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'Aquastry in Rhythm' Spotlited in Pool



Getting in form for the performance of "Aquastry in Rhythm" are Helen Alman, Pat Baker, Danee Taylor, Charlene Schultz on the edge of the pool and Miriam Leimer, Gail Hubbell and Carol Schutz in the water.

Open at 8 Tonight

The Fin-ettes, synchronized swimming club, have announced that tonight is the opening of their annual water show at 8:00. The theme is titled, "Aquastry in Rhythm," and additional performances are scheduled for Thursday and Friday nights.

Titles of the numbers have been selected from numerous songs and include the following: "Ritual Fire Dance," "Moon of Manakoor," "Tropicana," "Can Can," "A Good Man is Hard to Find," "Undercurrent," "Night Train," "Ebb Tide," "Slaughter on Tenth Avenue," and "Artistry in Tango." The program will be concluded by "Oh Mein Papa" as a finale.

As a special feature, Joe Gillis and Dick Tyler will present the number, "Shanty Town."

In addition to officers Ellie Clark, Stevie Malone, Linnea Taylor, and Diane Pullan, members of the Fin-ettes participating are: Helen Alman, Pat Baker, Pat Borgman, Julie DenBleyker, Ann Doyle, Nancy Hotneier, Gail Hubbell, Carol Kaercher, Miriam Leimer, Carol Schutz, Charlene Schultz, and Danee Taylor.

Aviation Students

Bound for Chicago

On April 12 the Aeronautics class will take their annual field trip. This year's destination will be Chicago, and the itinerary will include tours through the facilities of American Airlines and United Airlines. Inclusive in this will be stops at the ticket office, reservation department, the weather station, and central tower. The flight will originate in Battle Creek on American Airlines.

The cost of the trip is \$21.97 per person. The members of the class have earned all the money themselves by selling items ranging from donuts to sweatshirts.

Upon completion of the trip, the class will be required to write an essay or do a project on the flight, along with filing flight plans, map reading, and working navigation problems. The essay judged the best will be rewarded with one hour dual flight instruction as first prize. Second, third, and fourth place winners will be given a flight around Kalamazoo and the adjoining area.

Participating in this field trip under the direction of Mr. Walters are: Dave Swoap, Bob Herman, Pat Squires, Joan Newton, Joan Sisk, Ben Allgor, Ray LeZotte, Charles Straub, Bob Buszta, Jack Burke, Jack Holley, Dan Flower, Ray Harbour, Jerry Olvitt, and Guy Hess.

'A' Students Lauded

The following persons have achieved places on the honor roll for the third grading period of the present school year: ALPHA: Polly Allen, Margaret Borton, Darlene Chapin, Thomas Elias, Brooks Godfrey, Dean Griffith, Jean Hoag, Phyllis Kievit, Cathy Myers, Alice Osterberg, Mike Palmer, Diane Pullan, Mary Smith, Alfred Snow, David Swoap, Ronald Tanis, Victoria Wenner, and Karen Wilkins.

BETA: Mary Lou Allen, Bruce Berg, Marilyn Brink, David Britigan, Julie Davis, Penny Farr, Lois Fuller, Clarke Godfrey, Richard Howson, Thomas Howson, Donald Kilgore, Connie Kuizenga, Larry Littig, Stephanie Malone, Connie Monroe, Merton Norman, Peter Platt, Richard Schreiber, James Scott, John Simcox, Mary Lou Spitters, Joan Stimson, Carol Sutton, Robert Van Peenan, Don Ward, Nancy Watterworth, and Alfred Wise.

GAMMA: Susan Ashley, Janyce Babcock, Robert Beisel, James Betke, Donald Biscaglia, Barbara Born, Carolyn Buder, Julie denBleyker, James Elsmann, Zoe Gideon, Sharon Gildea, Roberta Gleason, Tom Harding, Gail Hubbell, Sherla Jennings, Mary Louise Kaercher, Carolyn Kaercher, Joan Kohrman, Fritz LaCrone, Miriam Leimer, Patricia Lynch, Barbara McBride, Jean Morris, James Otis, David Platt, Mary Roberts, David Schroeder,

Final PTSO Slated

The last P.T.S.O. meeting of the year is scheduled for April 12, in the Women's Gym, at 7:30 P.M.

