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'Room For One More' to be Nov. 6-7, 1953



Who gets to taste the frosting? J. Weaver, J. Woodruff, N. Watterworth, N. Wagner, and M. Smith try to solve one of the minor problems of a large family in "Room For One More."

Homecoming Ahead; Councils Meet Queen to be Chosen

Highlighting the semicentennial, homecoming festivities, there will be the crowning of a queen chosen by the football squad. She will reign over the homecoming dance, Saturday, October 31, along with the king, football captain, Don Kilgore.

On Friday, October 30, the day of the homecoming game with Otsego, a Dress-up Day for all freshmen and other new students will be featured.

Preceding the semicentennial, homecoming dance for all students, faculty, and alumni, an alumni banquet will be held in Walwood Hall. The entertainment for this will be presented by the joint efforts of the swing band, the girls' trio, and the citizenship committees.

The swing band includes D. Neal, C. Straub, A. Walton, M. Palmer, S. Jennings, B. Forester, N. Watterworth, K. Morgan, J. Hackney, G. Wruble, B. Mindeman, P. Leach, Z. Gideon, E. Enz, B. Burlington, H. Jennings, and A. Shand, while the girls' trio consists of N. Watterworth, J. Babcock, and J. Hoag.

The annual Citizenship Conference, sponsored by the University of Michigan, is being held at Ann Arbor today. The student council officers Al Gemrich, Don Kilgore, Janet Hughes, and Brooks Godfrey, with Julie Davis, a representative of the students, and Mr. Deur are attending.

The program and discussion groups have been designed to meet the requests of students and faculty members throughout the state.

On November 3, the Co-operative Association of Southwestern Michigan Student Councils will hold a meeting at State High.

Schools sending representatives to the meeting are Dowagiac, Niles, Berrien Springs, Buchanan, Vicksburg, Portage, Edwardsburg, Cassopolis and New Buffalo. The program will be as follows: From 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. the group will attend an assembly over which vice-president Don Kilgore will preside. 2:30 to 3:30 will feature a discussion, after which the students will have time off until 6:00 p.m. From six o'clock until 9:00, guests will attend a dance to which all State High students are invited.

"Keep your mitts up!" (Suddenly makes a feint with her left and lands a right uppercut under Joey's chin. Joey goes down and out).

A group of students settling a grudge with a fistfight? Members of a physical education class practicing boxing? No, just an interesting bit of dialogue by some of the cast of the school play, "Room for One More," to be presented November 6 and 7 at 8:00 in the Little Theater.

Under the direction of Mr. Sack and Miss Cleveland, the play consists of two acts with the setting at a small summer cottage on the New Jersey coast. Casting is now complete with the following results: Mother, Nancy Watterworth; Joey, Don Marshall; Trot Rose, Nancy Wagner; Teensie Rose, Janet Weaver; Janey, Mary Smith; Betty, Pat Lynch; Miss Winston, Mary Lou Spitters; Poppy, Tom Elias; Jimmy John, Jim Woodruff; Mrs. Biddle, Penny Farr; George Biddle, Tim Light; and the Rescued Woman, Janet Jarman.

"Room for One More" is the story of a real family that lived in New Jersey. Of particular local interest is the fact that Miss Ethel Green of the Western faculty taught some of the real children whose lives are portrayed.

All classes from the high school are represented and rounding out the able cast is Jim Woodruff, an eighth grader, doing a fine job playing Jimmy John. Also to be given their share of the credit are those that are seldom seen by the audience and yet do some of the hardest and dirtiest work, the stage crew. These industrious workers are Bob Herman, Chuck Maloney, David Herman, Joan Harback, Linda Hawkins, Barbara Burling, Bill Andrus, Ron Drummond, Cathy Van Riper, Nancy Hotneier, Mary Lou Allen, Jan Correl, and Priscilla Todd.

Tickets will be on sale through the office, homerooms, and members of the cast for 75 cents.

P.T.S.O. Meeting To Feature Open House

On Thursday, November 5, at 7:00 p.m., there will be a P. T. S. O. meeting with grades 7-12 being included. This will be a get-acquainted and open house meeting as parents are invited to meet and talk with the teachers. Refreshments will be served following a brief general session at 8:00 P.M. in the Women's Gym.

Tidbits

by Fritz

Have you noticed Mr. Taylor's GREY EDGES? Take it from the horse's mouth, it will be snowy white after another week with that "freshie" class.

