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State Highlights

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'Dear Ruth' Presented This Fri. And Sat.

State High's spring play, "Dear Ruth," under the direction of Mr. Sack, will be presented this Friday and Saturday evenings, March 27 and 28. The curtain will go up at 8:00 in the Little Theatre. Tickets for this memorable evening of fun are on sale for only 75c. Get your tickets now! You won't want to miss this production!

Back stage many people have been working very hard. Without these people the show could not go on. Miss Cleveland has been in charge of the doings behind the scene. Every night after school has found her in blue jeans painting, pounding, and getting things under way. She has had very able assistance from many students. Janet Snow is stage manager and working with her have been: Janet Hughes, Dan Ward, Joe Scott, Ron Drummond, Pat Lynch, Ted Garneau, Phil Slaughter, Tom Elias, Larry Littig, Ann Frey, Bob Herman, and Mary Joy Sawyer.

The Props committee has been headed by Zoe Gideon. Working with her have been Nancy Watterworth, Pat Lyuch, and Nancy Glidden. Ted Garneau has been business manager working with Zoe Gideon. He has managed the sale of tickets along with other things. Vicky Wenner has been in charge of publicity. Posters were made by Ann Malotte, Sue Locke, Connie Monroe, and Penny Farr. Margaret Borton has been the chairman of the costume Committee. Mary Lou Spitters has headed the Program Committee. Janet Hughes has been the Social chairman.

Operetta Chosen

Music lovers at State High will be given a delightful treat this spring when the choir presents the operetta, "The Lowland Sea." Also included in their program will be a 'concertified' version of "Martha."

"The Lowland Sea" is a story of the sea and the loneliness and waiting it can bring. In part built around the old nursery song, "Bobbie Shaftoe," the lebrretto is written by Arnold Sundgaard and the music by Alec Wilder.

Mr. Frey is directing the production, assisted by Mr. Middledrof. It will be presented at the Civic late in May.



In the "Dear Ruth" cast are: standing, l. to r., Fred Waterson, Jon Sebaly, Charles Maloney, Hap Atherton, Tom Elias (not in picture); seated, Penny Farr, Polly Allen, Debbie Parker, Mary Jane LaPlante, Barb Rock.

Club Plans Trip

State High's Aeronautics class is going to take an airplane trip to South Bend on Friday, April 3. They will leave from the airport via Lake Central Airlines at 7:46 A.M. On the way down, members of the class will work problems on navigation, map reading, etc.

They will spend the entire day in South Bend—They will be taken on conducted tours through the facilities of American, United, T.W.A., and Lake Central Airways. Also they will be guided through the Air Traffic Control, the weather stations, etc.

The group will return by plane at night, landing at Kalamazoo airport at 10:11 on Friday night.

The Aeronautics class is sponsoring doughnut sales to help defray expenses.

There is a correction in the last Honor Roll of February 1st. It should have read that Lois Fuller and Carole Rice were Alphas, and that Gary Foresleff was a Beta.

Forensics Begun

Spring forensics have begun. On March 12 the local contest was held and the following people were chosen to represent our school at the District contest in Otsego on April 14: interpretive reading, Janet Snow, Nancy Watterworth; original oration, Gloria Weiss, Susan Locke; declamation, Joan Sisk, Diane Doubleday; humorous reading, Carol Hartman, Phil Bruns. The towns from which the various teams will come to compete in the Districts are Hastings, Three Rivers, Portage, Otsego, and Kalamazoo. At the contest the process of elimination will be used to narrow the competition until there remains but one contestant in each of the classes.

After the Districts are over the Regionals will be held. According to the schedule, the time and the place will be May 1 at Western. Students who wish to see the contest may obtain tickets and attend during a study hour.

Mr. Sack commented that there are more sophomores this year—eight of the 12 students are sophomores. A good season is expected by Mr. Sack and Mr. Robinson who is lending a helping hand.

Let's Put Courtesy in Our Vocabulary

Courtesy is a word, with which I am sure you are all familiar and one you have heard since you were a small child. The dictionary defines it as being polite or pleasant, and according to its general usage we think of it as acting in a mannerly way.

