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Western State High School
Exchanges Edited

Every two weeks the Highlights mails out about fifty Highlights to other schools. We in the journalism business call these papers exchanges. The word is derived from the fact that we send papers to the other schools and they in turn send the papers to us.

We send and receive papers from Central, Christian, and Nazareth in the city. We exchange with all schools in the Big Seven and also Lakeview. Other schools in this region are Holland, Battle Creek Central, Lansing Sexton, and Allegan. We are angling for Vicksburg and Benton Harbor.

Further away we have Flint Northern, Pontiac, Grand Rapids Creston, South Bend John Adams, Muskegon, and Fort Wayne North Side. Also some papers drag in from Reading, Pennsylvania, Mesa, Ariz., Onieda Ky., Bozeman, Mont., and Wilmington, N. C.

Some of the school papers we receive have very interesting names. "The Breeze" from Albion, "The Buckhorn" from Buchanan, "The Jackrabbit" from Mesa, Ariz., and the "Dial" from Marshall are good examples. Often a paper is named after something to do with the school such as the "Red and Black" from Reading, Pa., or the "Wildcat" from Wilmington, N. C.

Our exchanges are not picked by any special method. We have exchanged with most of them for the past several years.

The Highlights, through an agreement with Miss Green, has arranged to put the papers from Three Rivers, Niles, Buchanan, St. Joseph, Dowagiac, South Haven, and Lakeview in the Library. If you want to have other school papers there for you to read see her or Graydon Meints.

We are open to any suggestions for other exchanges you would like to see in the Library.

French Club Meets

The French Club, State High's version of the familiar "Le Circle Français" met for the first time this year on October 19, in the West room of Walwood. The French Club which was originated last year by Mr. Fless, is now under the sponsorship of Mrs. Monroe.

Mr. Harsha, second year French student teacher, entertained the group with slides and the narration of his trip to Europe this past summer. Cider and donuts were served. No arrangements for further meetings have been made.

A Student Submits His Viewpoints

At the start of every year the High light makes a plea for articles contributed and written by students outside the staff. The reception of such created mild frenzy in the office of the Highlight the other day. We are happy to print the following:

To the boys of State Hgh . . .

Some of you have the tendency, when you see someone standing next to the railing of the stairs or next to a window, to be funny and push and catch someone. You do not think of what could happen. What if your friend should fall over the railing or out of the window? Do you know what could happen to him? Well, he could break his neck or some bone in his body or it could mean his death. I have been pushed before and almost went through the window. If I had I might be spending the rest of my days in a wheelchair or even in bed. So please be careful, think before you push. You might be on the falling end next time.

A Fellow Student

As formerly stated, we were very happy to receive this article and shall be very happy to print any more that we receive. What about it kids? It's your paper. The Highlights box is just around the corner of the trophy case. We want to hear from State High.

Lessons for Novices

Have you heard of such a learn-to-converse - with - your - parrot - in - a - week, or how - to - write - your - name - backwards - in - five - easy - lessons? Well, if you haven't, some of the students at State High learned the fundamentals of playing a piano last week.

Shirley Smith, Norma Wheeler, Pat Sprouse, Mary Ann Schau, and Dave Powell were chosen by Dr. Belof to take these lessons. The requirements for the course were no knowledge of the piano and willing parents. They lasted from 10:30 until 11:30 at the Harper-Maybee Music Building.

Mr. Berg was paid 100 dollars a day to teach the High School and grade school students. They started lessons Tuesday morning and finished Friday.

Notice: There will be a bus to Battle Creek for the Lakeview game. (And remember, stay to the end.)

Service Club Begins

State High's Red Cross committee is planning a full schedule of important projects this year. They are enlisting the help of several other clubs and organizations to carry out the new ideas.

On Monday, November 6, a meeting composed of the Red Cross committee volunteers discussed the procedure for carrying out certain active plans.

One main activity will be packing gift boxes of clothing, food, games, etc. for children overseas. There are hopes of having each homeroom sponsor take two or three boxes for this purpose. Later on, Christmas stockings from State High should be creating a festive atmosphere somewhere across the Atlantic.

Mr. Duer says he also is thinking about requesting aid from the shop class for the purpose of making gifts as a change from the ordinary. There is also a possibility of the modern dance club supporting the cause by providing entertainment for the soldiers at Fort Custer.

Our Red Cross will present several opportunities this year to demonstrate our reputed school spirit and enthusiasm in backing up worthy projects. So when the time comes, let's not let them down!

Choir Plans Underway

This year the choir, under the direction of Mrs. Fordham plans to give a Christmas program with the Modern Dance Club. It is still a little early to learn the complete schedule for the program, but there are several numbers that have been decided upon.

