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Lay Plans for '51 Blue and Gold Revue

The Blue and Gold Revue is being presented this year by the choir and band combined. Each will do one-half of the program utilizing individual talent from each organization plus outside talent which will be chosen after tryouts. The date for tryouts will be announced later.

The choir plans to use a colorful Mexican scene for the background of their act. A girls' sextet composed of Pete Shook, Janet Snow, Mary Teugh, Bonnie Peterson, Sally Reeves and Bernadine Paull has been chosen to do some of the work.

The band intends to "go Western" for the show with ten gallon hats and six-shooters all ready. The famed cowboy band will be playing in their inimitable manner. So an entertainment packed evening is in store for you when State High presents its annual Blue and Gold Review, April 12, 13, and 14 at 8:20 in the Little Theatre.

Speech Class Works?

For the past few weeks the advanced speech class has been studying various kinds of speeches for entertainment, and as a conclusion to their work, Miss Cleveland led her flock out to Chicken Charlie's for a dinner two weeks ago last night. The affair began at six o'clock, but it was after dinner that the fun really began. Lola Bennett acted as mistress of ceremonies and she introduced people who in turn gave lengthy introductions for the prominent personalities who were to speak.

Miss Anne Wise introduced the noted coach, Mr. Frank Maher. He is the one and only coach on record who has lost twenty-four games in a row. A little later "elderly" Don Cain gave a farewell speech to the members of the corset company with which he had served faithfully for thirty-five years last year. Jimmie Dollahan addressed his fellow bachelors on the night before his wedding, and Marilyn Smith introduced the Pulitzer prize winner, the talented Miss Ilene Weisman.

Other speeches followed, and a good time was had by all.

The Social Dance Club is having a candy sale on the 19. They will be selling candied apples and fudge; bring your money! Adv.

Seniors Discuss Problems They'll Meet in College

If you went to the last P.T.S.O. meeting March 7, you got a glimpse of the students who plan to attend State High next fall and their parents. Dr. Bryan led a discussion in which all faculty members participated. The subjects under discussion were schedules, courses of study offered, college requirements, and some possible changes to be made in the curriculum.

The seniors and their parents were divided into two groups. The girls held a panel discussion led by Mrs. Richard Morris, Mrs. D. A. Shepard, and Mrs. Edward Ihling on "Problems Confronting College Freshmen.

The senior boys also retired into a group with their parents and held a similar discussion led by Mr. Towner Smith who is the Assistant director of personnel for Western.

Student Council Notes

Some of you may be a little curious about just what the Student Council has been doing lately.

They have been discussing several matters which require the opinions of you students. These are some of the questions which they would like you to consider.

Do you want a meal ticket ($1.25 for five lunches) in the cafeteria? Did you like the type of pep assemblies we had the last few times? Do you want more pep assemblies for the spring sports this year? Should we have Leadership Training Day next year? Should we spend more money to get a good Student Council movie next year?

These problems are ones which concern all of us, so please think about them and express your ideas to your representatives. The Council will appreciate your interest.

Band Contender In State Contest

On Friday, March 16, Western Michigan and Kalamazoo Colleges will be host to about 30 high school band and orchestras at the Southwestern Michigan Band and Orchestra Contest.

Each band will play one required number, a selected number, and a march. They will also sight-read one piece of music, having never seen a copy of it before. The required number (for Class B—State High) is Romantic Overture by Leibnitz. Our bands' selected number is Harvest Home, and march will be March Poco.

Represented at the contest will be such top ranking Class B bands as Coldwater, Sturgis, Three Rivers, and Niles. There will also be bands from Class A, C, and D high schools. Each of the bands will be decked out in their uniforms, making in all a very colorful sight.

The Class A and B bands will play in Tredway Gymnasium, while the Class C and D will play on the hilltop.

State High has previously received three No. 1 ratings while two years ago we received a No. 2 rating. We did not enter the contest last year. This year Dr. Beloof is quite confident that the band can earn a number 1 rating, which will enable the band to go to East Lansing for the State contest.

The contest is open to the public free of admission. All they ask is that the audience be quiet while the bands are playing.

State High Students; Grads in 'Showboat'

Showboat Revue, a musical show, will be presented March 14 at Central High School. It is directed by Marion Newberry and is sponsored by Kalamazoo's Quota Club. Many of State High's alumni and students are numbered among the chorus and principals. They are Dawn Birch, Alene Watterworth, Bernadine Paull, Joe Spicketts, Brad Smith, Jackie Leach, George Howe, Carolyn Fox, Mary Tought, Carol Hartman, Tamsin Malone, Ted Barnum, and Smirle Weston.

Miss Newberry, the director, is a former Broadway and opera star. She has played with Mary Martin and Tallulah Bankhead in New York, and she has sung at the Metropolitan Opera.
Let's Preserve Our Heritage

America is a land of sunshine and opportunity. There is sunshine in the air and there is sunshine in its people.

