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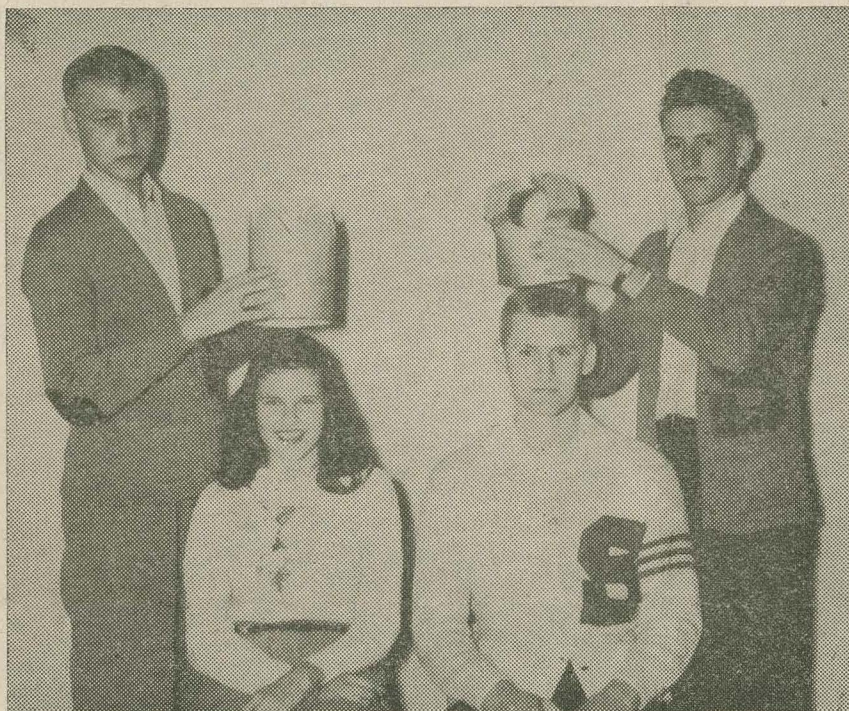
# State Highlights

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## M. Boylan, G. White Chosen As Royalty



From left to right: Dick Vander Klok, Mollie Boylan, Gordon White, Bill Alman.

### Football King and Queen Rule over "S" Club Dance

Flash! Royalty seen wandering through the halls of State High! Is someone trying to overthrow the government? No—King Gordon I and Queen Mollie I (better known to their classmates as Gordie White and Mollie Boylan) are reigning over the current football season at State High. The royal pair were crowned at the informal "S" Club coronation dance held Saturday, November 2 from 8:30 to 11:30 in the Women's Gym.

Mollie and Gordie were chosen from a roster of candidates selected by each homeroom. Students attending the dance were entitled to a vote. Aspirants to the throne were Arlene Townsend, Mollie Boylan, Yvonne Hill, Edith Brown, Jean Thoma, Paula Richmond, Barbara Klop, Shirley Loughhead, Judy Ogden, Bob Bills, Len Vanden Berg, Bill Glennon, Trevor Jones, Gordie White, Jack Sipperly, John Smith, Alan Ryan and Bob Dunbar.

The dance was brightened up by figures of football players in various attitudes of action pinned on the curtain of the stage and also by the serving of free cider and doughnuts.

Bill Alman, general chairman of the event was assisted by Dick Vander Klok, Tom McKinney, John Derhammer, Gordie White, Gene West, Bob Stell, Ken Reeves, Don Brown and Bill Ressigue.

### Hi-Y Chapters Of School Organize Annual Hayride

Fifteen Hi-Y members and their guests met Saturday night, October 25, at Bob Patterson's farm for their annual hay-ride, sponsored by the Junior and Senior Hi-Y Chapters. Events were scheduled to start at 7:30 with the ride and afterwards refreshments of cider and doughnuts, brought by the members, were served.

Later games were organized in the barn, with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Deur and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Weber, chaperons, participating.

