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# State Highlights

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## Newsical Notes

"Let me go or I shall slap you! Let me be, take off your paw." These words will echo through the Civic Auditorium on March 28 and 29 as the choir presents the operetta, "Martha." The committee chairmen for the annual event are: Publicity-Jan Correll, Props-Lee Mimms and Mary Ann Olson, Costumes-Judy Dekema, Staging-Bob Awaitis, Make-up-Martha Roth, Tickets-Bernanne Simpson, and Programs-Sandra Hybels.

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Last Friday the band received a second division rating at the Southwestern Michigan band and orchestra festival which was held at Kalamazoo College.

With the "Blue and Gold" pushed aside for another year, the band members are anxiously contemplating the April 5, 6 and 7 visit from the West Senior High band of Aurora, Illinois.

## P.T.S.O. To Discuss School

A discussion on "The Purpose of the Campus School," music, refreshments, and the opportunity for students, parents and teachers to greet each other informally will feature the spring P.T.S.O. meeting on March 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the Women's Gym.

## Boys Are

- ... **drowsy** on meeting the Monday morning that follows that late date.
- ... **sophisticated** when "chauffeur" several girls home in their "nobody else-has-one" Thunderbird.
- ... **lovable** when liking cashmere sweaters and having a matching bankroll.
- ... **ingenious** when explaining that demure blonde to their suspicious "steady."
- ... **sympathetic** upon seeing that new girl they've been trying to date has a sliver in her finger.
- ... **crushed** when learning that the black and white car they had been going 25 mph. for is not a "cop."
- ... **sheepish** on finding that the man whose face they blew smoke into, happens to be the coach.
- ... **passionate** when contemplating before a mirror their plans for a coming date.

## Girls Are

- ... **helpless** when dropping books before the star center.
- ... **forgetful** when meaning to report two \$47.50 items that were charged to "daddy."
- ... **silent** while attending language classes. "No English spoken."
- ... **dangerous** when complimenting their best enemy.
- ... **ecstatic** on discovering that not-too-tight, not-too-loose sheath fits their clothes allowance likewise.
- ... **mathematical** when adding and subtracting physical attributes.
- ... **crafty** when trying to find just how they can tell a secret they promised not to reveal.
- ... **triumphant** when twisting a boy's shy "Hi" into "I'll pick you up at 8:00 o'clock."
- ... **sparkling** when seen through the eyes of a date who is under the influence of their most potent perfume.

## Students Turn Barkers, Salesmen, Models, Actors, Concessionaires

"Step right up! Only 10 cents and you win a fabulous prize!"

"Help support the war orphan!"

"Vote here for your Sweetheart King and Queen!"

These traditional cries will again resound on the hilltop Saturday, April 13, from 7:30 until 11:30 p.m. In the past, the carnivals have been sponsored by the Citizenship Committee of the Student Council, and this year is no exception. Each homeroom or club desiring to earn money bids for the booth or space of its choice. These bids are polled by members of the Council and distributed several weeks in advance. Booths may range from the "ever-popular kissing parlors" to "pie-throwing dens." As a special attraction, the Sophomore Class will produce an annual melodrama, with 42 students hard at work on this. The proceeds belong to the proprietors of the booths to spend, donate or save as they see fit. All profits earned by the Student Council will probably be donated to the war orphan fund.

### Timely Reminders

Thurs., March 7—PTSO Meeting  
Wed., March 13—Administrative Assembly, 12:40, Little Theatre  
Tues., March 26—Sophomore Visitation Day

## New Globe-Trotting Plans

For those who have a touch of the wanderlust and \$650.00, the 1958 European trip may be just the thing. The itinerary thus far is for 21 days in Europe, including 3 days in London and 4 in Paris. Other cities which will be visited are Stratford-on-Avon, Amsterdam, Schonburg, Munich, Innsbruck, Lucerne, Geneva, Moulins and Tours. There is a possibility of visiting Venice and Milan, adding 4 days to the trip and increasing cost by \$50.00.

The fee includes all meals, lodging, tips, and transportation. Ship will definitely be taken one way, and plane for the other is tentative.

At the intermission, entertainment is to be given by the Citizenship Committee, and the boy and girl voted most outstanding for service to the school will be crowned Sweetheart King and Queen, respectively.

## Orators Build Skills

Several students from State High entered the Local Forensic Contest in competition with other schools in the city, and many of them won prizes. The winners according to their category are: Dramatic Reading—Carole Lemon and Sandra Taylor; Humorous Reading—Bob Awgaitis and Becky Bahlman; Declamation—George Brown; Extempore Speech—David Schroeder; Original Oratory—David Anderson. These people will compete in March in the district contest at one of the area schools and those winners will go to the regional contest.

