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State Highlights

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Friends of 'Friends' Ready for Tonight

Tonight, the annual Errands of Mercy Drive will be held. The drive will begin at 7:00 and terminate with the serving of refreshments in the cafeteria. The Errands of Mercy will be under the able leadership of Mary Frances Miller, Friendship Committee chairman, and a large turnout is anticipated. The purpose of the drive is to collect clothing to be distributed by the Friends Organization.

Coming Events

- Oct. 27-28—No school!
Oct. 28 Friday—Football with Otsego, here. Pep Assembly.
Nov. 1 Tuesday—Assembly, 10:15, Little Theatre.
Nov. 3 Thursday—P.T.A. Women's gym. Reserve game with Dowagiac, there.
Nov. 4 Friday—Football date is open. Cheerleading tryouts. First marking period ends.
Nov. 8 Tuesday—Journalism Day.

M. E. A. Ahead

This Thursday and Friday, October 27 and 28, the students of State High will enjoy as free days while their teachers attend M.E.A. meetings. These last few days, I have been questioning a few students as to how they planned to spend these two wonderful days. Believe it or not, some individuals were almost in tears because they weren't going to be in school. On the other hand, the others replied with joy.

Gail Wruble said sadly, "I really feel bad when I think I'll have to miss Physics class, but I can practice my violin."

Paul Weber said cheerfully, "I'll spend my time in the woods hunting."

Margaret Borton said with a dreary look, "All I know to do is study hard."

One of our freshmen, Wally Kent, with that freshman look answered, "I'm going to catch up on my sleep."

There are results of my interview. As you can see not all the students of State High are too happy about this special occasion.

Whatever you do during the coming weekend be good kids, and don't have too many late dates so you'll be absent from school when Monday rolls around. Another warning, don't completely forget our poor teachers!

Elected Chairmen Choose Their Committees For Year

With the Student Council committees taking hold so well this year it looks as if State High is going to be a much improved school, in the sense of extra-curricular activities.

Because these people work so hard and don't get credit for it, the Highlights would like to give these people some recognition.

The SOCIAL COMMITTEE plans all the social events of the year, unless an organization secures a date from them. The next dance will be given by the junior class so the Christmas Formal will be the committee's next project.

Joan Parkes, chairman.

Executive committee: D. Weybright, C. Schutz, G. Peelen, E. Brown, V. Wenner, M. J. LaPlante, R. Howson, M. Sugg, J. Blanchette, J. Sugg, D. Pyne, N. Hotneier, and S. Schroeder.

The regular committee: P. Baker, M. Roberts, P. Pullon, M. Borton, J. Harback, J. Shepherd, L. Davis, J. Simcox, J. DeKreek, C. Monroe, S. Spann, J. Rock, B. Johnson, M. J. Sawyer, B. Miles, B. Beisel, J. Curren, J. denBleyker, M. Wise, J. Fleckenstein, K. Johnson, S. Spaulding, J. Simcox, C. Sheperd, G. Birch, B. Burling, R. Limpus, P. Todd, B. Garneau, S. Conner, S. Gildea, J. Kemerling, M. Weaver, B. Kohrman, J. Quiring, A. Dowd, N. Brown, K. Sebaly, S. Hodgman, J. Grote, J. Correll, W. Locke, M. Wilsey, A. Mabie, P. Borgman, B. Simpson, T. Skinner, C. Lemon, J. Dekema, and R. Bryan.

The PEP COMMITTEE'S job is to build school spirit and promote sportsmanship from the stands. They schedule busses for out-of-town games, plan pep assemblies, and are in charge of the cheerleaders.

Larry Littig, chairman.

Executive committee: P. Baker, R. Limpus, A. Simonds, R. Bryan, B. Miles, S. Gildea, S. Hodgman, B. Garneau, M. Sugg, L. Chojnowski, and J. Grote.

The regular committee: T. Fleckenstein, L. Rogers, S. Rex, C. Warfield, G. Peelen, M. Wilsey, P. Borgman, B. Beisel, J. Correll, K. Wilkins, J. Blanchette, T. Garneau, W. Locke, T. Brown, J. Fleckenstein, B. Fender, J. Harback, J. Shepherd, J. DeKreek, S. Spann, L. Davis, C. Monroe, M. Roberts, M. J. LaPlante, P. Parker, P. Anderson, and C. Godfrey.

