State Highlights 10/22/1947

Western State High School
**Attention All Gossips! Column Contest!**

**Five Dollar Prize To Be Given Winner**

Yes, the Highlights is sponsoring a contest. This contest, whose results will give a permanent name to the fourth page Gossip Column. A prize of five silver dollars will be awarded to the State High student who submits the winning headline.

Several years ago a similar contest was held from which the title “Galley Yarns” was taken. Since then such names as “First Column,” “We Snoo to Conquer,” “The Line Is Busy,” and “The Nose Blows” have been used as the headings for the gossip column.

Now the Highlights would like to print a permanent headline above the “Gag Section” of the paper and would like to have the students pick the title themselves. For this reason the contest is being staged. Those who wish to enter the contest (and this should mean every State High student) must enter and comply with the following rules:

1. Only students of State High school are eligible! Neither faculty members, students from other schools nor members of the Highlights staff can enter this contest.
2. All entries must be written on a piece of paper bearing the contestants name and placed in the Highlights box which can be found above the drinking fountain in the upstairs hall of the Administration building.
3. All entries must be in the Highlights box by 12:00 noon, Friday, Nov. 14, 1947, or they cannot be counted.
4. All entries become the property of the Highlights.
5. There is no limit to the number of entries one person can submit as long as rules 1, 2, and 3 are followed.

All entries will be given careful consideration and the winning headline will be selected by the Highlights staff under the direction of Miss Elizabeth Jones. All decisions are final. The results of the contest will be printed in the November 19 issue of the Highlights and the winning title used to head the column. Also the names and entries of the four runner-up contestants will be printed.

So put on your thinking caps everyone. Remember five silver dollars will be awarded the lucky winner!

**Assemblies Planned**

Mr. Snow and the assembly committee consisting of Barbara Weiss from 11A, Marilyn Morris, 110A; Mary Joyce Maltby, 219; Dorothy Tucker, 19A; Jim Hoekje, 210A; Jack Towne; Shirley Beebe, 211A; Fred Hoyt, 1A; Phillip Steen, 208A; and Phil Bell, representing the Student Council, are working on assemblies this year.

The tentative schedule for the next few weeks is as follows:
- October 22 - Football assembly
- October 26 - Open
- November 5 - American Education Week
- November 9 - Social Studies
- November 12 - Musical Assembly
- November 16 - Business Administration
- November 20 - Social Studies
- November 23 - Business Administration
- November 26 - Thanksgiving Assembly

The goal of the assembly committee is bigger and better assemblies for State High.

**New Cheer Leaders Chosen By Students**

Skip Bills and Shirley Loughead begin new season. Sandy Hackman and Lois Green are this year’s choices.

Three cheers for the new cheer leaders!!!

Having attended the try-outs, which were for the first time held at an actual meet, Friday afternoon during the Dowagiac game, the students elected by secret ballot during homeroom meetings Monday morning, Skip Bills and Shirley Loughead, veterans of last years seasons, and Sandy Hackman, Lois Green, new choices, to lead the school forth to victory at our remaining football and basketball and baseball games. The two former have already had a year experience, while Sandy and Lois are beginning this year.

The uniforms, white sweaters with blue letters and blue skirts or pants, which were a new addition to last year will also be continued.

Bette French and Jill Ganaway who also tried out Friday, it has been announced will be the new reserve cheerleaders.

**Council Communique**

From: Ardith Kalleward, Council secretary.

To: All students.

Via: Highlights.

Subject: New Committee, council news.

A. New Committee Members


2. Social committee—Ardith Kalleward, chairman; J. Muldir; V. Glenn; H. Morrison; B. Pattison; L. Tuberty.

3. Pep committee—Skip Bills, chairman; R. Pionke; B. Pyne; J. Knowlton, R. Horstman.


5. Inter School Council—Hildur Sangren.

6. Friendship—Betty Davis.

7. Scroll of Honor, Patty Pahalek.

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9. Red Cross—Tom Murray, chairman; L. Fry; M. Tinkham; E. Brenner; J. Schuhardt; M. Fopeano.


B. Council news.

1. Tom Murray and Mr. Ray Deur went to a meeting of the Junior Red Cross representatives from Kalamazoo County at Fort Custer, Wednesday, Oct. 16. A talk was given explaining what help the veterans need from the Junior Red Cross. Tom Murray was made chairman of a committee which will study laws of the Junior Red Cross.

