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Production Managers
The immediate committee chairman for the annual production of the Spring Play is as follows. Many other students will undoubtedly sign up to lend their services.

Business Manager-Coral Weihs
Rehearsal co-chairmen-Janet Snow and Janet La Plante
Stage Manager-Jim Bowen
Make up chairman-Lilla Elliet
Production Manager-Barbara Rock
Publicity-Judy Scott
Ushers-Judy Bree
Stage Design-Lilla Eliet
Prop-Debbie Parker
Costumes-Tami Malone

Overall Brawl
On Friday, March 1st, the Social Committee planned a sock-hop. The Overall Brawl, as it was called, was in the Women's Gym. The admission was 35 cents a person.

The decorating committee planned its decorations around a Hobo theme. Everyone attending wore jeans, and also heavy socks, since no one with shoes on was admitted.

The highlight of the dance was the crowning of the King and Queen of basketball. Their identity wasn't disclosed until the dance.

Candy Sale — Friday
All students who aren't watching their waistlines this week will be welcomed to the table in the lower hall featured properly. The girls bring free tickets which will be given to them. The boys don't and we don't know why.

Sandpaper Party
The Citizenship Committee held a party Thursday evening, February 28, in room 211A. Each "guest" was provided with sandpaper so he could proceed with the task which gave the party its name of "Sanding party." To make the work more enjoyable, music and refreshments-as well as sandpaper-were furnished.

Seniors Plan for April 4
The ever-present thoughts of graduation are in many a senior's mind. But before they leave State High, they plan to present a senior assembly for the underclassmen.

Chairman Mary Thomson announces that the assembly will be presented on April 4, in the Little Theater. Extensive plans are in the making, but the general theme will not be disclosed until the assembly. Mr. Stauffer, faculty advisor, is helping the committee with their plans.

Graduation Plans
Student speakers are needed for the graduation program this June. A boy and a girl from the senior class will be chosen by tryouts held at the end of March. The tryout speeches will be on the subject of "a liberal education."

Coming Up
March 15—Blue & Gold Revue, Civic Theater
March 18—Hi-Y Assembly 9:00
March 19—Administrative Assembly 12:30
March 21—Paw Paw Tri-City Concert
March 22—Hi-Y Carnival

Exchange Assembly
The Cub assembly which State High saw on February 10, will be taken to Portage as an exchange assembly at 2:00, March 5. However, it is not known whether or not Portage will send State High an assembly. At 8:00 March 4, State High heard from the new teachers and students about impressions of the school.

Feature Student Council
The election committee, with the approval of Student Council, has decided upon a set of rules governing this year's elections. The rules will be printed and posted on the bulletin boards. Additional copies may be secured through the office.

Ted Emerson is chairman of the committee. Other members are, Kate Randall, Suzanne Sawyer, Eva Aube, Dick Forward, and Frank Goodrich.

Poster Contest Closing
This year the Blue and Gold Revue is sponsoring a poster contest for their program, which will be held on Saturday, March 15th, at 8 P.M. The prize for winning the contest is two free tickets which will be given to each of the winners of the three best posters. The winners will be chosen by four college art students; Mary Lynn Porter, Connie Barker, Mini Roeder, and Harold Shoup.

Modern Dance Sale
The candy sale held Monday, March 3rd, in the lower hall featured products from the kitchens of the Modern Dance Club members who sponsored the sale.

1952 Hi-Y Carnival Plans Underway
The annual Hi-Y Carnival will be held on Saturday, March 22, in the Women's Gym from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. The Carnival will be much like it has been in the past, with booths and other activities sponsored by clubs, homerooms, and similar organizations.

The various booths will be in operation from 7:30 to 10:00, with the remaining time given over to the free entertainment—including different stunts, the presentation of the Sweethearts of 1952, and possibly a dance contest and a door prize drawing. The Hi-Y group is planning to make the entertainment and approval of the Sweethearts much more of an elaborate occasion than it has been previously.

