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Highlights To Sponsor Literary Magazine

Janet Snow Named DAR

Janet Snow has been chosen by the Senior girls and the faculty as State High's D.A.R. Pilgrim for 1952. The Daughters of the American Revolution will honor Janet at a tea and she will be a participant in the state contest for the D.A.R. award.

This award, given to outstanding senior girls in high schools all over the United States, is judged on citizenship, personality, character, service



and scholarship. The senior girls voted for three girls they thought were outstanding and these three were considered by the faculty.

Janet's many activities easily explain why she was awarded this honor. She has the rare distinction of being the first girl in our school history to be president of the Student Council. Last year she was secretary of her class, chairman of the assembly committee, and a member of the Highlander staff.

She has also been very active in speech activities, including the lead debater, Highlander, Finettes, and P.T.S.O. Council round out her busy schedule this year.

In spite of all her other activities, Janet has always ranked exceptionally high scholastically.

1953 Yearbook Now on Sale

The Highlander staff has announced that subscriptions for the 1953 yearbook are now on sale at \$3.00 each. In charge of subscriptions are Connie White and Marianne Schau, who urge you to get your money in now, as the price is likely to go up as January nears.

This year's Highlander is being planned from the students' viewpoint and many of the pictures will be taken informally. However, most of the plans cannot be revealed as yet. The yearbook promises to be one of the best, as the staff is working hard to make it a success. See Marianne or Connie to be assured of a Highlander.

Honor Students

Since the first marking period is now over the office has disclosed the names of the deserving students on the Honor Roll.

The first of these scholastic awards is the Alpha award consisting of four A's and no mark lower than a B. Those achieving this status were: Polly Allen, Harper Atherton, Margaret Borton, Martha Braden, Julie Davis, Nancy Everton, Richard Fork, John Gibson, William Govier, Nancy Magas, David Schreiber, Janet Snow, Joan Stimpson, David Swoap, and Victoria Wenner.

The requirements for the second award, the Beta, are three A's and no mark lower than a B. This honor roll consists this time of: Lyn Cassidy, Penny Farr, Garry Forsell, Roberta Gleason, Dean Griffith, Phyllis Kievit, Ann Mahoney, Mary Frances Miller, Jim Otis, Diane Pullen, Carole Rice, Ronald Tanis, Linnea Taylor, and John Weber.

The Gamma honor roll requires two A's with no mark lower than a B. This award was given to: Joan Biljum, Rosemary Buckham, Phil Bruns, Darlene Chapin, Julie DenByker, Patsy Eliet, James Elsmann, Ann Frey, Lois Fuller, Zoe Ann Gideon, Sherla Jennings, Mary Lois Kaercher, Don Kilgore, Miriam Liemer, Stephanie Malone, Bob Miles, Connie Monroe, Don Neal, Marianne Schau, Alda Marie Seaver, Jon Sebaly, Sandra Shreve, Sharon Spann, Mary Lou Spitters, Connie White, and Dick Wilsey.

Staff Headed by Cassady and Swoap

This year, for the first time, State High is going to publish a literary magazine. This magazine will be made up of material written by members of the student body, both on their own, and through their English classes. Everyone will be eligible to submit material, and it is hoped that space will allow a very large number of contributions to be published.

Working to produce this magazine will be a small staff and an editorial board. The staff will compile and organize the material for publication, and will handle the business details and the distribution. The staff has been chosen by the members of the Highlights staff and are as follows: Editor, Lyn Cassidy; Business Manager, Dave Swoap; Make-up Editors, Kay Peelen and Carol Neff. If printing allows, an Art Editor will be chosen.

An Editorial board will act as an advisory board and will decide which articles are to be published. The board, composed of both teachers and students, will be chosen at a later date.

This magazine has been made possible through money from the Student Council budget. It will work in close cooperation with the Highlights staff, and will be under the sponsorship of Mr. Cooper.

Further details of this magazine will be presented to the student body during an administrative assembly at an early date.

Cafeteria Discussed During Assembly

An important committee has been formed to look into the policies of our cafeteria. It is necessary that all State High students understand what these policies are, and that they follow them when using the cafeteria.

These regulations were discussed last Wednesday in an administrative assembly. A menu committee was also formed to present a tentative list of foods to each homeroom in order to see which menus contained the favorite foods of the students. Whatever changes are made will have to be in accordance with the Federal Lunch Regulations as Mrs. Rowe explained in the assembly.