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Dave Anderson's speech was so exceptional that it was selected for county-wide competition by the Kalamazoo Tuberculosis Association.

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Another speech contest is being conducted at Michigan State on March 16, radio and television competition and people entering are Chuck Henry, Craig Babcock, Carole Lemon, Sandra Taylor, George Brown and Bob Awgaitis. They will be accompanied by Mr. Sack and a student teacher and will spend two days on the MSU campus.



## Bit o' Wit

As the speaker for the tape recorder was about to topple from Mr. Sack's desk, Sue Van Riper shrieked, "Stop! Stop!" Mr. Sack stepped from his office and remarked, "Stop that, STEVE." (Innocent Steve Hammond sits beside her.)

English teacher, trying to explain that "EITHER-OR" type of reasoning is objectionable: "Now, suppose a girl's parents say she cannot appear at a formal in a low-cut strapless evening gown. The girl decides it must be one extreme or another. She'll wear the dress or nothing—."

We must get these BARE facts straight!

A recent U. S. history class coverage of current events started a unique discussion of a prison riot. Led the student teacher, "Why did the prisoners riot? WEREN'T THEY HAPPY?"

After Brenda F. had copied her Latin sentence on the board and had signed her name to it, Miss Giedeman not-so-carefully translated it: "Brenda persuaded many men to go with her."

What a SHOCKING accusation, Miss Giedeman.

The other day Mr. Norris delivered a well-aimed speech on boy-girl relationships to the eighth grade home ec class. Getting WORRIED about NEXT year, Mr. Norris?

Larry Winchell was sixteen on Saturday, February 23, and was down at the police station at 8:00 A.M. applying for his driver's license. The EARLY BIRD gets the WORM. Right, Larry!

Assignments for reports on local industries were being handed out profusely in a recent classroom session, and as the choice of subjects began to dwindle, a clever student suggested thoughtfully, "Kalamazoo has a large panty industry!" That's PANSY, not PANTY, CAROL RICHARDSON!

During history Mr. Vuicich was asking for the numbers inside the books he had passed out. When he came to Glen Hess, this answer was heard, "Present."

You CAN'T win, can you, Mr. Vuicich?

In Homeroom 15E people who chew gum or talk are fined, and the money is put into the treasury. Number one contributor to the fund? Stephanie Wenner, CLASS TREASURER.

Diana Anderson was worrying about where she had misplaced her books. She sat through the 1:15 study hall thinking about them when, with the hour almost over, she saw them on the desk IN FRONT OF HER.

## Mental Blockades

Thinking harmonizes with our emotions and desires. The tendency to let feelings dictate thinking is a common weakness. As a child, we learned not to ask favors of our dad when he was in a bad humor. Later we recognized that nearly everyone is inclined to welcome proposals that suit his mood and resist those that run counter to it.

The greatest block to thinking clearly is the tendency people have of believing only what they want to. Love, hate, and jealousy are forms of prejudice that block clear thinking. The son of a wealthy English family, who had just received his college degree, was offered two positions by his father who owned a business firm. He was told he could start as a clerk in the London office of the firm or go to South America and become manager of the branch there. For days the son pondered on a decision, resolving to think it out with logic and not let any obstacles persuade his choice. He wrestled with the problem, listing all the major and minor arguments in favor of and against each possible selection. Completing the list, he observed many arguments for the South American choice, but few in favor of staying in London. Then the deadline arrived; he burned the list and reported to the London office for work! A rare thing about this young Englishman's thinking is that he knowingly allowed his feelings to determine his decision, thereby wiping out the logic.

A prejudiced person disregards truth and facts, unknowingly many times, and seeks and accepts all arguments favorable to his preconceived position. People do not have to be well-educated to find reasons for doing what they want to do and of thinking what they want to think. If a friend wanted to believe the earth is flat, he could find reasons to support this belief. There seems to be no theory too illogical or absurd to be believed and defended by intelligent people who want to trust such a proposition.

The environment in which we are born and reared affects our thinking, creating most of our beliefs, likes and dislikes. Practically all of us accept and believe in the religion of the church which we attended while growing up. Many of our parents' ideas become our own as we develop. But, sometimes the influences of the home are outweighed by others. People most readily accept the views of those individuals for whom they have the most respect, love and admiration. During World War II, many young Germans became Nazis with opposition in and on the faces of their parents. But the Nazi doctrines were pounded into them by their leaders, heroes, and teachers.

