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State Highlights

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Cast of "January Thaw," as seen rehearsing, includes: Katherine Wood, John Thayer, Mary Kuizenga, Patsy Eliet, John Gibson, Claire Gemrich and Nancy Strome.

Seniors Change Assembly

The seniors have switched the date of their assembly to May 13. Chairman, Mary Thomson, is busily appointing committee heads to assure a better production. Bill Hoyt has been named stage-manager and asks for the co-operation of the senior boys to help out. The theme has been definitely decided upon, but will not be disclosed until more extensive planning has been completed. The seniors hope to make this the best assembly ever, and in order to do this the cooperation of all seniors is necessary.

Balances 'n Bills

Our social committee headed by Nancy Strome, aside from giving dances, is in fine shape financially. Total tally for the entire year is 945.70. Expenditures for all the dances have amounted to 578.44, leaving a balance of 365.26.

This is to be used in the future for recreation and dances. About 200.00 will be used for the spring formal. Another fifty will be used to finance a band at what would ordinarily be a record dance, in accordance with the promises after the magazine sale. It is hoped that we can have band and free refreshments for the Farewell Dance in June.

Amazons and Trojans

The Civic Theater production for April is a comedy entitled "The Warrior's Husband." According to the advertisements, this play has a large cast which includes "beautiful women with lovely legs." Julian Thompson, the author, features the war of the sexes; he also introduces the legendary Amazons, the labors of Hercules, and the Trojan War. Performances will run from March 27 thru April 5.

Carnival Saturday

State Hi's annual Hi-Y Carnival will be held in the Women's Gym on March 22 from 7:30 to 11:30. As usual, there will be booths in the gym, and movies will be shown in one of the rooms either in the basement or upstairs. Other attractions outside of the gymnasium will be the Spookhouse and the Funhouse.

Headlining the events of the evening will be the presentation of the Sweetheart's cup and her gifts, a dance contest, and twenty boys in a group called the "Shower Room Chorus" who have volunteered their services as singers.

Door prizes will also be given and there will be prizes for winners of the dance contest.

Revised Canteen

It is announced that the Friday night canteen will be held at Central High School the last Friday of each month. This change is a result of the low financial status faced by the canteen board. The students in Kalamazoo are not providing the board with enough operating money. Remember, every fourth Friday—in Central's gym.

Vacation Ideas

This article is to remind you to start making plans! The annual spring vacation will start on Thursday, the tenth of April, and end on Thursday, the seventeenth. Some years we've had 10 days, but this year we have 7 so plan accordingly.

Prospects for Spring

Nancie Strome, chairman of the social committee, announces that there will be a spring formal on May 17th in Walwood Hall. Bobby Davidson will supply the music. As of yet, no committees have been set up.

Tickets on Sale

The annual spring play, "January Thaw" will be presented in the Little Theater on Friday, March 28, and on Saturday March 29. Both performances will begin at 8:20. Tickets will be on sale on Monday, March 17. They will be sold by members of the Masquers Club.

"January Thaw" is a modern comedy written by William Roos, adapted from the novel by Bellamy Partridge. The Gage family, Herbert, Marge, and their three children Paula, Sarah, and Barbara, move into an old Connecticut home, formerly occupied by elderly couple Johnathan and Mathilde Rockwood, and their son Matt. The Rockwood family returns from a trip west, with legal rights to the home. Both families stubbornly refuse to find another house.

The plot of the story develops when Frieda, the Gage's maid, leaves her employers home, because "Matt has a bad reputation, and because two families in the same house are just too much" George, Barbara's fiancé, returns from college to claim his bride, but Barbara is nowhere to be found.

The two families, both stubborn but charmingly human living in the same home, make "January Thaw" a fast-moving and very entertaining play.

John Gibson and Clare Gemrich play the part of the Gage couple, and John Plantephaber and Sue Sawyer play the part of the Rockwoods. Patsy Eliet, Nancy Strome, and Katherine Wood are the Gage children, and Dick Kramer is Matt Rockwood. George is played by John Thayer. Mary Kuizenga is Frieda. Others in the play are John Weber, Bill Van Laar, and Duke Peterson.

Skating Population

The Ideal Roller Rink, which is located just south of Plainwell, will be the scene of the all-school skating party that is to be held on April ninth from 7:30 to 10:30.