The CITIZENSHIP COMMITTEE is in charge of the general neatness and appearance of the school. They sponsor many drives and also are in charge of the carnival in the spring.

Suzanne Lennartson, chairman.

Executive committee: D. Platt, M. Smith, J. Correll, S. Wenner, V. Wenner, B. McBride, J. Sugg, J. Baxter, C. Sweet, S. Burke, and G. Buchanan.

The regular committee: P. Todd, S. VanHoeve, R. Howson, G. Sealy, C. Schutz, T. Scott, P. Borgman, J. Curren, M. Carney, J. Simcox, S. Gildea, C. Godfrey, B. Fender, and B. Cooper.

The SERVICE COMMITTEE works for friendship outside of school. Among their many projects are the Thanksgiving baskets, Christmas stockings, and Red Cross drives.

Anne Doyle, chairman.

Executive committee: J. Blanchette, D. Britigan, A. Taylor, J. Brown, C. Sutton, M. Carney, D. Schroeder, J. Sugg, S. Hybels, L. Taggett, L. Scott, and B. Simpson.

The regular committee: K. Wilkins, B. Bahlman, M. Beattie, V. Wade, M. VanDyke, J. Schenkel, S. Burke, T. Scott, and J. Dykema.

The FRIENDSHIP COMMITTEE promotes friendship around school and between schools. The members are in charge of Christmas caroling and the Errands of Mercy Drive through the Interschool Council.

Mary Frances Miller, chairman.

Executive committee: K. Wilkins, J. Carlson, M. Wise, T. Scott, P. Parker, J. Kemerling, J. Brown, M. J. Sawyer, R. Bryan, B. Fender, H. Thorpe, and C. Warfield.

The regular committee: J. Grote, S. Spaulding, S. Conner, M. Sugg, S. Spann, L. Davis, M. Roberts, M. J. LaPlante, D. Griffith, C. Monroe, P. Todd, J. Cross, J. Boyd, C. Schutz, T. Otis, J. denBleyker, J. Fleckenstein, G. Peelen, M. VanDyke, J. Pearson, D. Fuller, T. Cook, J. Sugg, D. Cone, and B. Chapman.

The ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE is in charge of all assemblies throughout the year except administrative assemblies.

Gary Forsleff, chairman.

P. Anderson, J. Brown, R. Burnett, D. Griffith, A. Jacobson, B. Hybels,

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Cub Senseless

Time flies and with the second issue of our paper we find some interesting things happening around these "hallowed halls."

Warning! When parking, turn off ignition. This is only one of the practical problems discussed in 8:00 chemistry.

A kiss is a mouth full of nothing that tastes like heaven and sounds like a cow pulling its foot out of the mud.

Perhaps in passing through the upper hall you've noticed the pungent fragrance of Old Spice. Beth, we know you like the stuff but please! Not the whole bottle!

The ten o'clock history class divided into small groups for discussions. As usual, the student teacher was stopping at each group, noting who was working and who wasn't. However, in one case, the question was, was he sleeping or just catnapping? Way to go Chapman!

From Mr. Leonardelli's 11:00 Social Problems class comes a strange bit of knowledge. In a discussion of the morals of our culture George P. and Mary R. were chosen to be used as examples. As word has it, Mary was supposed to have walked into a Japanese bath that George was in. When asked what he would do, George said that he would run. Could it be that he was still running and thus unable to attend school the next day?

No sooner do I make a start
Toward hardening my tender heart
Forevermore, than you can strive
Invariably to arrive:
And then my heart begins to reel;
My heart, that would be stern as steel
Reverts to putty at a rate
Prodigiously precipitate.

We hear that mufflers should sound "hollow," not noisy. What's the difference boys?

One poor grasshopper was given a hard time in Mr. McKee's 1:15 Senior English class. How about that Sharon R. and Anne D.?