The audience will hear a Christmas lullaby and also the "Cherubim Song, Number Seven" Botrantsky, Ebueendorf's 'The Babe in Bethlehem's Manger Laid' may be heard, and the accompanying dances may be seen.

Other plans in the future are still in the process of being made. The choir is doing sight reading at the present, along with experimentation with Thanksgiving music.

CALENDAR

Nov. 8 . . . Senior Students and Parents Potluck Dinner
Nov. 10 . . . Football Game—Lakeview there
Nov. 11 . . . Turnabout—Womens Gym
Nov. 18 . . . Basketball practice starts
Nov. 22 . . . Thanksgiving Vacation at noon
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Who is What

The Senior class poll taken by the HIGHLIGHTS shows conclusive evidence of — nothing. But here it is anyway. Juniors, Sophomores, and Freshmen will be featured in a later issue.

Fred Hubbell .......................... Best Liked By Teachers
Pat Coffield .......................... Most Disliked By Teachers
John Gelder .......................... Biggest Highbrow
Pete Lindquist ....................... Biggest Lowbrow
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Frank Nugent ....................... Most Absent Minded
Fred Hubbell ....................... Most Loveable
Pete Lindquist ...................... Fastest Talker
Duncan Carter ...................... Jazziest Dresser
Jim Nichols ......................... Funniest
Jim Nichols ......................... Most Interesting Personality
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Fred Hubbell ....................... Best Scholar
Jim Russel .............................

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Lynn Tuberty .......................... Lola Bennett
Skip Kindlerberger .................. Sandy Beebe
Maxine Boundhouse ................. Ilyne Weisman
Mary Maltby .......................... Mary Hilliard
Pat Pahalek .......................... Shirley Gary
Maxine Boundhouse ................. Joyce Dean
Sandy Hackman ........................ Lynn Tuberty
Sandy Beebe .......................... Carol Sheldon
Pat Pahalek .......................... Lola Bennett
Shirley Gary .......................... Joanne Herlihy

Are We High Hat?

Unfortunately, State High is said to have a reputation for being snooty and cliquish. While we, ourselves, know that we are no more so than are the kids who go to other schools, we haven't done much to create a different impression.

More inter-school relations are the answer, and I know that the subject has been harped on before but to no effect it seems. The Inter-school Council appears to be a name only, and this status should be remedied.

Others schools have taken the initiative in asking us to join them in activities. Central wanted us to have a pep assembly with them (which, unfortunately, we couldn't do.)

Joint dances with St. A. and Central would probably prove profitable to all concerned. While we may stick our noses up at Portage—and for no reason, it is a school with which there are numerous possibilities for relations, because Portage, like State High, is a subsidiary of Western.

I propose that a committee be organized to look into the problem. Maybe we're not interested in anyone but ourselves—if so, O.K. If not, suggestions could be made of possible activities with other schools in the form of dances, entertainment, visits, etc. If these plans were approved, they could be carried out through the help of the other schools involved.

Remember the old saying, "The more, the merrier"? Well, let's try it out.

Seniors Learn Lots in Social Problems Class

Perhaps many of you small wheels have wondered what a social problems class is really like.

In any form it isn't as bad as most people make it and it has proved a lot of fun to the seniors.

Its aim consists of helping the student gain a broader knowledge of himself and his personality and to help him understand other people. The class objectives also cover the field of psychology, the study of marriage and family problems, personality and development, and sex education through rapport.

The work of the class is mostly oral, except for the special projects done by students in the work they enjoy most. These are handed in at the end of the semester.

The chairs are placed in a circle, which aids the student in giving special attention to the speaker. The students enjoy oral recitation because a chance is given for better understanding and to cast their points of view and their opinions.

If there still is any doubt in your mind, one must wait until he is a big wheel to gain the knowledge a social problems class has to offer.

The orchestra has been slowly coming into the limelight with plans for a dance to raise some money. It seems they have been hit with an all consuming urge to take a trip. The plans are not complete as yet.

The 11:00 Government class is planning a trip in the near future to the City Hall. They will talk with City Manager Gilbert and department heads.

The Highlights staff attended an indoor picnic supper at Jim Russel's October 30. The staff wishes to express appreciation for a wonderful time.

The girls in State High aren't letting the boys run away with the sports. Plans are in the offing for volleyball tournaments and eventually for an inter-class team. Last year the girls entered a playday with Portage and Paw Paw. Who knows? Maybe they will walk off with honors.
A Look at Sports

By Marshall Brenner

The girls gym classes are choosing teams to play in a volleyball tournament which is coming up soon. This tournament is between the following schools: Paw Paw, Portage, Comstock, and State High. Come on girls, show ‘em!

