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## FUTURE FARMERS SCORE IN MEET

### Beta Members Spend Very Busy Week-end

(Reported By A Delegate)

A fun-filled and informative week-end was the one spent recently in Nashville by Byars-Hall's delegates to the tenth annual Tennessee State Beta Convention. Our chapter was represented by nine delegates—Eleanor Walker, Martha Ann Ruffin, Dorothy Williamson, Rosella Overall, Jo Ann Burkett, Claudia Owen, Julia Claire Walker, Dan Hadley, Jimmie Hendrick—and our sponsor, Miss Schwam. We left early Friday morning, March 10, and arrived in Nashville by 3 p.m. At once we entered into the spirit of campaigning for state officers—erecting posters, handing out cards, and urging votes for our candidate for secretary, Claudia Owen.

The meetings proved to be a wonderful source of information and inspiration for our club. I think we all came to understand the meaning of the Beta Club a little better. We enjoyed attending them all very much—especially the talent show. The election of state officers Saturday afternoon was very exciting. We cast our votes for the candidates who we felt were best qualified.

The climax of two days of excitement was the banquet and Beta Ball Saturday night in the ballroom of the Andrew Jackson Hotel. Taking a part on the program for the banquet was Jimmie Hendrick, who gave a toast to the girls.

We arrived home late Sunday afternoon tired, but happy, feeling that our week-end had been a very profitable one.

### Plan For May Event Now Being Developed

May Day is approaching rapidly, and with it will come our annual May Day Festival. This year Miss Schwam, director of the pageant, is basing the Festival on the Uncle Remus stories. As yet she has not announced the names of those who will take the principal parts in the pageant.

Jo Ann Burkett was chosen by the student body to be Queen of the May. Miss Byars-Hall is Blanche Baltzer and Dan Hadley is Mr. Byars-Hall. Other members of the Royal Court are Patsy Cherry, Mary Virginia Hensley, Bobbie Cooper, Patricia Anderson, Ann Pickens, Betty Hamby, Joan Greer, Jo Hall, and Corinne Currie.

### NEW GYM IS PROPOSED FOR SCHOOL AND TOWN

Still very much in the planning stage is the proposed new gymnasium for Byars-Hall. It has been suggested that such a building be planned not only for high school activities but for community recreation as well. The gym would thus fill two of the town's real needs.



These are the boys who took firsts in dairy cattle and livestock judging. Front row: Dairymen Conrad Thompson, Floyd Parker and Billy Williams. Back row: Robert Turner, Billy Blankenship. Louis Turner, another livestock man, was absent when picture was made.

### Missionary's Message Interests Our Students

We were privileged to have as our speaker at a recent activity period Rev. Robert Lord Bausum, missionary to China for almost 30 years. The Rev. Mr. Bausum, now a resident of Baltimore, Maryland, was in our county in connection with the Baptist schools of missions.

Something of the charm and strangeness of China was brought to us as we heard the Rev. Mr. Bausum speaking the language, writing it for us, and telling us of some of the customs that seem so foreign to us.

Some Chinese proverbs you might like to remember are:

"Has hands, has feet: ought to work."

"High heaven not refused clear heart."

"Don't worry because other people misunderstand you; but rather be concerned that you don't misunderstand others."

"The teacher can teach, but he can't learn for you." (The equivalent of our saying that you can lead a horse to water, but you can't make him drink.)

The Rev. Mr. Bausum, twice driven out of China by Communists, told us of the great challenge the ideology of Communism presents to the ideology of Christianity; that only love, the basis of Christianity, can replace hate, the basis of Communism. He warned us that if there is another war, there will be no civilians.

He concluded by saying that we must not be taken in by the false doctrines of Communism; that love must help those people living in fear, that hate will not be the dominating force in the world.

### BHHS Judging Teams Rate High In Field

In the district contest both the livestock team and the dairy team from Byars-Hall placed first. The livestock team drew third place in West Tennessee with 1550—out of a possible 2100 points. Billy Blankenship was high individual scorer in the West Tennessee livestock contest with 560 out of a possible 700 points. These teams have set a new record in the history of Byars-Hall's FFA chapter.

The annual FFA judging contest was held this year at the Shelby County Penal Farm. There were two teams of three boys representing each of the 71 schools in the West Tennessee Future Farmers "Top Crop" contest. One of our teams—Floyd Parker, Conrad Thompson, and Billy Williams—judged dairy cattle according to appearance and butter-fat production. The other team—Louis Turner, Billy Blankenship, and Robert Turner—judged livestock groups consisting of hogs, sheep, and beef cattle. They judged the livestock according to appearance.

