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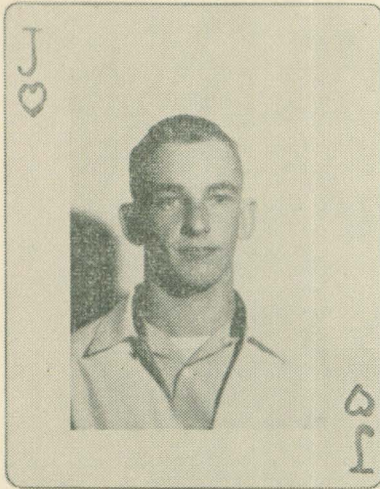


# State Highlights

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Jimmy Dollahan

## 'Sweetheart Swing' Held Last Friday

The Valentine dance this year was appropriately named "The Sweetheart Swing." It was sponsored by the Highlights Staff, under the direction of Mr. George Cooper, the Highlight's advisor.

Kate Randall was in charge of refreshments. For the past week she has been frantically trying to collect waiters, tableclothes, tables, ginger ale, and heart shaped cookies. Mary Kuizenga was head of publicity. She was seen covered with different hues of poster paint carefully adjusting posters on walls and bulletin boards and also scribbling the black boards full of dance notices.

Kay Peelen was busy keeping everyone from running up the bills too high.

The highlight of the evening came when Joyce Perry, and Jim Dollahan claimed their thrones and were crowned Queen and Jack of hearts. Joyce received a corsage of red and white roses and Jim received a carnation boutonniere. Each year the Highlight's staff elects two people who have done work for the school and deserve crowns as a small tribute for their efforts. This year the editor-in-chief of the yearbook, Joyce Perry, was selected to wear the queen's crown, and Vice President of the Student Council, Jim Dollahan, was chosen to occupy the king's throne.

The amplifier was used and Meyer Music shop furnished the records to set the proper mood for dancing.

## Jim and Joyce King and Queen

Each year as February 14 rolls around on our calendar, the Highlights staff exercises the privilege of selecting the Jack and Queen of Hearts in keeping with the Valentine spirit. These honorable positions are bestowed upon the boy and girl who have done the most for the school and participated whole heartedly in its activities. This year we are proud to present Joyce Perry and Jimmy Dollahan as the royal couple.

Jimmy Dollahan is well known as our Student Council Vice President. As Veep he is automatically chairman of the citizenship committee. Perhaps the biggest function of this committee is the noon time recreation program, which is Jim's province. He is also on the social and finance committees. but that isn't all, he's a cheerleader too, which puts him on the pep committee.

Last year Jim was Vice President of his homeroom for the whole year. Obviously our "Jack" is a busy man but he has outside interests too. In his 'spare' time he likes to tinker with motors, displaying his mechanical bent. When asked what his favorite pastime was Jimmy replied "Loafing." And no wonder.

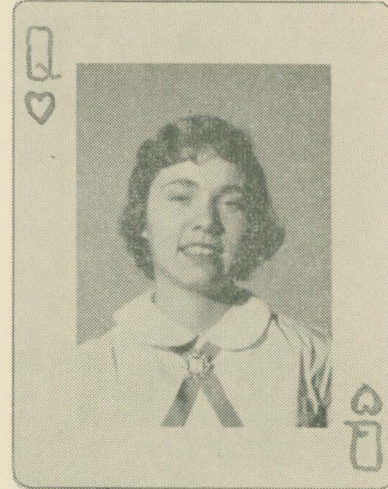
Joyce's biggest job this year is serving as Editor in Chief of the Highlander. She has been working very hard to make our year book a big success and the best possible example of State High life. Aside from performing the difficult duties of this office, she is an active member of the Highlights staff, which she has served for two years.

Joyce was also chosen as this year's D.A.R. Pilgrim.

Her main interest is music. This explains her choice of clubs, for she has been a member of the Ensemble Club for two years and Modern Dance for one. (She also expresses an avid craving for pineapple milk shakes. Her favorite past time is drinking them—so she says!)

