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State Highlights

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Campaign For S.C. Offices Progresses

With the petitions being out since Monday and now in the office to be approved by Mr. Jerse, the 1955 student council pre-election campaigning is now getting into high gear. Next Tuesday, May 3, the election assembly will be held at 9:00 A. M. in the Little Theatre with candidates presenting their platforms.

According to rules of the election, the future president will be chosen from the junior class and the vice president, secretary, and treasurer from the freshmen, sophomore, or junior classes.

The election committee consists of Lois Fuller, Barb Born, Ann Burgderfer, Jim Causey, Al Glendening, Howard Jennings, Ann Malotte, Tony Nieboer, Mike Palmer, Mary Lou Spitters, Dave Swoap, Ron Tanis, and Nancy Watterworth.

Test Teen Driving Skill

The Kalamazoo Junior Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a Teen-Age Road-e-o on Saturday, April 30. This will be a competition based on driving skills of teen-agers in the Kalamazoo area. The winners will go to a state meet and state winners will go to the national contest. Final national prizes are scholarships of \$1500, \$1000 and \$500. Any State High student who meets the following requirements is eligible to compete: Is under 20 years of age as of July 29, has a driver's license, has a clean record of no traffic violations in the last six months.

Any interested students may secure application blanks from Mr. Jerse or Mr. Marovich.

Seniors Plan Banquet

Wednesday, May 11, at 6:30, the Senior Dinner will be held at Kiino's Restaurant.

The main course will be chicken, and entertainment is being planned. Tickets are now on sale at a \$1.70 per person.

The chairman of this event is Lois Fuller and those helping her are: B. Born, D. Bryan, J. Causey, R. Drummond, A. Glendening, H. Howe, D. Moss, A. Nieboer, C. Ocvirek, J. Owen, D. Sabo, D. Sackett, J. Schen-sul, J. Stimson, E. Warner, A. Wise.

Honor Roll, Scholarships, Awards Display Competitive Spirit

Ellen Davis—

who recently was awarded a four year full tuition scholarship to Michigan State College and was also presented with a four year choir scholarship to Western Michigan College.

James Otis—

who received a Naval R.O.T.C. Scholarship which offers full tuition and costs along with \$50 a month for expenses (\$1600.00 each year).

Jim will attend the Illinois Institute of Technology.

Michael Palmer—

who received a Naval R.O.T.C. Scholarship which offers full tuition and costs along with \$50 a month for expenses (\$1600.00 each year). He is also one of 1300 finalists in the competition for General Motors scholarships.

Mike has been accepted at Harvard University.

Alfred Snow—

who won a competitive mathematics and science scholarship to Western Michigan College.

David Swoap—

who was awarded a four year scholarship to Occidental College in Los Angeles, California, which offers \$800 a year, is also one of the 1300 finalists in the competition for the General Motors Scholarships, and has a four year full tuition scholarship to Duke University.

Dave has also won the Edward Rector scholarship from DePauw University.

Nancy Watterworth—

who was awarded a four year music scholarship to Western Michigan College.

Five Vie in Speech Contest

Tomorrow the Regional Speech Contest will be held in the Little Theatre all day. The schools participating are Berrien Springs, Comstock, Galien, Hastings, Kalamazoo Christian, Portage, and State High.

Mary Lou Spitters and Nancy Watterworth are entered in the dramatic reading contest; Tim Light, extempore; Sue Locke, humorous reading; and Rosemary Burnett, declamation.

The mid-semester honor roll for scholarship has recently been announced. Students receiving four A's with no mark lower than a B are awarded an ALPHA, those with three A's and no mark lower than a B receive a BETA, and students receiving two A's with no mark lower than a B receive a GAMMA award.

Recipients of the honor roll awards are: ALPHA-Mary Lou Allen, Patricia Anderson, Margaret Belooof, Margaret Borton, Rosemary Burnett, Micheal Decker, Thomas Elias, Dean Griffith, Cullen Henshaw, Carolyn Kaercher, Mary Louise Kaercher, Mary Jane LaPlante, Timothy Light, Constance Monroe, Alice Osterberg, Michael Palmer, Linda Scott, Joel Shepherd, Mary Smith, Alfred Snow, David Swoap, Ronald Tanis, Robert VanPeenan, Victoria Wenner, Gail Wruble.