State High Schedules Debate

The State High Debate squad is getting ready for this year's preliminary debate season. They have not been able to schedule practice debates with any other schools yet, but they hope to arrange one before the end of the season.

The schedule for the regional competitive debates is as follows. State High will debate Battle Creek Lake-view before December 6.

The resolution which will be debated in all regional preliminary debates this year is "Resolved that the Atlantic Pact Nations should form a Federal Union." The resolution as stated in the last issue was incorrect.

'Lillium' Will Be Presented by Civic

The Civic Theater has once again begun its season of fine dramatic entertainment.

The first play they presented was a comedy entitled the "Happy Time," and the second a humorous murder mystery, "It Remains to Be Seen." Starting December 4th through the 13th, the Civic will produce, by request, "Lillium" for the second time. The play promises to be enjoyable, and is definitely one of the Civics productions that shouldn't be missed.

The Civic Theater also has one of the few childrens theater in the country. The Junior Civic has 147 student participating both backstage and on-stage in producing childrens plays. The group ranges from 5th to 9th graders and besides being a lot of fun for the youngsters is also an important educational experience in voice and diction.

Masquers Have Two Plays Under Production

This semester there are two separate Masquers Clubs, working independently of each other. Mr. Sack sponsors the "B" week club and Miss Cleveland sponsors the "A" week club.

Mr. Sack's Masquers group is now planning a play for an assembly on January 13. The play, "The Old Lady Shows Her Medals," by James Barrie, will be used as an exchange assembly at a later date.

The "A" section of Masquers will produce "Little Women" on Dec. 20. A Children's theater group the direction of Miss Cleveland, the cast will include: Debby Parker, Mary Lou Spitters, Carol Hackman, Mary Joy Sawyer, Barbara Rock, Penny Farr, Shirley Standish, John Gibson, and Harper Atherton. Ronald Drummond is in charge of staging and lighting.

'Snowfall' to be Held December 22nd

The plans for the 1952 Christmas formal "Snowfall" are getting underway. The formal which will be held December 22 in Walwood Ballroom is a project set up by the Social Committee and Janet Hughes.

Gail Hubbell, and Shirla Jennings are in charge of decorations; Nancy Magas, programs; Carol Neff, chaperones; Sally Reeves, refreshments; Joan Stiles, entertainment; Lois Fuller, Music and Bob Britigan, tickets.

Nine Student Councils Attend Meeting Here

Two weeks ago the C.A.S.M.S.C. (Cooperative Association of Southwestern Michigan Student Council.) met at State High. Fifty members attended, representing nine high schools in Western Michigan.

The meeting was opened by the State High trio, which sang and later led group singing.

A business meeting was held in which Dick Farrley of Dowagiac was elected president of the organization.

Refreshments were served by the Friendship Committee. The next C.A.S.M.C. meeting will be held at Edwardsburg.

Party Planned for Combined Faculties

A party for the combined Training School and High School faculty will be held on December fifth in the First Methodist Church. The Methodist Ladies will serve a dinner to faculty members and their wives or husbands.

Miss Stinson of the kindergarten department is in charge of arrangements for the party and Mr. Deur is in charge of the program.

Part of the cost of the get-together will be paid by Mr. James Grant through the courtesy of the Curtis Publishing Company.

Local Schools Offer Excellent Curriculumms

Many students think that in order to obtain an education one must travel great distances, but located right here in Kalamazoo are two excellent co-educational colleges which offer varied courses of study.

Western Michigan College has approximately 5,000 students and two campuses. On each campus there are residence halls, classrooms, and eating facilities, and there is a movement toward placing the whole school on the New West campus.

Western offers a wide range of courses with special emphasis on Occupational Therapy, Paper and Pulp Technology, Business, and Physical Education. Western is especially noted for their baseball teams, but there are many facilities which offer the student a chance to participate in almost any sport.

There is a R.O.T.C. program at Western and there many local and national fraternities and sororities found on campus to provide much interesting extra-curricular activities.

Requirements for entering Western are: (1) graduation from an accredited high school with a satisfactory record, (2) fifteen credits in a designated sequence, and a recommendation from the high school principal.