An English teacher was explaining the reading improvement formula S.Q.R.². She told the class that the S ment survey and asked, "What then, would the Q stand for?"

"Quit," said a deep voice from the back row. Wonder why they always sit in back?

Ask Tim Otis why it doesn't pay to throw your money up in the air. The girls catch it first every time don't they Tim?

Editor Stresses Citizenship

Every fall the American public appears to be in a dilemma. The younger generation has started back to school; men drearily trudge back to their jobs after an all too-short summer vacation; and housewives cheerlessly (?) adjust to the routine everyday life, which is broken only by the advent of summer. Each group faces different problems, but there is one common to all of them: they must "shell-out" money for some reason or another. Sometimes what they dig for is in the nature of a contribution to some charitable organization. Junior has to buy insurance which enables him to participate in athletics; Sis has to buy new clothes to keep up with the other girls; Dad is tapped by the Community Chest and Red Cross, while Mom is pestered by the church guild to bake cookies for a sale. This sounds as though the average American family has it pretty rough, doesn't it? However, if each instance is examined carefully, indirectly or directly the giver receives something in return.

Junior and Sis receive the most direct benefits. While Junior can play football, basketball, and baseball, Sis has the feeling that she is like the other girls. With Mom and Dad it's a different story. Dad doesn't see much of a tangible result, but he has the satisfaction of knowing that he has done his part in helping to make his community a better place in which to live. If Mom really believes in her church she'll be glad to do anything she can to further its advancement.

The point that I'm trying to make is simple. Most "drives" are worth while if only from the personal satisfaction derived. We feel that those drives which our school sponsors are definitely in this category, and Dad need not be the only one who feels he has done his part. Use any one of our drives as an example and we feel certain that you will agree. Granted that these drives are worth while, why aren't they successful? You may argue that we received so much on one drive or so much on another, but is it our top effort?

Some argue the fact that we receive nothing from these drives. Then why isn't our Magazine Sale doing well?

We all know the problem; what are we going to do about it? Support these drives. Even if you don't have compassion for the man down the street who hasn't a Thanksgiving dinner, support the Thanksgiving Basket Drive because it's sponsored by your school. You may not pity people in your own city who go to bed at night hungry, but help in the Errands of Mercy Drive because it's part of your school program. Don't leave all the work to be done by those few who are always willing to help. We talk about our great school spirit; true, it is shown by our enthusiasm at football games, but is it equally displayed in our attitude toward civic projects? Our March of Dimes campaign last year was wonderful. Let's back other drives as well. Make this school a good one because of you, not despite you.

by Larry Littig

Homeroom Officers Elected

206E: Pres. Joan Blanchette, V. Pres. Karen Wilkins, Sec. Judy Grote, Treas. Clarke Godfrey.

211E: Pres. Chuck Warfield, V. Pres. Dick Tyler, Sec.-Treas. Joan Parkes.

Bookkeeping: Pres. Helen Thorpe, V. Pres. Barb Burling, Sec. Peggy Baker, Treas. Sandy Burke.

1E: Pres. Pet Parker, V. Pres. Marcia Sugg, Sec.-Treas. Jack DeKreek.

Howson, Sec. Mary Smith, Treas.

217E: Pres. Dick Born, V. Pres. Dick Bob VanPeenan.

2E: Pres. David Platt, V. Pres. John

Garside, Sec. Judy Rock, Treas. Carol Schutz.

Band: Pres. Gary Forsleff, V. Pres. Paul Dekorte, Sec. Pat Anderson, Treas. Carol Sutton.

303S: Pres. Sue Conner, V. Pres. Jon Carlson, Sec. Sue Hodgeman, Treas. Cheryl Standish.

301S: Pres. Joe Sugg, V. Pres. Rod Wagonmaker, Treas.-Sec. Bev Fender.

15E: Pres. Eric Brown, V. Pres. Tom Cook, Sec. Terese Skinner, Treas. Bob Kohrman.

219E: Pres. Bill Whitbeck, V. Pres. Marty VanPeenan, Sec. George Roberts, Treas. Jim Goggan.

