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Juniors Plan Potluck
The junior class is planning to hold a potluck dinner, Thursday, November 29, in the school cafeteria. The get-together will start at 6:00 and end at 8:00.

The committees, consisting of the junior class officers and their mothers, plan to invite all of the junior and senior teachers and junior student teachers. The entertainment is being planned by Pat Perigo.

Committees Listed
Tuesday, November 13, the members of the senior class selected committees on which to serve. The choices were made during the three Senior English periods.

The committees formed were: graduation, announcements, skip day, gift, banquet, and assembly.

Highlander Announcement!
Sally Schriner and "Pete" Shook, Subscription editors of the Highlander, announce the new prices for this year Highlander. The book will cost $3.00. Money will be collected during the weeks of Nov. 27- Dec. 7. Watch for a skit by Miss Bernice Cleveland's advanced speech class in the Administrative assembly on Dec. 5. Further details about the book will be given then.

Peelen Cops Contest
The poster contest sponsored by our library, which ended on Friday, November ninth, was won by Matt Peelen. The prize he received was any book he preferred from the Athena Book Shop.

The winning poster depicts a row of books with a tunnel through them. From the mouth of the tunnel several bookland characters issue forth coming down a pathway which leads out of the poster. Matt used only "National Book Week" as his caption and used red and grey (with newsprint) letters.

Art Classes Provide Posters
The Exchange Club, a men's organization to help underprivileged children have a Merry Christmas, is once again sponsoring their annual poster contest.

State High and Central students are making posters to advertise the selling of Exchange Club newspapers. This enterprise provides money to finance a Christmas party for the poor children.

Last year Carole Smith won second place and in 1950 Pat Mable and Lil-La Ellet captured first and second awards, respectively.

'Deck the Halls with Boughs of Holly'
Christmas is almost here, and in keeping with that spirit, a student council committee has been designated to carry out the yuletide theme in our halls.
A tree will be decorated a week before the end of school, and there will be carol singing on the day before vacation.
At present the Christmas formal date is tentatively set for Thursday, December 19. In that event classes will start at 10:00 on Friday morning.

Proofs Completed
Mr. C. Lininger, the Highlander photographer for the 1951-1952 yearbook, took the Senior pictures during the first week of November at his studios. Appointments were arranged after school and on Saturdays for the convenience of seniors.

The Seniors expect to place orders for the pictures after the proofs are ready sometime this week.

The average order from Mr. Lininger for the pictures will be $14.75. This includes 1-8x10, 12-5x7's, and 8 billfold pictures along with the glossy print for the book.

Sangren at Next Assembly
President Sangren and Dr. Seibert are to speak at our next assembly which will be held on Tuesday, December fourth, from ten to ten thirty A.M. in the Little Theater. "Our Friends" is the tentative subject of the program. The speakers will be introduced by Lyn Cassidy.

Civic Production
The Kalamazoo Civic Players' next production is a comedy by Peter Blackmore entitled Miranda. It is the story of a beautiful mermaid and follows the general theme of "fish hooks man." The play will open Thursday, November 29.

'Sinderella Ball'
December 1, when the annual Turnabout rolls around, each gal will have a chance to play escort and treat her favorite beau to an evening of dancing.

The party is dress-up, and it will be held in the Women's Gym from 9:00 to 12:00. A small band is slated to furnish the music.

Janet Hughes and Gail Hubbell are heading the decoration committee. Diane Doubleday is chairman of the committee which "un-decorates" the gym. Sally Reeve is in charge of refreshments, Joan Stiles is inviting the chaperones, and publicity is being handled by Donna Endsley.

Hagar Secures Gym
The Citizenship Committee, under the leadership of chairman George Hager, has been very active this year in planning noon hour recreation. At present, facilities are available for dancing in the Annex, ping-pong in the basement, and basketball on the south end of the Women's Gym on Fridays for supervised basketball and dancing.

According to Chairman Hager the boys must remove their shoes or wear gym shoes when on the floor of the Women's Gym, and students are requested not to eat in the gym.

The duties of the Citizenship Committee also include cleaning up after assemblies, making posters, and discussing ways to improve student behavior in the hall. Plans for a locker clean-up day are now under way.

Profit vs. Deficit
This week the Student Council treasury is approximately $140 in debt. However, with the money from the magazine sale, which is $413.25, the balance will be cleared.

The treasury plans to buy prizes for the high salesman with some of the money and the rest will be put into school funds.

Cheerleader's Contest
Tuesday, November 27, at 3:30 in the band room, all prospective cheerleaders will appear before the pep committee.

Out of approximately 25 candidates the pep committee will choose 12 people to appear November 30 before the school. Four will be chosen by the student body as varsity cheerleaders and two as reserve cheerleaders. At the November 27th meeting, anyone from any class may try out for varsity and eight will be chosen. Then anyone remaining may try out for reserve, and four will be chosen.