Our other school, Kalamazoo College, originally sponsored by the Baptist Church has an enrollment of about 500 students. Kalamazoo College is well known for its excellent curriculum in Science, especially Chemistry and Physics, and for its work in the field of music.

Kalamazoo College also has an active social program, and a strong student government.

Requirements for entering "K" are similar to those of Western, and anyone desiring further information on either of these two colleges should call at the college library or see Mr. Stauffer and Miss Crisman.

We have a TV star in our midst. Little Miss Sally Reeves appeared on the "Talent Quest" show recently and made quite a hit. Congratulations Sally gal.

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Dutchman Invade Cubs on Friday Night

Cheerleaders Chosen for Cage Season

After a pep assembly held Friday, November 12, State High students chose Fritz LaCrone, Diane Double-day, Mary Frances Miller, and Julie DenBlyker for their Varsity cheerleaders. They will cheer for the Basketball season only, since the Pep Committee's motion for electing cheerleaders was accepted and passed by Student Council. The motion was as follows: that we elect cheerleaders in the Spring for the football season and again in the fall for basketball season. The merits of this plan were: 1) Freshman will have a chance, while under just electing in the Spring they wouldn't. 2) The first few football games will have cheerleaders while under the plan of just electing them in the fall they would-

n't. Under this system, the problems presented by the other systems will be solved.

This year as always, half of the uniforms will be paid for by the Student Council, and the other half by the cheerleaders. It was suggested in Council that the girls cheering for basketball wear skirts instead of slacks. This idea will be investigated by the Pep Committee.

B. B. Candidates

When Coach Detert put out the call at the beginning of basketball season November 10, about 42 hopefuls reported for practice. These included returning varsity and reserve lettermen John Warfield, Ed Sutton, Bob Britigan, Tom Johnson, Pat Ryan, Matt Peelen, Don Gill, Alan Howard, Brooks Godfrey, Dick Defreese, Al Wise, Bill McConachie, and Don Neal.

Other promising men out are Bob Miles, Dallas Weybright, Anthony Nieboer, Jerry Olivitt, Pete Platt, Chuck Warfield, Pete Parker, Bob Beisel, John Fleckenstein, Ted Garneau, Larry Littig, Tim Otis, George Peelen, Denny Percy, Dick Redden, Joel Shepherd, John Simcox, Frank Simonds, Lucien Sweet, Jack Burke, Jim Causey, Chuck Doornbos, Allen Glendening, Fred Klinger, Phil Leach, Don Moss, Dick Fork, Phil Taggett, and Jud Baldwin.

With such a swell turnout our team ought to go places in the Wolverine League!

Sports Spotlight

Dick Teugh, a senior, is under the sport's spotlight this week. Dick's main interest besides sports is cars, and he has a "hot" little car that will outdo any other car in Kalamazoo (that's what he told us anyway).

The sports in which Dick participates are football, track, crosscountry. He played reserve football in his freshman year, and last year played on the Cub varsity squad. Dick has been on the track team for three years and is planning on going out again for it in the spring. Crosscountry, which was run this fall for the first time in many years, hampered Dick's football playing. Instead of playing on the gridiron he set track records at Otsego and at Portage. In crosscountry he also placed

Cub Five Opens Season

The State High Cubs open their basketball season against the Holland Christian "Dutchmen" at the Men's Gym on December 28th at 8:00. The varsity game will be preceded by a reserve clash between the same schools at 6:30.

Holland has a tall experienced club which play their best ball during the first weeks of the season. The "Dutchmen" are a strong independent team who go in for basketball in a big way. Last year they upset highly rated St. Joe when the "Bears" were ranked number one in the state.

Coach Arden Deterts' hardwood quintet are in hopes of a fine season after last year's miserable shooting. Captain Ed Sutton, last year's high point man, will lead a team well balanced with veterans and former reserves. At the guards, lettermen Bob Britigan and Don Gill will handle the ball. The pivot spot will be occupied by either Al Howard or Matt Peelen. At the forwards, Captain Sutton will take one position, but the other forward position could be filled by Tom Johnson, John Warfield, Dick Defreese, Brooks Godfrey or Bill McConachie. Coach Detert can use frosh Bob Myles, Pat Ryan or transfer student, Jud Baldwin to bolster his team's chances.

The team has practiced long and hard to make this season's curtain raiser a successful one so let's all get out and support our Cubs in their quest for victory.

