State Highlights 10/24/1951

Western State High School
Juniors Save Scrap Money

The Junior Class collected seventy-two dollars in a scrap drive, sponsored by the Ways and Means Committee. The money collected will be used for the Junior-Senior Prom held later this year.

The drive was held on Thursday, October 11, and although very few juniors attended, those present worked hard.

The Ways and Means Committee is headed by Duke Peterson, other members include Pat Perigo, Janet Snow, and John Weber.

Lowrie Likes England

During the school year of 1948-49 Miss Jean Lowrie, our new librarian served as an exchange teacher in England.

She attended the widely known Edinburg music and dramatic festival and also the Eistedfodd in Wales.

The exchange teacher program with England not only allows teachers from the United States to have many enjoyable and memorable experiences, but also helps to better British-American relations.

Deficit vs. Profit

Expenses incurred in publishing the "Cub Sense" booklet resulted in a deficit of approximately one hundred and forty dollars in the Student Council treasury. Profits from the magazine sale are expected to bring the funds back up to a working level with enough left over to finance future student functions.

S. C. Representatives

The system of homerooms is different this year, with freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors making them.

Following are the homeroom representatives to the student council this year:

Homeroom President Vice-pres.
103 B.E. D. Defreese C. Pellowe
1A Pat Ryan Ron Kilgore
210A Nan Slavin R. Buckhan
201A Carole Smith S. Woodworth
301S John Weber H. Atherton
303S Dave Swope D. Neibor
13A Al Wise N. Woodworth
204A M. Buder Dan Marshall
219A F. Waterson Don Kilgore
Band D. Forward J. Thayer
229A D. Peterson Pete Shook

Leaders of Classes Chosen

The class officers for the 51-52 school year have been selected. This is a very important step, for each class is guided and managed by their selected officers throughout the year.

At the top of the list the seniors named Carole Smith. Maynard Neiboor has the title of vice-president, while Jackie Andrus takes the secretarial responsibilities. Ruth DelHaan is the senior class treasurer.

John Weber heads the juniors. Dick Defreese is the vice-president with Janet Snow and Pat Perigo elected secretary and treasurer respectively.

Al Wise is the leader of the "Freshies" while Jim Causey holds the vice-presidency. Connie Kuizenga was elected secretary and the financial funds are being managed by Chuck Doornbos.

Staff Selects Photographer

This year the Highlights staff has obtained a new photographer in the person of John Weber. John is interested in photography and owns a box camera with a flash attachment.

Last year John operated the movie projector for student entertainment during noon hours. This year, John is homeroom president of 301S and is president of the junior class.

Band Camp Held

Pretty Lake Vacation Camp had two new customers last September 10. Combining into one group the State High and Paw Paw High School Bands attended 4 days of a band camp sponsored, directed, and formed by the music directors of the two bands, Mr. Bob McEmber from Paw Paw and Dr. Elmer Beloof from State High.

Those 4 days were crammed with music, recreation and lots of good food. As a warm-up for this football season the group had instruction in marching. There were also a few concert selections which were rehearsed each day. Recreation consisted of dancing, football, baseball and a marshmallow roast.

The two directors and the majority of the students at camp considered it highly successful, and would like to see it made into an annual affair.

Sock Hop Starts Twirl Season

Saturday, November 24, the annual fall Turnabout will be held in the Women's Gym. Nancy Strone and the Social Committee are making the arrangements. There will be a small band and ideas for a pot-luck supper afterwards are under consideration.

The dance is to be a sock-hop. The previous dance (Homecoming) is a drill dance, and the spring turnabout will be a dressed up. For these reasons the Social Committee decided a sock hop would be good for variety.

Marching Techniques Previewed

State High's Band participated in the Annual Coldwater Marching Festival, October 17, 1951, at Coldwater, Michigan.

The band attended in order to catch a glimpse of high school marching techniques that are both new and stylish.

A total of 14 bands attended. There was an optional marching contest. Our band did not enter this contest, but participated in the massed band marching.

Civic Sponsors 'Many Moons'

Many Moons, a children's play adapted from James Thurber's story by that name, will be presented in the Women's Gym on Saturday, October 27.

The play is a Civic Theater production, but it is directed by Miss Bernyce Cleveland, and the cast is composed entirely of State High students.