When your parents invite company for dinner you are cautioned to use proper table manners, and when we are in public most of us observe the usual manners as matter of habit—but why is it that when we are in school—the one place we spend most of our day—we forget this courtesy and disregard all our well learned manners?

Would you think of pushing your mother against the wall as you plunged through the living room or if your sister was waiting for a drink would you shove her aside? If your mother was talking to friends would you shout and yell at the top of your lungs and even walk through the middle of her group? Of course not. Then why at school are these customs all right? Sometime stand back and watch our halls during a changing period or at noon. Groups of girls or boys race down the hall—not single file or by twos, but in

large swarms completely blocking the halls and small groups cluster around open lockers, yelling and screaming.

Anyone attempting to block this merging traffic needs either an armored suit or a large pole and then he may emerge battered and broken. Another place courtesy should be observed and isn't is the classroom. When you are carrying on a conversation in your home you wouldn't think of interrupting one of your family. But in classrooms it seems to be the one who can shout the loudest who rules the floor. A friendly hello or a pleasant smile may not seem like courtesy but it will go a long way toward making the day right and using a pleasant tone and modulated voice is important in the classroom as the living room. We think it is about time we showed some of this courtesy to classmates and teachers. All of these things may seem small and insignificant but they can go a long way toward making a better school.

Courtesy is a big word and covers a wide area but if we could remember to use the manners at school we use at home then our school would definitely improve, and be a much pleasanter place to live in. A.M.

Highlander Staff Explains Functions, Gives Recognition

We of the Highlander staff want to leave a few thoughts with the student body and with the Class of 1954 especially. A yearbook is only as good as the class and the students that it represents and the help that they give. Do not think that the annual is produced by the staff only; supplementary help must be given by every senior and student to make it a success. Few realize the work that goes into the **Highlander**, and could not possibly realize it unless they were at the sessions that lasted often until after midnight and the long planning hours that must be a part of every yearbook.

Another thing to be considered is that this yearbook costs \$1,446.70 plus all photographs and miscellaneous costs. The staff is completely without supplementary income, and this sum must be earned during the year. The only way to do it is by advertising, charging for club and organization pictures, and subscriptions. This is another thing that takes a lot of time, and cooperation must be given by students in this, too.

The Highlander staff wishes to thank Mr. Stauffer for taking the trying job of advisor on top of all his other jobs, all the teachers for giving us time to make announcements in their classes, and Mr. Lininger for all the photos and spare

Skit Presented At Assembly

Wednesday, at the 12:30 Administrative Assembly, the Citizenship Committee presented a skit which dealt with State High's hall problem. It was presented in three scenes, the first one showing the present condition, and the second and third showing the two ways that this problem can be solved. The cast listed many of our faculty members, and was directed by Pete Platt.

time that he gave us. We also wish to thank Edwards Brothers, of Ann Arbor, for the wonderful assistance given us. We were fortunate indeed to have a printer who really was interested in making up a good book.

We hope that the book will be enjoyed by everyone.

The Highlander Staff

Opportunities In Education

The profession chosen for this issue is public school teaching. Although many scoff at the choice of the profession, our nation's democracy could not continue if it were not for education. Besides being a highly respected profession, school teaching provides cheery surroundings, a five day work week, two months summer vacation, and the chance to work with young people.

To be a teacher you must go to college. Your choice can be a school like Western Michigan College of Education or a larger school like the University of Michigan. Should you choose teaching as a career and go to a college of education in Michigan, your chances of receiving a State Board of Education scholarship are good, providing of course your high school grades are above average. This means that a strong core of college preparatory courses should be taken in high school.

Starting salaries for teachers are good. In Michigan the average starting pay is \$3,000. Increases in salary are steady but in small amounts each year. Maximum salaries for classroom teachers in most communities ranges from \$4,000 to \$6,000 dollars, with the average in Michigan being about \$4200. Teachers contribute toward a retirement plan so that the future is provided for.