### Committee Plans Announced

Ardith Kalleward, general chairman of the Prom Committee, has announced the set-up for the annual Junior-Senior Prom. The program is as follows: Ways and Means Committee—Marjorie Steen, Dick Dorgan, Lorraine Smith, Joan Mulder, Dick Roberts, and Jack Sipperly. The committee for class rings and pins is composed of Tony Ver Hey, chairman; John Avery, Yvonne Hill, Joan Mulder, Leisel Kestler, and Dale Grif-fith.

### Three Victories Won By State's Debaters

With a series of practice debates at Albion High School and Battle Creek Lakeview, the debate team began its year Thursday, October 31, on the question, "Resolved that the federal government should provide a system of complete medical care available to all citizens at public expense."

The four teams participating included Herbert Smith, Marguerite Klein, Jerry Hagan, and Barbara Jordan, affirmative; Gerrie Klein, Clare Poloms, Jim Osborn, Carol Morris, and Ardith Kalleward, negative. These debates, not being official, were not judged.

On Saturday, November 2, the teams traveled to Lansing Eastern High School for practice debates along with seventy other schools from the entire state. Although not official, five of State's eight teams were judged, three being victorious.

During the day the groups listened to a practice debate between Ohio Western Reserve College and the University of Michigan.

### P-T Meet on Nov. 13

With a short welcoming address, Louis Vander Linde will open the first Parent-Teacher meeting of this year, which is to be held in the Women's Gym on November 13 from 7:30 to 9:00. The girls' trio, composed of Marguerite Klein, Marilee Fonner, and Gerrie Klein, accompanied by Virginia Glenn and Hildur Sangren, will provide musical entertainment, while the recreation is to be under the direction of Mrs. E. L. Church, who is of the city P. T. A. For the discussion, the parents of freshmen, sophomore, and upper classmen will divide into three specific groups to talk over the problems dealing with that particular age.

### Stamp Club Has Speaker

The Stamp Club had as its speaker last week, Mr. Donald Doubleday of Doubleday Stores, who gave the members helpful hints on stamp collecting, showed parts of his collection, and talked about specified United States stamps.

This year the Stamp Club hopes to sponsor an inter-school organization which will be composed of interested members from all of Kalamazoo High Schools. The president, Jack DeBoer, suggests anyone interested should contact him.

## STATE HIGHLIGHTS

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## So the Spark Has Finally Been Kindled!

Say there! That was a swell turn-out at the Cub Caper last October 25! Freshies, Sophs, Juniors, Seniors, Alum, and Faculty all mixed in the shuffle. School spirit was never at a higher ebb than then, and because of a defeat on the gridiron in the afternoon, it was all the more remarkable.

You know fellows and gals—school spirit isn't just whoopee you put on when your team's out in front two or three touchdowns. It's the stuff you're supposed to have all the time. It's enthusiasm for everything that counts.

Everyone turning out for a brutal football battle insures a success—natch; And what else?

You know, there is an ulterior motive in tripping off to school dances—besides supporting your school event. The more teener teeming with a year for the fancy dancing makes more moola, more moola makes for bigger and brighter shindigs seen in the crystal ball, and bigger, better, brighter shindigs seen in the ole gypsy's standard equipment makes more fun for everybody. And that's the object. Isn't it?

So in leaving you till we meet again—a big cheer for the cheerleaders, for the committee sponsoring the light fantastic, and for all of you who helped make the blow-out a bang out.

by Mary Jane McCarthy

## "Mikado" Plans Underway

After several days of tryouts under the direction of Mrs. Leoti C. Britton, the members of the State High choir have elected the leads for the annual operetta, "The Mikado" by Gilbert and Sullivan tentatively scheduled for February 28 and March 1 in the Little Theater. With thirty-one out of fifty-four choir members overcoming stage fright to try out for parts, the leads were elected as follows; Yum-Yum, Virginia Mitchell, Mary Ann Tinkham and Marguerite Klein (tie); Peep-Bo, Maryellen Ward and Ann Corbus; Petti-Sing, Gerrie Klein and Nyla Worden; Katiska, Marilee Fonner and Melba Manning; Mikado, Larry Okun; Pooh-Bah, Tom McKinney; Ko-Ko, Dick Koloff; Pish-Tush, Steve Davis; Nanki-Poo, Lester Shelley.

