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State Highlights

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Civic Production

"Death of a Salesman" will be the next production of the Kalamazoo Civic Players. Rated as "the finest play of our generation," it should be an outstanding event of the Civic season. The play will run February 28 thru March 8.

Hall Problem Improves

Much to the gratification of the faculty, the hall situation has been improving steadily for the past three weeks. The forty-two scouts who volunteered to remind their fellow students of the various rules have cut down the noise and disturbance so greatly that there is now no need for teachers to act as guards in the halls.

Naturally, the problems are still far from being completely wiped out, but the new system is working satisfactorily. Everybody should remember that in order to have the use of the halls at noon, they must cooperate and make the system work even better.

Leadership Discussions

Last week, State High students participated in a discussion concerning the importance of being a successful leader or follower.

Bert Upjohn, Dr. Sebaly, "Skip" Bills, and Reverend Watterworth, expressed their opinions concerning questions raised by the students.

During club periods, the students were free to choose the discussion group that most interested them. The object of this leadership day was to acquaint the students with the responsibilities and difficulties of being a good leader or a good follower.

Freshmen Potluck

The freshman pot-luck supper was held on Monday night, February 18, in the school cafeteria. The supper, scheduled to last from 6:15 to 8:00 was held so that all parents, teachers, and members of the freshman class could meet each other and become better acquainted.

The committee in charge of preparing the dinner was made up of freshman class officers and their P.T. S.O. parent sponsors, Mrs. Hartman and Mr. Ward, with Mrs. Kuizenga, Mrs. Wise and Mrs. Swoap assisting.

Regent Examination

The University of Michigan Regent Scholarship examinations, will be given at Central High School on February 22. All Senior students at State High who are planning to take this examination will be excused from school that afternoon to do so.

Cub Assembly Based on TV Show

The Cub Assembly this year was held on February 19. Janet Snow was in charge of arrangements for this annual feature.

The plan of the performance was based on a television show with several skits and individual acts. Among the individuals who took part are Carolyn Fox, Clare Gemrich, Gloria Wiess, Suzanne Gilbert, Pete Longjohn, Bernadine Paull, Janet Wilson, Shirley Standish, Bill Hoyt, and Ena Marie Rush. The Glee Club, Dramatics Club, French Club, West-ernaires, and Dixieland Band also appeared.

Dance Committees

Recognition is being given this week to some of the people who helped make the Turnabout a success by doing some of the more thankless jobs. Many thank-you's go to the publicity and clean-up committees for doing such thorough jobs. John Weber, Janet LaPlante, Frank Goodrich, Bev Griggs, John Gibson, Judy Bree, Linnea Taylor, Gail Hubbell, Janet Hughes, and Peg Yntema all helped beyond the call of duty on decorations.

Dick Wilsey, who came at 8:00 to take tickets, and all his co-workers, deserve a lot of thanks, as does Sally Reeves, who did an excellent job on refreshments.

Several parents also contributed a great deal. Mr. Weber and Mr. Goodrich donated the use of their cars for the day, and Mr. Neff provided paper cups. The Social committee wishes to thank all these people who have done so much.

Class Finances

An inquiry into our classes' financial status revealed the following statistics:

The Sophomores boast a 70 dollar balance.

The Juniors top the list with their worthy 200 dollars.

The Senior treasury holds around 120 dollars to date.

Coming Up

February 20	Adm. Assembly, Game—Three Rivers, here.
February 22	Dance
February 25	PTSO
February 29	Game—Buchanan, there, bus.
March 4	Assembly—8:00
March 5	Adm. Assembly

'January Thaw' Cast

"January Thaw," our spring play, will be presented March 28 and 29 in the Little Theater. Director, Miss Bernyce Cleveland, wishes to announce that committee members will be needed to work back stage, and anyone interested may volunteer. The cast is as follows:

Herbert Gage—John Gibson
Frieda—Mary Kuizenga
Marge—Clare Gemrich
Paula—Nancie Strome
George—John Thayer
Barbara—Kathryn Wood
Jonathan Rockwood—John Plantefaber
Mathilda Rockwood—Sue Sawyer
Uncle Walter—John Weber
Matt Rockwood—Dick Kramer
Carson—Duke Peterson

Alpha, Beta, Gamma Awards Given

The names of the students who have won scholastic awards from the previous semester were announced in the administrative assembly, on February 6 by Dr. Roy C. Bryan. Alpha certificates were presented to the students who had received four A's and no mark lower than a 'B.' Students who received the Alpha award were: Ruth DeHaan, Clare Gemrich, Suzanne Gilbert, Frank Goodrich, Janet LaPlante, Kathryn Randall, (12th grade); Sue Anderson, and Nancy Magas, (11th grade); William Govier, Jerry Harwood, (10th grade); and Joan Stimpson, David Swoap, and Ronald Tanis, (9th graders).