The characters are:

The King ............. John Plantefaber
The Jester ............ Lilia Ellit
Princess Lenore .......... Judy Scott
Cynicia ................ Barara Rock
Pareta ................ Clare Gemrich
Royal Mathematician .... Louis Johnson
Royal Wizard ................ Bob Grall
Lord High Chamberlain ........ John Gibson
The Nurse ............. Bonnie Peterson
The Goldsmith's daughter .......... Mary Ann Shaw
STATE HIGHLIGHTS

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Book Week Assembly

Features Mr. Sack

Last Tuesday the annual Book Week Assembly was held in the Little Theater. The master of ceremonies for the event was Mr. Sack, a former teacher from State High. His part in the assembly was one of its highlights.

The program started with a short story by Kate Randall and Clare Gemenyi. Following this, two current State High students, Lola Bennet, and Mary Teugh, gave a dramatic reading and a book review respectively. Next the seventh grade presented several character sketches. David Swop portrayed a scene from Tom Sawyer, Carole Smith read a selection from Shakespeare, and Janet La Plante did a scene from The Bishop's Candlesticks.

After these readings Miss Lowrie presented some new books to the library and Phil Bruns gave a reading. He was followed by Jean Hoag and Ann Frey who each gave readings.

The music for the assembly was furnished by our band under the direction of Dr. Beloof.

Mrs. Monroe New Faculty Advisor For Monitors

Mrs. Monroe is the new faculty sponsor of The Monitors, replacing Mrs. Vincent. Mrs. Vincent is on leave for one year. This group elected their officers last week and Eva Aube was named president with Gail Hubbell as secretary and Patty Perigo as treasurer. Dick Defreese is the parliamentarian.

At the last meeting the group discussed what improvements could be made over last year’s system. One problem which was discussed is the new emergency hall permits issued in study halls. Students have been using them when real emergencies haven’t existed. They also neglect to report to their advisor after school to give a satisfactory explanation. It was felt that the system appears to be going smoothly in other respects.

The emergency hall permits have lessened the traffic and the noise in the halls; the majority of the school seems very cooperative with the monitors, and we should continue to be proud of our student-run study halls.

New Friendships Made

The Friendship Committee is bigger and more active than ever this year, and they have new and good ideas to put into effect.

Plans for the year include; starting up the inter-school council again and working with the Gazette on a ‘teen page’ as well as cooperating on exchange assemblies and dances.

The committee will send out birthday cards to all students having birthdays during the school year. They hope to improve faculty-student relations and to work with the college on a type of co-operative committee.

At the present the Friendship committee is busy working on plans for the Homecoming dance, in collaboration with the Social and Pep committees. They are also trying to think up a snappy new name for this group and any suggestions will be very welcome.

Books On Order

Miss Lowrie, our librarian, will soon send in the order for new books to be purchased this year. If there is a book you would especially like to see on the shelves, notify Miss Lowrie of your choice and an attempt will be made to purchase it.

No Borrowing, Please

Responsibility and integrity are two characteristics found in the choicest people. They are admired qualities; qualities which all mothers desire for their children. It is on these characteristics that all honor systems are based and into which our democracy sinks its roots.

State High students have long had the reputation for being responsible, honest, and honorable people, as is shown through the Student Council and our Monitor system. However, in the beginning weeks of school we have discovered that all these golden qualities or else have mistakenly decided to disregard them. Several times money and various personal objects have been missing from lockers, books left in classrooms have never been re-discovered. In short, thievery has taken place.

Thievery is not a pretty word, to hear or to contemplate. It is also not a pleasant feeling to feel that our school is becoming corrupt; or that the person across the hall cannot be trusted.

Certainly when we say borrowing, the objects is not doing it out of necessity. We in this country are not starving or freezing; far from it! We are too well off to appreciate it! But in order to remain on top the way we are, WE must do anything to weaken our foundations. And that means US, not through the government nor through the State legislature, but through ourselves. The strength of America today lies in us, and it won’t be helped by petty robbery and what is apt to follow. This sort of name isn’t a nice thing to have associated to any school, and State High is too fine a place to have such shadows cast upon it by a few irresponsible adolescents. So, please stop and think next time you won’t?

Kate Randall

Trumpet Reveals Band Meeting

Have you ever had the thrill of leading the students in singing the school song? Well, I have and I’m proud of it. For I am a trumpeter. I am part of State High’s band. Don’t think that type of life is easy, but instead of telling you my troubles, I will relate to you part of a band business meeting. (one of the few times I am at leisure.)

