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State Highlights

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Student Council Sponsors Town Meeting

Mid-Year Honor Roll Announced

With the issuing of the semester marks, the mid-year honor roll for December has recently been announced. Students receiving four A's with no mark lower than a B are awarded an ALPHEA, those with three A's and no mark lower than a B receive a BETA, and students receiving two A's with no mark lower than a B receive a GAMMA award.

Recipients of the honor roll awards are:

ALPHEA—Polly Allen, Margaret Borton, Darlene Chapin, Julie Davis, Tom Elias, Penny Farr, Lois Fuller, Roberta Gleason, Brooks Godfrey, Clarke Godfrey, Dean Griffith, Phyllis Kleivit, Fritz LaCroine, Alice Osterberg, Mike Plamer, James Scott, Mary Smith, Alfred Snow, David Swoap, Ronald Tanis, Robert Van Spann, Mike Swoap, Ralnald VanHart, Robert VanVeen, Victoria Wenner, Nancy Woodward, and Gail Wruble.


GAMMA—Susan Ashley, Robert Beisel, Donalick Bisceglia, Marilyn Brink, Nancy Brown, Carolyn Buder, Marilyn Buder, Ann Carleton, Carole Edgerton, Donna Endsley, Beverly Fender, Nancy Glidden, Tom Hardig, Ricard Howson, Sheila Jennings, Carolyn Kaeberer, Don Kilgore, Joan Kohman, Christopher Light, Jean Morris, Don Neal, Morton Norman, James Otis, David Platt, Peter Platt, Diane Pullan, Mary Roberts, Joseph Scott, Jon Seba!y, Carol Sutton, Shirley VanValkenburg, Dan Ward, Mike Weaver, and Richard Wilsey.

Polio Drive Successful

The polio drive has come to a close, and with the coming year, all hope that the cure will be found through research.

State High students contributed $61.25 toward this drive.

State High's second annual Town Meeting was held Tuesday, February 16, in the Little Theater.

Each year a problem of current interest or need is selected and discussed by a panel composed of students, faculty, and outside research people. In the remaining time the question is thrown out to the entire audience to get their opinions and suggestions.

This year the problem was "How we can improve our club program." To make discussion easier, this broad general topic was broken down into three questions: "What is the purpose of clubs? What clubs should we have? and, What can we expect out of clubs?"

The panel this year was composed of A. Gemrich, Donna Endsley, Ann Frey, Mr. Jerse, Dr. Chiara, Julie Davis, recorder, and Charles Maloney, moderator.

Second Semester Officers Elected

The first week after semester changes every homeroom elected new officers, who then became members of the Student Council. In 211E Al Glendenning was chosen president and Diane Pullan, veep. 219E voted Barb McBride, president and Joan Harback next. Jim Elsman and Ron Kilgore represent 217E.

Band chose Don Neal and Charlie Straub as their leaders. 206 elected Tom Howson and Penny Farr as their semester leaders, while typing is represented by Jim VanTassel and Jerry Hawkins.

Dick Tyler and Jim Brown are the president and vice president from 301S. Dave Eaton and Dick Howson are 15E's officers as are George Peelen and Chuck Sweet in 213E. 2E chose Dave Swoap and Nancy Woodworth as their leaders, while 301S has Jim Causey and Connie Kuizenga.

Prom Plans Underway

Plans for the Junior-Senior Prom are now underway. The Junior Class elected Lois Fuller as general chairman, and she, together with class officers, met and appointed the following committee chairmen: Invitations, Nancy Woodworth; chaperones, Joan Peelen; entertainment and music, Barbara Born; refreshments, Diane Sabo; publicity, Annette Douglas; programs and tickets, Mary Lou Spitters; and decorations, Ann Malotte.

The prom will be held in the spring and is open only to Juniors, Seniors, and their guests.
Tidbits by Fritz

Get out the shovels, kids, it is deep today!

MR. JERSE about new government class: "This one seems rather quiet." Little do you know, Mr. Jerse!

If you should see GLORIA WEISS going down the hall muttering to herself, it's not odd age, just practicing for the American Legion All-City Oratorio Contest at Harding School, February 24.

CONGRATS ARE IN ORDER for the typing students who received automatic A's for the marking period by creeping through a five minute timed writing without an error ... to MIKE PALMER for winning first place with an oboe solo in a contest at Western recently ... to JEAN MORRIS for her da-da-andy solo on the flute at the Tri-City band concert.

