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State Highlights

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Baskets Are Ready For Needy Families

Delivery Set

For This Afternoon

Once again the students of State High graciously have lent a helping hand to twelve needy families by filling to the brim a Thanksgiving Basket for each family.

The Welfare Agency assisted by selecting the families who need help by giving the Service committee their names. A family was assigned to each homeroom, so the class would know how large a family they would have to furnish food for.

In each family's basket there are canned fruits or vegetables, baked goods of all kinds, dairy products such as milk, cheese, butter, and cream; there are also fresh vegetables and fruits, and a turkey, ham, or chicken.

All the canned goods were brought from home by the students. The other foods such as the meat and dairy products are to be bought immediately before the baskets are delivered.

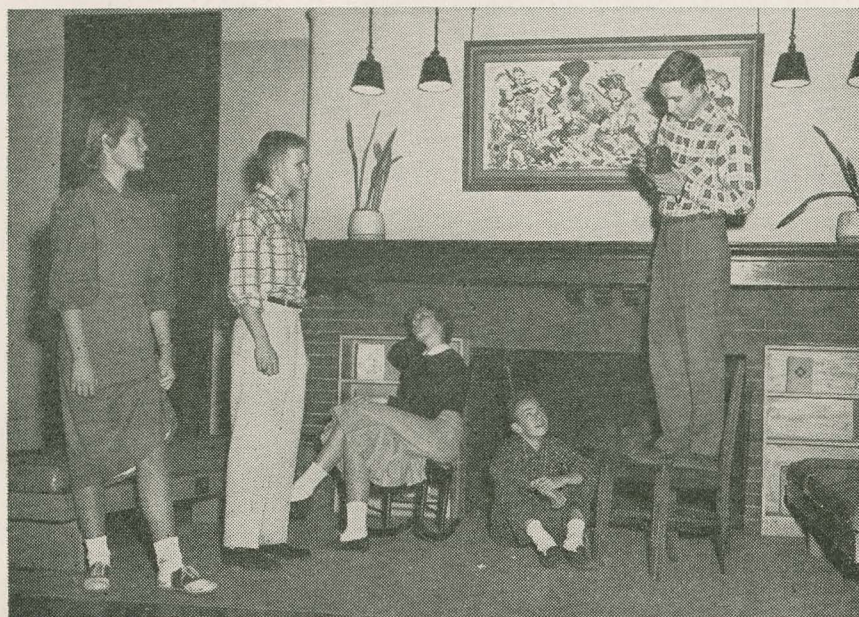
The Service committee, under the guidance of Anne Doyle, the chairman, has worked hard in planning this worthy cause since early this month. The baskets will be delivered by each homeroom this noon.

Parents of Seniors

To Visit Classes

Attention Seniors! November 29th and December 6th are being considered for Senior Parent Visitation Days. This is the time when the Seniors' parents spend the entire school day at State High. The program will start about 9 o'clock with a get-acquainted meeting at which the parents will be presented with the agenda for the day. After this, they will attend two of their student's classes.

Following a lunch in our cafeteria, each of the parents will have a conference with either Dr. Bryan, Mr. Jerse or Miss Crisman. Then they will meet again, this time for a question and answer session with Dr. Bryan and the advisers. This will give them a chance to clear up any questions which they may have. The purpose of the Visitation Day is to give the parents a better understanding of what goes on in the classrooms.



HIGHLIGHTS PHOTOGRAPHER CATCHES A GROUP REHEARSING A SCENE FROM THE ALL SCHOOL PLAY. Pictured are: Pat Anderson, Bob Johnson, Gail Buchannan, Jim Woodruff, and Frank Simonds.

All School Play in Rehearsal

December 8 and 10 are the dates set for "Mr. Barry's Etchings," a play to be presented by the dramatics club under the direction of Miss Cleveland.

