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Basketball Captains Are Presented



The captains of the '49-'50 girls' and boys' teams were elected by the players at the annual Basketball Banquet which was held March 31. The girls' squad chose Blanche Baltzer to lead the girls' team. Bobby Anderson was elected to the coveted spot by the boys' lettermen. Coaches Gulley and Simonton presented the new captains.

Beta Members Attend Convention In Nashville

The National Beta Club Convention was held in Nashville, Tennessee, March 18-19. A party of 24 students went as representatives of the Byars-Hall Chapter. They left from the school at 8:30 a.m., Friday, March 18, and arrived in Nashville, after a long, hard drive, at 2:30. The students had to wait until 4 o'clock to register in the Andrew Jackson Hotel.

After a short rest and after the girls had freshened up a bit some of the students went to the "Get Ac- (Continued on Page 4)

Baseball And Track Are Our Spring Sports

Since the basketball season is over and warm weather has arrived, Byars-Hall is turning it's attention to spring sports.

For the first time since 1925 Byars-Hall is organizing a baseball team. Practice started March 28, with about 50 boys reporting. From these a team will be chosen, which will play games against Ripley, Brighton, and Dyersburg. We certainly hope our boys will make a good showing in these games, and we wish them the

Senior Play Planned To Be Very Comical

The annual senior play is planned to go off as scheduled. This year's play is entitled "A Howling Success."

The play is a story about a typical boy of 17. The boy, Herbert, played by Ivo Posey, is constantly in trouble. He also manages to keep his father, played by Walker Tipton, and his mother, portrayed by Gordon C. Williams, quite upset. Prunella, Herbert's sister, and his visitor, Shenandoah, played respectively by Sara E. Whitley and Mary Wilson Harvey, add to the confusion, which is plentiful. Joy Shook and Crusty, played by Jane Ann Johnson and Edward Glenn, are always in the middle of things whether they want to be or not. Of course, we can't leave out the maid, Carolyn Fleming; the gardener, Sammy Wright; and Arden Butler, who plays the part of a boy just home from military school. They have lots to do with the plot. Then there is Captain Shook, the police chief who keeps law and order. Captain Shook is played by Wade Castellaw.

It would be impossible to tell you about the play itself. You will have to see it in order to get the plot. We hope that everyone will see "A Howling Success" and we hope it will be a howling success.

best of luck.

An interest in track is also being revived this year. The boys' Health Education classes are going to practice, and from these classes a team will be chosen to represent Byars-Hall at the Big Ten Track Meet in Ripley on April 29.

Hard-Working Players Rewarded With Feast

Thursday night, March 31, the boys' and girls' basketball teams were feted with a lovely banquet. Guests, besides the teams, were Mr. and Mrs. Chalmers Parr, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Bruhn, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Costello, Mr. and Mrs. Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Shoaf, Mrs. Castellaw, Mrs. Simonton and Miss Schwam.

The home economics department, where the banquet was served, was beautifully decorated with low crystal bowls of purple iris and yellow jasmine. Graceful yellow candles in crystal holders provided the light. Each place was marked with a tiny place-card. The card was white, resembling a black board, with the name of the person written in purple. A tiny basket was attached to the card, and a purple and gold ribbon was placed at the top.

The delicious dinner was served in three courses. First, tomato juice cocktail and canapes were served. The main part of the dinner consisted of a plate containing turkey, dressing, green beans, pineapple salad and baked apples. The dessert was a serving of cake with a portion of ice cream and chocolate sauce.

Mr. Castellaw served as toastmaster in the after-dinner speeches. Mr. Simonton and Mr. Gulley awarded the letters and made talks. They announced the captains for the next year, Blanche Baltzer and Bobby Anderson. The two new captains and Ivo Posey, retiring boys' captain, made talks. The girls presented Miss Schwam with a bracelet and Mr. Simonton with a watch chain. The boys presented Mr. Gulley a shirt, a tie, and a hat certificate. Girls to whom letters were awarded were Blanche Baltzer, Ina Claire Klutts, Francine Trantham, Bobbie Cooper, Virginia Pace, Gwen Thornton, Rosella Overall, Eleanor Walker, Mary Lee Tipton, Julia Walker, Margaret Gilbreath, Martha Ann Rose, May Virginia Harve, and Patricia Ralph.

Boys earning letters were Ivo Posey, Walker Tipton, J. C. Black, Dan Hadley, Bobby Anderson, Wayne Moore, Jerry Whitehorn, Elbert Wynn and Charles Ammons.

