State Highlights 1/23/1952

Western State High School
No Fines—Jan. 24

All overdue library books must be in by January twenty-fourth. That Thursday will be a “day of grace,” meaning any books returned Thursday don’t require fines paid on them no matter how high the fine may have stacked up. Be sure to return your books the economical way on Thursday, the twenty-fourth of January.

Spotlight Retrieved

The spots missing after our last dance, “Monkey Shines,” have been covered and returned to the Consumer Power Company.

Leadership Day Planned

Leadership Day is being planned by a committee consisting of Ted Emerson, chairman; Dick Forward Kate Randall, Eva Aube, Frank Goodrich, and Suzanne Sawyer with Mr. Deur as the faculty advisor. The Leadership Assembly will be February 19 from 11:00 to 11:50. This committee is also planning the coming Student Council elections.

Balances ‘n Bills

At the present time there is $738.60 in the Student Council treasury. This includes the money from the magazine sale. $105 has been paid to the junior class from the amount earned from the sale.

Students Organize Hall Plans

The new plan for keeping order in the halls will be carried on by 44 students who volunteered, and your co-operation. Instead of having the faculty patrolling the halls, these 44 will remind you politely to “keep it down to a dull roar.” Each of the reminders will not have a certain time to be in the halls, but between them here should be at least two or three in the halls at all times, particularly the upper hall. After the end of each week of this program, it will be decided by its success whether it will run another week or not. As long as there are successful week, the plan will continue.

Band to Furnish Dance

The State High Student Council has decided to sponsor a Concert and Dance for which the Band will furnish the music.

The concert will be held in the Little Theatre, the dance in the Women’s Gym.

Spring Play Selected

“January Thaw,” by William Roos, has been selected for our annual spring play to be given in March on Friday the twenty-eighth and Saturday the twenty-ninth.

The actors and actresses taking part will be members of the Masquer’s Club and any other students who made good in the tryouts. The week of tryouts ran from the twenty-first through the twenty-fifth and anyone with a healthy interest in dramatics was welcome to try for one of the 13 parts available.

“January Thaw” will be produced by the Masquers Club and directed by Miss Cleveland. The play itself is a present day comedy set in New England and based on the novel by Bellamy Partridge.

The play will be presented in the Little Theatre and the charge for admission will be seventy-five cents per person.

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Constitution Revision

This year a committee has been set up by the Student Council to discuss the revision of the Student Council Constitution. Ted Emerson is the chairman.

The discussion of the revision has centered upon the possibility of relieving the Council Secretary of some of his or her duties, namely the chairmanship of the Social committee. This would leave the Secretary the chairmanship of the Friendship committee and the normal duties of the secretarial office.

The committee has also discussed the placing of the Social committee chairmanship among the duties of the Vice-President, thus making the job more desirable. His job as chairman of Citizenship committee would be given to the President.

Home rooms have been asked to look into this problem and to advise their Student Council representatives to bring back any additional suggestions to the committee.

No decision has been made definitely by the Student Council, but the suggestions by the committee will probably be put into effect if the Constitution is revised.

Tickets on Sale

Today is your last chance to buy tickets for the Passion Play now being presented at Central Auditorium. Tickets cost 60 cents for students and $1.00 for all others. Reserved seats will be used.

The Passion Play originated in Germany many years ago and was brought to this country by the descendants of the German peasants who were among the first to present it. It was transplanted to the Black Hills of South Dakota, where it is shown every ten years. The play depicts the story of the life of Christ.

Coming Up

- January 15—Three Rivers—There
- January 19—Buchanan—Here
- January 22—Allegan—Here
- January 22—Assembly—9:00
- January 23—Admin. Assembly—12:30
- January 24—Froshettes Open House—6:30-9:00 Women’s Gym
- January 25—Niles—Here
- January 25—Pep Assembly—12:30
- January 28—Exams start
- January 29—South Haven—Here
- February 1—First Semester Ends

Debaters Analyze Problem

State High’s Debate Team participated in four debates, Monday and Tuesday, January 14 and 15, with East Grand Rapids High School at Grand Rapids, and with Buchanan High School at Buchanan.

Out of the four debates, the debaters—Lyn Cassady and Bob Herman—upholding the negative sides of the question, and Carol Cessna upholding the affirmative side, the affirmative side took honors on two debates, winning both.