Have any of you been in 211 at 12:30 after the people (?) who eat lunch there have finished? It's all one can do to wade through the mess on the floor. Textbooks get rather soggy after lying around in a pool of spilled coke or milk on the desktops. WATCH IT FROM NOW ON, HUH?

At the game Friday, students are to sit together to form a cheering section. There they will be away from the quieting influence of their parents. JOKE: The parents and alumni will be trying to out yell the kids with their own cheers.

The HIGHLIGHTS would like to announce that the bribes offered by DICK WILSEY and JIM BURGER have been accepted. PAY UP, BOYS.

MISS KRAFT: "In the sentence, 'Nauta filiam amat,' (The sailor loves his daughter) the 'his' is not actually stated."

KEN MORGAN: "I bet it wasn't his daughter" (Note: That's bringing Latin right up to the minute.)

THOUGHTS ON LIFE IN GENERAL:

ITCHES: Something when both hands are full, your nose always.

Move onward, move onward,
Oh time in thy flight,
Make the bell ring
BEFORE I RECITE.

And then there were the seniors who STACKED THE CARDS for the teacher in bridge club. What a laugh that caused, Ron K. and Larry W.

Mr. Frey is tentatively planning to present "THE MIKADO," Gilbert and Sullivan's popular operetta, next spring.

We've been notified that Stevie Malone, Bobby Gleason, Sandy Hicks, Phyllis Kievit, Carolyn Kaercher, and Marcia Howard would like their names in the HIGHLIGHTS. Since these girls NEVER do anything SCANDALOUS, we simply can't do it this issue.

Lilliane Malone has been in this country five years now! CONGRATS, Lilliane, you sure have become Americanized.

We leave you with our word for today, OUST OTSEGO! GOOD EVENING, FRIENDS.

High on a Hilltop, Deep In Our Hearts

Whenever you stand in the center of the Kalamazoo valley, you are able to see the tree-lined hills rising all around you. As your eye scans the horizon, it stops on a majestic building, impressive with its stately columns, on the western side of the city. Looking down from its hilltop, this is State High School.

This building is not simply one among the others of infinite number in Kalamazoo—it is symbolic of something which is very hard to put into words. It is the deep swelling of pride inside you when you say, "I graduated from State High" . . . it is a remembrance of the trees, grass, and winding walks of the campus . . . it is the knowledge that here you are getting the best education possible in the land in which we live . . . it is these, and many more.

It is the pep and joyous feeling of being alive when you watch a blue and gold jerseyed halfback skirt around end for the winning touchdown for the Cubs . . . it is the stirring you feel as you walk back into the Training School, where you might have spent a period of your life, and realize that it seemed only yesterday that you were there—and the even stronger realization that tomorrow will come even sooner . . . it is the feeling of watching out of an east window during your 8:00 class as the sun wakes the city, spread far out beneath you, for another day . . . of knowing that someday, somewhere, you will be an integral part of a city, a county, a state, a country, a world . . . and that the class in which you are sitting is part of the key to the future.

It is classes, plays, games, pep meetings, assemblies, committee meetings, study halls, dances, parties, even homework . . . all these form a foundation for those stone columns on the front. It is the knowledge that at State High you have a unique, widely renowned monitor system, one of the best-equipped shops for its size in the state, a sports department you are proud to be supporting, and most of all—that friendly "Hi" by both teachers and students alike as you pass in the hall.

This is State High, a school whose activities are well-designed to prepare its students for whatever may follow graduation ceremonies . . . a place which instills such loyalty in you that when you receive your letter, class ring, certificate of achievement, and most treasured of all, your diploma, you can be justly proud it's from the school with the pillars on the hilltop—State High.

Flashin' Top Fashion

Bye baby bunting,
Daddy's gone a hunting.
To get a little bunny skin
To wrap his baby bunting in—
Must be he can't afford mink!

From the looks of things, boys of S. H. S. have had enough of the normal shades and are headed for something flashier. Don Moss and Jim Van Tassel, a couple of real pace setters, have some of the brightest cords ever seen. Jim also has some plaid pants which draw the whistles and blow the bagpipes. Jim Elsman wears a gorgeous pink shirt, and unmentionable sources hint that Jean Hoag has some pajamas that just match. Warm weather brought out some rather loud sportshirts. Seen inside a few were Bob Britigan, Pat Ryan, and Chuck Maloney.

The girls are holding their own, too. Diane Pullan has a sporty outfit with her turquoise skirt and grey cashmere sweater—ooh, those cashmeres! Lillian Malone looks real chic with her pleated plaid skirt and sweater accented with matching trim.

