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Summer Survey

It seems that teachers too, like to make the most out of the summer break. For instance, Mr. Stauffer turned his talents to managing his resort-restaurant up north and entertaining the customers by playing the Hammond organ during the supper hour, while Miss Crisman spent a relaxing summer at home "just keeping house."

Westward bound were two of the luckier faculty members. Miss Stekette got a first-hand view of the Canadian Rockies and saw a real rodeo complete with cowboys. The high spots of Mr. Beloo's western trip was a visit to Yellowstone National Park, and a slight case of food poisoning.

Other teachers who did some touring included Miss Cleveland, who attended a conference on Children's Plays at the University of Wisconsin, and paid a short visit to Mrs. Collins in Ohio.

Mrs. Monroe spent the entire summer at a Lake Michigan cottage near Saugatuck. Coach Walters took a five thousand mile air tour of the south-east.

Mr. Schoenhals took time out from working on the shop to go on a ten day camping trip in the upper peninsula. Mr. Hackney also took a spin up north to look things over, and Mrs. Osborn attended a Kiwanis convention out west.

Naturally, Mr. Deur and his travel club took their traditional trip way up north. Not to be neglected are the industrious souls who labored through the summer. The summer months found Mr. Leonardelli, Miss Smutz, Miss Lowrie, and Mr. Lindquist in their familiar roles as spreaders of knowledge.

A slight change of jobs resulted for Mr. Stevens and Mr. Frey, who were busy on the hilltop while the others loafed.

Staff-Hunt Ended

Each graduation finds a depleted Highlights staff looking for new members. The new staff is chosen from lists recommended by the English department and voted on by the staff in the spring.

Our new staff members are; Polly Allen, Joan Biljum, Lyn Cassidy, Charles Maloney, Ann Mahoney, Jim Otis, Barbara Rock, Jon Sebaly, Dave Swoap, Ron Tanis, and Larry Weisman. Bob Herman is going to act as staff photographer.

Members of the staff are planning on attending a Journalism Day, being held at Michigan State College in East Lansing on October 15th. The day will be spent attending lectures on journalistic styles in feature, news, and sports writing.

Mr. Sack Welcomed Library



Mr. William Sack has returned to State High after an absence of four years. A graduate of Western, Mr. Sack was forced to leave his teaching because of illness. He spent twenty-six months in a tuberculosis sanitarium and the rest of the time convalescing.

Mr. Sack has resumed teaching of all speech classes, as well as directing Masquer's Club, debate activities, and assembly duties, which have been very ably handled by Miss Cleveland during his absence.

Operation Yearbook Begun

This year, Mr. Stauffer, is assuming the duties of faculty advisor of the Highlander ably handled in the past by Mrs. Collins.

The staff held their first meeting last Wednesday and have already begun work on the book.

John Weber is Editor of the Highlander and will be assisted by Nancy Magas, as associate editor.

Senior Additions

The class of '53 is very fortunate in getting two new interesting additions to the roll, Ingrid Geizler, and Judson Baldwin.

Ingrid is from Germany and has been in this country only about seven weeks. When Ingrid was asked what American foods she liked best, she promptly replied; "hot-dogs and banana splits." She has had only two years of English, but is nevertheless able to keep up with her class. I can just see some of us kids in France or Spain after two years.

The other half of our duet, Jud Baldwin, comes from Lansing Everett High School. Jud is going out for cross country track, and basketball. About State High Jud just said "The girls can't be much friendlier"—hm.

Gets Face

Lifting

Big things have happened in our library since we left school last Spring. Miss Lowrie is very pleased with the improvement of facilities and she is certain that the whole school will benefit from the changes.

The old eighth grade room has been directly connected to the main library and in it will be kept all the books and reading materials for the elementary grades. In the section where the children's books were formerly kept will be the High School fiction section. Miss Lowrie is planning to have comfortable chairs in this end of the room so that we may browse and read for fun in luxury. She is anxious to help students find reports or just for pleasure reading. The remaining part of the library will be devoted to reference books, encyclopedias, etc. Study tables will be provided for our convenience. We can secure only hour long permits this year from our teachers. No fifteen minute permits will be issued by the monitors.

Inter-School

Council News

The first fall meeting of the Inter-school Council will be held on October 7th at Portage High. The representatives from the schools participating in the council are; Portage, Nazareth, Central, and State High. Ideas will be discussed that were brought up in the officers' meeting held in September.

