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# State Highlights

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## S. C. Election Campaigns To Begin Soon

### Mrs. Jarman Cited for Service

"Always ready, always there, always willing." These are a few of the words that describe Mrs. Virginia Jarman. When dedicating the 1952 Highlander to her, the editors wrote these words, "To Mrs. Virginia Jarman, for her cheerful efficiency, for her kindness and for the personal attention she gives all students."

Mrs. Jarman has served faithfully the students and faculty of State High for ten years. She always has a friendly greeting for all who enter the office. There is not a student in school whom she cannot greet by name. Always present are her sense of humor and boyant spirit in spite of ringing phones, the banging typewriters of her two assistants, and the questions of numerous persons who are always turning to her desk for assistance.

In 1934, Virginia Carberry started her career as a secretary in the office at Holmes Junior High School at Covington, Kentucky. Her boss, then, was the new school principal, Roy C. Bryan. In 1937, she left that office to become Mrs. Jarman. At the same time, Dr. Bryan became principal at State High School. The Jarman's moved to Bay City before many years passed. Mr. Jarman's insurance business was then transferred to Kalamazoo. Dr. Bryan promptly persuaded her to work part time at State High.

Her day at the desk starts before anyone else comes. Her duties include the sort of things that need to be done in an office that serves 700 students in the nursery through grade twelve, along with the faculty and a few hundred student teachers. All students and teachers agree that there can be no adequate substitute for her friendship and cheerful, efficient service.

### Operetta Production A Big Success

Tuesday and Wednesday nights last week State High's operetta went off with a bang. There was a full house both nights and the production was well received by both audiences. The supporting members of the choir as well as the principals and Mr. Frey are to be congratulated on the fine performance.

### Candidates Chosen For Carnival Crowns

Plans are well underway for State High's annual carnival to be held in the women's gym March 3. Various booths are being planned by different homerooms and organizations. Plans are also being made for the entertainment and crowning of the carvinal king and queen.

The girls running for queen are Barbara McBride, Suzanne Lennartson, Vicki Wenner, Julie den Blyker and Mary Francis Miller. Boys competing for the title of king are Bob Miles, Pete Parker, Dick Tyler, Larry Littig and Tim Light.

Sue Lennartson is the general chairman of the carnival and is assisted by Vicki Wenner, publicity and entertainment; Larry Littig, master of ceremonies; Carol Schutz, door prizes and Barbara McBride, crowning ceremonies.

### Discussions Planned For P.T.S.O.

P.T.S.O. will be held tomorrow night at 7:30 in Walwood.

The band will furnish musical entertainment and the program will include topics of importance to all teen agers.

The topics are: How to Select High School Courses in Preparation for College, Dr. Thomas A. Goodrich; How to Choose a College, Dr. Ira M. Smith; and How to select a Vocation, Dr. Stewart C. Hulslander.

### Election Petitions To Be Circulated

Student Council elections are almost upon us and it's time to seek nomination for an office.

Petitions for nomination can be obtained in Mr. Jerse's office on March 5th and 6th. After the petitions have been filled with the required 35 to 40 signatures, they should be returned to the office. Deadline for submission is March 6, 3:15.

A "C" average is a definite requirement for office. The Presidential candidates must be from the junior class. Offices of Vice president, Secretary, and Treasurer may be held by persons from any class.

The campaign rules can be picked up with the petitions or they can be obtained from any member of the Election Committee . . . Election day is March 13. The candidates and campaign managers will present brief speeches in an assembly on this day. Then each student will cast his vote for the candidates of his choice.

The President of the Student Council has the most important job, for most of the responsibility falls upon him. He is in charge of all of the Council meetings and conveys information between the faculty and students.

The Vice-President takes the attendance during the meetings, and runs them in the absence of the President. The Vice-President also is in charge of calling and presiding over all cabinet meetings. He is also in charge if a C.A.S.M.S.C. meeting is held at State High and is a member of the Inter-School Council.

The Secretary takes minutes at all meetings and handles all outside correspondence for the council. The secretary also keeps a copy of the minutes and is in charge of the files.

The Treasurer's main job is the annual magazine sale in the fall. For the remainder of the year, his work consists of keeping the budget balanced.

