State Highlights 10/10/1951

Western State High School
Social Committee Members Chosen For This Semester

Nancie Strome, Student Council Secretary, has chosen the Social Committee for the coming school semester. The group will plan dances and social functions. Out of eighty-nine, forty were selected to serve as the committee. Following is the list of members:

- Polly Allen, Patsy Ellet, Lilla Ellet, Julie Davis, Martha Braden, Jon Sebaly, Joanne Survilla, Matt Peelen, Mary Kuizenga, John Weber, Janet Hughes, Gail Hubbell, Duke Peterson, Sandy Thorpe, Joanne Puitomin, Joan Stiles, Muriel Linder.
- Bev Swaop, Sally Hayward, Ena Rush, Bev Grigg, Chuck Koons, Pat Perigo, Carol Hartman, Pete Platt, Bob Carver, Eva Aube, Fred Dilno, Carol Smith, Judy Scott, Kate Randall, Louis Johnson, Sally Reeves, Wayne Carr, Stan Vins, George Tinkham, Al Hackman, Ann Malotte, Ann Frey, Ann Mahoney, Ken Storey, Bobble Gleason, Bob Graff, Diane Doubleday.

School Problems to Be Topic of Administrative Assemblies

On alternate Wednesdays during the school year, the Student Council leads a discussion concerning present problems of the school. The first assembly committee was concerned with class dues. Peter Platt, Ann Mahoney, Fred Dilno, Bev Swaop, Judy Scott, and Ted Emerson presented the panel discussion.

The group that leads the discussion does not solve any problem. The students, selected from all of the classes, try to present an unbiased viewpoint. The rest of the student body, through the homeroom, are later given a chance to voice their opinions. Through the homeroom officers, the student council is able to make a final decision that represents the majority of the whole school.

Last year, the P.T.S.O. worked with the administrative committee. Our athletic program was discussed and the school decided to join a new league.

Magazine Sale Moves Ahead

Mr. Jack Frey Coaches State High Music

Mr. Jack Frey, replacing Mrs. Britton, can always be found at 2:30 instructing the choir. In addition to teaching the high school choir, he is teaching several college classes. He also sponsors the glee club.

Mr. Frey hails from Grand Rapids. He received his elementary and secondary education in this city and later attended Western so that he is familiar with procedure at State High. He also has completed work at the University of Michigan. He has his B.S. and M.A. degrees.

During the war he served in the army. While stationed in Texas he led service glee clubs. Since the war he has been teaching in Grand Rapids Central High School, and from there he came to State High.

He has an ambitious program for the choir and it sounds like a convincing one. He plans to stage an opera or operetta, and he wants to have the choir appear in public as much as possible.

Outside of his young son, Robert, Mr. Frey's other interests include football, amateur radio, and playing handball.

Mr. Frey appears to be very enthusiastic and ambitious. Under his direction, the choir should attain additional polish and finesse in their varied appearances.

P.T.S.O. Meeting A Success

On Thursday, October fourth, at 7:30, the first Parent, Teacher Student Organization meeting was held in the Women's gymnasium. The new State High athletic program was the main topic of discussion.

A brief business meeting was conducted by the P.T.S.O. president, Mr. William Ward. Assistings Mr. Ward in respective officers are Dr. Richard Shrieber, Vice President, Nancy Strome, Secretary, and Mrs. R. E. Oakland, treasurer. New parents and teachers were also introduced to this years P.T.S.O. group.

The Parent, Teacher, Student Organization meets twice a semester, discussing and acting upon school problems. The P.T.S.O. has a council composed of two parent representatives, and the Student Council officers.

Following the meeting, last Thursday, students and parents remained for mixed social and square dances and refreshments.

The fourth annual magazine selling campaign is once again in full swing. Last spring, the Student Council decided that the selling of magazines not only gives the students good practice in selling, but also is a practical way of obtaining funds for our school.

Each of the previous years of magazine selling have had a designated use for the profits. This year the money will mainly be used for bigger and better social committee functions. We feel that this is a very worthwhile cause and also very profitable for the students.

Several things have been mentioned as goals for which to strive. In relation to the Social Committee, it is announced that we could try to establish dances with other schools, a Spring Formal, and several free dances. Also money earned can be very well used for the athletic clubs.

Last week, Mr. Byron West, a sales representative of the Collier-Crowe Magazine Publishing Corporation, came to State High and gave a brief resume of the tactics of good salesmanship.

The sale is now well underway and the amount of money our school receives as profit is up to each individual student. Let's all pitch in and make this sale the biggest and best, ever!

