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Band Obtains New Members

The band, under the direction of Elmer Belof, is looking forward to a very good year with the arrival of new members, many of these being from the Milwood district, the band will consist of fifty-five pieces this year.

Last week, the election of band officers was conducted. John R. Smith was chosen president, Ruth Ann Emerson, secretary-treasurer, and Roger Mills, vice-president.

The new members seem to be making a great deal of progress. Graydon Meintz and George Hagg are playing a good line on the bass while Vivian Smith, Goldie Foy, and Beverly Howard have been added to the horn section.

Mr. Belof reports that the orchestra is also coming along very nicely. Any student interested in joining the band or orchestra should not hesitate to do so. A good band and orchestra make a better school. The band has done a fine job at the football games, and has certainly done its share towards promoting school spirit.

S. H. School Annual Now in Production

Plans have already begun to take shape in the Highlander office. The staff, busily working over in the Ty House since school started, hopes to make several changes in the yearbook this year.

Some of the more drastic changes include: designing a different cover of leather, new types of materials added to the contents, and also a different arrangement of the material which has become traditional. They hope to make up a thicker book, but as a result prices may go up to about three dollars per book.

A photographer from Powell's studio will come in at different times to take pictures of dances or special events. Plans for pictures to be taken of the game October 29, 1948 have already been arranged. Senior pictures will be taken during the week of October 11.

This year the Highlander staff brings forth Barbara Kloos as the editor and Ann Hoebelke as co-editor. Others of the staff are as follows:

Howard Morrison, Art Editor; Dick McCallum, Photographer; Melville Schrier and Nelma Conner, Subscriptions; Carolyn McLaughlin and Sue Ralston, Features; Chuck Maltby, Sports; Phyllis Heldamus and Marilyn Hulten, Organizations; Douglas Wenzell and Bob Smith, Advertisements.

Plan Homecoming

Plans are being formulated for a Homecoming Day at State High. Student Council President Skip Bills says no definite plans have been made, but several ideas are being considered.

The result of the pep meeting before the game will be one of the deciding factors as to whether a Homecoming Day would be advisable. If the High School and College faculty think that such a day could be carried through to the satisfaction of all concerned, there is a very good chance of having one. Therefore, its materialization depends largely on how well the students can handle such a program.

The probable date, if the plan is approved, will be the day of the football game with Niles on October 29. It has been suggested that dances be excused, as at the previous pep meeting. We are having similar get-togethers. A Homecoming dance will probably be held that night to celebrate or mourn for the team. If you have any suggestions as to what type of dance you would like, send them to the Council by way of your Home room president. Any other ideas will be appreciated.

This is Your "HIGHLIGHTS"

This is the first issue of your Highlights. We say "your highlights" because we feel that your high school paper should be something of which you are proud. For this reason, Highlights is adopting a new policy this year:

As president of the student council, Skip Bills is setting out to promote a program of more school spirit at State High. The team, the council, the pep committee, the band, and the student body as a whole are all doing their part to give State High some real school spirit . . . Highlights would also like to do its share. The school paper is one of the best means by which the faculty, and the students can get together. Therefore, we are striving to print articles which will represent the opinions of these factors, in the form of inquiring reports, news clippings, and editorials; as well as the straight news and feature writing. We are asking YOU to contribute to the paper by making use of the Highlights box. This box is located in the upstairs hall of the administration building near the drinking fountain. All you have to do is write your suggestion, comment upon any problem which is confronting the council, or bit of gossip for the "All About Angles," on a piece of paper and drop it in the Highlights box. With your cooperation, we should be able to present your views, support the school spirit program, and print a better High lights for you.
New Teachers Join Faculty

Of all the changes made at State High in recent years none so directly affects the students as the addition of seven new teachers to the faculty. The additions with their field, are as follows:

Mr. Hackney, math; Mr. Cooper, business; Mrs. Jones, English; Dr. French, social studies; Mr. Richmond, social studies; Mr. Sack, speech, and Miss Green, library.

This article, the first of a series of articles designed to acquaint you with our new faculty, will discuss Mr. George K. Cooper, teacher of business education this fall, states Mrs. Leoti C. Britton, Director. They are also planning to present "Pirates of Penzance," by Gilbert and Sullivan; a spring concert; the may festival; a joint concert with the college choir; and songs for Honor's day and commencement.