"We think the Carnival is primarily for a good time," said Mr. Ernest Roeder, faculty advisor of the Hi-Y club. We want to get as many people as possible to participate. We think it will be a 'fun' night for everybody!"

The Carnival Assembly, when each group presents a preview of its booth, is scheduled for Tuesday, March 18. At that time everybody will get a chance to peek at all the good times in store for them when they visit the Hi-Y Carnival.

Overdue Books
A petition from the library to the boys of our school can be summed up in 8 little words: "Oh boys, bring my books back to me!" The girls bring most of their books back, but the boys don't and we don't know why. If you have the answer in your locker kindly take it (or them) to the library.

Follies to be at Civic
State High's Band Follies will be presented March 15, in the Civic Theater. John Thayer, general chairman, says the plans are coming along very well.

Phil Bruns, Carol Cessna, Gene Logan, Joan Dougherty, Dick Forward, Carolyn Fox, and Jim Bowen make up the committee, and are working with John to make all the plans.

The show will be in three acts. The first act will be a variety of acts, the second will be a cornet version of Oklahoma done by the choir, and the third act will be a concert by the band. Coffee will be served during intermission.
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Bookworm Special

Do you hunger for thrilling excitement in the jagged Alps? ... Do you want to be president of the United States? Our library has received a new shipment of books which may prove interesting to people with such aspirations. For mountain climbers there is "Find the Rats" by Frison Roche to provide thrills, and "Let's Go Camping" by Zarchy, for lessons on the practical side.

Did I say president? I meant the First Lady, "Abigail Adams" by Whitney which is a story about the wife of the second president of the United States.

Also for mountain climbers, in the way of science fiction there is "Bullard of the Space Patrol" and "Wonderwoman." "Kid who Batted 1,000" by Allison, is provided for the enthusiastic game everybody goes crazy over in the spring.

Or perhaps you enjoy singing, or humming, old American Songs. Carl Sandburg's "American Song Bag" has everything from hobo songs to mountain ballads and close harmony ditties.

Club Time Activities

State High has a variety of interesting clubs which meet every Wednesday. For example, the Great Books Club, sponsored by Mrs. Ropers, reads short stories during their club time, and outside of schooltime they read classics, such as "David Copperfield." Then they report on these books the next time they meet.

In Masquers, the members have started practicing for the Spring Play. The people who aren't participating in this, present one-act plays.

The State High S-Club, has started planning the annual All Sports Banquet. They have decided to present all the sports awards at this festive dinner rather than having an all sports assembly.

The Y-teens, sponsored by the Y.W. C.A., has been dropped from the regularly scheduled clubs. However, they have started meeting at the Y on school nights. Anyone who is interested in this organization, but couldn't find time to include it in their club schedule, should contact Pat Perigo.

These clubs are only a small portion of the many interesting clubs at State High, but they typify the type of activity which goes on at school every Wednesday from 1 until 2.

Congratulations to Joan Stiles and Don Gill-Basketball King and Queen for '52

'Spans 'n Needles'

"Like love, Paris can't be explained, just felt."

M-G-M's enchanting new record album, "An American In Paris" taken from the sound track of the movie of the same name, makes you feel Paris in all of its moods—gay, tender, dramatic. It translates Gershwin's impressions of Paris into music and is sung by Gene Kelly and George Guetary, renowned French performer.

The collection includes the currently popular "Love Is Here To Stay" and an intriguing arrangement of "I Got Rhythm" by Gene Kelly, George Guetary offers "I'll Build A Stairway To Paradise" and Kelly and Guetary join to sing the hit "Wonderful." The album concludes with "An American In Paris Ballet," a vivid picture of the spell that this city casts.

Junior High Business

The eighth graders in Miss Cora Ebert's room are planning an assembly consisting of dramatizations from books that are well-known.

The Jr. Highers had a candy sale which netted them a profit of $20.00. They are earning money for a trip to Chicago, sometime in May.

