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Cast polishes harp

The rehearsal for the spring play "One Foot in Heaven" are now in full swing, and the cast, under the direction of Mr. Alfred Hinkley, is engrossed in its preparation for the big event, which will be on April 20, 21, and 22. There are definite relationships between all the characters in the play, and these, briefly, are the main points of those relationships.

Reverend William Spence (Bradley Smith) and his wife, Hope (Jackie Slaughter) are the joint heads of the Spence family, which further consists of wife, Judy (Hadley Oxborn) and his sister, Eileen (Alene Watterworth). Upon moving to the small town of Laketon, Iowa, they make many new friends, young and old. Of these, Dr. Romer (Dick Curry), Molly (Mary Fopeano), her brother, Ronnie (Jack Hill), Louise (Kay Loughead), and Letty (Janet Snow) are the first to introduce themselves and to "look them over." Not to be outdone however, they are soon followed by many new friends, young and old. Of these, they are both principal in the crisis that arises between the Spence family and the whole community. The tale of the trials of a minister and his family is narrated by a person who should know, the youngest member of the family, Fraser (Not yet cast).

Teeners active

The new Y-Teens organization, under the direction of Eleanor Born and Carol Keddie, meet at State during club period and alternates to three o'clock every other week. The annual membership fee is fifty cents.

The officers for the season were chosen with Pat Perigo and Ethel Peelen as president and vice-president respectively. Pat Sprouse serves as secretary while Beverly Griggs is treasurer. Sue Anderson occupies the position of Sergeant-at-arms.

Twenty-nine members now consist of the organization, and more are urged to join. The Y-Teens members plan parties and have basketball games on Friday after school against Central. The future activities and projects are still being planned.

Future staff members selected

Meet The New Freshmen

The present eighth grade is divided into two home rooms that are located on the second floor of the Administration Building, Miss Ewart and Mr. Frank Jerse are the two teachers in charge of the sixty students.

Polly Allen and Dave Schriber head the students in Miss Ewart's room and Dick Wilsy and Charles Stroud act as president and vice-president respectively, in Mr. Jerse's room. The groups hold meetings about twice a week.

The pre-frosh feel "sort-of-in-between" the training school and the high school. They attend our assemblies when they are held in the Woman's Gym, and start their studies at 8 o'clock. Just like 10 high school teachers present their knowledge to the kid's and they have a choice between taking home economics, shop and art. The experience they are receiving should prove very beneficial and helpful when next year they become the bottom rung on the ladder that leads finally to graduation from high school.

Events Scheduled

Unofficially

Baseball

April
12 Allegan there
14 Buchanan there
21 South Haven home
28 Three Rivers there

May
4 Niles home
9 Allegan there
12 Dowagiac there
26 St. Joseph there

Track

April
21 Three Rivers there
25 South Haven home
29 Invitational at K College

May
2 Niles there
12 Conference at Niles
20 Regionals site unknown
27 State Track Meet Lansing

Will attend special class

Eleven students from a group recommended by the English Department have been selected to join the Highlights staff next year. They are Kate Randall, Mary Teugh, Roger Lininger, Joan Stiles, Nanette Slavin, Nancie Strome, Nancy Doubleday, Kay Peelen, Suzanne Gilbert, Frank Maher, and Kay Loughead.

Kay Peelen is very much interested in sports writing as a career, and she will join Roger Lininger and Frank Maher on the sports staff.

These future Highlights members will attend classes in journalism instruction every Wednesday afternoon from three to four for a period of eight weeks. The program which they will follow has been outlined and plans for each hour of the series is being organized.

From March 15th to April 5th, Miss Bernyce Cleveland will be in charge of teaching the journalistic form of writing, both news and feature.

April 19th and 26th Mary Fopeano will explain the procedure to follow in putting together a page and making headlines. She will also acquaint the new members with the organization of the Highlights as a unit in the school.

On May 3rd Mr. George Cooper, the paper's advisor, will give instruction in proofing. And on May 10th, the last meeting, it is hoped that the group can visit the print shop to see the final stages of making the Highlights.

It is very important that these eleven people attend each of these meetings so next year they will be able to join the veteran members of the staff in putting out their school paper.

Book drive planned

State High's Red Cross is planning an interesting campaign under the supervision of Mrs. Wartenka, the new Junior Red Cross director of Kalamazoo County. Their project concerns a book drive for Europeans, and this week Mrs. Wartenka is going to speak to the committee members on the subject. We hope all students will give any necessary support to the workers on the drive.
Hi-Y forming plans for annual carnival and assembly

The ways things are shaping up, it looks like this year's Hi-Y Carnival will be a big success. March 25 is the date, and you'd better plan now to attend.