Beta awards, three "A's" and no mark lower than a "B," were presented to Lilla Elliot, Eva Aube, Dorothy Cartland, Carolyn Fox, Mary Alice Kuizenga, John Littig, Kay Loughead, Shirley Smith, Nancie Strome, (12th grade); Harper Atherton, Joan Biljum, John Gibson, Barbara Oakland, (11th grade); Polly Allen, Julie Davis, Allen Howard, David Schreiber, (10th grade); and Darlene Chapin, Ann Malotte, Peter Platt, and Nancy Watterworth (9th graders).

The students who received the Gamma awards, two "A's" and no mark lower than a "B," were Jackie Andrus, Carol Cessna, Suzanne Sawyer, (12th grade); Philip Bruns, Rosemary Buckingham, Carolyn Cassidy, Analliese Frey, Ann Mahoney, William McConachie, Kay Peelen, Marianne Schau, Aldamarie Seaver, Janet Van Hoeve, Laura White, (11th grade); Martha Braden, Jean Morris, Catherine Myers, Don Neal, Linnea Taylor, Fred Watterson, (10th grade); and Tom Howson, Katrina Kuizenga, Fred Miller, James Otis, Sandra Spann, Alfred Wise, (9th graders).

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The Music Shelf

The three high school bands of Zeeland, Paw Paw, and State High met February 1st and 2nd at Zeeland to give the first of this year's Tri-City Band Concerts.

The Paw Paw and State High Bands moved to Zeeland for two days and during that time stayed at the homes of the Zeeland band members.

Saturday night the three bands gave their concert. Each band played 3 or 4 selections ranging from symphonies to swing. After each band had performed, they combined to form a massed band, under the direction of Dr. Joseph Maddy from Interlochen.

Last year the three bands met for the first time, and are considering making it an annual affair.

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John Thayer, general chairman of the Blue and Gold Review, has announced the chairmen for his committees. They are:

Hospitality—Carolyn Fox
 Programs—Duke Peterson
 Ushers—Carolyn Fox
 Talent—Gene Logan
 Tickets and Finances—Phil Bruns
 Stage Manager—Jim Bowen
 Publicity—Carol Cessna

Highlander News

Next Wednesday, on February 27, the **Highlander** staff with the help of Mr. C. Lininger, will schedule the class, club, and activity pictures for the Yearbook. The schedules will be read in the homerooms and posted on the bulletin boards.

The staff is also collecting baby pictures of the seniors, and pictures of all the school in informal poses. These pictures should be put in an envelope with the name of the contributor on it, and dropped into the Highlights box by not later than March 10. It would be greatly appreciated if a list of the names of the people who are in the picture was put in the envelope, also. No writing should appear on either the back or on the front of the picture. Negatives can be made (at the local drugstores), of pictures that are autographed or desired as keepsakes.

If you had a favorite picture of yourself or of a friend, that appeared in last year's yearbook, you may be able to purchase a glossy print of the picture. The staff has several of the original prints, and would be glad to sell them for a small price.

Prom Prospects

Chairmen and committees have been selected for the Junior-Senior Prom. The chairmen are as follows: General chairman-Kay Peelen, Decorations-Nancy Magas, Invitations-Aldamarie Seaver, Chaperons-Marianne Schau, Refreshments-Ann Mahoney, Tickets-Dick Defreese, Programs-Phil Bruns and Entertainment-Lyn Cassidy. Others that are assisting are; Duke Peterson, John Weber, and Janet Snow.

Juniors are urged to pay their class dues. A notice has been posted on the bulletin board naming those who have not paid.

Class Addition

A new addition to the class of 1953 is roaming the consecrated halls of State High. Dick York, a refugee from St. Joe, is already making friends hand over fist. He is tall, six feet, sixteen years old and is another sufferer from the four eyes club. Dick's hobbies are golf and music. He plays the trombone and sings baritone. His pet peeves are interviewing Highlight's members and his (censored) teacher. Dick is majoring in math. His chosen profession is engineering.

Previews of Coming Attractions

The next few weeks in Kalamazoo offer many varied entertainments for the townspeople. Starting February 28 at the Civic is the well-known Broadway play "Death of a Salesman," which is still running in New York.

State High's Blue and Gold Revue will be presented at the Civic on March 15. This and the Spring play, "January Thaw," should be on the 'must list' for every State Highite.

