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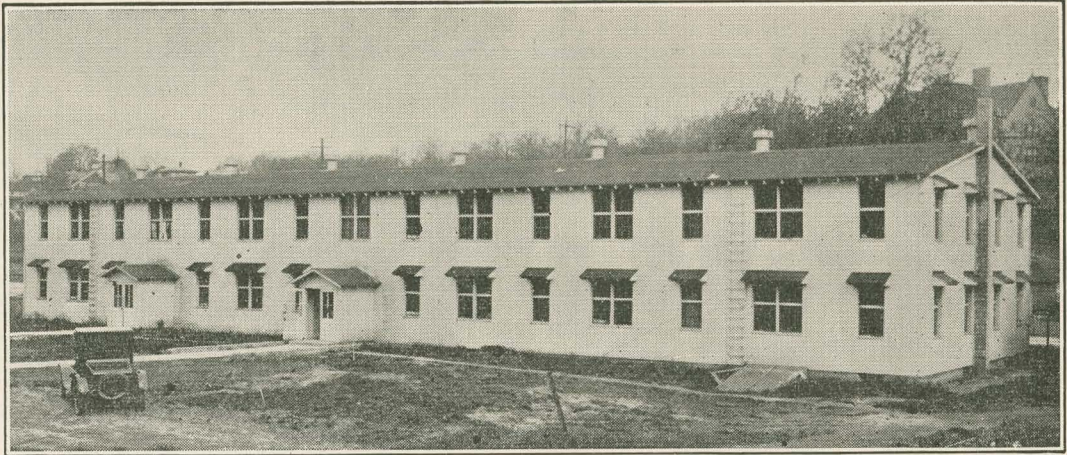
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Many of us who passed the Temporary Building on our way to kindergarten are due to see our old "pal" go. The building, which was erected "temporarily" during the first world war, is to be torn down in the near future.



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Inter-School Council Plans Work For '53

Last Tuesday night, the inter-school Council met at State High to get their committees into operation. The group sponsoring volunteer hospital workers reported that Borgess Hospital would co-operate fully with people who wanted to work in the childrens ward. As soon as they start functioning they will ask for volunteers from the schools. Ann Frey, who heads the social welfare committee, announced that they are planning on having a poster drive in the Spring which will work hand - in - hand with the Cancer Drive here in town. The committee which is trying to start a teen-page in the Gazette is waiting for the schools to get petitions which will back them, before they get into operation. This is headed by Jane Williams from Nazareth.

The council met in the library where cider and donuts were served them by Peg Yntema, Char Pellowe, Janet Van Hoeve, and Corby Lewis, all members of the Friendship committee.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 25th.

Student-Faculty Groups Discuss Five Minute Passing Problems

Over Seventy-Five Students Help Make Drive Successful

Last Thursday night, students of State High held their first "Errands of Mercy" drive to collect clothing for overseas and canned food for needy Kalamazoo families. The drive was planned by the Service and Friendship committees.

Over seventy-five canvassed the city and brought in more clothes and canned goods than was expected. Cider and doughnuts were served to all participants after they brought the clothing and goods to room 1E.

The clothing will be distributed through local churches and the canned food will be sent to needy families in Kalamazoo at Thanksgiving.

The new time of 5 minutes between classes has affected many of us in both favorable and unfavorable ways. It was put into use this fall since the college classes moved to the west campus and the 10 minutes was felt to be unnecessary.

A committee was formed to look into the problem and compiled a list of reasons why more than 5 minutes was believed to be needed between classes by the majority of the students. This committee has met twice with the Cabinet and five members of the faculty to discuss the matter and try to reach a decision that would be satisfactory.

As a result of the report from the council committee, the faculty unanimously agreed on these points; (1) more time is needed between classes by those students who go out of the Education building, (2) the drinking fountain problem should be studied and improvements recommended, (3) the present five minute period for passing from one room to another in the Education building should be continued, (4) the students in the school are invited to report again to the faculty if time reveals additional problems after adequate experience with the new schedule.

Book Week To Be Viewed With Assembly Nov. 18

As Book Week is to be observed during the week starting Nov. sixteenth, the assembly which is to be held in the Little Theater at 9 o'clock, Tuesday, Nov. 18, will be devoted to the presentation of some books which have come in to the library. Students will give various readings and skits to call the books to our attention.

