State Highlights 10/26/1949

Western State High School
Saur Joins Staff

The name and face of Mrs. Gladys Saur, pronounced Saw-cr, is becoming familiar to the Senior students who are taking the newly organized Social Problems class. The one semester course may be new to State High, but Mrs. Saur is not new to the type of work. She has been senior and high principal of Godwin Heights High School, which is just outside of Grand Rapids, for twelve years and is currently teaching a course called "The Art of Living" to W.M.C.'s seniors. She says this is a very interesting situation; comparing high school and college seniors.

Mrs. Saur was born in Sparta, Michigan, which is north of Grand Rapids. Her husband is superintendent of Godwin Heights H. S. Because she is married her other chief occupation is keeping house and cooking, and for pure enjoyment she likes dancing. She is also very interested in state committees concerning modern education. She has a Bachelor of Science and a M. A. Degree, which she acquired at Mich. State Normal College and the University of Mich., respectively.

When asked what she thought of State High's students she replied, "Someone told me they were very sophisticated, but so far the boys and girls I have come in contact with are just like other students. They are genuinely sincere and I like them very much."

We hope you continue to find us so, Mrs. Saur, and we extend to you a hearty welcome to State High.

Smutz Succeeds Paden

Miss M. Elizabeth Smutz, another of State High's new faculty members, succeeds Miss Hazel Paden who was director of the art department for many years.

Miss Smutz achieved her Bachelor's degree at Oberlin College in Ohio, her Master's degree at the Teacher's College of Columbia University, and she also attended Syracuse University in New York State. Before coming to State High, she taught first at Johnstown, Pennsylvania, and then at Paw Paw.

Miss Smutz says that one of her most interesting experiences was the opportunity to study weaving and metal at the Penland School of Handcrafts, located in the scenic mountains of North Carolina. The kinds of art work which she enjoys most are oil painting, metal craft, and ceramics.

Yearbook Launched

Under the direction of a new sponsor, Miss Bernyce Cleveland, plans are already in progress for the annual Highlander. The entire staff has had several meetings in which important points have been discussed and a general outline formed.

Previously, the senior class has had its photographs taken at Powell's Studio, but this year all appointments for pictures are to be made at Linner's. The price for six proofs is $3.00 and there is a special offer of one 8x10, twelve 5x7, and eight billfold size, all for $14.75. Those who wish more or less pictures, the price will be proportional to the $14.75.

Most of you probably remember the tell tale snapshots of some glamorous girls caught by the camera washing her hair or standing in a most unbecoming fashion. Well if any of you happen to possess some of this pictorial information, just write your name on the back of the snapshot and give it to any one on the Highlander staff:

Co-Editors
Alice Teugh
Elizabeth Brenner

Feature Editors
Ann Eldridge
Mary Ann Tinkham
Herta Payson

Organizations
Ann Solomon
Dorothy Tucker

Business Managers
Harley Osborn
Winston Wessells

Subscriptions
Winifred Craig
Jim Hoekje

Photography
Dick Curry
Billie Forbes

Art
Pat Mabie

Besides her two State High classes at 9:00 and 11:00, she teaches art observation, art supervision, and also a new course this year called "Learning through Art" in the college.

Her plans for this year's work are concerned with exploring and experimenting in all the art found in homes, theaters, and industry. These topics include handicrafts, costume, advertising, window displays, and commercial art.

Miss Smutz expresses an enthusiastic interest in the classes and students, and she extends a cordial invitation to those who wish to visit her fascinating classroom.

Initial Committees

The Student Council has finished its selection of committee members. Volunteers were taken from each homeroom, and from these people the following lists have been compiled:

Health—Skip Kindlerberger, Helena Miles, Irene Emerson, Fred Dilho, Carole Smith, Elizabeth Erenner, Dorothy Tucker.

Red Cross—Sally Hayward, Marilyn Kulper, Junie Warden, Lynn Tuberty, Joan Stiles, Alberta Renbarger, Jackie Taylor, Bob Horstman, Ruth Plonke, Cleora Fletcher, Georgann McCrumbl, Sharon West.