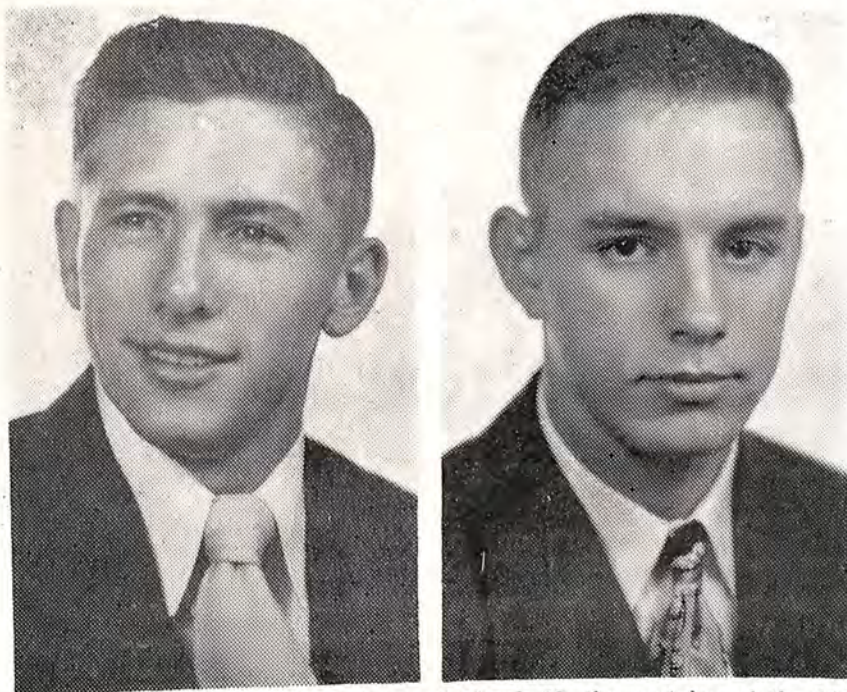
The persons who attended the banquet wish to thank Miss Rast and girls of the home economics department for presenting this wonderful banquet.

HADLEY IS PRESIDENT OF BYARS-HALL BETAS

On Friday, April 1, the Byars-Hall Beta Club selected their officers for next year. These officers for next year are: Dan Hadley, president; Dorothy Williamson, vice president; Blanche Baltzer, corresponding secretary; Jo Ann Burkett, recording secretary; Jane Shoaf, treasurer; Rosella Overall, reporter.

These officers will be installed at a meeting later on in the year. They will be in charge of all meetings during the rest of this year.

Football Captains Chosen



At a meeting of the football squad March 29, the captains of the 1949 football team were chosen. This election came as the climax of spring practice. Bobby Travis was elected captain, with Whit Fortner being selected alternate captain by the team.

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Look Into The Future

Have you ever really thought of what you would do when the times comes for you put away your books and take on all responsibility for your own life? Have you ever put any serious thought on what business career you will follow when you get out of school?

This new step in life will for a while be a continuation of the preparation begun in elementary and high school. Every well-rounded life must develop physically, morally, intellectually and in ability to supply material needs.

Next in importance to being good is keeping well. There is not much joy in life when a person is not physically fit. Boys and girls who break the laws of health must suffer for it. Those who think seriously will not be quick to eat or drink things that they know are not good for them. Neither will they form habits that will weaken them physically or morally.

Doubtless there will still be the same necessity to decide between right and wrong. Young people must strive to measure up to certain standards of conduct.

In order to successfully develop intellectually one may go to school, read good books or talk with intelligent people. The really successful men of the world will tell you that the educated person has certain advantages over the uneducated one.

Everyone is interested in being able to supply material needs. We all must earn a living and we all would like some of the comforts and luxuries of life. One should decide early what field he wishes to work in and specialize in that.

Think ahead of yourself and plan what you want to do so you will be better prepared for the responsibilities ahead of you.

April Fool?

Not long ago we celebrated April Fools' or All Fools' Day. A great many jokes were played and everyone acted very silly. All of you like that day because it is the one time when you can get away with so many absurd jokes. However, it should be the only day you devote to such things. You can't spend all of your time having fun if you expect to get anywhere in this world. Some of it must be spent in doing something useful. The most useful things any of you can do now are studying more and paying more attention in class. No teacher can teach when someone is talking, passing notes, flirting and doing everything he can think of to keep from studying.

What's wrong with studying anyway? You can't possibly expect to pass without a little of it. Cutting up hurts you. If you don't pass, you're the one who has to take the work over. You're not the only one it affects though. No one else can get the full benefit of a subject when you are whispering, punching him, and making uncalled-for remarks.

Now, of all times, is the time to concentrate on learning something. For many of you, whether or not you pass depends entirely on what you accomplish this last six weeks. It will make or break you. There will be too many interruptions during the closing days of school, without your adding to them.

April Fools' is past but unless you begin studying in earnest the last day of school will be an All Fools' Day for you.

Open Forum

"Qualities I Like To See In Teachers"

Having asked the opinions of a number of students regarding this topic, we received a variety of answers, such as the following:

"I like to see teachers take an interest in individual students."

"I like to see a teacher who is not always comparing you with someone with a higher I. Q."

"A pleasing voice that is not too loud or that is not monotonous is a quality I like."

"I like a teacher with a sense of humor." (This was a very popular opinion.)

"It's nice to see a teacher with a neat, well-groomed appearance."

"I like teachers who try not to show partiality among students."

"I like to see a teacher who enjoys teaching and tries to help you enjoy and benefit from the subject she teaches; who is interested in the entire school program and who is able to relate the subject she is teaching to the other subjects in the school."