Contributions were made to the March of Dimes by the students. The Junior High Basketball team has been inactive for the last two weeks, but there will be more news in the next issue.

Personalities From Head To Toe

Personalities have been recognized around State High in several forms and by various methods; but have you ever tried to determine what a person is like by studying his feet? Yes, shoes are often a reflection of characteristic tastes and attitudes.

For example, in girls' footwear, we find a good old basic—the ballet slipper. This is designed for the taller femme who has a horrible fear of wobbling over everyone else in the vicinity. In contrast to these, there are the crepe-soled suèdes which serve a double purpose: first, to bring the shorty up into visual range, and second, for the lazy individuals who don't want to struggle with boots on snowy mornings. Corresponding to this last factor, we also have the fleece-lined shoe-boots. These work just fine until the spring thaw, and then where are you? Probably at the shoe repair shop having your feet re-soled—good for all seasons, you know!

The boys have dead-giveaways, too. What about the athletic type who will never part with his gym shoes? Wonder if he wears them to bed at night! Once in a while we catch a glimpse of some of those high-topped, square-toed clobber-shoes that give the impression that their occupant is planning a hike through the deepest jungles of darkest Africa. Maybe not, but they would certainly serve the purpose.

Then, of course, for both girls and boys, there are always our old faith-fule: loafers (for those who loaf), saddle shoes (for those who are "back in the saddle again"), and oxfords (for those who plan to attend the university, naturally.) More recently the white 'bucks' have come into the picture. (As yet we cannot account for these because the hunting season is over.)

Actually, it makes little difference which kind you prefer—just so long as "all God's chillun has shoes!"

"Bundles of Joy"

March 7—Ron Kilgore
March 9—Robert DeHaan
March 11—Robin Rose
March 15—Barbara Rock
March 15—Georgianne McCrum
March 18—Ena Marie Rush
Hooligans Organize

Coach Walters has organized a basketball team which he calls the “Hooligans.” This team is made up of freshmen boys, who were unable to make the school’s Reserve Squad. Members of the team are: Denny Bryan, Don Moss, Norman Marcusse, Fred Miller, Peter Platt, Chuck Dornbos, John Schensul, Fred Klinger and, Tom Manning.

The team has won three games against Oakwood eighth grade, Portage ninth grade, and Oakwood ninth grade. They lost their other games against Portage. Members of the team are: Denny Bryan, Don Moss, Norman Marcusse, Fred Miller, Peter Platt, Chuck Dornbos, John Schensul, Fred Klinger and, Tom Manning.

The high point man for the team is Chuck Dornbos with 43 points. Peter Platt is runner-up with 40 points.

Bob Gibson Holds Crosley Trophy

Bob Gibson first got interested in guns through his father. He has shot a 22 pistol since he was eight years old. Last August Bob and his father went to a convention of the National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association. Here he won the Crosley match Trophy. In the father-and-son match, the two Gibsons won. Bob’s ambition now is to keep the Crosley Trophy. In order to do this he must win it again at three of the coming conventions that will be held in Friendship, Indiana.

Bob intends to pursue this hobby later in life and he keeps in practice at home with the Gibson family’s collection of more than 12 guns.

Bob’s pet peeve is girls and his favorite food is Apple pie.

Another hobby of Bob’s is his little pet hamster “Slippery Lou,” the family garbage disposal.

A story of Bob’s is that his little pet hamster was a very good cleaner. He was always on the lookout for any mess that needed cleaning. Bob told the story with much pride.

Y-teens Reorganize

The State High Y-Teens, part of the national Y.W.C.A. organization, are reorganizing their club. They will meet every other Monday at 7:00 p.m. at the Y. This new meeting time should enable more girls to attend than the previous club period at school did. All State High girls are invited to join.

