State Highlights 11/9/1949

Western State High School
Woodworth Reigns as Queen

Plans for the "49" Homecoming festivities are completed. These plans propose a full and eventful weekend. The traditional Homecoming queen for "49" finds senior Lou Woodworth reigning with a fellow were pretty proud of as our football captain, "King" Dale Crawford. These royal subjects will be all-important features Saturday night at our dance where they will be crowned. At Niles Mary Lou was received and treated royally when she was presented with a big bouquet of yellow mums which was later exchanged with Nile's queen at the half of the State Hi-Niles tilt, October 28.

With plans being made for a big inter-school pep assembly and parade, this year's Homecoming promises to be as big and important as it has been in previous years. And to add to the State High's parade four girls will serve as Lou's court. These 'Ladies-in-waiting' are Sandy Beebe, Lois Green, Shirley Loughead, and Dawn Williams.

Klinger and Hill Form Dance Band

Remember the Swingcopaters of last year? They formed the dance band that played for many of State High's dances. Now two of those members, Jack Hill and Ted Klinger, are in the new band Ted is organizing this year. It will consist of eight pieces: three saxophones, drums, two trumpets, a trombone and a piano.

The music is going to be the current top tunes plus the old popular hits.

So far, they do not belong to the union. It seems to be much more convenient for both the band and those hiring them if they are not union members.

Besides our own school, many others in neighboring communities have danced to the music of this band. Portage, Comstock and even Niles have been hosts to these musicians. Ted says, "I'm trying to bring together an organization that will not only surpass the other bands in this area in individual ability but as a unit it will surpass in giving a 'big' band effect."

"Bloomer Girls" Instructor

Miss Margaret Large comes to State High from her home in Windsor, Ontario to teach girls' physical education. She will fill the place of Miss Smith who is now working on her Ph.D. degree. Miss Large went to high school in Toronto and received her Bachelor's and Master's degrees at Wayne University. Her interests include soap carving, ice hockey, social dance clubs, and her first attempt at housekeeping. She said that she thinks the dance club is a good idea.

Miss Large taught school in Toronto for a year before she did recreation work with the Royal Canadian Air Force during the last war.

Who's Who and Where

Alumni are in the spotlight this week, and our thoughts turn to last year's grads. There are five enrolled at Michigan State, Skip Bills, Jim Orwin, Barbara Klop, Julia Strome, and John R. Smith. We find now that they have grown accustomed to attending a school boasting 4,600 freshmen and are liking a bit of college atmosphere with concerts by Nelson Eddy, football games with Michigan and all the activities that inevitably go with a big college.

We see John R. Smith dividing his time between music, in which he's majoring, and football. At present he is playing right end on the first string of the freshman football team.

Barbara Klop is taking a general course in the freshman year, but intends to go into elementary teaching.

Basketball takes up most of Jim Orwin's time, as he spends part of every day working out for the freshman basketball team. Jim is taking a general course and as yet has not decided what his career shall be.

Lodged in West Mary Hall is Julia Strome, taking a pre-home economics course. Tap-dancing occupies part of her day.

In preparation for trying out for cheerleading, Skip Bills is taking lessons in tumbling. He is enrolled in a business administration course.

Choir Concert Today

The choir will present "A Ballad for Americans," by John Latouche and Earl Robinson to the school in an assembly in the Little Theater on November 9. It will be directed by Mrs. Leoti C. Britton, with aid from student teachers Charlotte Smith, Pat Herr, and Phyllis Malarney. Mr. Alfred Hinckley will help on the speaking parts.

"A Ballad for Americans" is a modern cantata, containing both speaking parts and music. It is the story of the United States, starting at the time of the Constitution, and coming up into the machine age.

The following students have solo parts in the cantata: Mary Ann Tinkham, Billie Forbes, Norm Moody, Dave Roth, Fred Hoyt, Margaret Burns, Jim Broseau, Joe Spicketts, Arbyl Shock, Alene Waterworth, Bradley Smith, Bill Persons, Vern VerHagge, Paul De Ryke, Pat Bloom, and Nanette Slavin.