Speech Department Plans Active Year in Speech and Dramatics

The speech department is busy promoting several activities. Under the guidance of Mr. Sack, and with the help of several practice teachers, the Debate team and the Masquers Club are already busy with plans for winter projects.

The Debate squad, debating the important subject "Should the U.S. support a Federal Union of the Atlantic

Pact nations," is making plans for the scheduling of practice debates with the teams from Battle Creek Lakeview and Battle Creek Central. The first competitive, regional debate will be held with Portage High School before December Sixth.

On Wednesday afternoons, Freshmen and Sophomores are given the

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A Letter to the Editor

Editors note: We are publishing this letter just as we received it because the Highlights is always open to student comments. This is the first open letter we have received this year and we would appreciate your comments on it. Please drop them in the Highlights box in the upper hall! All future contributions must be signed to be printed.

Dear Editor:

I feel that our school paper is not representative enough of our school. We have athletic teams, school parties, school organizations, etc., and none of these seem to get enough publicity. For example our athletic teams are out to promote our school, and do they get any backing from our own school paper? No.

It seems to me that if our paper is to represent the students and their activities, that there should be some pro and con issues brought in the paper. As I understand it there is to be no stands taken by the editors on school policies, and that no personal opinions can be given. If this isn't a trend toward Communism I don't know what it is. One of our basic freedoms is freedoms of the press, and after talking to some members of the Highlights staff I don't feel this exercised.

Why can't we have space for personal opinion on school policies and that way it can help the Student Council in their work. By that I mean that the important issues could be covered in the paper, so that the student could understand better the ways and policies of our school.

Why can't our paper come out more often so that we don't have to read news that happened two weeks ago? Also I understand that the editors switch around each week. Why should sports be covered by a girl, who doesn't even know the member of the team, and why should a boy have to report on social events? If you could keep the same reporters or editors each week it would make for better articles in the paper.

This is just a personal opinion and if I could get a satisfactory reply it would be appreciated.

Senior's Sand Desks

For the last few weeks, the Seniors have been spending their free time, after school and on Saturdays, sanding the desks in 211E. The sanding of the study desks is the Senior class project for the year.

The Seniors have undertaken this project for two reasons. 1) as a service to the school, and 2) as a way of earning fifty dollars for the class treasury.

A portable electric sander is being used to lighten the load of the students.

A Formal Introduction to a Good Pal, Joyce Leinaar

Is something puzzling you? Do you need some little item that seems to be non-existent in this school? If so, the chances are that the first person you'll run to will be Joyce Leinaar. A petite brunette working in the office, her cheery smile and helping hand have saved many a student from catastrophe.

So few of us really know Joyce that it is about time she was formally introduced. It wasn't very long ago that she was a student herself, having graduated from Central in June, 1951. The following month she started working in the campus school, where she has spent the last fifteen months.

Her hobbies include bowling, volleyball, sewing, and photography. She also loves a good baseball game.

The things she likes to do most are singing and traveling. Her favorite food is banana cream pie. Right now her favorite popular recording is the Hilltopper's version of "Try-ing."

According to Joyce, there are two things that State High students seem to be continually in need of—pencils and scissors.

A hearty vote of appreciation should go to Joyce for the co-operation she gives us whenever possible.

Juniors to Give Jean's Sock Hop

Bring your jeans but leave your shoes, for the Junior Class is having a "Sock Hop" this coming Saturday, November 15. This dance is to be held in the Women's Gym from 8:30-11:30. The admission will be 35 cents each. The dance is going to be called "Candylane," sounds good.

In charge of this dance are as follows. Linnea Taylor, Tickets—Sherla Jennings, Decorations—Pat Ryan, publicity—Jon Seabaly, chaperons—Gail Hubbell, music—Miriam Leimer, refreshments.

As yet the staff hasn't decided if there will be a band or not.

Social Work Offers Varied Opportunities

For the person who loves people, who is interested in broad human problems, or who feels an urge, as many young people do, to try to right a few wrongs, social work presents varied and ample opportunities.

This work is crying to be done. There are many more jobs for trained workers than can at the moment be filled.

