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# State Highlights

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## Semi-centennial, Homecoming Is Planned



Gazette Photo

LOADING PACKAGES FOR THE "ERRANDS OF MERCY" DRIVE ARE Pete Platt and Bob Gibson, State High, John Erickson, Central, and Mr. D. Leonardelli, advisor from State High.

Last year's "Errands of Mercy" drive was so successful that the Friendship and Service committees, with the probable help of the Inter-School Council, have decided to sponsor a similar drive late this month.

In last year's drive, the whole school turned out to help solicit food and old clothing. Portage, Nazareth and Central schools also took part in the drive, which netted about 2,000 pounds of clothing for needy people.

The clothing was packed and sent gratis by the Roadway Express Company to Philadelphia, where the American Friends Association took charge of the distribution.

Friendship and Service Committee chairmen, Jon Sebal and Miriam Leimer and advisors, Mr. Leonardelli and Mr. Deur, ask for the school's support in making this drive another success. More detailed plans will be announced at a later date.

## Magazine Sale Underway

Yesterday marked the beginning of the annual magazine sale-goal for which has been set at \$3,000 with \$1200 as net profit. Student council sponsored activities for the coming year depend on how well students sell magazines during the next two weeks. Each of the six student council committees will receive about \$100 to meet its expenses.

Treasurer Brooks Godfrey, who is in charge of the sale, announces that this year there will be competition between classes with prizes for the class selling the most subscriptions as well as prizes for high individual salesmen.

## To Be Celebrated October 27 - 31

Homecoming will be celebrated this year along with Western's fiftieth anniversary. The festivities, which will continue through October 31, will begin Tuesday, October 27, with a semicentennial assembly presented by the assembly committee. The committee is planning skits of State High's past and future along with some old time music.

Freshman "dress-up day" for all freshmen and other new students will be Friday, October 30. Plans for this event as well as for a special assembly that day are being worked out by the pep committee. The pep band will be on hand along with Martha Braden to provide appropriate music for the celebration.

The homecoming game with Otsego, October 31, will be played at Portage field. The alumni will have a special yelling section with their own cheerleaders at this conference game, and an overflow crowd is expected. At the half, the band and a boys' chorus will entertain the crowd by presenting a special routine on homecoming and the semicentennial.

All students, faculty, and alumni are invited to a Semicentennial Homecoming dance Saturday, October 31, in the Women's Gym. Sponsored by the social committee, this will be a "dressy" occasion, with music furnished by a band. Climaxing the evening will be the crowning of the Homecoming King and Queen.

In addition to the game and dance, all State High alumni are invited to a special banquet on Saturday in the ballroom of Walwood Hall. Dr. Rudolph Light, Nashville, Tennessee, will be the main speaker with Miss Eunice Kraft as toastmistress.

## Skate Slated Tonight

Tonight, from seven to ten, the Student Council and Social Committee are sponsoring a skating party at the Ideal Roller Rink, which is just this side of Plainwell. There will be an admission fee and skates will have to be rented. All students are invited to attend, and since there will be no transportation provided, everyone will have to provide his own way. Anyone having extra room should notify a member of the committee who will find others to share transportation.



# Tidbits

by Fritz

First we have a snaparoo from the senior girls' cheering section. Seems that Miriam doesn't perox her hair after all. CLOROX is the coming thing now.

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WANT TO WRITE A LETTER? Mr. Weber is starting a letter writing campaign. In the past students of State High have written to graduates in the service. Mr. Weber would like to revive this project. He has done some research as to the names and addresses of the boys. Any further information would be appreciated.

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SPLASH! A certain sophomore boy has decided to join Fin-ettes. Hope you don't meet your Waterloo among all those women, L.L.

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BOB BRITIGAN and Mr. L. shoot the breeze quite heavily in Social Problems class. Put the other foot in tomorrow, Bob.

A contest has been started to find MISS SOCIAL PROBLEM OF 1953. Anyone in the class between the ages of 53 and 94 is eligible. Get your application in early to avoid the rush.

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BITTER FATE—Fran Miller is a monitor in an all girl study hall. T. B., Fran.