Her musical abilities have contributed a great deal to our school orchestra, and she is also a member of the Kalamazoo Junior Symphony. She has helped every year with planning and organizing State High's Blue and Gold Revue.

We feel that Joyce is a very deserving Queen of Hearts, and we thank her for all her contributions to our school.



Joyce Perry

## Highlights Staff Seeks New Scribes

Do you like to write? If so, how about considering a job on the Highlights? Before very long, the present staff members will be seeking new members to take the places of the Seniors who graduate in June. The plan used last year for selecting new reporters will be continued.

First, anyone who is interested should get in touch with us immediately after an announcement is sent out. Give us your name. The second step is to get the OK of your English teacher. All of these names will be presented to the current staff, which selects the ones they think are best qualified for this work. The advisors go over this list and recommend those people who are qualified and responsible. At last those who have survived the ordeal will be asked to attend meetings held during the regular club period for the rest of the semester. There, they will learn what goes into a good paper. These students will join the remaining staff members next fall.

I hope all this rigmarole doesn't scare any of you out, because it really isn't as bad as it sounds. If you have an interest in writing and would like this experience, try out for Highlights staff. It is a wonderful way to serve our school.

## This Week's News

Plans for the Blue and Gold Re-  
vue to be presented April 9, 10, and  
11 by the band and choir, are being  
laid by a committee consisting of Pat  
Bloom, Eric Peterson, Janet Snow,  
Jackie Andrus, John Thayer, Gail  
Hubbell, Eva Aube, Pete Longjohn,  
and Mary Teugh.

\* \* \*

State High's swimming club the  
"Fin-ettes" will present their "Water  
Sprites" show sometime in April.  
Girls in charge of his production,  
which is entitled "Calendar Year",  
are Ann Mahoney, Kay Brower, and  
Lilla Eliet.

\* \* \*

The basketball game this week  
will be with St. Joe February 16.  
Let's all go and cheer the gang.

\* \* \*

**YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU,**  
the spring play, has been cast by  
Miss Cleveland. Parts will be taken  
by Jan Snow, Carol Sheldon, Sandy  
Hackman, Lilla Eliet, Ilyne Weisman,  
Robin Rose, Kate Randall, Dave Roth,  
Phil Bruns, John Plantefaber, Dick  
Hawkins, John Gibson, Don Vrobel,  
Don Cain, Eric Peterson, Jack Bren-  
ner, and George Reeves.

## Faculty Chooses Popular Pedagogs

Most Lovable—Miss Crisman  
Best Athlete—Mr. Stevens  
Most Bashful—Mr. Hackney  
Smoothest line—Dr. Sebaly  
Most Expressive eyes—Mrs. Rowe,  
Mr. Cooper, Miss Crisman, Dr.  
Bryan, Miss Cleveland  
Nicest Smile—Mr. Weber  
Most Talkative—Dr. Beloff  
Sweetest—Miss Crisman  
Most Serious—Mr. Hackney  
Most School spirit—Mr. Deur  
Most Fashionable—Miss Steketee  
Best Sense of Humor—Mr. Hack-  
ney  
Friendliest—Mrs. Jarmen  
Biggest Eater—Mr. Cooper

## Weber

### Works

### Willingly

In every group there is bound to  
be someone who works very hard and  
receives no recognition. Here in State  
High we have just such a person.  
He is a sophomore. Known to almost  
everybody. His name is John Weber.

John can be found nearly every  
noon over in 301S running the movie  
machine. But his duties don't stop  
there! He is depended on by the  
Citizenship Committee to order new  
movies, call for them when they ar-  
rive, and wrap them up and send  
them on to the next stop after they  
have been shown. He never lets the  
committee down.

It is people like John, people who  
work hard without expecting any  
credit, who are the driving force be-  
hind any accomplishment. Why not  
drop in at 301S some noon to see  
the fruits of his work?