The Carnival Assembly next Wednesday, March 22, will give State High students a preview of the big night. Each group sponsoring a booth will be given a chance to put on a skit or advertise its booth in some way. Additional entertainment will be furnished by the State High Pep Band under the direction of Ted Klinger. The band will play several numbers throughout the program. The purpose of the assembly is to stimulate interest in the Carnival and give everyone a good time.

At the Carnival itself, the gala midway will feature about 20 booths with several new and original ideas. A free program is being planned and will run throughout the evening. It will include music by the Swing-copaters, prizes, presenting of the Sweethearts, and other entertainment. The Dixieland Band which made such a hit at the Blue and Gold Review will favor us with a few numbers.

From the Sweetheart nominations made by petition last week, eight final candidates will be chosen by ballot today. These four boys and four girls will compete for the honor of being named the State High Sweethearts of 1956. Voting will be done by putting money in the canister of your candidate. The boy and girl with the highest total will be the winners. The balloting will start next Monday and continue throughout the week, ending at 3:00, Friday, March 24.

Remember, next week is Carnival week. Plan to participate in all the activities and have a good time.

The State High choir will present their annual operetta tomorrow night and Friday at eight-twenty. Let's all turn out, and make it a big success.

"Extensive plans are in the making," say the monitors, "for an entertainment assembly to be presented in the near future!"

The District Forensic contest is to be held here this year. This affair takes place on March thirty-first, and there are four classifications: declamation, oratory, extempore, and dramatic reading. Two State High students will participate in each of these events.

The Senior Committee class heads and officers have had a general meeting to discuss big Senior activities for the future.

All the State Highers with a receipt for two-fifty in their safe keeping, will be glad to know that the much-looked-forward-to yearbooks have gone to press as of last Friday.

The Seniors have all been standing on their tip-toes to see if they "measure up". Mrs. Jarman, yard stick in hand, has been gathering hopeful twelfth graders to make sure their caps will fit the swelled heads, and that the gowns will at least reach below the knees.

Students to get aid in electing courses

A series of P.T.S.O. meetings is scheduled in the near future to plan the election of courses for next year with the students and their parents. These meetings will be held in the rotunda of the Training School on the following evenings:

March 8th, the Eighth Grade meeting at 7:30.
March 14th, the Ninth Grade meeting at 7:30.
March 21st, the Tenth Grade meeting at 7:30.
March 28th, the Seventh Grade meeting at 7:30.

The faculty will cover required, recommended, and practical choice of subjects in the discussion. The requirements of the University of Michigan are listed in the guide booklet as an example of college preparatory courses.

Two new classes are going to be added to the selection. One of the three sections of English I will be connected loosely with Social Studies or Personal and Social Problems. These two classes will be scheduled together in a two period block of time and taught by the same teacher. The second new subject concerns next year's Juniors. American Literature and American History are going to be combined in the same manner as the first class. These two subjects may be taken separately if desired.

We urge everyone to attend these important discussions as they are of real value in choosing a well-balanced schedule.

String group organized

Instead of having an orchestra, Mr. Beloof is organizing a string ensemble. This done because the band and string group were unable to meet more than one hour a week. This way, both can get five hours of practice weekly.

The strings are working on semi-classical numbers such as "Tea For Two", "Jealousy", and "Memory Lane." They plan to play for neighboring towns and may visit the all-state band and orchestra festival. The band will not enter in this. Instead they are planning a May concert.

Mr. Beloof has been contemplating music for our assemblies. He would like to have it played to create an atmosphere as we arrive. A lively march could be used for a pep assembly and a slower tempo for more serious things. What would you think of this? Any band or string player would like to know your opinion.

On the lighter side, they planned a toboggan party at Echo Valley while the weather was still cold. However, it was cancelled. It is hoped that will be possible to fulfill these plans in the near future.
State drops opener in tournament play

Sturgis and State High, second division teams in their respective conferences, provided a thrilling first round Class B District game at Sturgis. Sturgis nosed a hard-luck Cub outfit out of tournament play by a score of 33-31 in an overtime.

State displayed good form in the first half, and with balanced scoring and plenty of scrap were on top 22-14 at the end of the half. Sturgis came back strong in the second half with a pressing defense. They outscored the cubes 8 to 4 in the third period, and going into the final quarter it was 26-22.