On the program is an evaluation of current critical magazine articles. Also, facts and figures will be given about State High graduates.

COMING EVENTS

- April 7, 8, 9 — Fin-ettes Water Show, "Aquastry in Rhythm" 8:00, Western's pool.
- April 10—All-school dance, 8:30-11:30, Women's Gym.
- April 12—P. T. S. O. Meeting, 7:30 P.M. Aeronautics class flight to Chicago
- April 16—Easter assembly, 8:00 A.M., Kanley Chapel. Washington - New York Travel Group leaves.
- April 16-26 — Spring Vacation, starting 12:00 noon, on Good Friday, and ending on April 26 at 8:00 A.M.

Joseph Scott, Joel Shepherd, Frank Simonds, Kenneth Squires, Richard Tyler, Vernon Wade, and Nancy Woodworth.

Tidbits

by Fritz

These soph boys, LARRY LITTIG and JOEL SHEPHERD for example, sure have influence with some of the faculty. Don't push your luck too far, boys, or you'll pinch that straw!

NOTE! Due to increased interest, State High will sponsor a drag-racing team as part of its spring sports program. Mrs. Jarman and Miss Lowrie are fighting for the sponsorship of the group.

Mrs. Monroe is teaching a class in boxing and jiu-jitsu. Get a load of those WELTS AND BRUISES on her students.

Lately, Mrs. Rowe and her classes COOKED UP an open house for area high school girls so that they could see the newly-remodeled home ec room.

SEEING AMERICA FIRST—Mr. Deur is famous for his vagabond shoes, but we ain't seen nothin' yet. Next year it may be a trip to Europe (and that's the gospel).

GARY BIRCH tumbled himself into two first and two third place prizes at a Y.M.C.A. meet at Ann Arbor recently.

SALUTE TO . . . Julie Davis and her citizenship committee for a cool cooooooool carnival . . . and to Janet and Red, this year's carnival sweethearts.

EVERYBODY is out for tennis, track, golf, or baseball. Whatever happened to our marbles team? FINE OLD SPRING SPORT!

DEDICATED TO YOU:
I serve a purpose in this school
On which no man can frown.
I gently enter into class
And keep the average down.

THERE WASN'T A DRY EYE in the place when the hero held her in the final clinch. It all happened in Miss Ebert's English class during the showing of "PRIDE AND PREJUDICE."

PHEW! Tom Elias and Don Moss are smelling pretty these days as they are using the perfume they won at the carnival.

DID YOU HEAR about the red marks on Mr. Taylor's handkerchief? Looks pretty suspicious — especially when he states, "Remind me to throw this handkerchief away before I go home to my wife." Oh, you are the sly one, Mr. T.

One Fateful Day

A breeze arose that tousled Mary's hair and brought a chill to the others standing there on the hillside. It grew in force, and a few of the crowd pulled their robes tighter and headed back toward the city.

To the west black clouds piled high and rolled ominously forward. Leaves fled before the wind, and the stinging sands became worse until even Mary was obliged to leave. Birds were driven close to the earth and dust spiraled upward here and there as the winds increased. The somber mass drew close at hand, bringing with it the gloom of night though it was only noon. Soon it blotted out the sun, and darkness was everywhere. The Master's loin cloth cracked like a sail in a hurricane, and the crown of thorns fell from his head to rest in man's path forever.

The gale continued until the trees and grass and all the world bent low before God. The rocks were split asunder and the ground shook with the convulsions of the earth, sickened by the hour. The wind raged, the lightning flashed, and God's deep bass voice was heard in the thunder.