## Citizenship Committee Plans

The Citizenship Committee under the sponsorship of Miss Katherine Dukette is planning to take on larger projects, some of which are: safety, cleaning of walls and desks, locker inspection, conduct of class room meetings, and cleaning of black boards.

## "Rumors Are Flying And So Is 'Evie'"

Listen ye lads and lasses! Did you know that in our midsts is an air-minded female, Eve DeVries? Yes, Eve, who has taken lessons for about two months, already has her pilot's certificate and soon will obtain her license. Landing in a storm, having the engine stall, and breaking a propeller shaft are just a few of her numerous adventures, but Eve states that she wasn't scared because there just wasn't time.

A three stop flight has been planned for her and her instructor sometime in January; after that she will be on her own. Eve, who has about eighteen air hours to her credit, must fly thirty before she can obtain her license, and then she says she would like to be an instructor and teach others how to fly. Meanwhile in her Aeronica she is practicing "spins" and "lazy eights," two feats which she isn't fond of doing. She remarks that after an hour of doing one spin after another with her instructor, it felt pretty good to step on "terra firma" again. But all in all, Eve thinks flying is pretty wonderful. She invites all who are interested to come out, and she will take them for a spin.

## All Seniors Squeal As Proofs Reveal

"All boys be sure to wear white shirts and ties." Oh how that phrase rings in my ears as I struggle with the starchy collar of my shirt. I thought the seniors were supposed to look natural in their pictures for the Highlander and not like a bunch of dudes. But, alas, what must be done, shall be done. So, off I head to H. A. Powell Studios.

Upon entering I am greeted by a blond at a desk who invites me to sit down across from her. "In which of these three tones would you like your picture done?" she asked, as in bewilderment I try to distinguish the difference. Of this one you receive twelve prints for \$16.75, while the others are \$14.85 and \$19.95. Trying not to appear cheap and at the same time knowing I don't want the twenty dollar ones, I order the \$16.75 tone. I then decide what type frames I want and whether or not they should be done in colors.

## Down Payment Please

Then whats-her-name asks me how many of the small billfold size I would like. "Hadn't I better wait 'till I find out how they look before I decide that?" I ask. "Maybe no one will want them anyhow."

"You order now and if you change your mind, you can reorder when you return your proofs. How many?"

"Oh, about thirty, I guess."

Here's your bill. You pay two dollars now and some more later, until you have paid your full twenty five dollars and forty nine cents.

"Okay.—What! Twenty-five dollars and forty-nine cents? Sometimes I wish I were a freshman again."

"Now go in there," she says pointing to a small room with a mirror across one wall, and get yourself ready for the picture."

## The Final Step

I go in and re-comb my hair, straighten my tie, and do the few other things suggested on a small piece of paper at the side of the mirror. I then take a hold of and drag myself into the photography room. Once in there the man places me in a certain position on the stool surrounding me with lights, and then ducks behind the camera to focus it.

"Smile please. Not too much but a little. There! Now hold it. That's it. Now a little to the left. Look over your shoulder. Now just look natural. There. That's all."

"Wow, what an ordeal. Glad that's over with What? Oh, the proofs will be ready Friday night. Thanks."

So from Wednesday until Friday I wait, and by Friday my nails look like they were caught going South on a North-Bound buzz saw.

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# State High, Niles Battle to Tie

The State High Cubs and the Niles Vikings battled through to a 6-6 tie in the mud and rain at Waldo Stadium, Friday, November 1.

The Cubs after trailing 6-0 at half-time came back fighting to tie the count but were thwarted in the attempt to win the game in the last minute as their last quarter march bogged down on the Viking's 5 yard line at the end of the game.