Since at least 60 students will have to go in order to "hold the floor" for State Hi, tickets will be sold at 60 cents per person to keep count on how many are going and to guarantee a large enough number. If less than 60 buy tickets, the party will be called off.

Once the required sixty is attained however, the Student Council will receive 10 cents back on every ticket sold from the sixty-first to the three hundred and fifth.

No great money-making proposition but lots of fun for everybody!

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Seniors Plan Final Events

The senior committees are in full swing. Plans for the last days of the class of "52" are being made.

The assembly committee, headed by Mary Thompson, is making plans for the senior assembly which will be given on May 14.

This committee is being very secretive. and though many would like to know all their plans, they won't breathe a word of it.

Janet La Plante and her committee are planning the senior banquet. It will be held a few days before graduation, in the Hotel Harris.

The annual senior skip day is being organized by Dale Wilson and his committee. Of course they won't tell any of their plans except that drivers are being rounded up to transport the students from here to — (this is just a wild guess, but maybe Lake Michigan).

Kay Longhead is chairman of the gift committee and she states that they are still going around in circles trying to decide upon something that will benefit the most people in State High in later years.

The announcement committee, with John Tiltig as chairman, have written to several different companies and they have received samples. At a meeting in the near future, they are going to vote on which sample they like and want for the seniors.

The all-important graduation is being handled by Dot Cartland and her committee. Dorothy says it will be held outdoors, if the weather permits. The robes have been decided upon—white for the girls and blue for the boys. A faculty speaker has been chosen and student speakers will be chosen at the end of this month.

Mrs. Monroe Shows Her School Spirit



We wish to make a commendation! Mrs. Monroe was the faculty member who attended the most basketball games. She chaperoned busses when the team played out of town and was seen at almost all the home-games.

The Music Shelf



Several girls, who are in the band have formed a girls' swing band. When Dr. Elmer Beloof went to Chicago recently he got some music for the group. Some of the girls favorites are "Stardust," "Blue Moon," "At Sundown," and "Charmaine."

The group consists of Donna Burlington, Bonnie Peterson, Sherla Jennings, Sandra Peterson, Cathy Myers, Jean Morris, Carole Rice and Nancy Glidden. They practice at club time in the "B" week.

State High's band will participate in another Tri-City Band Concert to be held in Paw Paw sometime this Spring. Bands from Zealand and Paw Paw will also take part in this concert, one of a series of three arranged between the three schools.

Distinguished Alumnus

In 1925, Howard Jackson graduated from State High. During the time he went to high school, he was active in sports and a leader in school activities. He graduated a high honor student. He continued his schooling at the University of Michigan where he received his AB degree. From the U of M he went to Harvard Medical School where he got his Medical Degree. Dr. Jackson served two years of internship at Peter Brent Bringham Hospital and from there he interned for two more years at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. He then went to Cleveland where he worked for two or three years in the Institute of Pathology.

Next, Dr. Jackson went to Ann Arbor for five years where he was a resident surgeon. From Ann Arbor the Jacksons came to Kalamazoo. Then Dr. Jackson was in the Navy for three years. During the war he served for two and one-half years in the South Pacific.

After the war the Jacksons came back to Kalamazoo where Dr. Jackson is now a general surgeon.

Congratulations To:

Janet Snow for her work on the Exchange Assembly.

Dot Cartland—for her work preparing the graduation day.

Carol Cessna—for sponsoring the Blue and Gold Revue poster contest and devising publicity stunts for the show.

Hi-Y booth chairmen—for devising skits for the Carnival Assembly.

Art Classes—for brightening up the tan annex with their displays.

John Thayer—for taking the responsibility of the Blue and Gold Revue.

Mrs. Jarman and Mrs. Collins—for surviving the Highlander rush.

Mr. Weber—for his endless work on the Carnival.

Kate Randall—for surviving an appendicitis operation.

Speech students—for entering the Forensic Contest on Friday, March 14.

Mr. Stauffer—for playing in the Blue and Gold revue.

Comstock—for lending costumes to the Modern Dance club.

Mr. Leonardelli—for leading the discussion in the assembly.

Mrs. Monroe—for sponsoring monitors, pep committee and friendship committees.

