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More Than $1,500 Offered in Prizes

You like to take pictures? You'd like to get rich quick? Well! Here's your chance to pick up a few extra bucks pretty easily.

The Eastman Kodak Company is sponsoring a nation wide High School Photography Contest. This contest is open to all students of the ninth thru twelfth grades, who attend classes daily. That, of course, includes everyone in State High.

The contest does not have a great number of specific rules. The picture may be taken with any type of camera and will be judged on general interest and appeal.

There are four classes that the entrants would fall into, however. The first class is made up of photographs of a school activity other than athletics. Shots of a class project, club activity, a school dance and even of the gang at the "Oak" come under this heading.

The second group is made up entirely of school athletics. They may be made with artificial or natural lights, indoors or out.

The third section is to be composed of pictures of the way we Americans live and what we do at various times. Our houses, churches, people at work or play, and things that happen in our daily lives away from school.

Class four includes pictures of pictorial beauty. A sunset, flowers, still life, or any scene of visual interest.

The first three pictures in each group will receive prizes of $100, $75, and $50, respectively. In addition the final winner will receive another award of $500.00. In his school, a camera and books donated by the Eastman Company bearing his name. Other awards range downward to $5.00—certainly good enough for a few minutes work.

If you wish to enter, you should request an entry blank and a rules folder from the office.

Photographic technique is not the deciding factor in the judging, so get an entry blank and add a little to your bankroll for future use.

Calendar

Feb. 8—Basketball game, Holland Christian, Here
Feb. 11—Basketball game, Buchanan Here
Feb. 12—Junior Dance, Women's Gym
Feb. 15—Basketball game, Three Rivers, There
Feb. 17—Blue and Gold Revue, Little Theatre
Feb. 18—Basketball game, St. Joseph, Here
Feb. 19—Blue and Gold Revue, Little Theatre
Feb. 25—Basketball game, South Haven, Here
Feb. 25—Solo and Ensemble District Festival, Bangor.

Band Presents Follies of '48

Yes! State High is presenting a Band Follies. Although this is only the second year such a program has been attempted, it looks as though the SHS Band Bounce may become an annual tradition. At any rate, a great deal of work and time is going into "Music Through the Ages"—the title given to this year's show which will be presented February 17th and 19th at the Little Theater. Talent from grades seven through twelve, assisted by faculty members, plan to take the audience rapidly through the evolution of music with stops in the prehistoric, commercial, industrial, and atomic ages.

Some of the features that are calculated to hold the audiences through thirty-nine centuries are three modern dance numbers, a Latin skit, instrumental specialty, ballet, vocal soloists, and the band, swing band, and orchestra.

The job of directing the musical fantasy in the absence of Mr. Elmer Beloof, who left State High's music staff to continue his education at Columbia University, falls to co-directors Mr. Ralph Wells and Mr. Clarence Williams. Mr. William Sack is in charge of dramatic direction.

Students have been delegated the actual work of preparing script, scenery, tickets, etc. Ruth Emerson is the general chairman responsible for these preparations. The script was prepared by Joyce Perry, and Skip Bills is acting as Master of Ceremonies.

The tickets for the "Band Follies of '49" are being sold by all members of the band and orchestra. The proceeds from the sale of tickets will be used for new band uniforms. You won't want to miss "Music Through the Ages."

SHS on the Air

Friday, Feb. 4, found the eleven o'clock economics class at station WIZO. They were there by invitation of the Women's Action Committee for Lasting Peace to be the first panel to discuss one of the topics in a series of four on Civil Rights that this club is sponsoring.

Their specific topic was "What do we mean by Civil Rights?". The panel was comprised of Sally Wykkel, Roger Burns, Bob Russel, Doug Wenzel, and John DeGroat. Due to the illness of Miss Evelyn Steketee, instructor of the class, Tom Murray was moderator.

State High also has another panel on this Civil Rights program. It will be taken care of by Mr. William Sack's Advanced Speech class. It will be on February 11, and the topic will be "Freedom of Conscience and Expression."
What's Happened to State High Pep?