By winning the district contests these boys have gained the right to attend the "Top Crop" banquet to be held at the Peabody Hotel in Memphis on April 14.

### Cast For 'June Dawn' Chosen From Seniors

The Senior Class of Byars-Hall, directed by Mrs. Hughes Bringle, is putting on a play, "June Dawn," April 14, 1950. The seniors each year put on a play such as this one.

The play is about the situations which arise when Ann Nelson, a young movie-struck girl, invites a movie company to use the local high school, where her father is principal, in some of their location scenes. The quiet Nelson home is invaded by a temperamental director and two young actors, Melissa Clark and Sparky Reagan. Ann is in "Seventh Heaven" until she is brought to earth by further developments.

The cast in order of their appearance are:

Ann Nelson, Jo Ann Burkett; Mrs. Grace Nelson, Julia Walker; Taffy Brown, Jane Shoaf; Betsy Craig, Patsy Cherry; Hank Burroughs, Jimmie Hendrick; John Nelson, Wayne Moore; Albert Nelson, Nels Tanner; Melissa Clark, Shirley Davis; L. M. Stoddard, Billy Wilson.

The cast has been practicing at school in Mrs. Bringle's room activity and seventh periods. They also practice several nights a week at the Grammar School.

The stage settings will be furnished by Stephenson Furniture Company of Covington. Blanche Baltzer is business manager and Ernie Petree is in charge of backstage arrangements.



June Alsup won first place, and Jo Ann Burkett second place in the V. F. W. essay contest which kept the American history students busily thinking for a week on the subject, "Peace, with Honor, for America." Miss Boyd chose seven essays from the group—those written by Dan Hadley, Julia Walker, Patsy Harrington, Jo Ann Burkett, June Alsup, Bob Overall, and Cherry Simpson—to be entered in the local contest.

### EDITOR'S NOTE

In the last issue of the Purple and Gold we failed to mention the fact that four of our football players, Bob Overall, Bobby Travis, Ernie Petree, and Thurmond Glenn were among the Big Ten All-Stars. They each received a silver football. We wish to congratulate these boys on their honor.



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### Baseball Season Begins This Week. Back The Team This Year.

#### Make It Good!

If a penniless tramp offered you a check for \$100 in payment of a debt, very likely you wouldn't accept it because you know that there is no money in the bank to back up the check.

Well, a diploma is a lot like a check. It's going to be worth only as much as the knowledge we have to back it up. If we've sort of drifted along, learning just enough to pass the next written lesson or exam and then immediately forgetting it, then our diploma might well read, "Souvenir of four years spent at Byars-Hall." It's not the piece of paper that gets us that job we want or entrance to the college of our choice.

Of course we're not expected to have absorbed everything offered in our courses, but people naturally assume that those with high school diplomas are capable of performing certain mental tasks.

Some people like to borrow money to pay their debts, and in school you'll usually find some students who "borrow" what other people have learned to get by themselves. They're either too lazy to do their own work or can't think for themselves. You have an idea of how these "mental parasites" will get along in the business world—always depending on someone else to make their decisions for them.

We don't have to be bookworms, but it's only common sense to take advantage of the opportunity we have for an education. Let's invest a little time and effort in making that diploma really worth something! After all, it may pay big dividends in the years to come.

#### What's In A Letter?

Just stop and think for a moment—do I really have the right to wear this letter? Did I earn it fairly? Am I being fair to the others who wear them?

A letter is a symbol, like the stripes of a sergeant or the bars of a captain. That letter means hours of hard work on the football field, or the basketball court or the baseball diamond.

Think about this, too. If I wear the letter of another school, am I sharing the spirit of my new school?

Before you put on someone else's letter, think about that letter and remember what it means. Treat it with respect. It represents games won and lost, and it means a lot to its owner.

#### Time To Be Thinking Of Social Security

Do you plan to work this summer? Remember, most jobs must be reported by your employer for credit to your Social Security account. This is the Government insurance that pays off when a worker retires or dies and leaves a family.

If you have a card, show it to your employer so he will have your correct name and number.

If you have lost your card, or have never applied for one, contact the nearest post office or the Social Security Administration, 145 Court Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee, for the necessary application blank. The Social Security office issues cards to persons applying.

Remember—always use the same number. A duplicate card with your old number is issued in cases of lost cards.