The play takes place in the small town where Mr. Barry lives. One day he takes a look at a fifty dollar bill; after that how things do change! Mr. Barry, because he doesn't like the expression on old General Grant's face, makes plates for his printing press exactly like the bill except for a faint smile on the General's face. He doesn't intend for the bills to circulate so he puts them in a chest and locks it. His sister, Mrs. Taylor, discovers the money. Barry makes her swear to secrecy and the money stays in the chest, but not for long because Mr. Barry favors a certain man, Sam Jordan, for mayor. Jordan hasn't much money for his campaign so Mr. Barry becomes the benevolent soul and puts some of the bills in circulation in order that Jordan may become mayor. He also uses some for a statue in the park, and he donates a new polio ward for the hospital.

What happens when Mr. Barry turns counterfeiter is for you to find out. Here's a hint: two real counter-

feiters hear about it, Barry's niece falls in love with the secret service man on the case, and Marvin Pritchard, her fiancé, is jilted. Many things come of these involved circumstances.

Bob Johnson plays the part of Mr. Barry. His sister, Mrs. Taylor, is played by **Pat Anderson**. Mr. Barry's niece, Evelyn, is **Mary Smith**, and her hen-pecked fiancé, Marvin Pritchard is played by **Bob Peterson**.

Dave Britigan plays the secret service man on the case, and **Wendy Locke** is his "dumb blonde" assistant, Daisy. **Gail Buchannan** is a real counterfeiter named Fifty Ferris, a pretty slinky "cat," and her accomplice, Sawbuck Sam, is played by **Frank Simonds**.

Cast as the mayor of the town, Sam Jordan, is **Dick Born**. Carrie Stanwick, a middle aged old maid busybody, is played by **Sandra Rex**. **Jim Woodruff** plays Bud, a rather pesky little boy who keeps racing in and out trying to find Mr. Barry. **Susan Schroeder** plays the part of Mrs. Griswold, the sour faced wife of the town's undertaker. The cigar flourishing producer, Kenneth Plunkett, is played by **Jerry Cross**.

Cub Senseless

In the 11 o'clock Social Problems class this question was brought up. What would happen if on a first date the boy wanted to kiss the girl, but the girl didn't want the boy to? **Mary Roberts** quickly answered, "Well, they should compromise." No, Mary, shaking hands won't do.

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During 12:30 U. S. History, the class took up a collection for **John Garside's** haircut and **Randy Crockett's** police ticket.

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Late announcement! **Tom Lawson** informed French 2 that he forged report cards for a nickel. It's a little late now, Tom, but we'll remember you next time.

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Larry Littig seems to be pretty apt with a tape measure, or so he tells Mrs. Monroe. Seems as though he wants the cheerleaders' outfits to fit.

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Shop class proves to be interesting also. Let's not run, boys, when the torch catches fire. We wouldn't want our dear school obliterated.

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Warning to Miss Giedeman's freshman English classes! Don't drop your books on the floor; it isn't any fun holding them in the air for a half hour.

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While discussing good and bad points of a woman president in 8:00 World Geo. this point was brought up . . . "I think it would be very beneficial to have a "beautiful blonde" elected president, because at the Geneva Conference she could get world peace in 'no time flat'. I agree, **TIM L.**

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In 1:00 Biology, while the student teacher was opening gifts for his new baby girl, he pulled out a wrapped up bottle . . . "Oh! Champagne!" How about that, **LEE?**

Ads And Doodads

Wanted: A big hunk of number 55 for a certain girl's birthday on Nov. 27.

Wanted: Students that know the **Perry** twins. We can't tell them apart!

Wanted: A toy balloon for **John Boyd** so he can play with it in the 12:30 English class.

Wanted: A clarinet player for **Jan Correll**. Now I wonder who this could be?

Wanted: Someone else to play Lady Macbeth besides **Barb McBride**.

Wanted: **Bernane Simpson** to chew a piece of red hot gum in Mr. Weber's homeroom—**Terese Skinner**.

Wanted: A watch for **Dick Howson** so he won't have to ask what time it is every five minutes in English class.

Town Meeting

WHAT SHOULD THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE STUDENT TEACHER BE?

