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Bessie Hise Is Crowned Queen Of May



Queen Bessie Hise and escort, Wayne Moore, upper center, are shown with their court. Left to right: Bobby Deverell with Sammy Wright, Patsy Cherry with Walker Tipton, Vandy Parr, page, and Mary Wilson Harvey with Bill Jacques.

Hise Crowned Queen At May Day Festival

Byars-Hall's May Day celebration was held in the gymnasium on Friday afternoon, April 30, at 3:30. Miss Blanche Oakley, physical education instructor, planned and directed the gala event.

To the tune of "Falconette Polka" 100 dancers polkaed into the gym to open the program.

The arrival of the Queen of May and her court was announced by the entrance of crown-bearer Vandie Parr. Queen Bessie Hise, dressed in spring-time pink, was escorted and crowned by Wayne Moore. She and her royal attendants were seated upon a dais decorated in a profusion of colors and flowers that personified May. The ladies-in-waiting and their escorts were Bobbie Deverell with Sammy Wright, Mary Wilson Harvey with Bill Jacques, and Patsy Cherry with Walker Tipton.

Immediately after the queen had assumed her rule, the Byars-Hall Glee Club rendered two very appropriate and beautiful melodies, "April Showers" and "Halleluia."

A series of American folk dances, such as "Virginia Reel," "Lady Round The Lady," "Little Old Log Cabin In The Lane," "Standard Club Quadrille," and "Captain Jenks," and a tumbling act featuring both individual stunts and pyramids were presented by members of the girls' physical education classes.

Next came the long-awaited festivity of the day! A bevy of girls dressed in the vivid colors of the May Pole gave a picturesque interpretation of the May Pole Dance.

Olean Gamble then led the ensemble of dancers in the grand march.

The beauty and glory of the hour-long celebration was ended when Queen Bessie, followed by her royal court descended from her throne.

Athletic Association Resods Football Field

As everyone knows, the grass on the football field has been in poor condition due to unevenness of the field where softball has been played for the last two years.

Due to this the Athletic Association has started to resod the field. Mr. Robert Simonton has been hauling the grass for the field and Mr. Johnson's agriculture classes have helped to load, unload and spread the grass.

With the aid of Mr. Whitehorn's jeep and disc the field has been broken up and smoothed off.

Mr. Simonton and Mr. Castellaw at regular intervals changed the position of the sprinkler so that all the field would be watered thoroughly.

Mr. Hazel's phys ed boys also helped by cutting the grass around the field and piling it up, and by moving the goal posts to give access to all the ground.

Byars-Hall Loses Five Members Of Faculty

A few members of the present faculty will not be seen around Byars-Hall next year.

Miss Oakley is one of the few who will not be present. She has been engaged as physical education teacher at Lambuth College in Jackson.

Miss Taylor will not be back. She is going to be married soon.

Mrs. Spence is planning to be a steady housewife for her husband.

Mr. Hazel has not disclosed his plans for next year. Mr. John Gulley of Greenfield will replace him as athletic director.

Mrs. Utley has arrangements made to return to Jackson.

All other teachers will return.

Seniors Entertained With Banquet, Dance

The Junior-Senior Banquet was given in the high school cafeteria on Thursday, May 6, at 7 o'clock. Attending were 140 juniors, seniors, and faculty members and guests.

When the guests were all in the cafeteria, Mr. W. W. Parkinson gave the invocation. Walker Tipton, president of the junior class, welcomed the guests in poetry. During the dinner George Ray played a selection of boogie-woogie. Harold Watkins played a piano selection, "Missouri Waltz," and Patricia Ralph gave a tap dance. Before the banquet ended, Roy Clay Turner gave his response to Walker's welcome. After the response, Walker invited everyone to go to the Old Gym to dance.

The tables at the banquet were decorated with purple and gold crepe paper, gold candles, tied with purple ribbon, and flower arrangements of purple and yellow iris, yellow daisies, and purple and yellow pansie.

