State Highlights 12/14/1949

Western State High School
"Long Christmas Dinner" Prepared

The cast (in order of appearance):
Lucia ........................................ Ann Eldridge
Roderick .................................. Dick Curry
Mother Bayard ............................ Shirley Gary
Cousin Brandon .......................... Bradley Smith
Charles ..................................... Hadley Osborn
Genevieve ................................. Herta Payson
Leonora .......................... Jacki Slaughter
Cousin Ermingard ...... Illyne Weisman
Lucia, II .............................. Mary Tinkham
Sam ........................................ Joe Spicketts
Roderick II .......................... George Reeves

Hinckley Previews Play

On Friday, December 16, State High will present "The Long Christmas Dinner" by Thornton Wilder. The play is unusual in that a span of 90 years is represented in continuous action. The setting is so arranged that there are two doors at the back of the drawing room in the Bayard home. One door represents the beginning of life and the other, the end. A nurse will, from time to time, bring in the new arrivals, and as the people exit through the other door we know they have died.

The passage of time is indicated in the dialogue continually by little hints. Sometimes the characters refer to events we know about as having taken place several years ago. The unseen servants' names change, pointing out change in time. The play is about real human lives, but is very non-realistic. It is like a fairy tale about a real family, thinking real thoughts, living real lives, but running them all together in a series of Christmas dinners without interruption.

The play is not without its light moments and times of gaiety and fun. In fact, all elements of life are presented—sorrow, happiness, revolt, reconciliation, birth, and death. The changes in customs, beliefs, and traditions from one generation to the next appear in rhythmical flow from one Christmas dinner to the next. This is induced by the rhythm that we feel about us.

Dear States Winners

The Student Council-sponsored magazine sale is now in its final stages, with the awarding of the prizes and the big "drawing" remaining. A grand total of $4,256.00 was brought in, and the Junior class has sold $117.60. A special vote of thanks should be given to Paul Deal, who was chairman of the sale, and to his helpers, Bob Smith, Gaylord Kitchen, Mary Fopeano, and Jack Hill. Also helping from the homerooms were Shirley Smith, Jim Hoekje, Jackie Slaughter, Janie Snow, Doris Bell, Lilla Ellet, Pat Bloom, Mary Hilliard, Ann Frey, Kay Brower, "Red" Gemrich, and Brooks Godfrey.

The Eighth graders get the free bus trip to any basketball game they choose, while Bernadine Paul, top saleswoman, will receive a Parker Pen and Pencil Set. Winifred Craig, will get the second prize of any magazine subscription of her choosing. The awards for top homeroom salesmen go to the following:

Joe Scott, 201A; Polly Allen, 208A; Illyne Weisman, 15A; Jackie Slaughter, Highlights; Dave Wank, Band; Ethel Peelan, 13A; Herta Payson, 301B; Bernadine Paul, 303B; Frank Goodrich, 219A; Joan Baureler, 204A; Mary Thomson, 217A; Barbara Forbes, 206A; and Winifred Craig, Monitors.

Sophomores Elect Leaders

This year the Sophomore class has chosen two boys and two girls to represent them. Ted Emerson is president, Maynard Nieboer is vice president, Carole Smith is secretary, and Kathryn Wood had been elected to count the class money. Ted Emerson came to the Training School, in the last part of the eighth grade, from Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He is now Captain of our reserve basketball team.

Maynard Nieboer, also a player on the reserve team, hails from Oakwood Junior High. Carole Smith has had previous experience as president of her eighth grade class at Milwood, and Kathryn Wood served on the Student Council at Parchment.

Moonlight Mood for "Mistletoe Magic"

"They danced 'til midnight, midst music, marquiseet, and mistletoe"—this caption might well be used to describe our annual Christmas formal which is December twenty-first at Walwood Hall. Jill Gaugaway is chairman of the committee planning the formal. She has obtained Bobby Davidson's orchestra to furnish the music. You may buy your tickets from Joan Baureler or any other social committee member for $1.50 per couple.

Decorations are being planned by Pat Mabie and will be put up by Frances Frey and her crew of decorators.

Winifred Craig is inviting alumni from two years back, and Jack Hill is in charge of chaperone invitations. Nancy Strome is managing advertising.

Mary Lou Woodworth is responsible for refreshments. Annaliss Frey is making arrangements for people to take tickets at the door.

Remember, boys are not the only ones who will do the asking. You gals that would like to invite fellows from Central, St. Augustine, or an out-of-town school, don't hesitate. The more there are, the merrier it will be!