This question was asked this past week of teachers, student teachers, and students. Here are some views. How do they compare with yours?

The Student's Point of View

Gary Forsleff: Student teachers should be allowed to teach the same as the regular teacher. Next year they have their own classes, and they will have to know how to teach.

Bruce Jennings: I feel that student teachers should have restricted power; the punishment of misbehaving students should be left up to the regular teacher.

Rod Baker: I think that the student teacher should have complete control only when the regular teacher is out of the room.

Dennis Jennings: I think that student teachers should be allowed to teach at least one half of the time they are in the class. They are here to teach, and that's what they should be doing.

The Teacher's Point of View

Mrs. Monroe: I feel the student teacher should have complete command of the class while teaching and should be shown the same respect that is shown to the regular teacher.

Mr. McKee: When the student teacher is in charge he should have the full authority and respect of the regular teacher.

The Student Teacher's Point of View

Miss Hayes: The student teacher's problem is discipline and I feel it is the duty of the student teacher to find out the policy of the school concerning discipline and to enforce it.

Mr. Breyfogle: I feel that the student teacher should handle the class just as the regular teacher would. I feel that this is carried out very well in State High.

Coming Events

Nov. 23 Wed. Thanksgiving vacation starts at noon

Nov. 25 Fri. Basketball, Holland Christian, There, Senior slumber party at Nazareth

Nov. 28 Mon. Back to school again

Nov. 29 Tues. Senior parent visitation

Dec. 2 Fri. Basketball, Allegan, There

Dec. 6 Tues. Assembly, 8:15, Little Theatre

Dec. 7 Wed. Senior Parent visitation day

Dec. 9 Fri. Basketball, Vicksburg Here, Pep Meeting

Dec. 8, 10 All-school play

Thankful?

When the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock in the late fall of 1621, they realized that they had to face the long months ahead before they could harvest a crop but they were not dismayed. Each man helped his neighbor, and they worked together against the hardships and dangers of a new land. They knew that their lives depended on getting in a good crop. When they saw they were going to have a bountiful harvest, they decided to give thanks because their future seemed less uncertain.

The trouble with too many of us today is that we are still "giving thanks" for things which we take for granted. We no longer worry where our next meal is coming from or whether we will have a roof over our heads at night. Yet these are the things for which many of are still giving thanks. Maybe it would be a good idea if we gave some thought to the things that we should be truly thankful for, things like our free, democratic way of life.

Today we face a problem that did not concern the Pilgrims. Our problem is complacency. We have come to regard our free way of life as something that will always exist, but we do nothing to assure it. We are all thankful to be living in the United States; any one of us will say, "I'm glad that I don't live under a dictator." But with the next breath we are likely to say, "I'm too busy to serve as a sky watcher or in the Civil Defense program, and I don't have time to go to the polls and vote."

This attitude could prove disastrous. It would be wise if we took a cue from our forefathers, the Pilgrims, and worked as hard to preserve the things dear to us as they worked for the things necessary for their very existence.