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No wonder our football team has so much power. Last week, the physics class found out that JON SEBALY has a horsepower of 1.5. M-m-m-m-m-m- boy!

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Have you ever had the urge to break some glass? WELL, DON'T! Take it from Julie den Bleyker—it can be embarrassing and expensive! Witness those four panes of glass missing from the picture frames in the men's gym. You just had too much pep, Julie!

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Some little freshie had the audacity to ask who that woman is who keeps popping into the study halls to get an eyeful. Silly boy, that is MRS. MONROE, the faculty advisor and main gun of the monitor staff. She deserves a real big hand for the swell job she does, too.

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According to the latest reports from Miss Smutz's art classes, a siren on a vacuum cleaner has taken the place of a witch on a broomstick. Members of the class, studying form, expressed themselves in different and sometimes weird ways; but we think that Vicki W., Sherla J., Gail H., and Liliane M. really blasted tradition with their BLONDE BOMB-SHELL in a lowcut gown who not only forsook her broomstick, but who travels on an Electrolux vacuum cleaner!

## To Miss Doty: A Tribute

"The sweetest lives are those to duty wed,  
Whose deeds both great and small  
Are close knit strands of an unbroken thread,  
Where love ennobles all."

Elizabeth B. Browning

Friendliness, patience, loyalty: these were among Miss Mary Doty's many admirable qualities. For those of us who attended the training school, Miss Doty was an integral part of the traditions and lore which were given to every child.

In the fall, each student learned songs for Thanksgiving. Then on the last day before Thanksgiving vacation, an assembly was held and the weeks of pleasant work went into one short hour of proud presentation.

The program at Christmas was always very special. The rotunda was in complete darkness except for the spotlights which played upon the stage on which the Nativity was to be re-enacted. After the guests were seated, there was an expectant silence and then the music began. First came the kindergarten with their voices small, singing "Away in the Manger." Then each grade marched in, singing its own song of Christmas. The older grades moved down the steps in a double column and turned at the front of the stage after placing their gifts to the less fortunate in the trays held by the two kings in their regal splendor. With spotlights gleaming on their white costumes, the Angels appeared from their hiding place, singing "Glory to God." It was a beautiful pageant.

Ranking along with the Christmas play was the annual May Festival. Into this went every ounce of strength Miss Doty had. It in itself was a sign of spring, a sign of life and beauty everywhere. The main part each year was a familiar legend put to song, plus a few separate numbers. When the big day came, who will ever forget the gleam in her eyes as we clapped and presented her with flowers? She made each one of us feel his importance to the whole program.

This was Miss Doty's gift to each student: to learn fine music and to be a part of something beautiful and wonderful in his childhood. So perhaps Miss Doty didn't die after all. Something of her will live on in the happy memories of her students.

### Marching Along with the Band

Officers of the band have been elected: President, Don Neal; Vice President, Charles Straub; Secretary, Jean Morris; Treasurer, Diane Sabo.

They, along with the entire band, have scheduled a heavy program for this year.

October 10—Marched in Western's Band Day program.

October 21—Will step in time to the annual massed band festival at St. Joe.

October 24—will be taking part in Western's Homecoming parade.

October 30—Will give the expected halftime pageantry at State's homecoming game with Otsego.

Next spring—Blue and Gold Review will be presented. Charles Straub will be in charge of the entire show. Your suggestions will be appreciated.

### Campout Held

At the Audubon Campout at Traverse City recently, State High was represented by B. Johnson, P. Pullon, J. Baxer, D. Schroeder and Mr. Ray Deur.

### Journalists To Meet

A Southwestern Michigan Journalism Conference for high school students is planned for October 26.

State High will play host to the journalists, with conference headquarters in Walwood Hall.

Featuring the morning will be an address by Mr. Everett Clarke of the Kalamazoo Gazette, who will describe his personal experiences as a reporter.

In the afternoon, Dr. John V. Field of the Journalism Department of the University of Michigan will be in charge of group discussions on matters of interest to high school journalists.



# State High Suffers First Defeat

After rolling to three consecutive football triumphs, the Cubs were edged out last Friday night by a hard charging Allegan eleven, 20-14.