## Laughter

I step on the starter. It works!  
I race up the motor. It works!  
I let out the clutch. No jerks.  
Egad! Wrong car!  
Westfield **Hi-Eye**.

\* \* \*

Now I lay me down to sleep.  
I pray my hair the curl to keep.  
If the pins fall out before I wake,  
Please let me look like Veronica Lake.

\* \* \*

### For Men Only

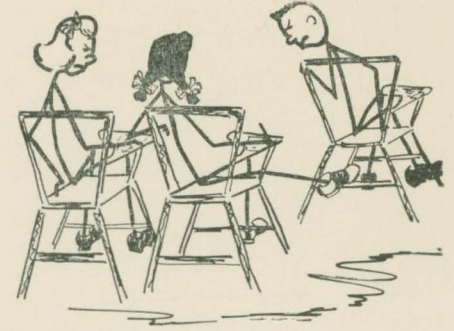
Didn't you if girl a be wouldn't  
you; this read would you knew we.  
(read backwards.)

\* \* \*

"I missed you darling," exclaimed  
the girl, as she raised the revolver  
to try again.

\* \* \*

"Wipe off your chin."  
"I can't. It's tied on."



## 18 Year Old Draft?

With Congress ready to lower the  
Selective Service age limit from 19 to  
18, many opinions and controversies  
have been aired, so the Highlights re-  
porter began to circulate and collect  
bits of ideas. All the girls who were  
asked to contribute their opinions  
were against the bill. Most of the  
senior boys were against it, but a  
good share thought it a good idea.  
Following are a number of ideas on  
the subject:

**Jim Dollahan;** "I think they should  
take younger men rather than mar-  
ried men. Also, we would have a more  
mature outlook when we come back."