Tim Otis

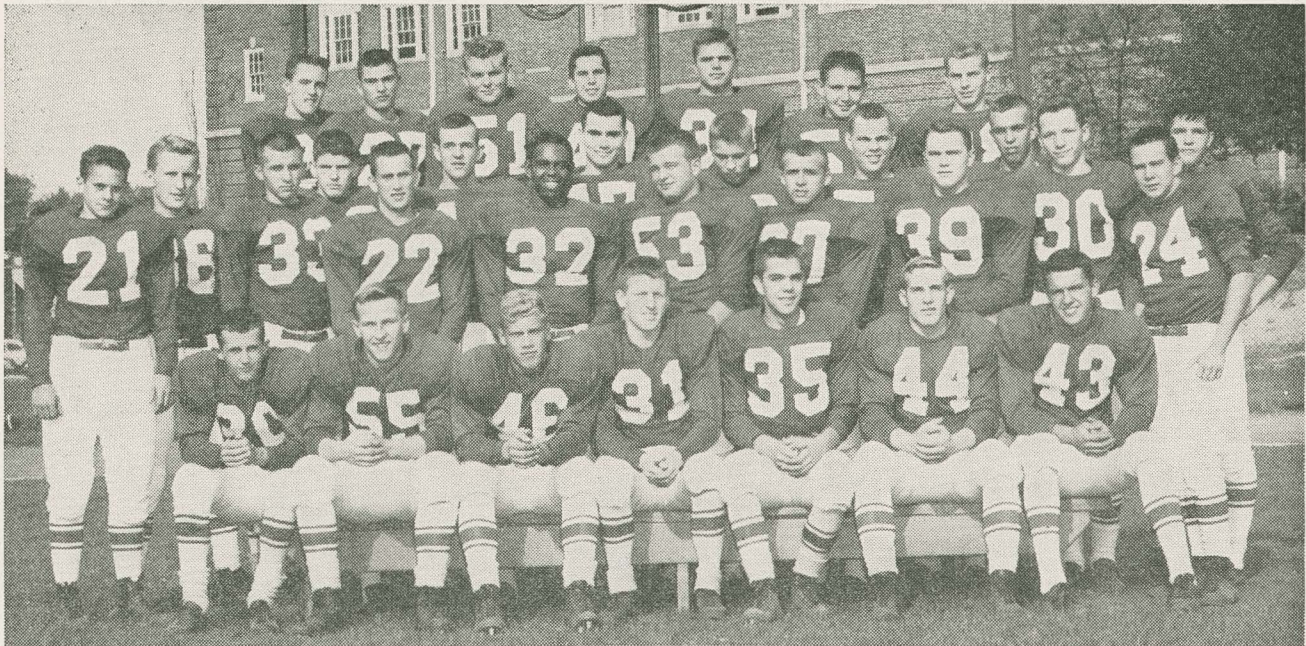
Plan Slumber Party

All senior girls who are interested in nursing are invited to a slumber party being held at Borgess Hospital on November 25. The evening will start at 7:00 P.M. with the girls staying all night in the Nurses' Residence. The following morning the girls will visit the hospital wards. This is an excellent opportunity, for those interested, to see how nurses live, play, and work together.

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Meet The Wolverine League Champs



HERE'S STATE HIGH FOOTBALL TEAM THAT WON EIGHT STRAIGHT GAMES FOR FIRST PERFECT SEASON SINCE 1936. Front Row (left to right)—Pete Parker, George Peelen, Jerry Schipper, Ted Garneau, Craig Babcock, Dick Tyler, Joel Shepherd Jr. Second Row—Doug Daugherty, Larry Littig, Rod Wagonmaker, Bob Beisel, Chuck Warfield, Vern Wade (next year's captain), Bob Miles, Garry Birch, John Boyd, Ron Van Horn, Tom Malbone Third Row—Jim Coleman, Ken Hartman, John Fleckenstein, Dave Fuller, Dick McCrumb, Jack DeKreek. Fourth Row—Jim Brown, Jim Kemerling, Roger Ludwig, Bob Bommersbach, Tom Cook, Don Bisceglia, Gary Vermeulen.



Coach Fred Stevens

Cubs Whip Bulldogs

The 32-0 victory over Vicksburg climaxed a perfect football season for the State High Cubs. It was the last game for 15 Cub seniors, but there will be 11 returning letter men for the 1956 grid season.

During the last quarter of the game, while the seniors were being introduced to the fans, the juniors marched 60 yards for the final T.D.

Scorers for the game were: Beisel, Miles (2), Wade (who has been chosen captain for next year), and Hartman. Wade and Hartman are both juniors.

Best Standing Since "36"

This year State High went undefeated for the first time since 1936. The squad will lose fifteen seniors this year. This year Dick Tyler lead the Cubs on defense with 100 tackles which is an average of 13 tackles a game. Behind Dick was Vern Wade with 52 tackles, Chuck Warfield and George Peelen with 50 each and John Fleckenstien with 38.