Dick Forward, the president, and Dr. Beloof, the director, are conducting the meeting. Pat Dougherty gave the treasurer’s report, and John Thayer just sits all through the meeting being thankful that the vice-president doesn’t have many duties.

Following that discussion they started making plans for October 17. It seems they were going to Coldwater to be in a marching festival. State High’s band was to play in the mass band.

After a few announcements from the office were read, the meeting was adjourned, and I began preparing myself for my special duty of making beautiful music.
**Cheerleaders Wanted**

This year as always the Student body in general and the Pep Committee in particular have begun to think about new cheerleaders (this does not mean that the old ones are old or broken down, however!) and they are to be chosen soon.

Monday in 204A Sandy Woodworth and her Pep Committee met and decided on rules and regulations for the future cheerleaders. If you are interested in becoming a cheerleader, contact Sandy or a committee member, they will give you the necessary information and help you learn the yells.

The Pep Assembly is scheduled for Nov. 30th and we will choose our cheerleaders then, for basketball season and next year's football season.

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**Pigskin Review**

Coach Roy Walters' eleven went down on their fourth defeat of the season with a 27-0 deficit against the Dowagiac Chiefs. The Walters' crew lost to Dowagiac in their second game after the first play of the game, when an ankle injury received in the Niles game, the week before, started acting up.

The first quarter play was even. State High had a scoring opportunity when a pass from Stan Vine to Dick Defreese put the ball deep in Dowagiac territory. However, two plays later the Cubs lost the ball when they fumbled. Dick Defreese was injured in the first quarter, which hindered the State High offensive game.

In the second quarter the Cubs still continued to hold their own with Dowagiac scoring once, after they intercepted a pass of Don Gill's. Ken Fricke gained ground for the Cubs in the third period with runs of thirty and twenty five yards a piece. These didn't prove enough for the Cubs eleven to score. The Dowagiac club added another six points to the score when the Cubs blocked the try for the extra.

John Thayer was injured in the third but returned to play later in the game. Injuries to the two halfbacks, Defreese and Nebor, began to show during the fourth quarter, when the Cheifs scored twice making the final score 27-0.

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**State High to Play a Non-Conference Foe**

Former teammates of State High's Coach Fred Stevens will have a friendly rivalry when the Hilltoppers meet the Fremont 11 on the local field, November 2. Coach Stevens played football with Coaches Emerson Grossman and Lloyd Hartman of Fremont High School a few years back. As both teams had open dates on November 2, these coaches got together and scheduled the meeting between the two teams.

Fremont, the home of Gerber's Baby Food, is about 100 miles North of Kalamazoo. Instead of returning to their home immediately after the game, the members of Fremont's team, will stay over with the members of our team. In the morning they will leave back to Fremont.

In their first game of the season, Fremont was beaten by Hart, which is Coach Stevens' home town team. However, according to Stevens, they have a young team which has improved during the season. He thinks the game will be a good one, and an even one.

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**Coming Up**

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**Happy Hunting Grounds Want Crowd**

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**Happy Birthday**

Oct. 30 Gail Wilson  
Nov. 3 Jim Burger  
Nov. 5 Fred Wattersen  
Nov. 6 Patsy Eliet  
Nov. 7 Gene Logan

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Our Miss Wit

If you've ever been to a State High assembly, you surely couldn't have missed a cute, little brunette who makes it pretty easy for people to laugh, as a result of her keen wit. Clare isn't a very easy person to miss. What with her friendly smallness of humor, she's a pretty well-known gal.

It's not all laughs with Clare however, she has the responsibility of handling the financial status of our Student Council, besides being active in the “Masquers” and the Monitors. Outside of school, she conscientiously studies ballet and piano.

Mario Lanza, of whom she is a very ardent fan, occupies her few spare hours. When asked what her favorite food was, she laughingly admitted, “lima-beans”. (could be this is unknown “humor-food”).

Clare has a great preference for pastels, particularly pink, which incidentally is probably her most flattering color.

She was rather embarrassed when asked, “What is your favorite past-time?” But could be she rather likes to write letters to various males in the State.

Clare is quite a gal and so is her philosophy of life, which is: -

Interest: anything in pants
Hobby: chasing them
Ambition: catch one

Specter Catches Flying Dirt

Through the consecrated halls of State High, unseen by human eyes, sweeps the Hooded Ghost of Terror. He is feared by the students because he is an expert at catching flying dirt. He is keen at catching flying dirt. He is keen at catching flying dirt.