Then the rains came, washing away the Master's blood before he returned to His Father.

—Al Gemrich

Rhythm at Random

The Blue and Gold Revue committees have their plans underway. The chairmen and committee members are as follows: General Chairman, Charles Straub, assisted by Polly Allen, Julie Davis, and Don Kilgore; publicity, Jean Morris with Tim Light, Bob Beisel, Gail Hubbell, and Janyce Babcock; staging: Bill Patmos with Sherla Jennings, Howard Jennings, Ron Drummond, and Gerald Long-John; hospitality; Alice Osterberg and Mary Lou Spitters; and tickets, Diane Sabo.

This year the choir will again sing at the Easter sunrise assembly in Kanley Chapel. This event will take place on April 16, Good Friday, at 8:00 a.m.

On April 20, the choir will sing in the annual Spring Festival in Western's Men's Gym. There they will blend their voices with those of 1200 other district high school choir students under the direction of Harry Wilson.

On Friday, March 26, our Junior High band played in a massed band concert with Christian, Oakwood, and Milwood, under the direction of Fred Weber. Nice going, kids!

State High's next dance will be on April 10 from 8:30 to 11:30 in the Women's Gym. Sponsored by the band, the dance will feature the music of Glenn Miller and other band leaders. The music will be furnished by the DUKE and his fourteen piece orchestra. School clothes are in order, and movies, ping pong, and T.V. will also be featured. Guest slips should be obtained at the office for outside school students. The intermission will spotlight Dave VanDeWalker and his pantomimes.

Spring into Fashion

"In the spring a young man's fancy"—of course, he is if he's wearing Bermuda shorts. Rumor has it they will be even more popular this summer than last. Also for casual wear the boys have rated seersucker and denim high on the list. Saddle shoes for both boys and girls are still THE thing!

The real shockers of the year, though, are those light pastel sweaters (pink, blue and yellow) worn over shirts with button down collars.

For the girls, the sheath dress is high on the popularity list for this season. Its simplicity is appealing to all women. Suits are always favorites. This year women have chosen the simple, tailored lines for these. Another style popular, especially with the younger women, is the princess dress.

Polkadots are the leaders in prints this spring. Navy and white are popular as ever. Linen, silk, and shantung are leading the parade in materials.

The small pillbox is the hat of the season. The printed hat and gloves to match are also a chic combination for your spring suit or dress.

From all advance reports, though we may be prejudiced, State High will be leading the Easter Parade

And Away We Go!

April 16 marks the day that 30 State High students leave Kalamazoo by train for Washington and New York for an eight-day visit during spring vacation. This trip, the first of its kind in which State High has participated, has been planned by Mr. Paul Kinsel, of the National Education Association, and Mr. Ray Deur. Both Mr. and Mrs. Deur will accompany the group as chaperones. This trip is the first of educational tours proposed by Dr. Bryan.

Cinders Sizzle When Scarlet Scampers

As We See It . . .

Sophomore Bob Miles is State High's contribution to the 1954 *Gazette* All-City Basketball Team. You have a great future ahead, Bob, keep it up. Two other fellows, Bob Britigan and Matt Peelen, received honorable mention for their work this year . . . The eighth grade has taken the city league title again this season. Their addition to the trophy case is more than welcome. Some of the boys who carried the load for Carl Engels' club were Cullen Henshaw, Phil Tobias, Bill Yates, Ed Gemrich (another "star" in the family. We thought someone would get a kick out of that!), and Carl Kiino . . . The game to end all games and the fitting climax to the season was the Faculty-Senior tangle at the carnival. Rapid, rugged Roy Walters was high (in the scoring column, that is) . . . State High has lost a good friend when WKMI sportscaster Joe Wright resigned his position. He did much to bring State High athletics before the public eye . . . Once again we are urging all freshmen boys to report for tennis practice. Remember, it never hurts to try.