Other schools aren't to be forgotten. Central's formal, Frozen Fantasy, is on December nineteenth. John Drenth is chairman of the planning committee.

St. Augustine's plans for a dance at time of printing were undecided.

CALENDAR

Dec. 16—School closes for Christmas vacation.
Dec. 17—Basketball game with East Grand Rapids, there.
Dec. 21—Christmas formal.
Jan. 3—School days begin again.
Jan. 6—Basketball game with Buchanan, here.
Jan. 10—Basketball game with Three Rivers, there.
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HEAR! YE! HEAR! YE!

The French Club is meeting regularly once a month now. Guests are invited.

On Nov. 28, Mr. Morris from the Drug Shop and Mr. Hale from the Oakland Pharmacy spoke on the subject, "Pharmacy." at the 8:00 and 2:00 o'clock chemistry classes respectively. Class discussion followed.

Bouquets to Ted, Jack, and Jerry for directing our twenty minute impromptu assembly.

Orchids and gardenias to Paul Deal for the wonderful job he did managing the magazine sale.

The Blue and Gold Review will be given February 18th and 18th. The audition committee will soon be looking for talent and co-operation from the clubs and different organizations of the school.

The debate squad invaded Battle Creek Central on Nov. 29. The affirmative team of Dick Curry and Hadley Osborn successfully debated the Battle Creek opposition. The State High negative team, Carol Cessna and Shirley Smith, lost by a close decision to the Battle Creek affirmative.

After Christmas the Student Council is going to sponsor a clothing drive for the people of Europe.

Pat and Lilla Win

Prizes for the Poster Contest sponsored by the Kalamazoo Exchange Club were captured by Pat Mabie and Lilla Ann Eliet on Monday, November 28, 1949.

First prize of six dollars was awarded to Pat Mabie, art editor of the Highlights and Highlander, while Lilla Eliet, sophomore, won a second prize of five dollars.

The Gift for Betty

"Uh-Dad-a, suppose I could have an advance on my allowance?"

"Young man! Don't you realize that money doesn't grow on trees! You've already had advances for nine weeks! Furthermore, it's almost Christmas and we've already overspent our budget. No, I'm sorry, son, but I can't advance you any more."

"Well, gee whiz! How do you like that. After all, I'd pay him back, some day. Maybe Mom'll loan me some."

Jim went into his bedroom and combed his hair. Funny thing — only a couple of months ago Mom had been naggimg him to keep his hair combed, and now she complained because he spent so much time in front of the mirror!

He went into the kitchen where his mother was getting supper, and broached the subject again. "Mom, ya know, it's less than a week until Christmas and - well . . . I haven't got any money left, and Mom, I've just got to get Betty something for Christmas. There's a compact down at the jewelry store I'd kinda' like to get her. It only costs five bucks, and I thought maybe you could loan it to me."

"Jim, I'm sorry, but your father and I have talked it over, and we really don't think that we can give you any more. I guess you'll just have to earn the money."

"Earn! But Mom!" "But, after all, he did have to have the money. He thought about Betty, who had blonde curls and laughing blue eyes. A couple weeks ago he hadn't even known she was around, and then, Bang! All of a sudden he was "smut" like he'd never been "smut" before. He thought about Harry Johnson, too. He knew that Harry liked Betty and that he'd probably get her something pretty nice. Yes, he'd have to earn the money. But how?"

Mom had an idea. "Well, Jim, sister is supposed to take care of the Archer's children tonight, but Joe asked her to go to a movie, so maybe you could take over the job."

"Me! Baby sit? But Mom!" But Jim "baby sat" and liked it, (though not too much). The next day he shoveled all the walks in the block and by five-thirty that night he had earned four dollars and a half. In the next two days he made no money at all. Even the grocer had a list of boys who wanted to deliver groceries.

The morning before Christmas he earned seventy-five cents more shoveling the walk again and helping Mary, his sister, do the dishes. That afternoon he bought the compact, and Mary wrapped it for him.

Right after supper he put on his coat, (and combed his hair twice!) and pushed over to Betty's house. She opened the door and asked him in. She was quite excited, for she had not been_here for some time. He took her hand and they talked a little while as she opened the package. She lifted the compact and turned to Jim. "Oh, Jim! What a beautiful compact. I just love it! It's just what I wanted, but Mother said I was too young to have one this year."

Suddenly baby-sitting and snow shoveling weren't such bad ways of earning money, after all!
IT'S IN THE BAG!