There are all kinds of challenges in social work, and many good workers have had comparatively little formal training.

There are in the country twenty eight accredited schools of social work, and most of them demand a preliminary A.B. degree. Among the best of these is the Graduate School of Social Work and Public Health at the University of Chicago. Eighteen months' work (or 90 credit points) are required for a diploma, although students may enroll for a single course of special training.

Organized social work is usually classified into two types; work with the individual, known as social case work, and group work, such as is found in settlement houses, recreation centers, playgrounds, and summer camps.

Social work has much to offer which may be accomplished by volunteers. You can earn your living at social work, or if you are not interested in salary you can make it something that will help fill your life.

For further information you may contact such Social Service Agencies as the Douglas Community Association, The Myrtle Heege Community Center, Kal. Rehabilitation Center, etc. If interested in this field of service you may leave your name with Polly Allen.

Attention

The Library Council under the direction of Miss Lowrie, is sponsoring a drive to collect money to send a CARE book package abroad. There is a container placed in the library in which donations are to be placed. The price of one package is \$10.00, so drop in your pennies for a very worthwhile cause.

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Larry's Locker

Look like the football players had to put on their "Furlines" it was getting mighty cold . . . Here are some of the nicknames that our football team called their teams members. We have "Butter Ball", Jim Hawkins . . . The two "Dutchman", Matt and Dick . . . "Fuz" Gemirch . . . "Tubby" Ovrick . . . "Old Hank", Henry G. "Specs" Gill . . . "The Krut" Hackman . . . Requisition . . . More mirrors in locker room, especially full length when the football team has its picture taken . . . It's been suggested that a beauty contest be held for our rough and tough gridders . . . NEEDED, One alarm clock for ole Scott . . . Basketball coach, Arden Detert's first call to practice was answered by a huge turnout . . . Congrats to those Boys spirit. Orchids to Allegan for beating our Portage cousins . . . 48-6.

Buck Read To Aid Detert

Now that the football season is coming to a close, the basketball season is just opening. This year we are in the new Wolverine Conference. Our first game is to be played at Berrien Springs on the fifth of December and it is not a Conference game.

Early basketball practice began in the last week of October and many new and old hopefuls reported for practice.

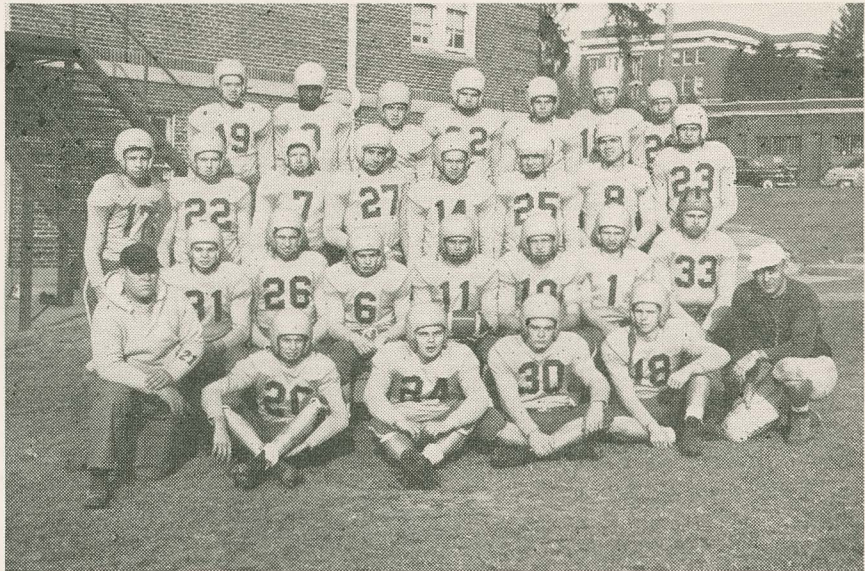
Along the coaching line Coach Detert is getting assistance from a former Western Michigan College coach, Buck Read. A better season is expected this year with there being more depth in the positions. There are also many returning lettermen from last year's squad. The reserve team will be made up of a few of last year's players and new freshmen and sophomores.

Games Scheduled Away

For the first time we've had all away games on our football schedule. The reasons for this are the inability of most parents of football players and students to see the games in the afternoon, and the larger gate that we receive when we play night games.