The Y-Teens are planning such activities as dances, hayrides, overnight hikes (including one to Lake Michigan), and various phases of service work. On Monday, March 3, they gave an open house for all girls in State High to introduce them to the organization. The committees for the event were: Publicity—Gail Hubbell and Sue Duck, Refreshments—Mariluyn Kulper and Ann Frey, Programs—Ann Mahoney and Pat Perigo.

Basketball Season Ends

With the 1951-52 basketball season at a close, it also brings to an end Coach Arden Detert’s first year as basketball coach. The seasons record stands at 2 wins and 16 losses.

This past year also ends our Big Seven competition in basketball along with football. The 1952-53 season will be played in the Wolverine League with schools nearer our enrollment.

Ed Sutton was high scorer for the second year in a row. His largest output in a single game this season was 25 points against South Haven.

Graduation this year won’t hit the team too hard, as the team was made up mostly of sophomores and juniors. However, the three graduating members have been of great help to the team in the past years. They are; Ted Emerson, Maynard Neibor and Bob Anson.

Don Gill served ably as captain of this year’s team.

The Reserve squad won 6 games out of 13 for the season. John Warfield was the most consistent high scorer of the season. Bob Ryan hit the high scoring mark in a single game for the Reserves with 21 points.

As usual the season ended with the Basketball tournament at Plainwell, with State High matched against Allegan for the first tilt.

New League to be Discussed at Banquet

The annual sports banquet of State High School will be held May 29, 6:30 p.m. at Walwood Hall. The Banquet planning is being handled by “S” Club with Coach Walters in charge.

The main theme or idea is to feature the new Wolverine League in which State High will compete next year.

The main guests at this occasion will be the representatives from each school in the new league and the squad members from each State High team.

After dinner Mr. James Stauffer will act as Master of Ceremonies. The athletic awards will be presented at the Outstanding athlete and freshman of the year will be named. Entertainment for the evening will be provided by the “Westernaires.”

Baseball Season Starts

In about a week, baseball practice will start under the able guidance of Coach Fred Stevens. Last year’s baseball team fared very well, ranking 2nd in the conference standings with five wins and three losses. This year’s captain is Ted Emerson who plays catcher for the team. Returning lettermen are Don Gill, Bill McConathy, Al Hackman, Dick Defreese, who play infield; Bob Britigan for first base, Vern Hoffman for pitcher, and Tom Johnson, and Ken Cob for outfield.

Stan Vine’s Athletic Activities

Stan Vine is 5’10” tall, weighs 160 pounds, is 17 years old and has blue eyes.

Stan has two main interests, Pat Spruse and the sport of Athletics. From Stan’s own lips, (with a twinkle in his eye) come the words; “Patt’s my one true love; and the ring is on her finger to prove it.”

Last year Stan played fullback on State High’s football team and also kicked extra points.

During the summer Stan plays baseball for the Oakland Aces and he is looking forward to the time when State High starts preparing for their baseball team. In fact he says he would like to make the team if it is at all possible.

For the past few weeks he has spent most of his time boxing in the Golden Gloves and as the records show he has proved himself a hard-punching, well-qualified pugilist. He has a total of 7 amateur fights under his belt and is the proud possessor of the Regional Novice Middleweight Championship. His trainer and idol is Jimmie Block, trainer of the C.A.A. Gym. He had thought of boxing professionally, but a few well chosen words from Patt changed his mind.

If you should like to find Stan, the first place to look is at the Blue and Gold Dairy Bar. His favorite pastime is buying sportswear so look for a handsome man snazzily dressed with a chaw of Wrigley’s Spearmint Gum.

Highlights Potluck

Last Tuesday night, a potluck dinner was held at Suzie Gilbert’s house. The dinner was for all of the members of the Highlight’s staff and their sponsor, Mr. Gilbert and Suzie. Of course, we of the Staff, would like to extend our thanks to Mrs. Gilbert and Suzie for a wonderful time.
What If?

What if Ted and Addie didn't go together.

How it would all turn out if George stopped bluffling his way through English class.