2. John Bigelow, Donna Kowalski, Ardith Kalleward, and Mr. Ray Deur will attend a meeting of Student Council leaders of this district at Dowagiac, Oct. 22.

**CALENDAR**

Oct. 24 Game at South Haven (nite)
Oct. 31 Game at Niles (nite)
Nov. 5. Report cards

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Fifteen Cheers For State High's Team

Have our students been keeping up the standards of good school spirit and pep? Well, maybe. At a recent contest in St. Joe, I don't think that the approximate thirty State High students could have made more noise. But what kind of noise? Coughing, clearing throats, blowing noses, and chattering of teeth made up the majority of these team inspiring cheers. Even once when the entire mass was on their feet yelling "We want a touchdown" as the Cubs were crowding the opponent's goal stripe, I heard one person straining his lungs on the cheer, "Block that kick". But is noise all there is to the term "school spirit"? Is school spirit all Hooray for our side and the heck with the rest of the players? Are yells like "Come on Joe, break his leg" evidence of good school spirit? Certainly it adds to the noise, but I am inclined to believe that noise isn't all there is to pep.

Let us take the fictitious case of Adam McGuerke. When he entered State High in 1944, he was a loyal freshman getting little or no admiring from his classmates. When football season opened, he thought that his big chance had come to have the attention of the whole school focused on him. His cheers went like this: Cut his lip, knock out his left eye-tooth, break his jaw, fracture his right forearm. His buddies thought that this was the highest form of humor and quickly adopted it as their pride and joy. Actually, neither Frank nor Ernest nor any of the rest of Adam's crowd would like to see a player get his left eye-tooth disconnected from his jaw, but what is the opposing high school to think of this side of the problem. After the game the members of Water Rapids (the opposing high school) filed out through the gate talking of the cheers of Adam and his friends. By way of mouth in Water Rapids the word got around that State High disliked every team that came there and would just as soon fracture an opponents' right forearm as look at him. State High's reputation went down sharply and the schools from all over southwestern section came to State High with a grudge before they even played the Cub's really clean football squad.

Now Adam's case may be slightly exaggerated, but nevertheless, cheers like McGuerkes are liable to spread bad reputations around about State High. So let's remember that the reputation of the Cub's team is to a great extent resting on YOU, the student. If a player gets hurt, give him a hand or a cheer when he comes off the field, and cheer like everything with those cheerleaders for good old State High!!!!

DALE GRIFFITH

SH Members Chosen For Canteen Board

The canteen board this year will run much like the same as last year. The canteen will be held at the armory, except the first one of each month when it will be held at State High.

From our own school the representatives are: Sue Ralston, "Skip" Bills and John Bigelow. Those from Central are not yet chosen, but according to Mr. O. K. Christian of Central High School, an election will be held to elect three new members some time in October.

The canteen board has met only once this year. So far this board has not elected a head for the committee or made any plans as yet.

The canteen board is a committee reserved only for Juniors and Seniors. Students from both Central High and our own school are on this committee.

The head of the canteen board is Mr. O. K. Christian, a teacher at Central.

The canteens that are held at State High will be conducted in the Women's gym. As most of us know the canteen is on Friday nights from 8:30 to 11:30.

The main reason for having such a committee is to figure out entertainment for the students of the two schools. It also brings better relations between the schools and helps each to understand the other school better.

Well here's hoping that the canteen board will plan some good entertainment for you during the coming year.

Choir States Plans

Our choir is on of the busiest organizations of high school.

This year is no exception. On Oct. 29th, after having dinner together, the choir will go to see and hear Fred Waring.

Next, it is hoped that the theater can be scheduled for an assembly the morning of November 12 for a southern program containing such favorites as "Lover Come Back to Me", "I Got Plenty of Nuthin!" and "Great Day". It is also hoped that this program will be presented to parents the previous evening.

The annual operetta will be given in February. H. M. S. Pinafore, by Gilbert and Sullivan, has been chosen. Later, the choir will join other choirs of southwestern Michigan in the annual May Festival.

This years officers were elected at the end of last semester. They are Chris Nezamis, president, Yvonne Hill secretary, and Shirley Klop, assistant secretary.