I would love to see a teacher who is kind, gentle, patient, considerate of others and one who trusts students—One who gives you the benefit of the doubt and can control her temper.

—A Freshman

First of all, I think a teacher should be firm, fair and honest with all of her pupils but show no partiality to anyone of her students.

I certainly think a teacher should be neat and clean about her person.

If a student is slow to learn but shows a desire to learn, I think the teacher should have lots of patience with him and try to help him in every way so that he can make better grades

A teacher should demand the respect of every student and also the greatest co-operation they can give her in the classroom

And again, I think a teacher should have her lessons prepared beforehand so that the pupils will pay strict attention to her.

She should teach in such a way that the slow pupils can understand her and can grasp what she is trying to impart to them.

"Turn about is fair play, so here are the opinions given when we asked some teachers what qualities do you like to see in students?"

"Characteristics Of A Good Student"

After thinking over the subject of what makes up a good student I finally concluded that these traits are all involved in the Ten Girl Scout Laws which we may easily restate to apply to students.

A good student's honor is to be trusted.

A good student is loyal.

A good student's duty is to be useful and to help others.

A good student is a friend to all and a sister, or brother, to every student.

A good student is courteous.

A good student obeys all orders.

A good student is cheerful.

A good student is thrifty.

A good student is clean in thought, word and deed.

If each of us took it upon our shoulders to obey the above laws there would be no question of "how" our recommendations would be filled out and one would never question our character.

When I was asked to state the

Students Are Earning Social Security, Too

On Tuesday, April 5, just four days after this paper goes to press and either the day after or the very day on which you read this, an informative talk on Social Security will be given in the assembly hall. As an introduction to the topic you will be interested in the following information sent us from the Memphis office.

Many students have part-time jobs before and after school hours as well as on holidays. Some will graduate this year and enter regular employment, and others will continue their education.

Whether or not you graduate this year, and whether or not your job is regular or part-time, or if your employer has one or more on his payroll, if it is covered by the Social Security Act (and most jobs in business and industry are covered), you will need a Social Security Account Number Card. Your employer reports your wages to the government and your individual account is credited. This account is set up under your name and social security number, and it is absolutely necessary for each employer to have your correct number.

If you already have a Social Security Number, do not get a new number as the one you have is the one to keep for life. It can be used anywhere in the country. If you lose your card, or if by marriage or otherwise you change your name, be sure to report it to your social security office immediately and apply for a new card with your old number. Your post office can furnish you with an application blank and the address of the nearest Social Security Administration Office.

Ten years from now, or possibly sooner, your Social Security Account may have a potential value of 10 or 15 thousand dollars in benefit payments. These payments are based on your wages. In order to protect your account, always be sure that you have your Social Security Card at hand when you enter upon a new job, even if it is a part-time or vacation job. Make certain that your employer makes a record of your name and number, exactly as it appears on your card.

The Social Security Administration office for this area is located at 145 Court Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee.

qualities I like to see in students, I selected these as the most outstanding ones:

1. Honesty.
2. Desire to learn.
2. Ambition.
4. Perseverance.

Students who are honest in their relationships with other students and teachers receive the admiration and respect of their associates. A desire to learn compensates a great deal for a lack of outstanding mental qualities. When we remember that Rome wasn't built in a day, we realize that our aspirations can not be attained in a short time. Our goals may not be reached the first time but through perseverance and determination we may reach the mark. Our ambitions will become realities through our successes and failures.

When the high schools of our land receive boys and girls with these attributes we can be assured that our students will rise above the common obstacles and serve as instruments for the improvement of our schools and nation.

Winners In Phys Ed Basketball



The third period, Monday-Wednesday class captured the girls' physical education basketball crown by winning the finals which were held March 11.

Sophomores Win Both Class Tourney Titles

The girls' physical education basketball tournament served as a warm-up for the class tournaments of the next week. The preliminary games pitted the sophomore and juniors girls and junior and senior boys in the contests of the first day, March 16, and matched freshman and junior girls, freshman and sophomore boys the next. As the games were held during school hours almost the entire student body attended and contributed five cents per person to Mrs. Green's Junior-Senior Banquet fund. At the finals, played on the night of Monday, March 21, attendance, however, was poor.

The first game of the opening day was a close contest which the sophomore girls took from the seniors by a score of 24-18. Shirley Beasley was high scorer for the winners, with 17 points to her credit, while Tiny Brammer scored seven for her team.

In the second game the senior boys won from the juniors 17-14. The first half was rather lively as the seniors ran up a total of 15 points against eight for the hapless juniors, but in the second half it was a foul-happy farce, as the final score indicates. David Hadley was high scored of the game with eight points.

In the second day's play the juniors outlasted or outlucked the freshman girls to win the first game 21-20. High scorers were, for the winners, Juanita Morris, seven points, and, for the losers, Sue Short, with five points.

Friday's second game was close as the sophomores upset the upstart freshman boys to eke out a 28-24 decision. The game was fairly close

all the way although the sophomores managed to hold a slight lead throughout. Billings scored nine for high.

