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State Highlights

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Traditional Tri-City Band Concert Here



The State High band and director as they appeared at the Blue and Gold Revue

Extra Activities to be Discussed by Panel

State High's next assembly will be a town meeting on March 8, 1955, at nine o'clock in the Little Theater. The topic of this year's town meeting, under the direction of Lois Fuller, will be "Participation in Extra-curricular Activities."

A panel consisting of Mrs. Monroe, George Peelen, Nancy Woodworth, Red Gemrich, Dave Swoap, and Dr. Hightower, with Pete Platt as moderator, will discuss all the various aspects of this pressing problem. Discussion will be open to the floor with students and teachers asking their own particular questions.

American Legion Offers Scholarships and Awards

The American Legion is currently sponsoring two projects for high school students. One is a state-wide, nationwide oratorical contest, with state prizes of \$300, \$200, and \$100 scholarships and national awards of \$4,000, \$2,500, and \$400 scholarships.

The second scholarship project offers 20 of these, worth \$200 each, to boys who are residents of Michigan and whose fathers are veterans of World War I or II.

Interested students may contact Mr. Jerse for further details.

The spotlight this week-end will be on the Tri-City Band Concert that will be held Saturday at 8:00 P.M. in the Women's Gym.

The combined concerts are held yearly in each town, this being the fifth year of the series. The tri-city arrangement includes Paw Paw's band, directed by Mr. Robert McEmber, Allegan's, directed by Mr. Donald Scheid, and Kalamazoo State High's, Dr. Elmer Beloof.

Guest conductor this time will be Mr. Adam P. Lesinski of the Whiting, Indiana, public schools. Mr. Lesinski is the former National President of the Instrumental Music Section of the Music Educators National Conference. Mr. Lesinski has taught in Whiting schools for over twenty years. He is known for excellent musical organizations, balanced by a good educational philosophy.

The program is as follows: PAW PAW: "Glory of the Gridiron," a brilliant march by Alford; "Caribbean," a tone poem in sonata form by Reid Poole; "Prairie Lament," based on the song, "Bury Me Not On the Lone Prairie," by Harold Walters. ALLEGAN: "U.S. Field Artillery March," by Sousa; "My Regards," cornet solo by Lewellyn, with soloist, Taylor Snow; "Marianna-Wing Ding," a combined number written by Lou Singer. STATE HIGH: First Swedish Rhapsody," Leidzen; "Badinage for Basses," based on Latin American rhythms, featuring the brass section and written by Walters.

The combined bands will then finish the program by playing these four numbers: "Sequoia," a tone poem by LaGrassey, who is the Director of Instrumental Music in Detroit Public Schools; "Funiculi Funicula," an Italian folk tune in a fast arrangement by Lang; "Italian in Algiers," by Rossini and arranged by Cailliet; and "To Look Sharp," the Gillette theme song.

COMING EVENTS

February 25—Friday. Basketball with Allegan, here. Pep Assembly.

February 26—Saturday. Basketball with Buchanan, there. Tri-City Band Concert, 8:00 P.M. Women's Gym.

March 2—Wednesday, Administrative Assembly, 12:30-1:00, Little Theater.

March 8—Tuesday. Assembly, 9:00, Little Theater. Town Meeting.

Fort Custer Scene of Dance

The service committee is in charge of the decorations for a dance to be held at Fort Custer tomorrow night, with the stirring theme of "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea" to be featured.

Sugar 'n Spice

by Larry 'n Bryce

The business world of State High has had a few additions: six new(!) typewriters and Hunter practice sets (for mixed up filing systems) to assist in a practical application of the theory of double entry bookkeeping. We don't know what that is, but it sounds useful in "juggling."

In view of the fact that we need all of the readers we can get, we won't reveal the identity of the culprit, but somebody left an unusual little message on Mr. Chance's desk: "Even a fish won't get into trouble if he keeps his mouth shut." Really now!

Things are still happening in that French I class. The other day Mrs. Monroe was going around the class asking everyone how old he was (in French, we assume). Things went nicely until she came to one junior. "Quel age avez-vous?"

"J'ai six ans." (I am 6 years old!) My, big for your age, aren't you?