It was a case of the Cubs' starting their offensive big guns off too late as they spotted the Tigers three touchdowns in the first half and then couldn't quite catch up.

## Gridiron Review

Congratulations to optimistic Coach Walters. In the season opener against Buchanan he fielded the best football team this school has seen in several years. The Bucs felt the sting of defeat for the initial time in the last eight years at the hands of the Cubs, 20-7.

The game was attended by 700 fans who saw the Cubs trail 7-6 at half-time and come bouncing back in the second half to wrap up the ball game.

Brooks Godfrey, Cub signal caller, stood out on offense, throwing scoring passes to John Warfield and Bob Britigan plus scoring himself on a quarterback sneak.

The State High Cubs rolled up 14 first downs to a meager four for the Bucs. Stellar defensive work by Jerry Olivitt, Jon Sebaly, Red Gemrich, and Gordon Berkhausen were instrumental in limiting Buchanan to four first downs.

The steady punting of Bobby Miles, interception by John Warfield, and a recovered fumble by Bob Harback also aided the Cub cause.

State High's adding machine rang up another victory, Friday night, September 25, as the Cubs defeated Dowagiac 14-0 at CAA Stadium. The win marked State High's first against Dowagiac after four straight defeats at the hands of Coach Carson Neifert's Chefs. Last year the game between the two teams ended with an identical score, 14-0, with honors then being claimed by Dowagiac.

The veteran State High line held the Chiefs all through the game. First score came in the first quarter when Sophomore Miles took advantage of a fumble and a poor punt and ran 11 yards for the touchdown. Quarterback Godfrey's kick made it 7-0.

Neither club scored again until the last period when State High marched 82 yards to the one yard line and Godfrey plunged through to give the Cubs their second touchdown on a quarterback sneak. Brooks again made the placement to add the extra point and make the final score 14-0.

## Beat Portage

Les Woodruff and Bob Godfrey, behind an extremely fast charging line, sparked Allegan to its three scores.

With State High finding their running game ineffective against the Allegan defense, Brooks Godfrey filled the air with passes in the second half and the Cubs nearly won the game but for lack of time. There was little doubt as to the best team on the field in the second half with Godfrey throwing the pigskin to receivers Bob Britigan, John Warfield, Chuck Warfield, and Bobby Miles. State High's second touchdown was scored by Miles, who needled his way down the sidelines after a pass from Godfrey. State High's first score resulted from a 35 yard pass to Britigan, a penalty, and Godfrey's quarterback sneak for the score.

The hard running of backs Red Gemrich and Don Kilgore was vital in picking up necessary first downs for the Cubs, while outstanding line play was turned in by Jim Hawkins, Jerry Olivitt, and Jon Sebaly.

The Cubs fought hard until the final gun, and it is still possible that Allegan may be beaten in one of their remaining conference games thus giving the Cubs a tie for the title, providing they suffer no further defeats.

In the third game of the season, State High ran over an inspired Plainwell team, 19-0. Before nearly 300 Cub supporters the State High team again unleashed their much heralded passing attack.

Godfrey's talented right arm threw scoring passes to each of the Warfield brothers. Miles threw to another to John Warfield, State's elusive end.

Stalwarts on defense again were Olivitt, Berkhausen, Jim Hawkins, and Jerry Hawkins. Jim Hawkins, 195 pound guard, carried the ball once and made 18 yards on a burst through the tackle slot.

## Harriers Win First Meet

State High's cross-country team opened the season on a good note with an impressive 21-37 victory over Vicksburg.

Larry Miller copped first place in the two-mile course with a timing of 12:42. Don Neal, Al Shand, and Al Wise finished third, fourth, and fifth respectively.

Other boys out for cross country are Bob Herman, Jim Van Tassel, Dan Ward, Jim Rock, Dallas Weybright, Chuck Sweet, Dennis Percy, Don Davidson, and Jim Betke.