To become a teacher one must generally have received a Bachelor's degree from a college and have done work in education sufficiently strong for the individual to have received a teaching certificate from the State Board of Education. One of the best preparations for a person who wished to be a teacher is to secure work experiences with youth in summer camps, Boy Scout troops, Girl Scouts, Camp Fire Girls, Y.M.C.A., and baby sitting. Should one desire to go into college teaching advanced degrees are a must. The Masters and Doctors degrees are the two most usually held by college professors.

Teachers at present are in great demand, especially in the elementary schools. In the next few years, however, the demand will be equally good in both the elementary and secondary schools. If you wish to lead a life of service, wish to go to college, and be sure of a job, enter public school teaching. Your service is needed now.

STATE HIGHLIGHTS

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Lair and Seb's Column

The junior high team came through as predicted. Last week they won the second half title in the city league.—The spring sports are in full swing.—Our prediction: two conference titles.—Look for these in baseball and tennis.—In looking over the Wolverine Conference track records we find State High holds but one record. That record is held by Tom Johnson in the high jump.—After talking to basketball players from other schools, we find that regional and state tournament tickets are supplied them after tournament defeats.—The tennis team has to come through without this upper-class experience.—Coach Arden Detert will do his last coaching on the hill, too, when he guides the linksters through their matches this spring.

Reserve Statistics Of '53'

	T.S.P.	T.S.A.
Miles	180	11.2
Parker	134	8.4
Weybright	92	7.1
Warfield	93	5.8
Redden	93	6.2
Burke	11	2.7
Shepherd	2	2
Garneau	27	2.7
Leach	11	2.7
Fleckenstein	16	4
Doornbos	16	4
Platt	0	0
Beisel	34	4.2
Neibor	33	4.7

won—12 lost—4

Summer Trip

A trip through the East is a definite possibility for this summer according to Dr. Bryan's announcement made this week. The plan under consideration would include visits to New York city, Philadelphia, and Washington. If travel is by train we would have a private railroad car or we may go by air part of the way.

At our eastern destination we would be joined by an expert tour leader from the Travel Service of the National Education Association. The association would make all hotel reservations, arrange sightseeing, and make every minute of our trip count. We would be able to see the best of the cities with a minimum of cost and difficulty. Some of the places to be viewed might be the F.B.I. headquarters in Washington, Radio City in New York and Independence Hall in Philadelphia.

An official announcement on places dates, expenses, and those eligible will be issued in the near future.

Spring Sports

Baseball

If all goes well the State High Cubs should be off to a blazing season this year. The baseball team has eight returning lettermen and many other promising players. Some of the ball players who will probably see action are: Jiggs Harbour, Jerry Hawkins, Bob Britigan, Bill McConochie, Al Hackman, Dick Defreese, Larry Weisman, and Gary Hess. There will also be many varsity possibilities from the last year's reserves and from many up and coming new State High faces on the diamond.

State High's ball club should be a big contender in the Wolverine Conference this season, with a 14 game schedule, two of which are non-conference.

Practice has been going on now for several days and the boys are shaping up very well. The first game will be April 4th, with Marshall. We hope that this will be the first of many wins in baseball for State.

Golf

Coach Arden Detert's 1953 golf team will probably consist of Brooks Godfrey, Dick Fork, Joel Shepherd, Don Kilgore, and Bruce Marshall.

Holland High, Dowagiac, and Battle Creek Lakeview are three of the teams with which the golf team will have matches. These matches will be played at either the Kalamazoo Country Club course or the Gateway course.

The first match of the year will be with Holland High on April 17. There has been no practice as yet, but if the weather continues with spring-like breezes, the boys should be on the links this week.

Sport Spotlight

The Spotlight shines this week on a Junior, John Warfield. John has been very active in athletics, and although his favorite sport is basketball he has proved himself a definite asset to the track and football teams as well. He is this year's track captain and leading contender for cage captain next year.

In three years John has racked up a total of 4 reserve and 5 varsity letters while maintaining a B- average. John is active in the Youth Fellowship of the Second Baptist Church and the Boy Scouts of which he is an Explorer.