With the completion of this season State High increased its straight wins to 12 games and had Buchanan score only 14 points against us. We had a string of seven straight games unscored upon. This year State High had 117 first downs against 63 by the opponents. We had a rushing average of 223 yards each game and a passing average of 83 yards per game. This added up to 316 yards a game. The high scorer for the year was Bob Miles who scored 49 points. Behind Bob was Vern Wade who scored 24 points, Pete Parker scored 20, Chuck Warfield scored 12, Bob Beisel scored 10, Gary Birch and Ken Hartman scored 7 points each with John Boyd, Joel Shepherd, and Dave Fuller scoring 6 points. State High scored 147 points this year compared with 14 by the opponents.



Coach Roy Walters

SPLASH!

This fall many girls, grades 8 through 12, tried out for the Fin-ette's club. Including last year's members there are now twenty-five girls splashing about in the pool getting ready for the big spring show. The theme of the show, which will be presented May 2, 3, 4, is "School Daze."

Officers for the Fin-ettes', chosen last spring, are **Anne Doyle**, president; **Nancy Hotneier**, vice president; **Judy Grote**, secretary; and **Joan Blanchette**, treasurer. Miss Hainks is the faculty supervisor, and Miss Berry the student advisor.

The Honor Roll

High ranking students at State High during the first quarter make up the honor roll which follows. In order to qualify for an Alpha rating, a person must receive at least four A's and no mark lower than a B; for Beta, three A's and no mark lower than a B; for Gamma, two A's and no mark lower than a B.

ALPHA: P. Anderson, J. Betke, M. Borton, J. Boyd, R. Burnett, A. Dowd, T. Estes, C. Godfrey, D. Griffith, M. Householder, C. Lemon, G. Maus, S. Riley, S. Scott, D. Sheldon, M. Stelma, C. Sutton, S. Tiefenthal, R. Van Peenan, C. VanRiper, S. VanRiper, M. Wise, and G. Wruble.

BETA: M. L. Allen, D. Anderson, M. Belooof, M. Brink, G. Brown, N. Brown, M. Decker, Susan Hilgart, E. Jackson, J. Kemerling, W. Kent, T. Light, M. Norman, A. Osterberg, J. Perry, N. Perry, J. Shepherd, M. Smith, and V. Wenner.

GAMMA: S. Ashley, J. Baden, R. Born, D. Britigan, J. Buelke, P. Greiner, E. Hosick, N. Hotneier, M. L. Kaercher, R. Koets, S. Lennartson, J. Light, P. Nantz, T. Otis, P. Pullon, J. Rock, J. Schenkkel, S. Schroeder, T. Scott, S. Taylor, M. Van Peenan, S. Wenner, and K. Wilkins.

FINAL CONFERENCE STANDINGS FOR THE WOLVERINE LEAGUE

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STATE HIGH	6	0
PORTAGE	5	1
PLAINWELL	4	2
ALLEGAN	2	4
OTSEGO	2	4
SOUTH HAVEN	1	5
VICKSBURG	1	5

Basketball Underway

Basketball practice officially started on November 14. Coaches Chance and Stevens have seven returning lettermen to build this year's team from. They are captain C. Warfield, B. Miles, P. Parker, J. Fleckenstein, N. Taylor, J. DeKreek and Bob Beisel. The team will also be strengthened by Gil Seeley, who transferred from Paw Paw, and some very good boys up from last year's reserve team.

The Cubs open the season against Holland Christian in Holland Friday night. Last year the team split with Holland Christian, so the game Friday will probably be a real thriller.

The basketball team has fifteen games on its schedule so far this year, and they are looking for one more to round it out. The Cubs will battle each of the Wolverine league teams twice, and they will play Holland Christian twice and Buchanan once in non-league games.