Both Monday's final games were taken handily by the seemingly invincible sophomores, the girls winning 28-22 and the boys 34-13. After a close first half the sophomore girls outscored their opponents by 10 points, which were enough to wipe out the juniors 14-10 half time lead and supply the margin of victory. Juanita Morris and Mary Helen Roe had 10 each for the losers, but their total was overshadowed by Shirley Beasley's 14 points.

The last game the surprising sophomores took in the most lopsided affair of the tournament. The first half was close and the sophomore rooters still had cause for concern as the teams took the floor to start the second. The game here took on all the qualities of a root, however, and, the seniors left the court at the end of the game with only four points, more than they had had at the half, although meanwhile the sophomores had racked up 24. Billings and Chapman for the sophomores were high scorers.

Coaches and lineups for the various teams are given below:

Boys

Seniors—Posey, coach; Arden Butler, David Hadley, Rayburn Faulk, Bobby McBride, Charles Chumley, O. T. Marshall, Eugene Earwood, Steve Dennis, Edward Glenn, Elton Thomas.

Juniors—Wayne Moore, coach; C. H. Whitehorn, Jimmy Hendrick, Wesley Tanner, Whit Fortner, Billy Williams, Billy Owen, Billy Rice, Robert E. Klutts, Jimmy Hurt, Gerald Veasey.

Sophomores — Ammons and Hadley, coaches; Louis Turner, Bobby Glenn, Floyd Parker, Thurman Kitchens, Billy Glidewell, Glenn Stiles, Douglas Bilings, Malvin Chapman, Landon Yarbrough, Jimmy White.

Freshmen—Tipton, coach; Richard Hendrick, Allen Bringle, Walter Hendrick, Danny Smith, Hugh Castella, Edwin Gookin, Brown Alan, Allen Petree, Bobby Young, Ernest Parker, Aaron Beasley.

Girls

Seniors — Cooper and Baltzer,

coaches; Katherine Johnson, Tiny Brammer, Monteen Anderson, Lois Parimore, Jane Ann Johnson, Robbie Anderson, Frances Carson, Doris Hensley, Elwanda Parham, Willie Jo Shelley, Ellen Davis, Joan Lewis.

Juniors — Pace and Thornton, coaches; Jane Shoaf, Patsy Cherry, Mary Helen Roe, Gail McBride, Juanita Morris, Virginia Hensley, Ellen Blackman, Juanita Creasy, June Alsup, Virginia Shelley, Mary Jane Gwinn, Cherry Simpson.

Sophomore—Klutts and E. Walker, coaches; Patricia Anderson, Betty Lindsey, Shirley Beasley, Linnie Gay, Betty Black, Dorothy Locke, Barbara Gilbreath, Claudia Owen, Shirley Gray, Sue Goode, Ruby Jobe, Marilyn Shoaf.

Freshmen—Overall and J. Walker, coaches; Effie Bringle, Sue Short, Carol Young, Martha George, Helen Gilbreath, Katherine Hopkins, Lena Huggins, Rosa Scroggins, Madeline Jones, Ann Smith, Carolyn Baxter, Peggy Wilson.

SQUAD CHOOSES TRAVIS TO LEAD '49 FOOTBALL

Tuesday, March 29, the football squad met to elect a captain and alternate captain for next year. Bobby Travis, a letterman for two years, was chosen captain. Whit Fortner, also a two-year letterman was chosen alternate captain.

The outcome of this election had been eagerly awaited since it was not held at the football banquet as had been the custom for many years. It was put off until after spring practice so that the members of the squad could be better judges of the qualifications of those chosen.

Phys Ed Tournament Held By Girls' Classes

The Gym Class Tournament started the first period March 2, with the Monday-Wednesday against the Tuesday-Thursday Class. On the same day the second period champions were declared in the same manner.

During the activity period the two sections of the third period played. This ended the first round.

The second round sent the first period class Monday-Wednesday against the second period Tuesday-Thursday. The third period class played the seventh period class in the other game of the second round.

The championship was played Friday, March 11, by the second and third period classes. The third period class was the winners, defeating the second period class 11-10.

The champions were rewarded with a box of candy. The final games were refereed by May Virginia Harvey and Patsy Cherry.

HOLMES, COVINGTON WIN GRAMMAR CAGE TITLES

Two home teams won in the finals of the Tipton County grammar school basketball tournament here the week of March 21-25. Holmes School girls took their games from Gilt Edge, 18-11, and the Covington Grammar boys won from Holmes 28-23. In Thursday's semi-finals these teams had eliminated both boys' and girls' teams from Brighton and Munford. Because of the result of this tournament, Byars-Hall basketball fans confident of seeing some fine players on our court in the near future.

Detroit, Burlison, and Garland elementary schools alma maters of many of our students, were eliminated earlier in the tournament.