First Conference Year Call Me Splinters For Cross Country

by Ted Garneau

This year for the first time cross-country has been included as a conference sport and will count towards the all-sports trophy. This year's squad includes captain John Curren, Clarke Godfrey, Randy Crockett, Denny Sabo, Gil Seeley, Dick Howson, Andy Lenderink, Dave Schroeder, Pete Pullon, and Denny Percy.

Under the able coaching of Dave Balcom, the Cub Harriers have defeated Plainwell, Allegan, and Vicksburg. Their setbacks were to Portage and to Otsego and Plainwell in a triangular meet for a 3-2 record.

P. T. S. A. Members Meet

Recently student council representatives met with parents and teachers at the home of Mr. Robert Hosick, president, to make plans for their fall meeting.

All parents and students of State Junior and Senior High School are to meet at 7:30 in the gymnasium of the Education Building, Thursday, November 3rd, for a short program.

Doughnuts, cider, coffee, and ice cream will be served at the close of this meeting.

Following these refreshments teachers will be in their rooms to meet parents.

Who's Got A Zebu?

Question: Do you have a Zebu? If so, what do you do with it?

Penny Lyon: I had one but I didn't like it so I gave it to Frank Ell. He didn't like it either so he gave it back to me. If you want it, follow Winchell Avenue to the end of the road and there you'll find it.

Kim Sebal: Yes, I have a Zebu. I take it to football practice with me.

Dawn Weybright: Sure, I have one. I'm going to put it in a flask, pull the lever and twist the knob. If it doesn't turn out right, Mr. Engels will have to assist in the next experiment.

Woody Boudeman: Yes. I'm going to eat it.

Dave Fuller: Yes. I will trade it for a ———.

Linda Rogers: Yes. I'm going to make peanut butter sandwiches with it.

Bobbie McBride: Sure I have a Zebu. I'm going to give it to Dallas on Easter in his bunny basket.

Randy Crockett: No. I don't have one. But if I did, I would try to lick it and if it didn't disappear, I think it would be a sucker.

Mr. Sack: Sure. Yes I've got one. I'm feeding it four times a day now, but I'm going to make it go on a diet.

Definition: A zebu is a bovine animal having one or two humps on his back. Lives mostly in India, China, and eastern Africa.

Cubs Win

Two More

Well, friends, all's quiet on the athletic front. Too quiet as far as this reporter is concerned. There are no scandals, no enemy espionage; nothing exciting is happening. But no news is good news as the old saying goes.

People around the city are looking forward to an undefeated football team. I think it best to wait until after the Vicksburg game before we start our bragging. After that game we might not want to brag. Who knows?

The Old Redhead would like to hear from you students concerning athletic awards. The "S" Club is making up a set of requirements and all suggestions are welcome.

Say, did you know that 2,400 fans attended the Portage-State High football game? For two class "B" schools that's really tremendous. From the bench it sounded like there wasn't anybody rooting for us. What's wrong? I thought that the game with Portage was worth yelling about; obviously you fans didn't. It doesn't do much good to go to the games if you're going to sit and keep quiet. What do you say we get back to that early season yelling splurge for our last two games?

Mary Jane LaPlante, Mary Francis Miller, and three girls who have been responsible for posters and signs around the hall deserve a good pat on the back.

The Freshmen lost to St. A. quite badly, but if that is the last time they lose in their highschool careers they'll be mighty lucky.

John Carlson broke a leg in the Freshman victory over Milwood. John was the star quarterback on the club. Good luck on your bone mending, John.

Wha-a-at? Time for another prediction. Here goes. State High 33, Otsego O. (I hope) State High 20, Vicksburg 6.

55-56 Class Officers

Freshmen: Pres. Joe Sugg, V. Pres. Wally Kent, Sec. Martha Van-Peenan, Treas. Tom Brown.

Sophomors: Pres. Linda Scott, V. Pres. Sue Hodgman, Sec. Gail Buchanan, Treas. Pat Anderson.

Juniors: Pres. Vern Wade, V. Pres. John Boyd, Sec. Judy Grote, Treas. Dick Born.

Seniors: Pres. Bob Miles, V. Pres. Gary Birch, Sec. Julie denBleyker, Treas. Mert Norman.