PRETTY CATY! We're talking about those white sweatsuits with the flashy blue and gold emblem now on sale by the aeronautics class to raise "MOOLAH" for their trip. How about getting yours by tournament stuff?"

Lata Mohanty Kanungo, who is now about getting yours by tournament stuff" is the creation of India from Mrs. Shanti.

MORRIS today!

Mr. Leonardelli even came across the board with a few alphas!

After a stroll along the river banks, why not stop in at one of Kalamazoo's finest hotels, the River House. There are two others, the Exchange Hotel at the corner of Michigan and Rose, and the nicest of all, the Kalamazoo House. The builder of this hotel is the great General Justice Burdick.

If you're confused by now, it is no wonder, for this isn't Kalamazoo 1954. No, this is Kalamazoo, 1843.

New Look for Kalamazoo

"What," the teacher demanded, "is the population of Kal-
amo?"

"Fifteen hundred, ma'am," answered a tall country lad.

"What are the boundaries?"

He rose, rub himself, and spoke surely. "On the north, the Kalamazoo River, on the west, Elm Street, and on the south, Lovell Street."

Don't look so shocked! You mean you didn't know that Western was outside the city limits?

Before you take the bus down town tonight, here's a warning. The only place of business on Burdick Street is a blacksmith shop. The business district is now located on E. Michigan, between Edwards and Edwards. There is also a scattering of shops on these two streets and on Michigan, towards Rose.

If you've been reading the Gazette lately, you'll know just how these stores are stocked. Cloth, nails, (including superior horse nails!), boots, dishes, oils, paints, salted fish, and other groceries, strong beer by the keg, and most useful of all, live geese feathers by the pound! Of course, if you disagree with the Gazette, you may read its Whig rival.

If you can't sew too well, you may be interested to know that there are two male tailors who do a divine job. Get ahead for school for your usual coke, for both drugstores sell only drinks like Dr. Evens Soothing Syrup for Children, and instead of candy, Vegetal Life Pill. And don't catch cold! The mortality rate for children and young people is running terrifically high.

Got a letter to mail? The "Old Brig" is located on Michigan Ave., east of Portage. If you're in a buying mood, just step up on that raised platform behind the post office because that is the store.

About the prettiest thing in town are the churches. And you can go to any one of the four that you choose, either the Methodist, Episco-
pal, Baptist, or Congregational-Presbyterian. There are no Reformed churches yet, for there are no Dutch in Kalamazoo yet.

Rhythm at Random

The second of the three Tri-City Band concerts will be held Friday, February 26, at Allegan. The State High band will leave Friday noon so as to arrive in Allegan for a pre-con-
cert rehearsal that afternoon. Guest conductor for the concert will be Dr. Henry Bruinsma from the University of Michigan. The two visiting bands will stay in Allegan overnight on Friday.

The final cast has been chosen for the "Mikado," the outstanding operetta that the choir will give Saturday, March 20, in the Civic Theater.

Authentic costumes will be used, being rented from Boston, Mass., at a cost of over $200.

There will be an orchestra this year instead of a piano accompaniment which has formerly been used.

On Tuesday, February 9, a talent assembly was held for the purpose of trying out students for the Blue and Gold Revue. Those participating were: L. Fuller, R. Makins, R. Kerley, D. Taylor, P. Allen, P. Lynch, G. Weiss, B. Stewart, J. Hock, N. Watterworth, J. Babcock, D. Moss, J. Warfield, B. Andruse, G. Berkhausen, B. Patmos, R. Drummond, G. Longjohn, H. Jennings, and M. Braden.

Only 5 Minutes More

At 2:45 p.m. every Monday through Friday there's new hope. Only five grueling minutes more. Books snap shut, pencils drop and get picked up, paper is crumpled, and feet are shuf-

ODD SIGHTS AROUND SCHOOL: Charles Maloney asleep in journalism class ... Ann without Bob ... 2:00 study at 2:49 ... Alice Mabie sitting IN her locker. ... GIRLS holding hands in the hall.

BEAT PLAINWELL Friday. Remember to bring your folks; let 'em listen to a good cheering section.

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Only 5 Minutes More
The Way the Ball Bounces

Little has been heard about the newly organized freshmen basketball team. So far, they've a record of 3 wins and 3 losses to some stiff competition. Clarke Godfrey, Dick Howson, Don DeVries (small), Joe Passifume, Jon Scott and Tony Scott are carrying most of the load. This ninth grade team will someday be stepping into varsity slots, so how about giving them some encouragement?