## Jim's and Gem's Gems

First let's catch up on games gone by: State has outscored its opponents 53-7 as of the Plainwell game . . . Brooks Godfrey is ahead in total yardage and gets most of the credit for 49 percent of the pass completions, but sophomore Bob Miles is running a close second . . . In the scoring column it's John Warfield with 18 points . . . Jerry Olivitt, pint-sized linebacker, has consistently led the Cubs in number of tackles per game . . . Co-captains for the first three games have been Jerry Hawkins, Jim Hawkins, and Jon Sebaly, in that order . . . For the big game with Allegan it was John Warfield . . . Matt Peelen and Jerry Hawkins are back in the lineup again, but Matt did have trouble staying in the Plainwell game . . . Captain Don Kilgore had lunch with Miss United States recently. Members of the team say if they had known what was going to happen they'd have voted for themselves . . . Number one man on the cross-country team, Larry Miller, is out indefinitely after reinjuring his hip. Chances are he will be unable to participate for the rest of the year . . . If you can get a copy of the Detroit Times, for October 4, frame it. State Hi was ranked third in the state in Class B football. First time since we can remember!

## 'B' Team Sports Unbeaten Record

State High's reserves are by no means second to their teammates on the varsity this year, having proved this by trouncing Allegan last Wednesday night, 34-0, at Allegan. The Cub seconds literally outplayed the Allegan team in almost every aspect.

Freshman Vernon Wade stepped into the spotlight with two touchdowns to his credit—one singlehandedly done on a run and the other on a pass from quarterback Clarke Godfrey. The total kept climbing with another by halfback Tim Otis, combined with the outstanding play of Dave VanderWalker and John Fleckenstein, who both added touchdowns to bring the mark to five.

The all-important extra points were made by quarterback Bob Beisel and Fleckenstein, again on a pass. Jim Malbone and John Simcox turned in stellar performances with long runs that moved the ball deep into Allegan territory, ready for scoring.

The football department is shining now and from the results of the reserves, appears to be going to do so in the future.



## Say It With Bop . . .

Hey, all you "cats" . . . how about this "c-r-a-z-y" school life? It's the "most" to say the least! Have you heard of the seniors asking the question, "What are morals?" They really aren't "gone" . . . they're just talking about the Social Problems class. Yep, that class really keeps the mind working. It never has a chance to run down for lack of action.

Say, take a look at those juniors. They're really "hep" to being upper-classmen at last. No more being trod upon by those "gorps" known as "the upper half." Now after long hard years of hard struggle, they finally have become a part of that half. Just wait 'til that glorious day when the "cool" classings come in . . . You'll witness some flashy characters and "dig" those "c-r-a-z-y" rings !!!

Man, those poor "greenhorns." Not only the 'freshies' but all those new to our abode. Some of those "cats" have really caught on fast tho. The social whirl is racing like crazy . . . some of us oldsters could learn a few tricks maybe. How about it ???

Well, fellow "cats," it's about time for me to cut out. Until next time . . . "take it cool" !!!

## Snagnet

This is the study hall. Some students in it obey the rules - others don't. That's where my job comes in.—I'm a monitor.

We were working the 9:00 shift out of 211E. My partner was Fritz LaCrone; the boss was Capt. Monroe. As the bell rang, all of the suspects filed in and sat down sullenly. My eyes caught two first-termers talking without permission. I consulted R & I; the culprits had no previous record, so we let them off. Just had to get the facts, ma'am.

Fritz read the list of missing persons. It was the job of Detective Jerse to file an APB and locate the missing juveniles. Some had good reasons—others didn't.

Detective Jerse just came in and handed Fritz an MO from the crime lab concerning some third offenders. He bent down, snapped the cuffs on one of the suspects and led him out.

My ears caught some whispering. I whirled around and caught two suspects red-handed. I wrote out an MR to send to the Chief's office.

We broadcast a warning to the patrol units—the eyes and ears of your school's metropolitan monitor system guarding the halls.

The suspect who had received the MR was found guilty and is now serving his term in the main office.

Taken from the official files of your monitor system; technical advice from the office of Chief Roy C. Bryan, State High School Monitor System.

