.

Handicapped by the loss of some members of the regular team, who were unable to go, Sheldon Myers, chess coach, filled in with members of the chess club. George Kirby won one game and tied one. Other participants from State High were Bill McGinnis, Jim Stowell, Hollis Weston, and Bob Smith.

A return match is scheduled for May 9, in Kalamazoo in which members of the regular team will play. On May 6 the team will journey to Percy Jones Hospital where they are to match wits with some veterans. Specially provided Red Cross station wagons are to furnish transportation.

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Birthdays

April 25—Marilyn Newton
Arlan Winther
April 26—William Rhees
April 27—Virginia Crain
Marilee Fonner
April 28—Marilyn Kuempel
Wayne Arey
May 1—Philip Bell
May 6—Roger Burns
May 7—Shirley Hill
May 8—Max McCane
May 10—Juliet O'Hara
May 12—Boyd Dewey
Suzanne Pullon
May 14—Walter Storey

While roving through the halls this week, and humming my favorite tune "Rainy Night in Rio" I had a sudden urge to inquire as to the "forms of entertainment" this town affords, on a rainy night. I chuckled to find that: Carolyn Davis—Does it make any differ-
tence whether or not it's raining?

Mart Schuhart—I go out with the ducks.

Tom McKinney—I play tidily winks with man-hole covers.

Sally Bradfield—If there's a party I go.

Charlotte Kandler—Go rowing in the park.

Peggy Maandag—I don't know (forgetful isn't she?)

Jill Gannaway—Depends on how hard it's raining.

Harriet Logan—I go looking for Tom McKinney—match!

Ann Eldridge—Go looking for Har-
rriet.

State Wide Meeting Attended

Yesterday, April 29, John Bigelow and Mr. Ray Deur attended a state-
wide meeting at Higgins Lake on Cli-nic Youth Centers along with Pot Praeger, Sue Harper, and Ron Harv-
ey, some of Central's members of the Canteen Board and Mr. Bob Smith, secretary of the Y.M.C.A.

Informal Dance Scheduled

On Saturday, May 17, following the regional track meet here, a dance will be held in the Women's Gym from 8:30 to 11:30 with several parents, members of the faculty, and student teachers serving as Chaperons.