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# State Highlights

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## Try New Stride In Noonhour Activities



Under the new plan, crowds have shifted from halls to appointed rooms  
(Photos by David Schroeder)

### Timely Reminders

Thursday and Friday, October 25-26—M. E. A. Convention: no school.

Friday, October 26—Football, Otsego, here.

Tuesday, October 30—Assembly 11:15 in the Little Theatre.

### Attend P.T.S.O. Nov. 1

Everyone's attention will be drawn to the Women's Gymnasium Thursday, November 1 at 7:30 p.m. for the first meeting of this year's P.T.S.O.

The program will consist of a panel including Mr. Clarence Hackney, Miss Golda Crisman, Mr. Frank Jerse, and Mr. Budd Norris, who will discuss the standardized tests used at State High. Thoughts will center around these questions:

1. What standardized tests are given at State High?
2. What use is made of the test results?
3. To what extent do the results of these tests predict future success?
4. What should parents and students know about test scores in order to interpret results intelligently?

The band and the Boys' Glee Club will follow with entertainment. Refreshments will be served after the program.

### H. R. Officers Elected

Presiding over homerooms for the first semester will be the newly chosen officers.

Elected in homeroom 1E were Robert Van Peenan, president; Denny Sabo, vice-president; Sharon Gildea, secretary; Alice Mabie, treasurer; 2E: Tom Moyer, president; Jim Birch, vice-president; Mary Ann Olson, secretary; Larry Goggle, treasurer; 11E: Robert Kohrman, president; George Brown, vice-president; Evelyn Kiino, secretary-treasurer; 13E: Carole Lemon, president; Tom Lawson, vice-president; Deanna White, secretary; Bert Cooper, treasurer.

Chosen by homeroom 15E were David Anderson, president; Fran Arbuckle, vice-president; Suna Tiefenthal, secretary; Polly Greiner, treasurer; 206E: Mary Smith, president; Barb Burling, vice-president; Gail Buchanan, secretary; Marilyn Wilsey, treasurer; 211E: Jim Betke, president; Tom Cook, vice-president; Pat Anderson, secretary; Linda Chojnowski, treasurer; 213E: Judy Grote, president; John Garside, vice-president; Terese Skinner, secretary; Randy Crockett, treasurer.

Presiding over 217E are Judy Deke-ma, president; Beth Garneau, vice-president; Bernanne Simpson, secre-

### Great Variety Enjoyed

"Don't be cruel to a heart that's true" is the undulating plea that daily rocks the proud and proper State High study halls. Can it be that the notorious teenage rage, Elvis Presley, has invaded in person the revered Alma Mater? Do his occasionally censored wiggles and shakes accompany his monody on song? Hardly, but a recording of his money-making voice spins away the hours, a respite of rock-'n'-roll rhythm for the students who choose 211E as their noontime stop.

Naturally, State High is not without variation of taste in music and amusement. In 8E, though it is not a new instigation, is room for dancing. Occupying many of the other classrooms are such recreations as card games, checkers, sewing, and films. For the more vocally inclined, there are visiting rooms; for the "brainy," browsing in the library; and for committee meetings, rooms 1E and 2E have been set aside. Traffic in the halls has been minimized and loitering, stopped completely.

Noon Hour Plan is the name that has been given to the present, successful lunch hour schedule. It came into effect Monday, October 8, and before that, at an administrative assembly, was introduced with explanations to the student body.

In the past, State High students have spent the 12:05 to 12:40 period in the second, main floor, and basement halls. The college, which holds classes during this period, found the inevitable noise quite a hindrance and the high school faculty decided that the problem's only solution was to find something that would keep the noise out of the halls. Through the Student Council, Mary Lou Allen, citizenship head, and her committee, John Boyd, Dick Howson, Ken Hartman, and Jim Kemerling have been placed in charge of finding and providing that necessary something. In the halls and in several rooms, they have posted lists of things to do and the rooms in which they are located.

tary; Woody Boudeman, treasurer; 219E: Bonnie Blankenburg, president; Denny Brown, vice-president; Mary Peelen, secretary; Jack Gildea, treasurer; 301S: Clarke Godfrey, president; Jim Brown, vice-president; Jan Perry, secretary-treasurer; 303S: Michael Platt, president; Christine Cooper, vice-president; Susan Harada, secretary; Ron Schutz, treasurer.