In the hobby line John enjoys hunting and fishing best, but most of his spare time is spent with a little Central gal named Margaret

Tennis

If you were to check State High's trophy cases you would find one sport monopolizing the room and number of trophies. These awards belong to the tennis team. This spring's team should follow the precedent set in years past. Coached by one of the two women high school tennis coaches, Miss Stephanie Prychitko, the Cub netters should win the conference and fair well in the regional and state tournaments.

The Cubs will be led by Captains Pat Ryan and Larry Littig. Although Littig is only a freshman he is highly respected in Midwest tennis circles and should take up most of the slack left by the graduation of his brother, John Littig, who was one of State High's best tennis players for the past two years. Rounding out the first five positions will probably be letterwinners Al Wise, Don Flower, and Jon Sebaly. Other letter winners who are returning are Don Neal and Pete Platt.

Track

Coach Roy Walters, who is at the helm of the Cub track team for the second straight year, once again faces a green team with plenty of determination, but an even more determined schedule.

This year's team has been practicing for nearly three weeks now and is getting into condition speedily. The thinclads of the hilltop are led by Captain John Warfield speedy dash and relay man. Men who are expected to place high in their events are these returning lettermen; Larry Miller - mile; Vern Verhage - dashes and broadjump; Dick Teugh - 440 and relay; Fred Watterson - 440 and relay; Jim Van Tassel 440 and relay; Tom Johnson - high jump; and Jim Hawkins - shot put. Johnson holds the school and Wolverine Conference record in the high jump at 5 feet 8 inches. Outstanding new men are Dave VandeWalker and Bob Miles, both freshmen.

With continuance of their present determination, the Cubs should place well up among the Conference standings. However well they may look on paper, their success can only be measured on the track at the meets.

eating hamburgers (?) which are his favorite food.

As for the future John is still uncertain; he likes scientific subjects best so maybe he'll be the next Einstein. Anyway, he is planning on college either here at Western or at Michigan State. Whatever he decides we know he'll go far because that's our boy, John!

Splashes From Our School's Pool Of Gossip!

We think we've really got some "inside" stories this week so we're giving it to you straight, and leaving the "Texas Dudes," and "Magnolia Belles" out. Hang on to your crash helmets and let's get started.

On a Monday nite not long ago, Ann Mahoney, whose name was recently added to the "pinned" list, was sernenaded by Frank's "frat" brothers. That really is wonderful news, Annie

Speaking of new couples, although nobody was, Joan Peelen and Jack Burke really make a cute twosome. Other new developments in the sophomore class include Connie K., and Mary Balch.

We hear that was some party over at Neff's the other night. Next time why don't you hire a band, Neff?

At the Sock Hop a few weeks ago lots of fun was had by some new

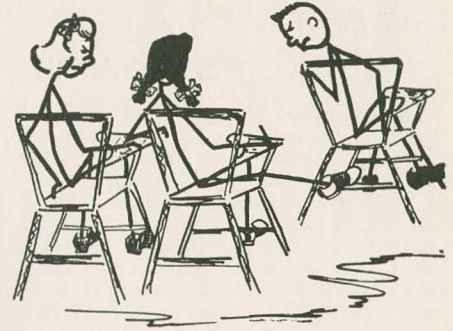
couples such as: Gail and Skip; Dick D. and Miriam; Jiggs and Cathy; Patsy and Dick W.; Julie and Don N.; Matt and Jean Allison; Larry and Linnea; Fred W. and Joanie S.; Carole S. and Willard A.; Barb Born and Church.

The newest steady twosome on the hilltop seems to be Don Story and Peggie Rickman.

For the last couple of weeks, Judy Stoffer who used to go to State High, has been visiting Kazoo from California.

It seems as though wedding bells and orange blossoms are in store for Shirley Standish and her fiance. The big day, so we hear, is to be in April. Congratulations!

Well, that's about all the choice tidbits for this week. We'll see you around next time with another "accent installment."



Our Ancestors The Apes?

Hilltoppers can be depended upon to be interested in what Petunia Proboseis finds out when she starts shaking family trees, so, while Petunia sharpens her pruning shears, here is the latest collections of oaks and their acorns.