The four officers attend different group meetings of Student Councils in Southern Michigan during the year and report to our council. They also attend the P.T.S.O. Council planning meetings, and here they exchange views with the parents and faculty once a month. These four officers also may go to any committee meetings and work with the chairmen at anytime necessary. This pertains especially to the Vice-President.

### Calendar

March 14—Wed. Administrative Assembly at 12:40

Regional Basketball Tournaments

March 15—Thurs. Regional Basketball Tournaments.

March 16—Fri. Regional Basketball Tournaments

March 20—Tues. Blue and Gold Review

State Basketball Tournaments

March 22—Thurs. State Basketball Tournaments

March 23—Fri. State Basketball Tournaments

March 29—Thurs. Assembly at Kanley Chapel at 8:15



## Cub Senseless

John Boyd took Rosemary B. to a dance in Burnett's car. She dropped him off and then was going to drive home. She couldn't get the car started so John had to help her. It usually works with the key turned on, right Rosemary?

There sure are a lot of catmen around here lately. Who's selling all the catty hats?

It seems that having a flat tire on the way home from the Plainwell game can attract a lot of attention. How about it, Dick and Joel?

The freshmen algebra classes are really learning things these days. I heard one say to another:

"x equals girl  
y equals boy  
z equals chaperone  
y plus x plus z equals misery  
y plus x minus z equals fun."

Pat B. seems to have a pretty popular notebook. Why did all those boys in 11:15 study take it, Pat?

In 1:15 Biology, Mr. Van Ryan's word for hair and cell didn't come quite right. If you wish to know what it is, you'll have to ask some one in that class because we just don't publish those things.

We were informed that some certain person almost blew up the school. Is that right, Richard Egland?

When Barb McBride asked Mr. Deur which way an egg would roll if a rooster layed one on top of a house. Mr. Deur replied, "Down." Since when do roosters lay eggs?

Would someone please clue us in about the joke Mr. Peppel told in Government class?

When Mr. Potter asked his U. S. History Class, What were some big issues since 1865?" Bob Bommersbach said, "New York Times is pretty big."

A junior girl has taken up a new sport—wrestling. We hope you don't get any more injuries, Gail. How does the shoulder feel?

### WANT ADS

Wanted—New bookends for Miss Giedeman

Wanted—Miss Cleveland would like an isolation booth.

Wanted—Beth Garneau would like some more orange hair dye!

Wanted—Ralph Valentine wants 2:00 class off to go down to Central to see a certain girl.

Wanted—Gail Buchanan a permanent membership for Pep Committee.

## Qualifications Count

For a great many years we have had a student council at our school. During that time it has grown into an institution of which we are all proud. Our student councils have taken an active part in forming the policies of our school in former years. The officers of our student council need to be well qualified for their posts, because their jobs not only demand a lot of time but many personal qualities as well. Just because a boy is the hero on the athletic field or because a girl is very good looking doesn't necessarily mean that they will make good student council officers. With student council elections less than two weeks away, it would be a good idea if we took a little time to decide what kind of person we are going to vote for. The people whom we elect will be our representatives to other schools and to the community as a whole, so it is only natural that we look for people who have high standards, both in appearance and character. A student council officer also has to be able to put in a lot of extra time to do a good job. This is especially true for the president. There are persons who may be exceptionally fine people but if they don't have time to devote to a student council office, it isn't fair to them or the school to elect them to a cabinet post. Sometimes I feel that we forget these qualifications when a person is up for an office. We are too apt to vote for someone because he is our friend or the popular guy around school.

Just remember when it comes time for you to decide who you are going to vote for on March 13, to vote for the person who you think is best qualified for the post. Our school has had a fine student government in the past and will continue to have if you remember to look for a person's qualifications and not look to see how popular he is.

Tim Otis

## Up Beat

Hi again: A lot of people have been saying that the band should be more active. Well, kids, you have gotten your wish. February 14th the band gave an assembly that we hope you all enjoyed.

March 3rd the band goes to a contest in Sturgis, Michigan. The numbers to be played are selected for the band by their school rating. State High is a class C school, but we play class B teams in sports. Therefore, our band will play class B numbers at the contest. The music that was selected is as follows; Prelude and Fugue in F minor by J. Bach, American Folksong Rhapsody by Grund-

man, and Saint Julain March by Hughes. We all hope to get a first in our selected music as well as a first in sightreading. The members are really looking forward to this. Everyday from 12:40 to 1:10 the band has sectionals, which are directed practice on these numbers for just certain sections. For an example, on Monday the Coronets may be taken aside and they practice certain difficult passages of the music over and over again. We feel we have a pretty good chance of winning a first or second. We certainly have our fingers crossed.