BETA- Robert Beisel, James Betke, David Britigan, Nancy Brown, Mary Carney, Lois Fuller, Carol Hartman, Elizabeth Hosick, Richard Howson, James Kemerling, Phyllis Kievit, Katrina Kuizenga, Carole Lemon, Lawrence Littig, Susan Locke, Ann Malotte, Jan Perry, Carol Richardson, Judy Schenkel, Richard Schreiber, Mary Stelma, Shirley VanValkenburg, Dan Ward, Karen Wilkins, Alfred Wise, William Yates.

GAMMA-Susan Ashley, Margaret Baker, Barbara Born, John Boyd, Ann Burgderfer, Darlene Chapin, Judy Dekema, Julie den Bleyker, Allen Elias, Kelvin Enz, Bryce Forester, Gary Forsleff, Edwin Gemrich, Clarke Godfrey, Thomas Howson, Robert Kohrman, Suzanne Lennartson, Tam-sin Malone, Charles Ocvirek, Joan Peelen, Nan Perry, Peter Platt, Peter Pullon, Thomas Reid, Mary Roberts, James Rock, Dianne Sabo, John Simcox, Terese Skinner, Mary Lou Spitters, Mary Margaret Stainton, Carol Sutton, Richard Tyler, Carol Vandenberg, and Nancy Watterworth.

COMING EVENTS

April 27-Open House. Bronson and Borgess Hospitals 2:00 p.m.

May 3-Tuesday. Student Council Officer election day. Assembly, 9:00 in the Little Theatre.

May 5-Senior girls' Tea.

May 11, Wednesday. Administrative Assembly. 12:30-1:00 Little Theatre.

Sugar'n Spice

by Larry'n Bryce

Hats off to Ann Burgderfer and her committee for the worthwhile "Books for Nigeria" drive and to Garry Birch for placing first in the state on the trampoline and after placing in other events, taking a third all-around.

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Dave VandeWalker seems to tire after track practice to the degree that he needs a nurse to escort him home. We'll bet her medicine really packs a wallop, huh, Dave?

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Theme of Carolyn Kaercher: "There's no place like home room." A few days ago she lost her sense of direction and couldn't find her own room. Carolyn, have you, TOO, contacted MANitis? ? ?

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Pete Platt and Al Wise have returned from their eastern jaunt sporting Bermuda shorts no less. My, boys, what pretty legs! Another traveler, Dean Griffith, has spoken to classes about his U. N. trip to New York City.

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That last (and only) fire drill sure brought out our community spirit. Joan Stimson was kind enough to loan John Schensul her coat, and a couple of cherubs, who go by the initials of G.B. and M.J.L., were a bit cozy, too, as they wandered back after 15 minutes.

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Bruce Marshall told us that when he asked Mr. Engles about going on a field trip for the 12:30 chem. class, Mr. Engles said that he would take all the "good little kiddies" in the near future. But Bruce wants to go, too.

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The road-e-o announcement caused quite a stir in Mrs. Rogers' 12:30 English class when the students wanted to know if horses would be furnished. Sure they will!