The dinner was served by the first and second year home economics girls. On the menu was a grapejuice cocktail, chicken spaghetti, combination salad, rolls, pickles, olives, tea, and lemon bisque.

After the banquet, the guests went to the Old Gym to dance to the music furnished by a record player. Coca-Colas, cookies, and a cheese spread on crackers were served for refreshments. The gym was decorated with purple and gold streamers.

The guests included Mr. Thomas Utley, Mr. John Spence, Mr. W. W. Parkinson, Mrs. J. E. Simonton, Mrs. Roy Clay Turner, R. W. Anderson Jr., and Mrs. R. E. Scott.

And did you hear about the deaf mute? It seems he had a nightmare and broke three fingers screaming.

F. F. A. And F. H. A. Delegates Attend Meet

Representatives from the Future Farmers of America and the Future Homemakers of America, two of Byars-Hall's most important clubs, attended their annual state convention in Nashville recently. The meet was held from Thursday, April 22 through Saturday, April 24.

The delegates from the F. F. A. were Roy Clay Turner, Gene Byars, and Lydle Bringle. Sara Roper, Blanche Baltzer, and Betty Lindsey represented the F. H. A. Club. Mr. Johnson and Miss Rast, sponsors of the clubs, accompanied them and furnished transportation to and from Nashville.

The event marked the 20th annual convention for the F. F. A., but was its first state meet for the F. H. A. The F. F. A. members present were winners of sectional contests held throughout the state. The contest dealt with public speaking, parliamentary procedure, and other things necessary to the running of a successful club. The sectional winners competed for cash prizes in a general session.

Several joint assemblies of the two clubs were held, but most of the activities centered around some other meetings of the two clubs. The "Homemakers" were entertained by interesting talks on homemaking and other phases of their work and a style show given by one of the Nashville department stores.

Near the close of the meeting, officers for both clubs were elected for the coming year. The F. F. A. state offices of sentinel was held by Roy Clay Turner last year. None of our representatives were elected this year, however.

The convention was brought to a close by a parade through the downtown section of Nashville. A total of 3,000 F. F. A. and F. H. A. members, accompanied by two Davidson County bands, proudly displayed the colors of the F. F. A. and F. H. A. Clubs in an impressive closing.

Dr. Millard To Deliver Baccalaureate Sermon

The baccalaureate sermon to the senior class of 1948 will be given on Sunday evening, May 16, at 8 p.m. Dr. W. J. Millard of Evergreen Presbyterian Church of Memphis will deliver the message. According to previous custom, the senior class will attend as a group, wearing caps and gowns. The Beethoven Club will furnish the music for the occasion.

The graduation exercises will be held in the Byars-Hall High School gymnasium the following Friday, May 21. This also will begin at 8 p.m. The seniors will come in in a double line, singing Kipling's "Recessional." The program will include a musical selection, "Clair de Lune," by the Byars-Hall Glee Club, a recognition of honor students, and an address by Blanchard S. Tual of Memphis. At the conclusion of the address, the seniors will receive their diplomas and after singing the "Alma Mater," will march out.

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Why Not?

Byars-Hall has had a girl's glee club many different school years, but no attempt to start one for boys has ever been made. Probably no boys have shown an interest in belonging, but if the first step were made, the response might be surprising. Several times this year, when we have had group singing at activity period, the boys' enthusiasm has been very great; as much or more than the girls'. This alone shows that our boys are interested in singing.

There is no strong reason why we shouldn't have a boys' glee club, rather there is every reason why we should. To have a wider choice of clubs would certainly better our school, and this is one to be easily added. Many boys, not interested in football, basketball, or several other clubs that we now have, would probably welcome an opportunity to go in for this activity.

Several boys in Byars-Hall have good voices and they should be given an opportunity to use and develop their talent. Also, new unexpected talents might be discovered and developed.

Throughout the year Byars-Hall students give several public performances. This year we had the Carnival and May Day Festival. The Glee Club ably performed at both these functions, and will give a presentation for graduation. Think how much better these programs would be with the boys singing too! The two groups of voices, combined or separated would certainly be beautiful.

