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# State Highlights

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## Social Committee Members Chosen For this Semester

Nancie Strome, Student Council Secretary, has chosen the Social Committee members 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 Eliet, Lilla Eliet, Julie Davis, Martha Braden, Jon Sebaly, Joanne Survilla, Matt Peelen, Mary Kuizenga, John Weber, Janet Hughes, Gail Hubbell, Duke Peterson, Sandy Thorpe, Joanne Puotinen, Joan Stiles, Miriam Leimer.

Bev Swoap, Sally Hayward, Ena Rush, Bev Griggs, 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 Vine, George Tinkham, Al Hackman, Ann Malotte, Ann Frey, Ann Mahoney, Ken Storey, Bobbie Gleason, Bob Graff, Diane Doubleday.



## School Problems to be Topic of Administrative Assemblies

On alternate Wednesdays during "A" week, 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. Swoap, 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 four of the classes, try to present an unbiased viewpoint. The rest of the student body, through the homerooms, 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 2:00 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. Assisting 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 year's 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 Eliet was chairman of publicity for the affair.

## Calendar

- October 10—Class Meetings  
Elementary P.T.S.O.
- 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  
Administrative Assembly-12:30



## Seniors Welcome Janet



A welcome addition to the senior class is an edible vegetable named Janet La Plante.

Until a year ago Janet lived way up north in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, but she says that she does like Kalamazoo in general and State High in particular.

Janet is a hazel eyed brunette who attended Nazareth last year. She likes music, people, and swimming, although up north she couldn't swim till late August due to the weather. Janet's hobby is a record collection, ranging from light classical to jazz.

Our new senior's mother teaches at Milwood school so Janet has had plenty of time to view the faculty specie at close range. Janet also claims ownership of a twelve year old, precocious sister and several unwanted mice.

When asked what she especially noticed about our school she replied "the friendly atmosphere."

We hope Janet's first impression is a lasting and correct one.

## 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 lambs won championship pen. She also had first place fat lamb and won Grand Champion beef showman. Although Rosemary usually shows her own sheep and steers, she helped 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.

# Allied - Japanese Treaty Signed

Almost ten years have passed since Americans have seen Japanese diplomats. On Dec. 7, 1941 they were talking with Secretary of State, Cordell Hull, when the bombs fell on Pearl Harbor. Last month six little men in stiff black cutaways came to San Francisco for the signing of the Japanese Peace Treaty. Just as polite as their predecessors—only far less dangerous.

The treaty architect was Mr. John Foster Dulles, Republican advisor to the State Department. The conferences, arguments, and signing took place in the San Francisco Opera House. Secretary of State, Dean Acheson presided over the treaty conference at which all the Allied powers were present.

The treaty limits the sovereignty of the Japanese people to Honshu, Hokkaido, Kyushu, Shikoku and other small islands close to the mainland of Japan.

It is hoped that Japan will choose to join the U.N. However, they will not be compelled to do so if they should decide against it. For their own security and to contribute to the security of the world, I believe they will soon become a member or at least give the U.N. every assistance.

Japan as a democracy and sovereign nation has the provision to defend herself against aggression. Allied elements will undoubtedly remain there for the Japanese national defense.

In connection with trade and commerce Japan will be unrestricted. Her national economy is to be left entirely to the decision of her government. She is free to carry on trade with any country of her choice. No limitations are placed on economics and commerce.

After any large scale war, the victims, without fail, demand reparations. However, the payment of a vast reparation would cripple Japan. Industry would collapse, commerce could not be carried on, and the morale of the people would be broken. To pay for its damage Japan has agreed to accept raw materials of war torn allied countries and prepare them for industry or the consumer. In this manner the reparation will be paid quickly and without fluster.

This is a good treaty. Not every one is completely satisfied, as is evidenced by the Russian behavior at the treaty conference. It is truly a treaty of peace. It does not contain the seeds of another war.

Mary Kuizenga

## Analyzing Our Attitudes

High school is perhaps one of the most important parts of our lives. Not solely for the knowledge gained, nor from the friendships made, as they are seldom of the long-lived variety. It is the attitude toward life, developed in our high school years that makes these four years so important. This is the time of great mental growth and of formulating embryo ideas about our great world and fellow inhabitants. Only embryonic, yet, but they are the start of what we will be in our adult years.

There are many bad things about people of any age, but I think that there is one which wounds more individuals and ourselves in our age group, snobbery. State High is noted for its snobberies. Let's have a look at them.

The social snob will probably come to mind first. This isn't the genuinely well liked person, the leader, "the wheel." This is a social climber, the person who is afraid to be seen talking to anyone below his supposed "strata." The truly successful leader has the attribute of friendliness. That is why he is successful. Another thing is that he is an individual. I know people of our age who have so sacrificed individuality for group acceptance that they have lost any part of themselves that is likeable.

Another kind of snob that is quite as bad as the social snob is the intellectual snob. Being intelligent isn't easy; being an intellectual snob is. When these people are shown up by a wiser mind, the fraud and real lack of knowledge is only too obvious. The intellectual snob is recognized by his intolerance toward other's viewpoints and his attitude of lordly superiority.