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Senior News

As in the English literature which the English classes are studying "Beauty is truth, truth beauty—that is all ye know on earth and all ye need to know." But this is one time that truth isn't so beautiful since the seniors were not victorious in the class tournaments. The girls' team lost to the sophomore girls in the first game played and the boys' team lost to the sophomore boys after going to the finals.

On March 4, a senior class meeting was held for the purpose of voting for the invitations, which the invitation committee had selected. The final selection of the class was very pretty.

Mrs. Bringle and Mrs. Hersberger, co-sponsors of the class, have selected the cast for the annual senior play. The play is entitled "A Howling Success." The very promising cast with the aid of the sponsors will certainly make a success of the forthcoming play.

Hurley Morton underwent an operation recently. He is convalescing very rapidly and we hope he will soon be able to be in school again.

Sophomore News

All the sophomores are very proud of the sophomore girls' and boys' basketball teams. We were fortunate to win both girls' and boys' championship in the class tournaments.

The sophomores have had no meetings or any special activities so what we are doing in our classes will have to serve for news.

The sophomores in algebra II are having an interesting time working logarithms. We have just started and now we are ready to stop.

In Mr. Bruhn's English II classes we are loading our brains with new words. Some know more and some know less. It all depends on how big your brain is. We are also learning how to spell these words. We can almost spell anything from "honorificabilitudinitatibus" to "it."

The sophomores in Latin II are reading about Ceasar and the Belgian War. The sophomores in Latin I have just finished participles and are taking up the third declension.

The sophomores in history are enjoying their study on Russia.

In Home Ec. the sophomore girls are making jackets, dresses, skirts, and blouses.

The sophomores in algebra 1 are working problems that the algebra II students can't even work.

Test time is coming around the corner and here's hoping we all pass.

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Junior News

The junior class has been very busy the last few weeks preparing for the Junior and Senior Banquet. Details are not to be revealed at the present but some of the seniors think they will find out. I'm afraid they will be mistaken.

The juniors worked hard with the class tournaments but only one team reached the finals and this team was the girls. The boys lost out in the first round of the tournament but the girls made a fine showing only to be beaten in the finals.

There were several committees for the banquet appointed during the last meeting of the class but they will be revealed in another column.

The date for the banquet has been set for the 26th day of April.

Well, this ends our news for this session but maybe there will be more interesting things next time.

Freshmen News

The freshman are slightly disappointed about losing out in the class tournaments, but we do feel pretty sure that a good fight was put up. We'd like to thank the people who represented our class and also the coaches of both boys' and girls' teams. They seem to have done quite a good job in selecting the players.

We have a very talented pianist amongst us. Jeanette Fisher played in the West Tennessee Music Festival and made superior rating which is the highest given.

The Junior Home Ec. girls are very busy now making skirts—or trying to make them.

Hugh Castellaw says he had a most wonderful time over the week-end in Nashville. He went up for the state boys play-off Saturday night but he also took in the Parthenon and a few other places of interest.

The mumps epidemic doesn't seem to have completely skipped us, but, so far, Bert Lloyd is the only freshman who has it.

Miss Schwam's science classes have been kept pretty busy lately. They're having to write term papers.

Teen-Timers Select This Year's Officers

The Teen-Time meeting started with the renewal of the old members and the joining of the people who wanted to join.

The officers elected were the following: President, Robbie Anderson; vice president, John Tom Vaughan; secretary, Elizabeth Ann Walk; treasurer, Malvin Chapman; club photographer, Arden Butler; club reporter, Jane Shoaf.

The members of two committees were also elected. On the Program Committee are Shirley Beasley, Kitty Gracey and Thurmond Glenn. The Entertainment Committee consists of Gordon Claire Williams, Dorothy Williamson and Bobby Glenn.

After the business was taken care of, those who wished to, played ping-pong and danced.

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Beta Members—

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quainted Party" which was held in the main dining room of the hotel. At this part the students got acquainted with boys and girls from all over the state

At 7 that night the first General Session was held in the War Memorial Hall. Jack Hendrickson was the presiding officer. The program included an introduction given by Robert Turner of Watertown followed by a welcome by the state president. The response was given by Ann Raines of Ripley, state vice president. A Talent Contest was the main attraction of the night. It included acting and singing given by the different chapters. Last came a few interesting announcements and the adjournment.

On Saturday morning, March 19, the sponsors had a breakfast followed by a conference. The second General Session was held at 9:30 Saturday morning with Ann Raines presiding.

At 2 o'clock the third General Session was held. Betty Jo Carter of Alamo was the presiding officer. The annual election of officers was held at this session followed by the announcements of the talent contest winners.

The last General Session was held at 6 o'clock in the Andrew Jackson Hotel. There were twin banquets, one in the main dining room and the other in the ball room. There was an address given at each banquet, one by Governor Browning and the other by Mr. Felix Rabb of Peabody College. Announcements and adjournment ended the regular sessions.

One of the most awaited for attractions was the annual Beta Ball which most of the students attended. This was given in the main dining room of the Andrew Jackson.

The music for the ball was by Adrian McDowell and his orchestra.

This ended a very full and entertaining week-end for the Betas.