If you ask those who went, I think they would say that the school spirit at Three Rivers was pretty good. The number of kids that went was not too big, but the spirit of those who did was swell. Let’s have more of that same spirit at Lakeview this Friday. And let’s have more kids at the game.

Every year, one on the Highlights staff picks a girl’s all-school football team. This year the task fell to this poor, unassuming scribe. The results are as follows:

| L.E. | Sue Sawyer |
| L.T. | Ethel Ann Peelen |
| L.G. | Sandy Woodworth |
| C. | Shirley Gary |
| R.G. | Eva Aube |
| R.T. | Ilyne Weisman |
| R.E. | Sandra Beebe |
| Q.B. | Sandy Hackman |
| L.H. | Dawn Williams |
| R.H. | Jo Ann Stites |
| F.B. | Kay Brower |

Our hard fighting Reserves dropped a game to the Dowagiac B’s a week ago yesterday. It was a rough affair with the final score being 19-0. Our seconds played hard but were outweighed by the little Chiefs.

A Look at Coach Stevens

Meet our coach, Fred Stevens. In case you don’t know him, he’s the handsome, six foot young man with the athletic build. Most of you know him and already know he’s a real swell coach.

Mr. Stevens came to Western from Hart about a decade ago. In high school he was a three sport athlete. He starred in basketball, baseball, and football. In 1940 he landed here at Western. He again shone at Lakeview.

In ’41 he was a halfback on the undefeated grid team. He then took a few years off for the service and returned to the Hilltop in ’46. He took over as athletic director during the school year of ’46-’47.

Mr. Stevens still can be found pumping in baskets and knocking out base hits in baseball for city leagues each winter and summer. He also likes to go hunting when he season rolls around. Coach is a happily married man and he father of a little girl.

We wish Mr. Stevens all the luck in the world. Here’s to a wonderful coach.

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Hilltoppers Meet Lakeview

Vikings Take Big 7 Conference Crown

Niles, Three Rivers, and St. Joe have fought it out for this year’s Big Seven Conference title. The big game between Niles and Three Rivers was played last Friday afternoon near our deadline. However if Niles won, they clinched the title. If Three Rivers came out on top, they threw the race into a tie. That game probably matched the passing of Jerry Lazer, the sharp running attack of the Vikings.

Buchanan is out of the running and is in fourth place. They have a good team, but too many decisions put them out of title contention. Dowagiac and South Haven are resting in a tie for fifth.

Though the Cub have been the tail-end club throughout the season, they have had a good defensive line with Pat Coffield the standout on defense. The loss of last year’s backs, Al Ryan and Jack Hill, has proved costly to State. Ken Fricke and Maynard Neiboer have been the standout backs this year, with Don Gill, Dick DePreese, Clair Kirkpatrick, and Stan Vne turning in some good backfield work. Next year the Cubs should come through with a much improved team.

Conference Standings

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Jokes — Ha Ha

Question: What is a man with baseball eyes?

Answer: One with two baggers!

It is true that we heard someone yelling “We want a homer!” at the South Haven game? Need we remind the shouter that ‘homer’ is a basketball expression.

And then there is always the little moron who sued the manager of a football team, because after he had gone to the game he didn’t get his quarterback.

Twin Valley Champions Are Ranked 3rd in State

The big game of the year comes Friday when our eleven takes on the powerhouse Battle Creek Lakeview team. This is the game that counts. Scores of 48-2 and 42-7 would be forgotten if we could come up with a surprise upset. This game could make the whole season.

Coach Rolla Anderson has the State’s third ranked Class B team this year. Most of the players have been together four years now, and they’re making this a big year. They have an extremely fast backfield and a hard running line. They operate off of an unbalanced line with emphasis on power plays.

Our Stevens men will be at their peak for this battle. Coffield and Vine, our stellar linemen, have recovered from leg injuries. The rest of the team is also in top condition. Starting linemen Friday for the Cubs will be Hubbell and Mindeman, ends; Brown and Gelder, at the tackles; Hager and Lindquist, guards; and Coffield at center. In the backfield we have Gill or Kirkpatrick at quarterback; Niebor and Fricke, halfbacks; and DePreese at fullback. Slated to see lots of duty are Vine, Nugent, Emerson, Kendrick, and Carter.

Last year the Spartans topped us 33-12. Let’s see if we can’t reverse that score this time.

Beat Lakeview

BIRTHDAYS

November 8—Kate Randall
November 11—Zoe Gideon
November 12—Clare Gemrich
November 12—Natalie Borgman
November 18—Vivian Smith
November 19—Marilyn Enz
November 20—Prisc La Cromer
November 21—John Keyser
November 21—Kay Brower
November 22—Debbie Parker
November 22—Ted Emerson
What's in a Name

Several teachers around State Hign have mentioned that one of their chief problems has been learning the names of the students in their classes. According to psychiatrists, the best method to cure such a situation is by associating each name with something entirely fantastic so as to engrave it deep in the memory. If such were the case, this is an example of how the role might be called by an "absent-minded professor".