Calendar
November 21—Thanksgiving Vacation starts at noon.
November 26—School opens
November 30—Cheerleader Assembly in the Women's Gym 12:30-1:00
December 1—Dance at Women's Gym
December 4—Assembly 10:00-10:50
December 5—Administrative Assembly at 12:30
State Highlights

The Thanksgiving Season makes all of us think of the wonderful things we have. A poll to find out what some State High Students were thankful for revealed these "profound and amazing" items.

I AM THANKFUL FOR:

Jimmy Boylan—For people to borrow money from.
Barbie Oakland—That all of my men are going steady (sob).
Joe Scott—For Joe Scott.
Paul Keck—For 11:00 study and the "entangled woods."
Poly Allen—We knew that she was going to say Maynard so told her that wasn’t news.
Frank Goodrich—That “Blackie Ken dricks” graduated.
Jim Bowen—For mice at Homecoming Dances.
John Plantefaber—For my ability to have fun on a date.
Carole Smith and George Hagar—For poetry.
Aldamarie Seaver—For that wonderful animal called man.
Mickey Stace—For Centralis Right Half.
Anne Wise—For six months.
Ted Emerson—For (I bet you think he said Addie Ann!)
Georgia Miles—For my ability to stay away from Tintair.
Dorothy Gill—That there is a place in our car to hang my glasses.
Marylou & Carolyn—for my individualism.
Cory Lake—For my “Gay” times.
Ann Frey—For the “soph” boys.
Bob Holtz—For three months-Summer Vacation.
Larry Wiesman—For false teeth.
Jim Bowen—For mice at Homecoming.
Bob Holtz—For 11:00 study and the "entangled woods."
Carole Smith, Carol Neff, Carolyn Fox.

Pilgrims Originate Thanksgiving

They had never known life to be so hard. Never had nights been so full of dread for the red enemy. Never had they gotten so little food for their grueling toil. For each wall erected against the cutting north wind they paid with bent and aching backs.

Yet, on a cold November Thursday our ancestors first celebrated Thanksgiving. Never have people who possessed so little been so grateful.

The first winter had passed and almost everyone of them had buried their winter leaves us, charm and goes, leaving us for six long months, without our winter snows.

by PHIL BRUNS

Crystal Chips

Majestic is its beauty
As it plummets to the ground,
Magnificent its splendor
As it falls without a sound.

The boughs of trees are laden,
Sparkling crowns on each are found,
Creating magic beauty,
To which our souls are bound.

Covering the roofs of houses,
A blanket it shall be,
Displaying lovely comeliness,
For you and me to see.

Each spring our winter leaves us,
Packs up its charm and goes,
Leaving us for six long months,
Without our winter snows.

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Inquiring Reporter

State Hi Celebrities

Glen S. Allen, Jr., the new mayor-elect of Kalamazoo, is an alumnus of State High. He attended our school from 1929-1932. In 1932 he went to the University of Michigan. After studying law at the University of Michigan he went to Columbia University at New York where he pursued his law interests further.

When Mr. Allen finished his schooling, he opened a law office here in Kalamazoo. In 1945, he became interested in city politics and that year he was elected vice-mayor. He held this office until 1949. His next step into politics was when he served part of a term as city commissioner. He recently became mayor-elect of Kalamazoo as a result of the municipal elections.

Dr. Willis Dunbar, Professor of History at Western and father of another state high alumnus, Bob Dunbar, will serve as vice-mayor.

'The Music Shelf'

The State High Choir, under the direction of Mr. Jack Frey, gave its first performance of the year, Sunday, November 11, 1951. The choir sang its two main selections: "Unfold! Ye Portals" and "Battle Hymn of the Republic" at the morning service.

The entire service was recorded and later broadcasted over W.G.F.G. at 1 o’clock.

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A new band is destined to soar to the top is Billy May, who has just released six sides for Capitol.

Billy May has the background as both a conductor and an arranger to account for his outstanding arrangements. He started with Charlie Barnet, later worked as a trumpet man and arranger for Glenn Miller, and in 1942 took a job with NBC. He is now associated with several radio shows.

The records mentioned before as his first releases are: "All of Me," "My Silent Love," and "When My Sugar Walks Down the Street," backed by sides that are equally terrific.

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Friend Senior Exhibits Proofs

To the seniors, the day that the proofs of their senior pictures are returned is a day just like the day when the juniors get their class rings—and they react in a like manner, only with the added senior dignity, of course.

