

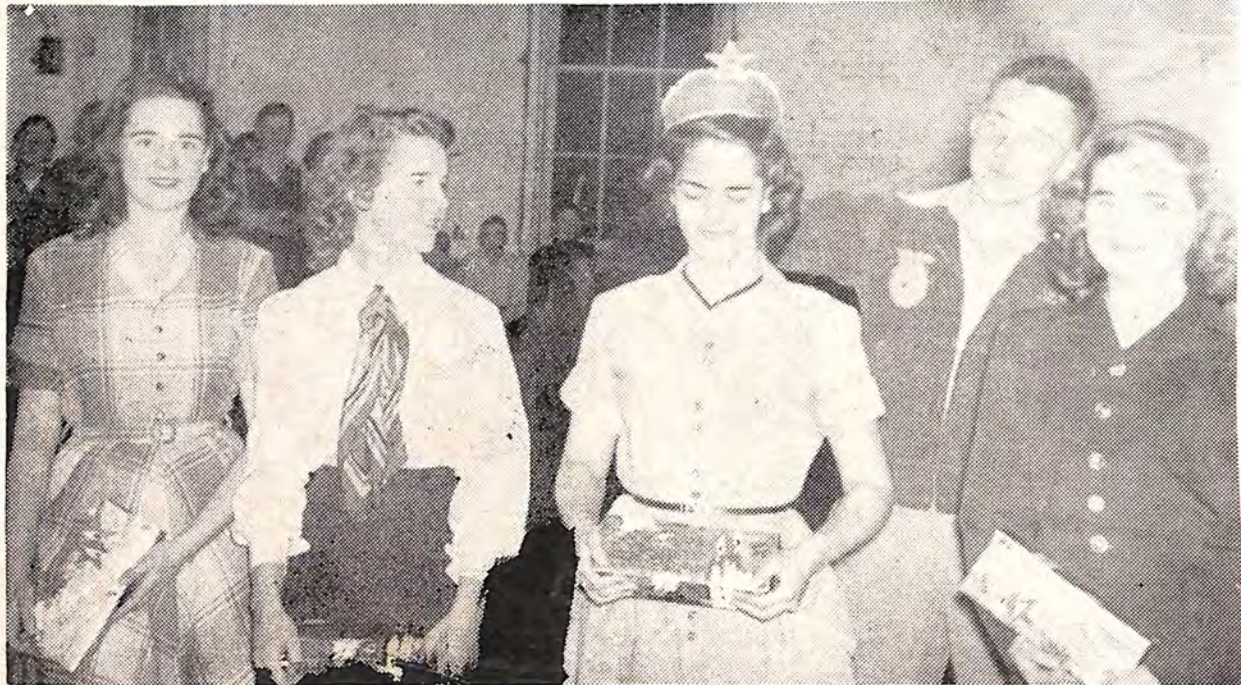
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FFA Queen Being Crowned



The crown is fitted on Sylvia Ames, freshman candidate, by FFA President Vaughan while maids Jo Ann Johnson, junior; Barbara Bringle, sophomore; and Patsy Cherry, senior, stand beside her.

Sylvia Ames Crowned By Future Farmers

The FFA and FHA had a big time and plenty to eat at their party held at the old gym, where they crowned a queen to reign for the evening. Four representatives were chosen, one from each class, for the title. They were Sylvia Ames, Barbara Bringle, Joann Johnson and Patsy Cherry. The voting was done with money as ballots, a penny counting one vote. The money was used to pay the party expenses.

John Tom Vaughan, president of the FFA crowned Sylvia Ames, the freshman representative, queen for the night. The results of the election were Sylvia Ames 3619, Barbara Bringle 1023, Joann Johnson 993, and Patsy Cherry 2842. After votes were counted the party got under way with Rev. Estes calling the square dances. After much instruction, we worked fairly well until someone mentioned food. The food was served buffet style. Boy! was it good. We ate ham sandwiches, rookie pups, potato chips, candy and drank cokes. When everyone was through eating they were called back on the floor for another square dance, then a farewell dance. Everyone left contented except for Edwin Gookin who was still trying to get Miss Rast to cook him another rookie pup.

STUDENT BODY JOINS GLEE CLUB IN SONG

The Glee Club will give a program of Christmas songs after lunch on Dec. 21. Several selections will be given by the boys alone and several by the girls alone. The girls and boys will sing several numbers together. Some sheets are going to be printed with words of some of the favorite carols in which the audience will join with the Glee Club.

Seniors Present Skit For Assembly Program

"Bolt the doors! Lock the windows! Turn out the lights! Sit down quietly in the dark and meet the ghost of Benjamin Sweet."

The student body proceeded to do just that the other morning at assembly when a group of seniors presented a skit "The Ghost of Benjamin Sweet."

Billy Owen, as Ben Sweet, was certainly not the ghoulish character you see in the movies, because this ha'nt had a sense of humor. Carrick Hill, another member of the graveyard clan, was the type who gets things done, as he was heard to remark, "Yes, sir, just give me the facts and let the conclusions take care of themselves."

