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# State Highlights

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## 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 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.

## 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

## 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 Brosseau, Joe Spicketts, Arbyrl Shook, Alene Watterworth, Bradley Smith, Bill Persons, Vern VerHage, Paul De Ryke, Pat Bloom, and Nanette Slavin.

## 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 4,500 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 frosh 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.

## 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 two o'clock in the Central auditorium.

Mary Lou Woodworth, Mary Ann Tinkham, Sandy Hackman, and Pat Mabie 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, look over the 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.

## Frosh Initiated

The upperclassmen's day to howl, and we mean howl, 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, yellow 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.

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

## Parlez-vous Francaise?

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 Walwood, 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.



A pep parade sponsored by Central, State, and St. Augustine will start at Bronson Park Thursday, November 10, at 7:00 p.m. and continue to 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. Belooef 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 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!

## Pertinalities

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 a notebook and pencil, receiving much abuse as one wanders 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 a doughnut, eraser or to sharpen a pencil not to be outdone by John Gelder. Of course in the halls also was Jim Hoekje with his everlasting "buddie" Winston. Two very willing and helpful monisters are Don Cain and Pete Lindquist.

During class I have noticed Robin Rose with her short blond locks. Sandy Hackman always endures her subjects with her shoes off! Bill Persons wears his shoes, but not always the saddle or loafer type. He likes white tennis shoes. Pat Coffield prefers bright red corduroy trousers. If you notice a huddle consisting of Joe Zitney and Dick Seelye, you will probably find the other heads holding down Dawn Williams and Lois Green.

Between class you can see Dale Crawford either helping someone with a broken heart or pasting pictures of Ted Williams in his notebook. Margaret Burns is always picking remains of gum from the area around her face. What brand of bubble gum do you chew? Noted for his shiny red face is Fred Hubbell. Tom Johnson entertains the Seniors with his snappy talk despite the threats of rough, tough Jerry Knowlton.

While Mary Lou Woodworth always carries a lot of books around, you will find Bill Rhodes with just a pencil behind his ear. Despite having a lot of business to carry on, Frank Spitters manages to keep his locker quite orderly.

During the last few seconds between class you will still find Skip Sterner with his "Da George" expression. Al Ryan is still fooling around while John E. Smith is still being called Smitty.

As the final bell tolls Martha Brown stops her constant eating, Janet Shiley dashes with her red raincoat and Garrett Kruizenga shifts his long strides to begin class.

## State Highlights

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## Rams and Cubs Reach Deadlock

State High's chances of eluding the Big 7 Conference cellar 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 found the Cubs on the Rams' 10. Spitters ran around end to score but the play was called back because of a clipping penalty. South Haven watched the golden lights vanish when they had the ball on the Cub 4 yard line with first down. The Cub forward wall really sparkled as they held and took over on downs.

In the second half the Cubs had two scoring opportunities but failed to monopolize them when they staged a 64 yard drive to the Rams 14, and a Cub mule recovered a fumble on the Ram's 16. It was the same old story, the life saver, the intercepted pass and fumbles. Spitters led the State running attract while the Cub line played a great game.

The Cubs took a solid grip on the basement berth of the Big Seven Conference when they were trounced to the tune of 47-0 by Niles. The Cubs received the opening kick-off and through a series of plays toted the ball to the Niles 21. The threat vanished when a Cub pass was intercepted. The Cubs only threat was in the last half, but nothing came of it. The Vikings scored once in the first three quarters and four times in the last quarter. What there was to the Cubs offense was sparked by Hill's passing.

## 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 offensive play to rock Portage back on their heels and kept them there the rest of the game.

The Reserves' defense was very good, and Portage never was inside the State Hi 35-yard line. Several Portage passes were intercepted by Al Hackman and Don Gill 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 of the two touchdowns 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

The Second Annual State High All-Girls Football Team, as picked by a Highlights sports scribe, has a pair of fast ends, a heavy forward wall and a small but fast and tricky backfield. The team is composed of seven seniors, three juniors, and one sophomore.

At the ends we find Dorothy Tucker, glue-fingered speed merchant, and an equally fast and hard-to-tackle end, Jill Gannaway. This pair should be capable of worrying any opposing backfield.

We have two large, hard-hitting tackles in Margaret Burns and Mary Lou Woodworth. We are sure that this pair would be able to open large holes in an opposing line, and would be almost impenetrable on defense.

The guards are a hard-hitting pair, Sandra Woodworth and Shirley Gary. These two would, we feel, make good in the middle of the line, where their charging power would help very much.

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 finally it came out like this: quarterback, Sandy Hackman, halfbacks, Lois Green and Sandy Beebe, and fullback Shirley Loughead. This backfield, combining speed with power and deception, would give the needed punch for a good squad.

The lineup:

L.E.-Dorothy Tucker  
L.T.-Margaret Burns  
L.G.-Shirley Gary  
C.-Ruth Pionke  
R.G.-Sandra Woodworth  
R.T.-Mary Lou Woodworth  
R.E.-Jill Gannaway  
Q.B.-Sandra Hackman  
L.H.-Lois Green  
R.H.-Sandra Beebe  
F.B.-Shirley Loughead

## From Under The Bench

Please excuse the prediction in the last issue. It won't happen again. You'll find no predictions this edition. Thank you for your understanding.