TENNIS

Tuesday, April 27, Dowagiac—Here
 Wednesday, April 28, Holland — Here
 Friday, April 30, Otsego—There
 Tuesday, May 4, Vicksburg—Here
 Wednesday, May 5, K. Central — Here
 Friday, May 7, Portage—Here
 Tuesday, May 11, South Haven — There
 Wednesday, May 12, H. Christian — There
 Friday, May 14, Allegan—There
 Tuesday, May 18, Plainwell—Here
 Friday, May 21, Regionals
 Saturday, May 22—Regionals
 Friday, May 28, Holland—There
 Tuesday, June 1, St. Joseph—Here
 Friday, June 4—Finals

TRACK

Friday, April 9, Dowagiac—Here
 Wednesday, April 14, Otsego—Here
 Thursday, April 22, Bangor and Plainwell—Here
 Saturday, April 24, Hastings Relays—There
 Monday, April 26—Vicksburg and South Haven—Here
 Friday, April 30, St. Joseph—There
 Wednesday, May 5, Portage and St. A.—Here
 Saturday, May 8, Conference Meet
 Wednesday, May 12, H. Christian — There
 Saturday, May 15—Regionals
 Saturday, May 22—Finals

Meet Diamond Captains

Let's meet Bob "Bud" Britigan, co-captain of State High's baseball team this year. Bob is a senior and stands a little over six feet, while "tipping the scales" at a solid 175 lbs.

He has collected three varsity letters in basketball, two in football, and two in baseball.

Next year Bob plans to attend De Pauw University and pursue coaching as a vocation. Government ranks as his favorite subject in school. He especially likes to eat a "good steak" with mushrooms. As to his favorite record, Bob stated that he liked "anything by the Hilltoppers" and Glen Miller's *String of Pearls*.

Concerning this year's baseball team, the friendly first sacker said, "The success of our season will depend on how well the second base and shortstop positions are filled. Games are won and lost through the middle of the diamond. We probably won't be as fast on the bases as we were last season, but our fielding and hitting are likely to improve."

The other half of the baseball captaincy is Gordon Berkhausen. "Berky," as he is called by his friends, resides in the fair city of Parchment, where he has lived for all of his 18 years.

Gordon hasn't made up his mind on what he will pursue as a vocation, but thinks he will join the Air Corps after graduation. "Berky" has a great deal of natural talent when it comes to music. He recently had a major part in the operetta and can strum out any tune on the "uke."

The stocky 5'8" senior had this to say about the baseball team.

"I think we will be as good or even better than last year's team, which won the conference crown. Of course, everything depends upon how the newcomers come through."

"S" Club Assembles

The second in a series of "S" Club meetings designed to acquaint some of next year's incoming athletes with the present members of State High, is set for this Friday evening. Twenty-six boys from Milwood, Oakwood, and Parchment have been invited to attend the opening track meet of the year with Dowagiac.

After the meet many of the present athletes will take the newcomers into their homes for dinner. At night the boys will all return to the Men's Gym for various recreational activities. Ping pong, volley ball, handball, and Chinese soccer will be among the "mixer" games that the boys will participate in.

In Waldo stadium at 3:00 this Friday, the State High track team will sport the red and silver colors for the first time. Captain Jim VanTassel will lead the Cub tracksters against the Dowagiac Chieftains in quest of the initial win of the Cub's spring sports season.

Coach Walters' boys should be especially stong in field events, dashes and relays. However, the distance runs and hurdles are somewhat of a question mark. Larry Miller and Jack Copeland, both milers, are the only lettermen competing in the long runs.

Captain VanTassel, John Warfield, Dave VanDeWalker, Al Gemrich, Jerry Olvitt, and Jim Hawkins are the veterans who head the entrants in the field events. Al Shand may run the hurdles while Chuck Warfield, Bob Miles, and Al Wise will do some sprinting.

Early season track meets are extremely unpredictable, due to the weather and lack of practice. However, State High will probably be a slight favorite to nip the Chieftains in a close battle.

The track team will run again Wednesday against Otsego, also at home.

