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Ralston Wins First Prize

State High should feel honored in possessing the three students who placed first, second and third in the district essay contest sponsored by the Elks Club.

March 28, at a special ceremony in the Elks temple these students were presented their awards by A. Merritt Lindsay, Litchfield, district Grand Exalted Ruler. Sue Ralston winning first place received $30, Mary Popeano second place $20, and Carol Sheldon third place $10. Sue Ralston's essay will be entered in the state contest and should it win there also, it will be entered in the nationals. First prize in the national awards is $1000, second prize $500, and third prize $250. There will also be five other awards each $50.

The contest was open to all students grades nine through twelve and the essays which were on the subject, "Why Democracy Works" were to be from 300 to 750 words in length.

"The purpose of this competition was to encourage students to study democracy in operation and to appraise democracy in the light of its achievements and the hope it holds for the future."

"Life With Father" Profits — $150

Life With Father has come and gone leaving its traces of broken china, henna, peroxide, and the dramas department treasury increased a hundred to one-hundred and fifty dollars. The total intake was $525, but expenses were very steep because of the lack of materials, or as Mr. William Sack, teacher of Speech and English, puts it, "We didn’t have nuttin’ to work with.

It is hoped that in the future, enterprise will not be hampered so much, because this year's profit will go to provide lighting equipment, scenery, make-up, lumber, hammers, and nails, etc. A State High cupboard with inside hinges will safely house the valuable equipment.

The profit was largely due to the efforts of the Masquers, who tried to sell at least ten tickets apiece. Nancy Strome sold the most, 43 tickets and consequently wins the $5 prize. Dawn Birch was second with 33.

Future Grads Attend Series of Meetings

At the beginning of the second semester this year plans were formulated under the sponsorship of Mr. A. L. Sebaly, boys' advisor, and Miss Evelyn Steketee, girls' advisor, for a series of senior meetings concerning topics of special interest to the graduating class.

The first of these programs was held February 2, when Rev. John Duley, interdenominational pastor, spoke on "The Development of Personality." On March 2, 3, and 9, four films on the general subject of Health were shown under the direction of Miss Romaine Smith and Miss Louise Rozemoon. At another meeting held March 16, Rev. Charles Johnson, co-pastor at the First Presbyterian Church, discussed the subject of "Developing a Philosophy of Life.

Two of the recent meetings have been devoted to the selection of a career. On March 30, Dr. Dewey Fox reported on the vocational curricula at WMC, including such courses as these in home economics and industrial arts. The "Who’s New Club" of the YWCA will sponsor a career clinic on April 13, at which time seniors can talk to people engaged in the professions in which they are interested.

At least two more meetings have been planned for future dates. At one of these, Mr. Leonard Gernant, assistant registrar at WMC will speak on "Getting Along in College," and at the other, Dr. Charles Gbbons of the Upjohn Institute will give advice on "How To Get A Job."

Bryan's Booklet Subject of Editorials

The Senior Scholastic Magazine is publishing a series of seven editorials based on Dr. Roy C. Bryan’s "Seven Rules of Clear Thinking." Dr. Bryan’s booklet, which is being used in highschool classes throughout the United States, deals with the following subjects:

1) Prevent your feelings from dictating your thinking.
2) Suspend judgment until you are justified in reaching a conclusion.
3) Strive to identify assumptions.
4) Insist on adequate cross-section samples.
5) Beware of analogies.
6) Call for evidence of cause-effect relationships.
7) Organize your thoughts.

"Deep Purple" Falls April 30

When the "Deep Purple" falls Saturday the 30th of April the girls will again save the opportunity to prove that they are capable of showing the fellows a good time. The turnabout, big dress-up dance of the year, will be held in the Women's Gym. from 9:00 till 12:00 and will feature a new thirteen piece band—"The Skyliners."