Our democracy is a success because the people believe in it and heartily enjoy the benefits and privileges offered to them by this wonderful democracy for which we have fought and shed blood to achieve and preserve.

Nowadays people are continually thinking in terms of security when there is really no such thing. Freedom is a far more precious achievement than security. Freedom is difficult to define; maybe I could call it mental, spiritual and physical elbow room. Freedom produces people like America has produced; great composers and great literary, artistic, and musical geniuses. America has produced some of the finest, and most original thinkers. America has given you your friends. Those are the most wonderful people on earth. Freedom does marvelous things for a nation and its people.

You are given an opportunity to improve your talents and personality. If you'll go out and do some work for what you want, you will, in the end, accomplish it. Every one is able to do or make something very well. That is, everyone has talent of one kind or another. You owe it to your country to take advantage of the opportunities offered to you and to contribute what you gain to America. If you know how to make people live together in closer harmony, devote that talent to making a more nearly perfect democracy. Remember you are very important to the nation; it's your government, you are its life and breath, and its brain power.

We must do all in our power to become more fitting and deserving people for in a short time we are going to be deciding the fate of the nation. That takes people of extremely high intelligence. We do not wish succeeding generations to correct and fight over the mistakes we have made.

Freedom isn't always kind to a person, but the very happiest people are free people. If we could really achieve security, we would be unhappy, for there would be no challenge in life.

Remember that word "Freedom." Think about how wonderful it is and what it means to you. "Freedom," may it echo for countless American Years, generations, and ages.

Mary Kuizenga

'You Can't Take It With You' — Big Hit

"You Can’t Take It With You" was a delightful selection for this year’s Spring Play, and it was superbly presented by the Masquer’s Club.

The play revolves around the Sycamore family. This happy group leads a life devoted to fun and gaiety and lives completely apart from the rest of the world. They have forgotten all about the existence of stocks and bonds, and Wall Street and wars. They are oblivious to the worries of the world.

Marshall Brenner did an excellent job in the part of grandfather who started the family off on its life of enjoyment. He quit his job in business one day thirty-five years before and began a life of “doing what I want to do.”

Caro Sheldon was very realistic in the part of Mrs. Sycamore. She started to write plays after a type-writer was delivered to her house by mistake. She gave a very finished performance.

Dick Kremer turned in an especially fine performance as a gruff Internal Revenue agent. Don Vrobell was perfect in the part of a Russian ballet instructor. Dave Roth and Janet Snow, cast as two lovers showed lots of class. Dick Hawkins, playing the part of Mr. Kirby, a wealthy broker, also gave a polished performance. The entire cast showed lots of acting ability.

Hello, Bud

Bud Hetrick came from Mattawan at the start of this semester, and he says that he thinks our school is swell. State High lassies will be pleased to know that, according to him, there are ten times as many cute girls here as there are at the Mattawan school. As far as improvements in our school are concerned, he doesn't have any to suggest.

If Bud goes to college, Western will probably be his choice and he hopes to be a coach some day. But maybe the Coast Guard will get him first.

His favorite entertainer on the radio is Red Skelton, and he likes “Song of the Wild Goose” as his favorite musical choice. This blue-eyed blonde junior is very decided about his pet peeve. It happens to be concealed people. He takes Social Problems, English, United States History, and Geometry; he likes study hall best.

At Mattawan he played football, and says that he may go out for it next fall.

Bud’s dad is a teacher in the Campus School and he has two brothers and a sister.

Mr. Hetrick, we welcome you, and hope you'll like being one of us.
Daffodils Ahead

While the rain, mist, and warm breezes are busy at work melting all of Jack Frost’s Winter Art, mainly icicles and snowflakes, spring fever seems to have touched upon State High. There are fevers of every kind, color, and description, all of which have affected State Hi-ites and faculty in varying degrees.

First of all there is the type of fever which looks forward to the coming of spring with great anticipation. It can hardly wait for the robins, bluebirds, daffodils, and Easter eggs which arrive with the advent of spring.

However, the type which is evidently most prevalent around our halls is the type which makes us turn rather sickish at the thought of doing any work. Around this school it’s going to look as if everyone does exactly what pleases.

Another variation of spring fever that is frequently observed here is a type commonly known as “twipperation”. I could easily give you several examples of aforesaid spring fever type but in the spring such things are evident. You can discover such things by merely looking.

Another type is common to the baseball fans who can soon begin flocking to baseball fields. Remember, the Detroit Tigers start on April 17.

So, kids, keep on wading through those mud-puddles. Pretty soon they will be daffodils, it will be SPRING!

Ladies Become Gents

Well gals, your second and last chance for this year is coming up in April. Better get busy and ask your favorite fella. Don’t let anyone else get him.

While we’ve still got this little old dance in mind, how about going over some of the tasks expected of you. First of all, you will most likely need to polish up on your driving techniques. One-armed, two-armed—what will it be? Next, you gals will have to learn to open doors, hold coats, and bow low when you ask for a dance. Also a boutonniere is in order. This, you can make yourself after a quick trip to the grocer’s. A few small carrots radishes, and greens are all you need for a colorful vegetable bouquet. This concoction is an additional touch of beauty to be added to your fella.