The Niles score came in the second period after Gene West's punt was blocked. The Niles boys fell on the ball on the State twenty-one and the Vikings took over. Their attack held in check and the ball went back to the home team on their own six-yard line. West's kick was again blocked, and once more the Vikings fell on the ball in the end zone with the result, a score for Niles. Their try for the point was a tricky reverse but Herb Smith broke through and nailed the ball carrier. As the half ended the Vikings led 6-0.

The Cubs received the ball on the kick off and drove to the Niles nine yard line where for three downs the Vikings yielded only three yards so it was fourth down and six yards to go for a touchdown. On the next play fullback Gene West went around end and ploughed over for the score. The try for point after touchdown was low of the post and the game stood at 6-6. After an exchange of punts the Cubs passed and ran their way to the ten yard line with thirty seconds remaining. After the Cubs took time out, they drove to the eight, then to the six, and as the game ended, the Cubs were on the Niles five yard line.

Both teams had had enough and were ready to call it quits, so all the game accomplished was to prove that the teams' suits would need dry-cleaning before the next game. The Cubs will travel to Grand Haven next Friday where they will be entertained by the Grand Haven Buccaneers in a night game.

### Big Seven Standings

	Won	Lost	Tied
St. Joseph	5	0	
South Haven	4	1	
Three Rivers	3	2	
Buchannon	2	3	
State High	1	4	1
Niles	1	3	1
Dowagiac	1	4	

Word received from Dave Arnold, former State High athletic director, reports that he is getting along well in his new role as assistant director of state high school athletics. Arnold said that the only thing he misses is contact with players as well as coaches.

# Chinese Visualize Current Athletics

Valley noisy yelle  
 Mushee kickee blawl  
 Lunny down to chasee  
 Makee enemy flawl  
 Buttee in le belly  
 Crackee on le shin  
 Pilee on like woodpile  
 Tuckee shirttail in  
 Catchee lound le windplipe  
 Gouge in le eye  
 Jumpee on to holdee  
 Smashee like le fly  
 Pushee in le wishbone  
 Pullee on le leg  
 Makee nose all over face  
 Scramble like le egg  
 Melican give to footbawl  
 All he have to give  
 Chinee stick to washee job  
 He still wish to live.

## State, Central Hold Pep Meet

For the first time in the history of two rival schools, students from both State High and Central attended an inter-school pep meeting sponsored by the inter-school council and the pep committees of the two schools, at Central's Auditorium November 5.

The cheerleaders started the proceedings at 10:45, sharing yells and promoting pep for the football games. Both teams played that night. There was an unusual coincidence behind the co-ordinate pep-meeting as State High played Battle Creek Lakeview the same night that Central met Battle Creek Central.

Jack Thomson, former State High athlete, is a candidate for the Mass. Institute of Technology basketball squad. Jack graduated last June and won high school letters in basketball and golf.

Another former State High student, Duke Orwin, is playing halfback on the Yale University "B" football team. Harold Upjohn is also at Yale, but illness forced him out of football competition this fall.

### STATE HIGH 1946-1947 BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

- \* Dec. 6 Niles
- Dec. 13 S. Haven
- \* Dec. 17 Dowagiac
- Dec. 27 H. Christian
- Jan. 7 Three Rivers
- \* Jan. 10 St. Joseph
- Jan. 17 Buchanan
- Jan. 24 Niles
- \* Jan. 31 S. Haven
- \* Feb. 4 H. Christian
- Feb. 7 Dowagiac
- \* Feb. 11 Three Rivers
- Feb. 14 St. Joseph
- \* Feb. 21 Buchanan
- \* HOME GAMES

# Football Team Looks Ahead

Friday, November 8, the State High Cubs, will travel to Grand Haven where they will clash with the powerful Buccaneers. Coach Ed Graybiele's eleven, members of the Southwestern Conference have lost four games to Kalamazoo Central, Benton Harbor, Muskegon, and Muskegon Heights but have registered wins over Ludington, 19-13, Ionia 35-13, and they showed strength but were highly out-classed in their meeting in Waldo Stadium with the Moroons of Central.

