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State Highlights

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England's Countryside Inspires Chorus

"Martha" Comes To Civic, March 28, 29

Timely Reminders

Tues., April 2—Election Assembly, 11:15, Little Theatre
Sat., April 6—Latin Field Day: Band Concert, Women's Gym
Wed., April 10—Administrative Assembly
Sat., April 13—Carnival, 7:30-11:30, Women's Gym

Have you ever wished to fall in love while disguised as someone other than yourself? This humorous situation develops in the opera "Martha" selected by the State High Choir to be given March 28 and 29. "Martha" begins in the Royal Gardens near Richmond where Lady Harriet (maid-of-honor to Queen Anne) resides. She becomes bored with the luxuries of her life and all the attention which her cousin Sir Tristram showers upon her. When Harriet discovers a fair is being held nearby, she and her companion, Nancy, disguise themselves as country girls and go there with Sir Tristram as their escort.

At this traditional fair at Richmond, where farmers come to hire maids, Nancy and Harriet, alias Julia and Martha, find themselves bonded in service by law to Lionel and Plunkett, two handsome, young farmers. They are taken away to the Plunkett farm where they fall in love with their masters and vice versa.

Because of the number of talented people in the choir, several parts have a double cast. Leads for Thursday and Friday respectively are: Lady Harriet Durham ("Martha")—Alice Osterberg; Nancy ("Julia")—Jean Buelke, Sharon Gildea; Plunkett—James Betke; Lionel—Paul DeKorte; Sir Tristram—David Schau, Bert Hybels; Sheriff—Wally Kent, David Anderson; Three Servant Maids—Joanne Quiring, Elizabeth Manske and Dorothea Reavis and Suna Tiefenthal, Burlean Gildea and Katy Johnson; Four Flunkys—Gary Gauthier, Allen Dowd, David Hackney and Bob Awgaitis.

The performance will begin at 8:00 p.m. in the Civic Theatre. Student-adult tickets can be purchased from the choir members at \$1.00 each and children 12 and under at 50c.

Students To Single Out New Council Officers

Whom will you vote for to hold the 1957 gavel as Student Council President? An assembly on April 2 will help you decide when next year's Student Council candidates and managers present their views on the duties of their pursued offices.

Candidates for president must be from the Junior Class, but the offices of vice-president, secretary and treasurer may be held by any student with a "C" average and who submits to the election board a petition with 10% of the students' signatures.

Students will be able to vote for their candidates during the noon hour, study hall, or after school on election day.



After a stringent rehearsal the cast "takes five." Photo by Dave Schroeder

Newsical Notes

The band members have turned interior decorators. Many of them have given up free time to work on the project of making the room ready for the visit of the West Aurora High band April 5, 6 and 7. So far, a new bulletin board has been added, and the piano and drum cabinet have undergone a face-lifting; they will all be refinished. Plans are made for a mural to be hung on the south wall after the new coat of blue paint is dry.

Tentative plans for the entertainment of the visitors from Illinois include a swimming party at the new men's gymnasium, a dance for the two bands and open house at several of the band members' homes.

On the program for the State High band are "Bluebells of Scotland," Ron Van Horn, trombone soloist, "Hi Score March," and Carousell." The Aurora band will play "Tympendium," a tympani solo, "Victory At Sea," and "Witch Doctor." The bands will combine with "Flute

Cocktail," a flute double trio, "Burst of Flame March," "Song of the Bells," and "First Swedish Rhapsody." The program will be at 8:00 p.m. Saturday, April 6, in the Women's Gymnasium.

Romans To Invade Niles

A visit to Niles on April 6 may be like spending a day in ancient Rome, for the fifth annual Latin Field Day is being held there at the high school. The program will consist of the singing of Latin songs, skits presented by the various schools, and an appropriate talk. The students attending will dress in togas, pallas, stolas, soldiers' uniforms and slaves costumes.

State High will be represented by its Latin students accompanied by Miss Kraft and Miss Giedeman, with the trip being made by bus.

Last year, over 400 avid students from Southwestern Michigan attended the Roman Holiday at Portage and an even greater turnout is anticipated this year.