What teachers would have to talk about if we weren't a selected student body.

What the kids could kick about if State High had some school pep.

What it would be like if the school really was redecorated.

What the senior girls could complain about if there were new boys in the class.

What there would be for advisors to do if everyone stopped talking in study halls, came to class on time, and stopped skipping.

What it would be like of the sophmore girls stopped trying to act sophisticated.

How Mr. Walters would get by without his jokes.

What we would do without Mary in this vale of tears.

Trueman was still president in 1962.

What the senior class would do for the current president.

How we would get through Mondays if there wasn't a weekend to gossip about.

What it would be like if Buck didn't have his problems.

What it would be like if Sharon West was a demure little thing.

What it would be like if Lyn and little Copeland fell in love.

Donnie would waste away to a mere shadow.

What would have happened if Jackie had used peroxide along with the rest of the senior girls.

What it would be like if Patt and Stan didn't fight.

Clare Gemrich and Shirley Smith could never understand where the mercury goes when you drop it. They have been known to spend hours trying to chase it down and pick it up.

Brother George Hagar is a cautious fellow. After noting the violent reaction reached upon combining a drop of a sodium solution with a beaker of water, he blithly dumped the whole test tube in the sink. The ensuing smog would have made any Californian envious.

Some of the rest of us, like Duke Peterson and yours truly, wriggled through the course by memorizing an answer or two—and using some brilliant guesswork. But Suzanne Sawyer outwitted everybody—when everything else fails on a test, Sue knows what to do. She merely proves the triangles are congruent.

Names in the News

We wish to extend the medal for safe driving to KAY LOUGHEAD, who has, to date, only run into a "Semi" and a building. Way to boom Kaylie.

We were going to congratulate Miss PATRICIA SProuse and Mr. STANLEY VINE on the engagement, but seems things got somewhat fluffed up. What's da matter?

Seems that JOE MCCARTHY likes the "girlish Fashion" of bangs. What happened JOE—Wash your hair?

Two fortunate Senior boys think they're pretty smart being invited to Central's formal. What say HAGER and BROWN?

Seems that ELEANOR ALMAN has a bad time picking up after TED MANION. He always leaves his boots on the neighbors porch.

We want to compliment BOB HORN on his charming "grown-up" behavior! Seems he goes with a 21 yr. old gal - More power to you, Bob!

Seems that SAL SCHRIER has a very usual weekend from Galveston. You said his name was AL FREY?

We would like to make a report on "MRS. COIFFED." They have an apartment in Parchment and it seems Judy is busily making drapes. Good luck JUDE!

HONOR OF WEEK: This is "long eye-lashes week" - and the honor is bestowed on one deserving, freshie DENNY BRYAN.

QUESTIONS OF WEEK. Why does CAROLE SMITH like "gun-totin" men? CUTE FASHION OF WEEK: MISS STEKETTE and her little red huntin' cap. CUPID OF THE WEEK: MR. LEONARDELLI for the seating arrangement in 8:00 Social Problems. George is rather pleased.

TALENT OF WEEK goes to JOHN PLANTEFABER for his "hurrying picture." We like it very much.

MOST UNUSUAL THING OF THE WEEK: Addie Anne goes with Ted Emerson. DREAMER OF WEEK-LILLA ELIET wishes she didn't have to write letters. PARTY OF WEEK: GAIL HUBBELL had one pretty sporty open house back last Saturday nite. Was attended by a number of St. A & Central kids. A good time was had by all.

CONGRATS to two worthy Seniors: DOT CARTLAND and LILLA ELIET feel they have had dates with the "Worlds worst creeps." Better luck next time gals.

We want to congratulate BEV SWOAP on the shiny ring seen dangling around her neck. We hear JERRY is one cute guy and we think it's wonderful.

Seems SUZI GILBERT is on probation for two weeks following a rather early morning return from the Turnabout. Ya say you wish you had an hour glass huh PAUL?