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Western State High School
W.M.C Plans Science Fair

Come to the fair and see the stroboscope and other wonders of the universe. It's a science fair, and the other wonders include a Geiger counter, oscilloscope, and spectrometer. If you don't know what they are or what they're used for, now's your chance to find out, as they, along with a calorimeter, Lissagous figures and many other things, will be demonstrated and explained on Friday, May 5, in McCracken Hall.

The Science and Math departments of Western are taking this opportunity to show off their new quarters, along with the Harper C. Maybee Music Hall, and the new Men and Women's dorms. A full day of tours, demonstrations, and lectures has been planned starting with registration at ten o'clock. Of course, there's the matter of school, but all science and math teachers and students from Southwestern Michigan have been invited, and so all such students interested will be excused to attend the fair.

One of the demonstrations, by the way, will be a "mouse-trap atomic pile" built by Jim Hoekje and Winston Wessels that shows the principle of a chain reaction as it goes on in an atomic bomb.

Yes, all this and more at the First Annual Science Fair this Friday.

Chicago Expeditions Popular

Chicago seems to hold an irresistible charm for many State High students. Already this spring Mr. Ray Deur has taken a group to visit the Field Museum and the Museum of Science and Industry, and two other groups plan visits in the near future.

The choir is making it's annual trip Saturday, May 15th. They will see the afternoon performance of the opera "Aida". Since the bus will arrive before noon, many of the girls will have a happy two hours of window shopping. For more intellectual students, there will be Brookfield Zoo, and the Museums.

Another group, sponsored by Mr. Haacke, will live for the windy city on May 20. These lucky math students will go in private cars to see a baseball game. Any senior interested should see Jerry Knowlton. Sorry, kids, Senior math students only.

Choir Receives Gift

The State High choir has been presented with a gift of seventyfive dollars by an anonymous benefactress. This money, together with profits from the operetta, will be used to send four members of the choir to Interlochen Music camp for two weeks. These members were chosen for their musicianship, citizenship, character and service to the choir.

Mary Ann Tinkham, Alene Watterworth, Jim Brosseau and Eric Peterson were elected by their fellow members to take advantage of the opportunity pending their acceptance to the camp from Ann Arbor.

This is the second year the group has received this gift, given in memory of Mr. Carl Busch.

Modern Dancers at Work

The Modern Dance Club is planning a program for the Bronson Hospital nurses in Walwood Hall on May 24th.

The dance routines, including "Blue Tail Fly", "The Primitive", and "Buddy, Can You Spare A Dime?" are being polished up by Lynda Spaulding, Carol Lee Smith, Judy Bills, Robin Rose, Nancie Strame, Nancy Doubleday, Eva Aube, Kathryn Randall, Carolyn Fox, Lynn Tuberty, Lola Bennett, Dorothy Cartland, Mary Hilliard, and Joyce Perrin.

The parents of these young "Martha Grahams" will be invited to attend the dress rehearsal.

Fashions Featured

On Tuesday, May ninth at 7:30 p.m. in the Rotunda, there will be a fashion show given by Miss Ruth Sanders' home economics classes. An invitation is extended to everyone.

About one hundred and forty garments will be shown in the forms of pajamas, shorts, skirts, blouses, suits and dresses. The models, approximately seventy in number, will be members of the seventh and eighth grades plus the first and second year high school classes.

Three sets of decorations will be used, which are being made by the students. Music will provide a background, while narrators describe the clothing.

Posters are appearing in the halls with further information. Committees have been appointed but the narrators have not been chosen.

"I believe this is the first style show to be given here by this department", said Miss Sanders.

Last Program Planned

On May 4 in the Walwood Ballroom the last P. T. S. O. meeting of this year will be held from approximately 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. The Student Council officers have planned the evening program, and they hope to include a talent show. This show may be made up of the various sequences from the exchange assemblies with Ailes and Dowagiac.

The whole gathering is pointed toward a recreational theme, and there will be only a short business meeting presided over by Reverand L. L. Watterworth. The program committee is working on the possibility of a square dance to finish off the evening and bring to a close this year's P. T. S. O. meetings until next fall.