## Bit o' Wit

Everybody take a good look at Jim Betke's new rear windshield. What's it made out of, Jim, GOLD?

It sure pays to be a Democrat even though Mr. Vuicich is completely IMPARTIAL.

This is A GREAT YEAR for Mr. Hackney! His Algebra III Class has FOUR GIRLS in it.

At play tryouts when Lee Mimms was introduced to Miss Cleveland, there was a slight pause, and then Lee burst out, "DIDN'T I KISS YOU WHEN I WAS IN 7TH GRADE?" Don't just stand there reading this, Lee. Explain yourself.

Think you're absent-minded? Ask SUSAN ASHLEY about the time she poured water on the floor in Physics.

FOR SALE—Apples: Jonathans, Winesaps, Applebys, all shapes and sizes—See State High's cross-country team.

NEW SLANT ON WEBSTER HORRIBLE—Lunches in lockers, buried by books all morning.

JUG—Something that doesn't always hold cider.

MEN—Creatures with two roving eyes, desirable lips and willing arms; especially of interest to sophomore girls.

YAWN—8:15 classes.

"HEY! THAT'S MY DOG!" cried Martha Roth as Alice Mabie was giving her report on bones to the Advanced Biology class. Try the veterinarian grave yards when the source at the Humane Society gives out, Alice!

Looks as though MOLECULES HAVE LOST THEIR CHARMS. Katie and Gene have been playing Black Jack in Physical Science.

Let's not leave the study hall floor in such a mess from now on. It went a little too far when A SHOCKED STUDENT MISTOOK A PEELED GRAPE FOR AN EYEBALL! Think of the impression a visitor would get!

Jim Coleman had trouble looking tough when he had his football picture taken. WHAT WAS SO FUNNY, JIM?

Some members of the 9:15 U.S. History class are going "COCONUTTY." Mr. Vuicich was having a hard time prying the answer to the question of what was the chief farm crop grown by farmers in Southern U.S. during the early colonial times when the wee voice of BOB KOHRMAN popped up, "Coconuts." He meant grown by the people, Bob, we're sure he did.

## Wisdom vs. Intelligence

If some one were to ask you, "What is the difference between wisdom and intelligence?", you probably would say, "They are both the same," just as this writer did. However, after giving it serious thought, I find there is a big discrepancy between them. A person can be intelligent but not wise. A wise man is prudent, knows what to do in practical affairs and is discreet and sagacious. Yet a person of great intelligence needn't be practical at all.

If a person is intelligent and uses his mental capacity, then he is wise. Consider the top student in a driver training class. He is admired by his teacher for his safe driving and his knowing and following of the laws. If, when he is on his own, he obeys speed laws, stops at proper signs, slows down in school zones, and in general drives safely at all times, then he is wise. On the contrary, if a person doesn't use his intelligence, he is not wise. For instance, a student taking a chemistry test in the morning answers all the questions concerning the rusting of metals correctly, but that night he washes his favorite knife and doesn't wipe it completely dry. Is he using his intelligence?

Certainly a youth can be a keen, thinking individual, but when a person mentions somebody's being wise, I often think, too, of an older, experienced man or woman. Obviously, one should learn and profit from all of the events which make up his life. It takes time and patience to learn to judge soundly, to face all the facts in the situation, and to make decisions rapidly and accurately. The American Indian went to the older, experienced medicine man for advice. We go to our boys' or girls' advisor or to our parents.

Still wisdom is a relative matter of opinion, for experiences do not guarantee a person's being wise. Sometimes we are unable to judge until after a man dies. Paul Robeson, we know, is a very intelligent man, but is he wise?