When he was slipping around campus one day, he took a chance and eased through the keyhole of the chemistry lab door. Already present were Ann Frey and Mr. Beyer, who was explaining to her why a person shouldn't never clean a bunson burner with water from the faucet.

Our Hooded friend agrees with Fred Dilno on his new theory about the female sex. It seems he too would like to date all the girls in school.

On and on he went, seeing and hearing things which were not meant to be seen or heard. Little things such as Cathy Myers and Don Neal planning to play a piccolo and trombone duet for an amateur show. Bruce Brown was explaining to Sue Snyder the disadvantages of having a bad arm. Never to be outdone, Ken Fricke is being taught how to lead cheers by Patt Sprouse.

Teachers Play At M. E. A.

On Wednesday afternoon, October 10, the school house doors closed with a bang on a herd of gay and carefree students, all bound for an exciting four day vacation. The cause of this unexpected holiday was listed on the calendar as Teacher's Institute.

This sounded to us like a very dull and uninteresting session which our loyal faculty must attend while we were all out having fun. But let us suppose that one of our curious reporters hung around long enough to find out what actually went on behind the scenes.

As soon as the last student had departed, Dr. Bryan and Miss Crisman immediately began issuing invitations to the friends of all the faculty to come and join the fun. (During this period, Miss Steketee made several personal investigations to make sure that Petosky was included on the mailing list.)

The following day horde of teachers from all over Michigan descended on Kalamazoo, and things started popping. Miss Cleveland and Mr. Leonardelli were to be seen direct from traveling around the Auditorium. Mr. Deur, after sliding gaily down the Science Building fire escape, hurried over to help Mrs. Jarmen and Mr. Cooper who were building a bonfire on the library steps. (Misslowrie was busily engrossed in stockpiling up on the latest issues of True Confessions and My Romance to complete her collection of classic literature.)

The startling discoveries concerning this gala weekend prove that the M.E.A. is not what it seems to be.

John Keyser is trying to explain to Sue Anderson why the price of beans in Chile went up.

On the way down to Mr. Stauffer's office, (in a summons), he found Diane Pullen and Tom Johnson looking at the shade off a torch that has been burning a long time.

Now, hanging by his heels from the rafters of State High's attic we find the Hooded Ghost of Terror, resting until the next issue of Highlights needs more ghostly gossip.

Did you ever think, no matter how hard the process must be, how terribly difficult it is to get thoughts from a Jack-O-Lanter? They are so empty-headed, you know. I really had not concentrated deeply on the subject for Mrs. Rogers keeps me much too busy with English grammar; but a remark of Mrs. Monroe's set me to thinking (I can, if I try). She was asking a monitor why he couldn't have as bright a smile as our afore-said friend. There is a big resemblance, most monitors are sort of empty-headed. Jack-O-Lanterns do have an inner glow, now don't they?

Anyway, I went and talked to one. I found him upside-down in Jon's locker. It seems Jon had plans to tease Mr. Stauffer and discovered that Mr. Stauffer raised the pumpkin. Jon's hollow-brained soul (the Jack-O-Lanter, not Mr. Stauffer) was quite difficult to understand. He lisped, as he had lost his two front teeth in a scrimmage game with the girls' gym class. (Diane had gotten excited and thought she was playing soccer, and our unfortunate friend is exactly the shape of a soccer ball.)

He gave the usual banter, i.e., State High is a wonderful school, the teachers are grand, etc. Then we got down to serious business, -yep, gossip! What that boy didn't say! Like what he overheard the sophomore boys planning for Hallowe'en. (I didn't want to mention any names, but you know Red Matt, and Larry don't you? Well-!) Seems our friend has listened to some of the Junior and Senior girls plot, too. By the time Perigo, Sprouse, Eliet and Aube get through 'Trick-or-Treating' there won't be any apples left for the little kids. And those gals claim to be sophisticated! HA! Unquote from Ben. (I call him Ben because his eyes light up like a lightning bug and didn't Ben Franklin invent lighting, or something?)

Well, as I was about ready to drop my teeth, (shocking stories the boy tells), Ben's inner radiance sort of disappeared. (I guess his candle went out). He refused to talk anymore, and right in the middle of another story about Harvey and Miss Crisman, too.

If Jon hasn't given him the old "he-bes," he is probably still upside-down in that locker. Ben said he would hold press conferences, but by appointment only.