Bit o' Wit

Mr. Chance informed Penny Lyon that she would have to do so many laps around the gym track because she had caused a disturbance in class. **SOME GIRLS GET ALL THE BREAKS!**

A very embarrassing situation is left to Jean Buelke and Jim Betke when they have to KISS in the OPERETTA. When it turned out all wrong in practice, Mr. Frey exclaimed, "Come on, kids, PUCKER . . . or isn't that the custom any more?"

It is, Mr. Frey, it is!

Unpredictable Dick L. picked up his books the other day and changed his seat in the science class from the front row to the back. Dick's explanation, "I'm sick of learning something." WELL, IT TAKES ALL KINDS!

Dragsters, you'd better watch out! Mr. Walters is ready to take on all comers. He replaced NELLYBELL with a burly, blue bomb that he thinks is part Plymouth, but HE's NOT SURE!

Seventeen boys plus a rented truck, plus a jovial spirit, plus "snow in long white strips" equals fun. For two dollars you could've ridden the "State High Limited" to Holland. Only one drawback . . . Bob Chapman was the driver!

Rosemary Sugden tried on a costume that was a little too big for her for the Roman Holiday. When Lee Mimms saw it, he exclaimed, "Well, now I know how they smuggled the Trojan horse into the city."

When Allen Dowd left class on the day before Ash Wednesday, he informed Miss Giedeman that he wouldn't see her for six weeks. Upon further questioning, he quipped, "I'm giving up Latin for Lent."

Larry Chojnowski, entering into a discussion on school spirit, announced that he'd heard a school song that sent SPINES up and down his back! It must have been quite a song, Larry!

When the 9:15 history class laughed at Mr. Vuicich, the reply was, "What's the matter? Can't a guy's wife give him a haircut once in a while?"

To use as an example in a problem, Mr. Weber asked Jim Birch how much he weighed. Jim burst out with, "195 pounds of fightin' fury!" Everybody beware, as Jim might let loose with that power someday!

Down With Feminine Logic

"After football and basketball there is just nothing to do around here," sighed one of State High's sweet young things. Considering that the fall and winter seasons total two major sports as compared to spring which alone accounts for four, this statement would be classed as feminine logic. However, both sexes have used it when tossing off opinions of our rather "unspectated" spring sports.

Now, face up to the camel-back-breaking straw: Why do we pile praises and patronage on football and basketball, then almost ignore baseball, track, tennis, and golf? Analyze the situation. As spectators our primary aim is to see something. What do we want to see? Action!—Both "gridiron" and "hardwood" know a fast game; but can either one top that tennis volley that comets across the net or that fifty yard sprint that defies time? We want to see a show of skill in competition with other schools. We've finished two rather good seasons, but there is room for some good honest revenge in the upcoming four sports with a few class "A" teams to butter the bread. We want to see our boys out there fighting to bring us whatever prize is in the offer. Bob, Joe, or Jim may change shoulder pads for a snappy plaid cap or slippery blue satins for tailored white bermudas; but they're the same heroes that gave us records and games to pop vest buttons over.

Our more idealistic aim is to support our team. The two big crowd gatherers, football and basketball, are fed by cheers. The others must rely on a girlfriend's smile or a familiar face, shining through a cloud of strangers.

We have what we want to see in each spring sport. We know that increased attendance would help. There is one question left. Are they worth watching and supporting? Lend an ear. For the last two years our golf team has putted in the State Championship. How many times could you or have you bragged about this? How many matches have you attended?

—Carole Lemon

Bachelor Reveals Secrets

A bachelor is, I think, the happiest man in the world, with no nagging, quarreling wife to hound him continually, and no hungry, squalling mouths to feed. Marriage brings many new responsibilities upon a man, for he now has a wife and family to feed, clothe, and house.

Of course, there are many men who don't care for the carousing, gay life of a bachelor and choose to marry without a good fight. But these aren't the one-hundred percent, red-blooded, All-American boys. The All-American boy is constantly on the go, evading the clutches of some love-crazed woman. This is very convenient because most of the girls in America are always on the lookout for some unwary, innocent boy to pounce on.