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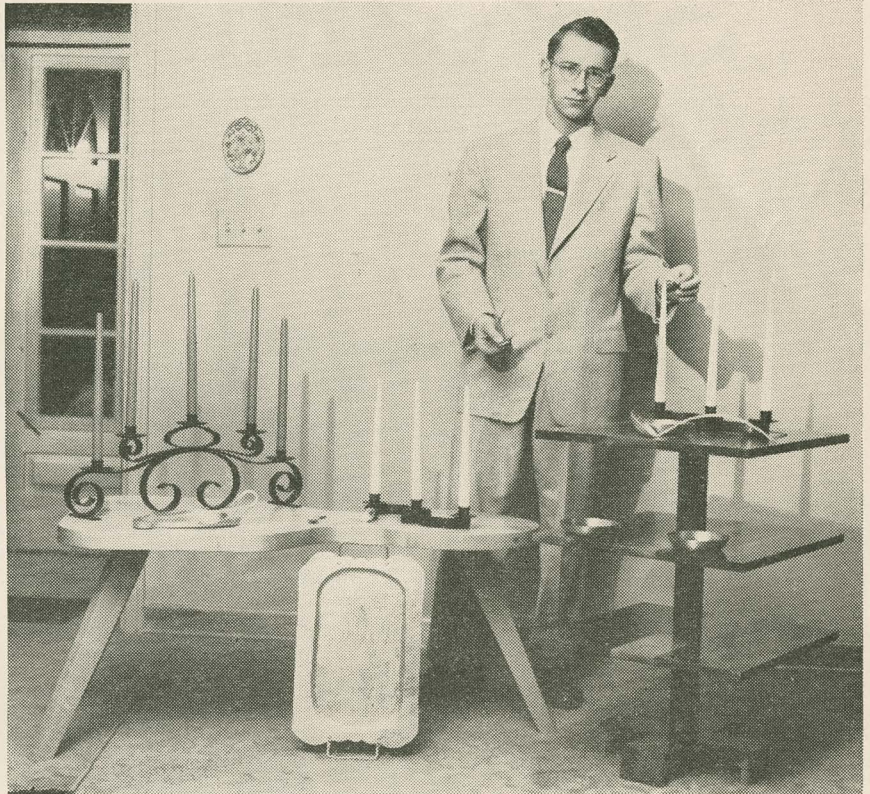
Ursula Rothfuss has been selected as a panel member to discuss home-making at home and abroad at the Michigan Home Economics Meeting in Grand Rapids, April 29-30. Mrs. Rowe will be the panel moderator.

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Speaking of woman suffrage (we are now!) the student teacher in combined the other day made a rather strange statement about "being definitely one sex . . ."!! Sure you are.

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Miss Crisman's freshmen make such interesting remarks on book reports. For example: "Sue met the doctor that day. He's the one she married at the end of a few more books" . . . "Now don't laugh. I know this book sounds lacy, but it isn't" . . . "Lions are the second most dangerous game to hunt. Now a group of hunters can hunt lions and they're not too dangerous."



Industrial Arts Intrigues Dan Ward

State High has certainly a very good reason to be proud of a young man who will graduate this June. Dan Ward, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Ward, will complete his sixth year of Industrial Arts upon his graduation. During these six years Dan has worked with all kinds of materials such as plastic, wood, wrought iron, and silver, and has explored every phase of Industrial Arts including the machine shop. He has also taken two years of drafting. In all these areas his grades have been outstanding and his craftsmanship has been of the highest quality.

Some of the beautiful pieces Dan has made during the last six years are pictured above. These include a coffee table, a bedroom table, two candlesticks, a candelabra, two sterling silver spoons, an aluminum serving tray, and eight copper popcorn bowls. In addition to the great number of projects which Dan has made, he has been of much assistance to his shop instructor, Mr. Neil Schoenhals, in helping boys with less experience in the shop.

Upon his graduation, Dan plans to enter Western Michigan College where he will study to become a secondary Industrial Arts teacher. Dan will surely do well as a teacher if good teaching ability is inherited, for all the members of his family are teachers. Both his mother and his sister are art teachers and his father has a teaching degree in United States history.

When asked why he liked the field of Industrial Arts, Dan replied, "I just enjoy working with my hands and demonstrating shop techniques."

Just recently Dan tried for the Atlas Press Scholarship, and he will know the final results this Saturday. Here's wishing Dan all the luck in the world in his chosen profession. Industrial Arts teaching.

On The Podium

by John Schensul

Dr. Belooof this past week has been busy trying to find suitable numbers for the band to play at the farewell concert in early June. He finally found them, but he had to go out of town to get them.

The first one he received from the University of Illinois Band. It is an English publication of "The Second Movement—Andantino in Modo de Canzona" from Tchaikowsky's "Fourth Symphony."

The second arrangement obtained is the "Concerto For Oboe and Strings" by Cimarosa, arranged for the Wayne University Band by Roy Miller.

Tonight the choir will be among 1200 area high school students partaking in a song festival at the Western Michigan College gym. The time is 8:00 and admission is free; we'll see you all there.