There's a fine line of distinction, as I see it, between intellect and wisdom. Perhaps you are intelligent; maybe someday you will be classed as wise.

—Bill Yates

## Newsical Notes

Once more the clash of cymbals and rolling of the drums can be heard reverberating through the halls as the State High band starts its eleventh season under the direction of E. R. Beloof. Many new names have been added to the band roster, including three old friends, juniors H. Howard and J. Persons and sophomore F. Kolloff. Also new this year to the high school band are F. Arbuckle, J. Baker, J. Birch, J. Brunner, L. Chojnowski, M. Dooley, J. Grubb, T. Hayward, C. Henry, H. Hill, C. Moore, D. Nielsen, M. Peterson, M. Schrier, B. Smith, L. White, J. Woodward, and B. Wruble.

Although the Seniors of last year are missed, the new people are doing a very fine job in taking over the graduates' chairs. Dr. Beloof says, "This is potentially one of the finest bands I've ever worked with." This is high praise, coming from one who has worked with bands for 25 years, and the members hope they can live up to it.

This year's band officers are P. DeKorte, president; C. Sutton, vice-president; C. VanRiper, secretary; and D. Pyne, treasurer. A special mention goes to R. Van Horn for the excellent job he has done this year as drum major, and to twirlers M. Brink, C. Kaercher, and C. VanRiper.

Next on the agenda of band appear-

ances is the football game with Otsego, where they expect to present a Halloween show.

The choir elected two presidents this year, P. DeKorte and J. Betke. These two capable gentlemen are also appearing as solists in "Ballade For Americans," which the choir is currently working on. Kathy Kersjes is accompanist this year.

Tentative plans call for the choir to appear in the annual Thanksgiving program in Kanley Chapel. Meanwhile, the 65 members of the 1956-57 choir are enjoying themselves while working on a medley of tunes from the musical show "Carousel."

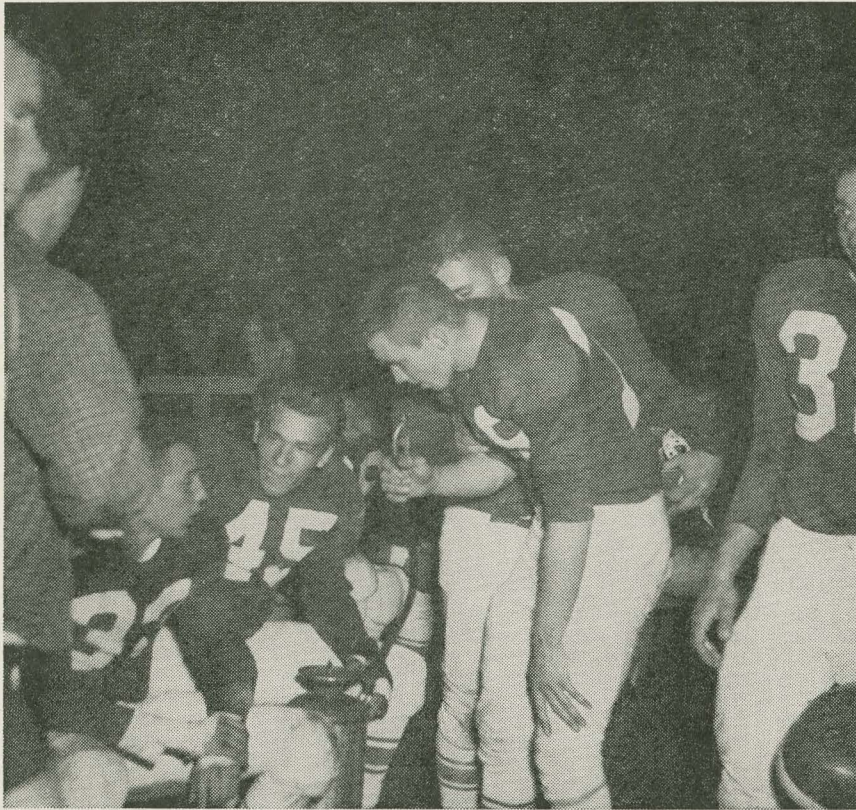
## Speech Contest Announced

The annual "I Speak For Democracy" contest is underway again this year and so far about 20 students from State High have entered it. The Junior Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring this contest and is awarding the winner of the city-wide contest a clock radio. He also gets a chance in the state competition, with the winner of that going to Washington, D.C.