For those who follow the cinemas, both laughs and chills are offered at the Capitol this week in a double feature bill—"Week End with Father" and "The Cimarron Kid." Another hair-raiser is on at the State—"Decision Before Dawn."

This program looks to be just about right for any taste, but no matter what is on the agenda don't forget the Blue and Gold Revue at the Civic March 15, and "January Thaw" at the Little Theatre, March 28 and 29.

Worms and Bookworms

Those of you who are interested in keeping "in good" with all the teachers, advisors, and any other authorities of our school, should take your books back to the library when they are due. A great many people are thoroughly disgusted with you delinquents who are building up individual libraries with the books rightfully belonging to the school. To date, there are 25 books overdue from before Christmas vacation. To remedy this situation the library is starting to crack down on these offenders with a firm hand. Lists of everyone who has books overdue will be given to the advisors who will in turn, pronounce sentence. In most cases this is to forfeit all library privileges until your record is cleared.

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For you who watch the calendar and retain your privileges, there is a number of newly-arrived books of all kinds. Some of these which would suit juniors or seniors are "Fire on the Wind," by David Garth and "East of Home," a travel book by Rama Rau, who calls it "The discovery of Asia by an Asian educated in the west." Also for older girls is "Dedication" by Sigmund Spaeth.

For 9th and 10th graders there is "Island Girl" by Darby, and "Rookie Southpaw" by Leonard. There are two new sea stories; "The Quest of the Schooner, Argue," by Villers, and "Unwilling Pirate," by Lathrop. To help you with your history, there are twenty to twenty-five books of various periods in American History which form the Landmark series.

Following the Graduates

Gisela Keck, a former State High student, graduated from Western Michigan College this year with Magna Cum Laude honors. While still attending State High, Gisela participated in many extra curricular activities, one of which was acting as editor of the Highlights. Scholastically, she was third highest in her class and as a result, she was awarded the National Honor Societies' Western Michigan College Scholarship.

During her attendance at Western she had the difficult task of student teaching an English class in which both her youngest brother and her cousin participated. She did this, her co-workers say, by showing no preference toward her relatives or their friends. This sort of thing is the reason why Gisela is so well liked by everyone. Aside from teaching English for Mrs. Collins, she also had a class with Miss Smutz the high school art teacher, and Mrs. Struble the training school art instructor, she is interested in Commercial Art. She is also interested in all phases of Social Work and she may attempt some work in this field some time in the future.

Will You Be The 2 Millionth?

The millionth traffic death has made the headlines and is forgotten. The second million is well started toward a successful conclusion. But State High, realizing the gravity of the national picture of traffic accidents, is helping to fight this menace to human beings, young and old. This is the fourth year that our school has engaged in this program of adding responsible and efficient drivers to our highways. It is only through such a planned method of teaching our young people, can we be sure that they are taught the proper and safe rules of driving and handling an automobile. As one supporter of driver education stated, "I have driven 350,000 miles, have passed licensing examinations in two of the most rigid states, and yet I was ignorant of at least six important basic factors which are fundamental to safe driving." And this one individual is not the only one. According to the experts, the average driver will not pass on at least four of the six factors.

However, the earning of one's driver's license is not the only objective of the driver education program. There is much to be learned for those students who already have their license. Units covered in the course add to the general education of the student, and experience is gained in developing courtesy, judgement, and a greater sense of responsibility.

Ten thousand of today's high schools are offering a driver education program. And State High is proud to be one of that number. But we still are far from the total number of twenty-five thousand high schools. Somehow we must add to the number of driver education programs. Only then can we successfully fight this plague of our modern world—highway automobile accidents.

Game Scheduled for 29th With Buchanan

The game with Buchanan on February 29, at Buchanan is the last one of the season, and it should prove to be an exciting and an interesting game. Looking at past scoring, both teams have won or lost by just a few points.

The game is going to be played there, and whether that's a good sign or not, records show that in the past three games there, we lost, and when they came here, we won. But this being the last game of the season, and the last chance for both teams to raise their conference standings, it will probably be a hot and lively game.

Girl's Sports Activities Planned for this Spring

Spring sports for the girl's gym classes will be softball, tennis, swimming, bowling, and some basketball activities. Basketball will continue into spring with inter-class games along with games between State High and other schools on a basketball playday.

The bowling every Tuesday night under the direction of Miss Large will continue. There are two junior class teams, one sophomore team, and one freshman team.

If possible there will be tennis for those interested in gym classes and also after school tennis with matches against other schools.

Swimming includes the Finettes. There is also one swimming class. There will be a life saving course this semester.