The theme, "Deep Purple" will be carried out in the decorations. Light refreshments and intermission entertainment are to be provided. Pat Mitchell, general chairman, is being assisted by Jackie Kingscott—refreshments; Marilyn Morris—music; Pat Mable—entertainment; Janet Whaley—tickets; Peg Maundag—chaperones; and Shirley Loughead—publicity.

Tickets are available for a dollar and a half per couple and can be purchased from those listed above or Bob Wood, Mary Wood, Beth Ann Erdy, Sally Wykkel, or Sandy Hackman. Guests from surrounding schools are welcomed. The annual Turnabout, always a looked-forward to event at State High, ought to promise a good time for those who attend this year. Don't be bashful, girls.

27 Students Enter French Elimination

This year, the annual French contest enrollment has the official number of 33,785 students in 1012 schools of the United States. Michigan High will send its papers in at three levels, 1st year—15 papers, 2nd year—8 papers, 3rd year—4 papers.

The papers will first be judged by Dr. J. Henry Owens, judge for Michigan Chapter. From there the best chapter paper will be judged by Mr. deSauze, chairman of the region (West Virginia, Kentucky, Ohio, Michigan, and Indiana.) Then the best paper of the region will progress to the national level.

There will be prizes sent from France, through the Cultural Services of the French Embassy. There will also be special prizes awarded, such as: "The Medal of the Alliance Francaise," given by the Alliance of Kalamazoo, a scholarship given by Michigan State Normal College, Ypsilanti, and a scholarship given by Western Michigan College, Kalamazoo. These do not necessarily go to the state winners, but rather to the highest ranking contestants who wish to attend these colleges.
 Literacy Highlights

The following are poems selected from those created by seniors in the 10:00 English class:

**A POEM**

"A poem is quite the hardest thing
To either learn or write;
I tried to do them both one day
And wasted one whole night.

—Barbara Kiop

**CONVERSATION**

"Let's get together for a chat,
We'll talk about this and that.
The paper tells what styles are out,
And what the argument's about;
But when you come to visit at tea,
You talk about you, and I'll talk about me.

—Larry Moran

**MY GHOST**

"When I go walking down the street
A little ghost on all four feet
Runs frantically my own to meet—
Scampers, whimperers, sits and begs,
Gives the trees their counter signs.

—Skip Bills

**SHS Dancers at Civic**

On April 20 through April 23rd, 1949, the play, "Aladdin and the Wonderful Lamp," by Frank Norris, will be presented by the Junior Civic Theatre, under the direction of Miss Nina Jackson. In this particular play, the dancing girls are to be played by a selected group from the Junior Club of State High.

The four slave girls chosen from State High were Mary Fopeano, cast as Alana, Eva Aube takes the part of Baraka, Barbara Hughs as Carmony and Mary Ann Tinkham as Zurina. Mary Schilling from Central High School takes a double roll as Keelo and Balsora.

Mrs. Heiei, Brown who is in charge of the dance club and her assistant Miss Schember have worked out special dance sequences which include the building of the castle, a separate dance, and the tearing down of the same thing. Besides these two, a ring ritual is now in progress.

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_Your Vacation Reporter..._ — Sue Pullon

Spring vacation is just around the corner; so here's your information bureau and who's where and when.

The Bills will take a long trip to Annapolis, stopping off at Williamsburg, Va., and Washington, D. C. on the way. At Annapolis they will visit an ex-State Higher, Bob, and Judy will attend the Easter Hop.

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Pat Bloom will be kept very busy. She plans to go to a ranch near town and break in horses. Another horse lover, Jackie Leach, is spending her vacation on her farm riding horses.

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Dorothy and Julie Cartland are planning a trip to “Cherry Blossom Land,” Washington, D. C., with their parents.

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Jill Gannaway will beat all the other girls with their tans. She may go to San Fernando Valley, California.

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Metropolitan Museum of Art and the “Bowery” is where you’ll find Ann Eldridge. That’s all she’s interested in too!!

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Sue Ralston and Sue Pullon are going to visit their future college. They will go to the University of Michigan on Friday of that week.