This contest consists of writing a theme on the title "I Speak For Democracy" and then giving it as a speech. If desirous of competing or learning more about it, ask your English teacher.



# Cubs Bounce Trojans; Prime For Otesgo



State High bench pauses after hard action during Allegan game

## State High Routs Plainwell 34-0

State High scored a smashing victory over Plainwell last Friday night in a Wolverine League tussle and clinched at least a tie for second place in the final standings. Coach Walters' charges need only a win against Otesgo next Friday to grab the runner-up laurels, providing Portage wins its lone remaining conference game.

The Cubs ran their season record to 5-1 and their victory string to three.

From the opening kickoff it was all State High. The Cubs scored on their second play from scrimmage on an electrifying 63 yard pass play from Larry Johnson to Jim Brown. Johnson missed the conversion attempt and State High led 6-0.

The Cubs scored twice more in the first quarter, Vern Wade sprinting over from the Plainwell 25 after the recovery of a Trojan fumble by tackle Tom Lawson, and once again Wade scored, this time on a 13 yard run, capping a 55 yard drive. Johnson booted both extra points and at the end of the first quarter State High led 20-0.

In the second quarter, Plainwell made a feeble threat and had the ball on the Cub 25 by virtue of several completed passes and three major penalties against State High, but the gun sounded before they could score.

State High again dominated play in the third quarter, and the Cubs tallied twice more. Cullen Henshaw intercepted a flat pass and carried the remaining ten yards to the goal. Then quarterback Jim Brown scored three plays after pirating a Trojan aerial. Larry Johnson again goaled both extra points and the final score was State High 34, Plainwell 0.

## Varsity Tames Tigers In 21-6 Victory

Vern "Tank" Wade bruising State High fullback, scored two touchdowns and did some tremendous running as the Cubs ruined Allegan's homecoming by scoring a 21-6 victory over the Tigers.

State High's first touchdown came in the opening period with Wade, behind very fine blocking, roaring 16 yards into the end zone for the six points. Larry Johnson's placement was perfect, and the Cubs led 7-0.

Allegan, utilizing a 50 yard sustained drive, hit pay dirt in the second quarter. Jerry Miller, who did most of the ball toting in the march took a 5 yard pass from Ted Tucker for the Tigers' only score. The extra point attempt was wide, leaving State a point ahead at the halftime.

Early in the third quarter Wade smashed off left tackle and rambled 72 yards to the Allegan five before he was finally pulled down. Three plays later Wade scored from the two. Johnson again booted the extra point and the Cubs had upped the score to 14-6.

Four plays after the enthusiastic kickoff, Allegan quarterback Tucker fumbled while attempting to pass. Rod Wagonmaker, alert Cub guard, grabbed the loose ball and sprinted 23 yards into the end zone to sew up the game for State. Johnson's magic toe again kicked the extra point and the Cubs had moved to a 21-6 lead.

## Reserves Continue Rolling

The little publicized State Hi reserve football team has had a very commendable year thus far. The Cublets have won four and lost one (as of October 16).

After a slow start on offense at Plainwell, Weldon Johnson set up the first touchdown with a 40 yard run late in the second quarter. A few plays later he went over from the two yard line.

The first time State had the ball in the second half, Johnson went 51 yards around left end for the second touchdown. Five plays after the kickoff, Tom Vander Molen intercepted a Plainwell pass and went 15 yards for paydirt.