One of the ideas is to divide the council into three or four standing committees, which would each be responsible for a service project such as; a teen-age driving program, and a campaign to get more voluntary help for Kalamazoo's hospitals.

The council officers are from Portage, Nazareth, and State High. The president, Lance Johnson, and the recording secretary Phyllis Rancie are from Portage; the treasurer Mary Ellen Walenta is from Nazareth, the vice-president, Lyn Cassidy, and the corresponding secretary, Judie Lyon are from State High.

Christian and St. Augustine have been invited to join and it is hoped that they will become members of the council this year.

Curtain Call

Once again the curtain is rising at the Civic Theater. The Civic's 24th season will bring you eight memorable plays including comedies, thrillers, and early Americans.

October 9th to 18th will be "Happy Time," November 6th to 15 "Remains to be Seen," December 4th to 13th "Liliom," February 5th to 14th "Darkness at noon," April 5th to 8th "Oh! Susanna."

On Tuesdays, curtain time is at 7:30. Other nights the plays begin at 8:30. Whichever time you pick will be an enjoyable time so be sure and take time out to see the Civic productions.

College Profile

A two hour drive from Kalamazoo brings you to Ann Arbor, the home of the University of Michigan. The U. of M. is one of the really great universities in the country, and one of which we in Michigan should be very proud.

"Michigan" not only excels scholastically, but is widely known for its athletic achievements, especially in football, which have resulted in frequent successful trips to the Rose Bowl games in California.

The enrollment at the U. of M. is 18,912 students (coed), and as in all universities there are many educational pursuits open after completion of the usual four year college course, and one can obtain Master and Doctorate degrees there.

All of the colleges in the U. of M. are developed to the very highest degree, however they possibly excel the most in the fields of medicine (both undergraduate and post graduate work) law, engineering and architecture, aside from offering an excellent plan of Liberal Arts study.

The university offers several scholarships to high school graduates each year, and in the past State High has always managed to attain some for worthy students. Without a scholarship the tuition on a three semester basis is \$90.00 a semester and living in a dorm with room and board amounts to approximately \$325.00 a semester.

Most of the campus is conveniently located from the dorms and since the classrooms are easily excessible no cars are allowed on campus without a special permit.

For further information on the University of Michigan talk to either Miss Crisman or Mr. Stauffer or write to:

Ira M. Smith, Registrar
University of Michigan
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Sophomore Recovers

About a month ago Merton Norman, who will be a sophomore this year, came down with polio. He has been in the hospital since that time. At first his legs, hand, and one shoulder were paralyzed. Now, however, he has shown vast improvement and should be home within a week to ten days. Merton's hand is no longer paralyzed and his legs are improving so that by the time he comes home he should be completely recovered.

Faculty Cleans Up

It was decided at a pre-school faculty meeting to follow a policy of "Share the Work," and on September 16th the faculty donned old clothes, rolled up their sleeves and began the monumental task of making a messy State High into a well-ordered succession of classrooms.

As a reward for their efforts, Dr. Bryan provided a luncheon for all the weary workers at Chicken Charlie's.

Destination Europe

Last summer Jack Wooden took a trip to Europe. He and his family landed on the continent at Naples Italy after crossing the Atlantic and Mediterranean Oceans on the U.S. Independence.

During their six weeks in Europe the Wooden's visited Italy, Switzerland, France, Belgium, and the British Isles. They went sight-seeing in such famous cities as Paris, London, and Rome where they were privileged to meet the Pope.

When Jack was asked about the recovery from World War II in the countries he visited, he replied that he thought Italy and Switzerland appeared to be in the best shape while there was still a lot of devastation in England.

As a fitting end to their European tour, the Woodens' returned home on America's newest luxury liner the U.S.S. United States.

Platter Chatter

"LOVERS" of popular music are usually sharply divided between those who prefer the Tin Pan Alley song hits, and those who prefer the less commercial bands.

In this column we will try to give the current "tops" in both groups.

Familiar today to everyone's ears are the sobbing tones, "I Went to Your Wedding," (Patti Page) the harmony of the Mills Brothers with their rewritten version of "Glow Worm," the ballad strains of "You Belong to Me," (Jo Stafford) and the bouncing "Botch-a-Me," (Rosemary Clooney) which employs the same harpsicord effect that we featured in the fabulous "Come on-a-My House."