CALENDAR

Nov. 9—Assembly-choir (ballroom)

Nov. 10—Report cards
State High parade

Nov. 11—Inter-school Pep assembly; State, Central, and St. Augustine. Lakeview game; Homecoming here. Dad's Day. First Debate

Nov. 12—Homecoming Dance

Nov. 16—Clubs

Nov. 24—Thanksgiving Holiday
Predictions Told At Pep Assembly

A "Beat Battle Creek" pep assembly is being sponsored by Central, St. Augustine and State High on Friday, Nov. 11th at 7:00 o'clock in the Central auditorium.

Mary Lou Woodworth, Mary Ann Tinkham, Sandy Hackman, and Pat Mable are our representatives on the assembly committee, and Sandy is chairman of the script writing committee.

We have been informed by mysterious sources that a Swami is going to be there to review the past, present, and peer into the future.

This rally has been an annual affair between State High and Central, but this is the first time St. Augustine has been included. It should be bigger and better than ever.

Remember the generations of fine celery behind us, and take the crispness out of those Post Toasties.

Freshman Initiated

The upperclassmen's day to howl, and we mean bow!, is State High's Homecoming on November 11th. The freshmen will meet Battle Creek Lakeview and old alumni, dressed for the occasion.

The girls will sprout four pigtails each to be tied with either a blue or gold ribbon. Similar to last year, jeans, v-neck sweaters, one blue and gold sock will become the rage for the class of '53. Incidentally, boys, the new length in jeans is slightly below the knee.

Trapped with the blue beanie which all freshmen bought on Monday and Tuesday and are to wear all week and to the game on Friday, the freshmen find themselves quite the sensations. Or will the sensations find them?

Parlez-vous Francaize?

This year Mr. Frank Fliess and his student teachers have organized a high school French club. The members include all students from the French classes and a few from last year's class. The club had its first meeting on Friday, November 7, at 7:00 in the Van Gogh room of Wallwood, and will continue its meetings once a month there after.

The purpose of the club is to help students understand and appreciate the cultural and social manners of the French. Toward that goal, movies pertaining to France and other places where the French influence prevails will be shown. The first movie was entitled "Canada." The meeting also included dancing and refreshments, besides a regular business meeting.

Pertinacities

It seems that everybody has some characteristic that is a fine point of their personality. Your roving reporter has had great difficulty in spotting these points for it isn't very common to go around with a Sherlock Holmes look and notebook and pencil, receiving much abuse as one waddles down the halls at all sorts of odd hours.

While I was meandering, I noticed that Bev. Griggs, Jack Wooden and Larry Bush were constantly popping out of Study Hall for "borrowing" an eraser or to sharpen a pencil not to be outdone by John Gelder. Of course, the outside of St. Augustine was also full of busy bodies, unlike the cheerleaders, who hardly ever leave the playground in back of Central for a bonfire and pep meeting.

Orchids to Niles for the swell reception they gave our Queen at their homecoming.

Congratulations and thanks to Mr. Belof and the band for all the time they've put in after school, marching prior to the Homecoming game. Orchids, also, to Gaylord Kitchen who was elected to lead the band as drum major. Gaylord doesn't twirl but a 7th grader, Carol Hartman, is going to take care of that. The best of luck with your marching band.

"Toil of the Brave," "Red Heritage," "Holdfast Brains," "Everafter," and "Captain Caution" are some of the new books that are in the library for the American Literature classes.

It seems like State High is having a "Dad's Day" this year. The footballers' fathers are to sit on the bench, wearing their son's number pinned on their backs. Free hotdogs and coffee will be furnished for them by the home economics department.

Who is going to put out the Low Lights this year? Anyone, you too boys interested in publishing the "rag sheet" on an alternate Wednesday night with the Highlights should put their name in the blue box near the trophy case upstairs. The H. L. staff and their advisor will help with the technical side. The more the merrier and the better gossip paper!