To the many stage hands—for putting in so many hard hours of work back-stage before "January Thaw." Especially to Jim Bowen, Barbara Rock, Carol Ann Smith, Georgia Miles, Beverly Griggs, Dick Allers, Dick Anson, Bob Herman, Sandra Peterson, and Janet Van Hove.

Faculty Personality

This section of "Highlights" has hitherto been devoted to student personalities, but our victims are becoming more adult. In short, meet Miss Elizabeth Smutz, teacher of art.

Miss Smutz' home town is in eastern Pennsylvania, but she received her AB degree at Oberlin College in Ohio (she recommends it to interested seniors) and did graduate work at Syracuse University, New York. As a member of W.M.C. faculty before teaching here, she divided her time between the Paw Paw and Portage high schools and came to us from Paw Paw. This is her third year at State High.

Since she is on the college faculty, she instructs college art classes every other summer—a task that keeps her in Kalamazoo and gives her a chance to enjoy our summer theaters.

Miss Smutz has a repertoire of hobbies that would stretch from her apartment on Village Street to the Temporary Building which houses her classes. Included in these are oil painting, color photography, jewelry-making, hiking, reading, and cooking. After the fashion of all good cooks, she also collects recipes. Her latest hobby is providing "fodder" for her new record-player—usually piano or instrumental disks. Her two wrist fractures within the last 7 months set a record that we sincerely hope she will not break again.

Baseball's Here!

Spring arrives officially March 21, even though the weather might not bely this fact. The major league teams have gotten a jump on spring, as they have started spring training nearly a month before in February.

During this time up until approximately March 8, the teams practice, look over rookies prospects, and generally get into shape after the winter layoff.

This year there were some new managers among the teams; Eddie Stanky of the St. Louis Cardinals, Roger Hornsby of the St. Louis Browns and Lou Boudreau of the Boston Red Sox. None of these faces are new to baseball for many years as both a player, coach, and manager.

Boudreau was first brought to the attention of the baseball world as the youngest manager ever to manage a Major league team. He also has been one of the best shortstops in baseball for the past few years.

Stanky has played for quite a few National teams in the capacity of second baseman. At this position Stanky has made a name for himself and will probably continue to in his new role as player manager of the Cards.

On March 8th of this year, the start of the Grapefruit League Campaign gave the baseball fans everywhere a chance to see his or her favorites in action. Each Major League team participates in this league, with the National League teams playing American League Clubs, as well as fellow national league members.

One of the faces probably most missed this year by everyone was Joe DiMaggio. With the decision to retire an era of a great baseball player came to an end. However at the moment the Yankees feel that they have a likely prospect in Mickey Mantle to fill Joe's shoes.

The Detroit Tigers are naturally the most popular team around here. They have welcomed back Art Houtteman into their ranks after a year in the army. Houtteman is slated to do great things for the club this year with his good right arm.

With all the previous information rendered to the baseball public about their favorite teams by newspapers, during Spring training, the fans are even more impatient for the umpire to shout "Play ball." at the beginning of the actual season in April.

Girls Defeat Central In Badminton Meet

A group of Badminton volunteers went to Central for a doubles match on March 10. State High's girls took five out of the seven games played. Miss Large, the girls instructor, may return Centrals play day by inviting them back to a match at State High.

Track, Tennis, Golf, Prospects

Track, tennis, and golf squads will all have new coaches this year. The track team will be coached by Roy Walters. Returning from last year's team will be Bill Hoyt, Senior; Ken Fricke, Dick Teugh, Vern Verhage, Gordon Copeland, and Skip Miller, Juniors; Brooks Godfrey, Larry Miller, Alfred Gemrich, Joe Scott, John Warfield, and Al Howard, Sophomores. One of the new additions to the team will be Wayne Carr, stand-out star of last year in Detroit track competition.

The golf team's new coach will be Arden Detert, who was also this year's new basketball coach. As usual, we will compete with Big Seven Conference competition. However, this will be the last year in the conference. Coach Detert has experienced material in last year's letterman Maynard Neibor and Bob Carver.

As of now, Coach Fred Stevens has made no official announcement about who will take tennis coach Terry Cooper's place. Probable members of the team who had some tennis experience on last year's team are: John Littig, Fred Dilno, Jon Sebal, Louis Johnson, Jack Behrens, and Frank Goodrich.

