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State Highlights

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Thanksgiving Spirit Envelops State High Classes Gift Worthy Families With Baskets

Scouting Around

This is your paper! Why not help keep the paper lively and representative of the whole school? Why not write for it as well as read it? Every contribution you make will be carefully considered and will have an equal chance with the rest to be printed.

Turn in your news items, articles, essays, and suggestions to members of the staff or Miss Giedeman. Themes and essays should be handed in to your English teachers, who in turn, will submit them to the staff. Names must be signed to every article before it can be considered.

Parents To View Classes

All parents who wish to know how their children are progressing in school have the opportunity, according to an announcement made by the advisors recently. Parents of Seniors are invited to visit on November 28 and December 4, while March 26 and April 3 are set for the Sophomores' parents. All others wishing conferences are invited to call for appointments. Parents of Juniors and Freshmen are specifically designated for the hours of 3:15-5:00 and 7:00-9:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 27.

Toys For Tots

Under the guidance of the Inter-School Council, State High's Friendship Committee is sponsoring "Toys for Tots." The toys collected will be presented to the Fort Custer Children's Mental Hospital.

This drive will take place November 28, starting at 7:00 p.m. when volunteer students will meet at school and then proceed to different areas in groups. After the collection, the toys will be brought back to school where refreshments will await the workers.

Timely Reminders

Wed., Nov. 21—Thanksgiving vacation begins at noon
Fri., Nov. 23—Basketball, Holland Christian, here
Mon.-Fri., Nov. 26-30—Book Week
Wed., Nov. 28—Senior Parent Visitation Day
Tues., Dec. 4—Assembly 8:15, Little Theatre; try-outs for Blue and Gold Revue; Senior Parent Visitation Day

School Thanksgiving celebrations came to a climax at State High yesterday as students attended the annual Thanksgiving assembly. Pupils and teachers, possessing many blessings usually taken for granted, entered the Campus Theatre to recorded religious music. The grateful voices of the choir opened the program, which was based on the family and the way its members give thanks followed by a joyous rendition by the congregation of "Come Ye Thankful People, Come." A group of elementary school children sang their praise, contributing to the theme, and a narrative story, a solc by Jim Betke, and a prayerful reading done by Patti Paull, added to the religious mood. A clarinet number by Frank Ell and solos by Mrs. Leon Mimms and Mr. Samuel Adams offered the proper feeling of reverence to the assembly. A prayer, given by Fran Arbuckle, ended the gathering and humbled students returned to classes.

Under the supervision of the Service Committee, each homeroom again filled its annual Thanksgiving basket for some needy family by giving canned food and buying a turkey. Special thanks belong to the Hybel Produce Company for donating fruits and vegetables, Lockshore Dairy for contributing milk products, and the Michigan Bakery for supplying the bread for all of the baskets.

The families, having been suggested by the Family Service Center, will receive their Thanksgiving baskets this afternoon from the separate homeroom representatives.

First Quarter Honor Roll Reveals Scholars

Students whose grades merited placement on the honor roll for the first half of this semester are as follows:

Alpha (Four A's, with no mark lower than B): Jim Betke, John Boyd, Marilyn Brink, Rosemary Burnett, Timothy Estes, Clarke Godfrey, Charles Henry, Susan Hilgart, Susan Hodgman, Ann Kercher, Lynn Larzelere, Carole Lemon, Suzanne Lennartson, John Light, Judith Lyttle, Marilee Masterson, Richard Nielsen, Alice Osterberg, Mary Peelen, Ward Riley, Linda Scott, David Sheldon, Mary Smith, Mary Stelma, Catherine Van Riper, and Brian Wruble.

Beta (Three A's, with no mark lower than B): Mary Lou Allen, Frances Arbuckle, Susan Ashley, Marilyn Beattie, Joan Blanchette, James Brown, Mary Carney, Allen Dowd, Philip Fox, Mary Householder, Richard Howson, Nan Perry, Susan

Schroeder, Richard Strube, Alice Terry, Robert Van Peenan, Susan Van Riper, Karen Wilkins, and Sherry Wilson.