Call Me Splinters

by Ted Garneau

Well, students, our spring sports program is really rolling now. The future weeks of school will determine whether our State High Cubs shall hold the coveted Wolverine All-sports Trophy for the third year in a row.

The track team has started off with a bang, but none of the meets are worth a ten cent golf ball until the Wolverine Conference track meet. So far this season Pete Parker has led the Cub thinlids to two wins. His running has been so spectacular that he has yet to be beaten in either the 100 or 220 yard dashes. Also not to be forgotten is Don De Vries' record shotput of better than 44 feet. The 880 relay team, which has one new man this season, Chuck Warfield, has yet to live up to pre-season expectations. They have been beaten by Battle Creek Lakeview, and their times have been 4 or 5 seconds slower than last year's team.

As Mr. Stevens told the baseball team last Monday, "This year's team has more raw material or potentiality than any team I have ever coached." It would seem to this writer that the team's problem is mainly psychological. What I mean is that the team can be as good as it really wants to be or works to be. The Cubs lost their first game to a very fine B. C. Lakeview team by the score of 6 to 5. However, Lakeview had to score three runs in the last inning to pull the game out of the fire. Then, in the second game, State High ran all over an outclassed Otsego team by the score of 11 to 0. So far this season Pete Parker and Tom Harding have led the Cub hitters, but even their hitting was eclipsed by the terrific playing of three sophomores, Jim Kemerling, Randy Crockett (no relation to Davy), and husky Vern Wade.

The golfers started their regular season last week. In a practice match, the Cubs bettered Kalamazoo Central 7 to 5, with Jim Rock firing an almost unheard of 72. State High's terrific tennis team is waiting for the spring thaw before they get into operation. The first four players are Larry Littig, Pete Platt, Al Wise, and little Johnny Scott.

With hard work and good school support, our trophy case may be blessed with a bouncing 3 1-4 lbs. All-sports Trophy come June or high water.

Netters Score 6-2

In Practice Meet

State High's tennis team defeated St. Augustine 6-2 in a practice session. Winners were Littig, Platt, Wise, and Gemrich in singles and Scott and Simcox and Bair and Peelen in doubles. Sebaly and Weber and Howson and Boudeman dropped close matches to the Irish.

Favor Cubs In Portage Relays; Allegan Next In Baseball

After Tuesday's "could be" preview as to how the State High Cubs will do in the league baseball race, they are anticipating their Friday game at Allegan.

Right now (Monday), the Cubs are one half game behind Portage, which, however, was very, very lucky to squeek past a strong Plainwell team. With their ace right-hander, Fred Green, the Trojans are ready to break a jinx that State High has held over Plainwell. This game is a "must" for coach Fred Stevens' boys.

Last Friday, two strong hitting clubs faced each other in a slugfest that cost four pitchers a lot of their confidence.

State High, led by Al Glendening's four hits and Pete Parker's three, skidded past Wayland 10-7. The game could have been a runaway but for some unalert play which gave Wayland quite an assist.

Larry Johnson was the winning pitcher, but he needed help from Guy Hess in the 6th. The Cub clouters collected a total of 13 hits, with Bob Miles and Johnson having long doubles, State High scored 9 runs in the 5th inning. Eight of the 9 boys that got to bat got at least one hit.

Vicksburg Bows, 9-2

State High, led by their ace chucker, Guy Hess, came from behind to put a puncture in the confident baseball hopes of the Vicksburg Bulldogs, but this feat was almost not accomplished due to the combined efforts of Vicksburg and the rain. The 9-2 score doesn't show how close and exciting the game really was. Tom Harding led the Cubs with 2 hits, while Pete Parker, Ted Garneau, Jim Kemerling, and Guy Hess chipped in with one hit each. In three games Harding is leading the team with a .545 batting average. Kemerling's hit was a triple down the left field foul line.

Linksters Lose at Jackson

The first team, consisting of Jim Rock, Jack DeKreek, Joel Shepherd, Dave Britigan, and Bob Kohrman, opened their season against Jackson St. Marys on April 19.

Jackson beat the Cubs by a score of 312 to 328.

J. Rock had the best score of 73, this being one over par. It might be well to note that Steve Miller from Jackson had a score of 70, this running two points under par. The other scores of the match were: J. Shepherd-79, D. Britigan-86, and J. DeKreek-90.