Plainwell finally scored late in the last quarter, but the game was already decided. Final score was 20-6.

## Harriers Run In Conference

Coach Don Westman's cross-country team, which had a two-won, two-lost record, fell to sixth in the Wolverine League Conference meet held at South Haven last Wednesday. First, second, and third places went to Portage, South Haven, and Otesgo, proving that they are definitely state powers.

George Schau, Cub number one man, took 22nd, Randy Crockett 23rd, Clarke Godfrey 24th, Jon Scott 31st, and Ron Siwik finished 32nd to give State High 132 points. Portage's winning total was 45 points.

Other runners besides the five who placed in the conference meet were Bert Cooper, Dick Howson, Jack Pearson, Dave Schroeder, Jack Schrier and Bill Yates.



## Auto Biography

The rustle of dry leaves, smell of exhaust, and friendly farewells announce that high school students are hustling home from school. I'm Cleopatra, a 1951 Chevrolet, one of the many cars that are driven to the hill top each day. Not all cars have a name, but I am one of the fortunate. Pat Anderson decided I needed a name to go with her car, who is called Alexander. She suggested Cleopatra—Cleo for short.

People say that some cars have a personality, but I have personality traits. My most annoying characteristic is stalling. This occurs very often and always at a most embarrassing time. Last Tuesday I flustered my driver by clonking out at a corner just as Clark Godfrey went by.

I enjoy chauffeuring students at State High around. I've given rides to football stars—Larry Johnson, Arnold Nieboer, and Tom Lawson—and those boys certainly enjoyed teasing my boss about her driving. Initiating Little Sisters—Cinda Cox, Liz Manske, Alice Terry, and Fran Sprau—was my main objective the night of the Get-Acquainted Dance. I've been to slumber and beach parties, baseball, basketball, and football games. The most exasperating

thing which happens to me is to be driven to a ball game and then parked facing away from the field!

My very best friend is Alexander. The Andersons have named their cars after the Bumstead family—Blondie, Dagwood, Alexander, and Daisy. Alex, a Plymouth, was born in 1941, and he is in good condition for his age. We first met on a Sunday evening last winter when Pat and Alex chugged into our driveway.

In contrast to Alexander is the sleek Thunderbird owned by the Rock family. We became acquainted just before school reopened when we were driven to the same meeting. I wouldn't want to be a foreign car because I'd feel like an orchid in a sunflower patch. Another personality at State High is Nelly Bell, Mr. Walters' car. I'm anticipating meeting her sometime this year. I've heard the students laugh over the frequent experiences that Mr. Walters has with her.

It's time to stop reminiscing, for here comes the boss; we're off to the football game.

GO, STATE! GO!

## Who's for Morris's Team?

It is fall, the season of the year in which you begin to feel the sharp, nippy North Wind, the season when football games are won and lost. But particularly it is the time when champions are made and vanquished.

Such was the case with Old Man Morris and his team because for years they had been adamant to all challengers, and occasion had come again for the Old Man to defend his title. This was the year to beat the Old Man because not only would you win the title, but you gained so much prestige.

Therefore, with all of this in mind, Old Man Morris set out in training. He usually held practice twice a day, but after the first two weeks he let up to one a day. He was known as an exacting trainer, and so beads of sweat tumbled down the cheeks of the contestants as raindrops on a window pane. He cajoled his team to arouse them for the coming contest.

The days roared by like an avalanche, reaching its crescendo on the day of the contest. The town was in a furor and there was a huge, blatant crowd in the grandstand. The big affair had finally come!

Before the contest Old Man Morris talked soothingly to the team to assuage them and at the same time rubbed their legs to get the kinks out of their muscles.

Finally the teams were called out on the field and the event began. It was a hard-contested match with the Old Man's team drawing a few penalties, but making many beautiful executions. Soon it was all over, and Old Man Morris and his team of horses, Polly and Daisy, had won the Wheaton County Contour Plowing Championship for the 12th straight year.