Accompanying the debaters on these two trips were Hap Atherton, another debater, and Delores Oszutowicz, the debate coach.

Resolved: that all American citizens should be subject to conscription for essential services in time of war.

Cub Assembly Scheduled

Tryouts for the Cub assembly will be held in room 211A at 3:00 o’clock on February 4th and 5th. Janet Snow, assembly chairman, says that “any musical talent, skits, readings, dancing, or other talent will be appreciated.” The theme of the assembly will revolve around a television program, using the idea originally planned for the homecoming pep assembly. There is a possibility that this assembly will be held at an exchange at Dowagiac and Portage.
Yearbook Hunts Photos

Do you know the whereabouts of any pictures that were taken at the Jr.-Sr. Prom, 1951? The Highlander staff would like to print some in the yearbook, if you will supply the photographs. What about some that were taken after the dance?

Attention Problem Seniors: Do you have any baby pictures of yourself or of your classmates? They should be no larger than 2 and one half inches by two and one half inches. What about some darling little playmate of yours—the one with the cute blond curls?

Dear S. S.; I am wondering if you have any pictures of the 1951 graduation? I know that the Highlander staff would like to put them in the yearbook. Do you think that you could persuade some of the alumni to part with some of theirs?

2I/IA Rules

As the new semester approaches, it seems an appropriate time to review the study hall rules.

1. There is to be no talking without permission.
2. There is to be no passing of notes.
3. A student may have two talking permits of two minutes each per week.
4. Students must stand while speaking to other students.
5. Not more than two students may go back to monitor for any kind of permit.
6. No magazines may be brought from library into the study hall.
7. Students must pick up all papers from floor before hour ends.
8. Students must be in their seats when the bell rings—otherwise, they are considered tardy.
9. Students may not sleep in study halls.
10. A list of absences will be read aloud after roll has been taken.
11. There will be no permits given out until ten minutes after the hour and there will be no permits given after twenty minutes before the hour.
12. Students may not have more than one hall permit in one hour.
13. Monitors may have no speaking permits while on duty.
14. Monitors on duty are not to leave the study hall unless called out by the office.
15. No student who is not a member of the study hall may have speaking permits.
**Colorful Play**  
**Presented By WMC**

Elaborate and colorful costumes marked the production of “The World We Live In” last weekend by the Western Michigan College Players.  The play was written by Josef and Karel Capek, was in three acts, with prologue and epilogue.  

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The main purpose of this play was to show the human race and its habits, jealousies, and peculiarities. The players were cast almost entirely as insects, with only three humans appearing. WMC Players were transformed into butterflies, ants, snails, flies, crickets, and beetles.  

The setting was simple and very much in keeping with the insect life depicted. The costumes, settings, and other expenses of producing this play amounted to approximately one thousand dollars.  

The first act dealt with a butterfly love affair. All the jealousies and flirtations were exhibited. The difference is due to fact that Niles switched their defense.  

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**Niles in Review**

January 25, Niles will invade State High’s homeground, thus setting the stage for the second conference contest this year. Niles does not have the type of powerhouse team that they have had in the past year, although they do have two men that will bear watching. As Captain Don Gill states, “This year the Niles team is coasting along on a momentum that they have built up in the last few years.”  

During the past year Niles has lost two conference games, the first to St. Joe, 80-55, the second to Three Rivers, 72-61.  

In the last game between these two schools, Niles led at half 26-25 and won the game 57-37. The reason for the 20 point margin at the end of the game, compared to the 1 point difference at half is due to fact that Niles switched their defense.  

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**St. Joe is Tough Foe**

State High’s cagers met perhaps their most impressive foe of this basketball season in the person of St. Joe basketball aggregation. St. Joe is highly rated in State Class B competition and should repeat in taking the Class B title again this year, which they won last year.  

The Cubs went down to defeat 70-45 when they met the above St. Joe cagers in the Men’s Gym. In the first half of the game, State was left behind, as the St. Joe Bears led 42-12.  

However in the second half the Cubs held their own, but the point advantage gained by St. Joe in the first half told the tale of the State High basketball team’s sixth straight loss of the season.  