As we are playing most of our games within a few miles of Kalamazoo since we have joined the Wolverine League, it was felt enough of the students and parents would be able to attend the games.

Some of the away games have been designated as home games for us, and due to this fact we get the larger part of the gate. Until we are to have night games, all away games scheduled will probably continue, so both parents and students from the opposition school can attend.



End of Gridiron Season Bring Review of Best Football Results since '48

The long gridiron season is finally over and the State High Cubs have crawled back into storage for another year. But before the old and much talked about season is shoved into the record books, one last group of words should be told to summarize the season.

Although the Cubs came out with only a 3 won, 1 tie record it still was

the best mark a State High football team has posted since 1948. Fourth place was occupied by our team - quite a contrast to the usual cellar niche.

Looking back over the season we find both joyous and sad moments. The first two games with Buchanan and Dowagiac weren't supposed to end up our way, but the gridders performed ably in losing both contests. Then came Plainwell and Ken Fricke's 5 touchdown splurge literally pushed the Trojans into the dirt. At Allegan all the Cubs put on a rather mediocre performance as the league champs to be, beat us 20-0.

We were keyed quite high for our homecoming game at Portage and almost took the game but Bruce Korszilius, star Portage halfback, broke our backs with a 67 yard jaunt late in the game when we were leading 8-7. South Haven was the next target along the bumpy road in the Wolverine Conference and the Cubs played some of their best ball of the year in overpowering a good South Haven team 20-0. One point spelled the difference between a tie and a victory as the Hilltop gridders played below par football for three quarters and then scared the daylight out of former league contenders Otsego, and getting a tie from them, 13-13. Incidentally we did this without the services of our captain. To close the season we trekked north to battle the Fremont Packers. This game was won on our superiority to withstand the wintry blasts.

This closed the book on State High football with many memories such as Frosh Bob Miles' great running, the punting of Don Gill, Brooks Godfrey's passing, Ken Fricke's touchdowns, and of course the line whose blocks made it possible for these boys to star.

Ten Cheerleaders To Be Picked Soon

Cheerleader finalists will be chosen by the Pep Committee on Wednesday November 12th. The committee plans to chose four reserves, and six varsity who will in turn go before the student body at a later date. The school will then vote on four varsity and two reserve cheerleaders.

It was suggested in Student Council by the Pep Committee that we adopt a new policy which would mean choosing the cheerleaders at the beginning of each school year instead of choosing them at the start of the basketball season. This will be discussed in homerooms and if the plan is adopted, the new cheerleaders will cheer only during the basketball season, and the new ones will be chosen again at the start of next year.

People who are out for cheerleading this year, are: Diane Doubleday, Mary Spitters, Annette Douglas, Helen Alman, Nancy Woodworth, Gail Hubbell, Fritz Lacronie, Marilyn Greenlee, Julie DenBlyker, Mary Francis Miller, Connie Fricke, Carol Hackman, Carol Hartmann, Janice Jarman, Mary Joy Sawyer, Eleanor Clark, Dorothy Neibor, Jean Jerden, Elaine Stimson, and Martha Braden.

"Rosie's Mouse" Reports on Undercover Activities Afoot at Junior Hayride

At the junior hayride two weeks ago, all classes and schools could be found under the straw. By way of Rosie's little white mouse (which is rented out to certain customers who patronize "Buckham's Hay and Straw Joy Rides") scurried in and about some of the cool kids who were present. In the front wagon "Red" and Janet burrowed themselves into the hay despite "Red's" specs. Incidentally Red, Rosie's mouse turned thief and you may have your glasses back upon presentation of proper identification of yourself at the Highlights office. The mouse could find no difference between Sandy and Tom or Roy and Cathey (Mr. and Mrs. Walters) except that Mr. Walters was asleep and Tom wasn't. Marty and Mrs. Ball (to be) carried on a great straw fight with Polly and Brooks. This the mouse said, disturbed John G. and Janice B. but failed to phase Marilyn and Dave, Judy B. and Tom W., or Ron W. and Jean M. Diane and Tom J. (Whitey said he wasn't sure he had all these Toms right but he tried) proved to be old rowdy selves by fighting constantly but always coming out of the clinches cleanly. About here my rented mouse ran into the cider Marilyn G. and her Central friend brought. But even Whitey in his handicapped condition could stagger through the immense expanse between Jon and Julie. Consequently he was an unreliable source for the rest of the evening - and with my mouse out of action, your reporter became too involved in his own problems to be concerned with those of other people. Especially Matt and Lois!

