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Show-Goer's Cavalcade

The next two weeks in Kalamazoo are predicted to be gala affairs for the city's show-goers. Several excellent productions are scheduled during this time.

At the Capitol, one may see the famous opera, "Tales of Hoffman," starring Moira Shearer, Leonide Massine, and Robert Helpmann, who were all seen in the ballet "Red Shoes." The opera's three acts deal with the three great loves of Hoffman, a poet. Following the opera at the Capitol is a blood-and-thunder adventure story, "The Masked Avenger."

Starting Dec. 2, at the State is the movie, "The Desert Fox," the story of Herr Rommel and his infamous African engagements during World War II. The current Civic play "Miranda" by Peter Blackmore proves to be another attraction. It's the story of a fish who hooks a man.

On December 13, at Central High School Auditorium the Metropolitan Opera Company will present "Fieldermaus" ("The Cat") by Johann Strauss.

Class Lists Collegiates

Thirty-one of the graduating class of '49 were from the Training School. According to a report from Miss Ebert, all but three from this class are still in college (probably junior: this year), while two of the three present non-collegiates attended college for two years.

Some familiar names you may remember from the class of '49ers are Julia Strom, Julie Cartland, Skip Bills, and Emily Schrier; these four all have sisters who are now seniors at State High.

Exchange Club Posts Winners

The first five prizes given by the National Exchange Club in their annual poster contest were won by State High students. All entrants were invited to a luncheon at the Columbia Hotel on Monday, November 26.

The first prize was won by Joanne Puotinen, second by Janet Hughes, third by Sandy Buck, fourth by Suzi Gilbert, fifth by Carol Ann Smith, and sixth by a Central High boy, Jack Post.

Class Clooses Eva

The Senior girls and the High School faculty have chosen Eva Aube of the D. A. R. Pilgrim. Eva is also a member of the Student Council, and has been in the Modern Dance Club since her freshman year.

Eva is chairman of the Red Cross Committee. The main project of this group is to distribute Thanksgiving food baskets to poor families. They are also sponsoring a Christmas project for poor children. Eva was general chairman of the Thanksgiving Assembly. She also serves on the Social, Pep, and Health Committees. For our dances Eva says she likes to work on tickets and refreshments. The Pep Committee has chosen Eva to be the parliamentarian.

Eva is taking four subjects: English, (her favorite), Chemistry, Government, and Advanced Speech. Her special sport is softball, favorite spectator sport is baseball. She likes to read classic novels; enjoys social and modern dancing, and appreciates semi-classical music. A few favorites are: butter pecan ice cream, rainy weather, a new niece, "Some Enchanted Evening," and two brothers. Next year she plans to enter a teacher's college.

Placing second in the D.A.R. contest was Bev Swoap, editor of the HIGHLANDER. Third place was given to Clare Gemini, treasurer of the Student Council; and Mary Kuizenga, editor-in-chief of the HIGHLANDER. The award is given on the basis of leadership, scholarship, personality, and service.

Teaching Methods Discussed

The freshmen boys at Western, who were former State High students, met with representatives from the S-2 division of our school, to discuss the good and bad aspects of teaching methods which they received while attending State High.

The boys had few criticisms other than that of notetaking. They felt this was neglected by the majority of teachers. They said that if teachers would explain the proper way to take notes it would help with college lectures.

Other topics which were discussed were that the teachers stress the need for being able to obtain meaning from reading material and that a course in Economics be included in the curriculum.

This issue of the Highlights is presented to you as an early Christmas gift. We thought that you could clip the calendar into your notebook and use it to record important dates. The staff is working on the big Christmas issue. Watch for it on December 19.