Dear Santa:

I know you're very busy,
And this is nothing new.
You did a swell job last year,
Will you try this year, too?

For the formal I've a mellow man,
But won't you please, if you can,
Fix all my friends with a mellow date
So at the dance they'll really rate.

Clare Gemrich wants a locker
Of her very own,
Where she is safe from Carolyn's books,
Always tumbling down.

Please send George a bigger brain,
Fly a paper doll to Donnie Cain,
John Smith needs some more hair,
C. Kirkpatrick, a maiden fair.

Mr. Hackney and Mr. Bush
Will soon be under locks;
Unless you bring them, Santa Claus,
Synchronizing clocks.

Thank you, thank you, Santa Claus,
To me you're really swell.
If these are done 'fore Christmas Eve
I'll know that all is well.

Love,
Kate Randall

He has some wonderful looking men here for all of you girls who have registered an interest. Shirley Gary is receiving her man clad in a pair of bell bottom trousers. Joanie Harbour is going to get a tall, dark, and handsome college man. Also, Santa has a red head wrapped in a big box and tied with a large red ribbon for Cleora Fletcher. It wouldn't be a teddy bear, would it? To Marilyn Carlson he's giving "Captain" Dale.

He's just put in Al Ryan's favorite dish, a Kellogg product named Lynn. I guess Steve Fast will find one of the "cozy" green stocking caps worn by Al and J. K. under his Christmas tree.

Dale Crawford is receiving two presents this year. One is naturally Marilyn. The other is merely a bill calling for the extension of High School to grades 13 and 14. It will go into effect next fall.

Mary Joyce Maltby is acquiring an automatic stamper so she won't have to print all of those programs any more.

Into the bag goes a record of "I'm in the Mood for Love" for Frances Frey and I see he's not forgotten the "adequate props."

Now Santa's closing his bag and drawing the strings tight, but not before handing me a receipt for "A little affection from you know which direction" via "Mule Train."

So with a Merry Christmas to all he will send you the things you want by his speediest reindeer service.

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Students of State High are thinking mighty hard about New Year’s resolutions this year. Some are even beneficial. For instance, Miss Bernyce Cleveland resolves “to save a few lives in the halls, even at the risk of my own.” We certainly should all resolve to help her keep her resolution.

A few of our fellow students wish to stick up for their own rights in the future. For example, Joan Biljum claims she is going to solve her own problems without assistance from others, and from now on, Joe Spickett’s visits to Gull Lake will be strictly sub rosa! Barbara Forbes says, “I resolve never to stop fighting with my sister while she is in the lead.” (We’re wondering if Barb would sell us a few ringside seats for the performance)? Kate Randall says she is going to avoid Suzanne Sawyer’s lemons in 11:00 geometry. (Perhaps Sue would like a proper juice-squeezer for Christmas)!

Another of the “higher ups” was heard from. Mr. Frank Fliess resolves to accept no more homework in excess of ten pages. I think he was referring especially to Dorothy Tucker and Helena Miles, but all you French and German students should bear that in mind.

Concerning State Hi’s familiar triangle—Lorraine, Phyllisanne, and Arthur—it appears that not even the New Year can break up the threesome. The Great Casanova, himself, is determined to keep his two girls, and Loraine has sincerely resolved to love Phyllisanne.

It seems that we have some really reformed characters in our midst. Nanette Slavin is busily polishing her “slightly tarnished halo” by refusing to associate with masculine creatures.

Mary Joyce Maltby is determined to make no more resolutions till next year. Maybe she’s just tired of breaking them all.

As for Bill Hoyt, he resolves not to resolve any more resolutions after last year’s contribution; and perhaps that’s not a bad idea at all!

The Student Council promises to be a better place next year. Paul Deal is not going to lose any Student Council money, and Jill Gannaway swears to get the minutes out at least one week early. More power to them!

Winifred Craig, says she’ll tolerate no more back seat drivers, and as of Jan. 1, Jackie Slaughte, Mary Ann Tinkham, and Mary Fopeano, will ride in the trunk.

Eleanor Scamehorn has relinquished her habit of alibing—(She says), and Mr. Hinckley can now rejoice, for Jim Brosseau has promised never again to mumble words in speech class.

Robin Rose has a good idea. She resolves not to come to school any more ‘cause it’s a bad influence on her. Maybe she has something there.