Making a strong drive for the top is Billy May with his many saxaphones. He seems to be at his best as background for current artists like Nellie Lutcher, (Birth of the Blues) and Nat Cole (Walking My Baby Back Home), but he has also had success with album the "Big Band Bash." Hint: don't listen to more than two strictly May recordings at a time, the saxes begin to sound like a re-vitalized group from Guy Lombardo.

In the second category some of the current "greats" are Night Train, a rhythmic study done terrifically by Buddy Marrow or Jimmy Forrest; Sauter Finnegans refreshing "Doodletown Fifers" or "Rain," which have unique contrast between piccolo and heavy brass; "Lean Baby" done well by Les Brown; Stan Kenton's latest, "Beehive" featuring his famous brass that really blasts out on the other side, "Stardust."

Keep your ears open for more duets by Frankie Laine and Doris Day, another hit record by Peggy Lee in which she will try to repeat the bigger and better style she used in "Lover," more "greats" by Stan the Man' Kenton featuring the uncomparable Maynard Ferguson, and a brand new set of releases by Woody Herman.

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Finnettes Splash

With the ending of summer, swimming fans will either have to journey to Florida or move to the indoor pools.

Fortunately for State High girls who are interested in the more advanced form of swimming, better known as synchronized or water ballet, there is a choice of either the class at our local Y.W.C.A. or Finnets, our water club at school.

The "Finnettes" this year plan to re-offer their training course for old members and for those girls interested in learning about the art of synchronized swimming. Following this training course will be try-outs for the water show, and any new girls who can pass these try-outs will be as eligible as the older club members. The girls will learn not only how to write the numbers and produce a show, but also how to carry out the complicated routines and patterns.

For those who want still more synchronized work, there are classes at the Y.W.C.A. every Thursday afternoon from 4:30 to 5:00. Classes both in beginning and advanced synchronized swimming are being conducted. Tentative plans are being made to take these swimmers to Detroit to watch professional swimmers and perhaps put on a show. For those interested their is plenty of opportunity to splash around. So come on kids—let's drop in at one of the pools and see what's going on!

State Alumni Star at College

In the past few years, State High's football fortunes have been rather low. However, numerous college stars have bloomed from our graduates. Among these, two are now playing.

John Smith, Western's first string end for the past two years was a State High player just a few years back. At Oberlin College, Jerry Knowlton, a former all-conference, all-city star of our alumnus ranks is expected to greatly contribute to Oberlin's gridiron success this fall.

Kalamazoo College, a few years ago employed the services of no fewer than five State High graduates. Dick Cain, Roger Burns, Gary Wilson, Bob Wood, and Bill Glennon all played for the "Hornets."

At the University of Michigan, in 1947, Bill Ryan was a first string on the frosh team that included such Michigan greats as Chuck Ortman and Leo Koceski. However, Bill suffered a serious knee injury and was forced out of all athletic competition. Incidentally Bill's brother Pat is now playing center for us this year.

Sports Spotlight

The outlook for State High's football team looks better than in preceding years. We have thirteen lettermen this year, and many outstanding reserves from last year.

This year we are utilizing the split "T" formation which is as new to the coaches as to the players. The split "T" is a formation in which the backfield and the line are spread out considerably more than the regular "T" formation. Some of the strategy in using the split "T" is to split the opponents defense, thereby getting better angles on the players, and also getting the ball up from the backfield faster.

This year we are also having a cross country track team. This event consists of seven team members who run a two mile course. The guys who are going out are mostly of the spring track team: Jim Van Tassel, a 440 and relay man; Larry Miller, a one miler; Joe Scott, an all-around man from the spring team; and Charles Stroub a golfer. In addition to these men we have a transfer student from Lansing-Everett, Jud Baldwin.

Our Team Needs Your Support

This year for the first time we are not having any home football games. As a result we are presented with the problem of how to get to the games and support our team.

Buses have been scheduled for two of the games. The cost will be around \$1.25, but the more that go, the less the cost will be.

The schools we play feel that it is to our advantage and theirs if we could play night ball games, as the attendance always is larger than at the afternoon games played here.

Some of the away games are designated as home games for us. We get the home team's share of the gate in these games. This money goes into the athletic fund.