Finettes Plan Water Show for April

The Finettes, State High's swimming club, is busy planning its annual water show, which will be presented sometime in April. Barbara Oakland, vice-president of the group and general chairman of the show, has announced that an international theme will be used. The girls are writing the routines themselves, using approximately twelve different ones. Lilla Eliet is serving as publicity chairman, and she is planning to do a very thorough job of advertising. The show will be given two or three nights, plus an extra showing for the Training school.

Jr. High's Basketball

Team on Top

State High's Jr. High basketball team is going great guns this year. They are playing in the City Jr. Boys League and thus far have tied for the championship in the first round of play. They have won the first game of the second round, also.

The team itself is composed of the 7th and 8th graders. The starters are Bob Beisel, Peter Parker, Don Perigo, Bob Miles, and Chuck Warfield.

For an offense the team uses a fast break and lots of one handed shots. The scoring as a whole is well balanced. They have won non-league games from the Oakwood, Woodward, and Mattawan eighth graders.

Mr. Jerse, it appears has been doing a good job as coach. He and the team have been well supported by 9 cheerleaders and a large body of the Jr. High students.

Basketball Roundup

Western Michigan's Broncos seem to be on their way to taking the Mid-American Conference Title. Their season record stands at 13 won—6 lost. At present they lead the conference with a 7-1 record, their single loss coming at the hands of Toledo.

To continue with college basketball, the Kalamazoo College cagers are tied with Albion College for second place in the MIAA Conference. Dick Cain, a State High graduate is playing basketball for this team.

Our own State High Cagers have not fared so well this season. We have won only two games, both in conference play. With the playing of our postponed game with Dowagiac, the three way tie with Dowagiac and South Haven for fifth place in the Big Seven Conference was broken.

This year as usual we will participate in a tournament to be held at Plainwell. There will be three other teams playing in Class B ball, Allegan, Otsego, and Plainwell.

Kalamazoo Central at present is tied with Holland High for first place in the Southwestern Michigan Conference. Central seems to have a chance of repeating their feats of the last three years. Bill Stifbergan so far this season has posted as high as 33 points in one game.

Kalamazoo Christian maintains a nine game winning streak, which they hope to keep in tack. Their season's record stands at 13 wins, 2 losses.

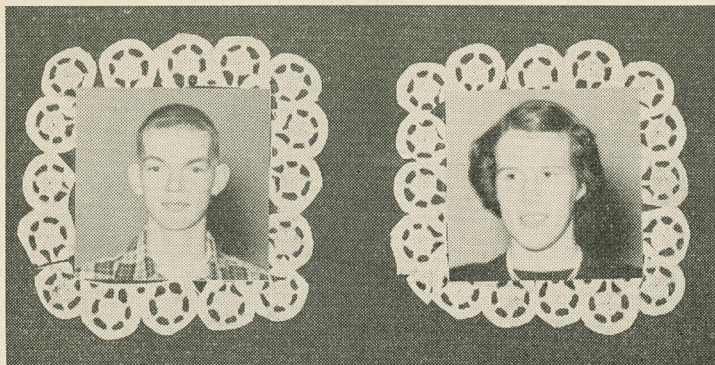
St. Augustine along with State High has a lop-sided record. The St. A club has a record of 14 wins and 9 losses which they hope to improve.

Emerson's Views



As everybody knows, our busy Ted Emerson is this year's baseball captain. His views on the coming season are as follows: "We are looking for a letter winner in almost every position with our big losses from graduation being Fred Hubbel and Clair Kirkpatrick. I know the boys will be fighting hard for a good season."

Jack and Queen Dealt



The Jack of Hearts is a capable, six foot three, blonde, blue-eyed Senior, John Thayer. John is an ambitious lad, who works hard at his many duties, but too quietly for much of his rightful recognition. He is vice-president of the Band, which gives him the difficult job of general chairman of the Blue and Gold Revue. This vice-presidency automatically earns him a place on the citizenship committee; he also serves on the committee for Senior Graduation.

Besides all this 'busy work', John is finding time to take a part in the Spring Play; he plays the role of George Husted.

John is a sports fan, "naturally." He played end on the football squad last fall, and is planning to help the baseball team this spring. He also likes to ice-skate especially well. Aside from sports, John's favorite pastimes include collecting coins and stamps and eating okra, his favorite dish. (It's a Southern delicacy.)

John wants to be a radio engineer and he says he will probably attend Western "next year, at least." Although he is always busy with these various jobs, he finds time to do all that is asked of him. We, of the HIGHLIGHTS staff, are happy to present John Thayer, the Jack of Hearts for 1952.

Turnabout Turnouts

It seems CAROLE SMITH likes "um" young. She was entertaining JOE GILLIS for the evening.