Nearly everyone thinks not only with a pinch of logic, but with a dose of personal prejudices. If people realize this, even though they may be powerless to release from their mind the influences of some of the deepest and strongest prejudices, they may free their consciences from the domination of many of the milder prejudices which tend to control thinking.

—Ruthann Bryan

## Time Crimes

Ever had one of those days when you felt bored, worthless? Sure you have; all normal individuals suffer from this common malady although few of us are able to overcome our dilemma. There are many amateurs who attempt to combat their troubles by various means of diversion, all designed to distract themselves. In this group are the thumb-twiddlers, closely related to the thumb-suckers except for the fact that they are usually much older. Next in line are toe-tappers, an amusing tribe but harmless if its members are kept off wooden floors. Then there is yet another group, which to me is the most disgusting of all, the knuckle-crackers. These fidgety individuals are continually trying to stretch their

fingers out of shape. About the most one can hope is that someday they will succeed.

How about you; do you fall in one of the above categories? If you answer yes to this question, consider yourself a rank amateur in the art of killing time. However, there is still some hope for you if you will follow my advice without delay. There is only one foolproof method of killing time known in the world today and I am the proud professor of that method. Follow it closely and you cannot go wrong. It shouldn't be too hard because everybody is familiar with my system: Pick out a comfortable bed or sofa, curl up and take a nap. You will be surprised at how fast the time goes.

—Cullen Henshaw



## Passin' It Around

An added attraction to the Otsego game was a "head-stand" done on the bleachers by Rod W. Find anything missing out of your pockets, Rod? ... The basketball team has turned into a water polo group: Throwing water in the locker room can get pretty messy, can't it, boys?

Perry Como's latest hit "Round and Round" was possibly written by State High's cagers. When they are late, they have to run one lap for every minute they are tardy ... Ask Jon Scott how he sprained his ankle. Don't believe his "yarn" about being injured while playing basketball.

Bill Yates recently found that ice fishing is really quite an exciting sport. After rising at 3:30 A.M. on a cold morning, Bill drove to Gun Lake. He received the thrill of his life when he hauled in a whopping five inch blue-gill.

Talk about the demon statistician! At one of his son's ball games, Mr. Engles had a chart in which he kept track of the temperature, pressure, humidity, pollen count, and index of wind refraction.

Bob Kohrman gave an oral book report in the 2:15 English class about a boy that had to wear a catcher's mask in football games because he eliminated the other team's members by biting them when he tackled! New strategy for Mr. Walters next year.

Bert Cooper has been out on the links, but he hasn't caught the full impact of the golf bug yet. Just wait till he comes to school chewing an old golf tee and bouncing a golf ball off the floor, walls, ceilings, and even teachers!

## Reserves Show Promise After 6-9 Season Record

The State High reserve team under coach Sam Reuschlein, has posted a 6-9 record this season. In spite of this losing record, the reserves have gained much valuable experience.

In their tilts since Christmas, the Cubs have lost to Portage, 42-46; to Plainwell, 27-57 and 42-55; to Allegan 37-40; to South Haven, 30-52; and to Buchanan, 28-35. They have beaten Otsego twice, 55-48 and 49-37, Vicksburg, 31-26; and Portage 45-32.

Tom Vandermolen, Al Dowd and Jon Carlson have consistently led the Cub scoring.

## Assembly Hears Anderson

Juvenile delinquency was the subject of a talk given by Judge Donald T. Anderson yesterday morning in the Little Theatre. Probate Judge Anderson is also head of the Juvenile Division of that court, and he gave an inside glance at the problems connected with juvenile delinquency.

# Cubs Finish Regular Season 8-7; Anticipate Tourney Wins

## Otsego Nips Cubs 68-66 In Double Overtime

Otsego High School's basketball team spoiled State Hi's last conference game of the season and homecoming by pinning a 68-66 double overtime defeat on the Cubs. Skip Sisson calmly dropped in two free throws in the sudden death period to send State to its second straight overtime defeat. The game was the fourth in a row in which the Cubs have been forced into overtime.

The contest started fast with the Bulldogs taking an early 11-8 lead. The Cubs, led by Cullen Henshaw's marksmanship, roared back to go ahead 20-17 at the quarter. Otsego raced to a 25-20 lead and continued to a 34-28 half time score.

The third quarter was sluggish with neither team able to sustain a rally. The Cubs scored the last four points of the period to pull the score up to a 47-45 disadvantage.

At the start of the final quarter, the Cubs relaxed and let the Bulldogs extend their lead to 52-45 before scoring the next seven points to tie the game up. The teams exchanged baskets and the scoreboard read 60-60 at the end of regulation play.

