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State Highlights

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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 Schrier and "Pete" Shook, Subscription editors of the **Highlander** staff, 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 Mabie and Lilla Eliet 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 fifty 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.

Calendar

- November 21—Thanksgiving Vacation starts at noon.
- November 26—School opens
- November 30—Cheerleader Assembly at 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

'Cinderella Ball'

December 1, when the annual Turn-about 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 Reeves is in charge of refreshments, Joan Stiles is inviting the chaperones, and publicity is being handled by Donna Endsley.

Hager 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 use of 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 \$848.28, 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 selected. Then anyone remaining may try out for reserve, and four will be chosen.

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'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.

The choir also sang at the College Freshman Conference November 15, 1951.

Their selections were: "Cindy," and "Deep in my Heart."

Joyce Perry, one of the last years graduates and a freshman at Carleton College, played in the first violin section in the Carleton chamber orchestra's concert last Wednesday evening, November 14, in Carleton's Severance Hall. Other members of the Minneapolis Symphony Performed with them.

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,
Sparklig 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 comliness,
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.

by PHIL BRUNS

'Hot Spots'

A new band that 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 arranger to account for his outstanding arrangements. He started with Charlie Barnett, later worked as a trumpet man and arranger for Glenn Miller, and in '42 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.

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 alumnue, Bob Dunbar, will serve as vice-mayor.

Inquiring Reporter

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."
- Polly Allen—We knew that she was going to say Maynard so told her that wasn't news.
- Frank Goodrich—That "Blackie Kendrick" 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 Centrals 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.
- Don Gill—That there is a place in our car to hang my glasses.
- Marilyn & Carolyn—For my individualism.
- Corby Lewis—For my "Gay" times.
- Ann Frey—For the "soph" boys.
- Bob Holtz—For Three months-Summer Vacation.
- John Keyser—For false teeth.
- Suzie Anderson—For Notre Dame's team.
- Mary Thompson—For ability to sound more like a dog than a dog does.
- Mrs. Jarmen—Mostly that my car runs in the morning.
- Carol Neff—For my generosity in lending out clothes.
- Debbly Parker—That I can swear in English class.
- Chuck Koons—That I am a Grandpa already.
- Larry Wiesman—(He ran away before I could catch him)

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 every one of them had buried someone they could not live without. Death came from the Indians, starvation, cold, and hard work.

From some personal wilderness of our own we have often thought how wonderful it would be if we could hear a person laugh. For those who settled Jamestown, the fact that they were able to thank God for what they had made, was enough.

They had very little, but they had their lives and freedom. What man can have more? They could go where they wished and do as they pleased. So they gave thanks.

Mary Kuizenga

State Ends First Season Under Walters

State High's football team, under Coach Roy Walters has completed the 1951 football season, with a two won, six lost record. Games won by the Cubs were against the Portage and Fremont clubs. Fremont succumbed 20-6 in what proved to be the final game of the season. The Portage High eleven went down to a 20-0 defeat in the first game of the season.

The remaining six games were all won by members of the Big Seven Conference: South Haven,, Three Rivers, St. Joe, Buchanan, Niles and Dowagiac. State finished on the bottom of the Conference.

Ken Fricke, junior halfback, proved to be the largest ground gainer for the Cubs, with a total of 496 yards rushing and 6.4 yards per attempt. Maynard Neibor was second in this field with 296 yards. Fricke was also the high scorer of the team this season.

Seniors who saw action in high school football for the last time this season were: Captain George Hagar, Ted Emerson, John Thayer, Jerry Post, Maynard Neibor, and Ken Cobb. With the joining of the newly founded Wolverine League, State High's football picture for next year should be much improved.



Homecoming Plans Foiled

State High's Homecoming week-end plans were foiled this year by old Man Weather. The first disappointment was the cancelation of the gala Homecoming parade with Central and St. Augustine. Then after several consultations with Battle Creek Lakeview, the traditional football game was called off because of the condition of the playing fields. This meant that the "Tele-Pep" assembly was off, too.

The saving factor of the week-end was the Tri-Hi-Hop" on Saturday night. All three high schools were well represented at the dance, where the honoring of the Homecoming Kings and Queens proved to be the high point of the evening. From the size of the turn-out, the idea of an all-school dance was well-received, and may easily turn into an annual affair.

Basketball Season Starts

This year's Basketball Season officially started on Nov. 12, although there has been practicing a month before that taking place in the Men's Gym from 3 to 4 o'clock, and Chalk-talk at 4:00.

The first game of the season with Niles on December 7, will probably be the roughest says Coach Detert. Most of the players will come from last year's team. Coach Detert intends to stress speed and stamina this year.

'51 - '52 Tilts

Dec. 7—Niles - There
Dec. 14—Open
Dec. 18—Allegan - There
Dec. 22—South Haven - Here
Jan. 4—Dowagiac - There
Jan. 11—St. Joseph - Here
Jan. 11—St. Joseph - Here
Jan. 15—Three Rivers - There
Jan. 19—Buchanan - Here
Jan. 22—Allegan - Here
Jan. 25—Niles - Here
Feb. 5—South Haven - There
Feb. 8—Dowagiac - Here
Feb. 15—St. Joseph - There
Feb. 22—Three Rivers - Here
Feb. 29—Buchanan - There

Cafeteria Crew

If you want to know who handles your chow before you get it in the cafeteria, read the following:

The students who have special jobs are; Don Gill-behind the counter; Carol Clapp-deserts; Mel Pettit-cashier; Nadine Stace and Shirley Standish-making sandwiches.