Next time a bus is scheduled to a game, which will be October 24 at South Haven, get out and support your team while seeing the game.

Beat Plainwell

BOX SCORE

State High 0, Buchanan 56

State High 0, Dowagiac 14

Next game: October 3rd at Plainwell

Coach Walters

Predicts Winning Season

Coach Roy Walter's views his team with a hopeful eye when he says; "I expect a winning season this year, and by a winning season I mean winning more games than are lost!" There are thirteen returning lettermen on the team this season giving the team more depth than last year.

An addition to the football coaching staff has been added. Martin Ball is helping Fred Stevens and head coach Walters for this season.

Basically the team has shifted to the split tee formation, although some single and double wing formations will still be utilized.

Ken Fricke, a senior, who plays halfback on the team, is Captain for this year. The varsity squad will continue to elect an honorary co-captain for each week.

Trophy to be Awarded to Player

Outstanding Kalamazoo football players are due to receive some well deserved recognition this fall. The origination of the Marathon Trophy Contest was recently announced on "Meet the Team," a new football program on WGFG. The Marvane Oil Company is sponsoring the trophy, which is to be awarded to the player judged most valuable to his team.

All five schools in the Kalamazoo football picture — Central, St. Augustine, State High, Western, and K-College are eligible to present candidates for this year's award. After each game played by any of the five schools, a panel of Marathon judges comprised of scouts, officials, and coaches will decide just which players were outstanding for the day. They will then cast ballots for the three stars of each game. Votes will be registered as first, second, and third places. First place will receive five points, second will receive three points, and third will receive one point.

This will continue with each game until the end of the season. At that time, each player's score is added, game by game, and the highest ranking of these will be adjudged the most valuable to his individual team and will be awarded the trophy. Congratulations to the Marvane Oil Company and WGFG for creating and sponsoring the Marathon Trophy!

Our Platter Boy — Platt

It wasn't very hard to find a subject for our pertainity this week. We've simply chosen Pete Platt, one of the most energetic boys around school this year.

Pete is kept busy carrying out the usual jobs of our Student Council "Veep," and acting as president for his church's youth group. One of his pet peeves is when he is playing records at noon and kids come up, and "stand around." "Why don't they dance?" he questions. Other pet peeves of the Veep are: "white bucks and Don Neal's station wagon."

Pete's favorite foods are steak, and spaghetti and meatballs. One of his friends confided to me that Pete plays the piano like a nell, and has been "Y" ping pong champion for three years.

Pete say's his real love's are sports (basketball preferred), loud shirts, jazzy clothes and girls. Looking toward the future, Pete expects to time it down a little and be a mechanical engineer.

Wanted

There are those among us who, despite heat, rain, and bosses, work during the summer. After questioning half of the school, your reporter found out that part of the other half work!

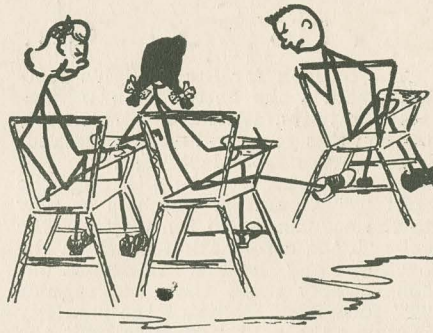
The jobs were widely varied: **Rosie Buckham** enjoyed the heat on a tractor at home and at fairs, **Joel Shepherd**, **Bruce Marshall**, and **Ed Morseau** caddied at the Kalamazoo Country Club. **Nan Slavin**, **Sandy Shreve** and **Patt Sprouse** worked at banks.

Ann Carlton, **Peggy Yntema**, and **Marianne Schau**, worked in stores downtown. **John Keyser** worked in an insurance office, and **Judy Bree**, **Marilyn** and **Carolyn Buder** worked at Schensuls. **John Weber** and **Ken Storey** worked at the A & P, and **Larry Littig** worked at the Kalamazoo Tennis Club. **Ann Mahoney**, **Char.**

Pellowe, **Bob Britigan**, and **Don Gill** helped out at different camps. Sewer cleaning fell into the hands of **Jim Hawkins**, and **Bill McConachie** worked as a janitor.

Now with scads of money in the bank these friends of ours will undoubtedly set up a loan company for those of us who didn't work to borrow from. We unlucky one will see each other at the end of the line.