With this pair on the loose Halloween night you could expect things to happen, and they did!

Victims of the pranksters were Rosella Overall as Mrs. Tubbs, and Jane Shoaf, a socialite, along with her guest, Billy Wilson.

Trying to keep the two mischief-makers in line were two other members of the ghostly tribe, Jimmie Hendrick and Dan Hadley. The lively sound effects backstage by Nels Tanner certainly aided in making the skit a success.

JUNIORS AGAIN WORK FOR SENIOR BANQUET

The Juniors had a class meeting a few weeks ago, and voted unanimously to have a Junior-Senior Banquet. In order to do this they are going to have to get out and work. Juniors, if asked to work in the stands or to do other jobs, must cooperate with each other to give the seniors the best banquet they can.

FIRE AT GEM THEATER STOPS STUDENT PASSES

The recent fire at the Gem Theater

Progress On Annual Rewards Hard Work

Members of the Annual staff have been busy in the preparation of the first 16 pages of the Annual and the cover, which were sent off Dec. 1. This has included hard work from the make-up editors, the editor and associate editor, the art editors, and those in charge of the senior achievements. Other members of the staff have been busy on various jobs. Quite a few helped the circulation manager in his collection of student subscriptions.

Two hundred and ninety have signed up for an Annual. The business managers have been hard at work selling ads and have almost completed their assignment. Recently four of the staff members received pins as an award for studying and understanding the instruction books on how to make up the Annual.

Parties Are Planned For Holiday Season

The Teen-Timers have planned a Christmas Party for Thursday night, Dec. 22. Everyone must bring a gift in order to be admitted. The gift is not to cost over 50 cents and must have your name on it. The Teen-Timers are going to string popcorn and berries and decorate a Christmas tree at the Old Gym. Expect a good time if you get to come.

On New Year's Eve it has been planned to have a "baby party." Everyone will come dressed as a baby and must have a baby picture in order to get in.

Further announcements will be made about this party.

has forced a stop in the issuing of free passes to students lucky enough to win them. The staff regrets your loss and that of the Gem.

Girls Overcome Ewes In Friday Night Play

Perhaps you looked on your game card at the beginning of the season and the fifth team Covington played was Humboldt. Why Humboldt was state champs last year. What of it?

All we think about Humboldt is that they tied us Thanksgiving Day at Dyersburg to make both us and them co-champions of the Big Ten Football Conference.

This year we entered a new league. Last year we were in the Jeff Davis League, but this year a Big Ten Basketball Conference was started with the same teams participating in the contest as in the football conference.

Since Humboldt had tied us in football, naturally, we were out to win from them in basketball. Another reason is because of the 72-22 defeat they handed us last year.

Doug Atkins, their big, tall, lanky center, with his 20 to 30 points per game, was their star and so led them to their place as State Champs last year. This previous information is the boys, of course. Why who ever heard of the high-flying Humboldt center, Doug Atkins, scoring from 20 to 30 points on the girls team.

Our Byars-Hall girls have something to say if one wants to boast a bit. Covington went to the Regional Tournament held at Medina last year and were runners-up to McKenzie for Regional champs.

Well, the fifth game on the list came last Friday night.

Byars-Hall girls were victors over the Humboldt team by a score of 35-22. This sounds like a pretty good margin, but if you saw the game you know that it was very close until a minute after the fourth quarter started.

It was a tight game all the way. At the end of the first quarter the score was deadlocked and neither team could gain on the other through the second period and was tied up at the end of the second quarter 12-12.

After the half period both teams stuck together once more and the score was 18-18 at the beginning of the fourth quarter. Covington began to hit after about a minute's play and the game ended 35-22. Baltzer led Byars-Hall with 23 points.

In the boys game the Rams paraded out on the floor with their warm-up suits on and tried to look stylish. This didn't faze the Covington team

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Wildcats And Guests Honored With Banquet

On the night of Dec. 1, 1949, a large group of students, faculty members and guests enjoyed a most glorious and festive occasion, the occasion being the annual football banquet. The banquet is held each year as a celebration of the closing of the season.

The banquet began with Mr. Scott giving the invocation. Immediately following, a delicious three-course meal was served to the guests.

Afterwards, Dr. Sterling Ruffin,

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Freedom Of Religion

"RELIGION IS THE OPIUM OF THE PEOPLE." How would you like to live in a country in which your leader felt that this statement was the truth? Russian people are ruled under that one motto.

On November 30, we had as our chapel speaker a man who has lived in Russia and has seen the treatment the people underwent. His name was Mr. Tarzier. Mr. Tarzier has been a citizen of the United States for three years and is a preacher. This story was related in his speech as follows:

The Communists came into a happy peace-loving Russia. They denounced religion and by the use of cleverly planned actions showed the people that the religion of that time was in reality a money-making scheme. This was true only because of the dishonesty of a few men whose only dream was money.

The Communists closed up the churches and began to kill the monks who were their keepers. They would allow no religion.