Pep—Carole Lage, Marilyn Carlson, Phyllis Balch, Jane Williams, Mary Thompson, Eleanor Alman, Anne Wise, Vivian Smith, Norma Harvey, Joe Zitzney, Al Hackman, Nanette Slavin, Joyce Perry, Ilene Weisman, Betty Jo Burdick, Roger Mills, Pat Paahalek, Phil Steen, Dorothy Cartland, Mel Pettit, Ann Frey, Jackie Worden.

Cheerleaders—Mary Lou Woodworth, Sandy Beebe, Shirley Loughhead, Lois Green, Sandy Hackman, Gene Logan.

Assembly—Herta Payson, Ann Mahoney, Kay Brower, Lorraine Smith, Harley Osborn, Anne Wise, Kathryn Randall, Carol Sheldon, Eleanor Schamehorn, Larry Smith, Dorothy Cartland, Barbara Oakland.

The social committee is extra large this year; and is planning a large number of dances and other social events. It consists of:


Just a Little Cooperation

October 17, the Junior and Senior classes brought to questionable degrees of order their first meetings of this school year.

Jack Hill was elected President of the class of 1950, Due to the number of re-votes that had to be taken, and limited time, the remaining offices of Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer were not filled at this meeting.

The Junior class chose Sandy Hackman to lead them through this important year. Despite definite friction the meeting continued, and Ron Chips was elected Vice President, Joyce Perry, Secretary, and Pat Fahalek Treasurer.

The disturbing elements in the form of a group of Junior boys, have by this time won the disapproval of the rest of the school, particularly the Senior class. If they haven’t by now, these boys will soon realize that this is a pretty big year for them. Making a successful Prom is no small order.

By introducing this feeling of uncooperation, they are not only showing an unsportsmanlike attitude, but they are actually depreciating the name of the class of ‘51, a class of which they might well be very proud.

Athletic Association Attracts Many Girls

During the school year, boys’ sports are constantly making the headlines in the paper, but the girls too are getting in the swing, although in a somewhat milder manner than gridiron workout.

This year, the Girls’ Athletic Association is supervised by Miss Margaret Large, and the first meeting, Monday, October 1, found about twenty-five girls eager to participate in sports.

Back from last year, and twice as peppy, is “Lou” Woodworth to preside as top ranker. Sandy Beebe next as vice president, while “Little Woodworth” is named as secretary. Ann Mahonev holds up the financial end.

Right now there is a badminton tournament being played off, with such sports as volley ball, basketball, tennis, and soft ball to follow with the seasons.

This year’s G. A. A. promises to be lots of fun with the enthusiasm shown so far by State Hi gals, and with plans of a banquet and dance combined with the “S” Club, it’s sure to be a big success!

Sanders Teaches Home Ec.

The former college Home Economics department in the Elementary school has been turned over for Campus school home making exclusively. Joining our faculty this fall in capacity of Home Economics teacher is Miss Ruth Sanders. Miss Sanders did her preparation at the University of Missouri, and at present holds her Masters degree in education from there. Prior to her last two years of teaching in Missouri, Miss Sanders served in the Navy.

She is enjoying her teaching and role of faculty advisor at Walwood Hal.

Debaters to Analyze A Pertinent Problem

Debate plans are underway. Those interested in debating met at 3:00 last Thursday, October 20, in 219A. Mr. Alfred Hinckley, assisted by student advisors Mr. Russell Conway and Miss Dahlgren, is in charge of the team this year. He says that the question is: “Resolved, That the President of the United States should be elected by the direct vote of the people.’

Potential State High debaters are already brushing up on fundamentals of debate and are busily studying on the question as the first debate is tentatively scheduled on Friday, November 17.

For this debate, the first of four elimination contests before the state tournament, State High will be represented by two affirmative and two negative debaters, and we hope, some enthusiastic supporters.

Varied Activities Promote Big Attendance at Canteen

The student canteen under the direction of Mr. O. K. Christians is now located at the newly remodeled YMCA. It is financed by the Community Chest and by the thirty-five cent admission at the door. Three students from State High will be chosen soon for the canteen board of directors. A main attraction of the canteen is its snack bar. Mr. Christians reported that while bowling is the most popular sport, ping-pong, cards, and coed swimming are also offered. Dancing has always been the main activity of the canteen, and this year the YMCA has been remodeled just for that purpose. Eddie Smith’s and Don Dillon’s bands alternate to furnish the music for dancing.