A good example of this situation is Li'l Abner. Until recently he was the idol of all American males. For years, Abner was on the alert and escaped the clutches of Daisy Mae and the other Dog Patch females. On Sadie Hawkins Day, he would put on the speed of an antelope, the endurance of a draft horse, and the cunning of a student intent upon cheating on a test, and race the girls to the finish line as all bachelorhood cheered him on. But finally, the black day came when Li'l Abner succumbed, and a bit of every bachelor died.

Men hold the deepest sympathy for 4.

a colleague who is about to be led to the chopping block. An old custom among bachelors is to hold a party for a fellow the night before his marriage. It is only then, too late, that he realizes his enjoyments and pleasures in life will be cut short.

But even the staunchest of bachelors must give in sometime. It is inevitable. That is what girls were made for: to marry. But there isn't a husband alive that doesn't feel a certain nostalgia for the days of freedom. As a cartoonist in the **Saturday Evening Post** depicts an elderly man, addressing his family on his golden anniversary, "If I had to do it all over again, I dare say none of you would be here today."

—Carl Kiino

Three Win TV Honors

Competing with approximately 50 high school students from as far away as Traverse City and Detroit, Carole Lemon won top honors and a gold medal in the Radio-TV Contest at Michigan State University. Carole's interpretative reading was based on the recognition scene from "Anastasia."

Charles Henry and Craig Babcock were in Dave Barnes' dance combo, which was selected to appear on WKAR-TV.

The District Forensic Contest will be held at Portage, Thursday, April 4.

Teams Eager To Repeat Spring Titles

Thanks, Coach; It's Been Great!

Mr. Barney Chance, after four years of coaching at State High, recently announced his resignation from the job of head basketball mentor. Mr. Chance turned out exceptional teams at State High, one of the best being last year's regional champs who had a 19-3 record. This year's team was no exception, winning the district handily by swamping Kal-amazoo St. Augustine in the finals.

Coach Chance also chaperoned State's 1955 Class B State Championship golf team.

Before coming to State High, Mr. Chance coached at Berrien Springs for five years. There, also, he produced several superior teams, both in track and in basketball.

When asked what his greatest thrill in coaching here was, he replied, "Observing State High fans during the State-East Grand Rapids game." He also said that his main purpose in coaching was "to help make boys into men."

He will be missed sorely as a basketball coach at State High, for he was greatly appreciated by fans and players alike. Not only will his effective coaching be missed, but his sincere personality and ever ready smile were a tremendous boost and will be hard to replace.

Mr. Chance plans to do advanced graduate study at Michigan State University while continuing to be a loyal supporter and a rabid fan of State High teams.

Passin' It Around

Thanks to Mr. Norris' "pep talk" the spirit at the East Grand Rapids game was superb. You did a swell job, kids, and the school has received many compliments . . . In the district finals against St. A., State High set a new scoring record for the Portage gym by dropping 75 points. The old record of 72 was held by Benton Harbor . . . So many girls are wearing the "Class B District Champs" medals that one is inclined to think the girls won them.

Our nomination for "Sports Effort of the Week"—Jon Scott's making 1 out of 14 freethrows in a church league game.

Sad news has spread among most of the football players lately upon word that Mr. Bryck is going into the service June 18.

Happy times are here again for Mr. Engels now that tennis season is near. It is a joy to our hearts to see him so joyful.

A long drive down the fairway . . . a low liner sizzling over the net . . . a diving shoestring catch in centerfield . . . the stride of the sprinter as he is reaching the tape—spring sports are here!

Long hours of hard work could pay off in glory for State High in the remaining few months.

Following are current outlooks on this season's sports.

State High, highly regarded in state golf circles, will soon embark on a new season that could bring the school its third consecutive state championship. In the past two seasons Cub linksters have won both the regional and state tournaments.

This year's team will boast such standout players as Captain B. Kohrman, B. Yates, B. Cooper, J. Pearson and C. Henshaw.

Appearing on the schedule will be such perennial powers as Jackson St. Mary, Three Rivers and St. Joe.