Gamma (Two A's, with no mark lower than B): David Anderson, Patricia Anderson, Robert Awgaitis, Bonita Blankenburg, Richard Born, Nancy Brown, Gail Buchanan, Sandra Burke, Jon Carlson, Judith Dekema, Frank Ell, Sharon Gildea, Aileen Greanya, Judy Grote, Judith Grubb, William Hightower, Elizabeth Hosick, Emily Jackson, Carl Kiino, and Thomas Lawson.

Robin Limpus, Patricia Linn, Gretchen Maus, Carolyn Moore, David Platt, Carol Richardson, Sandra Riley, James Scott, James Siwik, Barbara Smith, Carol Sutton, David Taylor, Sandra Taylor, Susan Van Hoeve, Martha Van Peenan, James Weeldreyer, and William Yates.

College Board Exams Slated For December 1

Any Seniors who plan to take the College Boards should secure applications from their advisors. The Boards are given at Kalamazoo College on December 1, January 12, February 16, March 16, May 1, and August 14.

The tests consist of a three hour Scholastic Aptitude Test and a series of one hour Achievement Tests in special subjects.

To learn whether you should take the Scholastic Aptitude Test or the Achievement Tests, or both, you should find out the admission requirements of the college or colleges in which you are interested.

The fee is \$6.00 for the Scholastic Aptitude Test and \$8.00 for the Achievement Tests.

Bit o' Wit

One day in Advanced Biology Roger Ludwig reported on the difficulties of bird migration. Ron Siwik remarked, "I don't see why flying south is so hard," to which Rog replied, "HAVE YOU EVER TRIED IT?"

The mechanical drawing class locked their unsuspecting student teacher out of the room the other day. Remember, boys, this is a LEARNING experience, and you must not DISCOURAGE him!

Mr. Walters is still adjusting his watch by the almost daily occurrence of the SQUARE wheeled carts. These wagons almost keep to a TIME-TABLE.

Glenn Hess figures that because Martha Washington and Martha Jefferson have the same first name, they married the same man. It's undoubtedly thinking like this that makes the world go around . . . BACKWARDS.

Ask Jack Pearson how many states there are in the Union. Alaska and Hawaii may be coming in soon, but even THEN the total isn't 52, Jack.

Mrs. Jarman is really after Mr. Frey's head. When he heard that she played a bonga drum in her off minutes, not only did he ask her to play in the Christmas assembly, but he even offered to buy her a COFFEE CAN to practice on!

When someone in American History class was about to step on a bug, Dick Caine yelled, "WAIT! I CAN'T STAND THE SIGHT OF BLOOD," and turned his head. Later a second bug appeared and he sadly remarked, "Aw, it's probably the mother looking for her baby."

The HIGHLANDER staff better be careful; the boys have threatened to get their senior photos at the 25 cent picture booth in KRESGE'S!

When Mr. Taylor saw Miss Cleveland with a policeman's uniform in the hall the other day, he exclaimed, "I've heard of women chasing uniforms before, but this is the first time I've ever seen somebody CATCH ONE!"

The 11:15 study hall has something new to take their interest away from studying. Isn't that milkman cute, MARTY BOUDEMAN?

When Pat Baker was scratching her head, Mr. Chance quipped, "It doesn't help to turn them over, Pat. They have LEGS on both sides."

Our studious and refined mathematics teacher must have A SECRET DESIRE. Note Mr. Hackney's "Tom Corbett, Space Cadet," thermos bottle some noon!