## Getting to Know You

It is the eve of the 1953 Get-Acquainted Dance, and most of the homes of State High students are in a turmoil . . . Freshmen taking that final look in the mirror to see if they look acceptable to their Big Brothers and Sisters . . . Carol Hartman and her fellow workers on the Social Committee worrying about the decorations . . . the faculty wondering if tonight is going to be a rough night.

Stationed at the front door of Walwood, you watch the wide-eyed ones come in—freshmen, no doubt. A group gather on the first floor—Andy Lenderink, Richard Howson, Paul DeKorte, David Platt, Jim Brown—all keeping one eye open to evade their Big Brothers . . . You see a new junior, Jim Hightower, come in and ask for his Big(?) Brother, Charlie Straub. Looks like those two got switched around!

You walk up to the dance floor and watch Jim Malbone with about half a dozen freshmen in tow. They weren't too anxious to dance, were they, Jim? Also looks like Jim lost track of his sophomore brother, Tom, but Tom was doing O.K. by himself.

You see Mr. Weber take Gary Vermeulen, Bob Toohey, and Priscilla Todd under his wing to protect them from the roving claws of the seniors.

But, enough of this—where's my little brother?

**WILL FRITZ DO IT AGAIN?** Fritz LaCrone, our bouncing peppy cheerleader, will once again be on trial for a position as cheerleader for our basketball team. Fritz has been on our cheerleading squad for almost two years and we hope he will be in there again with his rousing school spirit.

A few days ago my boss sent me, Melvin Mixer of the U.S. Patent Office, to State High to find out what young inventors we could expect to be hearing from. During the course of my survey I was gratified to find your school predated with inventive spirit. These are some of the thingamabobs I found you working on:

**Practice Teachers' special**—Matt Peelen and Jim Boylan are perfecting this fiendish device—a chair that swivels without cessation when sat upon by a student teacher.

**Locker-opener**—This battering-ram utensil will, when patented, be kept in Mr. Jerse's office for use by students with delinquent lockers such as the one belonging to the inventor, Sandy Close.

**Portable Tea Service**—Patti Paull will use this to give the 2:00 study hall dignity by serving tea and crumbs when the scholars became hungry.

## EDGEin' Around

Gather 'round, kiddies, for some more reports on the personal lives of our fellow mates (not inmates).

It seems that Mary Roberts and Joel Shepherd are still 'gone' over each other as are Joan Parkes and Jack DeKreck.

When Joe G. went South this summer, he found the women very interesting. . . especially in New Orleans. The girls have also strayed from home to find attractions . . . Judy Scott is partial to St. A. with John C. being the cause. One of Central's "wheels" has found an interest in Charlene Schultz and it's now on a steady basis.

The underclassmen have snagged some of our senior boys, Gordon Berkousen and Charlie Straub. Way to go!!

Quite a few people took to the bottle this summer . . . Is that true, Blondies? The sun couldn't have done all that work!

The freshmen are really making a good start with Pat Borgman-Bob Van Peenan and Penny Lyons-John Garside at one of the games this season. Good luck, kids!!

Well Diane, congratulations! You've got your man back at last. Try cheering Judy up 'cause she's so lonely since she lost her guy to Michigan State.

We hear that the Buders and two other parties have decided to go on together . . . not as individuals.

It's been rumored that two certain brothers have been seen traveling to school, chauffeured by a little man in a white coat. Real service, huh?

Here's the quotation of the week . . . "If kissing is the language of love, a lot of people like to talk things over" (Coronet).

## Patent Number 55555

**Midget Refrigerators**—Polly Allen and Joan Sisk will, if they succeed, be able to keep their perishable lunches satisfactorily cold inside their lockers.

**Atmosphere Providers**—Jack Pearson will make the 12:30 classes more homelike by inventing a way to smuggle teddy-bears in for afternoon naps.

**Anti-Athlete Pill**—The Buders are about to patent this pill that will provide every reluctant athlete in Miss Large's classes with a good deposit of water on the knee.

**301S Purifier**—David Platt intends to combat the formaldehyde smell in biology by providing orangeblossom incense.

**Senior Subordinators**—Clarke Godfrey is going to deflate the big-headed seniors by furnishing the freshmen with new-type, inconspicuous brass knuckles.