Golf Schedule

April 11—Jackson St. Mary	Here
April 19—Holland	There
April 25—Three Rivers	There
April 30—Portage	Here
May 2—Three Rivers	Here
May 7—Jackson St. Mary	There
May 8—St. Joseph	Here
May 10-11—Regionals	
May 16—Holland	Here
May 18—State Finals	
May 21—Portage	Here

The 1957 State High tennis squad, though having only four lettermen returning, will be looking forward to an even better season than that of a year ago when it was second in the State. The veterans and nucleus of this year's team are Captain Jon Scott, Kim Sebaly, Ed Gemrich, and George Brown. Carl Engels will again pilot the Cub netters.

Also showing great improvement over the past year is Jack Schrier. He, along with Dick Colby and Brad Hodgman coming in from freshman ranks, will be pressing the old guard for top positions on the team. Both Colby and Hodgman have shown their potential in the summer tournaments.

The Cubs open the defense of their Wolverine title and the record of never being beaten in league competition in a match with Otsego, here, April 9.

Tennis Schedule

April 3—Galesburg-Augusta	Here
April 9—Otsego	Here
April 16—Allegan	Here
April 30—South Haven	There
May 3—Plainwell	There
May 7—Vicksburg	Here
May 9—Holland	Here
May 13—St. Joseph	There
May 14—Portage	Here
May 17-18—Regionals	
May 21—Holland	There
May 31—State	
June 1—State	

Baseball Schedule

April 2—Wayland	Here
April 5—Plainwell	There
April 9—Allegan	Here
April 12—Portage	There
April 16—South Haven	Here
April 18—Otsego	Here
April 23—Open	
April 26—Wayland	There
April 30—Vicksburg	There
May 3—Open	
May 7—Plainwell	Here
May 10—Allegan	There
May 14—Portage	Here
May 17—South Haven	There
May 21—Otsego	There
May 24—Vicksburg	Here
May 28—Open	

Coach Walters has welcomed about 40 boys this year to uphold the record of last year's Conference, Regional, and Portage Relay Champions.

The Cubs, who are strong in the sprints, broad jump, and high jump and are question marks in the pole vault and distance events, are looking forward to the first meet, Otsego on April 10, as an indication of future potential.

Co-captains John Boyd and Ken Hartman lead the Cubs from last year's squad. Other returning lettermen are Larry Johnson, Henry Gaylord, and Clarke Godfrey. Two boys who are conspicuously absent this year will be Tony Scott, who finished fourth in the Conference high hurdles last year, and Newell Hetrick, best of the returning high jumpers.

Track Schedule

April 10—Otsego	Here
April 17—Vicksburg	Here
April 27—Hastings Relays	There
May 1—South Haven	There
May 4—Portage Relays	"K"
May 8—Portage-Plainwell	"K"
May 11—Regionals	
May 15—Wolverine Conference	"K"
May 18—State Track Meet	

I Remember . . .

To any passerby, meandering down the country road, she was just another little farm girl running to the barn where her father and uncle were discussing the latest methods of cultivating their recently planted corn crop. But taking a second glance at her, he would have discerned a not so faint glimmer of adventure upon her face.

This little girl had finished an exciting western story about rodeos where cowboys actually rode steers and bulls as casually as their ponies. Already being an accomplished rider at the age of seven, she thought that a gentle calf (the steers were too large for her) would be a cradle compared to her high spirited Arabian. These newly conceived ideas were flitting through her mind while she was ostensibly sauntering through the barnyard gate. There it was, her challenge, the brown calf!

The cowgirl stealthily crept toward the timid beast that was placidly munching away at nothing. He acknowledged her arrival with a snorted greeting; she was his friend. Casually placing her hand on his cold, moist nose was the first move; then she scratched his shaggy forehead. Deeming things to be going well, while rubbing his silken ears, she waited patiently until the right time to slip her arms around his neck. Ah, the

poor animal; this act of love was a ruse; couldn't he see through it?

Unfortunately he couldn't, but the two virile farmers could. A transient smile quirked in the corners of their mouths and a sly gleam danced in their eyes. How well they remembered their youth! They watched the girl's arms tighten around his neck and suddenly her right leg flew over his back. She was on; she was on the calf! Her astonishment was even greater than the calf's and the two of them careened over the barnyard. They were far from graceful, but no one thinks of poise at a time like that. This animal had no rhythm; unlike a horse, he went straight up and down and sideways whenever he felt like it. Screams of delight intermingled with frightened "bwaas" knifed the quiet country air.