Ed Sutton was the standout of the Cubs, who was high scorer for both teams with 18 points.

**Girl’s Bowling Team Organized**

Under the direction of Miss Margaret Large, a girl’s bowling club has been organized. Six teams have been formed and have the opportunity to exhibit their skill each Tuesday. The bowling alleys have established a special price, members pay only two dollars each; in contrast to the regular thirty three cents paid by other bowlers.  

Captain of the freshman team is Shirley Van Valkenburg. Co-captains of the junior teams are Patt Sprouse, Carole Smith and Jackie Worden. Senior Captain is Lois Harvey. The eighth grader’s have chosen Patt Lynch the stand out performer on drums and has a knowledge of quite a few other instruments. He has also composed a bouncy rhythm song, which the Westerarrs’ tag, “Forward’s Foolin’s.” His music activities outside of school include playing with a dance band.  

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**50 for a Worthy Cause**

As you watch your favorite player dribble down the floor or make that scoring shot, there’s a little more behind it than just practice or skill, there’s approximately $50. That’s what it cost to outfit a basketball player. Separately, the shoes cost about $9.00, the socks $1.50, the uniform $12.00, the warm-ups $20.00, and the ball 10.00.

**Dick Forward Musically Minded**

Dick Forward, the little banty rooster, deserves credit not only for effort but for achievement. His musical ability is unlimited and when he undertakes a task it’s sure to be done on time and done well. His wit is quick, dry, and has put many a person in their place.

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His favorite food isn’t too unusual, the after affects are. He likes to eat cheeseburgers; everything included, with plenty of mustard, and vanilla malteds. The after effect? He has such beautiful dreams at night.

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Despite the fact that he's a little guy he packs a big wallop and it matters little what occupation he enters, for the present students of State High will remember Dick Forward for a long time.

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**Pep Assembly**

**Features Monkey Shines**

An original skit presented by Dot Conlan and Lila Edele advertising the ‘Monkey Shines’ dance was an outstanding feature of the pep assembly held on Friday, January 11, before the basketball game with St. Joe. The program consisted of a mock basketball game, a number of pep yells, and selections by the pep band.

**Comic Folk In Basketball Team**

Comic book characters often remind us of our fellow human beings. Here are some using the basketball team as the examples.

Dick Tracy — Al Howard
Buck Rogers — Ken Fricke
Rex Morgan — Ted Emerson
Dick Tracy — Al Howard
Sutton — Ed Sutton
Jiggs — Ken Cobb
Steve Canyon — Bob Britigan
Major Hoople — John Keyser
Dick Defrees
Tarzan — Dick Defrees
Goofy — Bill McConachie
Bugs Bunny — Maynard Neibor
Little King — Tom Johnson
**Odds and Ends**

We heard that Larry Miller has been visiting a certain Miss Charleen Shultz at her home. We also heard that Jack Copeland has been seen writing notes to Julie Davis, while brother Gordan has been heard talking on the telephone to Betty Karness.

It's nice to see Bill Patmos and Joan Kohrman together.

Hear tell that Fritz LaCorne is learning to sew (Esp. with that big cheerleading letter.) Annie with her her poodle cut, as been taking paddles for a walk.

Pete Shook has been making some surprises at the “Oak.” Latest victims are Louie Johnson and Clare Gernon. Dot Cartland also survived. Kate Randall has decided that chocolate ice cream goes well with ginger ale. John Lemon seems to like lime soda. Judy Lyons seems to like vanilla phosphates and Mary Thompson likes cherry cokes.

Sue Snyder had an “Open House” for Judy and Pat Coffield. Pat’s friends gave the couple a set of Wear-Ever Aluminum.

**Do you Have It?**

A good many State High students have the zeitgeist! There were many different reactions to this startling work, but many of them are quoted below. (P.S. Zeitgeist — spirit of the time or present train of thought. — Webster.)

Jon Littig — I’ll just have to take out my girl.

George Hager — I know, I cured it yesterday.

Nancie Strome — I had it but I gave it to Frank.

Frank Goodrich — I didn’t want it anyway.

Kate Randall — If I don’t, George must.

Judy Scott — Well, I guess my figure’s out of shape.

Mr. Cooper — How flattering!

Patsy Eliet — I’m insulted.