#### Party Line

The highlight of the week of March 20 was the Beta Club dance given by the studious Betas of Byars-Hall. At 8 o'clock the members of the club, their dates, and the stags began arriving at the Inn. The room was decorated in green and white, and on one wall was written B-E-T-A in big green crepe-paper letters. The chaperones were Miss Schwam, the club sponsor, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Pearce, and Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Evans. Everyone had a grand time.

A few of the nature girls of Byars-Hall enjoyed a picnic in the cold of March 18. The Eskimos were May Virginia Harvey, Mary Walker Shoaf, Mary Lee Tipton, Shirley Gray, Ann Pickens, and their chauffeur, Bobbie Carol Whitson.

Mrs. O. T. Marshall entertained some of her friends with a spaghetti supper, followed by Canasta. The guests were Jeanette Fisher, Joan Greer, Katherine Hopkins, Peggy Portis, Betty Jane Lindsey, Kitty Gracey and Ruth Rye.

During the week-end of March 4, Frances Thompson, a former Covingtonian, visited in the home of Mrs. James Hartman. While she was here, May Virginia Harvey entertained in her honor with a Canasta party on a Saturday afternoon. Little Negro baby faces were given as favors. While the game was underway Cokes and shoe-string potatoes were served. After each table had sweated out a game, the players were served delicious strawberry shortcake. Jere Boyd and Malvin Chapman dropped by for refreshments (quite by accident, of course). Others who were there were Joan Greer, Katherine Hopkins, Jeanette Fisher, Kitty Gracey, Mary Lee Tipton, Jo Ann Burkett, Mary Walker Shoaf, Beth Howard, Claudia Owen, Patsy Cherry and Emily Harvey.

That night Mrs. Hartman entertained with a slumber party for Frances. When the girls arrived from the basketball game, a delicious mid-night snack was waiting. After eating, no one was sleepy (natch-erly). But around 3 o'clock everyone gave up and went to bed.

On March 15, Jean McClain had a birthday party. Those from Byars-Hall who attended were Jo Ann Cody, Ada Lee Townsend, Janice Riley, Edith Locke, Jeanette Miller, Helen Gilbreath, Ada Robbins, Sanford Gilbreath, Bobby Max, Mack Parr, Annette, Geneva, and Gene Poole, Wayne Parr, Donald Hazelrig, Thurman Kitchens, Peggy, and Barry Leach, Bernard Nason, Roger Thomas, and Kenneth McClain.

Gene Smith and his cousin, Martha Smith, celebrated their sixteenth birthdays Feb. 22 with a party given in the home of Gene's parents. Those attending were Ann and W. C. Bailey, Darrel and Bruce Whitson, Jean Hazelrig, Jean Dawson, Mary Alice Barron, Betty Hamby, Carey Smith, Joan, Joy and Ruby Blalack and Wade Hazelrig.

Thurmond Glenn's home at Gift was the scene of a party Friday night, the 24th. The refreshments of chicken salad, birthday cake and Cokes were delicious. In the bingo games held, Jo Ann Burkett, Malvin Chapman, and Joan Greer won the prizes. Later in the evening the party moved to the Inn. The guests included May Virginia Harvey, Jo Ann Burkett, Junior Anderson, Patsy Cherry, Bobby Travis, Betty Lindsey, Bobby Glenn, Ann Pickens, Richard Hend-

### Latin Club Enjoys Talk About Belgium

Mr. Michael Fizez, a native of Belgium, made an excellent talk about Belgium to the second-year Latin students. The students have been studying "Caesar's Wars in Belgium" and thought that if Mr. Fizez would come and talk to them about Belgium, they might understand their Latin better.

He talked about the lay of land, the roads that Caesar built, and the people of his country. He told us that Caesar gave Belgium its name. Today many relics of the Roman invasion may be seen in that country. Later he related some facts about his people today, the way in which they live, and the condition in which their country is today. He also told us about the work he was doing, his education, and his liking for the United States.

At the end of the period he answered questions which were asked by the students.

Everyone enjoyed Mr. Fizez's talk and hopes he will come back soon.

### Sound Advice Given By Chapel Speakers

"Almost" can sometimes be a very sad word, as Rev. D. F. Dickey, Methodist circuit pastor, pointed out to us in his message, "Almost Persuaded." Even as King Agrippa told Paul "Almost thou persuaded me to be a Christian," many people today almost accept the Christian way of life, but do not and go on in the same old way. Almost is not sufficient.