Mr. Tarzier himself tried to live a normal life but when his father was executed for being a preacher he was forced to flee for his life. For long years he fled, sleeping in rain-soaked clothes, in piles of straw, and many other inconvenient places. It was a terrible life to live not knowing what would come next. He was several times caught but never could they convict him. He finally escaped from Russia and came to America. His was a story that many would not care to live out, for who would want to live in a country where the cheapest thing is a person's life?

After hearing his story we can all be thankful that we live in this free country—The United States of America.

Not What We Give

The north winds have finally set in and the Christmas season is being brought into full swing by gay decorations and Christmas cards. The idea of Christmas is not one in which each person gives to another but rather the idea that you are helping others and making them see that you are thinking of them and want to show it. It is not the joy of receiving a gift that transfers the Christmas feeling, it's the joy you feel when you see your friends' faces light up as they open the gifts you gave them, the gifts you hope carry your thoughts and feelings to them.

The size or the price of the gift does not once enter into the mind of the receiver for he knows that you have given, not with the hope of receiving in return, but just for the pleasure of seeing his smile and hearing his thanks.

From the works of the ever great James Russell Lowell we take this short verse and with this verse we hope that all will see the meaning of giving as Mr. Lowell did:

Not what we give, but what we share,—
For the gift with out the giver is bare;
Who gives himself with his alms feeds three,—
Himself, his hungering neighbour, and me.

No one can laugh after reading that passage and giving it some thought and consideration. Try it this Christmas and truly you will be observing the season as God meant for us to do.

Merry Christmas

The members and sponsor of the "Purple and Gold" staff take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

How Times Change!

Hoop skirts, button shoes, and bicycles-built-for-two have been replaced by the "sloppy joe," saddle shoes and jet-planes. Yes, styles, transportation and times in general have changed, and Byars-Hall is no exception, for we find, in looking through records, that it has changed considerably.

You think it's pretty bad that you aren't allowed more freedom in school now. But back in the days when Byars-Hall wasn't Byars-Hall, but part of a 10 grade school, students really must have been models of propriety. One rule states in the "1901-02 Manual of Covington City Schools" that "no pupil shall be allowed to bring to school a dog, a pistol, a gum, a bow and arrow, slingshot, or any other thing by which others may be injured." Boy, those teachers weren't taking any chances, were they? No gum-chewing or using of tobacco (chewing?) was permitted in, or on the way to, or from, school. Wonder if they stationed teachers at all the street corners.

But we found in a 1911-12 manual a rule that is still pretty good today. "Girls and boys in the High School are expected to conduct themselves as ladies and gentlemen. Those failing to do so will be excluded from the school."

Teachers didn't have such an easy time, either. They were expected to visit the parents of the pupils at least once a year. Neither could they "absent themselves from any exercises, entertainments, or teachers' meetings without permission from the superintendent."

There was no parking problem either, for you could get your own stalls (for horses that is) built on the school grounds for about \$2.75. That's really service!

Part of the building we now know as Byars-Hall was erected in about 1911 at a cost of about \$19,000.

The school was named for two prominent Tipton County educators, Mr. James Byars and Mr. James R. Hall. And, believe it or not, one of the recitation rooms (classrooms) had lace curtains at the windows and potted plants placed around the room!

Work was begun on the athletic field and old gym about 1915.

Athletics have always had a prominent place in school life at Byars-Hall. An old record book informs us that some former basketball teams went by the unusual names of Turkey, Belgium, Russia, and Germany. By the way, Russia beat the Wildcats 18-6. Several games were canceled because of rain. (Outdoor courts you know.)

It was also required of every student that he be a member of a literary society. There was also a big field day at the end of the school and a declamatory contest.

An speaking of discipline, we've been told this incident: One time a student of Byars-Hall was walking down the corridor, (no speaking allowed, of course and sneezing only when absolutely necessary), and accidentally stepped on a girl's heel. She received a demerit for saying 'excuse me.'

Yes, we smile now at the old rules and regulations, but if Byars-Hall progresses as much in the next few years as it has in the past, it won't

Letter To Santa

Dear Santa,
Once again we students of BHHS have started enumerating our "wants." Instead of swamping you with letters from everyone we've decided to write one long one. Of course, we realize that some of these things are a little preposterous, but...

Could you possibly bring Landon Yarbrough a new car? He said he'd settle for a Cadillac, but it's too large to fit in the sleigh a Ford will do.

Patricia Ralph and Bobby Anderson want a book on how to get along with each other.

Mary Walker wants a new shirt like Troy's.

Could you possibly bring Robert Earl some book reports—already written, of course!

Miss Dunagan has added to her order of a carload of straight jackets one roll of mouth adhesive.

Richard Hendrick wants a few hints on how to get along with Jeanette Fisher in biology.

Thurmond Kitchens really wants a thousand dollars, but a few hundred will do.

Mrs. Shoaf wants a quiet library for a change.

Eleanor Walker wants to grow some finger nails. White ones will do—she can paint them herself.

Miss Jarman wants Peabody's holidays to begin a little earlier.