We have had some requests to take one of the drums to away games in order to really bring out school spirit. The drum will be taken to the next game and we would like to have your reaction as to whether it adds to the school spirit.

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# State High Wins Wolverine League Title

## Call Me Splinters

by Ted Garneau

Howdy, and how are all of Uncle Splinter's little slivers? My ego was smashed during the Plainwell game when I sat and watched my predictions being doomed, to use a good Dutch expression, past any chance for salvation. Although Splinter's brilliant mind hit a depression, he was overjoyed with the team in general. Pete Parker and Bob Miles stood out, each playing brilliant ball. It was a game that pleased old Splinters more than the 1902 battle between Podunk and Slippery Rock.

The Otsego game was rather poorly played. Otsego just played a little poorer than we did. Gil Seeley didn't score 22 points as you have previously heard. He scored 20 according to the official scorer, Splinters. Miles was second 14, and John Fleckenstein was third with 8. A long famine ended for the Cubs when we took the first undisputed championship in better than 15 years.

Basketball is now closing its door for the 1956 season and for eight seniors. We have, for sure, two more games, and we had better have more than that. Friday will be our last regular season game. If we win, this season will be an overwhelming success. Even if we should lose, we can't complain.

Splinters would like to repeat a suggestion of a girls tennis team to the athletic board. Portage has one and it would give the girls some of the publicity they crave. I feel we could have a good one.

## Little Cubs Show Promise

The Frosh basketball team, coached by Mr. Burns, has a 3 and 7 record. They have played three games since the last publication of the Highlights, losing to the Frosh squads from St. A. and Portage, while defeating Vicksburg.

Playing some of their best basketball of the season, they lost a 38-32 game to St. A. Joe Sugg was high for the little Cubs with 17 points. Weldon Johnson stood out on defense. On February 14, they traveled to Portage, where they were defeated, 34-17. A bad case of jitters was the cause of this defeat.

At Vicksburg, after leading for almost all of the game, the little Cubs were behind in the last 2½ minutes. But due to the great clutch playing of Allan Dowd, the little Cubs pulled it out of the fire, final score, State 34-Vicksburg 32. Joe Sugg burned the nets with 16 points and Tom Fleckenstein contributed to the victory by great rebounding.

The Frosh have one game left with St. A.

## Reserve Squad Closes Good Season

State High's reserve team closed out a successful Wolverine Conference season when they defeated the Otsego reserves 70-59. The Cubs played good ball and it looks like they have some good varsity material for next year. Bill Yates played an outstanding floor game and tied with Tom Brown for high point honors with 18. Bob Kohrman was right behind with 17.

Not too highly publicized is the State High reserve basketball team. Under the well managed coaching of Mr. Stevens, the reserves have thus far set a 10-3 record. On Feb. 14, at the Portage gym the reserves set the aggressive pace to rack up a 63-47 score. Cullen Henshaw topped the scoring column with a tremendous 24 points. Again, on Feb. 17, Henshaw shared honors with Plainwell's Bill Carpenter, by dropping in 22 points as the Cub reserves rolled up a 71-49 score.

Assisting Henshaw throughout the season in scoring honors have been Bill Yates, Tom Brown, and Larry Johnson. The other members of the team which will in the next two years decide State High's basketball future are Bert Cooper, Bob Kohrman, Carl Kiino, Marvin Baldwin, Ed Gemrich, Paul Weber, Dave Potts, Newell Hetrick, Arnold Niebor, George Schau, Woody Boudeman, Tom Lawson, and Jack Schrier.

## Portage Proves Easy Cub Victory

The State High Cubs posted their ninth consecutive victory this season against Portage. The game was played on Tuesday, February 14, at Portage, and the final score was State 59-Portage 32.

The Cubs led all the way through the game. The team had a slow start and only led 17 to 12 at the end of the first quarter. The visitors seemed to catch hold later and burned the net for an impressive 40 to 20 half time lead. Only the final score was in question as almost the entire fourth period was played by the the third string.

John Fleckenstein was high man for the Cubs. He dumped in a total of 14 points on six goals and two free throws. Gil Seeley was next high with nine and Dick Howson followed with eight.