It is about time that we congratulated Howard Jennings for doing a wonderful job in keeping the bulletin board in the study hall up to date. Way to go, Howie.

The same is due the 8:00 advanced Home Ec. class for their enhancing the beauty of the kitchen with new curtains.

When our beaming classmates in Mrs. Rogers' 12:30 senior English class were discussing a booth for the approaching carnival, Don DeVries made a dandy when he suggested a telephone booth. Very nice, Don. Free calls allowed?

Say, now the Born class has been infiltrating our glorious faculty. Since Mrs. Shinn has left to join her hubby in Florida, Barb's sister has been taking over the "hardwood." Gym would be a better word.

Does anybody have a spare anti-gravity machine? It seems that Sandra Rex is a bit tired of sitting down and she thinks it would be nice if she could do her homework in mid-air. Keep the windows closed, boys, a big draft could be disastrous!

An interesting hobby of fashion designing has paid off for Vicki Wenner, who recently won a valuable Swiss watch. Vicki's entries in a contest sponsored by Leo's took first prize there and are now entered in national competition. Winner of the final contest will receive a trip to Paris.

On the Death of a Musician

Composer, who has filled the air
With haunting strains of a love's despair,
Whose art is filled with rapture sweet
That stirs men's souls where'er they meet
thy work;

Whose moving lines have fed all men
With tones of heaven coming when
They raise in great symphonic din
Combating the evil from whose sin
we shirk,

My praise to you.

You who flood my brain with sound
Of golden tones so pure and round
That they shame the sun and cause the moon
To wane and move as if in a swoon
And faintly glide o'er moor and sea

Hypnotized by a melody—

What is it of Nature that despises a genius so?

—Bryce Forester

From Scottish Kilts to the Swiss Alps— They'll See Them All

Plans are now fast taking shape for State High's first European trip, which will take place this summer. A group of about twenty-five students, chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. Ray Deur, will leave by chartered plane from New York City the first part of August.

Here is the proposed itinerary for the trip covering about twenty days in Europe:

On the first day, the group will be met in Prestwick, Scotland, by the Scandinavian student guide and escorted to Glasgow. An hour's train ride will take the group to Edinburgh, capital of Scotland and rich with the history of the Stuart kings and neighboring clans. A night train will then take them to London, where their sightseeing will include Westminster Abbey Tower of London, Madame Tussaud's Waxworks, Parliament buildings, 10 Downing Street, the Mall, and the British Museum.

An SSTs charter flight will take them to Paris where they will thrill at the sight of the Eiffel Tower, the Place de la Concorde, the Arch de Triomphe, and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. In Geneva, Switzerland, they will see the Peace Palace and many other sights. Then the group will travel to Lucerne, Heidelberg, Germany, where the "Student Prince" University is located, Mainz and Bingen, Germany, Brussels, Amsterdam, and Rotterdam, where they will embark on a Holland-America Line student ship heading for New York.

The cost of the trip is \$630 from

and to New York. This includes tips, plane tickets, train tickets, board and lodging, guide service all through Europe, sightseeing and excursions, entrance fees, all-inclusive insurance, and boat tickets.

Students who have signed up for the trip and who will meet as a club this semester are:

D. Davidson, C. Godfrey, D. Schroeder, D. Herman, E. Brown, T. Howson, J. Fleckenstein, B. Johnson, T. Scott, W. Boudeman, J. Owen, S. VanValkenburg, M. L. Allen, K. Wilkins, Dianne Sabo, J. Rock, and B. Fender.

On The Podium

by John Schensul

The Choir will be guests of the Junior Symphony on Sunday, February 27. They will sing "The Gettysburg Address" by Weinberger. This is the first time the Choir has had the honor of appearing with any symphony.

In the recent Southwestern Michigan High School Band and Orchestra Association Contest, the following people placed: High School: first: Mike Palmer, oboe, Frank Ell, clarinet, Jim Neal, cornet; Mike Palmer and Frank Ell, woodwind duet; third: Kelvin Enz, cornet; Junior High: flute trio—Susie VanRiper, Barbara Smith and George Brown—came in first while Bob Tracy, cornet, was second.