So They're Not Funny

Coach: What's his name?

Manager: Zdyvhliplich_zyzyuei

Coach: Fine, put him on the team. I never did like that announcer on WGFG.

Television: A device that permits people who haven't anything to do to watch people who can't do anything.

S-s-sir, I've been going with your daughter f-f-for five years now, and . . . So what d'ya want? A pension?

November Calendar

- Nov. 18—Assembly at 8:00
- Nov. 19—Administrative Assembly
- Nov. 26—Thanksgiving Holiday begins at 12:00
- Nov. 28—Holland Christian



Alley Angles

What were Jon, Larry, and Pat doing out on a lonely road at 2:00 in the morning with their dates??

We see Connie. White has a new flame - is it that Southern drawl that keeps him so faithful, Connie?

Come back home, Don Neal! What have those St. A girls got that we don't besides green headscarves?

Julie DenBleyker and all the freshman girls were very surprised to see Don Perigo at Pete Parker and the rest of the freshman gang's party.

We hear Judy Scott had a party that all Central and State came to on Hallowe'en!

We hear the football team had quite a time after the Fremont game. We might dedicate the song "A String of Pearls" to Don Gill. (it kind'a chokes me up!)

Jannie Snow has quite a friend in B.C. now, and she's being kept busy with her informal date bureau (the senior girls all want blind dates with her friends' friend and so far its been O.K. . . .)

Who was Bob Herman's date at the Civic play Saturday night and why did they sit in different rows?

Congratulations:

To Mary Ann Schau who gave up so many of her study periods to make up sales graphs and do innumerable other things for the magazine sale.

To Anthony Nieboer and the heads of the committees in charge of "Errands of Mercy" who worked at packing the donations all day Saturday.

Speech Dept. Plans

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opportunity for training in competitive speech. Last year we were well represented in the regional speech contests, and it is hoped that all people interested will contact Mr. Sack about the Wednesday afternoon meetings.

The masquers Club is not planning to produce any plays this year, but they are working on a program to be used as the State High Exchange assembly.

Hilltoppers Give Mink Coats If In White House

Now that our presidential campaigns are over, I'm sure that we all wonder just what we would do if we were elected President. Some of our thoughts turn to more serious things like keeping up the bills in the White House, but most of us think of the joys that we could bring to ourselves and our friends. Many of the students have been expressing themselves verbally and your reporter has found it amusing to put their answers in this list, when asked what they would do if elected President.

Char Pellowe would like to see all boys in military training at the age of 12. Really Char?

Jim Boylan would fill up the Rose Bowl with water and have outboard motor boat racing.

Skip Miller would hold open house at the White House and give out free drinks to all.

Mary Joy Sawyer want to see all her friends in State High have a mink coat.

Dick Fork would put the Prohibition act back so that he could make a fortune running booze down from Canada. My my, Dick!

Peg Yntema would accompany Harry with her violin.

Debbie Parker would substitute the donkeys for the elephants. "They're cuter!"

Bernadine Paull says its not what she would do, its what the people would do.

Mary Roberts would show up the Democrats and make sure that Peggy didn't get an office.

Bill McConachie would make a National Law, which would make boys ride on one wagon and girls on another with the chaperones between them, while on hayrides. There would also be two large floodlights per wagon. Bill!?!?

Karen Brower would make sure her daughter knew how to sing better than Margaret.

Pete Parker would pass out. Pass out what, Pete?

Marilyn Greenlie would have her picture taken in Florida like Harry.

Bonnie Peterson would start a barber-shop quartet in the cafeteria for the benefit of Denny Percy.

Chuck Warfield would lower the taxes on liquor.

Larry Weiman would discontinue school until further notice.

Judy Scott would change the constitution so that all the men in the world would be between the ages of 20 and 30.

Jean Hoag would pass a law stating that social programs at school must include at least 13 dances a year.