Those doing the odd jobs, on which they alternate every week are: Dick Defreese, Dick Tough, Maynard Neibor, Bob Watkins, George Tinkham, and Tom Johnson.

Football Royalty

Nancy Strome and George Hager were crowned Football Queen and King for the 1951 season, Saturday night, November 10, at the Tri-Hi-Hop, a three school homecoming dance.

Nancy, and her court, Bev. Swoap, Addie Anne Tolhurst, Jackie Andrus, Carole Smith, and Pat Perigo, received corsages that were presented to them by Janet Snow and Ted Emerson. King George and Queen Nancy each received a gold football as a permanent memory of the occasion.

Our attractive queen is not only Student Council Secretary, but she is also the chairman of the social and friendship committees. Nancy's pep and friendly smile win her the approval of all football and school spirited kids. She also leads us in the school yells and takes an active part in planing the pep assemblies.

Our football captain, the vice-president of the school, the chairman of the citizenship committee, and the guy in charge of the noon-recreation activities is our football king, George.

Kazoo Offers Many Sources of Basketball

When winter approaches, most sports fans seek the warm entertainment of a basketball game. We, the Kalamazoo fans, have teams of every caliber to pick for our pleasure.

Perhaps the widest known team of Kalamazoo are the Western Michigan Broncos. They have been playing top rate College basketball for many years and have produced such stars as Don Boven and Hal Gensigen.

Kalamazoo Central is another school that has produced stars and has won basketball laurels, for many years. It has brought forth players, which have gone on to college and league basketball in Kalamazoo. Ron Jackson, now at Western, and Swift Noble are just two former Central players that have gone on to play at Western.

State High also provides good basketball for all on-lookers. They have turned out championship teams in the past as they will probably do again in the future. This year the 1951-1952 team will again meet it's Big Seven Conference opponents, but as in football with the advent of the 1952-1953 season they will play their new opponents in the Wolverine League.

With these sources and many more, we should get out and see many games during this basketball season.

Finettes Plan Spring Water Ballet

Last year a sychronized swimming club, called the "Finettes" was organized by Miss Large. They presented a water ballet last spring and have just recently chosen their new officers who are: Ann Mahoney, president; Barbara Oakland, Vice-president; Char Pellowe, secretary, and Marianne Schau, treasurer.

The club has decided upon "Your Changing Hit Parade" as a theme for their show, to be presented later this year. They plan to raise money for records and props by having candy sales and selling food on Play Days at school.

This year there are twenty-five members in the club. Six of the total were chosen this year. A few of the girls are planning to enter State competition for Synchronized Swimming.

Final Big Seven Standings

The final standings of the Big Seven in its last year are as follows:

Niles	6-0
St. Joseph	5-1
Dowagiac	4-2
Buchanan	3-3
Three Rivers	2-4
South Haven	1-5
State High	0-6

Friend Senior Exhibits Proofs

To the seniors, the day that the proofs of their seniors 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 queried 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, friend 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 his whipped out and is leafing 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.

All the amateur photogs get together and discuss the badness and occasional good points of the proofs. They are avoided by the rest who like to consider it some magical process, controlled by the little man in back of the black bed sheet.

Over here we have a group of senior girls debating with their respective lads as to which one the boy will want grinning out of his billfold and from his dresser, from now on to the time immemorial. Unfortunately Judy isn't in this group. She doesn't go with a boy on campus...

Then there are the people who bring their proofs to school every day for at least a week. Maybe they hope that they will improve and mellow with time.

During classes teachers are cruelly misunderstanding about the desire to show proofs to one another. So the slighted senior escapes to the hall to bloom in his full glory.

And finally all decide that the year-book photo doesn't do them justice but at least there is a faint resemblance. See you in the yearbook.

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, Suzie.

CUTE COUPLES OF THE MONTH: AL WISE and DIANNE DOUBLEDAY. BOB GIBSON and SHARON TAYLOR.

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 cops top honors with a record of 32 months.

ADDIE TOLHURST runs a close second with 24 months.

SHIRLEY SMITH and GEORGIE McCRUMB 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'

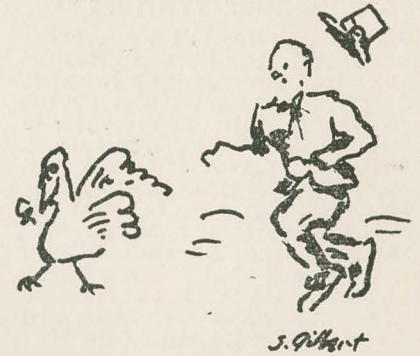
What with the S-Club hayride a big event for the agile athletes of State High, they all asked, of course their best gals—could be some of these "tantalizing twosomes" were:
Maynard Neibor Polly Allen
Don Gill Joan Stiles
John Keyser Sue Anderson
George Hager Carole Smith
Frank Goodrich Suzie Gilbert

We think the turnout for our annual Homecomig 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	Gladys Graham Ruth Persons Marsha Howard
Nov. 30	Don Gill Jackie Andrus Dick Allers
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 race? 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 Adelaide serenades them with her own particular rendition of "Swing the Shining Sickle."

Theodore Poindexter and Jonathon 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, Arburle 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 toupe.)

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!