Why isn't our basketball team doing better than it is? Why aren't more students going to our out-of-town games? What's happened to our school spirit? It's so strong during football season? Most everybody feels that the cub cagers can play better than what they have shown in the past few games and, on our side of the issue—it's a pretty pitiful situation when we can't even get one bus filled for our "away" games.

But in the 46-47 season we had a very good team comprised mainly of players who are on the present varsity. Why shouldn't we be able to duplicate their work? The team this year has been off and on all season. We've looked good in some of our earlier encounters, and we've looked bad against Dowgiac the last time and in some of our last few contests, and by "looking bad"—we aren't referring to the team alone!!

The student body hasn't given the team much support. There weren't more than seven or eight people from State High at the Niles game a couple of weeks ago. If we can't get enough to fill a bus, there at least should be more who can drive over. It helps a team a lot if you know that somebody cares if you win or not. Some of us ought to make it a point to come a little early and support the reserve team. Chances are we'd have a winning team.

And let's have pep assemblies more often. During football season we had one before practically every game and it helped our school spirit a lot. Now some of the kids aren't even coming to our home games. While on the subject of pep, the cheerleaders haven't been practicing together as much as they should, and it shows up in their leading. Also the kids aren't yelling for the cheerleaders. Instead, they have their own yells about the referee and about the other team—which incidentally aren't funny, and only give State High a bad sportsmanship reputation.

We still have three tough games ahead of us before the tournament comes around. Let's all show some interest. We should beat Three Rivers again; St. Joe will be a toughy, but we ought to win; and when South Haven comes to town let's go all out. It's all a matter of cooperation and sense of responsibility—co-operation among team members, and co-operation between cheerleaders and the student body. Every student body and the duty of the students to support their team—win or lose.

If we all buckle down, we may redeem ourselves in the tournaments. Let's get going!!

SHS Five to Meet Three Rivers Tues.

Tuesday night Coach Fred Stevens takes his Cub proteges to Three Rivers to play Francis Pellefrem's Wildcats. The Wildcats have had a bad season this year but the game looks to be a tough one for Three Rivers is up after an upset win over the Niles Vikings, a team which has beaten the Hilltoppers twice.

Last month the Cubs defeated the Wildcats by a score of 51-36. Our cagers played very well that night. We have had our hot and cold nights throughout this season. If we are on the ball Tuesday we shouldn't have much trouble in winning.

On Friday night St. Joe comes to town. The Bears have a good team this year and it looks as though it will be a rough game. We beat them by one point in a thriller at St. Joe the last time we played them. We will have to be playing at our best to beat them for they will certainly be up for that game.

Let's be sure that we win both of these games. We can if we play our best but we will have to work our hardest. Let's all turn out for these games. We ought to be able to fill a bus to Three Rivers and everyone in the whole school should be at St. Joe's game.

How Well Do You Know Your Sports?

Here is a short sports quiz. Let's see how well you can do. Give yourself 20 points for each one that is right. The answers are upside down for your convenience.

1. I bet there aren't many of you who can name the coach of the Buchanan team which we played last Friday. Who is he?
2. Who are the co-captains of the baseball team this year?
3. Can you remember the Cub footballers who made the All-City last year?
4. Who is our track coach this year?
5. In what sport did the Cubs win a State championship last year?

Cage Tournaments Begin

On March 3, the annual district basketball tournament at Sturgis will get underway with the Cardinals of Coldwater High School playing the favorite role. The Coldwater five has compiled a terrific record over a span of 4 years under their coach, Floyd Eby, and are expected to race through the three day tournament with ease. The Twin Valley league champions sport a galaxy of stars including a red-haired Rex Corless, terrific all-state guard. Corless has paced the Cardinal attack for two years and is eligible for another season for competition next year. Last year Coldwater ran through the Sturgis meet but found a little stiffer competition in the Regionals at Kalamazoo High School where they were halted by St. Joseph, eventual State Champs, in a thrilling 36-35. The host team of the tournament is Sturgis fighting Trojans who are always tough in the Tournaments. Despite a bad season the Black and Orange are improving with every game and could upset the apple-cart as they did 2 years ago when they knocked off the highly favored Coldwater five in the very first game.