Betty Jane Lindsey would appreciate it if U-T wouldn't have any holidays this Christmas. So would a few others, I understand.

The gum chewers want Santa to send Mr. Castellow some blinders to keep him from finding gum, particularly on the floor.

Billy Blankenship and Bill Andrews want a modernized gum scraper and a bucket with wheels.

Kitty Gracey wants a new left foot. (size 4).

Whit Fortner wants some capital to set up a cigar factory.

Jo Ann Burkett wants another record besides "Feuding, Fussing, and A Fightin'" to play for Junior.

The typing and shorthand students want a passing grade!

Mr. Bruhn wants his summer vacation—with pay—right now.

Bobbie Carol wants a Ford with rubber fenders.

Bobby Glenn wants Pat Pearigen on a silver platter.

Wayne Moore wants wavy hair.

Jimmy Hendrick wants

Mr. Gulley wants an easy chair for sociology classes.

Malvin Chapman and Gene Myers want a good football team next year.

Celia Estes wants an "A" in English.

Carrick Hill wants Garland Avenue put on the Gift Road.

Bobbie Cooper wishes they would hurry up and build that bridge to Brownsville.

Beth Howard wants a visit from Jackson... Tennessee, that is.

Miss Liles wishes she could have some new pupils to send to the office.

This could go on and on, but I guess we had better close. We're counting on you, Santa.

—Students of BHHS

be too long before folks will be smiling at our own school days. My! How times change!

Wildcats Honored—

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the master of ceremonies, introduced the guest speakers. The speeches began with Coach Gulley addressing the group. Coach Jim Pearce and Mr. J. T. Craig followed Mr. Gulley. Next came the representatives of the Boosters Club, Mr. George Gracey, Mr. Jack Carter Sanford and Mr. Addison Bringle. Mr. Castellaw followed these gentlemen with a word of advice and his appraisal of the team.

Captain Bobby Travis was introduced and he gave his address to the group. After making his speech, Captain Travis proceeded to present each member of the coaching staff with a present on behalf of the squad. Coach Logan Flint was presented with a gift on behalf of the junior varsity. Also presentations were made to the coaches of the senior varsity by Cherry's Department Store.

Toward the closing of the banquet Coach Gulley was called on a second time to speak. He gave the names of the boys winning letters this year. These boys are: Bobby Travis, Bobby Anderson, Malvin Chapman, Elbert Wynn, Gene Myers, Hugh Castellaw—backs. Wayne Moore, Andy Luttrell, Bobby Hammons, Dan Hadley, Carl Pannell—ends. Bob Overall, Jerry Roark, Gerald Veasey, Jimmy Farrell—tackles. John Tom Vaughan, Thurmond Glenn, Charles Roach, Danny Smith—guards. Ernie Petree—center.

Praise and encouragement were given to the boys who didn't earn a letter. Coach Gulley also went on to inform the guests that the lettermen had elected a captain and an alternate captain for the 1950 season. Malvin Chapman was chosen captain for the 1950 season and Gene Myers the alternate captain. After Malvin and Gene had spoken their gratitude and appreciation, Dr. Sterling Ruffin brought the banquet to a close.

Byars-Hall Wins Two From Munford Teams

Byars-Hall journeyed to Munford to win both boys' and girls' games from them Tuesday, Dec. 13.

The girls rolled over their hosts by a large margin of 53-23.

Trantham took top scoring honors for the night with 24 points, while Ballard was the high scorer for Munford.

In the boys game, Munford held the lead through the first and second quarters, and was in the lead at the half 16-12.

The Byars-Hall boys came back determined and at the end of the third quarter were ahead 30-21.

In the third quarter the Wildcats held their opponents to 6 points while they racked up 16, and the game ended 46-27.

Covington	Pos.	Munford
Wynn 6	F	Staggs 1
Hadley 12	F	McCullough 2
Ammons 9	C	Maughn 12
Petree 3	G	Wiley 4
Anderson 5	G	Walker 6

Substitutions: Covington—Castellaw 1, Moore 10. Munford—Todd, Sartain, Billings.

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Football Captains For 1950



Malvin Chapman and Gene Myers have been chosen as captain and alternate captain by the boys they are to lead in next year's football campaign. Both are juniors now.

Byars-Hall Girls Win Over Memphis Foes

After defeating the Holy Names girls in their first games of the season on a Friday night, the Byars-Hall girls registered another win by downing Sacred Heart 67-45.

In the first quarter there wasn't too much margin in the scores and both teams racked up points, but by half time Covington had pulled out in front 32-26.

In the third and fourth quarter Byars-Hall gained more on the opponents and overpowered them 67-45. Blanche Baltzer was high scorer for Covington, dropping 35 points through the rims, but top honors went to Sumer of Sacred Heart, who tallied 39.

The lineups:

Covington	Pos.	Sacred Heart
Baltzer 35	F	Sumer 39
Trantham 20	F	Tremmel 3
Harvey 2	F	Pierini 3
Shoaf	G	Schmidt
Rose	G	Wehrum
Cooper	G	Sanders

Substitutions: Covington—Overall, Walker, E. Cherry, S. Gray. Sacred Heart — Newman, Bailey, Saffer, Esagro.