Cubs Prey on Tigers for Conference Title

The Extra Point

by Ted Garneau

In the last five years there has been a rise in the athletic fortunes on the hilltop. There are probably many reasons for this but I believe the biggest of them is the work started in junior high school.

This year 7th and 8th grade teams have been setting no new records, but they have been getting much needed experience. Records for the two teams, with one half of the season through, are: The 8th grade: 2 wins and 3 losses while the 7th grade team has the record of 5 losses and are yet trying to crash the win column.

The boys who compose the 8th grade team are: T. Lenderink, R. Baker, J. Carlson, W. Johnson, A. Dowd, J. Todd, S. Hammond, B. Whitbeck, G. Brown, S. Baden, J. Gardner, G. Roberts, P. Roekly, B. Tracy. Among the 7th grade players are D. Hackney, R. Schutz, B. Schutz, J. Birch, B. Barthold, G. Gauthier, D. Colby, F. Allen, B. Hodgman, and S. Maloney.

By next issue the regional tournaments will be over. State High will play at Plainwell's school gym. The tournament will start on March 2 and will consist of class "B" schools from Otsego, Allegan, Plainwell, and State High. No team can be considered a soft spot with even Otsego going into overtime with Allegan. Our Cubs stand a good chance in the tournament.

Here for the last time during the basketball season are my predictions for the last two games of the regular season: State High 56—Allegan 48; State High 52—Buchanan 49.

Reserves Continue To Win

State High's reserve team avenged an earlier, and only, season defeat last Friday when they upset Holland Christian's seconds, 61-43. It was a hard fought game from the starting jump to the ending buzzer and the little Dutchmen weren't beaten easily. This was the reserve's 13th straight victory and Dave Fuller led the way with 20 points.

Things shone a bit brighter than the varsity game, at Plainwell when the reserves dumped the opponents, 65-46. The game was fast, but the Trojan seconds never really threatened during the entire game. Dave Fuller was again the top man on the backboard with 24 points.

In the Otsego game the week before, the little Cubs, led by Rich Howson with 17 points and Vern Wade with 16, won over the Bulldog reserves, 63-28.

Watching the Game with

A Peppy Cheerleader

"Western High School, Rah, Rah, Rah!" ... What a doll ... Holy cow, is SHE with HIM?

Good heavens, what is next ... You idiot, he didn't step outside the line ... Too bad ... Guess T-E is next; Time out and I can't ... Oh yes, T-E ... "skin em alive!"

Last minute in the 4th period and we're leading 55-54 ... 10 seconds and a time out, what a waste ... we could just get ... eight ... will it go ... seven ... I can't even think of ... six ... we made it ... three ... two ... chalk up another, ... Still don't see how SHE got HIM!

A Devoted Girlfriend

Coach, please put Don in the game ... Oh, there he goes; He's tall; I'm sure he'll get that jump ball.

Don, make that free throw! That will make his 11th point. Whee! He made it!

Oops! He fouled. That makes three fouls on him ... Darn, there he goes off the floor, but he'll be back.

Yes, he's back. Great! Now he can make a few more points! Ah-h-h-h-h.

A Player in Action

Come on, Don you can outjump that guy ... My man's pretty good ... wish they weren't so blasted tall ... Way to be, George. It was right in there ... throw me the ball-Im in the clear ... might as well shoot ... darn; missed ... got to get the ... Oh, oh, now look what I did ... one down and four to go ... Oh, hot ding dong, he flubbed both of 'em ... hands are getting sweaty ... pass it here, quick ... where'd he come from? ... Ouch! sssst, ref, watch that guy over there, he's mean ... Oh, coach, not yet, they don't call me "splinters" for nothing.

A Nail-less Coach

Wonder if the boys are thoroughly warmed-up ... Are they really ready?

Now for the jump. Are we lined up properly? ... good floor balance? ... any weaknesses anyplace? ... Wonder what sort of defense the opponent is playing?

Here we go ... Are they dropping off on the weak side? ... was that a good shooting position? ... Are the boys rebounding? ... Gosh, he made it! ... Look out, Don.

The half ... What can I say?

Towards the basket ... five points ahead and two minutes to go ... What'll we do? Try to stall it, hang on, wait for a good shot or should we do anything? ...