The Big Seven Conference representatives in the districts are our own Cubs and Three Rivers' Wildcats. Both are up and down teams and without a doubt either is capable of winning the tournament Sat. night. State High has shown that it is a great team despite an average season and faced by highscoring guard Tom Woodworth the Cubs could also take the trophy. Three Rivers is another up and down club and showed by its early season shellacking of Sturgis and its upset of Niles in the big seven spot light at the time that it can't be overlooked. Coldwater will of course reign as the favorite but an upset is far from out of the picture and with so much at stake anything can and probably will happen.

Await Season Opening

This year's track squad will be built around Bill Page in the dashes, Al Ryan in the hurdles and Bob Smith in the 440. Roger Burns will put the shot, and John Smith will see action in both high jump and the hurdles. Coach Bob Richmond expects to see several members of the cross country team to try out for the longer distances. Hadley, Oehlmer, and Shoemaker are the leading candidates.

Practice will start after the close of the regular basketball season and those wishing to report may work out indoors until weather permits use of the cinder track outside. Hal Humble, Western see 440 man, will probably help Richmond with the team this spring.
**Are We Facing Our Future?**

By Mary Fopeano

Grades have come, and by now most of their sting has faded away. All that appears to be left of the record of last semester are stern parental looks and some new resolutions from the same source.

But that semester doesn’t have a closing night. You may have learned little or lots those hours in class, never the less, having been subjected to the knowledge, you aren’t the same as if you’d spent the winter hibernating.

The question is, what’s the point? Why put forth all these painful efforts? It’s more than 16 credits that purchases a diploma handshake; more than college boards or a scholarship. These are only means to an end.

And that end is all tied up with our 21st birthday, a ballot box, and maybe something like accepting responsibility and getting along with other people. You know, that old trite saying, “The youth of today is the man of tomorrow” is quite obviously true.

There was a time when a few tears and Mama could straighten out the most disastrous trouble, and even now, when parents seem our greatest problem, we know they’ll come through when we really need them.

Tomorrow it will be different! The Berlin Crisis may be smoothed out, the Palestine question answered, and everyone in China happy and well fed. But you can bet a couple of Shmoos that there will be whole new sets of bigger and better crises and the little people who’ll have to “kiss ’em and make it well” are going to be us.

Best we absorb a bit of knowledge while we can still learn by others’ experience and keep in condition ‘cause it’s going to be a rough game.

**We Snoop to Conquer**

Do Phil and Lola like to read in libraries?

Do Skip and Skip have something in common?

Will Mary Joyce make up her mind?

How long will Jack Hill keep on playing “Casanova?”

Does John R. Smith ever hold a royal flush; in poker that is?

Are Fred Hoyt’s hospital experiences cheerful?

What freshman girl received 19 monitor reports—Probably from the library “watchdogs?”

What was Tom Woodworth’s classic remark when the lockers fell over?

These questions can be answered by good honest nose work. Rushing “spring fever” are Pat Bloom and Paul DeRyke, Fran Cooley and Marshall Brenner. At least they are thawing out this cold weather.

**Happy Birthday**

Feb. 11—Doris Bell
Feb. 12—Jack Rowe
Feb. 13—Skip Sterner
Feb. 15—Ken Louis
Feb. 16—Eleanor Alman
Feb. 17—Dale Stockwell
Feb. 18—Jim Russel
Feb. 19—Luella LaRoy
Feb. 21—Margaret Storey
Feb. 22—Don Vrobel

**PIRATES’ COMING TO SH STAGE IN MARCH**

This year the choir, under the direction of Mrs. Leoti C. Britton, will present the well known operetta, “The Pirates of Penzance” by Gilbert and Sullivan. It will be given on two nights, March 4 and 5, in the Little Theater at 8:30.

