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State Highlights

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Personalities in "Our Town"



George Gibbs (Don Griffith) and Emily Webb (Florence De Lano)

Choir Presents Annual Program

The State High Choir under the direction of Mrs. Leoit Britton assisted by the music club, the orchestra, and a dance group will present its annual spring program on Sunday, May 16, at 4 p. m. in the Little Theatre. The program will be divided into two sections. The first part will consist of a formal group in robes. The second part is the highlight of the afternoon. It is dedicated to the music of the United Nations, and the participants will be dressed in costumes representing the various countries. The prologue to the second part as well as the interludes have been written by Charlotte Okum and will be presented by her.

Calendar of Events

May 7-8—Spring Play
 May 31—Junior Meeting 3:00
 May 16—Choir Program (Music of United Nations) 4:00 (Little Theatre)
 May 18—Assembly (College) 9:00 Gov. Kelly.
 May 19—Assembly (Senior)
 May 20—Sophomore Meeting 3:00
 May 27—Freshman Meeting 3:00

Honor Roll Plaque Dedicated to Grads

Dr. Smith Burnham Gives Main Address at Assembly

State High's Honor Roll was formally dedicated at an impressive assembly on Tuesday, April 27.

Bob Fuller, president of the Student Council, spoke on the significance that the honor roll has in respect to the democratic operation of State High. He introduced Dr. Smith Burnham, retired faculty member, who presented the dedication address.

After Dr. Burnham's address, the honor roll plaque was shown to the student body. The plaque, designed and made by students in the art department, is 4 by 6 feet in size. It is divided into three sections, at the top of which are the insignia of the army, the navy, and the marine corp. Beneath these are placed the figures representing the number of State High students in service in each branch of the armed forces.

Don Griffith read a selection from Theodore Roosevelt's farewell address. The choir presented an appropriate song, "God, Our Help in Ages Past," and Mr. Harper C. Maybee, director of the college music department, led the students in some group songs.

Masquers Give Annual Play

Albertson, Delano, Griffith To Star in Wilder's Play

Hear ye! Hear ye! The State High Masquers in cooperation with the speech classes are presenting their annual spring play on May 7th and 8th in the Little Theatre. The curtain of "Our Town," a Pulitzer prize winning play by Thornton Wilder, will go up at 8:00; seats are reserved. The tickets for both nights are 55 cents and can now be obtained from Barbara Canine.

The story of the play centers around two young people, Emily Webb (June Albertson; Florence De Lano), and George Gibbs (Don Griffith). The complete cast is as follows:

Emily Webb	.....	June Albertson
		Florence De Lano
George Gibbs	.....	Don Griffith
Stage Manager	.....	Mr. Householder
Professor Willard	.....	Bill Shumaker
Editor Webb	.....	Dunlap Clark
Dr. Gibbs	.....	Hendrick Meyer
Mrs. Gibbs	.....	Betty Fuller
Rebecca	.....	Joan Vander Linde
		Paula Harrington
Mrs. Webb	.....	Barbara Shaffer
Wally Webb	.....	Ben Wood
Joe Crowell	.....	Bil Gilbert
Howie Newsome	.....	Bill Cox
Simon Stimson	Norman Carver
Mrs. Soames	Phyllis Daub



(June Albertson and Don Griffith)

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Keep Our Campus Clean!

Let's keep our campus clean! Each and everyone of us got out there on campus Wednesday and did his very best to clean the campus up again. You showed that you had what it takes by making our whole area of the campus spotless in no time. With 350 pairs of hands all doing their utmost, it took only a few minutes to finish a big job; but now that it is done, our work is yet before us. We will have failed completely if we stop now and let pieces of unsightly paper, leaves, and stones claim our campus again. We should keep our eyes open and prevent the need of another such clean-up day.

The appearance of the campus wasn't the only reason for our work. Another reason was the need of preserving the tools that we still have. Those sticks and stones, provided they had been left where they were, would probably have been very harmful to the mowers this summer. They might have broken parts which are now unobtainable because of the war.

There was also another phase of the cleaning-up. The lockers were all washed and are now without our artistic doodlings. Let's keep those lockers free from pencil markings!

Those boys we know so well, our classmates and our brothers, will be coming home on furloughs, and we want them to see the campus in the condition in which they left it. If they saw a dirty, messy campus, how could they help but think we were letting them down and shirking our jobs at home.