Life should be more bearable for certain people now that Marilyn Carlson has decided not to tease Dale about all his women, and Ruth Pionke is planning to refrain from growling “Forget it” to her friends. Shirley Gary gives her word that she won’t pinch “poor little tender Coffield anymore.” (We didn’t know Shirley was such a bully)!

As for those who are continually attempting to escape the walls of school, Carolyn Fox promises that she will not be excused from classes more than four days a week, and Bill Page says he will no longer try to get out of 8:00 study. There is evidence of a less-mild manner of dismissal from studies—Margaret Burns resolves not to get kicked out of gym class more than twice a week.

Jim Pore is really taking this seriously. He is giving up “cigarettes, whiskey, and wild, wild, women.” Wonder what Lola has to say about this?

Of course there had to be a joker in the pack. Graham Bradley Smith resolves only to “fill this out properly and put it in the Highlights box.”

During the remainder of our school year we shall watch with the greatest interest for all those who live up to their promises—if any!
The Dowagiac game was thrilling even though the Cubs lost, but the things that happened in the stands were even more interesting. The noise of the cheerleaders of the band was so great that I could hardly comprehend what was going on around me, but I did notice a few little things.

For instance, there was Fred Meek and you-know-who up in the last row. Must have been rather nice back there. Pat Coffield was also there, and by coincidence so was Janet Bachelder. Bruce Brown and Sue Anderson also attended, as did Pete and Nanette.

Someday I think I'll make a chart as to where everybody sits at one of our basketball games. The same groups are usually found in the same place every game. In the middle of the band Atchers is so loud I can hardly hear it. It's wise to stay away from them if possible because it's hard on the ears if you don't. Around in that section you're pretty certain to find a group of the boys giving off with some of their own distinctive yells. Down toward the front you can be sure to find some of the girls. They're mostly freshmen, and well call them the "cheering-wildly section" because they are.

In a corner all by themselves are the senior girls. They are more reserved and show less interest in the game. They're even less likely to be knitting. Other groups are the junior and sophomore wheels, the freshmen boys, and of course over on the far side is the visiting cheering section. It's wise to stay away from them also, because the cracks they make about our team are sure to raise the blood pressure. Especially when our team loses.

The seventh and eighth grades always put on a great show at halftime. They are improving too, although some of them still have a tendency to dribble with both hands.

Now we come upon a touchy subject. That is gambling. It seems that several students still insist on ten-cent pools, which are good assets to any team. With a little experience, the State quintet should provide some stiff competition in Big Seven play.

Coach Al Bush will rely on Jerry Knowlton, Steve Fast, Joe Zitney, Frank Spitters, Frank Nugent, and Jack Mindeman to be the biggest factors in a win over Grand Rapids. John Gelder, Fred Hubbell, Bob Smith, Jim McCrum, and Al Ryan will be ready for capable replacement duties.

The hilltop basketeers met with defeat at the hands of Dowagiac in their first game. The Chiefs came out of the high end of a low-scoring game, 29-21. The Cubs, however, showed promise for the future.

It was poor shooting and first game jitters that bothered the team. They had a completion average of only 17 or 18 percent of their shots from the floor. The Cubs also made only one-third of their free throws. There will surely be improvement in this and in rebounding as the season progresses.

The Cubs started off like a firecracker. Knolton dropped in a free throw and a basket, and Nugent added a goal for a quick 5-0 lead. However, Dowagiac took over in the next few minutes and tallied thirteen points while holding the Kalamazooans scoreless. State, led by Steve Fast, narrowed the gap to only three points by halftime, the score standing at 17-14. The Cubs tied it up in the first minutes of the second half, but then Dowagiac pulled away for a lead they never relinquished.

It's a fighting team and could go a long way at tournament time. Dowagiac comes around again January 27. Let's knock 'em off then.

All-Conference squad. Both boys worked hard and did wonderful jobs. Their spirit and all-around fine play stood out on this year's football team.

Congratulations to Dale Crawford for making the All-City team and to Jack Hill for getting a berth on the
Meet Our Homeroom

While you are in your homeroom enjoying some good fun before the bell at 1 o’clock, the members of the Highlights homeroom are really doing old things.

Libby types with her mouth assisting as she speeds away at the keys. Jackie is pretty speedy at typing too. Mr. Cooper and Dick try to keep order while reading the news from the office.

Carol sits in the corner listening to things in general while Ann sings “Baby It’s Cold Outside.” Dorothy J.’s and Hadley’s thoughts will turn to the subject of debate.