Committees (continued)

B. Johnson, T. Lawson, R. Light, W. Kent, J. Perry, J. VanTassel, P. Paull, S. Rex, A. Osterberg, J. Schenkel, M. Smith, T. Squires, A. Taylor, D. McCrumb, F. Simonds, S. Tiefenthal, and B. Tracy.

On a very dismal and rainy Friday evening State High defeated Allegan 3-0 in a well fought and exciting game. The game was played on a muddy and slippery field at the C.A.A. Stadium. Chuck Warfield recovered a fumble on the Allegan 43 yard line in the fourth quarter, and Beisel threw a pass to Miles for 19 yards. Three more plays netted nothing, and a field goal was attempted. Miles kicked from the 22 for the only score of the game.

A combination of good passing and excellent running broke the Portage defense as the Cubs rolled over the Mustangs 26-0. The straw that broke the camel's back was the 50 yard pass from Beisel to Parker for the first score of the game. Another Beisel to Parker pass brought the ball to the four, and Miles went over for the T.D. Beisel passed to Parker for the extra point.

Beisel passed to Shepherd who lateral to Miles for the third T.D. John Boyd went over from the two for another touch down, and Miles added the extra point to make the score 26-0.

Halloween—Juvenile?

I know Halloween seems juvenile to most of us, but isn't it fun to think back when we were of that age? Remember all the costumes, masks, and big sloppy dressup shoes we decorated ourselves in? Then we'd all go around with our friends to pester people by saying, "trick or treat." And if we didn't get treats we soaped their windows.

When I think back, the thing that excited me the most about Halloween was going from house to house filling our bags up to the top with treats. Cold, but hungry and happy, afterward we had a big bonfire and enjoyed doughnuts and cider. The only thing I regretted the next day was a stomach ache from eating to much.

Halloween can also be an ordeal for some families. One of the juniors told me that when she was in the fifth grade her family almost lost their house because of a jack-o'-lantern that caught fire. A man who happened to walk by the house saw the curtains burning. It was through his efforts that the house is still standing.

Halloween really is "All Saints Day," but that hardly explains the ghosts and the goblins out scaring people. Halloween is a time for fun and gaiety. We can make this holiday a joy for everyone if we do it the right way.

—Patti Paull

Clubs Begin To Function For Year

"What room do I go to? Where is the Outdoor club meeting today?" This is the thing you will hear in the halls of State High every Thursday. The clubs are well under way for another successful year with the majority of the student-body belonging to at least one club.

There are some new clubs this year and some old. The Play Production club which is under the direction of Miss Cleveland is making plans for the production of this year's play . . . a good opportunity for anyone interested in play production.

Mr. Deur is handling the Travel and Outdoor clubs which look like pretty good clubs. The Travel club members are looking into the possibilities of several trips. The prospects are trips to upper Michigan, around Lake Michigan, Canada, West, and to Alaska. After all of these have been investigated one will be chosen for State's annual summer trip. The club is meeting monthly and is planning trips around Kalamazoo during lunch and club periods.

The Spanish speaking members of our student body meet with Mrs. Monroe to learn about the Spanish people. They sell candy in the halls to raise money for a Spanish dinner at the end of the year.

Mr. Collins is heading the Auto Club this year. The members are looking into the possibilities of belonging to the National Hot-Rod club of America.

Future Nurses, one of our most successful clubs, is meeting again this year. This club's purpose is dual: first to look into nursing as a vocation; the second to render service. The members are working at Bronson hospital this year and will also make life happier for the older folks in the Grace Nursing Home. Hats off to a fine job, girls.

The S-Club, headed by Mr. Stevens, is trying to make athletics a whole school activity. They plan to work with the Pep Committee, the Student Council and the Booster Committee. The members of this club are the boys with varsity letters.

The strange noises coming out of the Band room are either the Ensemble or the Swing club. The Ensemble is a group of kids that like to play in duets, trios, etc. The Swing club's main job is to furnish music for the "Blue and Gold Review," a pretty big job.

The Highlights and Highlander clubs publish the newspaper and the year book. Both are well under way.

