State Highlights 3/27/1957

Western State High School
England's Countryside Inspires Chorus

"Martha" Comes To Civic, March 28, 29

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 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 Belke; Lionel—Paul DeKorte; Sir Tristram—David Schau, Bert Hely; Sheriff—Wally Kent, David Anderson; Three Servant Maids—Joanne Quiring, Elizabeth Manske and Dorothy Reavis and Suna Tiefenthal, Burlean Gildea and Katy Johnson; Four Flunkys—Gary Gauthier, Allen Dowd, D. 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.
Bit o' Wit

Mr. Chance informed Penny Lyon that she wouldn’t have to do so many laps around the gym track because she had caused a disturbance in class. S O M E G I R L S G E T A L L T H E B R E A K S !

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 front of one, 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 KINDS! Dragsters, you’d better watch out! Mr. Walters is ready to take on all KINDS!

Seventeen boys plus a rented truck, plus a jovial spirit, plus “snow in long white stripe” 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 Chopnowski, 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!

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. 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 Klimo

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.
 STATE HIGHLIGHTS

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 handle by swamping Kamazo 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 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 Scotts' 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.

The following are current outlooks on this season's sports:

STATE HIGH

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 Here
May 8—St. Joseph Here
May 10—Regional
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 the past. The veterans and nucleus of this year's team are Captain Jon Scott, Kim Sebalby, 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 Brnd 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—Lolland Here
May 13—St. Joseph There
May 14—Plainwell There
May 17—Regional
May 21—Holland Here
May 31—State June 1—State

Baseball Schedule
April 2—Wayland Here
April 5—Plainwell There
April 9—Allegan Here
April 12—Portage Here
April 16—South Haven Here
April 18—Otsego Here
April 22—Open
April 26—Wayland Here
April 30—Vicksburg There
May 3—Open
May 7—Plainwell Here
May 9—Allegan Here
May 14—Portage Here
May 17—South Haven Here
May 21—Otsego Here
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 Hettick, 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—Regional
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 culturing 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 citing western story about rodeos challenge, the brown calf! a gentle calf (the steers were too large for her) would be a cradle concept through her mind while she was sitting at the barnyard gate. There it was, her face...

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

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 sure is truly!
Whom do we mean?
Marianna Dooley

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 when he felt like it. Screams of delight intermingled with frightened "bwaas" knifed the quiet country air.

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. Warner came to the dance with a bunch of girls, but whom she went home with is a different story. K. Sebaly'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 did, didn't we? that he played the game. Jim K. must have been giving some lessons.

We heard Ann Sordie telling Alice Terry she hated cold people! Hmm.

When Carol R., Tim E., and Jim F. 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 leaders, but ballet class was an extra chore. Were the wrong muscles in use, or were the wrong hours kept?