Everything taken together, this kind of club would surely be a credit to our school. So come on, boys, let's pitch in and start singing and show our interest in a boys' glee club for Byars-Hall!

Don't Give Up!

Don't give up! You have heard that expression so many times it has ceased to make an impression on you. Have you ever thought about what giving up means? It means quitting, and no one wants to be called a "quitter."

Even though the end of this school year is almost in sight there are many students in Byars-Hall who want to quit. They think they can't possibly get all the work that has been assigned done. They want to quit; give up; admit that they can't do it. They want to take the easy way and not even try to do their work.

It is not likely that anyone who quits school will come back next year. This will be very bad because a high school education is more important now than it has ever been before, and nothing should be allowed to interfere with it. In the future it will be most difficult for one who has not had a high school education to succeed.

The purpose of your education is to prepare you for the obstacles against which you will come after you graduate. If you have not finished this preparation you will not be able to overcome the trials in life.

Even though your work is piling up, don't give up now when if you would only put forth a little extra effort you could do the work.

The goal is in sight so get to work and pass this year. And above all, don't give up.

Open Forum

Were my voice to create a change in the school paper, it would first be raised against the distant intervals of publication. By the time it reaches the reader, instead of news they have ancient history. The maximum length between publications should be four weeks at the most. Secondly, I would cry out in protest to the feeble efforts exerted by the staff to cover all the activities and happenings in and around school. Third, I would command as much interest and emphasis to be placed on athletics as there is on the weekly meeting of the clubs. Fourth, I would request a space for students to complain and comment on things pertaining to the school. And last, I would commend the paper for its column on "Corridor Chatter." No school paper is complete without one.

—A Junior

Our paper is good and it is enjoyed by everyone. In my opinion there is no criticism that can be made of it. This year's staff has done a fine job of editing the paper. Everyone's contributions to making this paper what it is have been appreciated by everyone who subscribes. If the next staff does as well, and we're sure they will, there will be no complaint against the paper. Success to the Purple and Gold in 1948-49 is hoped for by all.

—A Sophomore

The Purple and Gold is a pretty good paper, we think, but there is always room for improvement on anything.

More pictures would certainly be a help. More students should be allowed to make contributions, too. After all, it's their paper. Humorous essays, open letters, etc., on exams, women's hats and other things always add spice to a paper. More student news and articles of interesting class events would certainly be an asset to the paper. Almost everyone thinks the paper should have another page. Perhaps if we did all these things another page could be added.

—A Freshman

One of the improvements I think could be made in our school paper is that more pictures be taken of school life and activities. Since the gossip column is about the first thing that is read, more gossip should be written about a bigger variety of school people than about a selected group that appear in every edition. As jokes provide good reading entertainment for all people, more jokes should be printed. More features could be added concerning different people and activities. This would provide interesting reading for everyone.

—A Senior

The Purple and Gold seems an unusually good school paper to me, but I suppose nothing is so perfect but what it can be improved upon. Anything as worthwhile as the Purple and Gold, both from the standpoint of pleasure and of student training, deserves the co-operation and support of everyone interested in Byars-Hall activities.

What I believe would do more than anything else perhaps to increase the efficiency of the paper is to have a staff room. There the staff could keep the equipment needed to facilitate

Our Passing Parade

Wedding bells have certainly been ringing merrily! Jeanne Brammer was married to Buford Alsop of Memphis, on March 2 in Hernando, Miss. Lina Hise, who is a graduate nurse at the Baptist Hospital, was recently wed to Donald Cates of Newport. Mary Martha Gladney, a graduate of Byars-Hall, exchanged vows with John W. Kelly of Mississippi. Sheila Lavelle, another of the alumni, was married to Thurston Howard. They are making their home in Burlison. Mary Kyle Gray, assistant cashier of the Bank of Mason, is the fiancée of George Norfleet of Memphis. Martha Lynn White, a graduate of Byars-Hall and the Memphis School of Commerce, is the bride-elect of Kenneth Pitts of Bartlett. The wedding is planned to take place May 20 in Washington, D. C. Boyd Ramsey, who is a student at Carson-Newman College will be married in the early summer to Eugenia Tritts of Somerset, Ky. Reba McIntyre, who is now employed by the American Red Cross, was wed Easter Sunday to Joseph Zehner Jr., of Memphis. To all who have said, and will say, the fatal vows, we wish you much happiness.