Let's all pitch in and keep our campus clean, now that it is in good shape. The boys out there are giving everything they have for us, so let's get in there and do our best for them.

Miss Nobbs Addresses Junior Class

The highlight of the Junior Class meeting on April 15 was a talk given by Miss Lucille Nobbs of the English Department at Western Michigan College. Her topic for discussion was English Prerequisites for College Work. In general, according to Miss Nobbs, preparation for college English is the same as for any other subject. A sound knowledge of the fundamentals of English grammar is essential. Miss Nobbs was very emphatic in saying that one should not

talk so much about one's weaknesses in grammar, but one should try to improve themselves in this respect. "It is the attitude rather than the natural ability which is the important thing in the end. Everyone should take pride in the way he expresses his ideas, and should aim to better himself in that direction." Miss Nobbs added that a wise selection of books will give a person enjoyment, satisfaction, companionship, and many other benefits.

Answer This Query

I am going to ask you a few questions and string together a few words. I am not going to argue with you or try to shape your views. I am not going to try and make you give up a coke, a show, or any other of your personal pleasures. As I said before, I am only going to ask you a few questions, letting you answer them as you believe they should be answered. The only thing I hope you will do is to think a little longer on some of the things which may not have impressed you, up to date.

The questions I ask have their roots in many places. They have been formed from the anguished cries of butchered Lidice. They have come from the mute appeals of a starving Europe. There has been added to these questions the chokes of men drowning in the Atlantic and the coughs of men rotting in foxholes of New Guinea. All these sounds blend into a concert of questions, all seeking an answer from you. Have you ever lain on the white expanse of the Sahara and spat out your life in a bloody froth? Tommy Atkins, of the Eighth Army, has because he knows that he has a job to do and he means to stick with it until it's done. Have you ever battled savagely with your garbage from the oppressor's table? neighbors to glean a few scraps of The Dutch have, because they believe that there is no such thing as a price ceiling on their freedom. Have you ever lain in a pile of rubble which was once a home and felt the white hot pellets of lead slice through your flesh, and instead of turning back, dying in that spot trying to dam the flood of lead? The men of Stalingrad have, because Mother Russia held for them more attraction than life. Have you ever had your face ground into a pulp by the heel of the conqueror or your body used as a pin-cushion for bayonets? Johnny Doughboy has because he loves the square feet of ground you are now standing on and the things that the ground represents more than he fears for his own material body.

These are the things they have done. What have you done? Answer this question as you see fit.

Happy Birthday

- May 1—Patricia Maier
Joan Reade
James Pattison
Thomas Hickmott
- May 2—Adele Kuemple
- May 3—Joanne Schrier
- May 5—Betty Williams
Jeann Anderson
- May 7—Richard Klepper
- May 8—Ted Lawrence
- May 9—Robert Maloney
Jeanne Ekema
Joan Spitters
- May 11—Arlene Carlson
James Thayer
- May 12—Dot Hubbell

Sport Schedules Revealed Here

Mr. Robert Quiring announced the Spring sport's schedule on Tuesday, April 27. There has been some difficulty this year in scheduling games because of the difficulties in transportation. In spite of this, however, many games have been planned, and there are hope that others will be added to the list.

Baseball Schedule

April 27 Vicksburg Here
 April 30 Plainwell There
 May 7 Vicksburg There
 May 17 Comstock There
 May 18 Dowagiac Here
 May 21 Dowagiac There
 June 5 Sturgis Here

This is not the complete schedule. Mr. Quiring is trying to fill in vacant dates with other game. These will be announced in the near future.

Tennis Schedule

April 29 Dowagiac Here
 May 6 Dowagiac There
 May 13 Elkhart There

Bill Honey is corresponding with other schools in an effort to schedule more matches. He is particularly trying to arrange some matches with Battle Creek.

Track Schedule

April 28 Three Rivers There
 May 4 Hastings Here
 May 7 Big 6 Conference Dowagiac
 May 11 Paw Paw Here
 May 15 Area Meet Here

This year, because of war conditions, the State track meet will not be held. However, there are several good meets scheduled. One of the strongest teams the Cubs will have to meet is Hastings, which comes here this week.

Golf Schedule

May 3 Paw Paw Here
 May 17 Paw Paw There

Many schools have cut golf from their sport's list this year, but the squad is trying to schedule some other matches.