Those attending were: Blanche Baltzer, Jo Ann Burkett, Arden Butler, Edward Glenn, Dan Hadley, Jimmy Hendrick, Jane Shoaf, Beth Howard, Jane Ann Johnson, Rose Overall, Virginia Pace, Martha Ann Ruffin, Carrick Hill, Nels Tanner, Walker Tipton, Eleanor Walker, Julia Claire Walker, Sara Emily Whitley, Gordon Claire Williams, Dorothy Williams, Ann Shoaf, Bobbie Cooper and Steve Dennis.

Latin Club News

On Feb. 21, the Latin Club held its regular meeting. Each member was given a card marked off in squares with the name of a famous Roman, a well-known historical event, or other subjects pertaining to Roman life, written in each square. As the questions were asked, those who had the answers on their cards covered them, as in bingo. There were no real winners as the meeting was adjourned by the bell.

The world history class met with us on March 21, to hear a very interesting talk given by Mr. Michael Fizez, a native of Belgium, who is now in our town as a student of the textile industry at the Hyde Park Mill. Mr. Fizez told us a great deal about the history and geography of his country. This was especially interesting to the Latin students who are now studying Caesar's war with the Belgians.

Library Club News

If anyone is interested, and it seems as if everyone is, we have some new books. The way people have been asking for them, they must be really good.

The girls have been particularly interested in "Elizabeth, Captive Princess;" "Kissing Kin;" "The Hearth and Eagle;" "Mary Wakefield;" "Clouded Star;" "Wishing Star;" "High Towers;" "Asylum for the Queen;" "Bride of Fortune;" and "Reluctant Rebel."

The boys seem to like "Three-Two Pitch;" "Southpaw from San Francisco;" "Swamp Boy;" "Fielder from Nowhere;" "Island Stallion;" "Teen-Age Baseball Stories;" "High-pockets;" "Yankee Thunder;" "River of Wolves;" and "Scarface."

If you haven't read any of these, you've really missed something, so try to check one of them out—if you can find it. Most of them are always out.

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Corridor Chatter

Hello, guys and gals. Here is your ole Jimmie Fidler of Byars-Hall bringing you the low-downs and the high-ups.

First off—Let's get the news from the Beta Convention. It seems that Virginia Pace and Sara Emily have such a come-hither personality that boys just flocked to them in Nashville. Virginia and Sara Emily had to pick from five boys they met. In order to decide which one they would take they sorta played odd-man-out and came up with two "honeys"—to quote Sara Emily and Virginia—Lloyd and Paul. Will anyone who happens to be going to Georgia please let those two girls go along?

Gordon Claire and Eleanor seemed to have had a good time with Jim and Tod from Bristol, Tennessee. Rumors have it that they sure would like to live there.

Jane Ann and Steve, Jo Ann and Walker, and Rose Ella and Dan came back from the convention as steady as ever. This must be "true love" from the reports given on the many cute girls and boys there.

Bobbie Cooper and Beth left their hearts with two darlin' boys from Jackson.

It seems that Molly Bringle can't be satisfied with just one or two boys—she wants them all. They don't raise any objections either, so you'd better watch out, girls, and hold on tight to those boys.

Wonder which boy Ina Claire really likes—Jerry, John Richard, or Clarence? Or is it someone else?

Mrs. Shoaf has finally found why Gene Robinson wants to go to the library the seventh period. The reason—Mary Helen.

Mary Mead Vandergrift and Elbert Wynn are a pretty steady couple these days.

Irma Wright and Norris Glass have broken up. Norris has been sending notes to a girl whose home begins with a "C."

Olean Branch is all smiles lately. Does that guy named "Chesley" have anything to do with it?

Is there anyone who has been around Gwen and Marianne without having to discuss Henry and Jim?

There are several girls around Byars-Hall who wish Wayne Moore would make up his mind about which one he wants to go with.

Jimmy Walker and Whit have made several trips to Brighton lately to see Louise and Patsy. Jimmy reports that there are a lot of "bad eggs" down there.

We heard that Edward Glenn had a very nice time on the buses going to Medina during the tournament. What about that Cora?

Madeline Jones has been wearing Milton Ralph's class ring. Wonder what Junior had to say about that.

Monteen and Thurmond have been seen together lately. Is there anything serious between you two?

Almost every year at least one of the teachers is romantically inclined toward another member of the faculty.

Harold Love, Carrick Hill, and Eugene Earwood seem to prefer the Millington variety of girls.

Well, that's all for now. Please put more gossip in the box for the next issue. It is the last one for the year and we want to have enough gossip to last us through the summer.

Little Sisters

Webster defines a sister as one who is a member of your family and who shares a mutual love for you. I dare say Mr. Webster was an only child. Sisters, especially the younger ones, are simply one of the trials inflicted on the human race.

While most parents are inclined to take a protective attitude toward a younger sister, this is certainly unnecessary. They can strictly take care of themselves. My mother says my little sister is so sweet and helpful. Helps me get into a pack of trouble maybe, but that's all.