B Team Also Wins

In the B game, Covington also won by a score of 39-34. From the very start of the game the score went close. First one team led and then the other. Free throws often determined whether the teams were a point behind, tied, or a point ahead. The Sacred Heart girls scored in the last five seconds of the second quarter and led 20-19 at the half. Mary Lee Tipton was high scorer for Covington, dropping 19 in for the victors. D. Newman tallied 22 for the losers.

Covington	Pos.	Sacred Heart
Ralph 3	F	O'Neil 5
Tipton 19	F	D. Newman 22
E. Walker 13	F	Newman 5
Gray	G	Punaro
Cherry	G	Esgro
Gilbreath	G	Staffer

Substitutions: Covington—Anderson, George J. Walker, Hopkins, H. Gilbreath. Sacred Heart—Callahan, Bugg, Stead.

Three Sophs Letter During '49 Football

The Christmas holidays are almost here, and it won't be long until the end of the first semester. After the excitement of the holidays has died down we will probably begin to do our first real studying. The sophomores, as well as everybody else, will be plagued with exams.

Several big events have happened lately to the school as a whole and some sophomores have taken part in most of them. One of the most important recent events was the Football Banquet. Three members of our class were awarded letters. They are Elbert Wynn, Hugh Castellaw, and Dan Smith.

The basketball season has been going on for a few weeks. A number of sophomores turned out for practice and our class will be well represented on both the girls' and boys' teams.

Girls Overcome—

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because at the end of the first quarter we led 9-8. In the second quarter something happened and the visitors went ahead for a lead of 32-16 at the half.

In the fourth quarter, however, Covington with their fast-breaking system came up and the score at the end of the game stood 53-42.

Wynn was high for the game with 23 points while L. Day of Humboldt had 13.

BOYS' B-TEAM CONSISTS OF FIRST YEAR BOYS

The freshman boys' basketball team played their first game Tuesday, Dec. 6, against the Holmes Grammar School team and defeated them 29 to 12. Richard Whitehorn was high scorer with 12 points. The freshman girls also have a team but have not played a game yet.

Standing Room Only—Teacher: "What does the buffalo on a nickel stand for?"

Bright Kid: "Because there isn't room for him to sit down."—The Watchman Examiner.

'Cats Yield One Game To Millington Team

The Byars-Hall boys played Millington in their first game of the '49 season. They were defeated by a score of 49-36.

From the very beginning of the game Millington took the lead; and they kept it throughout the game. All during the first two periods of the game, the 'Cats shot and the ball rolled around the rim of the basket and out. Millington seemed to be a deadeye, and at half time led 29-11.

Covington came back the third quarter confident, and began to hit the loops and finally were but 10 points behind the opponents. Stepp was tops for the night with 16 points, while Wynn was high for Covington.

The lineups:

Covington	Pos.	Millington
Wynn 10	F	B. Parry 8
Hadley 8	F	D. Parry 5
Ammons 6	C	Music 4
Petree 2	G	Stepp 16
Anderson 1	G	Laumann 10

Substitutions: Covington—Moore, Castellaw 5, Black 4. Millington—Carter 2, Rhodes 1, Smith, Ralph, Roach 2.

Covington 38, Millington 27

Before the Covington and Millington A teams began their contest for the night, the B team of Byars-Hall overran Millington's B team 38-27.

Stafford dropped nine through the nets for Covington, while K. Holmes of Millington collected 12.

The lineups:

Covington	Pos.	Millington
Fortner	F	Rhodes
Brown 8	F	Durham 1
Hammons 6	C	Oates
Stafford 9	G	Dobbs
Gracey 3	G	Scott 7

Substitutions: Covington—Pannell 4, Turner 7, Gilbreath, Walk, Whitehorn, Burgess. Millington—Weeks, Dunn 2, K. Holmes 12, Hoffman 2, Vandiver, Wilson 4, D. Holmes, Medeford.

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On Wednesday night, Nov. 30, Jean Walton was honored with a surprise birthday party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Howard Jr. Some very amusing games were played and refreshments of Cokes and cookies were served. Then the honoree opened her gifts. Those from BHHS who attended were Mary Ann Bringle, Joan Owen, Bertha Bryson, Betty Sue Smith, Beauton Bowden, Troy Parimore and Andy Luttrell.

Mrs. Charles Wade Glenn, the former Miss Bette Helen Hadley, was honored with a shower by Shirley Davis, Irma Wright and Carol Cole, Thursday, Dec. 8. The honoree was presented with a corsage of carnations by the hostesses.

Afterwards there were several contests in which the winners were Jo Ann Burkett, Bertha Bryson and Betty Black. Later Bette opened her gifts and had some of the refreshments which were served.

Nov. 24 the Teen-Timers had a Thanksgiving dance out at the Inn. They had a band from the Millington Naval Base. Lots of fun, music, and refreshments were enjoyed by all.