Alumni Earn Honors

An announcement from John C. Hoekje, Dean of Administration at Western, came to the high school office the other day. It read as follows: "A check of our High Scholarship List for the semester recently ended discloses the fact that the following named students, registered as having graduated from your high school, appear on it. Since relatively few students can meet the rigid requirements for inclusion we are taking this means of extending our sincere congratulations to and members of your staff."

Geraldine Brown, David L. Crawford, John M. Gary, Ruth Gisela Keck, Donna J. Kowalski, Ann Weber, and Barbara Ann Gedrick were those on his list.
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Spring Formal

Just seventeen days from today "Over the Rainbow" will be held in the Women's Gym from nine to twelve. Tickets are a dollar and twenty cents, and Ted Klinger's band, the Swingapaters, will furnish music for the dancing. The social committee has worked hard for this dance so let's see a big turnout.

Assembly

On May 5th at ten a. m., Dr. Allison Davis, professor of education at Chicago University will speak at an assembly in Walwood Ballroom on a topic about education.

Success

Sometime ago, Dot Jabcon had a poem accepted for publication in the Annual High School Anthology. And believe it or not, she's done it again. The title of her second poem is "Poesien", a Swedish word which means poetry.

May Breakfast

On Sunday, May 7th, the Y-Teens are giving their May Breakfast. Each member of the club here at school will don a white apron and become a waitress for the duration of the feast, from 8:30 to 10:30. Tickets can be purchased for seventy-five cents from any Y-Teen member, or reservations for a group may be made by calling the Y. W. C. A.

Liverpool Louie Loves Steak

In this corner from merry old England, standing five feet two, weighing one hundred thirty pounds is Louis Marsh. Sophomore, Louie emanates from Liverpool and has been in the U. S. for some months. Louie's chief pastime is girls. (Good pastime to pursue, Louie.)

The say the way to a man's heart is through his stomach, but those angling for Louie will go broke. Louie loves steak. His hobby is hydroplane racing. Hydroplanes are speedboats in case you didn't know. His favorite sports are (English) soccer, cricket, and rugby; (American) baseball. His favorite class is World History.

Welcome, Louis, and make your self at home.

Musician—A man who earns his living playing around.

Not Shakespeare?

"Is this a yellow book I see before me? The cover toward my hand? Come, let me open thee! I had the knowledge; now I have it not. Art thou not a pony, filled with Answers as to signet? or art thou but A paper wad of the mind, a false creation, Proceeding from my over-crammed brain? I see thee yet, in form as palpable As this in which I wrote the answers. Thou mock'st me the way that I would cheat, And such a pony I was to use. Mine eyes are made the fools of the other sense, Or else I be expelled. I see thee still; And on thy cover is written 'failing cheater,' Which was not so before. There's no such thing. It is a guilty conscious which informs this to mine eyes."

Courtesy of the Western Herald
Golfers Open Year With Two Victories

State High’s champion Class “B” golf team started the spring sports schedule on the right foot by winning their first two matches. An early date match on April 6 was the first provoking grounds for the Cub Quartet. In spite of extremely cold weather, State turned in very good scores of 80, 82, 83, and 98. The match was against Three Rivers, and the final score was State High 12, Three Rivers 0. Jack Hill was medalist with an 80, John Gelder had 82, Maynard Nieboer 83, and Joe Zitney 98.

After having their second match canceled, the team didn’t have time to take on the St. Joe Bears at Gateway Golf course. The weather was again unfavorable, but the scores were good enough to hand the St. Joe outfit a 9–3 defeat. John Gelder was low with an 85, Jack Hill had 89, Joe Zitney 81, and Maynard Nieboer 101.

We are all hoping the makings of a good team don’t go dry. The chance of a successful season is good, but it will demand a great deal of individual effort and practice on the part of the team members.

Birthdays

Between May fifth and May seventeenth, students have birthdays. Have you ever thought of the others that have been born in this same month?

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“Where is the Jim Crow section
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On this merry-go-round,
Mister cause I want to ride?
Down South, where I come from
White and colored.
Can’t sit side by side.
Down South on the train
There’s a Jim Crow car.
On the bus, we’re put in the back.
But there ain’t no back to a merry-go-round.
Where’s the horse for a kid that’s black?”
—Langston Hughes.