Dot Davis, who is attending Agnes Scott, had the honor of winning the free throw contest in basketball at the college. Jane Vaughan has been elected activities chairman of the Chi Omega Sorority at U-T. Freddie Sherrod, who is taking voice lessons in Memphis, has sung recently over the radio on the "Date With Delta" programs. Lots of luck, Freddie.

Among those graduates recently seen around town for a few spring holidays were: Joe Fuller, who is studying at U-T Junior College; Gene Owen, from Vanderbilt; J. T. Walker, from U-T, Martin; Miss Ann Tipton, a member of the faculty of U-T. Dot Davis arrived home from Agnes Scott; Bill Simonton and Bob Gift came from Centre College, Danville, Ky., to spend a few days; Jean Guttman, student at Ward-Belmont, and Buddy, from Vanderbilt, came from Nashville. Many more came, also, to visit their folks, and we were glad to welcome them all back home.

their work, and material on which they are working could be left in working position without fear of it being destroyed, lost, or scattered between working periods. Files of former issues of the Purple and Gold and of other school papers could be kept where they would be easy of access for reference, study or inspiration.

A staff room would give a needed sense of solidity to the staff workers, a feeling of unified effort, which would increase their loyalty to and whole-hearted support of the paper.

Such a room would be of great service to the Annual staff also for the very same reasons. The tasks of putting out a good school paper and a good Annual are important ones, both to the school and to the student body, and deserve the best in mechanical support that the school can afford in order to bring out the best in student development.

—A Teacher

Charles Corder: "In my childhood I followed minstrel shows; in my boyhood, I followed vaudeville."

Phillip Sacks: "What do you follow in manhood?"

Charles Corder: "Womanhood."

Juniors And Seniors Dance At Old Gymnasium



Following the annual Junior-Senior banquet the students danced to the music of a nickelodeon in the Old Gym.

Five Seniors Donate Blood To BH Student

Doris Edminston, a senior honor student, was forced to quit school when doctors diagnosed her illness as an abscessed lung. Because of her excellent record she will receive her diploma at the end of this school year.

On Tuesday, May 4, Doris underwent a five-hour-and-20-minute operation at the Baptist Hospital. Half of her left lung and one rib was removed. Her doctors now say that she will have to remain in the hospital two weeks and in bed six months.

The members of her class have gladly responded to a suggestion that the seniors give her some gift as a token of their friendship and sympathy. Several things have been considered, but as yet nothing has been definitely selected by the seniors.

During and after the operation Doris received many blood transfusions. Wednesday Mr. Castellaw allowed 10 seniors to go to the Baptist Hospital to donate blood to their blood bank for Doris. Because of narrow interpretations of the regulations by a laboratory worker only five of the seniors were accepted to give their blood; these were Peggy Pleasants, Barbara Cherry, Bill Jacques, Gene Hadley and Jack Alston.

Th others who made the trip but were not accepted were Mary Goddard, Jeannine Carleton, Roy Clay Turner, Albert David and Bill Willis.

Senior Play Is Credit To Cast And Director

The Byars-Hall High School senior play, "One Mad Night," given on Monday night, April 19, 1948, at the Ruffin Theatre was a big success.

The theatre was a complete sell-out on the afternoon of the play. Because of thorough preparation on the part of the director and cast there was no mad rush at the last minute for stage props.

Everything went as scheduled. Nothing more needs to be said other than the play was a credit to the school, cast and director.

The Hiding Hemline

When the hemline goes down, down, down

And the legs are covered up, up, up

The girls will be smiling

But the boys will wear a frown, frown, frown.