According to Mrs. Leoti C. Britton, director, there is a great deal of talent this year and more will always be welcomed.
State High Defeats Dowagiac Club 14-0

Last Friday, October 17, a much improved and peped up State High team sought and gained its second straight victory by beating the Dowagiac Chief’s eleven 14-0 in an afternoon game at Waldo Stadium.

Bill Glennon was the running spark of the team as he scored both touchdowns.

After Dowagiac failed to go anywhere on the first three plays, they elected to punt the ball to the home teams 20 where the Cubs took over behind the pigskin for the first time. On State High’s third down Dick Cain tossed a good pass to end John Smith who received the ball behind the secondary of Dowagiac. He ran down the sidelines to the Chief’s nine yard line before he was brought down by a Dowagiac player. On the next play Don Brown plunged through the line for six yards which made it second and three to go to paydirt. But on the next trial Bill Glennon was thrown for a loss on an end run and Cain’s fourth down pass went wild after he was rushed. Here Dowagiac took over and was again forced to punt. Taggart, Dowagiac’s kicker booted the ball to midfield where Glennon received the ball and raced down the field to the Chief’s 25. The next play saw Glennon go through for twelve yards and a first down. Here State High was held for four downs, and Dowagiac took over.

After the Chief failed to gain through the line, Taggart booted the ball out of bounds on his own 37. Glennon plunged over the goal line to climax a rushing march of 37 yards. Dunbar made good the conversion, and the Cubs led 7-0.

After the kickoff the Dowagiac eleven ran and passed themselves to the State High 25 before they were forced to punt. Taggart’s punt was taken on the five yard line by Glennon who promptly sprinted down the left sideline for 35 yards and paydirt. Smith laid down a perfect block to help Glennon get loose. Again Dunbar kicked the extra point, and the score stood 7 to 0 until half time.

The Cubs really began to roll in the second half. After receiving the kick off Three Rivers was forced to punt and the Cubs took over on the Cats 45 yard line. Don Brown, hard-charging fullback picked up a first down around end, Glennon slashed over tackle for five, then Cain hit Fowler with a pass, then a lateral. Cain then carried the ball over center to score standing up, Dunbar booted the extra point and the score stood 14-0.

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Cubs Whip Wildcats

The Big Seven standings were thrown into a scrambled mess Friday as the State High Cubs slapped down the league leading Wildcats, 26-0. It was the Cubs all the way.

In the first quarter there was no action except the exchanging of punts. Late in the second period Bill Raesigule got away from the Three Rivers 35 yard line and raced all the way to the five, before being knocked out of bounds by the safety. From here in two tries, Bill Glennon crashed over tackle to score. Dunbar booted the extra point, and the score stood 7 to 0 until half time.

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Stars And Answers

After I had watched three State High football games, many questions came to my mind concerning the football team. Being in a very curious mood, I set about to have these questions answered. The first person I talked with was Bill Glennon, one of our halfbacks. I asked him—"Does school spirit really help the team?" Bill said that it makes the team feel a lot better and it keeps up their morale, especially at the out-of-town games.

The next person I met was John Gary, who plays the guard position. I asked him—"How are the chances of having a good team next year?" John stated that prospects looked pretty good with so many letter-men returning, especially on the line.

Another question that troubled me was—"What is our best play?" so I asked Dick Dorgan, one of our quarterbacks. He replied that a quick opener through the guard (poor guard) was working OK this year, or the button hook pass (that’s the one with a pass, then a lateral).

I’d always wondered if Gary Wilson’s size handicapped him, so I boldly asked him. He said, “Yes, especially when we play against the bigger teams, but the object is not to let them get near you.”

With that, my mind was put at ease and I slept peaceful that night.

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Fanatic Fails
In Fall Feature

One fine fall day I charged into the Highlights office hoping to find who I would next bless our fair paper. Hurrying to the assignment sheet I found my name, and as all GOOD “Highlights” do, I sat down immediately to write my article (I said immediately, but before I could sit down I removed a typewriter, a pair of shoes, two notebooks, and a bottle of peroxide from the chair and pushed over several people who were sitting on the table).