POLLY ALLEN escorted a Western product, namely JERRY NEAL.

MARY THOMSON sought out a South Haven import when seen with PAUL TAGUE.

DONNA ENDSLEY arrived with an ex-State Higher, PETE LINQUIST.

We also noticed that many freshmen attended with fellow classmates.

Some of these "freshie twosomes" were:

CAROLE HARTMAN-DAVE SWOAP
JUDY STOFFER-FRED WATERSON

DIANE DOUBLEDAY-BOB CARVER

SHARON TAYLOR-PETE PLATT
BARB BORN-AL GLENDENNING

Our versatile Queen of Hearts this year is Beverly Ann Griggs, commonly known as "Bag," from her initials. Bag is known to be one of the hardest working girls in school; she seems to have her finger in every pie. She serves on the decorations committee for every dance produced this year as part of her duties as a member of the social committee. Bag is an active member of the Senior "Skip Day" committee and a past member of Assembly committee. She also has co-operated with various other committees, such as Pep and Red Cross, on big projects this year.

Bag seems destined to be a homemaker, as anyone who has sampled her cooking can testify. (Her favorite dish is spaghetti.) She also makes most of her own clothes; whipping up a new skirt in an evening. In keeping with this favorite occupation she belonged to Knitting Club last semester.

Bag is definitely not an indoor girl, however. She loves to ski and ice-skate and to watch baseball and basketball games. She is now much interested in the building of a family cottage at Hussy Lake. She has helped her father with a lot of outside work, and has also contributed to the furnishings with articles made in Art class.

Every committee or group in school knows it can count on Bag for any job. Her artistic ability keeps her in great demand and her sunny disposition plus two perfect dimples keep her co-workers in the best of spirits. The more she does, the more she seems capable of doing; her motto is "If I perish, I perish," and she certainly lives up to it. The HIGHLIGHTS is proud to name her as the Queen of Hearts for 1952.

Happy Birthday

February 20 — Peggy Patten

February 24 — Dick Bommersbach,
John Lemon

February 25 — Ann Malotte

February 26 — Joe McCarthy

February 28 — Ruth DeHaan

March 1 — Linnea Taylor

March 3 — John Littig

Ulterior Motives

Our High School office has long been a congested metropolis of activity. (For some unhappy individuals it is a regular hangout.) Therein are played "a thousand dramas daily," and the presiding officials (Mr. Stauffer and Miss Crisman) have frankly admitted that there are some pretty dramatic prevaricators lurking about State High. Some of the Seniors, who are experts in the field of excuses, have agreed to tell us how to handle the office personnel to the best advantage.

"One method," says Eva, "is to telephone Miss Crisman at 9:45 A.M. and tell her you are stuck in a snow bank. This excuse is good enough so that they won't expect you back until noon, at least!"

Here is a second trick which has been proved quite effective in explaining a tardiness on Wednesday noons: when Mary brings the Highlights into the office, you sneak up to the desk with her and pretend you've been helping her carry them up the hill. If you're as lucky as Dot, this simple little ruse will rate you a green slip.

Suzie Gilbert's favorite approach is to stagger weakly to a chair, hold her head, and moan "I'm sick!" She makes this act more convincing by removing her lipstick and powdering her face with chalk. The result: "Class exempt."

Addie-Anne has an original, designed to play upon Mrs. Jarman's color-consciousness: "But pink just doesn't go with my dress," she argues. "You'll have to give me a green slip!"

And so it goes—the fantastic inventions of the student mind! (A warning to those underclassmen who are considering using such alibis in the future: They hardly ever work!)

Inquiring Reporter

Question: Last summer were you ever in a state of quiescence at the Drive In?

"Dutch" Defreese—Nope!

Pat Ryan—No, but my car was.

Bob Carver—If I was, I didn't make out with it.

Joe Gillis—I'll look it up in the dictionary and tell you later.

Bill McConachie—No, but the guys I was with were.

Suzie Anderson—Yes, not just in the summer. All the time.

Dinny Lintvedt—I won't say anything that will incriminate me.

Don Gill—Ya, my glasses and I.

Gail Hubbell—Natch, Kid.

Ted Emerson—I don't know, I didn't see it.

Bobby Gleason—Forget it!

Al Hackman—I never touch the stuff. John Keyser—Ya, one time at a real spooky movie.

Chuck Koons—Yes, I was at the Drive In . . .

Don Neil—What, in a wreck?

Debby Parker—Oh Ya?

Lilliane Malone—Don't ask me.

Ed. Note: Quiescence means at rest, completely inanimate and showing no action.