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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 Eidestfodd 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-Amerian 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, junior, and senior students making up the homerooms. Following are the homeroom representatives to the student council this year:


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 Neibor has the title of vice-president, while Jackie Andrus takes the secretarial responsibilities. Ruth DeHaan 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 Doormbos.

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 McIntire from Paw Paw and Dr. Elmer Beloff 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 Strome 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 dressed-up 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 Lila Elliot Princess Lenore Judy Scott Cynicia Barara Rock Pareetta Clare Gemrich Royal Mathematician Louis Johnson Royal Wizard Bob Graff Lord High Chamberlain John Gibson The Nurse Bonnie Peterson The Goldsmith’s daughter Mary Ann Shaw
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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 German. Following this, two senior 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 Swoap portrayed a scene from Tom Sawyer, Carole Smith read a selection from Shakespeare, and Janet La Plante did a scene from The Bishops 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 these when real emergencies haven’t existed. They also neglected 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 also plan 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 in the library, 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 who have been here in past years have found many who have either forgotten about 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 rediscovered. 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, whenever shall 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 attached 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 won’t you?

Kate Randall
Pigsin 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 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 Defreece put the ball deep in Dowagiac territory. However, two plays later the Cubs lost the ball when they fumbled. Dick Defreece 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 apiece. These didn't prove enough for the Cub 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, Defreece and Nelnor, began to show during the fourth quarter, when the Cheifs scored twice making the final score 27-0.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

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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 Wordworth 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.

State High to Play a Non-Conference Foe

Former teammates of State High's Coach Fred Stevens will have 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.

Coming Up

Calendar

Oct. 24 Magazine sale ends
Oct. 26 Three Rivers-there at 7:30
Oct. 27 "Many Moons" Matinee Booster Dance-Women's gym, 8:30
Nov. 2 Pep assembly Fremont, here, 3:30
Nov. 6 Assembly 8:00 A.M.
Nov. 7 Administrative Assembly 12:30 Little Theater

Happy Hunting Grounds Want Crowd

With the arrival of Indian Summer to this part of the big lake region, the time has come for the big Cub Pow-pow at State High. Many moons have risen and set since our young braves scalped that Portage tribe. Now is the time to reward these braves for their big victory. Saturday,October 27 at 8:30 P.M. the festival will begin in the big Women's Gym Tepee. Only seven buffalo nickels are needed to attend this pow-pow that lasts until 11:30 P.M. reports Eva Aube. A big fire will burn at one end of the gym for all Indian dancers to gather around. Chief Decorator Polly Axe reports that buffalo, tomahawks, totem poles and peace pipes will decorate this big tepee.

Laughing-face Lilla Ellet will see that the "Honorable Ones" are duly invited to the pow-pow as to keep the scalping parties to a minimum. Tom-toms will not be the only music for this gala tribal dance and Muscian Gail Hubbell while Eagle Eye Frey slyly wispers that she has something new up her sleeve in the way of favors. Chief Medicine man at State High, invites all little Indians to sample his latest brew at the re-freshment Tepee. Head Scout Joanie Stiles will blaze the trail to the pow-pow with her unusual knowledge of Indianあなたの着信、荒廃の正解の指標 Signs. Little Indian Ruthie Person has only one thing to say about cleaning up after the dance — "Ugh". If some big braves would help her out, she could go home to her wigwam before dawn.

All profits from this pow-pow will go to a big feast for the athletes of the State High Tribe according to Big Chief Strome. A really big attendance at the dance means more and better feasting so we want to see all of the Cubs at the Pow-pow.

Don your jeans, drop your moccasins at the totem poles near the door and don't forget to all have a wonderful time at the "Indian Summer" dance.

by Nancy Strome
Our Miss Wit

If you've ever been to a State-high assembly, you surely couldn't have missed a cutie, little brunette who makes it pretty easy for people to laugh, and as a result of her keen wit. Clare isn't a very easy person to miss. What with her friendly smile and sense 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 incidently 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 bears, sees and knows all, (just about).

While 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 should never clean a bunsen 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.

Did you ever think, no matter how hard the process must be, how terribly difficult it is to get thoughts from a Jack-O-Lantern? 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 aforesaid 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? Anyhow, 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 no pet pumpkins. This hollow-brained soul (the Jack-O-Lantern, 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 blarney—i.e., State High is a wonderful school, the teachers are grand, etc. Then we got down to serious business, -yes, gossip! What that boy didn't say! Like what he overheard the sophomore boys planning for Hallo-ween. (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! unque from Ben. (I call him Ben because his eyes light up like a lightning bug and didn't Ben Franklin invent lighting, or something?)

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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 off frolicking. 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 process 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 directing traffic around the most congested area. The reason for the crowd at this particular spot was that everyone wanted to get in to see Mr. Weber and Mr. Hackney balancing equations. As an added attraction, Miss Ebert and Mrs. Osborne were sedately Charlestoning across the stage to the strains of Pomp and Circumstance.

Coach Walter, who hates crowds, decided to play hookey from the whole affair and go duck hunting with Mr. Stauffer. Our reporter caught them sneaking out of the Ad Auditorium with two slingshots and a pea shooter.

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