Finettes to Present 'The Cruise'

Barbara Oakland announces that the Finettes will present the annual water show, named this year "The Cruise," some time near the last of May. Clare Gemrich and Lilla Eliet are writing the script which will tie the 12 numbers together. The theme is international, as if you were on a cruise going from country to country. The show will be given once in the afternoon for the Training School and 2 or 3 nights for the general public.

8th Grade Team Has Good Year

The eighth grade boys this year have been very successful, topping all ten games that they played. They were unable to participate in the championship play-up because they had already played the ten games delegated by the state.

The first nine players on the team are:

Don Perigo
Chuck Warfield
Bob Biesel
Larry Littig
Bob Mills
Peter Parker
Ted Garneau
John Simcox
Joel Shepherd

Spring Sports Schedule

Tennis

April 4	Open	
April 18	South Haven	Here
April 28	Holland	Here
May 1	Niles	
May 2	Dowagiac	There
May 9	Big Seven Conference	
May 15	Dowagiac	Here
May 23	Regionals	
June 6	St. Joseph	There
June 6	Finals	

Baseball

April 3	Allegan	Here
April 10	Buchanan	There
April 18	South Haven	Here
April 25	Three Rivers	Here
May 1	Niles	Here
May 8	Dowagiac	There
May 13	Allegan	There
May 23	St. Joseph	Here
June 7	South Haven	There

Track

April 4	Open	
April 10	Open	
April 15	Three Rivers	Here
April 25	St. Joe-South Haven at Dowagiac.	
May 2	South Haven	There
May 6	Wolverine Conference	
May 9	Big Seven	
May 13	Allegan (Monday)	
May 17	Regionals	
May 24	State	

Golf

GOLF		
April 1	Three Rivers	Here
April 10	Three Rivers	There
April 28	Holland	Here
May 7	Dowagiac	There
May 9	Big Seven	
May 16	St. Joseph	Here
May 22	Holland	There
May 24	Finals	

Track	Roy Walters
Tennis	
Golf	Arden Detert
Baseball	Fred Stevens

Cubs Lose in Tourney

In State High's only tournament game held at Plainwell we went down to defeat. Allegan, rated fifth in Class B Competition of the State, notched its 17th straight victory with this game.

The Cubs held Allegan evenly during the first quarter with the Tri-County League champs leading at the end of the quarter 13 to 10.

At the half the score stood at 34 to 21 with Allegan ahead. The Allegan Tigers got control of the backboards and this made up the difference.

During the third quarter the Tigers scored 26 points to the Cubs 5, thus making the third quarter score 50 to 26 in favor of Allegan.

Ed Sutton was the high point scorer from both teams with 14 points. The final score was 63 to 45.

Cubblue at Carnival This Saturday Night

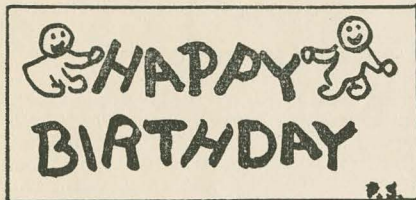
Saturday, March 21, we find Cubblue and his girl making a complete round of State High's carnival. Cubblue, spotting Mr. Leonardelli as the target at the sponge throw, makes a mad dash over to have his revenge on him. His girl decides something calmer is necessary, so they go to see the latest fashions which are being modeled at the style show. Cubblue, feeling rather out of place in the feminine crowd, ponders on a way to get away from all this. Next they troop downstairs to the terrorizing spook house. As his girl is about to faint away from oh, look, there is the wandering ball!-hunger, they stop next at the food booth and have a little nourishment with Carolyn and Kirk.

Cubblue tries his luck at the basketball throw, but as he is unlucky, they go on to the football throw where his girl walks off with a prize.

After drawing several undesirable objects from the fish pond, they move on to the record throw where they smash Doris Day's latest record. Being quite adept-look out, here comes the wandering ball-at golf, Cubblue shows his ability at the miniature golf course.

At the turkey shoot his girl again proves that one should never underestimate the power of a woman. Looking for a place to sit down, they decide that there goes that wandering ball-the movie booth is as good a place as any.

Since a woman handles money so well, his girl coaxes him over to the penny throw. Apparently Addie Anne has the same idea. With the subconscious desire to put out the lights they both do very well at the candle squirt. Next they head for the there goes the wandering ball right out the window-ring toss. Cubblue must have rings on his mind because, tired, broke, and with sagging arches they head for the marriage booth to end all their troubles.