Connie White—King Conrad of Franconia

Jerry Hawkins—Sir John Hawkins (a Scottish explorer)

Gail Hubbell—"Hub" the pirate (That's a skull and crossbones on her sweater)

Shirley Standish—Miles Standish
Debbie Parker, Judie Lyon—Deborah Wing-of the Mayflower

Cathy Myers—Nathan Hale

Steveie Malone—Morris (a signer of the Declaration of Independence) Whose independence?

Shirla Jennings—George Washington

Pat Ryan—His great-great grandfather who took the first printing press over the Alleghenies. (He's responsible for Highlights)

Matt Peelen—A whiskey smuggler of the 1820's (no comment)

Dave Schreiber — Aaron Burr (choose your weapon)

Jean Yerden—Horace Greeley

Dean Griffith—Ulysses S. Grant

Red Gemrich—Robert E. Lee

Carol Hartman—Her great uncle Joe swindled 2/3 of the people in Chicago

Polly Allen—Fred Allen (the one at Upjohns)

Jan Hughes—Great Uncle Willard (He lives in her bathtub-no admittance)

Jean Morris—the aunt who was a fat lady in a circus (somebody's pulling my leg)

Jon Sebal—The handsomest man in the world (sling it again, Jon)

Larry Weisman — Diamond Jim Brady (something's wrong here)

Dick Defreese—Silver Dick (Silver who?)

Nan Slavin, Peg Yntema, Lyn Casady—Adlai Stevenson's daughters?

Ann Mahoney—R.E. Olds (Where's your convertible?) or (and you driving Buicks?)

'Long, Long, Ago'

Listen me children, and ye shall hear, A little tale of by-gone year.

This isn't a rhyme so we'll tell it in prose,
And hope ye'll pardon if it's "for the crows."

It came to pass in this manner.

King RICHARD OF TEUGH had a deadly enemy called Sir THOMAS OF JOHNSON, who wished to seize the throne of Nuttze for himself.

To try to foil his enemy, the king had his royal page, ROBBIE MILES, send out a royal proclamation that there would be a royal tournament. (Now being no dummy, King Rich knew Sir Tom would enter, and he was hoping one of the champions would do some elimination).

The king had ten daughters, Princesses ANN, DIANE, CAROL, CONNIE, JOAN, JUDY, NANCY, SUE, SALLY, AND JACK (O.K.—so one was a son—everyone makes a mistake). To throw some spark into the tournament, the king furthermore decreed that the winner could have his choice of marrying any daughter, or have a castle in outer Siberialand, with exclusive salt rights.

To start out the tournament, an archery contest was held, "pour les paysans." In true story-book form, ALFRED OF SNOW defeated SQUIRE PATRICK by splitting his arrow. Then came the moment everyone was waiting for. All those fighting under the king's banner were called the Champions and the side Sir Thomas led was known as the Challengers. Many men fell in combat for both sides until the only two left to bring honor to their respective sides

were Sir Thomas and the king's right hand man, Sir ROBERT OF GRAFF. A deadly foe, Sir Robert was known as the dread and fear of all Christians and the only man who would dare stand up to him besides King Richard, was Sir Thomas.

The clash was about to commence; the crowd held its breath in awe—when a very strange thing took place. Sir Thomas lowered his lance and went over to the pavillion where the king and his beautiful daughters were watching.

"Your Highness," he addressed the sovereign, "although I admire your lovely daughters very much, I am a confirmed women-hater, and do not wish to be a married woman-hater. Nor do I desire a castle in Siberialand, because it is too cool there. I concede this match to my fearless opponent, Sir Robert."

Amid the shouts of the crowd the pale and trembling Sir Robert was lead before the king. (It seems their monkey suits concealed more than droopy physiques.)

Of course, Sir Robert chose the castle in Siberialand. Sir Thomas took up tulip bulb raising in some far province whose name has long been forgotten, and although they were the most beautiful women in the kingdom, the king's daughters opened a ride-in-refreshment stand and spent the rest of their lives wondering why they had lost their prince-charmings.

On what day did this miraculous tournament take place? Why, do this very day we commemorate the event, only now it's called APRIL FOOL'S DAY.