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# State Highlights

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## Spirit of Christmas Invades State High



Planning decorations for Santa's Sleighride are—left to right—Addie Ann Tolhurst, Ted Emerson, Nancy Strome, Jackie Andrus, Ken Story, Bev Swoap, Sue Snyder, Eleanor Alman, Vivian Smith, Mary Joyce Maltby, and Bobby Dalm.

### Plans Underway for 'Santa's Sleighride'

The Christmas formal, "Santa's Sleighride," is being planned by the Social Committee under the direction of MARY JOYCE MALTBY, Student Council secretary.

To carry out the christmas spirit with Santas, reindeer, and sleigh Mary Joyce has selected a large decorations committee. ELEANOR ALMAN is in charge of this committee which is made up of: VIVIAN SMITH, SUE SNYDER, KEN STOREY, TED EMERSON, ADDIE ANNE TOLHURST, NANCIE STROME, JACKIE ANDUS, BEVERLY SWOAP, and BOB DALM.

Appointed to put up posters and notices concerning the anticipated event are KEN STOREY, and NANETTE SLAVIN, with MARY KUZNGA as publicity chairman.

SUZANNE SAWYER is making plans to fill the christmas bowls with red christmas punch and will be busy baking various sizes and shapes of cookies. LILLA ELIET and KATE RANDALL are also busy planning refreshments.

Mary Joyce has ordered the tickets and you may obtain your ticket from any Social Committee member just for the asking. Of course the masculine half of the party will be required to shell out \$1.50 of his savings to make the entrance legal.

To pick out and order the Christmas dance programs Mary Joyce has selected MARY KUIZENGA, program chairman.

The christmas formal is one of the highlights of the Social events on the hiltop. The long planned-for affair will take place December 20 in Walwood Ballroom from 9:00 to 12:00.

So fellas, hurry up and ask the gal of your choice before it's too late. The Social committee plans to have plenty of soft music, (they've adrang-ed to have BOBBY DAVIDSON'S ORCHESTRA), colored lights, enough holly and mistletoe, and bowls of bright christmas punch.

### Calendar

December 14—Allegan-Here  
December 15—Vacation Starts  
December 19—South Haven-There  
December 20—Christmas Formal-  
Walwood, Nutcracked Suite Bal-  
let-Central Auditorium.  
January 2—Vacation ends  
January 5—Dowagiac-Here  
January 12—St. Joe-There  
January 16—Three Rivers-Here

### Holiday Good Cheer Spread by Students

During the week preceeding Thanksgiving Vacation, money and a very lrg quantity of canned goods were collected to give to needy families. The results of the drive were very successful and families with several children and a father dead or unable to support them, as well as an elderly couple where the man is an invalid Veteran-bedfast, and a woman of 60 received generous baskets. Other food will be distributed during Christmas.

Special thanks should go to Dunc Carter, Frank Maher, Kay Malotte, and Jim Dollahan who spent a day purchasing extra food, packing and delivering it. We spent seven hours in the location of the families, sorting the food, and consulting with the Red Cross Chapter. It was a hard task, but the appreciation of the receivers outlasted the hard work.

During Christmas time, the Red Cross Committee has decided to collect pocket-edition books. We have set the goal for at least one book per person. Groups have also been asked to volunteer to go caroling. Please see Mr. Deur if you would like to make someone happy.

### Masquers Produce Hit

The Christmas play this year, "A Child is Born" by Stephen Vincent Benet, was presented in the assembly last Wednesday. It was well chosen because it had a theme that was easy to understand. Miss Cleveland and the Masquers club should be recognized for the time and work spent on the production. The two assistant directors, Miss Shirley Cunningham and Mr. James Terkos, should also receive their shade of credit.