Mr. Cooper, a genial, dark haired, short, powerfully built man who gives the impression of having plenty of reserve power, spends most of the school day in the business education building, directing our future businessmen and women, and when his duties are over for the day, he hurries to 1729 W. Michigan Ave, Apt. A-2 (Faculty Apartments) where he and his wife of four months reside.

Mr. Cooper is new to Michigan. Last year he was graduate assistant of business mathematics at Indiana University. He acquired 34 semester hours of graduate work there. Before this he spent four years in the army. He was released from active duty as a First Lieutenant and appointed to the Adjutant General's Department Reserve.

After graduating from Western Illinois, Mr. Cooper has gotten around a lot as a teacher, soldier, and student; but he has never been to Michigan before this year. When asked if he likes our native state, Mr. Cooper replied, "This is my first time in the state of Michigan. I am delighted with the scenic beauty, good roads, and progressive schools I have found here."

The Highlights welcomes Mr. Cooper to State High. Wait for further news about other new teachers in the next issue.

The Calendar

Oct. 15—Football game. Dowagiac (away)
Oct. 16—Oakwood. Canteen. 8:30-11:30 students invited.
Oct. 22—Football game, South Haven (home game)
Oct. 29—Homecoming game, Niles (here)
Homecoming dance.

Operettas Selected

The State High Choir plans to give the operetta "Chonita," by Maria Wakeman and Ira Wilson, some time this fall, states Mrs. Leoti C. Britton, Director. They are also planning to present "Pirates of Penzance," by Gilbert and Sullivan; a spring concert; the may festival; a joint concert with the college choir; and songs for Honor's day and commencement.

The Choir's recently selected officers are: Dawn Birch, president; Bradley Smith, vice president, and Jackie Leach, secretary.

Sally Wykkel, student council treasurer, reports a profit of $51.00 made so far on the sale of football programs and refreshments. The council has been cutting expenditures by mimeographing the starting line-up and printing by hand the covers of the programs.

Attention: Men wanted to sing in "Pirates of Penzance." All interested contact Mrs. Britton.

Congratulations to the State High Band for the grand job they've been doing of boosting school spirit at gridiron games.

Roger Burns, prominent member of the football team, was unable to play in succeeding games due to injuries acquired during the St. Joe game.

French II students, Marilyn Morris, Ann Hoebes, Carol Sheldon, and Bonnie Harlan have been corresponding with English students in France.

The 2:00 Advanced Speech Class has been carrying on a series of panel discussions on the topics of Juvenile Delinquency, and Preparation for Marriage.

Social Committee Faces Problem of Future Dances

This being the beginning of a new school year, we again turn our attention to the social field. The question of a school-sponsored dance every Saturday evening has arisen. The students seem to feel there is nothing to do on Saturday evening and think such a series of dances would be of value. The faculty and committees, those who would have to carry the load,—wonder if the ‘turn-out’ would be sufficient to conduct the dances without taking a terrible loss of time after time. These students themselves, must realize that to put on a dance costs money, and, as the old saying goes, money doesn't grow on trees.

One solution might be that the dormitories take turns sponsoring the dances. In this way the responsibility shifts instead of resting on one pair of shoulders throughout the year. People may not realize it, but that load is a heavy one, and it gets mighty tiresome carrying it without help.

Another possible solution is to have the Saturday night parties as juke box dances. A series of square dances have also been suggested. These dances are easier than most to put on and different clubs might be interested in lending a helpful hand.

If anyone has any suggestions regarding the dances, let the social committee know. In this way, through cooperation with the council, the students will find that they will have more dances and more of the kind of dances they want.

Entries Receive Honors

Our school can boast of only four students who had entries in the Kalamazoo County fair. (September 28—October 2). But of those we can truly boast!

Ingered Van Stratton entered cupcakes and was awarded second prize by the 4-H club. John E. Smith's cow was judged "Grand Champion" in the 4-H class; his heifer won prizes in 4-H and also open class, and his corn received a first in the 4-H class.

Dick Seeley entered three head of cattle and received three firsts and a "Grand Champion" for showmanship from 4-H, plus a first, second, and third in open class. Of his three hogs entered, two received firsts and one received a second from 4-H. In open class one was judged "Grand Champion" and one was a second place.

Jackie Leach won three blue ribbons in baking for cookies, cupcakes, and yeast rolls. Her calf was awarded third, while her garden took a blue ribbon, and both her corn and popcorn won red ribbons.
Cubs Lose Thriller In Big Seven Race

St. Joseph’s Bears, outfight and outplayed for three quarters, came from behind to defeat State High, 13-6, on two last-period touchdown passes.