Overtime Win Avenges Earlier Loss

After an easy win over Otsego and a disheartening loss to Plainwell, the State High Cubs upset highly regarded Holland Christian in overtime, and now hopefully look forward to the showdown battle with Allegan next Friday for the Wolverine Conference Championship. Both teams have identical 9-2 records.

Added to the evening's interest will be celebration of homecoming with a queen and four attendants to be introduced from the following girls: Lois Fuller, Connie Kuizenga, Barbara McBride, Joan Parkes, and Dawn Weybright.

In recording their 64-63 overtime victory over Holland Christian, the Cubs were sensational. It would be impossible to single out a star for the winners as the victory was a team effort. Chuck Warfield and Bob Miles shared scoring honors for the home team with 14 points each, while Gary VanderArk paced the losers with 19. Miles, Warfield, Pete Parker, Nate Taylor, and Jack Dekreek all played a good floor game, and the rebounding of Al Wise and John Fleckenstein was terrific.

Inaccuracy Causes Defeat

Trouble with rebounds and free throws cost State High a victory at the hands of Plainwell, Tuesday, February 15. The Trojans really rolled and the Cub quintet just couldn't get an advantage. State was sparked by the brilliant playing of Pete Parker, Al Wise, Bob Miles, Nate Taylor, Chuck Warfield, Jack Dekreek, and John Fleckenstein, but couldn't stop high point man Dick Haffner of Plainwell.

State had a one point lead in the second period, but Plainwell had the constant edge to top State 42-37 at the final whistle. Both teams fought hard and the battle was a good one.

Cubs Far Outplay Bulldogs

State High had too many horses as they rolled over hapless Otsego 58-38.

The Cubs were headed only once at the outset of the game, but they shot ahead to stay. The outcome was never in doubt as the home club made use of its advantage in experience, height, and hustle to insure victory.

Top scorer of the evening was Bobby Miles of State with 14 followed closely by Bill Hofacker of Otsego who tallied 13. The scoring was evenly divided on both sides and practically everyone in the game entered the scoring column.

101, 102, 103---

So you can't sleep. Don't fret and stew for we have just the solution to your problems. If you will just bravely follow the directions, the realm of sleep will be your kingdom.

1. Stumble to the basement and turn off all water. This is unhandy if you are in need of a drink, but it is a good means of eliminating leaky faucets.
2. If No. 1 fails, remove faucets.
3. Have your phone disconnected or pull it out yourself. Either method works just as well and prevents wrong numbers at 3:00 A.M.
4. If possible, have the state re-route Highway 31 away from your house. This is very difficult, but it is good experience.
5. Replace all squeaky floor boards upstairs. If this does not work, tents are cheap.
6. If you are cheap, construct one pair of brass earmuffs. These will not keep the ears warm but will cause an extreme ringing in the ears which will drown out all other disturbing noises.
7. If all above fails, do 17 pushups and pick a fight with the nearest person. After this you will be so exhausted that you will be able to sleep through anything (even April 15)

They've Gone Gorilla

Where's my math book? What time is the game?

No, it's not an asylum of orangutangs, but any strangers venturing near the too short, too narrow, too crowded halls are bound to hear such little oddities.

The five minute intervals are all typical, so let's go! You stagger out of the classroom door and face a mad, wild bunch of untamed monsters. Each one is trying to beat the next to his locker by elbowing, kicking, shouting, and sometimes exchanging violent blows. You then push, stumble, slide back, trip, and finally fall a few feet forward. Your progress is remarkable. After three minutes of this nightmarish endeavor, your destination is reached.

But then it's one big battle to get the locker open and to succeed in keeping it open. You have all of six and one-half inches to work in, which is cut down when that ever-present partner of yours returns to the scene of the struggle for existence.

Books obtained, with only minor breaks, bruises, and loss of blood on your part, you take a strangling hold on some unexpected neighbor and shadow him to a place where you can loose contact to teeter off on your own. The next fifty-five minutes are spent in relaxation and rest, preparatory to attempting once more the perilous task of casually trotting to your locker.

So This Is Love?