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**Rams and Cubs Reach Deadlock**

State High's chances of eluding the Big 7 Conference cellular escaped when South Haven and State High deadlocked in a 0-0 tie, though it did end a four game losing streak for the Cubs.

The Cubs started the game by marching to the South Haven 24 yard line, only to lose the ball when one of the Hill's passes was intercepted. Later in the first quarter the Portage second string on their own stamping grounds in driving to a 12-0 lead at the half. The Cubs had two scoring opportunities but failed to capitalize them when they staged a 60 yard drive to the Rams 14, and a Cub mule recovered a fumble on the Ram's 16. It was the game old story, the life saver, the intercepted pass. Portage's second string ran around end to score but the play was called back because of a clipping penalty. Portage never was inside the rest of the game.

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**From Under The Bench**

Please excuse the prediction in the last issue. It won't happen again. You're going to make me predictions this edition.

Thank you for your understanding.

**B's Sting Portage by Score of 12-0**

The Reserves completely outplayed Portage's second string on their own stamping grounds in driving to a 12-0 victory Tuesday, November 1st. Showing immense improvement, the little Cubs scored on their third of the ball on the Cub 4 yard line with first down. The Cub forward wall really sparked as they held and took over on downs.

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The Cubs took a solid grip on the basement berth of the Big Seven Conference when they were trounced to a 6-0 tie by Niles. The Cubs received the opening kick-off and proceeded to score on a 64 yard drive to the Rams 14, and received the opening kick-off and proceeded to score on a 64 yard drive to the Rams 14, and finally ran away with the game. The Cubs had two scoring opportunities but failed to capitalize them when they staged a 60 yard drive to the Rams 14, and a Cub mule recovered a fumble on the Ram's 16. It was the game old story, the life saver, the intercepted pass. Portage's second string ran around end to score but the play was called back because of a clipping penalty. Portage never was inside the rest of the game.

The Reserves' defense was very good, and Portage never was inside the State High 35-yard line. Several Portage possess passes were intercepted by Al Hackman and Don Gili to keep a Portage threat from materializing.

The offense was spearheaded by the long runs of Ken Sherman and numerous short gains by Duncan Carter. The first quarter team was scored by Ken Sherman on a 55-yard run, a reverse between left tackle and end. The other was on a pass from Dollahan to end Ted Emer-

**Sports Scribe Picks All-Star Girls Team**

For the center of our line, Ruth Pionke looks to be the best. She would be a rugged competitor on offense and a good linebacker on defense.

When it came to the backfield, the job turned into really rough going but it finally came out like this: quarterback, Sandy Hackman, halfbacks, Lois Green and Sandy Beebe, fullback Shirley Loughhead. This backfield, combining speed with power and deception, would give the needed punch for a good squad.

**Lakeview and Cubs Vie for Trophy Friday**

State High gridders will wind up the '49 season with an annual "Trophy Game" again Battle Creek Lakeview. The Cubs defeated the Spartans last year by a 7-0 count and thus have the trophy in their possession. State High has dropped 5 games in 7 starts but will be all out to end the season with a win and retain the trophy.

Statistically, State will be the underdog, as Battle Creek won over Coldwater, and Coldwater defeated Three Rivers. But Battle Creek hasn't been too impressive since, and the game should be a thrilling battle.

Battle Creek has both a left and right-handed passer which is always an asset. Earl Holcomb is their top ground gainer. He has averaged 6.8 yards per try. They also have an effective kicker in Richard Smith. Rounding out the rest of the starting eleven will be: ends, McDonald and Rowe, tackles, Kirkham and Campbell, guards, Roberts and Messner, center, Creech, and backs, Hulse and Bailey.

The Cubs have shown considerable improvements even though losing to impressive scores. If the school will stay behind the team, it will help a great deal. I'm sure the players will do their best in this important contest.