Rev. H. H. Estes, pastor of the Garland Methodist Church, spoke to us about "Overcoming Handicaps." He made the statement that almost everyone has some handicap, perhaps if not physical it is handicap of personality. Our handicaps may be stepping stones rather than stumbling blocks if we make them so.

"What shall I do with my life?" Maybe you've asked yourself this question many times. Rev. H. J. Burkett, pastor of the First Methodist Church, gave us some very helpful suggestions about where we may be of great service. He told us that the fields of full-time Christian service, Christian teaching, journalism, and social work provide great opportunities to be of service to others.

In connection with the recent schools of missions held in the local Baptist churches, Rev. Clovis Brantly, director of the Baptist Rescue Mission of New Orleans, spoke to us at a recent chapel exercise. He related to us some very interesting and touching experiences of his work at the Rescue Mission.

rick, Jane Shoaf, Nels Tanner, Claudia Owen, Carrick Hill, Peggy Portis, Emily Harvey, Sammy Gardner, Buddy Travis, Frances Flowers, Jerry Roark, Joan Greer, Jeanette Fisher, Patricia Ralph and Bobby Anderson.

#### LOOK WHO'S NEW!

Name: Carl Gene Smith  
Class: Senior  
Where From: Somerville, Tenn.  
Favorite Color: Yellow  
Favorite Food: Chocolate ice cream  
Ambition: To finish school  
Favorite Subject: Study hall





Here are the seniors from the 1949-'50 basketball teams, and their coach, as they appeared at this year's banquet. Seated, left to right, Jane Shoaf, Eleanor Walker, Blanche Baltzer, Bobbie Cooper, Patsy Cherry, Rosella Overall; standing, J. C. Black, Bobby Anderson, Ernie Petree, Dan Hadley, Wayne Moore, and Coach Jim Pearce. Charles Ammons is a senior but was not present.

### Basketball Players Honored With Banquet

The basketball players of Byars-Hall were feted with a banquet on Tuesday, March 28. The dinner was prepared and served by Miss Rast and the Home Ec girls.

The tables were beautifully decorated with low crystal bowls containing yellow and white daffodils. Each person's place was marked by a card tied with purple and gold ribbon with his name written in purple.

A delicious meal, beginning with tomato juice cocktail, was served. The main course consisted of baked ham, green beans, sweet potatoes in orange cups, and peach salad. For dessert we had lemon ice cream and white cake with chocolate frosting.

After dinner Mr. Castellaw served as toastmaster, to get the round of speeches started. Blanche Baltzer and Bobby Anderson, retiring captains, made talks and presented Coach Pearce with gifts. The girls gave Coach and Mrs. Pearce three pieces of silver in their pattern, while the boys gave him a white shirt with two ties. Mr. Simonton, Mr. Shoaf, Mr. Guley, Mr. Baltzer and Mrs. Evans, a former Byars-Hall player, offered their congratulations to the teams. Coach Pearce made a talk and awarded the letters. Seniors earning letters in basketball for the season were: Blanche Baltzer, Patsy Cherry, Bobbie Cooper, Rose Ella Overall, Jane Shoaf, Eleanor Walker, Bobby Anderson, Charles Ammons, Dan Hadley, Wayne Moore, J. C. Black and Ernie Petree. Others were Margaret Gilbreath, Shirley Gray, May Virginia Harvey, Patricia Ralph, Martha Ann Rose, Mary Lee Tipton, Francine Trantham, Hugh Castellaw, Elbert Wynn, George Gracey, Carl Pannell, James Stafford, and Bobby Hammons. Coach Pearce also announced that there would be no election of captains for next year. The teams will elect a captain for each game, and at next year's banquet, each team will elect an honorary captain for the year.

Guests besides players and coaches included the managers, Juanita Morris, June Alsup, and Bob Overall. Other guests included Mr. and Mrs. Castellaw, Mr. and Mrs. Simonton, Mr. and Mrs. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Pearce, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Simonton, Mr. Bruhn, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Shoaf, Mr. and Mrs. Evans

### Spirited Michie Six Take Region Honors

An unheralded group of girl basketballers from a little place called Michie stole the show in the regional tournament here. Byars-Hall was eliminated early.

The Region Eight Girls' Tournament was held in the Byars-Hall gym March 7-10. The entries consisted of eight teams from three districts. Two of the three districts send three teams and the other district has only two teams to go. The three districts alternate each year to determine which districts send three teams.

On Tuesday night, the opening night of the tournament, Henderson downed Middleton, and North Side beat Byars-Hall.

Wednesday night saw Michie whip Bemis and Halls beat Scotts Hill.