Removing a sheet of paper, I headed it “Feature on Fall”. I sat and looked at the heading for a few minutes hoping for a quick outburst of ideas, realizing I wasn’t accomplishing anything by staring foolishly at a comparatively blank sheet of paper, I decided with effort to view the great outdoors hoping perhaps that I would find inspirational materials usable for my article. Raising my eyes to the offices one lone window I was confronted by the five sweatered backs of the same number of females, who were crowding the window sill, looking at the heading for a few minutes hoping for a quick outburst of ideas. Instead they informed me their attention was equally divided between a typewriter, a pair of shoes, two notebooks, and a bottle of peroxide from the chair and pushed over several people who were sitting on the table.

Not defeated, I simply asked the girls what was keeping them so engrossed, expecting of course additional material as ideas might occur to them. Instead they informed me their attention was equally divided between a typewriter, a pair of shoes, two notebooks, and a bottle of peroxide from the chair and pushed over several people who were sitting on the table.

Should I reveal exactly how I feel? Should I debate this thing called fate? Should I surprise the world with a speedy pace, Sue Pullen beats ‘em all hollow, Flash Pullen, that’s her.

Bob Dunbar as a breath-taking fascination for the 8:00 gynm class.

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Couples recently seen mooning around in the halls—
Fred Hoyt and Audrey Bond
Roger Bennett and Marilyn Carlson
Fred Meek and Jane Smith
Arthur West and Lorraine Hope
Hadley Osborn and Herta Payson
Ken Green and Myrna Kite

We hear a few unlucky senior boys really got the point in 2:00 English class—not very tactful, were they?

We suggest a course in learning the alphabet backwards for the girls who are ushering at the Civic Theater. It seems they’ve been embarrassed several times when trying to seat people.

What was Dale Griffith doing in a beauty parlor a couple of days ago? Maybe he was learning the best way for putting a wave in his hair.

Mary McQuigg seems quite proud of her photograph collection.

Where was Phil when Shirley was with Jack?—and where was Shirley when Phil was with Dianne?

Inquiring Reporter

While wandering through the halls several gals clogged up my already befuddled mind. Among them, the question of improvements and changes in the last four years made me wonder if the seniors had realized them. Here were a few of their answers.

Shirley Beebe—The seniors used to be the important ones and now it’s the freshmen who think they are.

Yvonne Hill—The men keep getting smaller.

Barbara Fredericks—The clubs are better.

Dale Griffith—I have become a senior.

Sally Bradfield—Western has gotten more men.

Winter Woes

When it’s winter at State High
And it’s 99 below
Every gym class will play field ball
In the warm and drifted snow.
In our brief and skimpy outfits
We will brave the winter storms
And stand up against the elements
With weak and shriveled forms
When pneumonia comes staggers in
With recovery still in doubt
She’s forced to let them die inside
But the others must go out.

The ‘survival of the fittest’
Is a statement that still stands
As the icy ball is passed around
By bare and lifeless hands
The lucky few who still can walk
Are hustled up the hill
And requested by the management
To shower if they will.

The showers are a blessing
And we find them very nice
For it helps thaw out our bodies
And melt off excess ice.
When springtime comes around again
And it’s warm and green to stay
We’ll face the east and say a prayer
For the girls who’ve passed away.

Meet the Staff

Believe it or not, even the capable members of this fair staff have queer quirks in their so called personalities.

Take the editor, Dale Griffith. On second thought maybe you’d better take him and his mad mania for the barber shop technique.

Speaking of hair, where did Corolyn McLaughlin get that economy sized bottle of peroxide she is sprinkling around?

Then there’s John Avery and his instant grill in typing and Mary Ann Tinkham and her likewise desire to learn to type.

Of course by now no one is surprised.

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Crawford Owen and his modesty is a common spectacle in the H. L. office.

Of course everyone is familiar with Howard Morrison and his brief case of flashy neckties.

Jack Gibbs and Arlen Winther seem to find joy in heated conversation.

Bob Wood, of course, benefits from Carolyn McLaughlin’s bottle of peroxide.

Pat Mitchell sits facing west towards Denver.

Ann Hoebeke is a whiz at French and then, of course, there’s Alice, Teugh.

It happens in the best of families, and thus we meet our deadline.

BIRTHDAYS

Oct. 23 Fred Hunt
Oct. 24 Claire Miche
Oct. 25 Winston Wommels
Oct. 27 Goldie Foy
Oct. 28 Bob Gibble
Oct. 29 Tony Ver Hey
Oct. 31 Betty Davis
Nov. 3 Phyllis Heideman
Nov. 4 Don Dooley