The final quarter saw Sturgis controlling the ball and shooting out from 31-30 at the automatic time out. Sturgis almost succeeded in stalling out the remaining minutes, but just before the gun Jim Pore was fouled. Pore made good on the free throw to send the game into an overtime. The extra period was a wild scramble. In the final seconds, Marvin Poster of Sturgis scored what proved to be the winning tally, and the end of basketball for Coach Bush's horse-shoe kids.

A youth's lament

I wanna be a great big he-man
A muscular guy who tears telephone books in three.
That's what I wanna be.
I wanna be able to impress all the women
So they'll crowd around to see
Little old skinny me
As I pick up a piano and hold it on my knee.
I wanna be a burly boy,
Can someone tell me how
To build massive muscles
So that all the girls go, "wow!"
So when I meet that great big bully
Who so often knocked me woolly
I can beat him up completely and fully.
Wait till I beat up that big bully.
I wrote to Joey Louis
And asked him what it was
That made him so big and strong
That he could beat anyone into a fuzz
He wrote me back and told me
"Youse trying to do it wrong,
Go see Charlie Atlas.
He'll make you big and strong."
Charlie's course, it didn't work.
I still am just a little squirt.
I still weigh but one thirty-five-
What can I do to make me thrive?
This poem stinks.
It is just a waste of inks.
But someday, you wait and see,
I'll be as great as James W. Riley.

Crawford Picks Boston for flag

Three times and out. The last two seasons the Black Bay Millionaires have lost by the narrowest of margins-one game. Had they won that one game, they would have been American Legion Champs. This year, as before, the experts are riding along with that gold plated, power packed, fence-busting organization, the Boston Red Sox, predicting they will be the Junior league champs. If you will remember the past two seasons, the Bean-town boys have shown miserable starts, and they have finished like Man O' War in his prime. This year good ol' Joe McCarthy will be in the driver's seat. Maybe this year Joe can show it into high gear and get them rolling right off the bat and the Bosoxs can win the flag pulling away.

The team this year should be much more potent, both at the plate and in the field. The Red Sox are the owners of the best one-two punch in baseball that Williams, Stephens combination. Dom DiMaggio, Al Zarilla, and Ted will take care of the pasture lands. Pesky, Doerr, Goodman and "Junior" should be able to hold their own in the infield and get more than their share of the base hits.

Catching should be no problem with Tebbetts, Batts, and Rosar. The pitching staff should be nothing less than a dream, headed by Kinder, Parnell, Stobbs, Dobson, and McDermott. A rookie pitcher to watch is young Mike Paly.

The Sox will have one of the strongest benches in the league. Tom Wright and George Wilson are two of the top rookies, but it will be hard for them to work their way into the regular line-up.

Even though the fire works will be Boston, keep your eye on Louisville, because they have a big boy named Walt Dropo. Watch him for I think he will be back in the big tent before the season is over.

All in all Joe McCarthy's only worry should be how many games his team will win the pennant by.

Griggs. She's great in the pivot and can hit hook-shots with both hands. She just barely edges out Shirley Gary, get your eye on Louisville, because they have a big boy named Walt Dropo. Watch him for I think he will be back in the big tent before the season is over.

At the guards, you can't leave out Mary Lou Woodworth and Sandy Hackman. Both are excellent play makers and set-shot artists. We hear the Eleanor Alman and Sandra Woodworth are pretty terrific, too, so they go on the second team.

This team has just about everything you could ask for. They have speed, height, good shooting, and a-bove all, I think they could hold their own with the varsity team for at least a half, and maybe the whole game.

A tune to basketball players

By John Weber
(with apologies to James Witcomb Riley's ghost.)

Good old Coach Stevens's come to our place to stay
And clean the house and cellar up
And chase the crumbs away
An' sho' the boozers off the street
And run and snoop and lis'en
An' make us good, an' keep our morals, an' all as straight as his'n.
An' all us other children when the day is purt near done
We set around the drowsy fire and has the mostest fun.
A—listen' to the awful line 'at Stevens tries to sling:
And Coach Stevens'll get you ef you don't watch out.
Wunat there was a little sopr who wouldn't cease from drink
An' when he went to bed at night, way late I fink.
His brothers heard him holler and the matron heard him bawl,
And when they turned the kirvers down, he wasn't there at all.
And they seeked him in the kniclave room an' cubby-hole an' press,
An' seeked him up the chimney-flue everywhere, I guess.
But all they ever found was his pants and things about.
And Coach Stevens'll get you ef you don't watch out.

Girls play ball too

The boys are all through with basketball, but the girls are still going strong with the cage sport. They look terrific out there, too. They play a rough, tough brand of ball, although somewhat hampered by the girls' rules that discourage fouling. Every now and then, however, they get in a rocking cross-body that leaves the gals on the receiving end reeling on the floor.