The cast should be applauded for a fine performance. They were: Narrator, Mary Tough; The Innkeeper, John Plantefaber; the Innkeeper's wife, Clare Gemrich; Joseph, John Gibson; Mary, Kathryn, Wood; Leah, Carol Sheldon; Sarah, Eva Aube; Roman soldier, Charles Maloney; the thief Dismas, George Reeves; offstage voices, John Gibson and Charles Maloney.

This play has been on NBC in 1942. The original cast included Alfred Lunt as the Innkeeper and Lynn Fontanne as the Innkeeper's wife. This was so populer that the play was repeated a year later with a different cast.

The prayer which was read after the assembly was a condensation of the one originally in the beginning of "A Child is Born."



## Editorial

No decorations-no dance? After reading the "Fire Ordinance Regulations," you would get the impression that the rest of the dances through the year would be without decorations, because of the new set of fire prevention rules.

"Would you rather be alive or have a few flimsy decorations at a dance?" When the clerk at the Fire Department was asked why we have been prohibited to use paper streamers, paper decorations, artificial plants, flowers, the black curtains, and other inflammable decoration, he replied by asking the above question. Several years ago, a big club in Boston was completely ruined by fire. Several hundred people were killed. The Michigan Board of Underwriters (I think the name is correct) sets up regulations for the state for our protection. We can't change these laws, and as yet there is no way to make an exception.

If there is any uncertainty as to whether the material is approved, use the match test. If the material goes up in a quick blaze, it is unsafe. If only a gentle smoldering effect is produced, then the article is unlikely to cause any great panic, the one danger of a fire. The Fire Department has offered it's assistance if any questions arise. Cloth must be sprayed with a borax-cid-water solution, making the material flame resistance. Either Kate Randall or Sue Sawyer should be contacted before decorating plans are completed.

Sue Sawyer

## Sophomores Step into the Limelight

Boy		Girl
Don Gill	Most Lovable	Ann Frey
Vern Verhage	Biggest Bluffer	Pat Perigo
Stan Vine	Most Conceited	Sharon West
George Tinkham	Rowdiest	Patt Sprouse
Dick DeFreese	Best Legs	Joan Stiles
Tom Johnson	Friendliest	Barb Oakland
Don Gill		Peg Yntema
John Gibson	Brainiest	Lyn Cassady
Stan Vine	Best Dancer	Ann Mahoney
Ed Morseau	Best Manners	Patt Sprouse
Don Gill	Most Versatile	Janet Snow
Duke Peterson	Most Sophisticated	Pat Perigo
John Gibson	Most Likely to Succeed	Ann Frey
Skip Miller	Most Happy Go Lucky	Sue Anderson
Ken Fricke	Nicest Smile	Pat Perigo
Dick Kremer	Most Interesting Personality	Lyn Cassady
Louis Marsh		Janet Snow
Tom Johnson	Most Orginal	Dawn Williams
Don Gill	Most Fun	Patt Sprouse
Louis Marsh	Most Expressive Eyes	Ann Frey
Dick DeFreese	Best Build	Ann Mahoney
Jack Wooden	Silliest	Joan Stiles
Louis Marsh	Best Dressed	Patt Sprouse
Ed Sutton		Nan Slavin
Dick Kremer	Dryest Sense of Humor	Pat Perigo
Dick DeFreese	Best Looking	

## STATE HIGHLIGHTS

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## Purple Eyed Beauty

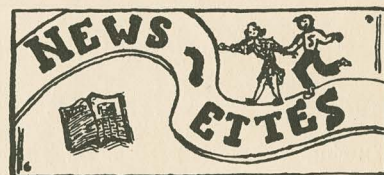
Mary Joyce Maltby has been a busy girl this year. Though being Student Council Secretary and consequently Chairman of the Social Committee is a big job, there are many activities which take up her time.

When I asked Mary Joyce the color of her eyes, she immediately replied, "Purple." (Strangely enough I always thought they were green.) Her hair is brown, a common color, which helps to offset those eyes.