Thursday night in the semi-final Henderson stopped North Side and Michie won over Halls.

Michie downed Henderson in the finals Friday night to be champs while North Side turned back Halls in the consolation game.

### Girls' Basketball Scoreboard

49	Holy Names	29
68	Sacred Heart	49
51	Munford	23
35	Humboldt	22
38	Somerville	41
47	Brownsville	16
34	Somerville	16
31	Brighton	25
45	Ripley	17
42	Munford	18
57	Dyersburg	36
39	Brownsville	28
43	Brighton	29
27	Martin	26
58	Ripley	42
50	Dyersburg	23
District Two Tournament		
60	Sacred Heart	39
55	Brighton	31
33	Halls	35
Region Eight Tournament		
53	North Side	61

and Mr. and Mrs. Baltzer. Everyone who attended the banquet thoroughly enjoyed it. We want to thank the Athletic Association and the Home Ec Department for giving it.

### Individual Scores

The following is the record of the individual scoring for the basketball season.

Girls	
Baltzer	352
Harvey	110
Tipton	103
Trantham	90
E. Walker	49
Ralph	27
Overall	4
Eubanks	2
Boys	
Wynn	216
Ammons	111
Anderson	99
Petree	83
Castellaw	76
Hadley	52
Pannell	35
Moore	21
Stafford	10
Hammons	6
Black	2
Gracey	1

Note on scores:

The tabulation of individual scores is not entirely complete, as our reporter was not able to find the records for the girls games with Sacred Heart and with Brighton in the tournament, nor for the boys tournament games and their regular season game with Munford. A boys' scoreboard similar to the girls' was accidentally destroyed too late to be replaced, or it would also appear.

### BRIGHTON WINS BOYS' DISTRICT TWO CROWN

The boys' District Two Tournament was held in the Byars-Hall gym Feb. 22-25.

On Wednesday night Byars-Hall won over Halls 62-46 but in the semi-finals, held Friday night, Brighton pushed Munford over and Somerville edged Byars-Hall in a close one 41-39.

Saturday night saw Byars-Hall and Munford in the consolation game with Byars-Hall victorious. In the championship game Brighton came from behind to take the title from Somerville 27-26.

Sentry—"Halt! Who goes there?" Returning A. W. O. L.—"Friend with bottle."

Sentry—"Pass, friend. Halt, bottle."

### Kittens Come Second To Halls In District

In this year's girls' District Two Tournament, held at Halls Feb. 28-March 4, Covington lost the final game 33-35.

The first night of play saw Munford victors over Whiteville, and Somerville and Sacred Heart winners over Grand Junction and Brownsville.

In the games played Wednesday night, Halls downed Ripley while Brighton beat Holy Names.

Byars-Hall fans had something to yell for Thursday night. Covington won over Sacred Heart 60-39. Halls won over Munford.

The semi-finals were held Friday night. Halls beat Somerville to put them in the final in the first game. In the second game Covington triumphed over Brighton.

Saturday night in the finals Halls edged Covington by a very small margin of 35-33. In the preliminary game Brighton stopped Somerville for third place honors.

### Seniors Investigate Athletic Scholarships

It seems as if we have a few of our senior boys going away to try for scholarships to different colleges. Bobby Travis went to Memphis State and Bob Overall, to T. P. I. A group of boys, Bobby Anderson, Ernie Petree, and Bobby Travis went to Auburn. Seven of our members: Bob Overall, Ernie Petree, John Tom Vaughan, Gerald Veazey, Bobby Travis, Thurmond Glenn, and Jerry Roark went to U. T. Junior College.

Plans for hayrides and dances are still being given careful consideration as entertainment possibilities.

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**Corridor Chatter**

One of the most interesting items we've heard this six weeks is that Malvin Chapman is setting up business as The Dixon Avenue One-Man Escort Service. Telephone 2595. No fuss, no bother, no charge.

Ann Kidd is about to turn gray-headed worrying about Billy Smith. Now, Billy, do you think that would become her?

Munford is the center of interest of three Byars-Hall girls, Cherry Simpson, Jean Walton, and Martha Sue Gordon.

Bertha and Sammy and Mary Virginia Hensley and Alvin Chapman have been very steady couples lately.

Betty Jane seems to like to go out to the Inn as often as possible. What nice tall boy could be the attraction?

Betty Glass has a new dream boy. Billy Waits is the one of her life now.

Juanita Creasy is another one of those lucky girls. The ring came from Robert Beckett.