Jack Sipperly, who starred at guard for the Cubs two years ago is now doing the same for Western's freshman team. Jack won four letters in football when he attended State. He also was a topnotch track man. As a senior he made the third string All-State team. He should be welcomed to Western's varsity next year.

Basketball practice will begin Wednesday, Nov. 16 in the Physical Education Annex. The first game is with Dowagiac, December 2. The Cub cagers should fare better than this year's edition of the football squad. The team's tournament hopes have risen because of the return of Jim Pore. Jimmy will not be eligible to participate until the second semester.

Big Jerry Knowlton is a boy who has been playing a good brand of football all season long. Jerry's end play has stood out amongst the football team of this year. "Red" won his football letter last year while playing at end, and later at tackle. He is also a standout as center on the basketball team and during the spring is a fine 440 man on the track team. Jerry came to State from the Training School.

The football team should be in good condition for Friday's game with Lakeview. Captain Dale Crawford has been having a little trouble with his leg, but it ought to be cleared up before then.

The State High-Lakeview trophy is down in Mr. Sebaly's office. Let's see that it stays there.

The extra points were attempted by Bill Hoyt. One hit the cross-bar and bounced off. The other was wide.

## Lakeview and Cubs Vie for Trophy Friday

State High gridders will wind up the '49 season with an annual "Trophy Game" against 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 6.6 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 by unimpressive 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, McCrumb, 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

I have a horrid memory,  
Its life span is not vast;  
But now and then I do recall  
One evening in my past.

'Twas only just a week ago,  
I think you will agree,  
That gaunt, unearthly creatures  
Were wildly running free.

The moon had risen in the sky,  
Out of the dark came she,  
And she shone bright, and then her  
light  
Was quenched in a cloudy sea.

The trees swayed gently to and fro;  
Over their branches flew  
Broomsticks bearing haunted forms  
To a mid-night rendezvous.

The witches here, the goblins there,  
The spirits all around  
Shrieked and growled, and screamed  
and howled,  
Delighting in the sound.

All from a black and moonless sky  
The demons seemed to pour,  
And then with ghastly fingers pale,  
They tapped upon my door!

Alone, alone, all all alone,  
Alone in an empty house,  
I woke in mortal terror from  
My light and restless drowse.

Seconds passed—an endless wait . . .  
I sat, nor breath nor motion;  
Of what to do or how to act  
I had no earthly notion.

Then suddenly I smiled in shame.  
My hazy thoughts had cleared;  
Why, those weren't ghosts or  
monsters,  
As I at first had feared!

The children waiting at my door,  
Decked out from head to feet,  
Grimed gaily through fantastic  
masks  
And muttered, "Trick or treat!"

O, sleep may be a gentle thing,  
Beloved from pole to pole,  
But sometimes it can terrorize  
One's very mind and soul!

Farewell, farewell, but this I tell  
To you who often dream,  
'Tis better far to stay awake  
If it is HALLOWEEN!

## 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?"

## 'Burdles of Joy'

While messing up Mrs. Jarman's index files, I happened to come across these facts: Nov. 11, **Milburn Cope-land** was presented with a little brother, **Gordon**. Nov. 11, A red-faced seven pound baby girl arrived. She was later named **Clare Gemrich**. Also on Nov. 12, **Tom Holdship** first announced himself. Nov. 19, **MarilynENZ** 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 Brower** first saw the light of day weighing in at 7 pounds. On Nov. 22, at Indiana Harbor 7 pounds worth of **Dojna Tucker** arrived. Nov. 23, both **Franilyn Cooley** and **Debbie Parker** had a birthday, their very first ones.

I have finally come to **Joe Zitney's** card, 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 Shook  
Obliging—Bill Malia  
Most brainy—Dot Cartland  
Original—Shirley Smith  
Responsible—Lilla Eliet  
Energetic—Robin Rose  
Comical—Bruce Dillon  
Likable—Kate Randall  
Absent minded—"Yours Truly"  
Sweet—Bill Hoyt  
Shy—George Hager

## Not the 'Voice' But Our Own Frank S.

Since he first entered State High as a sophomore in the fall of 1947, Frank Spitters has taken a lead in the athletic, student governing, and social activities of our school. During the second semester of his first year here, he served as president of his homeroom, an office he held for two semesters last year. After playing reserve



teams, Frank succeeded in making 3 major letters during 1948-49 on the gridiron as left half, on the gym floor as guard, and on the diamond as second baseman. This year as vice president of Student Council Frank is heading the citizenship committee—which deals with problems of the halls, lunchroom, and general campus behavior.

Frank's college plans include 2 years at Western, and then the U. of M. majoring in architectural drawing. Yup, all that and he sings too. Tenor in State High's barber shop quartet.



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 valuables 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 delights in dressing in front of the present half-view mirror.

Jim Hawkins seems to have developed 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 revenge 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