Yes, the hemlines are going down, down, down. First, it was an inch lower, just enough to make the girls look dressed-up and give them that sophisticated look, fashion experts said. But give a hemline an inch and it too will try to take a mile! Hemlines of all kinds, colors, and descriptions are now seen gently sweeping the stairs of many a building, including those at Byars-Hall. There are those with and without ruffles, with big lace and small lace, big hems and little hems, and anything else to give the dresses a peculiar look.

The full sweep, and I do mean FULL, has the girls dashing around with yards of material draped (if you would call being dressed in a dress with innumerable pleats, draped) very majestically about them. In case you doubt the aforesaid statement just take a look at the skirts with 104 inches in the hemline which would be about as long as the average room.

The funniest thing is the way the girls go walking up and down the steps holding their skirts up so the hemline will not get dirty. It seems to me that it would be much more convenient to have the hemline short enough so there would be no interference, but you just try to tell a girl that.

Can you feature a boy wearing trousers so long that the cuff would drag the floor? That's just how the girls look!

Instead of the "New Look," I think it should be called "Keeping up with the Jones' Look," because that's what the girls are trying to do. If the majority of the girls would quit the long skirt business it would not last long, but the girls refuse to be left out of the trend. They follow suit no matter what the fad or fashion is.

Personally, I think shorter hemlines look much nicer on the girls because it makes them look like girls instead of old maids. After all, they will be young only once and so will we boys! They'll have enough time for the just-above-the-ankle dresses when they are older.

How much lower can the hemline

County Teachers Meet In BHHS Auditorium

A meeting of the teachers in Tipton County was held April 16, in the Byars-Hall study hall. The schools in Tipton County were well represented as there were about 150 teachers present.

The first part of the meeting was a panel discussion on "The Standards By Which Schools Are Classified." Taking part in this discussion were Mr. Frank Lee Thomas, state supervisor; Mr. John Richardson, West Tennessee high school supervisor; Miss Mary Baker, grammar school supervisor; and Miss Dorothy Flowers, supervisor of Tipton County.

After the panel discussion the teachers divided into two groups. One group consisted of high school teachers and the other of grammar school teachers. These groups then discussed the standards by which promotions should be made.

The meeting ended around 4:30 p.m.

Glee Club

At the May Day Festival the Glee Club girls sang the two songs on which they had been working for the occasion, "April Showers" and "Halleluia." The club has received many compliments on their lovely presentation of the two.

The girls have already begun practicing for the graduation exercises. They plan to sing "Clair de Lune" by Debussy. It is really beautiful with words. The club is meeting every possible day in order to have this song prepared in time.

go? It has already made a dashing run toward the ankle and will probably make it by this time next year! Probably, the next brain storm of the fashion designers will be hooped skirts of the Civil War days or the "New Look" accompanied by pantaloons. Now wouldn't that be a pretty sight! But it is a safe bet that anything they think up, the girls will think it's just "too cute" and fall head over heels in love with it, even though it does make them look like a scarecrow. I guess that's just girls, and we boys will never understand them.

Byars-Hall Betas Place Fifth In State Meet

On April 9 and 10, 15 of the Beta Club members with their sponsor, Mrs. Norman Hersberger, attended the State Convention held in Nashville. Cars provided transportation for the group which left on Friday morning of the ninth. The arrival at the Andrew Jackson Hotel in Nashville, where the members stayed and where most of the "highlights" of the convention were held, was quite disappointing at first. All 15 Betas, along with many others from schools, stumbled into the lobby of the hotel, looking rather shabby from the trip and still worse after being told that reservations were not available until 6 o'clock. It was then only 2:30. You might ask Mrs. Hersberger what she thinks about one-way streets, too!

The main feature of the first night was the talent contest, which was held in the War Memorial Building. The Byars-Hall girls gave a tumbling act and won fifth place among the 24 contestants. We are very proud of the "good showing" which they made. As for the rest of the first night, it is better just to say that although the group had been tired and disappointed, they now had comfortable rooms and everyone was having a wonderful time.