She has quite a number of favorites. Chocolate ice cream with marsh-mellow sauce and Spanish peanuts on top is her usual order at the "Oak." Green is her special color. Though she takes English and government, she admits she likes Art and Shorthand the best. Knitting argyle socks seems to catch her fancy. "Thinking of You" is her favorite song, and I think J. J. fits into this favorite category, too.

The Girls' All Star Volleyball team claims Mary Joyce as one of their number. The eight on this team are chosen from all the girls in State High which makes her appointment quite an honor.

Come next summer, you will probably see her clerking in a store downtown. Since she is a Senior, "which college?" is a question for her to consider. So far Mary Joyce hasn't decided which school will be the lucky one. Wherever she goes, that "purple-eyed" beauty is bound to meet with success.



Carole Smith and Janie Patterson won second and third prizes respectively in the annual Kids Day poster contest. These posters were used Newspaper Day to raise money for the underprivileged children of Kalamazoo.

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The Highlights Staff was entertained at a potluck at Jim Brosseau's house on the 5th of December. The staff wishes to thank Mrs. Brosseau and Jim for a wonderful evening.

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The second meeting of the French Club was held Thursday November 30, in the Ad building. Officers were elected to carry out the business of the year. Nancy Doubleday was chosen president, and Louis Johnson will serve as secretary-treasurer.

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The Social Committee is selling tickets to the Christmas formal, "Santa's Sleigh Ride." They can be bought from members of the committee or see Kay Malotte.





This is our cage squad. Bottom row Don Kendrick, Ed Sutton, Ken Cobb, Frank Nugent, Ted Emerson. Second row Joe McCarthy, John Keyser, Maynard Niebor, Al Hackman, and Fred Dilno. Third row George Tinkham, Glen Shugars, Bob Anson and Don Smith. Top Fred Hubbell and Don Gill.

## Ed Sutton Shows Loads of Promise

"He gets the ball, he shoots, and he scores again."

"Who made the sensational bucket? Why that was Ed Sutton, State High's new high scorer." These comments are often heard as our basketball season gets under way. Starting with the first game Ed has been keeping the man who runs the score board very busy.

Ed hails from Milwood where he went to school last year. He played lots of basketball for the Junior High out in that part of our fair city.

He played football last fall on our fighting eleven and might be out on the baseball diamond come spring. Quite an athlete, that boy.

It is rumored around that Ed has been sending many feminine hearts fluttering ever since he landed on the hilltop. And admiring glances his way find his six-foot-one, a hundred and sixty pound frame make quite a target for the gaze of his admirers.

Ed says, "I like brunettes and they must be gorgeous." He should have very little trouble finding the type around here. By the way gals, his telephone number is 2-8455.

That's Eddie Sutton. If he keeps on improving he should become one of State High's All-timers. We certainly hope so.

**Beat Allegan**

## Cubs Have Fire

With the basketball season just underway, lets have a look at the State High side of the picture.

First, the statistics are: a 30-22 win over Buchanan, and a 33-30 loss to Portage.

Second, let's look at the team. The starting five to date has consisted of Captain Fred Hubbell, Ed Sutton, Jack Mindeman, Don Gill, and Don Kendrick. Ed Sutton, has been leading the way in the scoring column, while leading the play-making has been Fred Hubbell. Don Gill has been playing a good floor game, and Jack Mindeman has done some fine work on defense. Don "Blackie" Kendrick, while not standing out in any one phase of play, has done a good job on both offense and defense and is always there to fight for that ball. Frank Nugent, Al Hackman, Bob Anson, Ken Cobb, and John Keyser all have seen action. Frank has been a helping hand on defense and probably will see quite a bit of action in the future. But, like everyone, they have their faults. The greatest of these to date is the inability to shoot.

Third, how's the team's spirit? Pretty good so far. They scrap and fight for the ball every minute they are working together.