Do you really think that love solves all? It is true that when you are in love, the world looks rosy, everyone is wonderful, and you have a boyfriend around to take you anywhere your heart desires. But love doesn't solve all. When you are in love, you have problems.

Take for instance that last argument. It lasted the longest of all that you've had, a whole ten minutes. It was over who loved who the most. You thought you might break up over it.

Then his birthday. It comes right after Christmas when you're short on cash. Why couldn't he have been born in a good time of the year like the summer? After you've decided what to get him, a matter that takes at least two weeks, you're not certain he'll even like it. You scrape up your last pennies and buy it. Then you carefully wrap it up to look very pretty, but by the time it has the cardboard and wrapping paper around it, the ribbon is completely squashed.

Oh yes, there are the letters you write to him when he is away. Of course, you write every night and tell him everything that goes on here. You expect a letter at least every day, but how many do you get? About one or two a week at best and maybe a telephone call.

Those telephone calls are another thing. The other night on his birthday, you called him. You waited until it was nine o'clock down there because he had been going to bed early and getting up about that time to study. After you waited patiently for ten minutes for him to come to the phone, he got there and what did he say but this, "I just popped into bed; decided to get some sleep at night for a change."

Now do you still think that love solves all?

Weather or Not

TEMPERATURE IN THE HIGH 80's

—Barb Born and Al Glendenning

BREEZY—NEVER SETTLE DOWN

—The office monitors

COOL BREEZE — Bob Miles (In track)

BECOMING CHILLY—Denny Sabo and Judy Grote

LITTLE SNOW FLURRIES AROUND NATION—Millicent Hafer Tough (little, but popular anywhere)

COLD FRONT MOVING IN—John Simcox with arm around Mary Smith

WEATHER THREATENING WITH LOTS OF THUNDER — Frank Simonds in Mr. Jerse's office

HUMID—Bruce Marshall and Joanne Quiring

Carol's Cubbyhole

'LO! Your first question may be, "Well, what's new?" My one reply is, "I give up! What is new?" For a week and week-end filled with games, dances, and concerts, there was almost next to nothin' going on.

The varied social events brought out such couples as BARB MCBRIDE and DAL WEYBRIGHT, MARY JOY SAWYER and DICK TYLER, MARY J. LAPLANTE and JACK DEKREEK. Ho Ho, what have we here?

JOHN FLECKENSTEIN is appearing to be torn between two women. What goes, TAM and DAWN?

SUE LOCKE really gets around. She dated TED GARNEAU this week-end. That's really terrific!

Hey kiddies, if you want to latch on to some really gone warble, take heed of LOREN BYNUM and his mellow vocal chords.

JIM ROCK has shown some interest in the cute underclassmen. JUDY GROTE happens to be the name.

TOM COOK! The females would like to know where you got those beautiful eyes. Mmmmmmm-boy!

FRANK ELL seems to be senior bound. They must love those (firm) handshakes.

Fellows! In case you're mixed up about the PERRY twins, JAN is one and NAN is the other one. Clear?

Students, if you'd like to learn how to polka or square dance, just ask AL WISE. He can give a first hand account.

Discussing first hand accounts, BOB MILES decided Friday to watch a bit of the game from the bleachers. Oh, my aching head.

SHARON SPANN claims she just doesn't have time for men. She's too busy running news back and forth between the juniors and seniors.

Girls and boys, some little bits of a catastrophe reached my humble home! Can it be? I can't believe it, but was reaffirmed on the count that there will be no dating or otherwise between members of the basketball team and prospective girls for three weeks. Well, ladies, we must smile the idle hours away, sad as they may be.

TWI(CK)STER—Chuck Sweet

MIGHTY COOL—Sue Lennartson

HEAT WAVE—Sharon Ransler, in a sweat before asking dad for the car

FROST BITE—Bruce Jennings (A confirmed bachelor)

SNOW—Fred, of course

CYCLONE RREDICTED—Joan Harback

SUNNY—Judy Dekema, Jan Correll, Libby Davis, Sue Locke. (They are always smiling.)

A LITTLE CLOUDY BUT BRIGHTENING—Garry Birch

ROUGH WINDS—Shirley VanValkenburg (Best in girls' sports)