State muffed several chances to capture the game in the sudden death overtime, but Sisson decided the Cubs' fate on his free throws. The victory was a sweet one for the Bulldogs as they had lost to Portage in sudden death earlier in the season.

Cullen Henshaw was high man for the game with 21 points. Dick Howson and Bill Clock, who has been injured for most of the season, ended with 19 apiece.

The night was not a total loss as the Cublets wrestled a 49-37 victory over the Bulldogs reserves in the preliminary. Tom VanderMolen led the reserves with 14 while Rich Jackson added 10 to the total.

## Freshmen End With Victory

The Freshmen finished their season Monday, February 25, against St. Augustine. Going into the second half the young Cubs put on a rally to overcome a seven-point deficit and win, 39-37. The victory gave the Freshmen a 8-4 record for the season.

Players this year have been F. Allen, B. Barthold, J. Birch, L. Chojnowski, D. Colby, G. Gauthier, L. Groggel, D. Hackney, T. Hayward, B. Hightower, B. Hodgman, D. Ketcham, T. Moyer, M. Platt, W. Riley, B. Schutz, R. Schutz, G. Shoudy, and T. VanderMolen.

## Buchanan Too Steady

Buchanan, of the Big Four Conference, trounced State High 65-57 Friday night before a near capacity crowd in the beautiful Buchanan gymnasium. The loss was the seventh in 15 games for the Cubs while the Bucks support an 11-5 record.

State High, utilizing their great height advantage and a fine fast break, jumped to an early lead in the first period. Dick Howson and Dave Fuller controlled the boards while Cullen Henshaw, Clarke Godfrey and Vern Wade sparked the fast break.

The Cubs lead 21-11 in the first six minutes and 23-15 at the end of the opening period. At this point State was red-hot and it looked as though they would control the game throughout.

But in the second period things were different. State didn't score a goal until four minutes had elapsed in that period. In the meantime, the Bucks were slashing the Cub lead and by the end of the second stanza they had gained a 35-33 lead.

In the third, and most of the fourth quarter, it was all Buchanan. In the fourth period they led by 13 points with about three minutes left in the game. But the Cubs came to life to cut the lead to only eight points at the final gun.

The final game statistics showed that State had a 27-22 edge in field goals, but were able to score only seven free throws while the Bucks dropped 21 charity tosses.

Cullen Henshaw, with 21 points, and Dave Fuller, with 14, were the leading Cub scorers. For the Bucks, Dick Proud counted 14, and Greg Dellinger hit 13.

Buchanan also won the reserve preliminary, 35-28.

## District Meet at Portage

The district high school basketball tournament drawings for State High, Portage, Vicksburg and St. Augustine were held Wednesday at Portage.

State High drew Vicksburg, while Portage was bracketed with St. A. The winners of these two games will meet to determine the district champion.

Tournament games will be held March 5, 6, and 9, and will be played in the Portage gymnasium.

If the Cubs win the district crown, they will enter the regional tournament at the Holland Civic Center next week.



## Having Tough Luck, Buddy?

How do you feel today? Did you get to school with only two minutes left before class and then you couldn't get your locker open? And when you did, all the books fell out on the floor? And as you were running to class, did you drop your pencil? And you heard the monitor laugh as you went scrambling back after it? When you finally sat down in class, was there a tack on your seat? Has everything been going wrong? Lift your head up high! Don't ever give up State High! Don't ever give up State High!

Did you get crunched by a car while running across Oakland on your way to typing? And the man came skipping over to you and said, "Are you hurt?" Did the teacher leave the room and you the only one without a paperwad supply? Did you have a runny nose but no handkerchief in study hall? Did you tip over in your chair during Math Class? And the teacher said, "Did you break the chair?" At noon did you discover that somebody had sat on your lunch on the way to school? Then, did you go half way through the line in the

cafeteria before you discovered you only had fifteen cents? In the excitement that followed, did you tip over your tray? And while trying to pick up the mess, a friend hit you from the rear sending you sprawling on the floor? Is this what happened to you, my friend? Lift your head up high! Don't ever give up State High! Don't ever give up State High!

Did you discover too late that your boots had been sitting under a leaky pipe? Were you dying of thirst and the monitor wouldn't give you a hall permit? When you got to the fountain, were you the last one in line? And when it was finally your turn, did the plumber shut off the water to fix a leak? Did report cards come out today? During noon hour did someone hit you in the face with a banana peel? In chemistry did you spill acid on your dress, and now you notice it slowly disintegrating? Did you wonder why everyone was kicking you? Then you discovered the sign stuck to your back? Is this what's troubling you? Lift your head up high! Don't ever give up State High! Don't over give up State High!