However, I must admit one thing—she is intelligent. How on earth she manages to find out where I am on certain nights at certain times is beyond me. She takes great pleasure in sharing this knowledge with the rest of the family at the dinner table on Sunday.

She can keep a secret—for a small fee, of course. No wonder her piggy bank always stays full.

I came in from school the other day walking on air. Ah! At last I had gotten a date with HIM. Then all of a sudden—CRASH! I find out that I haven't been walking on air at all. Instead, on the sidewalk, and that I've fallen head over heels simply because my dear little sister left her bicycle in the middle of the walk. How could I be expected to look were I was going that day? But I get a firm grip on my temper and my language and because I'm feeling extra wonderful I tell myself that she didn't mean to leave it there.

Since I have that date I have to break down and get my lessons that afternoon. I get all settled to do my plane geometry and find my compass is gone. I finally find it in the kitchen being used as an ice pick by—you guessed it—my little sister. Because she has found out several things that I do not particularly care for some other people, namely my parents, to know, she gets to keep her ice pick. I get a "O" in geometry the next day.

Just as I begin reading "Macbeth" she comes running through my room looking for her skates. After asking several irritating questions and making some uncalled for remarks about my new perfume, "Purple Passion," she departs with a slightly warm posterior and I have peace for a time.

Suddenly I realize I have only about 30 minutes to bathe, dress, and eat supper. I find that isn't all I have to do. Mother was in one of her "we'll all help around the house" moods and I have to set the table. Having no other choice (beside setting the table myself) I offer dear little sister a dime to set the table for me. She must have heard somewhere of the high wages labor is getting so I give in and raise it to a quarter. That does the trick.

I don't see her again until I am just leaving with my date. She bids us farewell by hitting me with a paper wad on the back of my lap.

I am 45 minutes late getting home but I manage to sneak in O. K. (I think). Next morning at breakfast I am greeted by such comments as

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Fleming's Fancies

Greetings and salutations to all you people! The time tells me you are ready for some information on the socials and parties that have been thrown lately.

On Wednesday night, March 16, a group of guys and gals gathered at Jean Walton's for a wiener roast. They played games, listened to records and roasted wieners. Those present, besides the hostess, were Joan Owen, C. H. Whitehorn, Betty Glass, Billy Roark, Betty Sue Smith, John Ernest Butler, Bertha Bryson, Billy Blankenship, Beauton Bowden, Glen Maxwell, Malvin Chapman, Edwin Bryson, Junior Glass, Louis Turner, O'Vaughn Mills, Celia Estes and Jean Clowes.

The "Teen-Time Club" was the scene of dancing March 18. The members elected new officers and enjoyed cold cokes at the coke bar. The music was good and all enjoyed it.

When the boys and girls got back from the Beta Club Convention, they immediately told all about their stay. They haven't stopped talking yet. The Betas all say they enjoyed every minute of it and hope to go again next year.

This is all yours truly could scrape up in the way of socials, but you just have more parties and get-togethers and this column will be full—Bye now.

LIGHTNING COMES HOME TO SCIENCE LABORATORY

During an electrical storm here last Wednesday morning lightning "struck" in Mr. Simonton's science room. A bolt of lightning flashed through an open window and across the room to a vertical steel pipe on the other side, but did not harm except to upset those present in the class. (Second period.)

Lightning is the means by which the atmosphere clears itself of the static electricity generated by storm conditions. It is effectively and as a rule harmlessly discharged when the charge is received by a conductor of electricity like the steel pipe in the science room, but when it strikes a non-conducting object it may rip that object to shreds.

these from her: "I saw you and your date at the show last night. Why did you sit back in the corner?" "I thought mother told you to be in by 10:15." She wouldn't shut up no matter how hard I kicked her and by the look on my mother's face I knew I wouldn't get that new dress.

These are only a few of the annoyances that are inflicted on the human race by little sisters. I found out that since I'm under age I might not get much over 50 years for murdering her. Sometimes I'm tempted.

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Reminiscing

In looking through some back issues of the "Purple and Gold," your reporter came across some spicy bits of news. I quote:

"We have information that Garnett Faulk and Dot Davis are mutually interested, and at the same time evidence that Boyd Liles is far from out of the picture." (March, 1944)

"Billy Anderson and Anita Roby got lost three times on the way to Milan Friday night. Well, well." (April, 1942)

"Myrtice Evans' heart is in the armed forces. But that doesn't keep the boys from whistling when she passes by." (September, 1944)

"We wonder if it is possible for Julia Mae Bishop to walk down the study hall and not look at Roy Faulk." (December, 1943)

"Although Bobbie Deverell was seen with Jimmy Conner this summer, Bobby Grugett seems to have taken over now." (October, 1946)

"If love is such bitter brew,
Caustic and un-nerving,
How is it that I notice few
Refuse a second serving."
(April, 1942)

"It is reported that Jane Harris has not one, but two ardent lovers—Arnold Vandergrift and Edward Rogers." (November, 1945)

"Dudley Myers says Lanier Ferguson is paying someone to carry his notes to Elizabeth Jobe every Saturday." (March, 1942)