The Williamsons—George, John and Lewis—are interested in Carlyn, Betty Jean Turner and Jeanette Fisher.

Carrick and Claudia, Jerry Roark and Frances were all having a good time one Friday night at the Inn.

Someone please ask Ann Pickens if the "Hendrick's Gazette" comes regularly.

Shirley McBride was walking on a cloud recently. The reason: Arthur was home.

Another girl, Mary Jo Gardner, seems to go for the sailors, especially Eugene Earwood.

One day not so long ago, Mary Helen Roe spent the entire history class writing "Slick" Grugett's name time after time.

Why doesn't Charles Walker give Bobbie Cooper a break?

A recent visitor from Memphis, Frances Thompson, certainly caught Jere Boyd's eye (and maybe his heart).

Ann Wilson and a certain Brighton boy by the name of Gordon Abernathy are noticed quite frequently together.

Betty Black casts fond eyes in the direction of Somerville. You can't see Robert Midyett from here, Betty.

John Tom and Patsy are definitely admirers of each other. You seldom see one without the other.

George Gracey has caught the eye of several junior and senior girls. If you're interested, George, you should make some inquiries.

That's all for this issue. The gossip box was nearly empty this six weeks, and we don't make this stuff up, you know.



Claudia Owen has been developing into a Byars-Hall standout. She was our Beta's candidate for state secretary and the author of the best essay from Byars-Hall in the American Legion Auxiliary contest. Her essay is reprinted below.

**Teams Vie For Top Place In Tournament**

This year, as in the past, class tournaments are being held.

The tournaments began Monday with the senior girls opposing the freshman girls. The freshman girls were winners by a very close two-point margin. The second game saw the junior boys victors over the sophomore boys.

The second day of play featured the junior girls downing the sophomore girls, and the freshman boys conquering the senior boys.

Friday night, March 31, the finals will be played. The four teams that will be fighting for the top honors are the juniors and freshmen, both boys and girls.

Players for the freshmen girls are: Inez Billings, Lynn Eubanks, Sylvia Ames, Ruby Harding, Dorothy Deverall, Betty Jean Noblin, Shirley Rose, Keith Tanner, Emily Harvey, Helen Rogers, Dorothy Smith and Jo Hall.

The juniors present: Patricia Anderson, Mary Jo Gardner, Ruby Jobe, Betty Jane Lindsey, Betty Black, Bobbie C. Whitson, Barbara Gilbreath, Bobbie LaVelle, Doris Strickland, Betty Corder, Claudia Owen, and Shirley Glass.

Freshman boys are: F. Fortner, R. Whitehorn, B. Walk, R. Turner, S. Gilbreath, H. Glidewell, J. Burgess, J. Naifeh, L. Jeter and B. Smith.

Junior boys are: Jere Boyd, Malvin Chapman, Bobby Glenn, Douglas Billings, Billy Glidewell, Thurmond Kitchens, Glen Stiles, Louis Turner, James Bradshaw and Floyd Parker.

**So Help Me!**

I walked into Byars-Hall the other morning about 10 o'clock (of course I could have come earlier, but I wanted to sleep late) and dropped by the office to explain the situation. Naturally the superintendent was very understanding and said he knew just how I felt.

I leisurely sauntered into chemistry class and took my place. I unwrapped my piece of double-bubble, got out my comic book and proceeded to enjoy the lesson now already half over.

Of course I knew I had another class next period, but finding that I was hungry, I borrowed Miss Schwam's car and drove uptown for a banana split. By the time I got back it was time for lunch. So, taking

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my place at the table, I had my plate brought around to me. The lunch was pretty average, just fried chicken, shrimp and strawberry shortcake.

Feeling very industrious, I then betook myself to play where I participated in a lively game of tiddly-winks.

I rushed over to the study hall in order not to miss the debate. The teachers were battling it out over whether elevators or escalators should be installed at Byars-Hall.

The harsh clanging of the bell reminded me of the fact the period was over. But wait—that is not the bell. It's my alarm clock. Oh well, it was a lovely dream while it lasted.

**BASEBALL PLAYERS ARE NOW READY FOR ACTION**

Baseball practice began March 27 with about 40 boys out for the team. Practice was slow getting started because of the weather, but the boys hope to be in shape for their first game with Brownsville on April 7. The team also plays two games each with Ripley, Dyersburg and Brighton and another game with Brownsville. Coach Pearce hasn't made up the regular squad yet, but you can see for yourselves on April 7 who they are.