Addie Tolhurst — I left it home this morning.

Kay and Dave — We think we’ve been gyped.

Mr. Walters — No, but my wife does.

Ted Emerson — If I knew what it was I might be worried.

Donna Esley — I know, I don’t have anybody right now.

Bey Swap — Well why not?

Dr. Bryan — I don’t have tic WHAT?

The night was warm: the room was dark:

Not any light, not any spark

Shown on the two, as they sat there alone—

The little brown pup and his chicken bone.

**Student vs. Teacher at Exam Time**

Exam time is almost upon us, and State High students are irrationally beginning to prepare for them. One of the most pressing problems is the discovery of a new and fool-proof place to hide a Pony. For some reason, gals and guys with long-sleeved white shirts with wavy cuffs are always suspected on those days.

If the student is an old hand at taking tests, he can usually contrive to waste the better half of the time twirling the pencil sharpener. This eliminates getting saddle-sores from sitting still for two hours. A real expert at the game usually practices for weeks on end. He’s set on extreme rolling of his eyebrows, the better to see his neighbor’s paper with, my dear. There are even some pros who can look at the next kid’s test with one eye while still twisted to the teacher with the other, to put her off guard. But those talented folks are few and far between.

Among the girls, going to take an aspirin is another old ruse that usually works. Sometimes they have their notes concealed in the pill, or else written on the wall over the drinking fountain. Less wonder to many examiners why aspirins prove to be such brain food. Little do they know!

Finally, after wasting an hour and forty-five minutes on various afoot-planned devices, our hero scribbles something illegible and utterly senseless on his spotless paper. His excuse for the penmanship is air-tight; he plans to be a doctor. So far, no one has thought up an answer to that one.

Of course, there are always the poor unfortunate who really are in misery. They weep and wail for long hours at a time, before and during the exam. After it is all over, they invariably go out and throw snowballs at Dr. Bryan, an equivalent of suicide, as we all know. This serves to relieve them of their sorrows. (It might be well to note that this type always receives a posthumous A.)

So it goes year after year. Your reporter’s theory on the subject of exams is an oft quoted one... “The more you study, the more you know. The more you know, the more you forget. The less you know, the less you forget. The less you forget, the more you know. So why on Earth do we study?”

(overheard in classroom):

Mr. Di Leonardelli: “Order Please!”

Voice from rear of class: “Ham on rye.”

Sometimes, we of the working class, while in throes of agony over an exam, sit in envy of those Simon Legrees known as teachers. After several years spent in taking (and flunking) tests, this reporter has finally compiled a list of rules which all teachers follow when giving an exam.

First, and most important, is explaining the questions so that everybody is more confused. Teachers know that the most irritating thing they can do is to change the meaning of a question after everyone has started on the answer. Yet, if you will but notice, they always do it. They have to, it’s in the code.

Any teacher worth his salt has an eagle eye out for cheaters. Sometimes they put this eye on their desk, but more often it is camouflaged somewhere in the back of the room. There was once a teacher who had a sixth sense where pones were concerned. She was fired, finally, because nobody could pass her tests and the school was getting crowded.

Of course, no teacher could ever answer her own question. It’s unheard of. The type that get on your nerves, though, are the brazen kind who sit at their desks with a pile of reference books and try to do it while the test is going on. It gives you a sort of depressed feeling, if you known what I mean.

I have found that a teacher’s pet pupil is waiting hours for those “do-or-die” creatures who won’t give up their papers. Some are forced to careful strategy, such as off-handedly sneaking in back of the student and making a SUDDEN GRAB. (The way to frustrate such a joker is to sit on half of the test. My, but that makes them mad!) Of course, mechanically minded supervisors install magnetic staples, or something similar, into the test. When “Time” is called, they merely switch on a powerful magnet. They also collect quite a few fountain pens and wristwatches that way.

As soon as the last weeping pupil crawls from the room, our dear teachers give a shout and gather up the blood-covered tests, and cascade them into the wastebasket. When it comes time to record marks those “things” blindfold their eyes and punch with a pen. Didn’t you ever wonder why the moron in the second row graduated with honors? He was just lucky. Good luck to you, too, next week. I predict that you’ll need it!

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**Erosion:** A nine-year-old boy washing his hands.