A newcomer on the reserve team, Jack DeKreek, who has been them some encouragement? ball all practiced football all fall and basketball shooting ability, rebounding, and ball entering has considerably since then be a toss-up.

"S" Club to Meet

On Saturday, February 27, the "S" Club, under the sponsorship of Coaches Chance, Walters and Stevens, will hold its first meeting of the year. In former years the varsity letter club has met during club periods and has tended to be more a recreation group. Since a more constructive organization was desired, the entire setup has been changed. One of the main functions of this group will be to meet prospective athletes and show them the school.

Coronation and Parents' Night To Be Featured at Trojan Game

This Friday the State High Cubs battle the Plainwell Trojans in a very important Wolverine League contest. In an earlier encounter this season, the Cubs were nipped by the Trojans, 53-50 has improved considerably since then a toss-up.

At the Plainwell Game, the Annual Parents Night celebration will be held. The basketball King and Queen will also be crowned at half-time.

The Pep Committee has announced that letters have been sent to all State High parents urging them to attend this game for an enjoyable evening. The gym will be decorated and have a special student cheering section to show the parents how much pep State High has.

The basketball team has chosen four candidates for queen, who will soon be selected by the student body. The basketball captain, John Warfield this year, is automatically King. The State High Cubs, after sporting just a so-so record thus far this season, roar a warning to their opponents in the coming Class B regional basketball tournaments which begin March 3, at Vicksburg. Coach Chance's aggregation occupy fifth place in the Wolverine Conference and it doesn't seem too likely that they can finish any higher that third.

All depends on the results of their remaining pair of conference clashes with Plainwell and Allegan, both of which have downed the Cubs previously. On a good night the Cubs are capable of battling any team in the league on even terms, but poor shooting percentages have hampered State High in their last few outings.

Bulldogs Batter Cub Title Hopes

Those who witnessed last Friday's basketball contest between Otsego and State High knew they had watched a stellar and colorful struggle between the two good teams. Although the Bulldogs finally conquered, 72-62, the final outcome was very much in doubt up to the final two minutes. A quintet composed of Miles, Britigan, Neal, Wise, and Godfrey were very impressive for the Cubs as they hacked away steadily at Otsego's lead. Bob Britigan, who improves with each past game, threw in 16 points and Al Wise added 10. Brooks Godfrey, a substitute who contributes a few points to every Cub game, threw in the important last period buckets and Don Neal flipped in a couple himself.

A lucky 13 it was for the State High reserves, who humbled Otsego's reserves 67-45, and thus added another to their string of 12 past victories. Pete Parker singed the nets with 30 points.
Have you ever noticed that expressions may be identified with people? You see a teacher and immediately an expression he always uses comes to mind.

For example, the other morning when I was walking to school and Mr. Weber drove by, I couldn't help but think of "Chalk and Talk." A couple of blocks down I ran into Julie Davis, Cathy Myer, and Martha Braden and I thought of the words "Really?" "How marvelous!" "What's this?" and "No kidding?" simultaneously.

Bob Mindeman cruised by and I could just hear him saying "Sam!" That's what he always says - just "Sam." "Walking up the hill, I nearly bumped into Mr. Engels and immediately heard his little gem, "All right, Kiddies."

I remembered I had to stop in the office a minute and as I headed for the desk, I heard Mrs. Jarman vehemently exclaim, "Oh, no." Fritz LaCrose was there, too, and was look at the calendar mumbling, "How 'bout that!"

Worse than Jerse

One day in 11:00 Government, the refuge for such characters as Mindeman and Hawkins, Mr. Jerse was teaching in his usual fascinating manner when there came a booming so loud that the whole class was awakened.

Two men in red suits, with horns, three-pronged forks, and spiked tails paraded into the room looking like the devil or rather, like devils.

Here it is interesting to note Jerse was first to defend himself, but it seems they weren't after him — this time.

They ushered us into one of those little cars for a ride thru Hell to see the "Division of Cheaters." It was not unlike the Hatio Inferno type cartoons found in the Sunday paper.

First we passed a large room where tests were being given. It was uncanpy the way the limits of each student's eyes were known for they kept the answers in plain sight, but just far enough away so they weren't readable.

Next we passed various devices like the eye-ball stretcher and stacks of fountain pens loaded with disappearing ink for writing crib notes. Close to these were the cages to hold those who went crazy wondering where their notes went.

We rode by one fellow who was forced to read 10,000 pages of crib notes and another who was washing piles of shirts with cuff-notes on the sleeves.