Hit Praders

Yellow Rose of Texas—**Mary Lou Allen**

Ain't That a Shame—There are only 15 school days till Christmas vacation

Wake the Town—**Jerry Schippers** and his Hollywoods

Hard to Get—An A from Mrs. Monroe

Fooled—To think you can get by those hall monitors without a permit

My Boy, Flat Top—**Bob Johnson**

Young Ideas—The freshman class

Gum Drop—Especially dedicated to **Barb Burling**

Call Me Splinters

by Ted Garneau

Players, benchwarmers, and fans, it's time again to sit back on your hard school chairs, put aside your much needed homework, stop listening to your teachers, and start reading what "old Splinters" has to say.

It was a bit discouraging to see the few fans that turned out to witness State High's first perfect football season since 1936. The small percentage that did turn out should be commended on their fine spirit. The parents are to be complimented on the pep and enthusiasm they showed also. It was a great season that brought honor to the name of State High all over Michigan. We students can be proud of our team and our school.

Five boys were honored by being selected to the Kalamazoo Gazette all-city team. Those boys who will be sporting gold footballs are: Bob Miles, Pete Parker, Vern Wade, Dick Tyler, and Bob Beisel. Way to go, you guys; you really deserved it in this person's opinion.

Well, let's get to that sport which is as much a part of winter as the

almight snow man: basketball. In the first game State will be an underdog. Not because it has the poorer team but more on the basis that the cubs will not have had the practice that our non-football playing opponents have had. Still, our coach, Mr. Chance, pulled nothing short of a miracle by upsetting the highly rated Dutchmen after losing by 40 points earlier in the season. The game is also the fourth year in a row that friendly relations have prevailed between Holland and State High. Uncle Splinters is throwing away his popularity by making this prediction: Holland Christian 47 and State High 44. I will say in all fairness that our Cubs could just as easily win as not. Win or lose, let's see as many fans as possible up at Holland to support our team. Good luck to both coach Chance and team. You have a good team and can go a long way. Regardless of that, the school will back its team to the hilt. This is a challenge to both the team and to the school. "Old Splinters" wonders what's going to happen.

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A LOTTA THAT

At the Turn-about November 12, we saw many new couples promenading around the floor. Included were **Robin L. and Denny S., Sharron G. and Gil S., Judy R. and Gary V., Susie V. R. and Doug D., Joy G. and Don A., Judie S. and Bo V. P.**

Seems that **Pat Baker** has her eye on a senior boy for quite awhile... what about it, Pat?

We understand **Barb B. and Del B.** ran across some party after the dance Sat. night... It was sure something, wasn't it, Barb?

We have two State Highers that seem to have stolen the Harison twins' hearts. Right, **Penny L. and Dave B?**

Libby D. and Mary R. must have quite a collection of letters by now... how about it, girls?

It seems that lately **Larry L.** has turned his winning charms towards our little southerner... and we don't mean Joe!

Sue Conner and Guy Hess are still going as strong as ever. Way to be!

Hey, **Sandy B.**—Tell us a little about this mystery man whose ring you've been wearing for so long.

A few couples seen more recently together on week ends are **Julie den B. and Dick M., Sharon T. and Tilman G., Alice M. and Tom B.**

George S. and Woody B. are the envy of the sophomore boys. They seem to be deserting the sophomore girls for seniors.

Word has gotten around that **Harvy R. and Alice O.** have had a little trouble. Oh well, that's life.

A couple more State High boys are moving their interests to other schools. **Don L.** has his interest at Central while **Thurman B.** is concentrating on a certain B. B. in Oakwood.

A new class ring seems to have been sawed off a certain Comstock boy's finger. What about it, **M. Smith?**

Roving Reporter

This week a load of Schizomycetes will arrive at State High. The following people, when told they would each receive some, told what they would do with it.

Dick Tyler is going to bury his.

Dave Fuller will file his under "S".

Bob Bomerbach will sell his to John Boyd, because if anyone knows what it is, he will.

Tilman Gefers will ask it for a date **John Curren** will take it to his doctor.

Sharon Tobias will sit on hers.

Larry Littig will give his to his buddy, **Pete Pullon.**

Jim Coleman will drink it straight. **Frank Ell** will put his on his car for a hood ornament.

Schizomycetes are a group of plant organisms which make up bacteria.