At the intermission several couples went over to Patsy Cherry's. They had refreshments and talked awhile before going back to the dance. The couples who went over are: Bobbie Cooper and Bryson Cooper, Claudia Owen and Joe Buford, Beth Howard and Bobby Travis, Kitty Gracey and Malvin Chapman, May Virginia Harvey and Thurmond Glenn, Carlyn Baxter and Jerry Roark, Carol Cole and C. H. Whitehorn, Pat Cherry and John Tom Vaughan.

The Rainbow Girls had a backward dance Nov. 29. The girls furnished the car, money and corsages. The corsages were made out of everything possible. Some had radishes, candy kisses, nuts and anything else the girls could find to put in them. Everyone had a good time, but the girls have decided that they don't want to have another soon (cuts down too much on their allowance).

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Numerous New Books On Library Shelves

Lest the students of Byars-Hall think that the library is at a dead standstill, here is a list of new books that should brighten up some of you. The athletic boys will be interested in sport books. Some of them are "Starting Pitcher," "More Than Skin Deep," "Fourth Down," "Turning Point," "Young Razzle," "Fighting Coach," "Touchdown Glory," "Gridiron Courage," and "Player-Manager."

Most of the girls will be interested in "Bertie Makes A Break," "A Girl Can Dream," "Mockingbird Sang At Chickamauga," "Boarding School," "Fiddling Cowboy," "Sunken Forest," "Another Spring," "Jeff White," "Gray Caps," "Quentin Durward," "Traveler's Candle," "Woman With A Sword," "By Secret Railway," "Mayflower Boy," "Champlain," "Mounted Messenger," "Galleon From Manila," "Arrowsmith," "No Bugles Tonight."

"Escape On Skis," "Adam Bede," "Prepare Them for Caesar," "Kim," "Wayfaring Lad," "For A Whole Lifetime," "Cedar's Boy," "Ghost By Garnet Lodge," "Fancy Free," "Start of the Trail," "Black Arrow," "Gypsy Melody," "Great Husky," "Copper Country Adventures," "Cleft Rock," "Paintbox Summer," "Forty-Seven Keys," "Longshank," "Imperial Venus," "The Rebel and the Turncoat," and "Forest Patrol."

The new biographies that most people enjoy reading are "Young Hickory," "Golden Footlights," "James W. Riley," "The Gay Poet," "Eugene Field," "Rudyard Kipling," "Custer," "Young Thack."

The addition made to the story collection is "Horses, Horses, Horses," "Teen-Age Basketball Stories," "Teen-Age Treasure Chest," "More Chucklebait," "Post Short Stories," and "Teen-Age Football Stories."

Added to the shelves of the non-fiction are "Plants," "Our Changing Social Order," "You and Your Money," "Fun With Science," "Bright Design," "Great Heritage," "Your Community," "Money Go Round," "Best Plays 1947-48," "Getting Acquainted With Chemistry," "Makers of Mathematics," "Your High School Days," "Your Plans for the Future," "Story of the Negro," "Experiments Without Fire," "American Trees," "Ten American Cities," "10,000 Jokes, Toasts," "Miss Behavior," and "Horses and How to Draw Them."

Latin Students Select Name For Their Club

At the first Latin Club meeting of the month a play was given. The characters were selected from the members of the club. Its title was "Ceres and Pluto." This play was about Pluto kidnapping Ceres and taking her to the underworld. Still today Ceres is supposed to stay six months on earth (summer) and six months in Hades with Pluto (winter). The name selected for our club was "Disciplindi Antiguorum" which means "Pupils of the Ancient."

Our second meeting was on Dec. 5. At the meeting papers were given out with rhymes written on them. There were eight poems with a blank on each one. In that blank a Latin word was to be placed rhyming with the rest of the poem.

The club pin was also selected.

Passing Parade

We want to bring you up to date on some of the alumni.

Those home for Thanksgiving from U-T were Bill Jacques, Jane Ann Johnson, Jimmie Jacques, Sara E. Whitley, Arden Butler, Albert David, and Wayne McGowan. Sara Rope and Ann Shoaf came over from Union. Gene Owen, Mary Belle Alston, Jack Alston and Walker Tipton from Vanderbilt were all at the Thanksgiving game in Dyersburg.

Gordon Claire Williams became Mrs. Jack Goolsby over the holidays.

Peggy Pleasants (Ole Miss), Bill Willis (Northwest J. C.), Bobby Witt (Millsaps), Mary Jean Rogers (Memphis State), Richard Overall (U-T), Bob Cannon (Georgia Tech), and Thomas Byrd (U-T J. C.) were here Thanksgiving.

Jeanne Dickey is employed at Service Center.

Wilma Overall now teaches at Holmes School.

Neil Atkins is engaged.

Monteen Anderson, Charlotte Shoaf, Barbara Cherry, Martha H. Bringle, Bobby Hensley, Tissie Williams and Carolyn Fleming will be here during Christmas. At that time some of the alumni will play the Byars-Hall teams.