At last all is ready. Hop in the car, skip to his house, and jump up to his door. Off you go, he on your arm. Have fun.

Comicon Book Characters

Once upon a time there originated a little fellow called “Tiny John” the Leprechaun. An amusing fellow he is, too. He always makes his appearance around St. Patrick’s Day. Attired in green, he always puts on an amusing contest of “Hide and Seek.” If you can find him, you are awarded a big four-leaf clover at the Hi-Y carnival.

He passed a little information on to me for. In order to enter this contest one must first visit all the booths and be as big a helper as he is to St. Patrick.

Now hear me folks! Why don’t you try for the big prize at the Bingo Booth? “Tiny John” is an expert at this game and if you’re worthy, he might let you win. Even though “Tiny’s” tiny, he still loves to eat. I’m sure you’ll find him at the Student Council and Highlights food booths. After all, his luck might prevent you from getting a belly ache.

Tiny John is a mighty sportsman too. He will spend sometime at the football and basketball throw booths but he must not be so helpful at these two. At least we could have used some help earlier this year.

Tiny is quite the cad for fashion—a regular little man about town. He can certainly be found at the “Style Show” and if you want to be fashion-wise, go there. Look sharp— or if you feel a twirk of your neck tie or your socks roll down, its probably Tiny letting you know that your socks don’t match your tie or that there is no tie where there ought to be one.

Or look in at the movies, or stop at the Penny-throw. He knows how to throw dimes around, and probably can handle pennies, too. He will be there, every where, and only by keeping a sharp look out will you get the lucky four-leaf clover.

HUMOR

A nut at the wheel,
A peach on his right,
A curve in the road,
Fruit salad tonight.

Maroon & Steel
Lewiston, Pa.

Sheldon in a fit insane
Thrust his head beneath a train.
All were quite surprised to find
How it broadened Sheldon’s mind.

Penn State—Proth

Sing a song of sulphur
A beaker full of lime
Four and twenty test tubes
Breaking all the time.
When the top is lighted,
The flames begin to roar.
Isn’t that an awful mess
To have five times a week?
Willie came into the lab,
Thought he knew a lot;
He took a bottle, ignored the tag;
Funeral, two o’clock.
—The X-ray, Sacramento High
Sacramento, California
State Highlights

Cubs Win Tourney Opener

Girls Plan Big Play Day
Also Begin Tennis Drills

Sutton Hero in Win
Over Otsego

State High defeated Otsego in an overtime thriller in the opener of the District Tournament. However, they lost a tough 61-54 decision to Allegan in the finals. The big hero of the first game was Ed Sutton who swished two free shots after the final buzzer had sounded. He tied it up and sent the game into overtime.

Both teams used a tight defense and baskets came hard for both sides. The score at the end of the first quarter was only 7-5 in favor of our Cubs.

State was ahead at the intermission, but early in the third period the Bulldogs took a 22-21 lead. It was a see-saw battle from there on. With only three minutes left, the Hilltoppers were out front by five, but then, Otsego staged a rally that put them two points ahead, 33-31, at the gun.

The stage was set for Sutton's two tosses. He calmly stepped up to the line and sunk both of them. The Hilltoppers were out front by five, but then, Otsego staged a rally that put them two points ahead, 33-31, at the gun.

The next night the tired Cubs lost to a fine Allegan five. Our cagers were worn out from the previous game and their defense wasn't nearly as sharp. Instead of making clean blocks they often made fouls. There were 32 fouls called against State High players.

Mindeaman drew first blood with a one hander. The two teams stayed close together until the middle of the first quarter when Allegan drew away. They stayed about eight points ahead throughout the game.

High for State was Nugent with 19 points. Newman of Allegan had 23 tallies while Cook had 16.

By Jack Brenner

A Look at Sports

All who saw the tournament game with Otsego at Plainwell know that it was the most exciting game of their lives. Only once in a life time can such a thing happen. The game was "out of this world" with spectators spilling out onto the floor, congratulating the boys at the seat and in the field. The Hilltoppers were out front by five, but then, Otsego staged a rally that put them two points ahead, 33-31, at the gun.

The spring sports special is now getting into motion and is picking up steam. All teams have had workouts outside and prospects are bright in all four sports.

The golf team is especially impressive. Captain John Gelder and Maynard Niebor are two of the finest golfers in the state. Gelder is filling the spot. Big Dale Crawford, and is helping the boys with some expert coaching.

The track team has been working out four times a week. The team lacks team depth, but has several excellent men on the squad. Frank Nugent, Kalamazoo's version of a State High player, has been working out for a dozen or so points in every meet.

Ken Sherman and Captain Dunc Carter look good in the dashes. Dick Potsch, Gordon Copeland, and Bruce Brown should carry the load in the field events. Newcomers will have to supply the manpower for many of the rest of the positions.