March 19 - Carole Edgerton
March 20 - Carol Neff
March 23 - Pat Dougherty
 Alfred Gemrich
March 30 - Karen Brower
April 2 - Sally Clarke

"JANUARY THAW"

March 28, 29

Little Theater - 75 cents

'Intelligence Quiz' — Just for Fun

This is a test to ascertain just how dumb you are. Do not leave your fingerprints on the paper; we tell who you are by your signature. Do not turn the page until the examiner yells "Let 'er rip." Do not stop until the examiner hollers: "Tally Ho!"

Underline the words which make the following statements true:

1. Washington crossed the Delaware in (a) desperation (b) a canoe (c) 1776 (d) in order to get to the other side.

2. Paderewski plays on the (a) linoleum (b) flying trapeze (c) Giants (d) jews-harp.

3. Most college professors are (a) dope fiends (b) skinny (c) high-school graduates (d) New Dealers.

4. You can fool all the people some of the time and some of the people all of the time, but you can't fool (a) Mr. Stauffer (b) the College Board (c) with nitroglycerine (d)

around with me, kid.

5. Cyrano de Bergerac didn't get his woman because (a) he had coffee nerves (b) he had a protruding proboscis (c) he failed to see his dentist at least twice a year (d) even his best friends wouldn't tell him.

6. When riding uphill in a car too heavily loaded to reach the top, one should (a) get a horse (b) put a rock under the wheel (c) get out and push (d) throw out the clutch.

7. In the following series count the number of fives that are not preceded by an eight which is followed by a seven and that are followed by a nine which is preceded by a pair of threes, reading from right to left:
73278043267893456709823476

8. In the series, 41, 41, 41,, 41, 41, the next number is (a) missing (b) 41 (c) Hike (d) signals, check.
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As all "free" dances attract unusual crowds, the Western and "K" college was no exception. State High was well represented. Those who attended were:

Suzie Gilbert and Paul Hubbel
Sue Snyder and Jim Dollahan
Sandy Buck and Mal
Jackie Andrus and Jack
Lyn Cassidy and Donald Cain
Kay Longhead and Dave Hanna
Bev Swoap and Jerry Neal
Ena Marie Rush and Harry
Nancy Strome and John Elftman

Due to conditions beyond their control, certain Hilltoppers found it necessary to attend stag and "enmasse": Gail Hubbel, Carole Smith, Pat Perigo, and Anne Wise. Pat, we realize, makes a cute college freshman, but we wonder if some of the courses she takes fit into the WMC catalog.

With the balmy spring weather on its way to our town, the Central boys are taking the initiative and climbing our steep hill. Tom Terry, Dave Belkum, and Tom Ware come to see Sandy Shreve, Marilyn Buder, and Judy Bree. Dick DeFreese doesn't face the East for the honor and glorification of Allah—he's looking for Pat Roberts.

The other day, after assigning an unusually complicated assignment, Mr. Leonardelli asked his 8:00 class if they would like to prepare page 62. Of course, the answer was an emphatic "NO." All right, then, you may work page 61. Page 62 was a picture! The big joker!

The Senior Class is sporting a constellation of diamond rings. Shirley Smith, Mary Jane Rodgers, Lynda Spaulding, Kay Loughead, and we've heard that possible plans are hatched for Jim Dollahan and Sue Snyder.

Late Saturday night dates seem to be an ideal time for acquiring an oversize ring. At least it seemed favorable for Sandy Woodworth and Bruce Brown. Congratulations, even if you did miss your curfew.

John Plantefaber and Mary Jo Kelly seem to be renewing old memories. It happened once again! They're going steady for the second time. Also on the hilltop we have Martha Braden and Dick Wilsey; and Linnea Taylor and Stark Marshall as steady lines.

Dinny Lintvedt is supporting a slight crush for Al Wise. We know that Saturday night social security is a desirable thing. Also, Charlene Shultz has an eye on Dick Bommerback—too bad graduation is only about ten weeks off.

The inevitable draft call has noticed our State High graduate, Ken Sherman. Miriam Leimer will have to be satisfied with a rush romance.

Fritz LaCrone and Joan Balch wanted something in this paper about themselves—we hope that this will suffice.

With this, we must end our round of social discoveries. But this is not the end. There's always gossip and we'll find it!