They also use a fast break offense whenever possible. When they get stopped and can't use their fire-hose style, they have a nice set of cuts to work the ball in. If this should fail, they always have a couple of girls who can pop away from out court. Some of the "bloomer girls" have trouble getting the ball into the basket if they have to shoot from more than two feet away, but that's alright. They can play guard.

I'll now attempt to pick a girls All-Star team. I will put in a first and second string so I won't leave any of the stars out in the cold.

At forward, Pat Perigo and Sandy Beebe look like they are two of the candidates. Both have everything especially figures. They are followed closely by Maggy Storey and Pat Sprouse on the second team. The center position is held down by Beev
Spokes of the Carnival Wheel

It has been said that mothers are able to judge where our interests lie by the everyday things we do, so let's pause and analyze the wheels of the Hi-Y carnival.

PAT COFFIELD's attraction is the gridiron, for he's managing the football throw with a bit of help from the "S" club.

JACK BRENNER is managing the Highlight's food booth. No wonder we often see him energetically destroying some delicate morsel; it's his chief concern.

The motion picture industry holds a fascination for Bugs Bunny, with such characters as Donald Duck, Bugs Bunny, and all of their comic kin. Also, he and the movie operators club can make you hair stand on end with terrifying thrillers.

JR. KRUZENGA is trying hard to become a "little ball of rhythm" and "He Hung just to shine on e one shoe", so on March 25th he will demonstrate in which bracket his interests fall to the tune of "Chattanooga Shoe Shine Boy".

DON VROBEL and his notorious comrades of 206A plan to rock the foundations with various loud reports issuing from the shooting gallery. A bit difficult to judge their inclinations, isn't it?

MEL PETTIT and his 219ers are going to stage a Western Union Telegraph Agency at the anticipated event and will be seen frantically searching for the little girl in the big hair ribbon.

DAVE GLEASON and the "Horrors of the Highway" will be seen patiently teaching all future menaces to civilization how to make the Tin Lizzie take to the hills.

Surely attraction will be the fun house which will certainly make your blood turn to ice water. JANET SNOW, do you always enjoy putting people on the spot and watching them squirm? (Don't answer that!)

FRANK NUGENT, illustrious member of the cagers squad, is planning to favor the carnival crowd with a basketball throw booth at which anyone may entertain us with various exploits of his skill.

The whole sophomore class has decided to present a style how of which TED EMERSON is boss. Don't worry, folks. It's just one of his favorite pastimes to enjoy beautiful girls parading before his eyes.

SHIRLEY SMITH, chief executive of 217A's plans, appears to be the destructive type - enjoys throwing things that it, Shirley? However, I'm sure that not a one of us doesn't enjoy throwing wet sponges at the Hi-Y carnival; so kindly patronize 217A's booth for the alleviation of your inner self.

(Continued from Column 2)

Time saver blank here at last

If you have need of a new successful excuse, here is just the thing. After careful research and a secret interview with Mr. Sebaly, we have compiled for your use a blank consisting of the best lines of our fellow students. Check the one that fits the occasion and reach for a blue slip.

Sample of Simplified Excuse Application

Dear ( ),

( ) He helped his father at the farm
( ) His clothes fell in the water in gym and he had to come home from band practice
( ) On account of a swollen blister on her heel
( ) His father wants him to go deer hunting with him. I think it would be a good experience for him if his teachers think he can afford to miss two days of school.
( ) She was absent because her stomach didn't feel very good.
( ) His aunt has a new television set and he stayed out yesterday afternoon to watch the world series game.
( ) She was sick in bed with a throat last week.
( ) He stayed out of school this morning to complete some school work he felt should be done before going to class.
( ) He was tardy because of the usual car trouble.
( ) We haven't had any time to go Mother's Day shopping, and I would like her to help her sister shop for something.

( ) Gratefully,
( ) Lovingly,
( ) Sincerely,

Fat I am

Fat I am, fat I'll be.
No more dieting for me.
I like chow that offers fun.
That makes the gastric juices run.
I can't keep my raptured gaze
From cream gravies and souffles.
Carrots stick right in my throat.
Spinach, too; I'm no goat.
I crave large and juicy steaks,
Biscuits and luscious hams.
From cream gravies and souffles.
Sausages and buckwheat cakes.
Biscuits hot and luscious hams.
Champagne sauce and candied yams.
I like all unhealthy things.
Let the thought of health take wings.
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