Grand Haven is the smallest school in the conference but supplies much trouble for such highly touted teams as Muskegon and Muskegon Heights who last year battled it out for the mythical state championship, with the Heights seeking out a 7-6 win. In their last meeting the Buccaneers edged past State with a 7-6 triumph. That was back in 1931 and the Cubs hope for a different outcome this year.

Your reporter, looking into his crystal ball, forecasts an upset for the local team in either this game or in the last contest of this season with the high riding Battle Creek Lakeview eleven. Lakeview's Spartans coached by Mel Aussieker is a highly rated team, possibly a better eleven than Grand Haven, with a stunning upset win over the Adrion Maples, 9-7. Adrion is a Class A school, may we add, and the Spartans have lost but two games, both to large Class B schools. The Lakeview aggregation is obviously power laden and will be gunning to regain the trophy which they lost last year when the Cubs won 7-0 on a recovered fumble in the end-zone. Another reason why the Spartans want a victory is that in five years State High Cubs have won five games—averaging thirty-one points per game while the Lakeview Boys have scored but one touchdown.

All-time record for State High and Grand Haven:

	Grand Haven	State High
1924	7	0
1925	0	0 tie
1926	27	0
1927	28	0
1928	12	7
1929	18	7
1930	7	13
1931	7	6
6 GH wins, 1 SH win, 1 tie		

All-time record for State High and Lakeview:

	Battle Creek	State High
1934	0	18
1935	0	33
1936	6	45
1937	0	54
1945	0	7
5 SH wins, No wins BC		

## Mac's Mullings

Well, well, it can even happen to lowly freshmen. Love is a wonderful thing. Perhaps Carol and Hadley, Jill and Jim, Margaret and Stevie are agreed on that. Incidentally quite a hayride, kiddies. Noticed that Jack Hill was all alone.

Upper-classmen seem to have developed a yen for hay too. Here's hoping Jeanne Scamehorn and John Avery, and Ruth Emerson and Don Parsons aren't out too long with hay fever. Mary Helen appears to have recovered.

Carolyn, is this Northern exposure too much for you? Maybe a dose of Texas sun is needed, for those mittens really strike a harmonious note in this cold, cold weather.

"Something Sentimental" is going on with Peggy and Tommie. Wonder what could happen to State High if they didn't turn up at a dance.

Carol Morris is honoring us with a visit this week. She managed to drag herself away from Northwestern to renew old acquaintance. Don't worry, Carol, "Monday to Friday goes fast and another week is past."

If anyone perchance has heard weird noises floating from 202, it was just the choir tuning up for try-outs or should it be tinning up? Hear say there're some **yummy** parts in the operetta this year.

Even though Mr. Sheldon Myers is champion chess player of Ohio, I wonder if he is the yo-yo champ of Mich. At any rate he collected quite a crowd.

## Doing What Comes Naturally

Goering had nothing on Tojo, the biology class pet crow, who was found dead in the Science room recently. Perhaps Tojo hid his poison vile until he could no longer bear his roommates who included three salamanders, two goldfish, snails, four white rats, one brown snake, one bull frog and one peeper. Or could it be the constant pesterings of the Biology classes?

## Lowlights Editors Sought

Last year it was the custom of State High students not on the staff to edit issues of the Lowlights. Any student wishing to resume this activity should drop a note in the Highlights box. For the information of the freshmen and sophs as well as the upper classmen who seem to have forgotten the little box with the great big padlock, the Highlights box is to be found a little to the right of the drinking fountain on the second floor.

## Passing Parade Of Prominent People

To the freshies who are a bit bewildered at seeing those two senior boys barreling down the hall, loaded with books and voting ballots, it probably won't mean much when we say that they are Herb Smith and Walt Storey. To get you on the beam, in the know, etc, here's a little "info" on their private loves (pardon me, lives).