The gals are still wearing their traditional half-belted (otherwise, no belt in front) raincoats.

Athletes are seen sporting their letter sweaters around the halls again. John Warfield, in his white sweater, really looks distinguished. Anyone who has gone to the games so far this year will agree he has earned his letter three times over.

Those Italian bucket bag (alias purses, feed bags, lunch pails, or other descriptive names you can think of) are getting popular in more ways than one. Some people, unintentionally, of course, have mistaken them for wastebaskets.

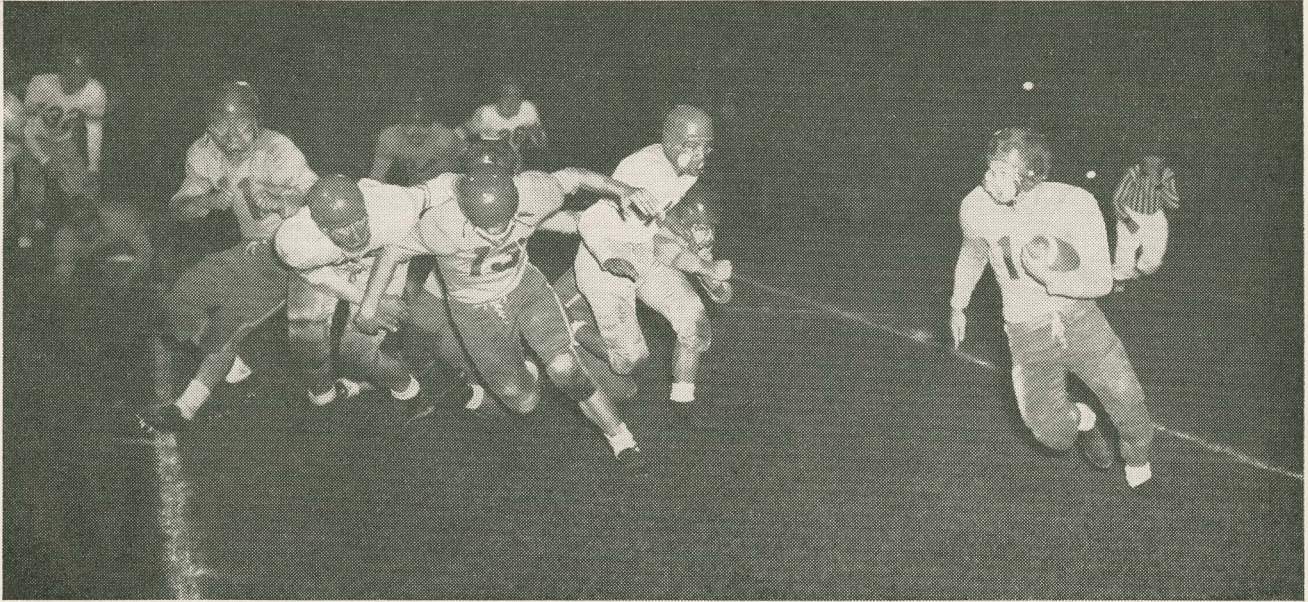
Costume of the week: Dave VanDeWalker's when he sang in the assembly. Love those hats!

Library Helper Needed

Someone is needed to work in the library at least three days a week, at 9:00 or 11:00 to act as monitor as well as student assistant to Miss Lowrie, the librarian.

Anyone interested should see Miss Lowrie for full particulars.

Cubs Beat Mustangs, Rams; Otsego Next



While Miles and Godfrey run interference, Kilgore sweeps around left end during an exciting moment in the Portage-State High game.

Making their most impressive showing of the season, the State High Cubs rambled over the Portage Mustangs, 34-6, before 4,000 fans at McCamley Field, Portage.

Avoiding their usual first-half jinx, the Cubs led at the half 14-6 with Don Kilgore and Brooks Godfrey doing the scoring.

In the second half the Cubs turned the game into a rout with John Warfield intercepting a Mustang pass to dim the hopes of the Portage rooters. Portage never again made a serious threat and the Cubs controlled the ball much of the time in the last half.

Godfrey mixed the plays up well and threw two scoring heaves to J. Warfield. Anthony Nieboer, reserve back, skirted around right end on a beautiful 22 yard touchdown jaunt to sew up the game.

Standouts for the Cubs included Jim Hawkins, Bobby Miles, J. Warfield, Gordon Berkhusen, and Godfrey.

The Cubs literally rambled over South Haven's Rams 47-0, for their fifth victory in six starts. It has been 14 long years since a State High grid team has scored so many points.