Then it happened! She was sailing toward the sky when old man gravity decided to get in the game. He snatched her down with such force that the earth shook. The freed calf jubilantly thundered away. The disillusioned 'bronco buster' sat stunned for a moment while the two men howled with laughter. Gingerly raising herself up and meticulously brushing off the dust, she stalked away. Oh, well . . . cowboys got thrown, too, didn't they?

—Gail Buchanan

YOU in 1982

1. John Boyd is hopeful that Dr. Bryan will finally let him out of school.
2. Tom Reid is still arguing about problem 14 on the factoring test.
3. The girls' locker doors will boast pictures of their favorite movie stars from Mars.
4. Dr. Beloof is scratching his now bald head because of the driver training program.
5. The girls will be dressed in styles set by Princess Caroline Louise Margaret Rainier.
6. The 10:15 Biology Class is beginning to think that egg will never hatch.
7. Wendy Locke's cows have gone dry.
8. Mr. Sack's foot is sore from kicking the radiator in his room.
9. Don Bisceglia has decided to buy a Buick.
10. The ingenious Mr. Weber has just received a patent on his now famous "chalk and talk" machine.
11. The Davis Street steps have been converted into a much needed escalator.
12. Driver-training classes are teaching the techniques of space ship manipulation.
13. The library has gone "all out" for the push button method.
14. Teachers' wages have been lifted to the "mink coat-Cadillac class."

Ear to Ear

When the date arrived marking the fifth month of a steady friendship between **Robin L.** and **Larry J.**, Robin coyly asked him if he knew what day it was. "Why, it's Wednesday," was Larry's puzzled reply.

S. Wenner came to the dance with a bunch of girls, but whom she went home with is a different story. **K. Sebal's** taxi service, you know.

Rich Jackson has finally found a girl to compare with his own elevation. Tall world, isn't it, **Chris Cooper**?

Congratulations to **Alice M.** for being awarded a gold baseball. We didn't know that she played the game. **Jim K.** must have been giving some lessons.

We heard **Ann Sorlie** telling **Alice Terry** she hated cold people! Hmmm.

When **Carol R.**, **Tim E.**, and **Jim P.** were in the front seat coming home from the Holland game, someone in the back asked them to turn on the radio. Tim replied, "We don't need the radio; we're providing our own entertainment!"

Linda Scott's mouth was wide open as she unwrapped a present from **Sue Conner** and found two gold fish swimming inside a plastic bag.

Question to **Weldon J.:** What is the big attraction in Aurora, Illinois?

Some of our boys want to start a new club for girls. They say that anyone interested, however, must measure up to standards. What standards are these, may we ask?

Stag or not, **D. Platt** felt he had to ask a certain girl to the dance. He apparently doesn't want to take any chances, **Mary Lou**.

A stuck horn in front of a frat house makes for a once-in-a-lifetime experience. What was the outcome, **Judy R.?**

After a game **Joe P.** was so happy that he was performing for his friends in a restaurant. The waitress commanded, "Young man, will you please sit down?" Joe obligingly danced back to his seat.

As some of our State High girls walked past the Allegan cheering section, one of the boys quipped, "Maybe we had better go to State." That really builds up your morale, doesn't it, girls?

Those soph girls really know the formula for hooking senior boys. Isn't that right, **Judy W.** and **Fran A.?**

Linda Shand is sporting a new ornament around her neck. **D. Daugherty** would answer any further questions willingly.

Cherry Wilcox certainly has pep as one of our new cheerleaders, but ballet class was an extra chore. Were the wrong muscles in use, or were the wrong hours kept?

Who Dat?

Trombone player?
One of the bestes'—
Our old friend
Timothy Estes

Real short hair,
New blue "specs"—
No one else but
Sandy Rex

She has brains
And talent galore—
That's our gal,
Carolyn Moore

Who's the guy
That quip did' toss?
Is it Jerry?
Well, of Cross!

A real tall girl
Now let us think—
Oh, yes, you mean
Marilyn Brink

In the band room
His horn he toots;
Let's listen to
Robert Koets

A real cute gal?
She is but truly!
Whom do we mean?
Marianna Dooley