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Traditional Tri-City Band Concert Here

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.

COMING EVENTS
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.
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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 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 flubdy 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 lover's despair,
Whose art is filled with rapture sweet
That stirs men's souls wherever they meet
And to New York. This includes tips,
Plane tickets, train tickets, board
And boat tickets.

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

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 SST 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

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, 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 6 wins and 3 losses while the 7th grade team has the record of 5 losses and 3 wins and are yet trying to crash the win column.


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 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 15th 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 14, won over the Bulldog reserves, 63-28.

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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 Kuykenga, 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.

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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 boy-friend 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 argu- ment. 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 cer- tain 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.

Those telephone calls are another thing. The other night on his birth- day, you called him. You waited un- til 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 patient- ly 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 Glendening
BREEZY—NEVER SETTLE DOWN

-The Cool Breeze — Bob Miles (In track)

BECOMING CHILLY—Denny Sabo
and Judy Grove

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

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

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

HUMID—Bruce Marshall and Joanne Quiring

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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. Go down 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 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 poor and don't have the funds, construct one pair of brass earmuffs. These will keep the ears warm but will cause an extreme ringing in the ears which will down out all other disturbing noises.

7. If all above fail, 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 orang- tans, but any stranger 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 remark- able. After three minutes of this nightmarish endeavor, your destination is reached.

But 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 not enough. 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 stran- gling hold on some unexpected neighbor and shadow him to a place where you can loose contact. But your own luck is out. The next fifty-five minutes are spent in relaxation and rest, prepara- tor to attempting once more the perious task of casually trotting to your locker.