**Don Cain;** "It's a good idea for not  
too long a time, so we can go back to  
school."

**Kay Malotte;** "It's terrible! There  
won't be any men left."

**Dunc Carter;** "I think it's a darn  
good idea."

**Frank Maher;** "They should take  
18 year olds before they take veterans  
back."

**Dave Roth;** "I think it's okay if  
they need us."

**John Gelder;** "It's a good idea be-  
cause I'm 17."

**Pat Coffield;** "I've finally found a  
girl and I want to stick around for  
awhile."

**Jack Mindeman;** "I'd rather en-  
list. I don't care much."

**Dick Hawkins;** "They can have me  
if they want me, because they're go-  
ing to get me anyway."

**Fred Hubbell;** "I think it's a lousy  
idea since I'm 18, but if I was 17, I  
wouldn't care."

**Clair Kirkpatrick;** "I'm already 18  
and think it's a good idea."

**Pete Lindquist;** "It's going to be  
awful tough on State High Girls."

**Bob Dalm;** "I don't like it, I'm too  
young to die."

**Frank Nugent;** "I'm for it. I'm go-  
ing to get it sooner or later so I  
might as well go and get it over  
with."

**Lynn Tuberty;** "Most drastic situa-  
tion! It's going to leave a man short-  
age - all girls will be dateless!"

**Ilyne Wiesman and Maxine Bond-  
house;** "We'll have to start asking  
out the 17 year olds."

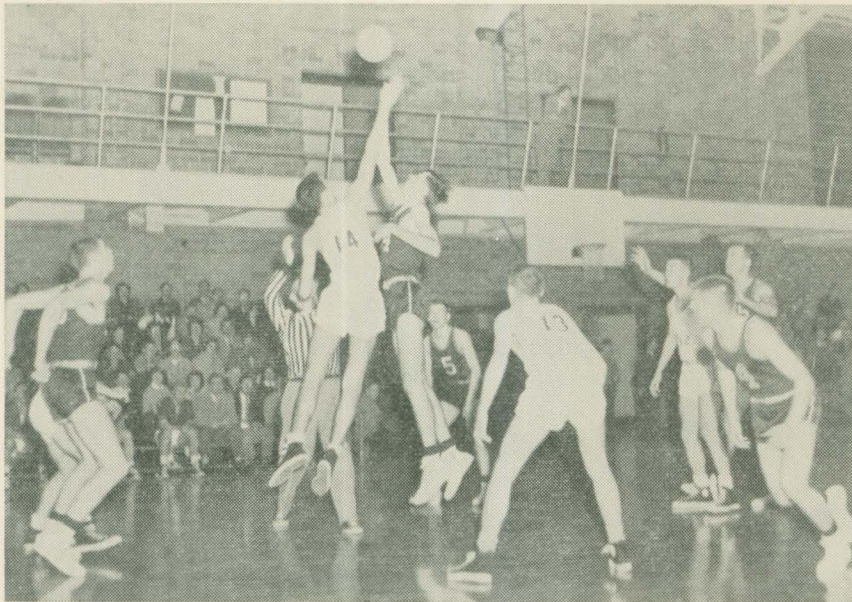
**Dale Stockwell;** "I want a little  
freedom when I get out of High  
School."

**Sandy Hackman;** "I think 18 year  
olds are too immature - I'm for uni-  
versal military training."

## STATE HIGHLIGHTS

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*The Jump at the Start of the First Niles Game*

## St. Joe Bears To Meet Cubs

St. Joe comes to Kalamazoo Friday evening for a tussle with our Cub Cageaters. The Bears already hold a lop sided 66-31 decision over our five. That game was played a month ago over in St. Joe. Since then the Cubs have improved steadily and hope to put up a good battle on their own floor.

St. Joe is battling for the conference title. As of this writing they have a 6 won, 2 lost record in Big Seven play. They are tied for second with Three Rivers. A loss would put them out of the running and could sew up the championship for the Niles Vikings.

Our Hilltoppers now have the use of Glen Shugars, sharp shooting guard who became eligible at the semester. He is a good shot and an excellent floor man. He will probably team with Sutton, Gill, Mindeman, and Hubbell on the starting team Friday. St. Joe will rely on High scoring Paul Weber and Fred Clarke to lead their attack.

In the first eleven games this season the Cubs have won three and lost eight. They have scored 370 points for a 33 point per game average. Their opponents have racked up 501 points for an average of 45 points a game.

Next week the Stevensmen finish off the regular season at Three Rivers against the Wildcats. These boys also smell the Big Seven Championship and will be out for blood. They beat us 58 to 36 in a game played here last month. After this encounter our team turns to the State Tourney. We are in the Plainwell district this year along with Allegan, South Haven, and Otsego.

## State Hi Enters Plainwell District in State Tourney

The hilltop basketball team is going to enter a different district for the annual tournament this year. Allegan, Otsego, South Haven, and State High will be the four teams in the district. The drawings will be made at a later date.

Previously the Cubs played in a district with such strong teams as Sturgis, Three Rivers, and Coldwater. The new setup will make the possibilities there to win the district title. Last year, our quintet coached by Al Bush, lost a one-point heartbreaker to Sturgis 36-35 overtime in the first round. If the Cubs win the district meet, they will be entered into the Regional tournament, etc.

This year's district meet will be held in the new Plainwell gymnasium with a seating capacity of about fifteen hundred.

### Jack Brenner

## A Look at Sports

State High had two football teams this year. Besides the varsity, there was a reserve squad, composed of freshman and sophomores. You heard little about them, but they were out there hard at practice every night. They had their games, too, five of them. Although coming out on the short end of the scores, they showed lots of the fighting spirit and a willingness to learn which will help them in their coming years with the varsity.