Masquer's Cast 'Many Moons'

By an agreement with the Civic Theatre, the Masquer's club, under the direction of Miss Bernice Cleveland, is in the process of casting the children's play, "Many Moons." The Civic is furnishing the publicity for the play.

Undersea Dance Staged

The social committee dance on October Sixth was a big success. Decoration heads, Gail Hubbell and Janet Hughes carried out the theme of Davey Jones' Locker. Lilla Ellet was chairman of publicity for the affair.

Calendar

October 10—Class Meetings

October 11—M. E. A. Teachers' Institute

October 12—M. E. A. Teachers' Institute Dowagiac—Here 3:30

October 19—South Haven—There 7:30

October 23—Assembly 11:00-11:50

October 24—Magazine Sale Ends
Rosie Buckham Captures Fair Awards

This year at the 4-H club show in Lansing, Rosemary Buckham entered her steer, and was rewarded with the Grand Championship. At the same show her pen of Shropshire Lambs took the same award. All this isn’t new to the Buckham family, however. Rosemary’s two brothers Fred, now in the army in Germany and his twin George who is married, along with Rosemary have won about two hundred and fifty ribbons and prizes. Since she was eleven years old, Rosemary has helped show the sheep and steers on the Buckham farm, and now that her brothers can no longer devote all of their time to raising and showing livestock, Rosemary has now taken over the job.

Aside from walking away with top honors in Lansing this summer, Rosemary won second and fifth places in a class of thirty-five at the Kalamazoo County Fair with her steers. Her last pen championship pen. She also had first place fat lamb and won Grand Champion beanshowman. Although Rosemary usually shows her own sheep and steers, she helps her brother George, show his livestock at the Michigan State Fair in Detroit, the Allegan Fair, and the Centerville County Fair. Rosemary hopes to continue as well as she has in the past and to keep up the winning record of the Buckham farm, when she goes to the Ionia Junior Livestock Show in October, and the Fat Livestock Show in Detroit.
Hot Hits

If you like "pop" records, here are a few tips on the latest.

For RHYTHM in big capital letters, there’s “Down Yonder” by Al Trace. Bob Crosby and the Dinning Sisters have a new western with a dixie beat called “Oklahoma Hills.” To hear a bunch of real stars have a wonderful time, listen to “Black Strap Molasses” with Danny Kaye, Groucho Marx, Jimmy Durante, and Jane Wyman. Isn’t that some combination?

On the more dreamy side, there’s four Patti Page’s doing “And So To Sleep Again” as only she can do it. “Sin” by Eddy Howard is a must for your collection. Les Brown has joined the Ames Brothers on the Coral label to cut “Undecided” backed by the standard, "Sentimental Journey." These few records are my predictions to be the hits of October.

Mermaids plan Water Ballet

The girl’s swimming organization here, who call themselves the “Finettes,” are sponsoring a four week training course for future members. They will practice on Monday evenings and Sunday afternoons.

The purpose of this course is to find eight or ten new mermaids to supplement the already organized group of fifteen. At the end of this four week period, Miss Large, the club directors, and some established "Finettes" will judge the class and choose the swimmers they want to participate in their yearly water show.

After the choice is made, the "Finettes" will start plans for this year’s water show.

The officers of this club are: Ann Mahoney, president; Barbara Oakland, vice-president; Charlene Pellwe, secretary; Pat Sprouse, treasurer; and Lilla Ellet, publicity chairman. Since everything is done by the "Finettes," the above listed officers will then choose committees to work on the necessary projects involved. A very few of these jobs are, organizing the numbers, set designing and painting, and the procuring of records and costumes.

Grid Review

I. Pigsinn Patt was the football used in the State High, St. Joseph game last Friday. As the football that was there, I would like to relate the events of the game.

State High showed a lot of spirit and morale at the start of the game and held a strong St. Joseph team to a scoreless first half. Both teams carted me around quite a bit, but neither could park me on the other side of the goal line.

When the third quarter started I really got a workout. State High kicked off and I got a nice ride off the kicker’s toe. Then on the first play St. Joseph worked, one of their halfbacks flipped me to an end. It was Bernard to the end for a 55 yard touchdown pass.

After the kickoff to State High, Don Gill decided to pass, so he tossed the ball to one of our ends. That part was all right but before I could get to that end the St. Joseph center snapped it right into his hands.

Six plays later St. Joseph scored 2 more times before the quarter ended.

Their quarterback kicked 2 of the four extra points and at the end of the quarter St. Joseph led us 26-0.

Both teams scored in the fourth quarter. St. Joseph marched 24 yards downhill and carried me over to make the score 32-0.

A little later in the quarter Maynard Niebor a State High halfback, intercepted a St. Joseph pass and ran 90 yards to paydirt. State High received a bad break at this spot in the game, for the touchdown was lost on a clipping penalty.