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Mrs. Jarman and tribe are adventuring to Cincinnati. Another office member, Miss Hietanen is going to Chicago.

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Jane Smith will go to the University of Illinois to visit friends and Zelma Albert to Port Huron for the same reason.

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The rest?? Well, like me, we’re staying home to loaf.

**Juniors and Seniors To Receive Vocational Aid**

Wednesday evening, April 13, in the rotunda of the training school, members of the junior and senior classes of State High will meet with representatives of various professions to discuss plans for careers and vocations in which the group has expressed particular interest.

The meeting is to open with a panel discussion—consisting of Mr. Frank Schmiege, Miss Alice Bergdohl, Mr. Frank Souton, and Mr. Don Dolan, moderator—will carry on a short discussion of the importance of planning a career. Members of the entire group will then break into numerous small divisions, each of which will discuss specifically a different profession.

Congratulations to Mr. William Sack whose poem, "The City Man," was one of the 300 poems chosen for publication in the 1949 edition of National Poetry Anthology.

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The student council has purchased twelve cheerleader letters which will be presented to this year’s and last year’s cheerleaders.

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April 30th the 8:00 math. class will journey to Chicago to visit the Museum of Science and Industry and the Polatarium.

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On Thursday, April 7th, a P.T.S.O. meeting was held in the women’s gym. The problems of a high school health program and home family relations provided topics of consideration.

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In connection with their study of banking and credit, the eleven o'clock economics class was ushered through the First National Bank of Kalama-zoo, April 4th, by Mr. Wallace Davis.

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The choir is currently engaged in learning music for a May Festival program to be presented May 7 in collaboration with Western choral groups and high school choirs of this area. Plans for a spring concert are also getting underway, with young hopefuls auditioning for solos before the choir.

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On May 4, at 9:00 in the Little Theater, the junior class will present the annual junior assembly, with Joe Zitney starting the show off as Master of Ceremonies. Talent from the junior class will include solos, group singing, and a skit which will star class members.
Cub Tennis Team Awaits First Tourney

State High's defending state class "A" tennis champions will open their 1949 season at 3:00 Thursday in Battle Creek against a very strong Battle Creek Central net squad. The match promises to be one of the year's best, for the Bearcats gave State High its toughest opposition in last year's regionals, and are rated one of the best teams in the state this year.

Although the lineups are not set this early in the season, Jim Orwin is expected to face Tom Earle in the number one singles match, Conrad Fischer and Steve Fast will probably play Bob Pelto and Tom Ford respectively. The rest of the singles and doubles lineups are not set, however.

The last meeting between the two schools was held three years ago. The Cubs, Class "B" champs that year, were the winners in two 4-3 margins.

State Tennis Coach

All-Around Athlete

This year's State High tennis coach is Hilt Foster, a graduate of Western Michigan College. Hilt came from Millington High near Flint in 1942, where he was an excellent all-around athlete. He first appeared at Western in 1945 as a member of the training unit stationed here.

He won a football letter that year before he was transferred. After the war he returned to Western to complete his phys-ed major and also managed to pick up three more letters and co-captain the team 1st year.

Mr. Foster soon made it clear to the Cub netters that they would have to work hard to retain the State Class A Crown. The Cubs were hard hit by the loss of Dick Cain and Ken Green last June although the chief threat to Cub supremacy is expected to come from Hamtramck, playing in the State tourney for the first time this year.

Girls Organize Swimming Team

Under the direction of Mrs. Helen Brown, the Girls' Athletic Association is organizing a swimming team. At present the group, which meets every Monday at three o'clock at the pool, is welcoming new members. Intramural and inter class competition is now in order and, if interest is maintained the swimmers hope to plan some inter-scholastic meets.

Cubs Down Allegan Tigers 9-3

The State High Cubs topped their first baseball game of the season as Clair Kirkpatrick and Len Vandenberg took turns on the mound to defeat the Allegan Tigers 9-3. Allegan's Wayne Burton set the Cubs down for the first two innings, but seemed to tire as the game proceeded, and the Cubs got to him in the third with a four run blast and were never behind after that.