Roger Kramer, Portage's lone surviving regular, was high man with 21 points. His excellent shooting and rebounding was one of the highlights of the game.

## Chance Pilots Cubs to Victory

State High sewed up its first undisputed conference title in the past 15 years when they beat Otsego 51-39. This definitely was not one of the better games that the Cubs have played this year. Gil Seeley, Bob Miles, and John Fleckenstein played fine ball. Otsego kept the game close by using an aggressive defense and stopping State High's fast break. State High missed a lot of shots that should have gone in. Gil Seeley was high for the game with 22 points.

State High clinched at least a share of the Wolverine Conference basketball title at Plainwell. On Friday, the 18, the Cubs handed the Plainwell Trojans a 62 to 40 loss.

State jumped off to a 9 to 0 lead in the opening minutes and stayed there all the way. The two teams matched points for the remainder of the first quarter with a score 18 to 9 at the end of the period. The game remained fairly even with a 31 to 23 half time score.

In the third period, an inspired Trojan team came within 4 points of the league-leading Cubs. Pete Parker came through with some clutch shots to bring the game out of danger. The Trojans seemed to fall apart, and State moved ahead to a 22 point final lead.

Parker was high man with 17 points on 6 goals and 5 charity tosses. Bob Miles was close behind with 16, and Chuck Warfield poured in 10 points. Only five men made the scoring column.

Good rebounding games were turned in by Gil Seeley, Nate Taylor and John Fleckenstein. Miles and Warfield broke up any possible attempts at a full court press with their great floor play.

## Buchanan Visits Hilltop Friday

The game with Buchanan, March 2, will be our last regular game of the year. It will be a home game at the men's gym. The last time we played Buchanan was last year at Buchanan. They beat us by a large margin. Coach Chance says that it's going to be a hard game to win.

After the game with Buchanan are the district tournaments. They will be played at the Portage High School Gym on March 7 through March 10. In our district tournaments are St. Augustine, Vicksburg, and Portage. Some of the fellows on the team are hoping to play St. Augustine first.



## Answers to

## A Maiden's Prayer

An answer to a dream. Just the two of us, alone under the pale, innocent moon. Alone, but not lonely. He sighs contentedly, resigned to the spell of our lunar splendor. Slowly we walk, uttering no words. What is a mere word? The large Moon speaks of good things: love, beauty, and eternal light. The enchanted grass is wet with the silent rain of moonlight. Handsome, ah yes, and I see his unruly brown hair and deep, understanding eyes. He is mine and I am his. The moon winks at a passing breeze which sends the leaves gossiping among themselves. Perhaps they are talking in their stroll past the pond. It is an etching in moonlight, the moon scribbling idle messages on the velvet water. As we pass a shy, wooded knoll that escapes much of the moon's grasp, the shadows yawn and stretch as if awakened by a sudden intrusion of moonlight.

We are at the door. Not a long farewell, for we will meet again tomorrow. Careful, he has many beguiling tricks. But you won't get a lump of sugar this time. Now be a good horse until I see you tomorrow. He gives me a nudge and a kiss on the cheek. Yes, it is late. Even the moon has donned her beauty facial of cloud and rests contentedly under her nightlight of stars.

Marilyn Beattie

Plans Afoot  
For Spring Sports

For the past year State High has ruled the southwest Michigan track scene. During this time the Cub cinder squad has been undefeated in dual and tri-angular meets. They couldn't be satisfied with this so they have gone out and won the Conference and the Class B Regional for two straight years.

The Cubs have lost nine boys via graduation, and have twelve back to be the nucleus for this year's team. This year's team needs depth in all events, plus having definite weaknesses in the shot put, pole vault, mile, and high hurdles. According to coach Roy Walters, any boy who plays either basketball or football and as of yet doesn't compete in a spring sport should come out for track, because the running will help keep him in shape.

Pete Parker is this year's track captain. He leads a group of good men back to bring State High glory this year. The returning lettermen are N. Taylor, D. VanDeWalker, C. Warfield, P. Parker, Capt., G. Birch, B. Miles, J. Simcox, J. Curren, D. Alguire, C. Godfrey, K. Hartman and J. Boyd. It is around these men that State High's hopes rest.