The highlight of the trip was a visit to the Confession Room. The walls there are papered with ponies of the past and then the student teachers of days gone by field in (who knows how they got down there) and after the confession, the pupil watches his marks lowered by each teacher in turn.

It sure was a relief to have that trip over and yours truly is plenty glad he won't be going there again.

Answer Me, My Love!

DEAR JOHN,

I BELIEVE I ALWAYS knew YOU, YOU, YOU would RICOCHET MY PAPA knows ALL THE THINGS YOU ARE BECAUSE he saw YOU ALONE DOWN BY THE RIVER SIDE with LAURA. CAN ANYONE EXPLAIN? IT HAPPENED ONCE BEFORE; there were WHISPERs IN THE D. A.R. NEVERtheless WHEN LOVE WALKED IN I thought we could walk SIDE by SIDE down the aisle of the MISSION of ST. AUGUSTINE to the tune of the WEDDING MARCH. SINCE YOUVE GONE Ive been singing THE BLUES IN THE NIGHT. TILL WALK ALONE UNTIL YOU RETURN TO PARADISE. ALL MY LOVE LOUISE

P.S. I LOVE YOU

Girls are like newspapers. They have form, they always have the last word, back numbers are not in demand, they have influence, you can't believe anything they say, they're thinner than they used to be, they get along by juggling, and every man should have his own and try not to borrow his neighbor's.

Akron Buchtelite

Advancing toward my locker, I overheard Jon Sebaly say, "Times are tough all around," and Charlie Straub answered him with "Yep, that's the way the ball bounces." When I finally reached the locker, Ann Carleton was standing there sighing, "Bob!" Just then Bill Patmons walked by and I was reminded of his pet peeee, "Women."

As I lightly tripped to class, I passed Diane Plum's locker which was surrounded with men, as usual, and I expected to hear her pop up with "Oh, you guys" any minute, but my train of thought was interrupted by Dinny Lintvedt sarcastically observing, "Big Deal!"

A couple of my classes will probably bring forth familiar expressions too, like Mrs. Monroe always says, "Aquí se habla Espanol!" and Mr. Leonardelli is usually heard observing, "Good suspended thinking."

Now to set down in English class and listen to Charles Maloney's views as he begins on the major questions of the universe with, "Well, I think . . . ."

The criminal always returns to the scene of the crime . . . Well here I am back again for more loot! Chilly Thompson was quite a few couples from State High. Jim Elsman got snagged by Barb Stuart and no doubt had a good time. Ellie Clark squired Joe Gillis, and Barb Born escorted Senior guy Bob Britigan. Dinny Lintvedt and Ellen Davis hitched on to Al Wise and Bob Miles, respectively. Graff wanted his name mentioned, too . . . he went with Nancy Noble.

Seems that Jon Sebaly once stated he was thru with soph gals . . . How come he seems so well attached to Mary Jane LaPlante ? ? ?

Joanne Survilla and her Central man got stuck in a ditch awhile back. Wonder how they made out ? ? ? What was the deal on about four certain girls dedicating a record to the boys that were in Chicago?

Dave Britigan is quite the popular boy. He got chatty with a few girls the nite of the Highlights dance.

Mary Joy Sawyer keeps sending air mail letters to Connecticut. Some day she'll run out of money . . . Tragic thought!

It must be Pat Borgman is really gone over Bruce. Now she's writing limericks in English Class about him. Adrian Vanderlinde is quite the romancer (?) when he’s rehearsing the love scenes for the operetta.

Youth Fellowships have their social angles, too, it seems. Witness Garry Birch and his "Miss X." Those soph boys really step out away from school. Pete Pullon seems to get around, too, Is Jim Rock in this gang also ? ? ?

I guess Connie Kuizenga and Dallas Weybright are hitting it off real well these days. More power to ya!

During noontime dances, Carol Hartman and Jim Causey really jump and jive around. When did they get together to practice ? ? ?

Joan Harback got pushed out of a car a little while ago. Better have an explanation about that one, Joan!

Quotation of the week: Definition of a flirt— "A woman who thinks it’s every man for herself." Anybody you know ? ? ?

English Faculty Honors Senior Girls

On Friday, February 12, the English faculty gave a tea for the senior girls and their mothers. The get-together took place in the library at 3:30 with Gloria Weiss acting as general chairman.

Book reviews on the literature the senior class has been studying were given by the following students: Bobby Hanson, Barbara Woods and Robert Woods by Guibranessin; Penny Farr, Tyrano de Bergerac, by Rostand; and Stevie Malone, Queen Victoria, by Strachey.