James Cook at Great Lakes

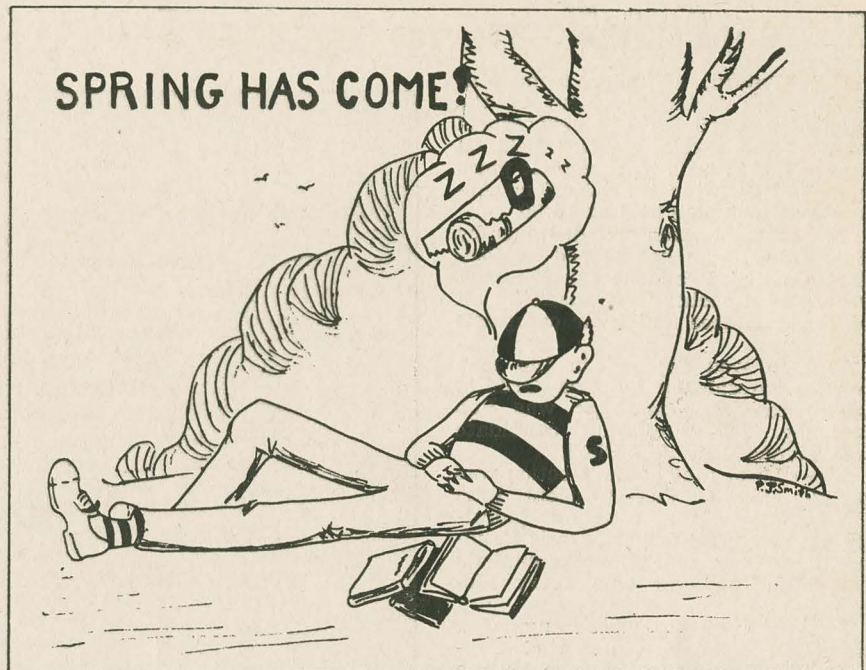
Jim Cook, former State high athlete is stationed at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station. Jim was full-back on the Cub's football team of '41 and also played for other amateur teams in the city. He entered the service January 12, 1943.

Geometry Problem

Given: I love you
 Prove: You love me
 Proof: I love you

2. Therefore I am a lover
3. All the world loves a lover
4. You are all the world to me
5. Therefore, you love me

Whatever trouble Adam had no man ever made him sore by saying, when he cracked a joke, "Oh pshaw, I've heard that one before."



Rained Out

Cubs Lead Dowagiac

A sudden spring rain cut short the State High-Dowagiac tennis match April 29, 4:00 on the Davis courts. Technically the Cubs had the meet in the bag. The first three men had won their matches, and it looked like Waber, Statler, and Milham would have had a easy time in winning their second sets. We had almost five score points, (which would have won the meet right there) and possibly three more, when a fateful April shower cancelled the meet. Al Hilliard lead (2-1) in his first set and Jim Gilmore had just started his match. All had good starts and fair chances of good endings.

Bob Espie, a Junior and last year letter man, in first position, won his match with Moulton, (7-5)-(6-0) He had a hard time getting started because of the cold wind and damp courts, but sailed through his second set easily enough. Due to bad weather at home the Dowagiac team had not had favorable practice chances.

Harold Upjohn, a Freshman, took his match with Gilbert, (6-0)-(6-1) The Dowagiac coach, Corey, admitted that Upjohn has improved greatly since he last saw him play, and we certainly agree.

Dick Barnes, a Sophomore, and also letter man won his match with Kroth (6-3)-(6-1) in a very short game.

George Waber, Junior, and letter man, won his first set with Moses of Dowagiac, (6-3) and had Moses (5-4) in the second set when they had to stop because of the rain.

Al Statler, had one set (6-1) and was tied (4-4) in the second set. Bill Milham took his first set with Gay (6-3) and was tied in the second set (5-5) when rain overtook them.

Gilmore and Hilliard had got in just a few game before the rain.

Intracity Sports Off

State high's sports activities with Central and St. Augutine have been canceled for the present season. Dr. Roy C. Bryan has been studying the possibility of carrying on relations in the field of sports with other schools in the city. His findings have led him to the opinion that there should be no intra-city sports for the State High athletic teams. The tennis team and the baseball team have withdrawn their offers to Central for competition this season. The golf team has done the same with St. Augustine. What will be done about the contemplated football game at the opening of the fall season is not decided.