With meets scheduled for Thursday, when Plainwell and Bangor come here and for Saturday, when the Portage Relays will be held at Angell field, the thinclads are having a busy week of practice.

State High placed third behind East Lansing and Lansing Everett at the Hastings Relays last Saturday. P. Parker pulled a muscle in his leg early in the meet and so State continued and finished the day without his needed talents. The 440 relay team which he was able to run in before his injury placed a third. The team consisted of VandeWalker, Miles, Parker and Nieboer.

State's only first came in the two mile relay where 880 runners, Ray LeZotte, Jim Malbone, Fred Snow and Nat Taylor topped all competitors with a 8:55.7 time. D. DeVries placed a worthy second in the shotput division. Two fifth places were won by the 880 relay team (D. VandeWalker, C. Warfield, B. Miles, T. Nieboer) and the sprint medley team (G. Birch, Nieboer, Miles, J. Simcox). The scores of the first three teams were East Lansing 37, Lansing Everett 28½, State High 26.

Thinclads Triumph

State High's third track meet this year resulted in another victory. D. DeVries broke his own previously made school record with a shotput of 47 ft. 8 in. Among the other ten firsts placed by State, N. Taylor and P. Parker both had double wins. Both the 880 yard relay and the medley relay won while all the field events were won by State trackmen (Broad jump—D. VandeWalker, 19' 11 1-2;" Pole vault—J. Olvitt, 10' 0;" N. Taylor took the high jump with 5' 4"). M. Balch's first try at the high hurdles resulted in a win with a 17.2 time. Two seconds were placed by J. Malbone in the mile run (5 minutes 16 seconds) and a very good time (54.5 seconds) was put in on the 440 yard dash by J. Simcox.

State High—77

South Haven—53

Vicksburg—7

Golf Reserves Beat Portage

On April 18, the second golf team opened the season with a nine hole match against Portage. Scoring ran as follows: B. Yates-46, D. Ward-47, B. Cooper-48, and J. Causey-50.

Other members of this team are Cullen Henshaw, and Jack Pearson.

They're On Their Way

Many State High students certainly will be polishing up and putting on their seven league boots in the very near future as there are various trips being planned for the enjoyment of all the students in the next three years.

The newest trip offered to students this year will be the European trip scheduled for the month of July. A group of thirty students along with three adults are planning to tour Europe. In the next few weeks there will be plenty of sore arms around State High for the students will be getting their three necessary shots. Also passport pictures will be taken soon. The itinerary has been changed since the last announcement as follows: The group will leave July 28th by Transocean Airlines on a DC-4 from Idlewild Airport in New York and will probably stop in Gander, Newfoundland, before landing in Prestwick, Scotland. From Prestwick they will go to London, and then across the English Channel to Hook, Holland, Amsterdam, Brussels, and Luxemburg. Next they will take a day's bus ride along the Mosel Valley, spend a night in a castle, and proceed into Heidelberg. They will also enjoy a steamer trip on the Rhine and sailing and hiking in Lucerne. Rounding out the beautiful trip will be a short stay in Paris. The group will then sail for the United States

from Le Havre aboard the MS *Seven Seas*, which is an attractive 12,000 ton ship accommodating 1,000 passengers.

Another trip on the agenda this summer will be a six day camping trip to Kentucky in July. The group plans to leave Kalamazoo July 6, by a bus driven by Ed Powles. The itinerary will include a visit to the Ohio River, Mammoth Cave, Mammoth Onyx Cave, Horse Cave, My Old Kentucky Home, Lincoln's birthplace, and possibly a coal mine, Natural Bridge, and Cumberland Gap. During the trip the group will camp in State Parks, sleep out-of-doors, and cook their own meals. The cost of the Kentucky trip will be \$40 per person. Anyone interested in the six day camping trip may pick up application blanks in Room 303 Natural Science Building.

For students planning on future trips for State High, the school has the following tentative schedule for 1955-56:

Washington-New York Trip, Easter vacation of 1956. The cost will be around \$125.

Summer Camping Trip, August, 1956. The cost will depend upon the length of time the group is gone and where it goes.