On Saturday morning a sponsors' breakfast was given for all sponsors attending the convention. This was also the day for sight-seeing and visiting the historic places of Nashville. In the afternoon a general meeting was held and new state officers for next year's Beta Clubs were elected. The climax of the evening was the Beta Banquet, and the Beta Ball which took place in the Andrew Jackson Hotel. These activities officially closed the 1947-48 State Convention.

The following morning, which was Sunday, came too soon and those among the members who were in the senior play left early. Those who remained later arrived home about 6 o'clock in the evening.

The Beta members from BHHS attending the convention were Mary Goddard, Joy Davis, Sara Emily Whitley, Ann Rice, Martha Hughes Bringle, Lula Forgey, Nell Gray, Gordon Claire Williams, Peggy Pleasants, Jane Ann Johnson, Barbara Cherry, Harold Watkins, Arden Butler, Steve Dennis, and Jack Alston.

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Senior News

The seniors have been very busy for the last few days making last minute preparations for the great event of graduation.

The invitations are in the mail and soon all seniors hope to have that coveted diploma in their possession.

For the past week the class has been practicing the music for the graduation exercise. Next week they will start practicing marching, as well as continue to practice "The Recessional."

The last week of graduation the seniors are going to have a picnic with the help of Mrs. Bringle and Mr. Castellaw.

The Annuals have arrived and everyone is busy swapping them for autographs. The whole student body is indebted to the Annual staff for their untiring efforts to make the Annual the success it is.

We seniors think we are anxious for school to end, but as the time draws near we find ourselves wishing we could hold the days back. They are slipping by just a little too fast. Freedom is sweet, but the fellowship one gets in his high school years will never be regained.

Library Club

On Monday, April 12, each member of the Library Club invited two guests to attend the club meeting. The members and their guests assembled in Miss Jarmon's room where they heard Mrs. Shuler Jamieson review the book "Together."

"Together" was written by Mrs. Marshall about her husband, Secretary of State Marshall. In this book, Mrs. Marshall tells how she met her husband, the effect their marriage had on his children, and their life together until the present time.

Mrs. Jamieson rushed through the review giving only the main highlights because of the lack of time. When the time came for the meeting to be adjourned there was still quite a number of things to be told about the book.

Freshman News

The freshmen all seem to agree that this year has been lots of fun. Even though the upperclassmen picked on us the first of the year and made us wear ridiculous costumes, it has just given us an idea of what to do to next year's class.

With only a few days left of school everyone seems to be in a hustle. The Junior-Senior Banquet and the senior play were great events.

Most all of the classes are pushing and cramming as much as they can before exams roll around.

Since this is the last issue of the paper I would like to thank you for letting me write this article each month for you. I've enjoyed it lots.

Sammy Wright: "Mrs. Spence, I just can't find time to get all this homework. There is just too much of it."

Mrs. Spence: "Sammy, here's what you can do—just work half of the problems."

Sammy's face brightened.

Mrs. Spence: "Then, next semester, when you are repeating the course, you can do the other half!"

The Unfortunate Follower

Among the essay titles suggested in our English class was one which attracted me, "On Choosing A Dance Partner." However, I realized at once that this subject was not for me. Being a girl, I am not permitted the privilege of choosing a dance partner, I belong to the unfortunate class of followers.

Some boys complain about having to dance with certain girls and criticize their dancing, but I doubt whether many of these masculine critics ever stop to consider their own methods. I wonder if one of them ever thinks about the misery he may be inflicting upon the young lady, while he has the idea that he is giving her a big thrill.

I divide the masculine dancers into five classes: The Pythons, The Ghosts, The Pedestrians, The Grasshoppers and the Dancers.

The Python is the one who winds his arms around his partner, then holds her in a vise-like grip, like a huge reptile crushing his prey. This style usually leaves the "unfortunate follower" breathless and with a stiff neck and back.

Next come the Ghosts. They are the creatures who appear to be scared to death when they dance. They often have pale faces and stand so far away that the puzzled girl wonders if she really has a partner.

Next in line come the Pedestrians. A dancer of this type usually starts at one end of the hall and walks to the other end, whereupon he turns around and walks back again. This procedure continues until some kind soul tags in on the "unfortunate follower."