Mary Ann and Joyce try to find themselves a chair while Dale and Jack zoom in just in time to occupy the last seats. Marshall and Graydon assist Jim as he searches the corners for “lost members” to put on the little pink and blue slips.

Pat draws pictures while Cleora just dreams. Dotty C. and Linda are usually at the meeting and they absorb a lot of knowledge about journalism. Mary takes her shoes off as she writes the minutes of the meeting. I try to get my articles in, although frequently you will find me doing some last minute dreaming about lemons or my favorite song “Suppose you.”

What does our Editor do? She stands at the door with a big club warning us of the deadline.

What Is It?

The Highlights wondered what would happen if Santa left a zanthrochloroid at each house as he made his Christmas rounds. The only way to find out was to ask, so we checked around and interrogated guys and gals as to what they would do. We got some strange answers:

“John Geddes—I’d throw it away.”
(Ed. note: I don’t believe it.)

Al Hackman, Joanie Harbour, and Joe McCarthy would eat it.

Mr. Hinckley—“I would be speechless.”

Trev Jones—“I’d tell him to take it back where he got it.”

Bill Rhodes—“I’d love it.”

Ted Klinger—“I’d pet it.”

(Ed. note: You should’ve found out what it was before you said that.)

Melvin Pettit—“I would ask him why he didn’t want it.”

(Ed. note: That is a good question.)

Fred Meek—“I wouldn’t know what to say.”

Jim McCrumb—“I’d play with it.”

Paul Deal—“Heaven knows, I don’t.”

(Ed. note: I do).

Skip Kindleberger—“I’d wear it.”

Norm Moody—“I’d sell it.”

Sandy Hackman—“I’d ask it to stand under the mistletoe.”

Gerry Post—“Use it to write the answers on my exams with.”

Ken Sherman—“Get a dictionary, grand person. I can’t answer a question without a dictionary.”

for your information a zanthrochloroid looks just like a规律 border.

Last night I sat in my easy chair, scratching my bald head, thinking about the boys who played with me on the ‘49 gridiron. Some of them have come long way in the old world while others are still loafers as they were then.

Jack Hill and his three little Ben Hogans came over. He and I talked over the prospects and candidates for our 1980 football team at Iowa University. We had an undefeated team last year but we lost to Southern California in the Rose Bowl. As the evening grew old we started talking about the old gang back in high school in the days of ‘56.

A little red head sure has changed. Knowlton is a real family man working at old K. V. P. Knowlton’s pal Ryan is following a plow around having inherited a farm at Lajecz Ville. The last we heard of Zitney he was a professor at St. Mary’s school for girls. Meek and Page have taken their families and have moved in with the hillbillies in Arkansas. We don’t expect to see them again, knowing how they love classical music.

We can’t help but laugh when we think of McCrumb. He is now married for the third time and has his own home-made football team. Sterner and Seelye are partners in the lip-stick business. Sterner does a lot of advertising for the company after working hours. They say Seelye has been so busy he hasn’t seen a cow for three years. Larry and John Smith are big wheels in the social world. They are famous for some kind of cough drops.

Birthdays

Dec. 14—Phyllis Kottman
Bernadine Paule

Dec. 16—Schuyler Barmum
Chuck Koons

Dec. 18—George Hager
Skip Kindleberger

Dec. 21—Beverly Johnson
Carol Sheldon

Dec. 22—Bruce Dillon
Norman Harvey

Dec. 25—Bill Van Laar
Phyllis Balch

Jan. 2—Judy Lyon
Jan. 3—Bill Hoyt

Jan. 6—Paul Strong
John Gibson

Jan. 10—Ellen Hackman
Dorothy Jacobson

Jan. 17—Marilyn Carlson
Dorothy Jacobson

Platter Patter

Did you know that both of the popular songs, “Mule Train” and “The Lucky Old Sun,” were written for Frankie Laine’s voice? Most people think he sings them pretty well, too. They’re both on the Hit Parade. Other songs that we found were well-liked are “Dreamer’s Holiday,” “Body and Soul,” “I Can Dream Can’t I?” and “Don’t Cry, Joe.” A song that seems to be catching on is “Rudolph, The Red-Nosed Reindeer.”

Humor

Teacher: “Why don’t you answer when I call your name?”

Sleepy Student: “I nodded my head.”

Teacher: “You don’t expect me to hear the rattle all the way up here, do you?”

“How did Jack get that sore jaw?”

“A girl cracked a smile.”

“Well?”

“It was his smile.”

Employer: “Are you looking for work, young man?”

Student: “No—but I’d like a job.”