Next week Tuesday the baseball team will open its 1954 season against last year's mythical state champions, Battle Creek Lakeview, in a home game.

BASEBALL

Tuesday, April 13, Battle Creek Lakeview—Here
 Friday, April 16, Otsego—Here
 Tuesday, April 20, Portage—There
 Friday, April 23, South Haven — Here
 Tuesday, April 27, Plainwell — There
 Friday, April 30, Otsego—There
 Tuesday, May 4, Allegan—Here
 Thursday, May 6, Vicksburg—There
 Tuesday, May 11, South Haven — There
 Friday, May 14, Allegan—There
 Tuesday, May 18, Plainwell—Here
 Friday, May 28, Vicksburg—Here
 Monday, May 31, Sturgis—There
 Friday, June 4, Holland—Here

GOLF

Monday, April 19, Portage—Here
 Friday, April 23, Holland—There
 Monday, April 26, Otsego—There
 Tuesday, April 27, Dowagiac—Here
 Friday, April 30, Three Rivers—Here
 Monday, May 3, Three Rivers—There
 Thursday, May 6, Portage—There
 Tuesday, May 11, Dowagiac—There
 Saturday, May 15, Regionals
 Monday, May 17, Otsego—Here
 Thursday, May 20, Holland—Here
 Saturday, May 22—Finals

Clear the Roads

According to nationally-known statistics, one of the professions that has the highest turnover is the teaching profession. And strangely enough, there is one branch of teaching that stands out in turnover. This is the driver training department. Even the steadiest of nerves are likely to falter under the duress of sitting in the "Suicide Seat" next to an unsteady member of the driver training class as he or she weaves over the street.

And Mr. Koenig, State High's driver training teacher, is no exception. He and his assistants have experienced innumerable "close shaves" while attempting to instruct their students in the art of maneuvering the car. Take his experience while the car was under the control of Janet Jarman. A tree, a telephone pole, and another car almost came into contact with our famous Chevrolet. After his hair turned two shades grayer, the instructor managed to

bring the care to a safe stop.

Other drivers, too, have known the terror of the cream-colored monster while it was being driven by State's student drivers. Nancy Wagner made an experienced driver refuse to get behind the wheel for the rest of his life. When rounding a corner, she just "didn't see him."

Phil Sturman, Ted Garneau, and Gary Berkhausen have also added to the almost imperceptible (but it's there!) shaking of Mr. Koenig's hand. Phil headed straight for a manure spreader used by the State Hospital while the latter two novices either headed for a ditch or barely missed concrete guard rails.

Mr. Koenig has been known to yell down the street before a driving session, "Mothers, get your children off the street!"

Memo to Congress: Recommendations for bravery for all of the driver training teachers in the nation.

"Romans" at State High

With a record-breaking attendance of 500 students, the annual "Roman Holiday" was held on Saturday, April 3, at State High.

Students, who represented 20 high schools from southwestern Michigan, enthusiastically participated in the day's program, which included an illustrated talk on Italy and Rome, games, group singing, Roman skits and lunch.

Speakers Compete

The forensics aggregation from State High journeyed to Plainwell yesterday to compete in the District Forensics Contest. Students who made the trip were Mary Joy Sawyer, Mary Lou Spitters, Nancy Watterworth, Mike Squires, Pete Platt, Tim Light, Dave Britigan, Nancy Wagner and Charles Maloney.

Black Hills Beckon

Have you ever wanted to find Wild Bill Hickock's treasure or eat from a chuck wagon? The students taking the Travel Club trip will have this opportunity. Where are they going? To the Bad Lands, where they might find the treasure. In the Black Hills, they will see the famous Passion Play, have a chair-lift ride up a mountain, enjoy a rodeo with real cowboys and eat from a chuckwagon. From South Dakota, the camping group will go to North Dakota, where they hope to see Devils Tower, iron mines, and the mouth of the Mississippi. All along the way, the group hope to do some fossil hunting.