Probable State High Line-up:

G. Gill
G. Britigan
C. Howard or Peelen
F. Sutton
F. Johnson, Warfield or Defreese

sixth in the state meet in which approximately one hundred-fifty runners took part. Last year Dick served as Captain of the track team.

Away from school Dick helps out at the Gazette and is strong Democrat. He lost ten dollars when Stevenson lost the presidency, but says he is taking bets for the '56 election—on the Democrats of course.

Final Standings

SCHOOL	W	L	T	Pct.
Allegan	5	0	0	1.000
Otsego	3	1	1	.750
Portage	3	2	0	.600
State High	2	2	1	.500
Plainwell	1	4	0	.200
South Haven	0	5	0	.000

Lair and Seb's Column

The Basketball team has three brother combinations, Bob and Dave Britigan, John and Chuck Warfield, Matt and George Peelen.

The football team went to the Michigan State football game last Saturday in hopes that they might be able to copy a little of the Spartan's winning ways.

St. "A's" star halfbacks Bud Hauschild and Don Grounon both went to the Training School at one time. Too bad they didn't continue.

Officers of the "S" club are Pres. Bill McConachie, Vice Pres. Al Hackman, Sec. Treas. Larry Miller. Let's hope that with these capable leaders the "S" club can accomplish something this year for a change.

Congrats to Don Kilgore and good luck during his reign as captain in '53."

Onions to the boys who broke training before and after the Fremont game. Not much of a surprise though, they've been doing it all year.

About that Michigan State football game. The boys who went had a swell time, thanks to Mr. Walters, they all had good seats and got perfect views, yes, there are some nice lookin' women up that-a-way.

If you see any new, bright, and shining letter sweaters with a big blue "S" on it, don't be afraid, it is only the blood and sweat that these boys have given.

PREDICTION — Holland Christian 44, State High 37.

The "Big Dutchmen" seem too good for Sutton and Company.

State High Confidential

Congratulations to a few hearty seniors for braving the weather last Saturday night. Due to the after effects one of them didn't make it to school Monday. How about it, Peg?

The freshmen in Mr. Deur's Biology class are learning things fast. We're not sure that the learning is from the book though. We hear that many of the students were seen running off in all directions holding hands on their latest field trip. Hmmm!

Three junior boys going by the names of Jon, Larry, and Pat have

Pains in Poetry

October 3rd dawned cold and bright,
But for five of our football boys,
The day was a fright.

T'was this game in Plainwell, our
opening game,

Bruised was Niebor's rib—
And Johnson, Gemrich, Ryan, and
Warfield were left lame.

The Portage boys left us a rose
Right on the end of poor Weisman's
nose.

Dowagiac Reserve left Al Snow
drinking soup for awhile.

And whenever he laughed it was rather
a toothless smile.

They also had another slight fee,
This was that of John Keyser's knee.
South Haven also made casualties of
two,

Bob Harback's uppers and Hank
George's ankle

But their score on that game wasn't
for boo.

At the Otsego game Gill and Wat-
terson got two boys in their clutch-
es

Even if it did cost them a few days
on crutches.

Nobody made macaroni of Fork
All they got was his "elbow"—no
pork.

It's Weisman again in All-e-gan,
Thank goodness this time only his
shin.

The Reserve game got Simcox in the
eye.

But when he heard the final score he
decided not to die.

Dave Vandewalker got a cut in the
gums by a

Couple of the Allegan—players.

At the final game—Fremont—we won
But for three boys it sure was no
fun.

George got a brain concussion

He was really 'rushin,'

By the same token

Fricke's rib and Tink's collar bone
were broken

We don't feel so bad for Hank and
Ken

Because in the hospital their stay
was sure neat,

You might even say they got "one
baby" of a hospital suite.

taken to "robbing the cradle." Re-
cently they had big dates with fresh-
men Barbie McBribe, Joan Parks, and
Mary Roberts respectively.

The sophomores have had quite a
bit of trouble securing chaperones for
their hayride. We hope it's not going
to be that rowdy!

Dick McCrumb and Larry Miller
have been spending a great deal of
time at the homes of two cuties from
South Side. What have they got,
boys, that State High girls lack?