Mr. Hackney and Mr. Weber will have the Math club this year. This club meets monthly and it is for anyone interested in mathematics regardless of previous training. They set out to make math interesting. (They also serve refreshments.)

Our school also has a group of ambitious people who have organized clubs for out of school time.

School's Social Policy Stated

The present social program includes nine all-school dances, one inter-school dance, the junior-senior prom, two roller skating parties, a school picnic, and a carnival. Also, the weekly canteen dances are available. The emphasis in this program is on dances. To strengthen the program, the first needed steps are obviously to improve these events and increase attendance at them. There are too many State High students not now participating in the social program. These "excluded" students need first consideration. Simply adding more dances will not meet the need of those who are not attending the dances we do have. A greater variety of social activities should be provided in order to meet the needs of a larger number of students.

Why do we have no after-game dances?

The primary reason has already been stated. Additional dances would contribute nothing to the large percentage of students who are not attending the dances now scheduled.

There are other reasons why after game dances are open to question. Games end sufficiently late, that after eating it is time to be on the way home. State High students have often been invited to stay for a dance at

"away" schools. Very, very few have ever felt free to stay there for a dance. How could they do so and still get home at a reasonable hour? Students and parents from the "away" schools would feel the same about staying in Kalamazoo for a dance. The Allegan coaches and boys were reluctant to stay even long enough to have sandwiches at our cafeteria after the last game here. They wanted to get on their way as promptly as possible.

Finally, it would be difficult to keep after-game dances from becoming "open" dances. State High dances are sponsored by the faculty for State High students and their guests. The faculty simply will not sponsor "open" community dances which can be attended by any unknown and unidentified person who desires to walk in. Dances of this kind require the presence of police. Dances of this kind soon fall in prestige. State High dances have a good reputation that all of us want to uphold.

Open dances have been tried in the past. They were promptly discontinued because the damage done in the building brought protests from the college and because no faculty member was willing to undergo the unpleasantness of continued sponsorship.

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Some of the boys have wandered away from the homefront . . . Going steady are **Joel Shephard** and **Sue Van B.**, **Jack De Kreek** and **Margie Rhodes**, **Ted Garneau** and **Janet S.**

Ruthie Bryan can identify **John F.** for sure now. She gave him an I.D. bracelet for his birthday. You lucky guy!

We hear there was a little confusion between **Pat B.** and **Jim K.** about the Homecoming Dance. Say **Dick** was that the MANLY thing to do?

Question to **Craig Babcock**—who is the girl staying at your house?

When the band went to Ann Arbor there was a NEAT seating arrangement. **Denny Sabo** and **Linda Jo**, **Paul Weber** and **Kathy Kersjes**, **Doug Daugherty** and **Sue VanRiper**, **Ken Morgan** and **Ginger Schau**. That's really getting into the swing of things kids!

We hear that **George P.** was a mighty popular boy taking two girls to the show with him. . . Why be such a hog, **George**, give the other boys a chance ! !

The only trouble when a boy and a girl break up is that when they kiss and make up the girl gets the kiss and the boy gets the make up.

Snoop's Scoop

Down through the halls of old State High

Listening closely as I walk by,
I hear about last Saturday night,
And that senior couple's fight.
Judy Rock talks of Central High
While Dawn dreams of her college guy.

Marilyn and Bob are seen around,
But Ken and Connie can't be found.
That Martha Roth has a friend in history class;

But if D. P. keeps on bothering he might not pass.

Sue Connor seems partial to a State High grad;

And Georgie Roberts makes monitors mad.

Suna and Tim are a brand new pair.
Hey, who's the freshie named Adair?
What happened to Nate and that Portage gal?

Hear tell Jim Rock thinks Portage swell!

Rich Howson dates Sal on Friday night,

On Saturday Priscilla scans has height.

A junior girl is throwing things;
Nancy H., must it be class rings?
And who is this girl by the name of Rohs?

Ask Jack DeKreek, he really knows!
In a combination that can't go wrong
Terese and Don are going strong.
Now please, you all, get out and flirt.
'Cause then I really dig up dirt.

—Alice Mabie