Early in the game the cubs marched 56 yards and reached St. Joe’s eight on the running of Tom Woodworth and Frank Spitters, but the Bears got out of this jam when Ziemba recovered Spitter’s fumble. This did not hurt the Cubs spirit any, for a few minutes, later in the second period, Don Hendricks fired a 22-yard pass to the 12-yard line. From here Larry Moran went wide on an end run to score. Roger Burns’ try for point was wide but State High led 6-0 and it looked as though an upset was in the making.

State had another good chance to score in the second quarter, but lost the ball on downs at the 12 just before intermission. Woodworth’s long punt kept the Bears deep in their territory during the first half.

St. Joe came back strong in the second half to march 80 yards for the tying touchdown. Durrow’s passing and Beckhan’s running sparked the march. Dorow hit Al Ziebert with a 32-yard touchdown pass to knot the score. The fake-kick-pass was incomplete.

It looked as though the game would end 6 to 6, but late in the fourth quarter Wood fumbled and Marty Kisichke recovered on State’s 25-yard line. State High boys, who had gone all out in the hope of an upset, were tired and battered by now. They gave up a first down on the fifteen. Two more plays gained only four yards and the Ziemba hit Marutz with a touchdown pass. The fake-kick-pass was incomplete.

That was the ball game. Coach Fred Stevens’ Cubs played their hearts out in an effort to upset the favored Bears, but couldn’t quite make it. The Cubs outfought, outplayed and outclassed the Bears for three quarters, but in the fourth, they were so battered that they couldn’t go on to victory.

State High’s line did a fine job both on defense and offense. Jerry Knowlton, Bob Dunbar, Roger Burns, Bob Vanbeek, Dale Crawford, and Barney Fowler stopped St. Joe’s running game.

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State High Cheers At Big Pep Rally

By SKIP BILLS

Throughout the years it seems as though State High has been lacking in real school pep. Most of our graduates notice this after watching us at our games—not as a student but as a spectator. We have the spirit, but it just doesn’t show and we’ve got to bring it out this year. The first impression the freshmen get this school year is largely due to our spirit at our games. To start off right this year we held a pep assembly Friday, October 1, before the St. Joe game. It was our first real outburst as a school. I’m sure everyone enjoyed it and had a good yell. The team can tell you it was that pep rally that brought it out.

State High, Rah! Sebaly Interviewed

By the way, the basketball practice in the new gym across the railroad tracks. This will give us lots more time to practice for we won’t have to get off the floor for Western every day. However, we will continue to have our games in the Men’s Gym. By the way, the basketball season starts December third, when we play Dowagiac.

YEA TEAM! Beat Dowagiac

State High needs YOUR support!
Alley Angles

Moronitors Mortify Mumbling Masses

Dear Mr. Editor:

Who says this country is democratic? Why, we have people in our school who are still confirmed members of the Hitler Youth. You don't believe it? Oh, they may walk around in the conventional blue jeans, skirts, and sweaters, but down deep they have hearts of black and are out to persecute any unsuspecting and even innocent persons. Here in this country they are known as monitors, but actually they are the future wardens of Sing Sing, Alcatraz, and other illustrious institutions. It may be all for the best that they've picked their future vocations, but practicing on their fellow students is an outrage. Why, just the other day I saw Sally Wyckel make her nine o'clock study down to the encampment at the barracks; whip in hand. She made sure the double line was securely barricaded and the marching paced by shouting, out vigorously, "Hup, two, three, four!" Any stragglers were merely dragged along and forced to await further punishment upon their arrival at the encampment. (Latest official list of casualties include Dick Curry, (broken jaw), Marlene Smith, (lacerated leg) and Beverly Swoop, (severe facial bruises).

And big Jim Hocke, once Hitler's right hand man, and now in charge of hall operations and gas chambers, from his eleven o'clock hall position, makes each tardy or hall-roaming student sign his name in blood on the "to be shot at dawn" list.

Another sight we frequently see is Kenny Louis standing guard over his eleven o'clock hall position, being more lenient than his fellow S. S. men, allows each student four minutes per week to breathe freely and exercise such facial expressions as frowns and smiles. This the school considers a great privilege and we heartily thank Lt. Louis for this.