Red and Ragged  
Bits of Gore

Before me lies an ancient button,  
Worn and old and homely button,  
Lying on my bedroom floor.

Once an iridescent button,  
Pearl white pretty collar button,  
Lovely button nevermore—

Now with warped uneven edges,  
Having in those grooved edges,  
Soap deposits evermore—

Soap deposits long in forming,  
Fill the frontal indentation,  
Hide the shine forever more.—

In the center of the button,  
Punched clear through the tiny button,  
Lie two holes thrust through the core.

Through the holes are wound some threadlets,  
Limp and tired and matted threadlets,  
Red and ragged bits of gore.

Holding fast a shred of cotton,  
Little tattered shred of cotton,  
Faded now but red before.

Now I lay away this button,  
In the graveyard of old buttons  
In the bottom bureau drawer.  
Victoria Wenner

Ambassador To Be  
Chosen Soon

The 1956 Community Ambassador for 1956 will be chosen soon by the selection committee of the Kalamazoo Chamber of Commerce. The ambassador will spend three months with a family in the country of his choice.

Anyone between the ages of sixteen and thirty, who is an American citizen, and who lives in Kalamazoo, city or township, is eligible for the opportunity of becoming 1956 Community Ambassador for Kalamazoo.

The applicant must fill out an application blank, available at the Chamber of Commerce or at the Kalamazoo high school and college offices. The applicant must also write a letter, which the selection committee will use in screening those who apply.

The letter must not be over 500 words and must state the applicant's qualifications for being an ambassador. Applications must be sent to Mr. John Lawrence of the Kalamazoo Jaycees by March 15, 1956. After this, the selection committee will meet and sometime in April, the 1956 Kalamazoo Ambassador will be announced.

Miss Golda Crisman is serving as State High's counselor for this project and any questions may be brought to her.

a little this  
A LOTTA THAT

Hi, State Highers. You're doing very well in making some news for us. Keep up the good work!

It seems that **Priscilla Todd** and **Ray Harrison** are hitting it off real well. Meanwhile, **Penny Lyon** and **Bob Chapman** make a cute couple. One question, Kids: What has **Gene Bombich** been laughing about lately?

**Mary Joy Sawyer** is wearing an I. D. Bracelet now. Could that have come from the same place that the records came from, Pudge?

**Linda** and **Larry** seem to be popular names for couples. We have some old ones—**Rodgers** and **Kidder**, and some new ones—**Scott** and **Johnson**. Keep it up!

There is another four eyes in our group. We saw "Specs" **Curren** at the turnabout with **Sharon Spann**. Cute couple.

Here are some really cute Freshmen couples: **Sally Spalding** and **John Todd**, **Carol Shepherd** and **John Edwards**, **Sue Schroeder** and **Wally Kent**, and **Mary Wise** and **Allen Dowd**.

**Tom Lawson** didn't get home until real late after the dance. Must have been some party—right, Tom?

We hear that **Janet Jarman** seems to have gone to a different school too! She and **Jim** really mean the most to each other.

Another upper classman has gone for a lower classman. **Tony Scott** has been seen quite a bit with **Judy Dekema**. Pretty neat.

**Don Biscaglia** got so excited about his date with **Judi Schenkel** that instead of getting her hand to hold, he grabbed **Jim Kemmerling's**. That's really tender, Don.

We hear that **Susan Ashley** has interests at the Kalamazoo Public Library. Is that why you're always down there, Sue?

Seen at the dance were some new couples; **Gail Buchanan** and **Larry Littig**, **Sandra Hybels** and **Judd Wise**, and **Martha Roth** and **Bob Peterson**. Keep it up, Kids.

A certain senior boy is pretty popular with a few girls. The girls are **Joy**, **Judy**, and **Fran**. Now who could that boy be, **Tom Malbone**?

It seems as though we heard about **Joanne Quiring** and **Ted Garneau** and **Pat Anderson** and **Bob Johnson** going out. Keeping it a secret?

**Gary Birch** is still going strong with his Central girl, **Darlene Anson**. **Robin Limpus** seems to be headed that way too!

**Joe Sugg** has been dating a small Central girl while **Barb Burling** still has her eye on Central's center.

**Libby Davis** and **Mary Roberts** are still writing the men they met this summer. My, what faithfulness!

Well, we must be shoving off, but while we're gone be sure and do something real bad so we can write about it next time.