The average attendance is around four hundred students, but after games it sometimes numbers as high as six or seven hundred. Mr. Christians stated that we should be most grateful to the YMCA for letting us have our student canteen there.

State Highlights

The STATE HIGHLIGHTS is published bi-weekly by the students of Western State High School.

Editor-in-Chief ........................................ Mary Fopeano
News Editors ........................................... Joyce Perry, Mary Kuizenga
Sports Editor ........................................... Jim Russel
Feature Editor .......................................... Suzanne Sawyer
Exchange Editor ...................................... Gordon Meints
Photographer .......................................... Dick Curry
Art Editor .............................................. Pat Mable
Cubs Supreme
Ten Years Ago

It was ten years ago, during the 1939 season, that we had one of the greatest football teams of all time in Michigan Class B football history. It had a record of eight wins and one tie and scored a total of 230 points to 12 for its opponents. The team was considered to be the best in the city. In fact the Cubs crushed Three Rivers by a score of 21-0; Three Rivers tied Grand Haven; and Grand Haven beat Central.

Five of the Cubs made the All-City team. They were Ward Sangren, son of Dr. Sangren, president of Western, Ken Stillwell, Pat Cavanaugh, a 210 pound tackle, John Broholm, and Al Mulder. Jerry Hagen described the line as a college sized forward wall. The right guard for the team was Al Bush, present head basketball, truck, and assistant football coach here. Both running and passing were good and the fine offense was balanced with an excellent defense.

The Cubs out-played St. Joe in the first game, but several mis-plays cost them a win and they had to be contented with a 12-12 tie. But after that first game, no one could stop the high-flying hilltoppers. They plowed under all the rest of the teams in the conference plus Eaton Rapids, Allegan and in their last game they completely crushed Grand Rapids Godwin Heights 72-0.

The coach, Frank Noble, said after that game that it was the greatest team he ever coached. Everett Clarke of the Gazette said, "Puns and critics alike who saw State High play, compared the team with any good small college team."

It was the best balanced team in the school's history and was the cream of Kalamazoo's schools that year.

X-Country Team On Own
Awaits Mich. State Meet

This year's cross-country team deserves a special tribute as they work entirely on their own and are without a coach. They don't have any meets scheduled, but all the candidates are working on their time trials in hopes that they can qualify for the State Meet.

So far there are seven boys working out nightly on the college course. These are: Hadley Osborn, Paul Deal, Mel Copeland, Dave Gleason, Roger Mills, Hank De Haan and Schuyler Barnum.

Since Hadley and Paul are the only members of last year's team, they act more or less as coaches and try to keep the boys organized. If there are any fellows who would like to practice with the team, why don't you see Paul or Hadley?
Halloween Party
As Seen in Dream

I hope that you readers do not mind having exposed to one of my fantastic dreams because here is one that I pictured about a Halloween Party planned at school.

So I was entering the woman's gym (even in my dreams the social committee was not considered wealthy) when a show was being presented on stage. Mrs. Vip-crest began the program with a few jokes about bedbugs and horns.

An unusual football game was the next presentation. One team consisted of Jerry Knowlton and Dale Crawford while the other side boasted Trev. Jones and Fred Meek as "stars". Bruce Brown and Fred Hubbell were keeping score and watching the action. An old eraser and several oranges were used as footballs.

A quartette Tom Holdspcy, Bob Lorentz, Tod Borst and Clair Kirkpatrick entertained the crowd by re-creating a selection from the operetta "CARMEN". Dick Seelye arranged the music for the boys.

I never thought such talent possible but I saw Ted Emerson, Fred Dillo, Dave Gleason, Joan Harbour, Betty Jo Burdick, and Judy Bills going through a juggling act.

Secrets were presented by the master of ceremonies Norm Moody and then everybody either indulged in dancing to the music furnished by Dick Shumar, Jim Bowen and Don Kendricks or played games of Ducking For Apples, How Many Pumpkin Seeds In The Jar? and Who Has On The Witches Mask?

In one corner of the dance floor I saw a gym teacher by the name of Miss Margaret Largc, giving some last minute instructions to a few members of the beginners dancing club. Steve Davis and Bill Rhodes were brushing up on the "turn" step, while Mr. Schaly watched in amaze-ment at the accomplishment of the graceful teacher.