The senior comes to school nonchalantly, with a nonchalant expression and his proofs nonchalantly hanging out of his pocket. After waiting a good five minutes at the drinking fountain, he is quizzed by one of the denser underclassman as to what is the importance of the little gray pamphlet. Our senior replies "Oh, those, my senior picture proofs." The underclassman nonchalantly walks away, and leaves the poor senior, nursing a grudge, and his surprise and anger at not being requested to show his proofs. Finally Lady Fortune beams upon him and another senior comes along. Not to be outwitted this time, our senior asks the other senior if he could have his opinion on his proofs. Before the other senior has been able to get his proofs out, our boy has billowed out and is leaving through them. Huddle next to the drinking fountain. After a careful scrutinization, it is decided that the pictures don't do him justice. But now everything is fine; friend senior has swarms of people around him in the hall, and requesting just a glimpse of his proofs.

But this is just the average senior. There are a great many exceptions. There is the really nonchalant guy who doesn't even bring his proofs to school. He just carefully removes each proof from the gray pamphlet and distributes them among his six best friends.

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Alley Angles

Important acknowledgements of the past two weeks as submitted to our roving reporter.

BEST NEWS OF THE MONTH: SUE and JIMMY are going steady.

WAY to go, SWEETHEARTS.

CUTE COUPLES OF THE MONTH: AL WISE and DIANNE DOUBLEDAY. BOB GIBSON and SHIRLEY PAYNE.

CONGRATULATIONS OF THE MONTH: PETE SHOOK and BILL HOYT for the ring on the left hand.

IMPORTANT ITEM OF THE MONTH: JOANIE has finally made the decision of the month (p.s. she goes steady).

QUESTION OF THE MONTH: Where was MOE when the lights went out?

Because the hill-toppers seem to be quite adept at getting a man and keeping him, we took a survey to see which gal has gone steady the longest.

Here are the results:

ENA RUSH caps top honors with a record of 32 months.

ADIEE TOLHURST runs a close second with 24 months.

SHIRLEY SMITH and GEORGI McCURMB have a record of 16 months each.

MARY THOMSON chalks up just 12 months.

While KAY LOUGHEAD trails closely with 11 months.

Odds 'n Ends

What with the S-Club hayride a big event for the agile athletes of State High, they all asked, of course their best gals—could be some of these "tantalizing twosomes" were:

Maryann Neibor .. Polly Allen

Don Gill Joan Stiles

John Keyser Sue Anderson

George Hager Carol Smith

Frank Goodrich Sue Gilbert

We think the tout that our annual Homecoming dance was very pleasing. We have selected some real "clever couples." JOE GILLIS and DINNY LINTVEDT, TOM JOHNSON and DIANE PULLON.

Happy Birthday

Nov. 22 Ann Dilno

Nov. 23 Debbie Parker

Bruce Dillon

Jim Causey

Nov. 24 Carol Clapp

Dorothy Smith

Nov. 25 Jackie Worden

Harper Atherton

Charles Straub

Nov. 29 Annady Graham

Ruth Persson

Marsha Howard

Nov. 30 Don Gill

Jackie Andrus

Donna Allman

Dec. 3 Tom Manning

Dec. 4 Lillian Malone

Dec. 5 Helen Alman

Pilgrim's Progress

1621—the first Thanksgiving was kept by the Pilgrim Fathers at Plymouth—YOU ARE THERE!

Ah, yes, let's look back for a moment to that memorable November day in 1621 as our notorious ancestors are preparing to celebrate the first Thanksgiving. It is a beautiful Thursday morning; the sun is shining brightly, and it looks like a fine day for the race. (What? Why, the human race, of course!)

What's this? Here comes young Master Goodrich skipping around the corner of the log cabin with his arms full of firewood. I guess he's helping Mistress Leimer build a fire for cooking Thanksgiving dinner—her GE is temporarily out of order.

Out in the backfield we find Joanna Peelen and Constance Kuizenga collecting gourds, squashes, and pumpkins for the feast, while Clare Adela serenades them with her own particular rendition of "Swing the Shining Sickle.

Theodore Poindexter and Jonathan Weber have journeyed into the deep dark forest, armed with their trusty blunderbusses, in the hopes of capturing a turkey for the occasion. To add to the general gaiety, a wedding is under way at Ye Olde Mission. Reverend Phillip Bruns will perform the ceremony for the happy couple, Abirue Shook and William Hoyt.

It looks like the feast is about to begin. All the villagers have gathered together around the long wooden table, specially constructed for the holiday by the worthy carpenter, Maynard Neibor. Suddenly the group is rooted to the spot with terror as Big Chief Red-in-the-Face Gemrich comes whooping and hollering into their midst. In hopes of preserving peaceful relations, Caroline Cassidy offers him a bowl of cranberry sauce (a carefully concocted recipe originated by head chef, Corby Lewis), but Red-in-the-Face is not to be pacified so easily. It seems he is looking for scalps—some two-tone models, if possible. Ah, he sees what he wants, seizes it, and departs. (FLASH! Annie Wise is in desperate need of a toupee.)

We shall now leave the happy Pilgrims to enjoy their Thanksgiving meal in peace—only one final warning: when acid indigestion strikes take Beyer's Aspirin Tablets!