Dick DeFreeze would be Dick Deheat.
Don Gill would be Don Fin.
Chuck Koons would be Chuck Squirrels.
Charlene Pellowe would be Charlene Bedspread.
Anne Bedworth would be Anne Poor.
Georgieann Mccracker would be Georgieann McCrumbs.

Hi Kids,
With the date for the distribution of report cards lurking ominously a little way down the calendar we fountain pens really get a work out.
The day starts in eight o'clock sudy and I'm parked next to a pair of rather worn brown loafers. It's rather windy in here; the widows have been thrown open by a great exhibition of masculine strength. Jim Brosseau and Graydon Meints weasel up to the desk to say "Highlights Business, tee hee". I know they've left to practice "Jimmy Cracked Corn" on their banjo and uke. However, I'm sure the monitor will make each one sign his name on the "to be shot at dawn list." Pat Coffield and Pete Lindquist are having some heated arguments about football under cover of their notebooks, of course. Mary Joyce just came in with love and good cheer notes from headquarters. All's quiet now except for the click of Joan Stiles' knitting needles. She's sitting in the back of the room making a pair of argyle socks. Ten minutes of—and I'm stuffed into a very full and messy notebook and carried out of study hall.

Next class is History at which we arrive only after a laborious trudge down two flights of steps. Of course we slid down the first lap.
The hour it looks as if I shall have to stay in the corner all by myself but I can really see quite a bit from my isolated position. John Dumont is romantically sniffing a pink paper carnation and writing on the wall between whiffs. Louie Johnson appears to be thoroughly enjoying the thrilling adventures of "Bat Man and Robin." "Oeps, I'm afraid I can't stay in this class any longer, We got kicked out for passing out life savers to the second row. We are sentenced to sit under the watchful eye of the advisor here at State. I see Mrs. Vincent has been nabbed for roller skating in the basement hall. Only Dr. Bryan, Dr. Sebaly, and Miss Crisman are allowed to use any type of conveyance around the Ad. Building.

Anne Wise and Sandy Hackman are very busy taking turns working the problems which were due last week Tuesday. The Brains of the class sit in the second row, at least Dorothy Cartland and Frank Goodrich make fairly intelligent remarks occasionally.

Climbing the hill is a slow talkative process—so we're five minutes late to English class and miss the spelling test. This period Vern Hoffman is making a hit by entertaining Carole Anne and Carole Smith with jokes from his apparently vast collection.

It's three o'clock and we have to take our spelling test and make up the lost time for History class.
Be sure to look for me in class.

Yours Truly,
Fountain pen

The Want Ads

Wanted: A pot of black coffee to start the "morning bells a-ringing" for Smirle Weston in 8:00 English class.
Wanted: An 8th day to fall between Friday and Sat. for Jim Dollahan. (He'll spend it on homework of course.)
Wanted: Electric Eye for taking roll. —Mrs. Collins.
Wanted: An automatic tardy slip writer. —The office staff.
Wanted: A cute little trick with 8 feet, three arms and green hair for Ann Dilno.
Wanted: A promotion to first class traffic cop for Dr. Sebaly.
Wanted: A desk-to-desk telephone system for private communication in study hall. Lola Bennett and Maxine Bondhouse are tired of monitor reports.
Wanted: That "bashful boy" Larry Weisman by a certain freshman girl.

Personal Ads

Personal: John DuMont is looking forward to collecting the five hundred dollars which Miss Steketee admits she owes him.
Personal: Darling, please send 50 dollars at once. Fido bit the mailman, and we have to finance a new pair of trousers. (Also slight veterinary fee for removal of dog's teeth.)
Love,
Joy
Trade: Two typewriters for good reliable fountain pen.—The Highlight staff.
Notice: Anyone bringing his pet kangaroo to school will have to check it in at Dr. Bryan's office before entering classes.
Obituaries: George Reeves and Kathryn Wood.
Also the third year Latin class would like to bury Cicero before he disintegrates completely.

Lost and Found

Lost: Clare Gemrich's pencil which was presumably consumed by the greedy 211 sharpener.
Found: An epitaph for John Plantifaber. Inquire of M. K.
Found: Dot J. has found something besides books in the library.
Lost Kate Randall's trusty bottle of freckle remover. Please return immediately—the demand is increasing rapidly. Small reward.
Found: A pocket dictionary for use in spell-down, joint property of the "champs", Kay Loughead and John Littig.
Lost: Stamp picker. Very useful in Highlights office. Also doubles for typing teacher.

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