"Since Sara Roper has been going with "Moochi" Shelton, Bobby Davie has been dating Ina Clave Klutts." (March, 1947)

"Wonder why Mary Belle is so interested in going to geometry every day? Could Grady Roby have anything to do with this?" (November, 1945)

"Carolyn Ferguson and Jean King both got radios for Christmas. "Buzzy" and Joe have been seen together lately, too." (January, 1942)

"George Jackson has his driver's license now, so all Bettye Jane's other romances had better watch out." (March, 1943)

"Tud has captured the heart of a certain brunette from Ripley." October, 1943)

"Friday night Wesley Haskins played four quarters of football without really getting hurt. Then he and Herbert Eber took Bette Huffman and Jean Witherington out to Jean's house. Coming down the porch steps our great fullback tripped, fell flat on his face, and almost broke his neck." (November, 1943)

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Banquet Planned For Juniors And Seniors

Well, seniors here's the good news! The Junior-Senior Banquet will be held on Tuesday, April 26. Juniors, all of you know it will cost you 75 cents each for your part. The money has been raised throughout the year to take care of the seniors. The theme of the affair will not be known until later. All juniors seem to think it is O. K. Mrs. Green, the junior sponsor, will not let any of the plans be revealed. Only the committees for the banquet know them.

The are:

General Planning Committee: John Tom Vaughan, Dan Hadley, Dorothy Williamson, Wayne Moore, Thurmond Glenn.

Menu Committee: Gwen Thornton, Blanche Baltzer, Frances Talley, Betty Pannell, Ernie Petree.

Invitation Committee: Eleanor Walker, Ina Claire Klutts, Mary Helen Roe, Martha Ann Ruffin, Clyde Gibson.

Program Committee: Jane Shoaf, Whit Fortner, Bobby Travis, Joann Burkett, Gerald Veazey.

Decoration Committee: Conrad Thompson, Wesley Tanner, Patsy Harrington, Julia Walker, Rose Overall.

Spanish Club News

The Spanish Club met Monday, March 14, in Mrs. Bringle's room. The Belgian, Michael Fizez, spoke to us. Mr. Fizez speaks five languages—Dutch, his native language; French, his second language; English; German; and Russian. He told us that he learned to speak English by listening to a news-commentator 15 minutes a day. He would write down words he didn't understand, look them up in his text book, and then learn to pronounce them. When the American soldiers came to Belgium, he tried to carry on conversations with them. It was very difficult then, but now he has done a great deal toward mastering our mixed-up language.

Mr. Fizez told us that six years of high school are taught in his country. Six years of Latin and Greek are offered and whether you take all six years or not is determined by the type of diploma you are trying to obtain. Mr. Fizez is a brilliant and interesting young man. We only regret that activity period was so short.

Refreshments supplied by some of the members were served and not a crumb was left.

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Speakers Leave Many Helpful Ideas With Us

Rev. P. E. Sloan, who came to us on March 2, spoke on the "scape goat" and "ash Wednesday." The holy week of Lent comes on the last 40 days before Easter. The word, "Lent," means springtime, a time of planting.

Reverend Burkett spoke to us on March 9. His talk was on these three incidents: (1) The little children, (2) The lilies of the field, (3) The box of perfume. His main thought was "use what you have for the best that you have."

Dr. Jetton was our speaker on March 18. The title of his message was "Character." In his message he brought out the fact that no two people are alike. We are different in looks, talents and heritage, each possessing our own distinct characteristics. There are four main things which go into the making of a good character:

1. Honesty: A person who can be trusted and depended on.
2. Sincerity: A clear character.
3. Conscientiousness: Follow the best that you know.
4. Religious principles: Those who enter into character and make a part of it. Everyone should develop a character that is worthy of the kingdom of God.

Reverend Dickey, pastor of the South Covington Circuit, came to visit us on March 23. His main thought was: "What you believe about a thing does not make it the truth." He told us a very interesting story about two frogs in a butter churn: "If you keep kicking and don't give up, you can come out on top."

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CORDER'S ESSAY WINS TIPTON COUNTY AWARD

Charles Corder's essay on the subject "U. S. Spells Us" has won the American Legion Auxiliary awards for the best from Byars-Hall and best in the county. These awards brought with them \$7.50 in cash, to make the effort worthwhile. The essay has yet to be judged in the division of West Tennessee, with a stake of \$10 and a chance to compete in the state judging for an expensive set of encyclopedia volumes.

The full text of Charles' essay may be found in the March 31 issue of The Covington Leader.

F. F. A. NEWS

The Byars-Hall chapter of the Future Farmers met at Halls for the annual district meeting featuring public speaking. The members of the Byars-Hall chapter that went to the meeting were Thurmond Glenn, president; Bobby Anderson, vice president; John Tom Vaughan, reporter; Lewis Turner, treasurer; Charles Chumley, secretary; and Bobby Travis, watch dog.

The meeting was called to order by the Halls advisor. The district president was not present and the advisor called Thurmond Glenn to preside.

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