Arguing over the number of pumpkin seeds in the jar was Ruth Pionke, Shirley Gary, Sandy Beebe and Jim McCrum. Eleanor Alman and Maxine Bondhouse were trying to unmask the "witch" while I watched Dawn and Dave Roth come up soaking wet after an attempt for an apple.

To close my evening of dreaming I watched the nickels slide down and the Platter Personalities of following unfold:


Skip Miller, "The size of the servings in the cafeteria."

Suzanne Gilbert, "Waiting for people."

Fred Hoyt, "Crowding in the lunch line."

Frannly Cooley, "Boys who talk about girls behind their backs."

Jerry Knowlton, "I just doesn't seem to have one."

Mary Lou Woodworth, "Jack Moss's State Hi. write up."

Ken Sherman, "Girls saying no because they are going with a bunch of the girls."

Joyce Perry, "Being passed up at a bus stop on a rainy day."

Herta Payesh, "People who don't change calendars on time."

Gaylord Kitchen, "Having to get in early."

Billie Forbes, "Being in the same class with my sister."

Don Vrobel, "Girls who gossip in the halls."

Irene Emerson, "Teachers who fili-buster after the bell rings."

Sally Schrier and Companion, "The Smith's locker."

Linda Howard, "People who tear the jokes out of library magazines."

Dale Crawford, "Girls."

Louie Johnson, "Breaking my shoe laces when I'm in a hurry."

Jim Fore, "Girls who call boys on the phone."

Hadley Osborn, "Human cannon balls in the lunchline."

The author, "People who don't have pet pecuies."

Happy Birthday

Pet Annoyances

Oct. 27—Goldie Fooy

Oct. 30—Dale Wilson

Oct. 30—Gail Wilson

Oct. 31—Paul Wheater

Nov. 4—Don Dooley

Nov. 4—Dick Shumar

Nov. 6—Ralph Allen

Nov. 7—Gene Logan

Nov. 8—Kathryn Randall

"Give Me a Little Kiss;" Frank Ma-her, "You're My Everything;" George Reeves, "Say Something Sweet To Your Sweetheart;" Miss Crisman, "You're So Understanding;" the author of the theme songs, "Lyndal and yours truly, "I am Going To Wash That Man Right Out Of My Hair" and "Popcorn Sack."

Hilltopper Reveals Dark Corners

We're wondering if State High could provide a special course on how to operate locker combinations for the benefit of the freshmen, John E. Smith, and Larry Smith. Locker 85 is giving the boys some help.

It seems like a certain hayride brought several of the freshman together: Mary Joyce Maltby andDuncan Carter, Sandy Woodworth and Bob Dalm, and Jim Dollahan invited a freshie!

Are there any girls in the 2:00 gym class who like to chew gum? Hmmm?

State High certainly has a lot of "Cute Couples on Campus!" Shirley Smith and George Reeves seem to be getting along fine; also Eva Aube and George Howe appear to enjoy each other's company... And what's this we hear about Carole Smith and Bill Lanham?

It is rumored that Clare Gemrich, Suzie Gilbert, and Frank Nugent are involved in triangle troubles—geometry, that is. Mr. Weber is working on the problem in his 10:00 class.

You don't have to give John Gibson a pair of shears in order to see him cut a rug. Just wait 'til the next school dance and watch him, with Janet Snow!

Could it be that some junior and senior girls are interested in college men and peroxide parties?

The Year So Green

By DOT JABCON

Now she's the apple of everyone's eye
As she graduates from Junior High;
No wonder that she's all a glow
Her rating now is B. T. O. (big time operator).

But comes the day she enters High;
To pride and rank she says goodbye;
And as she starts that Freshie term,
She feels much lower than the lowest worm.

At dances Freshies can't be picky,
They're stuck with every goon so icky;
Her little partner could really be
A prison convict just set free.

That locker of hers she tries to open,
With desperation just gives up hopin';
Finally she asks a senior-brain
Who knows by heart this very game.

Now in the Cafeteria she bears with-out a grumble
All the sorrows and heartache of the freshies humble;
Her day will come to rise and shine
But now she's last on every line.

Freshie's flame this year,
Lights someone else's heart.

Oh well kids, here's a brand-new term
Who knows, another fire might start.
Take heart, ye Freshmen, be on your guard;
Just for a few years—it might look hard;
Just live and learn—and, suddenly,
A smooth BIG-WHEEL you shall be.