Working at businesses in town are Billy Hogan, Edward Glenn and Kenneth Weir.

Martha Rye, Mary Lois Parimore and John Richard Cook are to be home for the Christmas holidays.

Jack Boyd is working for General Motors.

J. T. Walker goes to dental school in Memphis.

Jr. Beethoven Club Presents Yule Program

Starting off the spirit of Christmas early and adding much to the yuletide program for this season, the Junior Beethoven Club held its annual Christmas vesper service. It took place on Dec. 4 at the First Presbyterian Church. The service was centered around the manger scene and was composed of readings, Christmas songs and hymns, and piano and organ numbers.

Those from Byars-Hall taking part in the program were: Blanche Baltzer, Ann Pickens, Katherine Hopkins, Ann Simonton, Keith Tanner, Mary Lee Tipton, Jane Shoaf, Jeanette Fisher, Claudia Owen, Sue Short and Carol Young.



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Students Hear Lecture On Alcohol Education

At a recent chapel exercise, the Rev. D. P. McFarland introduced our speaker, Dr. Vernon C. White, well-known alcohol education lecturer. Dr. White is the educational director of the United Dry Forces of Tennessee and has spoken to over a million and a half high school and college students throughout the 48 states.

Dr. White brought out the fact that alcohol is a very useful chemical in the arts and sciences and in industry. Although alcohol is very useful outside the human body, when taken internally it is always harmful. Dr. White made the statement that alcohol preserves anything dead, and kills everything living.

He pointed out the various stages that lead to alcoholism.

In concluding his message, Dr. White told us the only sure way to avoid alcoholism—"Don't Drink!"

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CARMEN

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Foreword

This play, Carmen, was originally written as an opera where there was mostly singing. This here version has no singing but is all talking. It is very high-classed and the opera by the same name is enjoyed by some of the high-classiest snobs in the country.

Characters

CARMEN JONES—A beautiful Spanish girl who works in the El Choako Cigar Co.

RITA SOMBRERO—Another Spanish girl who works in the cigar factory.

PERCY—A dashing Spanish lover who is a bull fighter. He is in love with Carmen.

GERTRUDE SMITH—A beautiful Spanish millionairess who owns all the bulls who fight in the bullfights and she loves Percy but he doesn't love her.

JOHN BULL—The world's champion bull and Gertrude owns him.

JUNIOR—Carmen's little brother.

SAM—Junior's English sheepdog.

BILL CHURN—Radio sports announcer.

MR. EL CHOAKO—Owner of cigar factory where Carmen and Rita work.

THE TOASTMASTER—The man who lights the fire at all cremations.

PAY CLERK—The man at the pay window.

Minor Characters

The Judge, The District Attorney, The Cop, The Head Juror, The Electric Chair Man, The Clock, The Crowd, The Messenger, John Bull's Stable Master, The Doctor, A Man, Another Man.

Act I

SCENE: The wrapping room of the El Choako Cigar Co. Carmen and Rita are busily wrapping cigars. It is a typical Spanish afternoon.

CARMEN: Say, Rita stop trying to smoke four cigars at the same time. If Mr. El Choako caught you taking cigars off the assembly line, you'd get fired.

RITA: Here comes the Old Wind-

bag now.

(Mr. El Choako enters)

MR. EL CHOAKO: Have any of you been smoking my cigars? This place smells like burning rope.

CARMEN: No, sir, I wouldn't touch your cigars. El Stinko is my brand.

(Mr. El Choako leaves)

TOOT! TOOT! TOOT!

CARMEN: There goes the 5 o'clock whistle. Let's go!

SCENE 2: At home

CARMEN: Hey, Junior, bring me my pipe and slippers.

JUNIOR: Ain't Percy coming over to see you tonight?

CARMEN: That's right. I've got to take a bath. Let's go up in the attic and see if we can't find the bathtub. I haven't seen the tub since they took it out five years ago. I reckon it's up there under some junk.

SCENE 3: Carmen in the bathtub.

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SCENE 4: Carmen and Percy sitting in the living room. The lights are out and it's not because they didn't pay the light bill.

PERCY: Your lips are as red as rubies, and so are your eyes.

CARMEN: My eyes are red?

PERCY: Yes, they are as blood-shot as they can be.

(A few seconds later)

PERCY: Carmen, there is a question I have been wanting to ask you.

JUNIOR: (From behind door) Ha! Ha!

PERCY: What was that?

CARMEN: All right, Junior, go away.

JUNIOR: Maybe a little cash would make me leave.

PERCY: Here's a nickel, buy yourself a soda.

JUNIOR: Look, bud, you're behind times. Sodas cost a quarter.

PERCY: Well, here's a quarter. Now go get yourself the soda.

JUNIOR: I need a penny for tax

PERCY: All right, here's a penny! Now go!

JUNIOR: I just remembered, I don't like sodas.

PERCY: Well, what do you want?

JUNIOR: I want to sit here and listen to you and Carmen.

PERCY: Look, Junior, here is a ticket to the bullfight. I am going to fight in that bullfight.