Mr. Stauffer: How do you drive a baby buggy?
11:00 Gov't class: Blank look.
Mr. Stauffer: Tickle his feet.



Believe It or Not

Believe it or not:

Martha Braden "pounded the ivories" in Carnegie Hall. Bravo!

Carol Hartman's parents ASKED her if she was a rowdy!

Law-abiding **Peg Yntema** was caught red-handed stealing watermelon. She escaped her pursuers by climbing a tree. Too bad she had to fall.

Don Neal met a south-bound tree going north.

The bathing suits of **Julie Davis** and **Carol Hartman** turned **Bob Carver** and **Jim Burger** into "Sirens of Lake Superior."

Joan Stiles got seasick on an inner tube in Lake Michigan this summer.

Dick Teugh worked this summer.

Up in the north woods **Ann Mahoney** was canoeing down the Pere Marquette river with her camp crew. Lo and behold who should she see fishing on a river bank, but **Fred Hubbell**, ex-con of State High.

Judy Scott's parents were worried about her unusual shyness when she was two years old.

Lyn Cassidy met Franklin D. Roosevelt a few years ago. Some kids really get around.

Janet Jarman sent a time-bomb to the office staff as a gift.

Tim Otis dieted this summer and got down to 400 pounds, while **Jim Malone** finally tips the scales at a dainty 96 pounds.

Jack Holly was rated "Man most resembling Tarzan in 1952" in a secret contest run by your reporter.

Nanette, **Joanie**, and **John Keyser** all ran turtles in the derby during the fair.

Gorgeous **George Peelen** has finally quit the game of wrestling to take up the quieter hobby of stamp collecting.

According to statistics taken by **Ivory Snow** every other person at State High is 99 44/100 per cent pure.

During Teacher's Institute, on Thursday, October 9, the seniors are invited to visit Michigan State College. The visitors will be able to visit classes, eat in the dorms and ask any questions they wish. For further information see your English teacher before October 1, 1952.

Political Fever

Headlines, tele-casts, news reports, and campaign posters remind us that November forth is approaching; so as we begin the final month of the presidential campaigning, your rambling reporter took off through the halls of 'ole State High to find out just who the kids are supporting.

Our young Republicans seem very enthusiastic about the Ike-Nixon slate. **David Swoap** says "we want Eisenhower because it is time for a change to an honest, representative government." **Ken Storey** feels that Ike will get us out of our foreign troubles. **Joan Biljum** likes Ike because "he has a kind face," and **Charles Maloney** say's he is driven to Ike because he is tired of Stevenson's corny jokes. Supporting Eisenhower on "general principles" are: **Ron Tanis**, **Mrs. Monroe**, **Dick Fork**, the **Peterson twins**, and many others.

The Democrats while not as many in number are just as loud in voice. **John Weber** is supporting **Stevenson** and **Sparkman** because he feels Adlai's "understanding of national affairs is greater than that of Eisenhower." **Peg Yntema** considers **Stevenson** the "most qualified for the job," and **Marilyn Greenlee** is a natural **Stevenson** supporter, because she claims Illinois as her home state. **Dick Teugh** is also a solid supporter of the Governor as are, **Janet Hughes**, **Donna Endsley**, and **Pat Eliet** who feel it just might be nice to live in the White House, and **Stevenson** does have three sons.

Aside from the two major parties we find **Joe Gillis**, an ardent supporter of the Prohibitionist candidate. **Brooks Godfrey** who believes there should be a business man such as **Paul Hoffman** in the presidency, and **Barb Oakland** who wants the Greenback Party to get in cause she just can't get money off of her mind.

Your reporter, an enthusiastic democrat to the end, is switching her straw vote to Ike so that "Poor Nixon" can keep his little cocker pup. **Mr. Leonerdelli** is sticking to his prerogative as well informed Government teacher and is "undecided."

GOING???

Janet Hughes—**Red Gemrich**
Diane Pullen—**Tom Johnson**

GOING!!!

Lois Fuller—**Matt Peelen**
Marilyn Buder—**Dave Balcom**
Judy Bree—**Tom Ware**
Sandy Shreves—**Tom Terry**
Ann Frey—**Mike Dorgan**
Sally Reeves—**Vern Verhage**

GONE!!!

July Scott—**Tom Knowlton**
Carol Smith—**Joe Gillis**