Never before, this season, have the Cubs so well coordinated their offense and defense. While Gemrich, Godfrey, Miles, Kilgore, and Burke were driving roughshod over the Rams' defense, the Cub defense goose-egged the Rams for the full sixty minutes. Burke, Berkhusen, and Sebaly were especially outstanding on defense.

The Cubs scored seven times with Gemrich and Miles getting two T.D.'s apiece and Burke, Britigan, and Kilgore adding lone touchdowns.

The many loyal Cub rooters who witnessed the game saw some spectacular open field runs turned in by Kilgore on a 68-yard jaunt, Miles on a 64 yard run, and a 50 yard dash by Gemrich for a score.

Reserves Win Again!

The reserves put on quite a show at Portage winning 32-0 under the direction of Coach Stevens. It was a tragedy for Portage as State High featured hard running backs in Vern Wade, John Simcox, and Dave VandeWalker; a good defense with George Peelen and Ted Garneau; and Bob Beisel's wicked right arm.

Beisel starred as he threw four touchdown passes. In the second act it was VandeWalker going 20 yards to score, lanky John Fleckenstein making the second, VandeWalker coming back for an encore to make the third touchdown, and Joel Shepherd going over for the fourth.

Gary Birch got into the act by scouting right end for the last touchdown.

The State High reserves rolled on to another victory Tuesday, October 20, by defeating the South Haven "B" team, 30-13, at CAA Stadium. The Cub reserves have had a spectacular undefeated season thus far.

Gary Birch provided the necessary spark for the State team as he intercepted two passes and then went on to make two touchdowns. Dave VandeWalker added another on a run, as did John Simcox to raise the Cub total to four. Bob Beisel passed to John Fleckenstein for another T.D.

Jim's and Gem's Gems

State High is tied for second in the Wolverine League with Portage, whom they recently defeated 34-6 . . . Allegan is in first place and have yet to lose a game . . . Brooks Godfrey was ranked third in the city scoring with 31 points, but since then he's added a few plays to his credit . . . John Warfield was named one of the players of the week after his performance at Portage. They couldn't have picked a better one . . . Co-captains for the last two games were Brooks Godfrey at Portage and Sophomore Bob Miles at South Haven. Bob really took it to heart as he scored twice to help State High roll up its biggest score in 14 seasons. Congratulations, boys . . . We say, "Hats off" to Dr. Matthew Peelen, for his donations of time and knowledge. He has attended every game and has acted as team physician, never accepting payment of any sort . . . Steven Roy, who recently arrived at the Walters residence, is destined to become a star of the future. Remember to watch that name! . . . State High's Cross country team has a 1-3 to date. In the conference meet they placed fourth out of five: Otsego, Portage, Allegan, STATE HIGH, and Vicksburg. (Plainwell and South Haven do not have teams in the conference). Don Neal is the big gun and State High's other representatives were Dan Ward, Al Shand, Al Wise, and Jim VanTassel.

Winifred Witch Tells

Who-o-o-o's Who-o-o-o

When the ghosts and goblins make their annual appearance this Halloween, Winifred Witch will come out from her "bell chamber" in State High's attic to spy on her hilltopper friends.

I asked Winnie last week, to give me a sneak preview of what was in store for the holiday. She let me peer into the mirror-like surface of her witches' brew, and this is what I saw.

Mary Jane L. and Larry L. were galloping along Burdick Street in a horse suit (Larry in the rear) and held up traffic when they both decided to go in opposite directions in the middle of the street. Jiggs Harbour's new orange hot-rod was in the tied-up traffic. Jiggs was leaning on the horn and yelling between the "oogas," "Get that dumb looking mule out of the way." At this request Sandy S., Ron K., Gail H., and Kit L. jumped out of the back seat and proceeded to remove the blocking horse.

John W. rode up on a motor scooter with a side car attached and filled with the evidence, "Goodies!"

Far down the street, Sherla J. and Jack C. were busily soaping Normandie's windows. George P. chased Polly A. dressed as Miss America, up on the court house steps while Phyllis K., Jean M., and Mike P. were spotted climbing up on roofs changing the direction of T.V. aerials. It's too bad Don Kilgore had to remove the ladder when all hands were above.

Fame In A Name?