What is the cost of this wonderful trip? Only \$60.

How long will it last? About 12 days, beginning August 17.

So if you want to go west, young man or lady, see Mr. Deur.

Marquee Madness

Most people read the movie section of their paper rather rapidly, but if you ever read it slowly you'll find more meaning in it than you ever thought possible. Just for fun go through the various papers every Sunday and see what the different double-feature movies are. You are very apt to find ones similar to these.

In the local paper: "From Here To Eternity" with "The Bad and the Beautiful," "She's Back on Broadway" with "The Redhead from Wyoming," "Here Come the Girls" with "Prince Valiant," and "Face to Face" with "Forbidden Games."

In a Chicago paper: "The Affairs of Dobie Gillis" with "My Cousin Rachel," "A Second Chance" with "Three Girls from Rome," "Never Wave at a Wac" "East of Sumatra," and "Come Back Little Sheba" and "Never Let Me Go."

From a Detroit paper: "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes" and "Girls in the Night," "The Latin Lovers" "Return to Paradise," "I Confess" that "It Happens Every Thursday," and "Off Limits" with "Lili."

According to a New York paper: "Flight to Tangier" "Without Reservations," "Kiss Me Kate" and "Let's Do It Again," "Take The High Ground" or "The Sea Around Us," "Colonel Blimp" is "So Big," and "Leave Her To Heaven" and go "Back to God's Country."

Tonight, when you get your paper, read the movie section more carefully—those titles can tell interesting stories in themselves!

A MATTER OF TIMING

Morning is a wondrous part

Of day; there is none greater.

I do wish, though, that it would start
Just a bit later.

EDGEin' Around

"In spring a young man's fancy turns to romance." At last that magic season is here and Cupid's arrows are flying.

Attention, all: Senior guy Jack Copeland is going steady with some gal at Portage. Way to go!

Friday movies are quite an attraction. Al Glendenning and Barb Born have been seen climbing the stairs to the balcony, while Liliane Malone and Jim Boylan are trying to peer thru the darkness to find seats. Not too far behind them are Joe Gillis and Judy Bree. Ah, those balcony scenes . . .

Since Ann Carleton and Bob Mabie have split up, she's been getting attention from Chuck Ocvirek, Jim Burger, Bob Harback and Jiggs Harbour. Bob M. is scarrying the torch for Joanne Survilla.

Guess Jim Dyer finally went back to the old flame at Central. Thought that had flickered out ? ? ?

Congratulations to Natalie Borgman: She's one more lucky gal to have her diamond. I've said that so many times lately . . . it's getting to be the fa .

Miriam Leimer has been getting experience in cheerleading (?) from the male cheerleader of Western. Those dates are no doubt very interesting.

Connie Kuizenga and Jon Sebaly were seen wandering around at the carnival. New romance, maybe ? ?

"Changing Partners." Harriet Howe has switched from John to Bob Gibson. Strange things are happening.

Hear tell that Chuck Sweet has been running the mile. Better to catch the girls with . . . hey, Chuck?

Attention, girls: Dick Wilsey is now unattached. His ex-Libby Davis—has gone back to the ranks of the sophomores. Gallant George Peelen and Bob Beisel have come to her rescue.

What's the deal with the Oakwood boys? Namely M.B. and D.T. Better explain . . .

Guy Hess has been seen around with the Oakwood girls on Sunday. What's the matter with the girls here at home ? ? ?

Pat Lynch has got her eye on one of Central's guys. She seems to get 'em all . . .

Andy Walton has lost his ring to another girl. He's stated that he's "partially going steady." How's that again ? ? ?

Who's been throwing the rowdy (dark) parties at 1836 Waite? The electricity isn't too good there . . .

Dig those crazy pink sweaters that Jim Rock and Bob Beisel are sporting! Real cool!

Quotation of the week: "Girls still remember the first kiss after the guys have forgotten the last" . . . Sooo true!