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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 Sebaly 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.

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’ choral section. Seems that Miriam doesn’t perox her hair after all. CLOROX is the coming thing now.

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.

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

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 applications in early to avoid the rush.

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

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-m- boy!

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!

Some little freshman 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 really big hand for the swell job she does.

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 somewhat enchanting 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!

Marching Along with the Band

Officers of the band have been elected: President, DonNeal; 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.

State Highlights

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.

Campout Held

At the Audubon Campout at Traverse City recently, State High was represented by B. Johnson, P. Pullon, J. Baxter, 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.

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

With State High finding their winning 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 Belligan, John Warfield, Chuck Warfield, and Bobby Miles. State High's second touchdown was scored by Miles, who needed his way down the sideline 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 Olvitt, and Jon Sebaly.

The Cubs fought hard until the final gun, and it is still possible that Allegan could 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 Olvitt, Berkhousen, 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 capped 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, Don Ward, Dallas Weybright, Chuck Sweet, Dennis Percy, Don Davidson, and Jim Betke.
Say It With Bop . . .

Hey, all you “cats” ... how about this “c-r-a-z-y-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 “good” - they’re just talking about the Social Problems class. Yea, that class really keeps the mind working. It never has a chance to rest. The lack of action.

Say, take a look at those juniors. They’re really “hip” to being upperclassmen at last. No more being trod upon by those “gorgs” 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” classrings come in . . . You’ll witness some flashy characters and “dig” those “c-r-a-z-y-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” ! ! !

Snagget

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 with each other. The social whirl is racing like crazy ... some of us oldsters could learn a few tricks maybe. How about it ? ! !

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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, even of this—where’s my little brother?

WILL FRITZ DO IT AGAIN? Fritz LaCrone, our bounting 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 prevaded with inventive spirit. These are some of the thangamabobs 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.

Lockers—this battering-ram utensil will, when patented, be kept in Mr. Jerse’ 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 crumpets when the scholars became hungry.

EDGin’ 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 Berkey 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-Boy Van Peenan and Penny Lyous-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 Baders 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 quote 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 Baders are about to patent this pill that will provide every reluctant athlete in the 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 Subordinaries—Clarke Godfrey is going to deflate the big-headed seniors by furnishing the freshmen with new-type, inconspicuous brass knuckles.