Many Brave Hearts

"All men are created equal." How often does a person hear this line? A hundred times . . . perhaps a million in a lifetime. It is the apotheosis of freedom and human rights, yet not a gift or prize, but a purchase with blood and tears. Indeed, America has bled for it upon the timbers of Concord Bridge, by the fences at Bull Run, among the oaks of Argonne Forest, in the waters of Omaha Beach and under the shadow of Heart Break Ridge. America has wept also that we might remember the price and the brave hearts.

In due reverence, certain days have been set aside in which the people of our country may pay respect to these dead, but unless we have been personally touched or felt the paradoxical burden of loss, these brave hearts will rest only in history books, a place often as far away as the soldiers' graves themselves.

We have a broad-minded country; but our world is small, our concerns at home. Significant battlegrounds are things such as agriculture: the organic farmer denounces chemical fertilization; or business: the specialty shop competes with the department store; or society. Yes, society; here is really the major campaign of our life.

Every man, woman and child is a part of society; even the hermit in the seclusion of his cave or the assassin on death row. Partnership begins at birth. The protocol of life will test the new arrival in its devious ways and proclaim it a round peg, the accepted ones, or a square peg, the brave hearts of this war, the individuals.

Individualism stems from a basic need of mankind: to be needed; thus to have an importance or prominence, a special place. The average need is small. In youth its special place may be as football captain or queen of the court. Later, perhaps local politician, wealthy doctor or lawyer will do. If not, the average man will employ the answer of history, the creation of classes and cliques.

The individual's need is acute and runs to all extremes. He fights incessantly to reach a goal. He uses whatever methods facilitate the battle; he follows whatever way shortens the road to success. Likewise, any irrelevant function of the masses is dropped. These actions appear strange and unconventional and have yet to be accepted. The round edges form sharp corners and the individual departs from class and clique.

After fifty or more years society has finally admitted that the foundation of progress was laid by the individual. Suddenly this unique personality has become desirable. Indeed, the world has become polluted with pseudo-individualists; being different and unconventional is the mode.

From this sea of saintly hypocrites come the true martyrs, who still have a cross to bear. Throughout the battle they'll have to buffet storms of ridicule, miscomprehension, skepticism and general ostracism through ignorance and prejudice. Some will lose the struggle and join the masses or fall to ruin with unrecorded courage; but the fortunate few will emerge victorious and perhaps their brave hearts will be remembered beyond books.

—Carole Lemon

Newsical Notes

Tryouts have been held for the annual Blue and Gold Revue. The purpose of these tryouts was not to determine exactly who will be in the show, as there are many who have appeared before and are not required to try out, but to find new talent for the program. The winners of the tryouts will appear in the Blue and Gold assembly, December 4. This year the band is busy reading such new music as "Salute to Ferde Grof," which contains three well-known Grofe compositions; "Victory at Sea," theme song of the television

show of the same name, "Carousel," and "Standing on the Corner," an arrangement of the popular tune from the Broadway show "Most Happy Fella."

The choir appeared for the first time before the student body in the Thanksgiving assembly. Next on the agenda is an engagement at Zion Lutheran Church. The choristers will start December with a bus trip to Elkhart, Indiana, where they will attend a concert by Fred Waring. On December 5, the singers will present "Song of Christmas," a cantata by Fred Waring, at the First Presbyterian Church.

Cage Team Swings Into Action Friday

Meet Strong Holland Christian In Opener

1956-57 Basketball Schedule

Nov. 23—Holland Christian, Here
 Nov. 30—Allegan, Here
 Dec. 7—Vicksburg, There
 Dec. 14—South Haven, Here
 Dec. 21—Holland Christian, There
 Jan. 4—Portage, There
 Jan. 8—Plainwell, Here
 Jan. 18—Otsego, There
 Jan. 25—Allegan, There
 Feb. 1—Vicksburg, Here
 Feb. 8—South Haven, There
 Feb. 12—Portage, Here
 Feb. 15—Plainwell, There
 Feb. 22—Otsego, Here
 Mar. 1—Buchanan, There

The 1956-57 edition of the State High basketball team gets its first test against non-league foe Holland Christian here this Friday. Coach "Barney" Chance and his Cubs are undergoing a complete rebuilding job to uphold the high laurels won by last year's conference and regional championship team.