Thinclads Win First Meet

By winning one track meet and losing one, the State high track team leads the rest of the spring sports teams in the won and lost column. The track team won its first meet with Three Rivers 49 to 46. In the second meet scheduled between these two schools, Three Rivers ran over the Cubs 72½ to 31½. The Cubs took only one first in this meet. This was in the shot put, and was made by Ed Koops. A dual meet is scheduled with Hastings, as we go to press.

The baseball team has played only one game, which was lost 8 to 5. In this game, "Hank" Griffieon allowed only five hits, but lost the game, mostly because of faulty fielding and weak batting. The game scheduled for Thursday, April 29, was called off on account of the weather.

A tennis match was lost to Elkhart Ind. Harold Upjohn was the only Cub single winner, but two doubles matches were won by State High.

The golf team has not played any of its matches, and has its first with Paw Paw, May 3.

Student Body Elects

Bill Watson, a junior from Milwood, was elected president of the Student Council for the next school year at the annual election held on Tuesday, April 20. Voting took place immediately after the Elections Assembly which was held at 10:00.

The assembly was presided over by Bob Fuller, who has served as Student Council President for the past year, and speeches were made by all of the nominees and their campaign managers.

Watson was opposed in the race for the presidency by Don Griffith, whose campaign manager was Bob Maloney. The successful candidate was managed by Jim Field.

The closest race of the election was for the office of Vice-President. Karl Hokenmaier won by a narrow plurality vote over Bil Gilbert, Doris Krudner, and Ray Clarke. Hokenmaier's campaign manager was Jerry McKinney.

June Albertson, whose manager was Lois Schneider, defeated Barbara Glendenning in the race for the secretary's office.

More About

"Our Town" Cast

Constable Warren Jim Knauss
 Si Crowell Don Lambrix
 Baseball players Bob Gleason, Bill Smith, Dick Husted
 Joe Stoddard Bill Smith
 Man in audience Glen Millinger
 Women in audience Ruby White, Marguerite Bowersox
 The dead Dora La Roy, Beverley Smith, Charles Klein, Barbara Bowman, and Barbara Bigelow
 In every play there is a group of persons who work behind the scenes. The production staff really deserves a lot of credit, for it was they who have been active in managing the business side of the play. Mrs. Gifford Blyton directs the play and is assisted by Virginia Thielen. The remaining production staff consists of:
 Stage Manager Charles Klein
 Business Managers Ralph Oakland, Larry Lage
 Ticket Sales Barbara Canine
 Programs Sally Benton, Chrissie Berry
 Property Manager — Joan Gerpheide, Barbara Bigelow
 Costume Managers Ruby White, Arlone O'Leary, Marguerite Bowersox
 Make-Up Beverley Smith, Dora La Roy, Bernice Middlebush
 Sound Paula Harrington, Joan Vander Linde
 Lighting Ben Wood, Oscar Le Mieux
 Cast and Crew Party — Joan Gerpheide

Father: "What do you mean by bringing my daughter in at this hour of the morning?"

Lad: "Had to be to work at eight."
 Then there was the moron who moved to the city because he heard the country was at war.

New Student Council Officers



President, Bill Watson; Secretary, June Albertson; Vice President, Karl Hokenmaier.



THEME SONGS

"Stick to your Knittin' Kitten"—Willie
 "Don't forget to say "No" Baby"—Bill Cox
 "An Apple for the Teacher"—Glenn
 "Please won't you leave My Girl Alone"—Felix
 "Therer'll never be another You"—Jerky
 "Sharp as a Tack"—Jerry McKinney
 "Can't get stuff in your Cuff"—Boys of today

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Now that the Juniors have finally gotten their pins and rings, there's going to be quite a to-do about who's going to wear who's. Some have it settled already, or haven't you noticed all those rings wound 'round and 'round with adhesive tape?

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What with all the nice days suddenly popping up, it wouldn't surprise me at all if the seniors got around to having that senior skip day that's been planned for so long.

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We now have something else to distinguish us from the college besides our actions; our hats. Everyone seems to be getting their 60c worth, to say the least. It does seem a shame that we seniors have such a short time to wear them.

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Bill Miller ranks high among State High's golfers, but his ranking with B—— G—— is rather doubtful, it seems.

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We notice Park likes company when he goes to horror movies. Did you get scared, Barb?

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With gas rationing and all, Bill still likes Battle Creek better than Kazoo. We notice, however, that several of our more illustrious students steer clear of the place. Can you blame them????