Both Vandenberg and Kirkpatrick looked good on the mound and the Cubs showed a good batting attack with Bob Dunbar, Larry Moran, and Chuck Malby getting two hits apiece.

Happy Birthday

APRIL 13—Jim Bowen
14—Marilyn Morris
15—Francis Frey
Billie West
17—Arthur West
John Wills
18—Bob Dalm
Mary Hillard
19—Suzanne Sawyer
Peggy Rood
20—Eugene Keck
Jack Hinderleider
Marilyn Prudeen
21—Joan Baulerla
22—Ruth Ann Emerson
24—Steve Davis
Bill Vann
25—Marilyn Newton
26—Bill Rhodes
27—Virginia Crain
29—Conrad Fischer
30—Doris Dalton

Tracksters To Enter Hastings Relay Contest

On Saturday the 23rd Coach Bob Richmon takes his track crew off to Hastings for the Hastings Relays. It is an annual affair for the Cubs. They will be joined by other district schools such as Niles, Battle Creek Lakeview, and Alma.

Mr. Richmond has almost a complete rebuilding job on his hands this year. Last season's fine 880 relay team is gone, the distance runners have left, plus many fine dash men. The team will be centered around John Smith on the boost jump and hurdles, Jim Orwin on the high jump, Bill Page on the dashes, Roger Burns on the shot put, and other fine prospects.

Time trials have been held for the last few days to place the men at the distance for which they are best suited. Coach Richmond is hoping to find some good replacements for last year's stars.

Tom Woodworth was robbed of hits in the first inning when he slammed terrific blast which was caught beautifully by the Tigers first baseman, and in the fourth and fifth when his long flies were gathered in by the Allegan center fielder. Dunbar had a perfect day at the plate with two hits and two walks in four trips to the plate and Bob "Red" Wood looked great in the field with many good stops and some all around smart ball playing. The Cubs travel to Otsego on Wednesday, April 13, for their second game of the season.

SH To Meet Niles

On Diamond April 22

On Friday, April 22, the Niles baseball team comes to town to take the State Hi aggregation. The game should be a real battle and decide who shall take the Conference crown for both Coach Hutchins' Vikings and our own Cubs are considered by many to be the most powerful teams in the Big Seven.

Last year the Niles club toppled the league crown and will be tough again this season. Their attack will be spearheaded by some fine pitching by Jake Days and Mark Thompson.

The Vikings will have an edge in number of games played so far this season for by the 22, they will have played four games compared to the Cub's one contest with Allegan. Whether Niles will have an edge in ability remains to be seen.

The Cubs certainly should be ready. Coach Stevens has been handing out hard workouts to his club every day after school. And with the Allegan game under their belt the State High baseball machine should be in fine order.

Calendar

April 15—Spring vacation begins at noon
April 20—Golf meet-St. Joseph—here
April 22—Tennis meet with St. Joseph
April 22—Baseball game with Niles here
April 23—Hastings Relays
April 25—Vacation ends
April 26—Track-St. Joseph and S. Haven—here
April 27—Tennis meet with St. Joseph
April 28—Golf meet with Battle Creek Lakeview
April 30—Turnabout
May 2—Track-St. Joseph and Niles at Niles
May 3—Baseball game with Niles—here
Dear Helping Friend

For many years the romance, beauty, and sporting of spring has not affected me. But this year when the snow stopped and the mud began, I felt my heart slip and splash, and suddenly I had joined the multitude.

I was in love. I know I should be happiest when in love, but my problem is far more complex because the man of my life happens to be men.............student teachers. Even worse, I am not completely in love with any one, but with a combination of their most desirable attributes.

There he stands, tall and straight and Mr. Bheeland. When he begins to speak my heart flip-flops for Mr. Hendrickson and then he smiles his adorable Hunsbergerish nose, his Ford bow tie, and Arnold’s wavy hair down over his head.