Coach Stevens will rely on the following lads to fulfill his hopes. Ends, Knowlton, Smith, McCrum and Mindeman; tackles, Gelder, Hubbell, Hager, and Rhodes; guards, Crawford, Lindquist, L Smith and Sterner; centers, Coffield and Hoyt; and backs, Zitney, Spitters, Ryan, Hill, Meek, Nieboer, Page, and Seelye.
Rhyme of The Midnight Terror

Its life span is not vast;
I think you will agree,
One
gauging, unearthly creatures

'Twas only just a week ago,
I, out of the dark came she,
And she shone bright, and then her
light
Was quenched in a cloudy sea.

The tree swayed gently to and fro;
The spirits all around
All from a black and moonless sky
My light and restless drowse.

Seconds passed—an endless wait...
... until the door!

Then suddenly I smiled in shame.
Why, those weren't ghosts or
monsters?

The children waiting at my door,
Grinning gaily through fantastic
night.

Chivalry?

He: (at the movies)—"Can you see
all right?"
She: "Yes."
He: "Is there a draft on you?"
She: "No."
He: "Seat comfortable?"
She: "Yes."
He: "Mind changing places?"

' Bundles of Joy'

While messing up Mrs. Jarman's
index files, I happened to come across
these facts:
Nov. 11, Milburn Copeland was presented with a little
brother, Gordon. Nov. 11, A red-faced
seven pound baby girl arrived. She was later named
Clara Genrich. Also on
Nov. 12, Tom Holdship first an-

nounced himself. Nov. 19, Marilyn
Enz let out a healthy squall. Way
down south in St. Louis a prominent
member of the class of '52 was born,
Ted Emerson. On Nov. 20, Kay Brow-
er first saw the light of day weighing
in at 7 pounds. On Nov. 22, at In-
diana Harbor 7 pounds worth of Donna
Tucker arrived. Nov. 23, both
Franklin Cooley and Debbie Parker
had a birthday, their very first ones.
I have finally come to Joe Zitney's
and he doesn't have a birthday
between Nov. 10 and Nov. 23.

Sophomore Roll Call

Sophisticated—Don Smith
Optimistic—Bill VanLaar
Pleasing—Vivian Smith
Happy—Pete Shock
Obilging—Bill Malina
Most brainy—Dot Cartland
Original—Shirley Smith
Responsible—Linda Ellet
Energetic—Robin Rose
Comical—Bruce Dillon
Likeable—Kate Randall
Absent minded—"Tours Truly"
Sweet—Bill Hoyt
Shy—George Hager

While the team was dressing in
South Haven the boys were all
saying, "Here's my billfold and watch
Winston." All of a sudden I heard,
"Pass the valuable bag. I want to
put my socks in it." Fred is proud
of the socks Jane knit him.

Current talk in the football locker
room is the idea of purchasing a full
view mirror for Pat Coffield who
departs in dressing in front of the pres-
ent half-view mirror.

Jim Hawkins seems to have de-
veloped poor eyesight in Algebra class,
or maybe he just prefers the back
row.

For a "woman hater" Jim Brosseau
is doing all right.

Junior boys have suggested a
course of etiquette for junior and
senior girls lacking in manners.

Certain Seniors are swearing re-
venge on the names they scraped
from 211 study hall desks. I'm still
looking for the author of 'Pete done
it.'

We have frequently heard Notre
Dame's song by some of the boys
when "tiny" George Howe passes by.
Reserve's Howe seems to be a good
comparison with Leon Hart, star end
of Notre Dame.

Ted Klinger and Jackie Andrus
must really like football games.

Even after three years of math,
Herta is still mixed up by triangles.

Some of the nicknames floating
around State High are interesting.
Can any one identify the following?

"Waynee" Hope
"Inky" Van Stratton
"Hayseed" Bond
"P. A. M."
"William" Forbes
"Bud" Meek
"Bub" West
"Clem" Drummond