Now we come to the Grasshoppers. When dancing with this type, the girl is convinced that the young man has come, not to dance, but to indulge in exercise. He likes fast and furious music. If the music happens to be slow or dignified, the Grasshopper hops just exactly as he would if the orchestra were playing the "Tiger Rag." The effects of dancing with a Grasshopper are complete fatigue and extreme embarrassment.

Finally we come to the Dancers. I find it quite a joy to write a description of this type. The real Dancer begins by placing his right hand gently but firmly on the young lady's back, thus making it easy for her to follow him. His left arm is not bent in toward his body, nor is it riding the ocean waves, but is merely kept inconspicuous. Next he refrains from swaying from side to side and jumping up and down. Last but not least, he listens to the music and takes a step when he is supposed to do so. Such a dancer may be sure that he is really giving the girl a thrill and making the evening a time to remember.

The teacher turned on a junior. "Young man," she said, "I will have to keep you in after school again." "Okay!" replied the junior. "But I'll have you know that half of the town says that we are going steady!"

For Neat Appearance See

Bailey & Ralph
Barber Shop

Sophomore News

The sophomores are all glad that this school year is drawing to a close. The final exams are the only thing that lies between them and summer vacation. During vacation some of them will go to camp, others will go visiting, and still others will do nothing at all but give their brains a needed rest.

Just think, sophs! Next year you'll be juniors! To show they have a little gratitude, these future juniors want to thank their teachers for all they were taught, tell the teachers how much they enjoyed their subjects, and express the hope that they won't be such pains-in-the-neck next year.

They also want to tell the class officers what a grand job they did in handling all the class business.

Phys Ed News

Mr. Hazel's physical education classes have cut and cleared away the grass around the track.

We have been playing softball in phys ed with everyone taking part. Mr. Hazel acts as umpire so there won't be any misunderstandings.

The health classes on Fridays have been studying the communicable diseases, their prevention, cause, and cure. There have been some very nice talks given by several boys in the class on these diseases.

The girls' physical education classes have been folk dancing and tumbling in preparation for the May Day Program.

The classes will begin playing softball after May 1.

Eugene was always late, and always had a different excuse. Arriving late one morning, he was sent to Mr. Simonton.

"What's the excuse this time?" "Well, sir," was the reply, "my sister was afraid of the storm last night and turned the mirror on the mantle piece round to the wall. When I came downstairs this morning, I couldn't see myself in the looking glass, and naturally thought I'd gone to school."

"You win," gasped Mr. Simonton. —Observer

Civics Club

The Civics Club of Byars-Hall met on April 5. The president, Jack Sherrod, called the meeting to order. After the business part of the meeting, the program was then turned over to the program committee. The club was divided, and one side was to tell a funny or most embarrassing incident and the other side had to tell a bigger one.

At another meeting we elected new officers. They are as follows: President, Gene Myers; vice president, Landon Yarbrough; secretary, Janice Riley; reporter, Mary Gene Rogers; program committee, W. A. Clark, Virginia Shelley, Charles Chumley, Clean Branch and Fay Cullum.

The civics class took a short trip on April 22, to the Coca-Cola plant. After we went all the way through it, we each received a nice cold Coca-Cola.

Some new lights have recently been installed in the classroom. The Civics Club, with the help of some of Mrs. Utley's other classes, worked at basketball games and earned the money to buy the lights. Mr. Johnson installed them for us.

The Civics Club met again on April 20. The program consisted of a short story and some riddles asked by one of the club members. The statements, "Why I want to go to college" and "Why I don't want to go to college," were discussed by club members.

Latin Club

The Latin Club held its meeting Monday, April 19, in the Latin room.

The program committee was in charge of the meeting. Two very interesting games were played. The first was a contest in which Latin words were used to create enthusiasm for the ancient language. Eleanor Walker and Jo Ann Burkett, who showed the greatest skill, were awarded the coveted prizes of cokes.