The choir was fortunate in being able to go to Chicago the 15th of January, to see “The Pirates of Penzance” given by a professional group.

There was a double cast chosen for the feminine leads since the operetta is being given two nights. Following is the cast:

Mabel—*Dawn Tinkham
Elilith—*Skippy Birch
Kate—*Alene Watterworth
Isabel—*Carolyn Fox
Ruth—*Jackie Leach
Pirate King—Bradley Smith
Frederick—*Steve Davis
Sam—*Dave Roth
Major General—*Fred Hoyt
Sergeant—*Roger Mills

* Those who will play Friday night, March 4.

**ARTISTS SUBMIT WORK**

Fourteen students of Miss Paden’s two art classes have entered compositions in the regional branch of the annual Scholastic Art Contest held in Detroit during the month of March. One-hundred thousand entries from this preliminary are to be submitted to the National Craft in Pittsburg which will be held in May of this year. The winners of this group are then sent to a showing in Madison Square Garden where twelve are selected by the Ingersol Company for their annual Art Calendar Awards of one-hundred dollars.

Four former State High students have had their work sent to New York and it is our wish that this year’s entries may be even more successful. Phyllis Heidanus, Carole Lase, Ted Cooley, Billie West, Ruth Pionke, Dorothy Jabcon, Fred Meek. Bob Wood, Beth French, Bill Page, Roland Hoare, Jim McCrumb, Len Vandenburg, and Carolyn McLaughlin have submitted entries.

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Feb. 12—Margaret Storey
Feb. 17—Dale Stockwell
Feb. 18—Jim Russel
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Good Deal!
Sally and Jerry Draw Jack and Queen

Newsettes

Good news for those people who eat lunches in the school cafeteria. New tables and chairs have recently replaced the old ones and salt and pepper shakers are a welcome addition.

Dr. French, who taught the 8:00 and the 11:00 government classes last semester, is now helping in the office as well as teaching in college labs.

The Highlights welcomes Dick Curry as its new official photographer.

REMEMBER! ONLY 50 DAYS TILL THE HI-Y CARNIVAL. SATURDAY, APRIL 9TH IS THE BIG DAY.

At the beginning of the second semester, two new teachers were added to the faculty—Mrs. McKinney who is teaching junior and senior English classes, and Mrs. Armitage who has taken over the 12:30 and 2:00 economic classes. The Highlights wishes to extend a hearty welcome to these two new teachers.

Anyone who attends State High games, dances—or for that matter just attends State High—knows Sally Wykkel. Tiny, blue-eyed, blonde Sally plays an important role in the Student Government program at State High, is an all-A student, and is full of fun and bubbling with personality. For these reasons, the Highlights Staff has chosen Sally as the "Queen of Hearts." Now a full-fledged senior, Sally has, throughout the years, proven herself a dependable and conscientious individual. As a sophomore she joined the Monitors and has served there as an efficient officer and study-hall monitor.

Last year, it was not at all unusual to see Miss Wykkel in the halls selling doughnuts or State High stickers for the Junior class. She was also a prominent junior as a member of the decorations committee and invitations committee for the 1948 Junior-Senior Prom; and Sally made quite a convincing appearance as "Sister Millie" in the Jack Stoutheart scene of the of the Junior Assembly. In May of her junior year Miss Wykkel carried out a successful campaign which elected her Treasurer of the Student Council—a new office at State High. And Sally has proved this position to be a vital and successful one.

She represents State High in meetings of the Student Councils of Southwestern Michigan, and is a member of the Parent, Teachers, Student Organization. We wish to commend Sally Wykkel for the good job she is doing. State is proud of her.

To Pearlie May, With Love

I ain't so good at writtin' stuff
That ends out in a rhyme, An' since it's gettin' kinda late
I'm sorta pressed for time;
At first I wasn't gonna write at all
Cuz the boys'll call me soft,
An' they're friends o' yours find out
They'll just make fun an' scoff;
But now I've gone this far
I'm gonna up an speak my min'
I'm requestin', Pearlie Mae,
That ya be my Valentine!