With two minutes to go Niebor charged through the middle of the line and went 44 yards for a extra point. State High and Noble met the extra point making the final score: St. Joseph 32, State High 7.

Who's Who on The Grid Squad

The names and positions of the boys who will be battling for State High on the football field are given below.

The guards of the varsity squad are Capt. George Hager, Henry George, Jerry Post, and Charles Oliverk. The ends consist of Ted Emerson, John Thayer, Dick Teugh, Wayne Carr, and Corby Lewis. The tackles are Tom Kreilk, Jim Hawkins, Bob Curver, John Keyser, Bob Harback, and Dick Kremer. The centers are made up of Bruce Brown, Ken Cobb, and Dave Wilson. Ken Fricke, Maynard Niebor, Vern Ver Hage, and Al Hackman are the halfbacks. Don Gill and Tom Johnson make up the quarterbacks. The fullbacks are Stan Vins and Dick Defrees.

The tackles of the reserve squad are Dave Goudzuard, Dave Swoop, Matt Peelen, and Bob Mabie. Pat Armstrong, Gordon Bickhousen, and Ron Kilgore are the fullbacks. The quarterbacks is Brooks Godfrey. Larry Weisman, Fred Watterson, Jim Otis, Red Gernrich, and Don Kilgore make up the halfbacks. The centers consist of Lee Standish and Bob Meek. The guards are Jim Dyer, Jon Sebaly, Roy Harwood, and Charles Straub. Joe Gillis, Jim Hatfield, John Warfield, Dan Ward, John Schensul, Jim Van Tassel, Denny Bryan, Joe Scott, and Jerry Harbour are the ends.

Cubs vs. Dowagiac

Waldo Stadium

3:30

October 10, 1951

Yanks and Giants in World Series

When World Series time rolls around each October, there is the usual stampede for the nearest radio or better still the nearest television set by State High students to hear or witness their World Series favorite in action.

This year the World Series was not the only thrilling baseball played by the two pennant winners, because they each had to beat out top competition in their pennant drives.

For the New York Yankees, who have won the American League pennant eighteen times and the World Series thirteen times, this was perhaps just another close pennant race, but to fans who have watched it until the final out of the game that clinched the pennant three days before the season’s end, it was an exciting battle.

Cleveland, Boston, and Chicago were the only other serious contenders other than the Yankees for the American League flag. Only Cleveland out of these was able to stay with the Yanks until they took the pennant.

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Choir Polishes Halos

Mr. Frey, the new choir director is arranging a program of singing which our choir will present for the First Reformed Church.

P.T.S.O. Pulls Crowd

Congratulations to the P.T.S.O. council for the convincing turnout at the first meeting on October fourth.

Candy for Sale!

Candy apples, cookies, and cakes will be sold at the baked goods sale on October 17, sponsored by the Highlights staff.

Musicians Migrate

The band with their director, Mr. Beloof, will represent State High in the Annual Music Festival at Coldwater, Michigan on October Sixteenth.

Villian Brought to Light

One recent dark and cold Friday evening, while a raging storm was brewing in the atmosphere, tucked away in the solitude of my library, I discovered a mystery that Sherlock Holmes himself could not have solved. It was jotted down in a little black book by some miserable soul on his deathbed, who, after years of search, had given up the ghost, and left only a tangled web of clues for me to decipher. As I glanced over his pitiful story, the hair stood straight on the back of my neck, and I involuntarily shuddered.

The book, (Algebra II was the deceitful title), was written by six villians, masters of black magic. Van Buskirk, Van Buskirk, Van Buskirk, Van Buskirk, and O'Brien. The principle character was a fiendish soul with a heart as black as the Ace of Spades and eyes that smouldered like living coals. A witch, named Mr. X.

For years I delved into the life of Mr. X, tracing every step of his miserable existence. I discovered he lived in a despicable city, in the vicinity of Congruent Triangle, near the intersection of Isosceles Avenue and Right Angle Road, on Slide Rule Alley. He was a horrible person and spent his time haunting innocent students like living coals. A witch, named Mr. X.

One day I came across a little book, I discovered a devilish formula, for what fatal brew I knew not.

Hot on the quest, for days I labored, forsaking food and drink, wanting only to know the end of the story. I grew deathly ill, disease racked my body, but I would not stop. The last breath of life was passing from my tortured chest, at last the answer was revealed to me. With a hideous scream and a harrow, hollow laugh, I pressed it in my poor soul, naught, insane, with a hot hatred in my heart.

For Mr. X was equal only to zero, and I had gone through my self-imposed purgatory for nothing!