Receiving reserve letters were:

Tom Krelick-Honorary Captain  
 Robert Britigan  
 Bob Maybie  
 George Tinkham  
 Alan Howard  
 Gerald Hawkins  
 Pat Ryan  
 John Dyer  
 Corby Lewis  
 Joe Gillis  
 Bob Carver  
 Joe Scott  
 William Boylan  
 John Warfield  
 Larry Wiseman  
 Ron Kilgore  
 Bob Harback  
 Brooks Godfrey  
 Tom Johnson  
 Al Gemrich  
 Jon Sebal  
 Ed Morseau  
 Jack Copeland

A meeting for all boys interested in track has been held. Anyone who did hear about this meeting or was unable to attend and is interested should see Coach Hale or Captain Duncan Carter. We need lots of everything this year, especially field event participants and distance runners.

## Track Team Should Have Good Season

The track team this year will consist of four returning lettermen and eight boys with some experience along with some new boys who will try out this spring. The returning lettermen are Frank Nugent in the dashes, Ken Sherman in the dashes and broad jump, Duncan Carter in the 440, and Dick Tough in the 440 and pole vault. The boys with some experience who are coming back are Jim Dollahan, half mile; Bruce Brown, shot put; Jack Brenner, half mile; George Hager, shot put; Gordon Copeland, pole vault; Vern VerHage, high hurdles; Ken Fricke, dash; and Maynard Neiboer, dash.

Men are needed in every event for this year's team but especially in the field events, hurdles, and distance. So if you have fleet feet, go out for track this spring. The team needs you, the school needs you. See Duncan Carter for more information.



The tennis squad has also been getting ready. The netters are brushing up with some inside workouts. All tennis hopefuls who were not out last year should get in contact with Jim Russel, John Littig, or Bob Dalm.

# The Revolution of 1951

Hello. This is your ace news reporter bringing you a special broadcast from high up on the hill overlooking Western Michigan College. Here I have just witnessed a quick and bloodless revolution by the students of State High School. Head Executioners **Fred Hubbell** and **Patty Pahalek** had their guillotine all greased up and ready to go, but the faculty members left the school before the oppressed masses could get to them.

**Matt Peelen** is the instigator of his revolution. He and his two assistants **Peg Yntema** and **Jimmy Toornman** laid the plans for the uprising months ago.

I see Mr. Peelen over here now. Just a moment and we will see if we can get a few words from him. Do you have anything to say to the listeners, Matt?

"Yes, I do. This uprising only proves once again that the persecuted students will eventually win out over the imperialistic faculty in this great class struggle. This is a great triumph. Let's hope it may serve as an example for other oppressed students all over the world."

"Mr. Peelen, what are your plans for a new faculty?"

"Plans are not all complete as yet. In all probability, **Mel Pettit** will be the new principal. **Pat Coffield** is slated to become Girls' advisor. **Lola Bennett** will take over the duties of Bys' advisor. **Jimmy Dollahan** will be in charge of all school funds. He leaves for Florida next week. Athletic Director will be **Jack Copeland**. He will be assisted by **Don Cain**. **Dick DeFreese** is going to take charge of all girls' gym classes.

"**Bobby Dalm** will be the new driver training instructor. **Donna Ensley** will be in charge of shop while **Corby Lewis** will teach Home Ec. Let me see now. Oh, yes, **Nanette Slavin** will teach Biology and **Fran Cooley** will take over in Physics and Chemistry. **Jack Mindeman** will handle all the senior English classes. That's about all that we have set up at present except for **Jim Nichols** as head of the choir, **Ken Fricke** in charge of the orchestra, and **Smirle Weston** as typing instructor. I've got to go now and see if I can't talk **Joe McCarthy** into teaching modern dance."