Both Herb and Walt entered State as freshies coming from Recreation Park and South Westnedge respectively. They both elbowed their way up in the world until Herb finally took the honored office of Vice President of the student body in his Junior year and ran a close race for Presidency against Lou Vander Linde in this year's battle. Walt now is taking over Herb's last year's job and is doing "ye old institution" proud.

In study hall if you perchance hear faint strains of "It's been a long long time," this identifying mark is Herb's; no doubt he is dropping a line to Ellen.

Although Walt's ambition is to become a chemist, earning \$10,000 a year (he would accept more if forcibly thrust upon him) and Herb's dream is to become a successful man, right now it looks as if they are running quite a monopoly in the field of politics. Not only are they "big wigs" here, but no doubt Boy's State has been made a success by our great Senator Smith and the "Crime Doesn't Pay" motto of Police Chief Storey.

Even though Walt has a mania for creamed onions, he's still a popular boy, but we hope that little blond Frosh hasn't gotten too close to him. Herb, a little more along the conventional lines, finds his weakness is ice cream.

Both fellows seem to be the homing pigeon type, as neither of them has been led very far from our fair city. In Chicago, the high spot for Herb (outside of all the women), was the museum. Any resemblance to the usual likes and dislikes of Herb is purely coincidental.

Walt is still dreaming about that trip west he plans to take. Maybe bowed legs were made for a purpose after all.

It seems the fellows have finally gotten together on something. They're both nuts about hunting. Whether it's big game or gopher sized prey we do not know, but no doubt it gives the needed relaxation to Herb from his fourth year Math class and to Walt from his countless duties around school.

Well, here's the dope! Don't forget to tune in next issue for another exciting chapter in the life of our fighting seniors.

## Committee Plans Projects

Herb Smith, chairman, Dale Griffith, Ken Green, Dick Cain, and Roger Bennett compose the finance committee this year. So far they have contributed the programs for the football games and hope to be able to have programs for basketball.

## Ye Old Refrain

November eleventh is drawing near—I'm in a terrible fright!  
Suppose I should fail my Latin or French!  
I can't sleep a wink at night.  
When I try to sleep in my room at night,  
I think of nothing but tests!  
Did I get one hundred or ninety percent—  
Or fail? Did I do my best?  
You just can't be sure of Geometry scores,  
And History and English are bad;  
But as far as Math goes, I'm a hopeless case.  
There's just no help to be had!  
When practicing typing, my fingers grow numb  
From tapping and pounding the keys.  
In my Physics exam, I just know I won't pass—  
I can't think what my scores will be.  
When the marks come out in a few more days,  
I'll know if I did all right.  
But until then I know—(and there is no doubt!)  
I'll be spending sleepless nights!

## Assembly Topic Announced

In recognition of American Education Week, the assembly committee is planning to have an address November 13 on the "Needs of Education" by Mr. Otto Yntema, former boys' advisor at State High. In addition, plans are underway for a twenty-two minute broadcast direct from the stage.

The November 20 assembly is being reserved for football awards and football movies. The annual Thanksgiving assembly will be held November 27.

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Racing down to Powell's after the game Friday. I walk in trying to appear calm and collected and give the blond my name.

"Here are your proofs."

"Thanks. Say, these aren't mine—, oh, yes they are. Just didn't recognize myself at first."

So I decide which proof of the four is the best, not being influenced by the many friends who disagree with me.

Returning the proofs and paying some more money and I decide that twenty-five dollars and forty-nine cents is not too much. After all, some had as high as forty dollars.

Well, now that's all over, and it will be later in the year before they return to haunt me. But as for now, all I can say is, "What an ordeal!"

A Senior

## Happy Birthday

Nov. 6—Anna Mae Vande Hoff

Nov. 7—Carl Cooper

Nov. 12—Skip Bills

Dale Carl Crawford

Jean Guymer

Tom Holdship

Nov. 13—David Peterson

Nov. 14—Bill Glennon

Nov. 15—Ronald McCaul

Nov. 17—Mildred Worden