JUNIOR: All right, but I am going to yell for the bull!

(Junior leaves)

CARMEN: What were you going to ask me?

PERCY: It is a very important question. We have been going together for a long time now. I know you wouldn't say yes to anybody but me. The question is, well, uh—

CARMEN: Yes? Go on—

PERCY: The question is—uh—will you buy a ticket to the bullfight?

CARMEN: Why, Percy, this is so

sud—? Huh? Did you say a ticket to the bullfight?

PERCY: Yes, there is a contest on to see who can sell the most tickets. The winner gets a free autographed picture of Gene Onery, the famous cowboy. You acted surprised when I asked you. Was you expecting me to ask you something else?

CARMEN: Oh, no, I knew you was going to ask me to buy a ticket. By the way, aren't you going to fight in the bullfight?

PERCY: Yes.

CARMEN: Who are you going to fight?

PERCY: I don't know. Gertrude Smith owns all the bulls in the country. She will have to pick out the bull.

PERCY: (Looking at his watch). It's 8:15, I have to go home now. 8:30 is my bed time.

(Percy leaves)

SCENE 5: Percy walking down the street toward home. He hears a voice from behind.

VOICE: Hel-lo, good looking!

PERCY: (Turning around). Gertrude Smith!

GERTRUDE: Do you want me to take you home in my car?

PERCY: No, thanks, I'll walk.

GERTRUDE: Do you mind if I walk with you?

PERCY: You can if you want to.

GERTRUDE: Have you ever wanted to be rich like me?

PERCY: Sure!

GERTRUDE: If you married somebody who was rich, like me, you

could have anything you wanted.

PERCY: You quit trying to be romantic. Carmen is my girl.

GERTRUDE: Remember the bullfight. You have to fight any bull I choose.

PERCY: Go away and leave me alone.

GERTRUDE: If you will forget Carmen, I will let you fight a weak bull.

PERCY: You can't scare me.

GERTRUDE: Very well! Since you won't be reasonable you will have to fight JOHN BULL!

PERCY: (Shocked, gasping). JOHN BULL!

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Corridor Chatter

Well, here we are, back again with the old news we know.

May Virginia Harvey and Thurmond Glenn are going steady!

Bobby Glenn has been making a lot of trips to Arlington lately. Why? To see Pat Pearigen, of course!

Walter Shankle and a certain junior girl have a case of "smiles" it seems.

Geraldine Hanks has been seen frequently talking to Bobby Parham.

We hear that Betty Jane Lindsey was so excited the other day when a certain boy called and asked her to go riding that she put the clock in the oven.

And who is Thurman Kitchen's freshman admirer? Could it be R. M. S.?

Why do Betty Lackey and Pat Logan always want to go to Brighton? Is it because of Jack Huffman and Billy Wells?

Bertha Bryson and Sammy Wright are seen together a lot.

There are two juniors who can't seem to make up their minds about each other. They went together the other Sunday night and both looked starry-eyed Monday morning.

Shirley Davis and Bobby Davie are still going steady.

It seems that Benny Daniels sticks to one family. First Effie, then Molly.

We hear Martha George has a crush on a boy named Vance. What happened to Jack Strong?

Blonde hair and red hair seem to go well together. Example: Inez and C. H.

Ruth Rye is seen quite regularly with Bill Snyder.

From the gossip box: Why does Ann Harvey go to the library fifth period on Tuesday and Thursday? Could it be because Billy Williams is

Girls Basketball Is Off To Good Start

Our Byars-Hall girls started their season by winning from Holy Names 49-29.

The team looks very good this year and there is promise of improvement as the season continues.

In the A game with Holy Names and Byars-Hall both played good basketball, but our Kittens overpowered the visitors.

The B game played first was a victorious one for Byars-Hall. They won by a score of 53-32.

A team starting lineup: Baltzer, Trantham, Overall, forwards; Shoaf, Cooper, Rose, guards.

B team starting lineup: Harvey, Tipton, Ralph, forwards; Cherry, Gray, M. Gilbreath, guards.

Three Byars-Hall Boys Contend At Trenton

The Byars-Hall FFA Chapter was represented at the crop judging contest, a part of the series of contests that are going on all over the state, by Bill Burnett, Howard Glidewell and Charles Casey. This contest, for freshmen only, consisted of grading cotton, several varieties of corn, sweet potatoes, and Irish potatoes. They also had to identify 30 samples of seed. This, the first in a series of contests, was held at Trenton, Tennessee, Dec. 3.

in there?
Nadine Finley has changed again. This time his name is Harold.

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John Eubank Chosen To Lead New Group

The Spanish students and those interested in Spanish met and organized the new club for this year.

The officers elected were: John Eubank, president; Irma Wright, vice president; Thurman Kitchens, treasurer; and Dorothy Williamson, secretary-reporter.

It was decided to assess dues for the club only when they are needed.

A very interesting program was presented at the next meeting by the program chairman. It consisted of the singing of the popular Spanish song, "La Cucharacha."

This club hopes to interest other students in taking Spanish and foreign languages.

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