Last, a look at the future shows that if Coach Stevens, who has done a good job so far, can smooth off the rough edges, this team may be able to go a long way and give many another team a real battle. C'm on gang!

## A Look at Sports

By JACK BRENNER

In response to the article in last issue's paper, concerning indoor track, not enough answers were received to make sure if there were enough for a team or not. There is a chance for two meets if we want them and can have a team ready for them. A sheet of paper either will be, or has been put up or passed around to find out who would participate and in what.

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I don't know about anybody else, but I've enjoyed the half-time entertainment so far this year. I don't know who has charge of it, but I think, that to date, it has been very interesting and added a lot to the evening.

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The girls were going to have a volleyball tournament along here somewhere. How was or is it, and "wha hapen'?" Won't somebody please come around and tell me? Please!

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I haven't liked our school spirit so far this basketball season. It isn't good sportsmanship to boo the referee's decisions. And, what's more, it isn't smart, either. He's not going to change his decision any. It's all right to vent your disappointment by some exclamatory remark, but hissing and booing the referee is just bad manners. Hollering while the other team is shooting a free throw is a very poor way to show your school spirit, too. The referee is entitled to call a technical foul on the crowd if he thinks that it is doing anything to disconcert the player who is shooting. Let's not have anymore of it.

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A pep band has been organized again this year. It consists of ten pieces, and its main purpose is to play at our away Friday Games. The big band will play at our home games, but some of its members can't go on all the trips. The pep band will go instead.

Jimmy Bowen is in charge. He will direct when not tooting his trombone. They will play our school songs and try to keep spirit high while our team is engaged in bitter battle with the enemy.

Spirits are higher when a band is playing. It adds a lot of pep to the cheering section. Lets give 'em a hand.

**Beat Allegan**



## Santa Claus Predicts Sleighride

We thought we'd take a look in our crystal ball to see what couples you will probably see at "Santa's Sleighride." The crystal ball gave and here are the results of the long gaze, but we cannot guarantee that they're right.

The Junior girls are here enmasse with their steadys. I see Lynda, Annie, Mary, and Judy having loads of fun.

Gliding around the floor is Julie Davis and Fred, Polly and Bob Britigan, Judy Scott and Larry, and Donna and Norm Harvey. The freshies are really getting around this year—so shows our crystal sphere.

Sue and Duncan, Fran and Bob, and Mary Joyce and Joe are here as are Joyce and Jim Pore, Jackie and Don, and Glen Shugars with Sue Murphy.

Ann and Ken, Nan and Frank and Don and Lyn seem to be having fun talking to a bunch of senior girls and their college dates.

Corby and Joan Hill, Jimmy and Joyce Parker, and Suzie and Paul Hubbell are proof of the friendliness that exists between us individuals in other schools.

There are oddles and oodles more couples dancing to Bobby Davidsons' mellow music, but the light fades and I see no more.

## Senior Dutchman

The annual outing of the "Retired Dutch Celery Growers Debate and Discussion Club" was held last Monday at Milham Park.

Here is how it went.

7:02 Left for Milham Park on Portage—Oakland Bus.

7:27 Alit from bus.

7:54 Arrived at Milham.

8:04 James vanRussel fell in creek.

8:17 Started breakfast.

8:37 Frederic Hubbell burned a hole in pants with bacon grease.

8:44 Patrick deCoffield dropped one dish. Was ousted from club for undue waste.

9:00-11:37 Built snow fort.

11:38 Kenneth Scherman caught duck frozen in ice. Big feast.

11:47-12:59 Dinner.

1:03 Started building ammunition for big snowball fight.

1:30 Snowball fight started. "Celeryseed" Kirkpatrick on the offensive for the North Siders.

2:47 "Pops" VandeNugent and Johan Van Gelder hid snowballs under their beards and opened offensive from back of South Siders.

3:19 Enter skunk into North Side fort.

3:19½ Exit North Siders.

3:42 South Side called truce due to crumbling defenses.