Joey’s eyes stared wide and hopeful at the big merry-go-round. His little brown hand clutched the nickel tight and hard. It was the only nickel he’d ever had and his daddy had given it to him so he could have a ride on the merry-go-round. His daddy didn’t have many nickels, but Joey had wanted to ride. He was so sad and his eyes had looked so much like stars when he looked at the merry-go-round that his daddy had given him one anyway.

He dug his bare, brown toes into the dust before the ticket booth and looked up at the man behind the counter. He was an old man with grey hair and wrinkles. He looked pure and kind of sad. Joey thought, “Maybe he won’t let me ride with the other kids—the white kids. Maybe he won’t let me ride at all!”

He kind of gulped and swallowed and his heart was in his mouth and voice when he asked, “Can I ride on the merry-go-round, Mister?”

“Well, sure, kid, anybody can ride who’s got six cents.” And Joey thought, “Anybody-why that means me!—but six cents-six cents? A loud he said, “Oh!” and turned his head so the man wouldn’t see the big tear that rolled down his cheek and fell in a shiny drop on the nickel in his hand.

“What’s wrong, kid? Ain’tcha got nuff money?” Joey looked down at his feet again and shook his head. His voice was hoarse when he whispered, “No.

“Well, how much have you got? Have ya got a nickel?” “Yeah, I got a nickel, but—” The old man bent down to him. “Well, kid, you’re not the only one aint got that penny the government wants fer tax, but, ya know somethin’?” “What?” Joey turned to leave. “Wait a minute, kid, ya don’t have to leave. See, somebody lost a penny the other day an’ I found it.” The man dug his hand in his pocket and brought out some change. His big brown, tinged搜 searched out a penny from the rest of the money. “Here! We’ll put this with yer nickel and get you a ticket to the biggest horse on the merry-go-round!”

Joey’s eyes still shone, but the tears were dry now. He thanked the man and the man knew he really meant it. He gave Joey the orange ticket and then picked him up and carried him inside the fencing.

“Hey, Pete!”, he called, “here’s a kid gets a ride on the biggest fastest horse ya got!” He set Joey on the ground. Pete’s freckled face frowned. “But boss, this kid can’t ride—”

“It’s all right, Pete, he’s paid his money and he gets a ride on the best horse we got!”

“O, K., Boss, if you say so, but still—”

The ticket man walked away and Pete took Joey’s ticket, then left him to find a horse for himself.

Joey found a great, white horse with a red saddle and climbed up alone. The merry-go-round started and he gripped the horse tight on the reins around its neck.

The music began to play. The horse went up and down, around and round faster and faster. Joey’s hands sweated on the strap and his head fairly whirled with excitement and dizziness. Round and round his horse went, chased by lions and tigers and zebras. — as eyes shone and his heart sang.

The music slowed down and the horse came to a stop. Joey was still shaking with excitement. He fell as he clambered down from the horse’s back. He jumped off the platform and ran to tell the ticket man. “Thank you” again.

There was a gentleman at the counter with a little girl. She was wearing a pretty pink dress and white shoes. She had long blonde curls, tied with a pink ribbon. The man holding her hand saw Joey and frowned, then he picked her up and held her. She was afraid to ride alone so he asked for two tickets.

Joey waited impatiently for the man to get his tickets. He stood away from them, looking down at his ragged jeans and bare feet. His hands searched under the counter. His hands were trembling and he set the ticket man.

Joey watched him look for the ticket roll. His hands searched under the counter in the same way his fingers searched for a penny. He wasn’t looking with his eyes— Joey suddenly realized that when the man looked down at him he hadn’t seen his brown face or tightly curled black hair. He hadn’t known that the little boy he lifted to the merry-go-round wasn’t white. The man was blind!

Joey tore his eyes from the hands that had finally found the tickets. His stomach felt hard and tight and empty, and big tears started down his cheeks as he ran from the merry-go-round.

“Where’s the horse for a kid that’s black?”

By Pat Mably