Try This Game

Lucien see perfume
Lucien have squirt gun
Lucien Sweet

Lois in sweet shop
Lois buy malted
Lois Fuller

Mr. See slot
Mr. Pull lever
Mr. Chance

Robert stay up late
Robert go to class
Robert Knapp

Joan meets boy
Joan likes boy
Joan Parkes

Al have book
Al study
Al Wise

Tim have candle
Tim strike match
Tim Light

Jeanne wink
Jeanne flirt
Jeanne Forward

Vernon row boat
Vernon fall out
Vernon Wade

Patricia read recipe
Patricia whip up pie
Patricia Baker

Joe G. could be seen rushing around town on his new "88" bicycle shouting, "Happy New Year," while blowing his Halloween horn. Nancy H., and B. Johnson attended the latest 3-D movie and tuned the fire prevention hoses on the audience. Luckily the movie was entitled "The Rainy Night." Everyone thought it was such a realistic atmosphere.

Some of the Hilltoppers took it easy this Halloween, however. Matt P. and Jon S. sat home improving their domino game and Lois F. crocheted doilies for her hope chest. It seems Natalie B., Marilyn B., Diane P., Donna E., and Judy B. were whooping it up about the city with their college Joes.

Winnie told me she had to add a few more ingredients to the brew before a true picture could be seen so a few of the facts above could be a little distorted.

Flight To Chicago Planned

This year's class in Aeronautics, composed of 15 members, has been organized under the the direction of Mr. Walters.

After studying the control system and mechanics of flying, the class visited the airport for observation. This week the students are planning a light plane flight around Kalamazoo.

By conducting baked goods sales, they hope to raise enough money for one long trip in the spring. This tour will be by American Airlines from Battle Creek to Chicago where they will go on a conducted tour of the airport; by United Airlines from Chicago to South Bend; by night flight back to Kalamazoo on Lake Central Airlines.

Library Adds Books

Some new additions to the school library are: Collection of biographies including **Jim Bridger**, **Lillian Wald**, **Susan B. Anthony**, and **Ralph Waldo Emerson**; a new set of Dictionary of American Biography; the **London Observer** (London Sunday newspaper); new novels such as **House of Earth** (a story of India), **Wind from the Mountains** (which takes place in Scandinavia), **Ready or Not** (featuring teen-agers), **Street Rod** (a story of hot-rods), **Elegant Witch** (an exciting story of 17th century witchcraft), and **War Whoop** (about horses and pioneers). **Always the Young Strangers**, an autobiography by Carl Sandburg, and **North from Malaya**, by Douglas, have also been added.

EDGEin' Around

It seems that quite a few of us here in school have extra curricular activities. Life's funny that way!

Mary Joy Sawyer worries each weekend about whether or not Tom will come. Maybe this Sunday??? Barb Stuart could worry about Dave, but, does she have to? We doubt it very much!

It's been rumored that two Junior girls have added Jim Hightower and Mike Palmer to their lists. What about it, A.B. and L.D. ? ? ?

Natalie B. and Jim are still as happy as ever. There may be a bright stone in the future. Loads of luck!

Millie Hafer and Dick have at last patched things up. Julie Davis and Don Neal are restitching after a short separation.

Is there a torch burning between a certain senior and a soph? It sure looks kinda warm between Libby Davis and Dick Wilsey.

Three little cheers for Matt Peelen who proved his great talents as a baby actor in the magazine assembly. Encore . . .

These band parties are soooo quiet (?) Music isn't all they're interested in. The bus trip to Benton Harbor was a real lively journey, and such a shortage of electricity!

A plea to two certain sophomores . . . J.P. and M.F.M. Get everything straightened out and cut the hard feelings that you two have, all because of one Jon Sebaly.

Many an anniversary is being celebrated by the faithful couples Sandy S. and Tom, Connie and Mary, Barb M. and Brooks, Al and Clelie, Ellen D. and Ron, and Larry and Linnea.

Connie Fricke should have hired a band for her little brawl after the Portage game. Just about everyone was there.

BEWARE ALL ! ! ! Fritz has stated that he's in the market for anything (?) Puh-leese explain!

One of our sophomore girls has been after one of Christian's fellas. Keep up the good work, Jean, you're doing just fine.

The freshmen are at it again . . . Clarke Godfrey has been wearing his fingernail down dialing 4-6814.

Say, do I see a romance starting between Polly and Dave??? It sure looks that-a-way to me!

The quotation this week concerns all those that are concerned . . . "Lipstick that glows in the dark is a useless invention. The search is half the pleasure." Sooooo true!

Biologists To Study Birds

The freshman biology classes are planning a trip to the Kellogg bird sanctuary. The outing will take place after school. Following their visit to the bird kingdom, the students will go to the Kellogg Preserve, where they will enjoy a weiner roast.