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### Bobo Thrills Students With Sleight-Of-Hand

"The hand is quicker than the eye!" You mean you still don't believe it, even after the magic show we had at activity period not long ago? Well then, you're harder to convince than most of the students who were mystified by the sleight-of-hand feats performed by Mr. Bobo, Southern Assemblies magician. For example: We saw that the scarves on one table were tied in three knots and that the scarves on the other table were untied, so how did the knotted scarves get untied, and the untied scarves get knotted? Well, it's a "knotty" problem but Mr. Bobo could solve it for you.

There were many other tricks that kept us wondering, too. Jimmy Hopkins volunteered to be a "guinea pig" and turned out to be a water pump when Mr. Bobo had Malvin Chapman pumping Jimmy's arm so that a stream of water came forth from a funnel placed over Jimmy's mouth. The magician's impersonation of a door-to-door salesman selling various products made from a piece of paper folded in a certain way was also enjoyable.

### Spanish Club Enjoys Movie And Speaker

The Spanish Club has been very active this past six weeks. In a contest of languages, which included 12 sentences of different languages, Bobbie Whitson was victorious. The object of the contest was to tell in which language the sentences were written. Some of the languages were Dutch, Portuguese, Spanish, Latin, French, German and Italian.

On March 19 the Spanish Club was enchanted by the movie, "Don Quixote," seen at a Memphis theatre. The movie was spoken in Spanish but had English translations.

Thursday, March 23, the Spanish class and Miss Boyd's second period history class had as their guest Rev. Mario Grimaldo, a missionary from Texas, who preaches in Spanish twice every Sunday.

He told some interesting things about the Mexicans—the Mexican siesta, etc.—and voiced the opinion that "the Americans are living too fast."

### 1950 Spring Football Is Quite Successful

Spring football practice began February 27 and ended March 24.

Members of the 1950 varsity squad who reported are ends: Elbert Wynn, Bobby Hammons, Landon Yarbrough, Jimmy Chapman, Allan Brown, and Ernest Parker. Tackles: Carl Pannell, Aaron Beasley, Charles Walker, Bedford Transou, Wayne Parr, and David Shoaf. Guards: Dan Smith, Billy Roark, Louie Davis, Aaron Smith, Billy Fuller, Bernard Nason. Centers: Gene Myers, Allen Petree and Earle Sloan. Quarterbacks: Hugh Castellaw, Frank Fortner. Halfbacks: Malvin Chapman, Danny Townsend, Alvin Chapman, Edward Smith and James Stafford. Fullbacks: Billy Glidewell, George Gracey and Julian Whitley.

### Rhymes

Just for fun we changed the names in some verses from a 1945 issue. Here's what we got:

Bill Andrews  
Has to study a bit,  
But—not to be funny—  
He's a natural wit.

If Betty Lindsey you're seeking,  
You haven't a chance  
Unless you can find where  
They're giving a dance.

If Joan Greer  
Seems to be in great pain,  
Perhaps it is only  
She's dreaming of Wayne.

Irma Wright has ways,  
So, Sam, be wary:  
Men have oft married  
A good secretary.

Of Junior I'll tell you  
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### CARMEN

In case you, don't remember:

Carmen Jones, in a desperate attempt to save her lover, Percy, from having to fight the notorious John Bull (a bull, naturally), seeks to buy the ferocious beast on the installment plan. But John Bull's owner is Gertrude Smith, Carmen's rival, who is making it very hard for Carmen to carry out her plans.

On with the play.

ACT 3

Scene: The paywindow of the El Choako Cigar Co. It is six weeks later on Wednesday afternoon. Carmen just lacks one payment on John Bull. She is just about to get paid the final \$50.000 so she can pay Gertrude for John Bull.

PAY CLERK: Step right up, folks, don't crowd, there's money for everybody. What's your name?

CARMEN: Carmen Jones.

PAY CLERK: Let's see. Jones. Al Jones, Bill Jones, Bob Jones. Ah, here it is. (Man runs in.)

MAN: Help! Fire! Fire! Vacate the building!

CARMEN: Give me my money!

PAY CLERK: No! I have got to get out of here.

(Everybody rushes to the door. So does Carmen.)

Scene II

(After the fire. Everybody is outside.)

CARMEN: The fire is over. I can go home.

A COP: Oh, no. Not so fast. What's your name?

CARMEN: Carmen Jones.

COP: You're under arrest.

CARMEN: What for?

COP: Arson. You burnt down the El Choako Cigar Co.

CARMEN: I did not.