Coach Chance lost all but two letter men from last year's contingent. They are co-captains Rich Howson and Dave Fuller, who will be the terrific, potential nucleus Chance will build his squad around.

Along with Howson and Fuller returning from last year's team are Clarke Godfrey, Randy Crockett, Vern Wade, Jim Brown, and Jim Kemerling, the latter three making the recent shift from football and having only one and a half weeks to whip into shape.

Graduating from last year's fine reserve team are Cullen Henshaw, Bill Yates, Larry Johnson, Bert Cooper, and "Smiley" Kohrman. All of these boys should add great depth and skill to the present campaign.

The Cublets should have no problem with height this year, with Fuller 6-2, Howson 6-6 and junior transfer student, Jim Weeldreyer 6-8, holding down the front line. All this height and the deft ball handling of Godfrey,

Crockett and Henshaw should mold the Cubs into a fast working unit before long. Mr. Chance says that these boys are really "determined to have a good ball club."

Assisting Chance with the coaching will be Mr. Dick Bryck, Mr. Phillip Reuschlein, and Mr. Jack VerDuin who will pilot the freshman and reserve squads. Responding to the resounding cry of "manager" this year will be Jim Wise, Gerald Randall and David Schroeder. Kim Sebaly will repeat as head statistician

State Blasts St. Joe 32-13

State High, utilizing a trampling ground attack, swamped St. Joseph 32-13 before a crowd of 2,500 fans at St. Joe's Dickinson Stadium. The victory, which was the seventh in eight games for the Cubs, was by far their best effort of the season.

Ken Hartman, bruising Cub half-back, put State into an early lead when he bulled his way for a TD from the one yard line. Larry Johnson's placement was blocked and the Cubs led 6-0.

But St. Joe, winner of six of eight games, including victories over several Class "A" schools, came right back with two quick touchdowns to take a 13-6 lead. Both TD's were scored by the sensational St. Joe end Jason Harness.

On the ensuing kick-off State took the ball on its own three yard line. Two runs took the ball to the Cub 21 and on the third play, Vern Wade burst off tackle on a 79 yard touch-

Passin' It Around

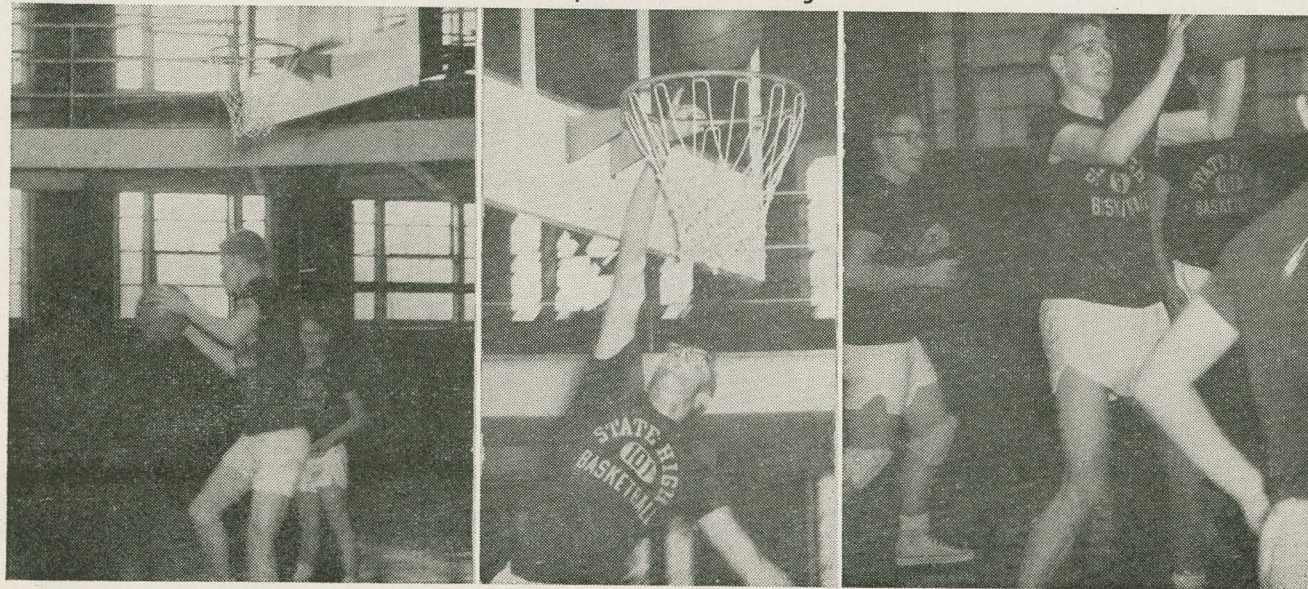
You can tell the cage season has arrived at State High. Bert Cooper has started playing his floor game again . . . Two eager applicants for basketball manager were Nancy Brown and Joan Blanchette. Why did you refuse, Mr. Chance? . . . Bob Kohrman was so anxious to start basketball that he had a calendar in his football locker so he could cross off the days of practice as they went by.