To get to the activities of the guards, every Tuesday and Thursday from one-thirty to two they do synchronized marching and drilling on the women's athletic field. These mass meetings may be witnessed by any students skipping twelve-thirty study hall.

Well, Mr. Editor, this concludes my bi-weekly propaganda report for the "Communist Daily Worker!" But, say, if you want the real facts about the State High monitor system, it's one of the best in Michigan. Set up and operated by the students, under the direction of Mrs. Muriel Vincent, it's a big success, has been for several years and will be in future years as long as the students want self-discipline. The faculty lauds this system and you can be sure everyone, including H. M. S. Pauvre Mr. Fleiss! He went off to the Ad building from one-thirty to two on his way to school. He claims it's cheaper than operating a car. Wonder what his dates think about it?"

Well, State High's starting off the year with a bang—lots of new romances. Still a couple old ones floating about such as Eddie Lou and Louie. The halls will seem deserted next year without them unless Eddie Lou goes to Western. But let's traverse back to this younger generation. Seen panting, or do I mean painting, the town—Claire Miehe and Clinton Drummond; Betty Jo Burdick and Frank Mahy; Sally Schrier and Larry Smith; Suzanne Sawyer and Duncan Carter; Jill Gannaway and Bob Wood.

A few of the above-mentioned are freshmen. They get around more than the decrepit, old seniors. There's no stopping progress you know!

What's this about Mary Ann Tinkham's new flame? Hear tell he's an alien from Central, and Mary Lou Woodworth is deserting the old homestead for a "K" College man. Aren't the State High men alluring enough? Don't answer that!

Jim Orwin, pride of the senior class, has a new motor bike. Give a gaze out of your window in the early morning mist. Some day you'll see Jim clipping merrily along on his way to school. He claims it's cheaper than operating a car. Wonder what his dates think about it?"

The senior government and economics 11:00 class has been taking a communistic trend lately through the efforts of Brother Smith and Brother Dunbar.

Hear tell Dale Wilson's turning into another Alexander Bell. He has been experimenting with the telephone with the help of a few (?) freshman girls.

Pauvre Mr. Fleiss! He really takes a beating. Last year he was rather peevish at his 3:00 French class for they were always so tired after the long hard day. He vowed he'd make some changes next year. Well, next year has arrived. It's changed all right—to 8:00 in the morning. Too bad his 8:00 French class trips the light fantastic every night and yawns all hour. The other day Herr Fleiss called them his bunch of dead chickens.

Students Speak

This year, not only may one see a host of dazed freshmen roaming the halls, but also a large group of puzzled upperclassmen are to be seen at loss. The reason is obviously due to the new schedule. The first few weeks of school finds many confused as to just where one is to be doing that ever-puzzling twelve-thirty hour. To aid those still in doubt, we have been asking some of the students how the new schedule is affecting them:

Mary Woodworth. Chairman pep committee: "I think the new hours are wonderful. By getting out at 2:50 the kids will come out for the games and show the fellows that the school is really behind them."

Alene Walterworth: Soph. lead in H. M. S. Pinfire: "I think it's fine. I like getting out an hour earlier, but still dislike having to get up so early every morning."

Tom Holdship: Homeroom president: "I think the new time system is swell. We don't have to get home now when the sun is setting even if we do get up before the sun rises."

Sally Wyckel: Student Council treas. "I think it's swell! Only, with this short noon hour, I'll have trouble next spring trying to get a tan on the Ad building steps."

John R. Smith: Band president: "The new school schedule does not suit me because there are more class hours for me. Last year we, in sports, got out at 3:00, anyway, and still got an hour for lunch. The 8:00 hour served as an hour for Swing Band practice which now we have no time for."

Barney Fowler: Football captain: "The new schedule doesn't affect me too much, I liked the old one and I like the new one, too."

Sandy Hackman: Cheerleader: "I like the new school hours, because you are free practically half the afternoon. The disadvantage is the short lunch hour."

"CHUCKLES"

Recovering from an operation, a patient asked the doctor, "Why are the blinds drawn?"

The doctor replied, "Well, there's a fire across the street, and I didn't want you to wake up and think the operation was a failure."

There was once a scientist who was curious about monkeys and so decided to get one and observe its actions. After the monkey was shut in a room by itself, the scientist went out and locked the door. He immediately started observing through the keyhole. Peering through the other side just as curiously was a small black eye.