COP: We have evidence. You will probably get the chair for this.

Scene III

(The courtroom, 10 minutes later.)

JUDGE: I sentence you to life in prison. Next case.

(A man steps up.)

JUDGE: Guilty or not guilty?

MAN: Guilty.

JUDGE: Ten years. Next case.

(Carmen steps up.)

JUDGE: Guilty or not guilty?

CARMEN: Not guilty.

JUDGE: We have evidence. Read

the evidence, District Attorney.

D.A.: We found Carmen Jones' fingerprints at the scene of the crime. We also found a piece of paper with her name.

JUDGE: Does the defendant have anything to say?

CARMEN: I didn't do it.

JUDGE: The jury may go to the jury room.

(Jury leaves. The jurors hardly get out of the courtroom before they are back.)

JUDGE: Has the jury reached a decision?

HEAD JUROR: Yeh, shore. We find the defendant guilty as charged. By the way, what was the charge?

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**Carmen—**

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JUDGE: I don't know. That question is immaterial. Proceed.

HEAD JUROR: And we recommend the maximum penalty as prescribed by law.

JUDGE: I sentence you to die in the electric chair tonight at one minute till twelve.

CARMEN: May I use your phone?

JUDGE: Yes, if you have a nickel It's a pay phone.

(Carmen dials the phone.)

CARMEN: Hello. El Choako Cigar Co.? This is Carmen. Can I still get my pay? I want to buy John Bull before it is too late. What? I can't have the money because I am a crook? I didn't do it. Good-by.

**Scene IV**

(It is one minute to twelve in Percy's dressing room at the arena Percy don't know about Carmen's arrest but he does know he will have to fight John Bull with his two broken arms. A messenger comes in.)

MESSANGER: Mr. Percy! Mr. Percy!

PERCY: What is it? Be quick about it because I have to fight John Bull in one minute, unless Carmen shows up with the rest of the dough in that time.

MESSANGER: That's just it. Carmen has been arrested and is sitting in the electric chair at this very minute.

PERCY: Sitting in the chair?

MESSANGER: Yes.

PERCY: I got to go save her.

MESSANGER: Where are you going?

PERCY: To the El Choako Cigar Co. I think Carmen was framed, and I am pretty sure who did it. I will have to hurry, because I will have to get back to the bull fight in one minute.

**Scene V**

(In the electric chair room at the Spanish National Prison. Carmen is in the electric chair and a man is about to throw the switch. Percy busts into the room. He has already went to the El Choako Cigar Co.)

PERCY: Hold everything! Stop!  
ELECTRIC CHAIR MAN: What for?

PERCY: I have proof that Carmen is innocent. She didn't do it.

ELECTRIC CHAIR MAN: What proof do you have?

PERCY: You said you found Carmen's fingerprints and a piece of paper at the scene of the crime.

ELECTRIC CHAIR MAN: Yes.

PERCY: Well, I found Gertrude's fingerprints, too, and a whole bale of papers with her name. Let Carmen go and arrest Gertrude.

ELECTRIC CHAIR MAN: Okay. You can go, Carmen. Where is Gertrude?

PERCY: Look! She is driving by in her car.

(The electric chair man goes out and comes back with Gertrude. He tells Gertrude to sit in the electric chair.)

GERTRUDE: Help!

(The electric chair man turns on the electric chair.)

ELECTRIC CHAIR: Z-z-z-z-z-z.

GERTRUDE: Ow! (She falls over dead.)

PERCY: Hurry, Carmen, we have got to go get your pay and make the final payment on John Bull. We just have 10 seconds to go to the Cigar Co. And get your pay and go to the arena and finish paying for John Bull.

**Scene VI**

At the arena. It is one second till twelve. Percy and Carmen come in with the money. They go to John Bull's dressing room where his stable master is giving him a rubdown.)

STABLE MASTER: You got to

win, Mr. Bull. (Carmen comes in with Percy.)

CARMEN: Wait!

PERCY: We got the money.

CARMEN: Here's the money.

PERCY: Now we own John Bull. (The clock strikes 12.)

CLOCK: Dong! Dong! Dong!

CARMEN: Percy, it's time for you to fight the bull. I am sure you can beat the bull since I have taken John Bull out of the fight.

(Percy leaves. In a few seconds he comes back.)

PERCY: I won the fight. I kicked the bull in the head and killed him.

CARMEN: My hero!

PERCY: Now we can get married.

CARMEN: And John Bull can be our best man.

JOHN BULL: Moo!

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