4:07 Left for Portage-Oakland bus.

4:09 Jame vanRussel again fell in creek.

A good time was had by all.



Jack and Jill went up the hill  
With shouts of merry laughter,  
Equipped with boots and snow suits  
warm,

Their sleds were trailing after.

'Twas a snowy Saturday morn

Just right for winter sliding.

"Old State High's hill is just the  
place,"

The two were then deciding.

"No one's here on Saturday,"

Said Jack. "The hill's not taken."

But at that moment something proved

That he was quite mistaken.

A large green sled went speeding by,  
Creating quite a breeze.

"It's Ernie Weber! And look there—  
"Doc Sebaly on skis!"

Jack and Jill were much surprised  
At this unusual sight;

But more surprises on that hill

Were not yet brought to light.

When they reached the very top,

They heard a mighty roar

Emerging from the Ad Building's

"Deserted" second floor.

Jack and Jill forgot their sleds

And hurried right on in,

And there they found Red Gemrich

Sweeping the floor with a pin!

Beside him stood Pat Coffield

With sternness on his face.

"We've got to keep these freshmen

"In their rightful lowly place!"

Now Jack and Jill decided next

To look around the halls

And see who else was lurking there

In State High's hallowed walls.

They peeked in the high school office;

Cried Jill, "Well I should say!

"Miss Crisman playing Chinese chess

"With 'busy' Mrs. J.!"

When passing by the study hall,

Jack was heard to say,

"Miss Cleveland has her proteges

Rehearsing the Christmas play."

Jack and Jill went down the hill

A surprised and wiser pair;

"At our school, even on Saturday,  
Someone's always there!"

by Dot Cartland

## The Adventures of Cubblue The Blue Nosed Reindeer

Two weeks before Christmas a little reindeer named Cubblue appeared on the campus of State High. He is a first cousin to Rudolf, who is a second cousin of Bambi, who is related to the great Prancer, one of Santa's six prancing reindeer. How that came to be I don't know but you've heard of "those intermarriages." Cubblue's tummy is bright yellow, his nose is bright blue, and he wears a collar of bells, each bell signifying a victory won. Most of his bells are a little rusty. Cubblue has had a string of bad luck. But one bell is shiny new, for only the other night our little friend defeated the mighty "Bucks." Chief of the deer cubs Fred Stevens gave him the bell after he won.

But even with this new bell on his collar, Cubblue was not entirely happy. Why even cousin Rudolph's red nose was better known than poor Cubblues whole body. Then it happened. One eve, when Cubblue was moping about he came upon the great deserted building that by day houses State High. Upon entering the dismal construction, he quickly saw a way to achieve true happiness. He would use his influence with Santa to help the desperate high school students. (Remember he is a relative, through distant, of Prancer.) His first notation was, "A completely new building for State High."

Cubblue's next few steps took him into the chambers of "Goldalocks," or pardon Cubblue, (He can't read very well), he means Golda. He realized how much work she must do and jotted down, "An extra supply of ink for Goldalocks."

Now wandering here and there, he learned of the great law officer, Virginia. He ordered a fresh supply of pretty pink tardy slips for her.

Continuing down the corridor, Cubblue entered the cafeteria. He took one look and put at the top of his list: "New Cafeteria, new food, Urgent!"

On his way upstairs he met "Grumpy" the janitor. A little talk resulted in, "A whole new heating system."

While exploring the classrooms, our little benefactor bumped, without serious result, into a large steel pole. He quickly wrote, "All poles in middle of classrooms to be removed. Teachers should be seen, not heard."

Cubblue came to a room marked "Highlights": "Vacuum cleaner needed for Highlights." He took a peep into the Highlander room and noted, "New room necessary."

From carvings on chair arms he learned of lovers, naughty and nice, and ordered candy rings all around.

Cubblue then by foot mail took his great message to the North Pole.

Will he become the greatest of all time? We shall see.