European Trip may be offered again in 1958.

Flight Plight

"Going Up!" Finally, after a ten minute wait to battle your way to the front so you could board the square contraption, you see your chance to pile on into a small, vacant, six inch square. You never knew so many types from the human race could jam into one foot at the same time. Three huge coats back you up until you expect any moment to go cruising through the opposite side. With your supply of oxygen all but cut off, you bid farewell to an empty stomach as the overcrowded relic begins its perilous journey through the greasy shaft.

Suddenly, you jolt, black out, come back to life, then die for good. But it isn't you; it's the elevator. Besides, you can't eat Persian lamb when you're dead. Upon coming to, you have the obvious conclusion that you weren't at any floor but stranded somewhere between basement and 22.

Moments later, after considerable complaining by the passengers and apologizing by the operator, you resign yourself to being a cripple the remainder of your cramped life.

The only sound now is the slow whirr of the overhead fan and the constant grumbling of several impatient riders. Things begin to go blanker and dimmer until you feel

your whole life is being drained down the elevator shaft. The smell becomes vile and musty as you're hot, tired, sick, uncomfortable, and miserable all in one breath. Your stomach has finally caught up with you and is on the verge of passing you when you are blinded by the small electric bulbs. Then you feel your intestines settle as you creep upward to the second floor: your destination.

Sirvase Vd. Algun Pollo

Last Monday, April 25, the delicious aroma of Spanish food issued forth from the Home Economics Room where the Spanish Club was holding its annual dinner.

The members of the club stuffed themselves on, first, hors d'oeuvres, then, arroz con pollo, which is really chicken and rice. Along with their arroz con pollo they ate ensalada de sombrero, a salad with pineapple and cottage cheese and tortillas. To wash down the hot tortillas they drank tea a la Esponola con canela, Spanish tea made from cinnamon sticks. This was rather warm, too, but they finished off this fine meal with manzanas asadas con crema batida, that is, baked apples with whipped cream.

Carol's Cubbyhole

Hi Buds! How's it going? It's nearing that time when old Seniors become increasingly busy, and it's hard for all to keep their minds on their work. School work, that is. It is even boring to sit around the Cubbyhole, so I have done a bit of wandering.

Over vacation, CHUCK OCVERICK and JOHN FLECKENSTEIN went to Detroit to see the Tigers play. Hear tell they saw some members of the opposite sex, too. Wonder which one proved most interesting?

I understand CONNIE FRICKE and ROD WAGONMAKER have been seeing each other lately. Ho, ho, what have we here?

A rather vague statement came through the Cubbyhole that LARRY LITTIG spends evenings in Crane Park watching other people. For more facts, you might inquire of DAVE BRITIGAN, who, by the way, is so happy with his Nancy these days.

It appears that DICK T. and NANCY W. are hitting it off again. Keep it up, kids!

DENNY SABO has been taking some bicycle trips lately. Hmhmhm, howabout that, SUE LENNARTSON?

The dance also brought out DON BISCEGLIA and MARILYN WILSEY. Everyone looked as if they were having a good time, including the "banana leg" kids. Those Bermudas are the least to say the most.

Say, PHIL L., we all know you have love problems, but that doesn't mean you have to get nasty and throw your cinnamon drops on the floor.

Attention: BOB BEISEL and LIBBY DAVIS are going steady. Way to go, kids! Also going steady is ANN TAYLOR with her man in Oregon. Oh well, a few thousand miles doesn't make MUCH difference.

While on the subject of juniors, you children appear to have a couple of shady characters among you. They go around picking up poor, unsuspecting girls down town. What's your line, JOEL and JIM?

Some more bright news comes in that HELEN THORPE is going steady with one of those St. A. men. Congrats, Helen!

JULIE DenBLYKER and JOE PASSAFIUME'S birthdays are on the same day, so they and ANNETTE DOUGLASS and NATE TAYLOR went out for a litle celebration. Oh, those drive-in theaters are fun.

It was brought to my attention that there is quite a common "middle name." I'm not familiar with it, but further information can be obtained from LOIS FULLER, DON (Lard) DEVRIES, or TOM HARDING. As the old slogan goes, "V is for victory."