Some cute couples at the Junior
Dance, "Candy Lane," were as fol-
lows: Jack Burke and Mary Joy
Sawyer, Bob Mabie and Joan Kohr-
man, Dave Swoap and Joan Puotinen,
Annaliase and Skip Miller, and Libby
Davis and Bob Beisel.

Rib Ticklers?

Joyce and Mrs. Jarman-Secretaries
on their last laps..

Judy Bree-Are you sure it's fresh
paint? Do you mind if I smell it?

Advice to debaters-Don't hang
yourself with bad rope-Use good rope.

Joe Gillis says-A driver is safest
when the roads are dry, but the roads
are safest when the driver's dry.

Sound coming from Mr. Stauffer's
office - Al, do you use Jergen's Lo-
tion? You have the skin I'd love to
clutch.

The shortest measurement of time
known to man is the interval after
the traffic light turn greens and be-
fore Mahoney honks at the car in
front of her to go ahead.

Latest discovery in the Science
Building is that all students can now
begin plunging into their work. Upon
research there is no record of anyone
ever being drowned in sweat.

Coach says some of the guys have
muscles - some have brains and some
just have muscle-bound brains.

Phil isn't a finished hour player yet
but the neighbors are working on it.

Suzie Anderson after her first date
with John told folks "He's out of
this world." Parent's reply - "He will
be if he doesn't slow down in the
convert of his."

Senior girls - Oh for the day when
our pins will change from corsage,
to sorority, to fraternity, to rolling,
to clothes, and to safety!

Phil Brun's dad calls him "The Rai-
sin Kid" - Explanation - He's always
raising the dickens.

Char Pellowe - Don't argue with
me that swimming develops form and
grace - Have you ever watched a
duck walk?

Speaking of the T.V. craze - Char-
lie Straub says "I turned on the radio
by mistake and thought I'd gone
blind!"

Station S-T-A-T-E!

If State High was turned into a
radio and television station, some of
the classes and teachers names might
be changed to the following:

Biology—"It's News to me."

History—"This is the Life?"

Math—"Double or Nothing"

Driver's Training—"Dragnet," your
police force in action.

Social Problems - "Portia Faces
Life"

Masquers—"Mary Noble, Backstage
Wife"

Gym Class—"Your Show of Shows."

Band—"Phil Spitalny's All Girl Or-
chestra.

Glee Club—"The Hormel Girls"

Mr. Stauffer—"Mr. Keen, Tracer of
Lost Persons"

Miss Crisman—"The Guiding Light"

Mr. Beyer's Class—"Super Circus"

Mr. Cooper—"Front Page Farrell"

5 minutes between class—"Gone With
the Wind"

Dr. Bryan—"Man Against Crime"

Mr. Weber—"The Man Called X"

Mr. Leonardelli—"My True Story," or
"One Man's Family."

2:50—"Escape"

Office Summons—"Suspense"

Miss Steketee—"Our Miss Brooks"

Cafeteria—"Inner Sanctum"

Practice Teachers—"The Line-up"

Report Cards—"Danger"

Warning: Do not sing, hum, or
whistle the song "Tenderly" in the
presence of Julie Davis. She is more
than likely to faint or swoon!

We have an announcement—Janet
Hughes and Red Gemrich are going
steady. Good going, kids!!

Thad's Thanksgiving

So many of you have asked why
the HPA (Horn of Plenty As-
sociation) convention will not be held
this year, that your favorite reporter,
Petunia Pobasees, has agreed to give
her exclusive answer to the riddle.

"From my recent interview with
the Grand Exalted Edible, Major
Thaddeus Turkey (president of the
association) I found that the most
prevalent opinion among the edibles'
of the Horn is that the convention
shouldn't be held because there is no
longer a subject for discussion. In
previous years the edibles have come
together to talk over the pros and
cons of being eaten and pooling ex-
isting methods of avoiding or ac-
complishing same, but now there is
no choice in the matter so the con-
ventions will be discontinued until
after the third or fourth World War
when "Eaters" will be less plentiful
than "Edibles."

As Thad so ably put it; "No pum-
kins can attend—they've all been
canned. No self-respecting cranberry
regiment would dare show up after
having been picked over, and if those
young Toms don't have enough gump-
tion to get tough before they caught,
they deserve to get eaten." (oh
Thad, you've forgotten a small de-
tail, Your a tom-turkey too!)