Sue Gilbert

## STATE HIGHLIGHTS

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## 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 Pages 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 Pellowe, secretary; Pat Sprouse, treasurer; and Lilla Elliot, 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, Pigskin 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 me to one of our ends. That part was all right but before I could get to that end the St. Joseph center snatched me right out of 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 downfield 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 State High's only touchdown. Stan Vine booted 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 Olverik. The ends consist of Ted Emerson, John Thayer, Dick Tough, Wayne Carr, and Corby Lewis. The tackles are Tom Kreilik, Jim Hawkins, Bob Carver, John Keyser, Bob Harback, and Dick Kremer. The centers are made up of Bruce Brown, Ken Cobb, and Dale 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 Vine and Dick Defreese.

The tackles of the reserve squad are Dave Goudzuard, Dave Swoap, Matt Peelen, and Bob Mabie. Pat Ryan, Gordon Berkhausen, and Ron Kilgore are the fullbacks. The quarterbacks is Brooks Godfrey. Larry Weisman, Fred Watterson, Jim Otis, Red Gemrich, 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 seasons 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.

While the American League lent a touch of the dramatic to it's pennant finish, the National League out-did itself, when a playoff resulted at the end of the season. Both of the teams involved were from New York, the Giants and the Dodgers, making it a subway playoff of sorts.

In the playoff the Giants won the third and final game of the series, after each team had won one of the two previous games. The finish of the third game was right out of a story book, with the Giants coming from behind in the last half of the ninth to win. All this would not have been possible without the homerun of Giant, Bobby Thomson.

Kay Peelen



## 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. Belooof, 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 on a dusty shelf in 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 villains, masters of black magic. Van Buskirk, 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 smoldered like living coals. A witch of a man was 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 and making life unbearable for honest teachers. His dirty deeds and deplorable actions were bad enough, but alas for me, in the back of the 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. As 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 harsh, hollow laugh, I passed from this world, mad, 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!



## Locker Slams

Gossip is one of the most interesting columns to write for the paper. Whenever I am assigned this little task I always try to ask as many people as possible if they know any choice gems for the paper. This in itself is often intriguing. The freshman girls just giggle and reply that they didn't know any gossip except about themselves, and of course they wouldn't want that printed. However, I did find out from them that Bob Mindeman is quite popular among their set. Also there is some obscure rumor about Millicent H. and Ron Westhaver. Another frosh Judy S. seems to be doing O.K. with a soph by the name of Chuck.

Then I trudged upstairs. There I find sophomores and juniors, not to speak of the all important seniors. I asked Stan Vine for gossip but he said just to make some nasty crack about Pat. True to form the senior girls interests have turned to the college. Lynda is consistently late to 12:30 study hall, seems that she eats lunch in the oddest places. Judy is spending a good many nites at home (don't you wish you went with a college guy on campus?) because Pat C. is away at college. Speaking of spinster knitting clubs, B.A.G. won't tell us who the argyles are for. Nanette is knitting socks also, for Daddy. And then there is letter writing, an occupation at which Clare G. seems to have become proficient. Letters to every Tom, Dick, and Harry, right Clare? Judy is busy with her letters to Hughie. Dick De Freese is writing to some anonymous beauty.

Nanette is doing considerably well with the college boys as are most of the junior girls, most of whom paid me hush money not to print their names. Pat P. forgot to do just that, so the presses roll. Carolyn Buder and Kirk are still seen in the halls. Julie has joined the sophomore girl's man renouncing club since Fred left for college. This decided preference for college freshman seems to have affected the boys also. What about it J. J.?

We have designated this as "Be

Kind to Old Couples Week." Not ancient that is. We just have to humour them along because they never get their names in the gossip column. Still there are Red and Diane, Mary and Bob, Kaysie and Dave, Don and Joan, Kate and George, and in case nobody knows it Ted is going with Addie Anne.

Two new girls seem to have just about taken the scene as far as the boys from State High are concerned. One is Dinny Linvedt and the other is Janet La Plante whose special friend is Duke P. Nominated for cutest boy sophomore is "Jiggs" Harbour.



## Watchdog Initiation

Among the many strange and peculiar idiosyncrasies of our beloved institution, there is one which we hear of constantly but actually know nothing about. Therefore, the Highlights staff has endeavored to discover some enlightening information concerning this mystery, commonly labeled the monitor system.

The organization is composed of a group of students who (after taking the oath of disloyalty to friends and dutifully failing an eyesight examination) become known as monitors not moronitors, monsters, or minotaurs (for the benefit of our Latin students) but **monitors**.

Having passed the first step toward membership, they are then given two more tests. The first is a contest to find out who can give the dirtiest looks. The lucky winners in this case are stationed in 211A to supervise the innocent and unsuspecting creatures who dwell therein.

The second test consists of an inspection of feet. Those with corns, blisters, bunions, ingrown toenails, and collapsible arches are invariably selected as office monitors. However, in spite of their handicap they willingly limp around the campus, distributing the words of wisdom issued from the office, and collecting little pieces of blue and pink paper in which they wrap their bubble gum when they want to throw it away.

The remaining members who have failed to qualify in the afore-mentioned brackets are condemned to the "hall chair." This is an instrument of torture where the monitor must sit all hour in a straight chair with absolutely no entertainment or diversions except for examining the passports and visas of wandering students.

As a warning to anyone who should run across one of these animals, remember they're harmless, BUT—don't feed 'em, folks ! !