Mike Decker seems to be forgetting about basketball and wants to start his shot-putting already. He has to do well in the first meet because he has a bet on how well he will do . . . While the football team was eating after the St. Joe game, Larry Johnson's dinner was the center of attention. Larry's a vegetarian . . . Congratulations to Tom Cook, Vern Wade, Jim Brown, and Cullen Henshaw on making the All-City team.

down jaunt. Johnson's kick tied the game at 13 all.

The final quarter was a big one for the Cubs.

Champions In The Making



Turkey Day Troubles

(Tune: "Over The River and Through The Woods.")

Over the floor and through the mess,
And I'm not even dressed.
The company's come, some food is
done,
But my work has just begun.

Over the floor and through the mess,
To the icebox I do dash.
I spill the fruit, and then stand mute,
As it goes down with a splash.

Over the floor and through the mess,
The onions must be sliced.
The rolls to bake, the coffee to make,
The carrots to be diced.

Over the floor and through the mess,
It's time to check the pie.
I take it out, but I'm in doubt,
If it's safe to even try.

Over the floor and through the mess,
Till I can reach the stove.
The pudding's burned, the milk is
turned,
From cooking too long on low.

Over the floor and through the mess,
I take the turkey out.
The squash comes next, another mess;
"We're going out!" I shout.

—Harriett Persons

Life's Little Irritations

Ralph Valentine—"Getting up in the morning, especially Sunday."

Dick Blow—"Miss Crisman's not liking holding hands in school."

Harry Howard—"My car when it doesn't start."

Mike denOtter—"Girls that talk about previous dates."

Senior Girls—"Senior boys that don't date."

Nancy Brown—"Mary Smith won't show me her suspenders."

Gary Shoudy—"Short lunch hour."

Eugene Wu—"Call me some names sometime and you'll find out!"

Marilynn Wilsey—"People who don't put two n's on Marilyn."
(Oops! Sorry, Marilyn.)

Brian Wruble—"My sister when she writes about me in essays."

Economy, Oh, Economy

Pity her, friends, for she is the victim of "no-economitis!" This is truly a rare disease for which there is no known panacea. Please don't misunderstand; it isn't harmful, but it surely is annoying. She's been in a lifelong search for the wonderful cure: ECONOMY! Thus far all her endless wanderings have been in vain. To make it more explicit, she simply can't save anything!

Most people have some little idiosyncrasy for economizing on something, but not this one. She says she can't even save pieces of string or paper sacks. Of course, string and sacks have little value, but other things like money, do.