—Bob Kehrman

## Ear to Ear

By this time of year, school is in full swing whether we like it or not. Probably the most anxious to get back were **Bob Kehrman** and **Marty Van Peenan**. Those Gull Lake guys really made it rough, didn't they, **Bob**?

Beware, Frosh girls! If you ever go out with **Dick Colby**, eat a big supper unless you want to starve before the night's over; just ask **Ann Kercner**.

The homecoming dance brought out **Bert Cooper** with **Priscilla Tood** and **John Todd** with **Chris Cooper**. Sort of a family affair, wasn't it?

Poor **Karlene Gunnette** was busy every time **Jim Weeldreyer** asked her out. Don't give up, **Jim**; fate really isn't against you.

If your date doesn't dance, girls, just call **Larry Chojnowski** and you'll be all set. This freshman doesn't mind in the least going to a dance "stag" and leaving "drag." And as for slinky dancing at noon, watch **Gene Bombich**.

There was a Frosh gathering one Saturday night. **Denny Brown** and **'Bonita' Blankenburg**; **Fred Allen** and **Liz Manske**; **Mike Platt** and **Marty Boudeman** were some of the couples. But **Dan Gilchrist** looked real sad. Could it be that **Frances Fleckenstein** wasn't there?

Nothing's more fun than dancing on the fire escape at the men's gym. Right, **Jim Kemerling** and **Linda Chojnowski**?

Warning to all girls! **Ralph Valentine** has his cast off! He's on the prowl.

Say, we heard about some junior girls who followed a couple home and made matters worse by watching them say their fond goodnights. How did you get rid of them, **Judie** and **George**?

**Dave Platt** could be very interested in a junior named **Joanne**. It was a long hard battle, but he finally won and she's really worth it, isn't she?

Attention, **Tom Lawson**! If you'd slow down for a minute, you'd see that a lot of girls would love to catch your eye. Wake up and start looking! "Sleepy-head," **Rich Jackson**, what about the junior girl who has been watching you all year?

**Jim Woodruff** and **Kenwyn Gibson** make a neat pair. Didn't think we knew about it, did you, **Jim**?

**Jon Scott** doesn't mess. He gets his dates by waiting for them at the bus stop. Fun, **Jon**?

The practical value of Latin: Sitting together in class can lead to bigger things such as going to football games, can't it, **Suna Tiefenthal** and **Chuck Henry**?

Boys, there are a lot of slick dateless girls running around. Just dropping a gentle hint, but let's get going!

## In 'Norman' Land

**Jackson** went up to the **Baker** and asked him where the **Cook** was.

"The last time I saw him he was standing on a **Rock**, trying to get a **Lemon** from a **Pyne** tree," said the **Forester**, who had just come in.

"What I came for," he continued, "is because there is a **Grubb** on the **White Birch** tree and I thought one of the **Squires** might like to **Blow** it off."

Upon hearing this, all of the **Squires** ran Goggle-eyed into the **Ell** to **Reid Shakespeare**. Just then the **Wagon-maker** drove up with a **Lyon** in his new wagon for the **Shepherd**, who ordered it to scare a **Fox** away. The **Gay Lampman** arrived next, bringing a **Light** with him, and asked if the **Cross Coleman** had come yet. The **Gaylord** said, "No," and began ringing the **Hybels**.

Soon all the **Noble Persons** came over the **Hill** where they had been **Peelen Potts** of **Brown** potatoes for the **Wise Taylor**. The **Householder** said they would have a **Valentine Hunt**, and everyone must either wear **Koets**, **Sheets**, or a **Schau**.

The **Hartman** said, **Mabie** it would be too hard on their hearts." The **Weaver** shook his **Caine** and said the man should be put under **Locke** and key in the **Hightower**, or in the **Correll** where he would have to **Wade** in the mud.

The moral of this story is that all things **Born** must have **Enz**. On the **Brink** of a double **Decker** disaster does this one.

—Harriett Persons