When I arrived I was plunked into the coolness of their most desirable attributes. I said I was pract'ly perfect. Thiscombination is terribly frustrating and in classes while I listen to one, I dream of another.

Please help me.
In stricttest confidence

Love,

Buttons and Bows Become Bottle Beat

Suppose you people don’t realize how much us coke bottles get around do ya ??? Well, by gosh, we sure get to go places. I originally hail from San Antonio, but I did a little traveling in my time so now I’m far away from home. We coke bottles like to go to dances and parties best of all, though, and if an invite comes up we all rush to be first in line so’s we can be chosen.

I was one of the fortunate ones last week, and got to go to a Red Cross shindig put on by State Hi—that’s in Kalamazoo. As soon as I arrived I was plunked into the cooler so’s I’d be just right by eight-thirty. Early in the evening I was pulled out of place and given to a pair of real purity hands. These delicate Yankee hands soon set me down on the floor under a chair. From here I could see everything and everybody.

It was sort of dark at first but later I got accustomed to it, and boy was I glad to see. Cottons took the lime light although a few old fashioned sweaters and skirts still held out. The orchestra was right swell.—Swingapators, I think that’s what they’re called.

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Freed Meek, an old buddy of mine, was having a swell time. Who wouldn’t, he was with Jane Smith. There the usual were steadies—Woody and Jill, Junie Warden and Bill Page, and Phylis Mannes and Tom Reed.

Seems to me that I saw Pete Lindquest with Fran Cooley too, and sitting just down yonder was Joyce and Barmy. Many new couples too.—Joe Zitney and Mary Jane Shilling, Frank Splitters and Joyce DeMoor, Ann Wise and Frank Maher, and Fred Dino and Sue Glibert.

Alteration couples Pat and Pat, and Claire and Clinton were there too—way back in the dark places.

I got sort of dizzy watching Mac and Loy whizz around so I’m not sure, but I think I saw Mary Ann Tinkham with both John Tuberty and Don Cain.

About this time I was collected and plunked back in my case. I sure hope I can come and see you folks again sometime.

See you all later,

Love,

Coke Bottle

The cast party must have been the fling! There were jitterbug lessons offered free by the eminent Mr. Hoyt. Mrs. Hoyt was a little more apt at it than Lola or Marilyn. The little boys, “Harlan” and “Whitney,” were reluctant to leave Saturday night. Gather that they had to be bodily carried home. This younger generation has more vitality than the experienced seniors. Dawn Birch was enlivening the joint with some Gershwin renditions which seemed to entertain the directors in particular.

Tom Woodworth made a classic remark when he saw his little sister, Sandy and Ted Emerson mirroring Hugh the bump.

“Chuck a few things as girls.”

Famous sayings by unknown people

Charles Malby “That There, This here”
Mollie Boylan “Hey, you kid.”
Skip Ellis “You don’t mind if...”
Bette French-John Smith “You said it kid.”
Shirley Hill “Oh, How terrible”
Sue Ralston “Ye-ous”
Tom Woodworth “Huppygosh”
Miss Stecketee “Go and sin no more”
Julie Cartland “The deadline was yesterday”
Barbara Kolp “I nearly fainted”
Bob Smith “Let’s go bowling”
Don Cain “We got a new car.”
Mike Sebaly “If you play ball with me, I’ll play ball with you.”

"Spring Fever"

—Sue Ralston

Spring is sprung the grass is riz I wonder where my spirit is My one ambition is to gaze At clouds and things way out in space.

My mind’s a constant muddle of All kinds of schoolwork, food, and love The v’am I sported all last month Has up and left me all at once. My average here was a “B” But now it’s dropped down to a “C” My homework now is just a bore But hold my interest once before. The match of Caesar’s armies bold And Gaelic wars—I knew them cold Or Shelley, Shakespeare, Burns, and Keats And all of Cabot’s brilliant feats But now my mind is just a blank I don’t know much so I’ll be frank About this school I care no more Whoops! There’s Sebaly! Where’s the door?"