Her brother is a good example of thrift. He has dollar bills that are slowly molding and disintegrating from lack of use. They've probably been here longer than he has. Yet his sister, poor soul, is unable to keep a dollar for a week. If you ask her what she spent it for, her face becomes blank and she'll say she can't remember. It's really bad. Still she has the satisfaction of knowing many people who can't save money, but they do save something!

Her mother likes to wear earrings; however, she dislikes buying them for herself. Knowing that her daughter has a large collection, she borrows them instead of buying some of her own. The victim says she doesn't mind loaning them to her mother; yet it's certain she wishes the tables were turned so she could save something.

She said she isn't sure if she has been a victim of this disease all her life or not. She can remember collecting rocks and keeping them for quite a while although that is hardly classified under economy. She really isn't a wasteful person, just unable to save. It was once brought up that maybe she didn't care to have things lying around, but anyone who has seen her cluttered room can prove this wrong.

Her biggest worry is the phobia's future conduct. She might spend grocery money for a hat; on the contrary, she likes to eat, too. If only she could save something; anything at all would be fine.

Economy, oh, economy, where are you?

—Gail Buchanan

Ear to Ear

U.S. 12 is going to miss those ten or twelve daily trips made by two senior girls. It couldn't have anything to do with K. College finishing football for the season, **Marilynn W.** and **Carol S.**, could it?

Clarke G. bagged some nice game on his "hunting trip." St. A. must have especially good hunting grounds, **Clarke.**

Dave Fuller, next time you're at a party, just dunk for apples—not girls.

Marilee M. told us to tell her steady, **Jim B.**, that she wants some romance in life . . . and soon!

Tell us your secret, **Beth G.**, of how you get into those dorm dinners!

Judy D. warmly says that she loves to have kids come and see her. Do you always greet them so informally as in your pajamas, **Judy?**

Sally D., what's the matter with you? Aren't you willing to share that nice steady of yours with your sister **Judy?**

What's the big interest down at South Junior High, **Jim T.**? Could it be that **Holly Jones** has something to do with it?

Martha R. was a substitute in the play for one of the love scenes. When the tender moment came, she rushed across the stage and stuck out her hand! Now is that the way, **Martha?**

Say, **Nancy H.**, are you planning to go to the U. of Michigan? We begin to wonder after all the weekends there.

Marv B., the boys all want to know what secret charms you have that can keep two certain junior girls in a trance. Now don't hold out on them!

Rod W., was that nice, breaking up friendly relations between schools? We hear that **Mary H.** didn't mind, though.

Extra! Read all about it! **Linda Rogers** no longer interested in Western; now looking around at State High!

At last we know who **Stephanie's** "interest" is—that irresistible **Woody Boudeman!**

The gallant young fellow of Sherwood Forest has taken to typing love letters. Anyone receive any lately from **Robin Hood?**

Carl Kiino couldn't be like everyone else at the Turnabout. He had to go up on the track and dance.

Let's get with it at noon hour, boys. Who ever heard of girls having to pay boys to dance with them?

It's no wonder **Libby Taggett** is bouncing around these days. Not only did she get an acceptance to Bronson Nursing School, but she also captured a Central guy, **Fred Gould.**

Arnie Nieboer tells us his suppressed desire is to answer the phone with "Pool Hall Eight Ball speaking."

Things I Wish I'd Never Said

(With apologies to **Post Scripts**)

1. "Why, I'll be glad to give you a ride home . . ."
2. "Mother, go ahead and tell Mrs. Jones I'll baby-sit for her Saturday night; nobody's going to ask me out."
3. "Aren't we going to have any homework over the week-end?"
4. "Of course, we'll win this game; we never lose!"
5. "This tastes good; we should have it more often."
6. "I've got the best car in the world, never gives me any trouble."
7. "I just don't see how anybody could stand to go with him! By the way, who did you say you were going out with?"
8. "What can I do to help?"
9. "This Physical Science is going to be a snap!"