## 'What Makes You Most Attractive to The Opposite Sex?'

Frank Maher—my height and muscular physique.  
 Duncan Carter—my dancing ability.  
 Carole Smith—my passionate ways.  
 Don Cain—my "girlish" figure.  
 Martha Brown—my ability to talk to bus drivers.  
 Smirle Weston—my intriguing name  
 Annie Wise—my sophistication  
 Pat Ryan—my brothers good looks.  
 Judy Scott—my ability to keep still.  
 Bob Britigan—my yellow sweat shirt.  
 Jim Nichols—my monogramed shirts.  
 Ken Fricke—my "peg" tooth.  
 Lynn Tuberty—my ability to 'flutter' my eye-lashes.  
 Pete Lindquist—my quiet and shy ways.  
 Lyn Cassiady—my average 5'5" height.  
 Carolyn Buder—my ability to resemble other people.  
 Ilyne Weisman—my brothers build.  
 Mary Joyce Maltby—my 20 cashmere sweaters.  
 Frank Goodrich—my ability to get straight A's.  
 Maxine Bondhouse—my ability to so becomingly wear a half-slip.  
 Patty Pahalek—my football medals.  
 Pat Coffield—my ability to play "hard to-get"

## 'A Pertainality'

Today's pertinality is the alleged "cutest girl in the sophomore class." Our cutie resents this title that was conferred on her by an unofficial Lowlight's poll. You've guessed it—"Cutie" Dilno is the theme for our sketch, and we don't mean Fred. Most people know Ann. She has short dark hair and blue eyes. She estimates her height at about five four or five but persists in keeping her weight a military secret. Although she maintains that she'll only be fourteen next November 22, we have suspicions that she'll be sixteen and really isn't a child prodigy. So much for vital statistics. These facts, just enumerated, are pretty apparent about "Cutie" but we have delved deeper into her life and have discovered some surprising passions and interests. For instance, did you know that Ann has a secret desire to be able to knit. (who would the argyies be for, Cutie?)

Cutie says that she doesn't go out with boys but we hold this to be a gross falsehood as we remember seeing her at the Christmas formal, and on several other occasions we have seen her in the escort of many an upperclassman.

The college of her choice is probably Denison, and her wishes after she graduates are of a natural sort. Her ambition—a housewife, her goal

## Scandal

## Sheet

By Nanette

A recent poll of steady couples themesongs shows that "Nevertheless" is way out front—right Ann and Ken, and Don and Lyn.?

Lynda Spaulding seems to like "Tea for Two"—if Rod O'Brien is around to dance it with her, that is. While Sue Anderson and Tom Knowlton like "Thinking of You" as their song.

Pete Lindquist seems to be surrounded by girls lately (mostly sophomores) hmm! What's your secret Pete, a new dazzling Pepsodent smile?

Sally Schrier and Tod Borst seem to have taken the fatal step and are going steady. That's real swell kids!

Among others seen at Chicken's one Saturday night were Frank Maher and Connie Hutchins, Pat Coffield and Mary Beth Peters, and John Gelder and Margie Spitters. We only wish the guys would give us State High girls a chance once in a while.

Didn't Brooks Godfrey and Miriam Leimer look cute together at the Paper Prance? The freshes are right in there these days.

Carole Smith is wearing a different ID bracelet these days. The name reads "Dan Weirick" so I guess our little gal is going steady—no josh.

We keep hearing certain sophomore gals singing—"Gotta Long Without You Before I Met You—Gonna Get Along Without You Now." Is it your motto or something?

New way to improve inter-school relations: Have the guys clean up the gym after a dance. It works(?) Just ask certain Highlight's members and their St. A. victims.

The turnabout is coming up soon, and we wish to urge you girls not to hesitate in asking guys—soon Reason: why, it's gossip, and we've got a deadline—of course.

Isn't it wonderful to have a buddy? If you don't believe it ask the gal who has one.

### DUMBELL POEM

Slippery ice—very thin.  
 Pretty girl—tumbled in.  
 Saw a boy—on the bank;  
 Gave a shriek—then she sank  
 Boy on bank—heard her shout;  
 Jumped right in—helped her out;  
 Now he's hers—very nice,  
 But she had to break the ice.

— a normal person. We think this will be a little hard for Ann to achieve because she is an outstanding person. One of her main accomplishments and hobbies is tennis. She has won several local matches and placed in others.

And that's Ann Dilno. Except we'd like to say that we think she's a good kid — one of the best.