—Bill Yates

## Slippery Scissors

Looking at some of your friends at school, you find they have a style all their own.

Hair cuts are the craze in State High these days. **Bonnie Blankenburg** and **Gretchen Gibson**, two freshmen, have a cut entitled "Never Again."

**George Schau** got in a fight with his barber, but the hair cutter won and George now has hair style known as "After-birth."

**Newell Hetrick**, that worshipper of Elvis Presley, felt that if the army were to cut Elvis' hair, it would be taking a part of Newell; therefore, Mr. Hetrick shaved off one sideburn.

**Carl Kiino** didn't realize his hair had grown so long until he turned to talk with a friend behind him in history class. Not finding the student, Carl scratched his head and much to his surprise, the boy was entangled there right in a nest of birds.

As **Sandy Rex** was heading to the hair stylist, she suddenly made a mistake and, entering a meat market, came out with the ever-popular style: "Butcher."

**Denny Sabo** is living in the past. With his hair combed down the middle, he could be trying to start the fad called "The Old Country."

**Wendy Locke** felt rather odd at the horse show when she received the award for having the longest and most beautiful pony tail. She went immediately to the hair trimmers and told him she never wanted to get that award again. Now all she wins is the most beautiful tale honor.

## O, I CURN Here

It's fun sometimes to match one's initials with words. For example: **Paul DeKorte-P.D.**—**Patient Dreamer.**

Adorable	Agitator
Bashful	Buddy
Charming	Conversationalist
Daring	Dreamer
Earnest	Enigma
Famous	Flirt
Gallant	Grouch
Honest	Helper
Ingenious	Idol
Jovial	Joker
Kind	Knight
Loyal	Lover
Merry	Menace
Naughty	Nut
Obedient	Owl
Patient	Pest
Quaint	Queen
Radiant	Rascal
Sociable	Scamp
Talkative	Talebearer
Unselfish	Umpire
Vivacious	Vagabond
Whimsical	Warrior
Xanthous	Xanthippe
Youthful	Yeoman
Zany	Zealot

**CLOUDY**—An assembly during your study hall

**WARM**—Sue Lennartson's personality

**TROPICAL BREEZES**—The Eagle-some sisters

**STORMY**—Lab day in chemistry class

**SHOWERS**—Tears of a lovers' quarrel

**FOGGY**—Vern Wade

## Ear to Ear

A brand new freshman couple have come into existence. How about it, **Don Ketcham** and **Lynn Larzelere**?

**Bob Awgaitis** had a strip of paper taped across his throat Saturday night, reading as follows: To remove, cut on this dotted line.

Four hardy boys planned to go ice fishing after a recent basketball game, but their plans were almost ruined when one of them wouldn't leave a slumber party they were visiting. Oh well, it is warmer inside, isn't it, **Bill**?

**Rich J.**, you aren't up with it. A certain junior girl has flipped just trying to get your attention.

**Susan Schroeder** wants her name in the paper, but the only thing she has done lately is get in at one o'clock. Just one question, Sue, where had you been?

**Emily Jackson** was seen at the Civic Theatre with a young man; he must be the cause for that spark in her eyes.

After school one night **Lee M.** was seen chasing a girl down the hall. Lee, how did those smudges of lipstick get on your cheek?

Upon meeting two junior high boys in the hall, **Marilynn W.** said, "Hi," but as the boys continued down the hall, an argument arose as to which one she had addressed. It's just your power of charm, **Marilynn**.

**Sue Ashley** must really be in a sad state. To hear her tell it, nothing ever happens to her. What about that tall, dark senior boy, Sue?

Wanted: 40 of **Ann Sorlie's** records. Last seen in the area of a St. A boy's closet.

Appearing on the dance floor as new couples at the "Shmoo Snag" were **Pat Linn** and **Dick Scholten**, **Fran Fleckenstein** and **Bill Hightower**, and **Liz Manske** and **Dave Boelke**.

Some Comstock fellow arrives after school to help **Mary Smith** and **Barb B.** with their work. Are you sure it's work, girls?

**Carole S.** would never have thought it an advantage to lose her billfold, but as she found out, it depends upon the finder. "Hello," said the voice from Burnham Hall; "I found your billfold. Is there some place I could meet you to return it?" Some people have all the luck.

What's the matter, **Joy G.**, don't you like the boys to see pictures of you? When they finally get one, you try to take it away! Shame on you!

After the ball game the other night, **Tom Reid** went visiting over at **Woody Boudeman's**. He walked up to the door at two o'clock in the morning; and, after dragging **Woody** out of bed, proceeded to ask, "What are you doing tonight, **Wood**?"