Another was a very amusing "smelling" contest which received various answers. Three of our members possessed a keen sense of smell and won bubble gum. They were Blanche Baltzer, Elaine Owen, and Jane Shoaf.

The realization that the close of school is near was brought out by the fact that there remains only one more meeting of the club this year.

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Gossip

Warning to Byars-Hall students—Mr. Hazel is really good at catching people who park at the Athletic Field.

What's this about Sammy Wright being interested in a certain girl by the name of Jeannette Skinner? The last time we heard, Patsy Knight was THE ONE.

Arden Butler is strictly getting around—so fast in fact he can't remember the girls' names. Isn't that kind of embarrassing, Arden?

We have two experts on Ripley class rings and Ripley girls in Byars-Hall. See Mr. Glenn and Mr. Travis for details of their latest course.

This could be a warning note we found in the gossip box: "Celeste Barton had better quit making eyes at Johnny Lackey. He's taken!"

These grammar school girls must be smart. Joan Greer manages to keep the great Casanova, Hurley Morton, even if she isn't in Byars-Hall.

It seems Rosella Overall and Gene Myers are now getting along fine. What ever happened to that crush she had on T-Model Tommy?

George Ray and Eva Edminston have definitely joined that list of s-t-e-a-d-y couples.

We begin to see the trouble between John Tom and Jane—none other than Nels Tanner.

Wayne Moore and Eleanor Walker, Jo Ann Burkett and Walker Tipton are a regularly seen foursome lately.

Peggy Pleasants better hold on tight—there's a certain freshman girl who just idolizes Art. (Her initials are M. S.)

Bobby Travis seems to be the only thing Shirley Beasley and O. T. Marshall ever disagree about.

According to a "press-agent's" report, Mr. Leap Year Shelton has been having quite a bit of competition from Bobby Witt and Bill Jacques.

What is this we hear about Rhetta Davis' wearing a certain boy's identification bracelet? Must be serious!

It isn't just the girls from Covington who break their necks to go to Brighton these days. Glenn Stiles is always looking for a way to go see Louise Wells.

"Queenie" Rice was seen holding on to Boyd Liles at the skating rink. Don't tell us you can't skate, Queenie!

Shirley Glass and Bobby Young really made a cute couple at the senior play.

Speaking of the play, Gene Byars was mighty happy about having a date with Patsy Cherry for the dance at the Inn afterwards.

We heard Bill Willis wasn't too happy about that date Jeannine had with Billy "Mac" to go frog gigging.

Since when has Sara Emily been so sweet? We heard her promise to do most anything for Jimmy Huffman. Could it be that Jimmy has a note she doesn't want a certain girl in Brighton to see?

Steve Dennis surely is picking one heck of a way to pass agriculture.

One of last year's graduates, Bobby Davie, has been leaving Memphis State quite often these days to come to Covington to see Shirley Davis.

Shame on Joyce Faulk and Bob Overall for breaking up!

One quick way to get unpopular is to make some girls get out of your car at 11:30 at night about one and one-half miles from town with no other way to get back but to walk. Ask Arden what some people think of him.

Prune—A plum that has seen better days.

Gray's Gatherings

Hello people!

Time again rolls around for a little information about the "good times." I'm new at this job but if you'll bear with me I'll do my best.

A wonderful time was had at a wiener roast at Steve Dennis! The food was eaten heartily by all. Those who enjoyed this were Sara Roper, Jane Ann Johnson, Jeannine Carleton, Ina Klutts, Patricia Ralph, Gordon Claire Williams, Peggy Pleasants, Bobby Grugett, Bill Jacques, Jack Alston, Bobby Witt, Bill Willis, Art Hogarth, Robert Klutts, Ed Chapman, Jimmie Jacques, Steve Dennis, Bill McCormick and Carolyn Fleming. More fun!!!

A very hot night a bunch of guys and gals settled themselves in comfortable seats at Martha H. Bringle's, some playing cards, some listening to records, some eating, some riding bicycles, and some doing just plain nothing. Everyone enjoyed themselves. The crowd consisted of Jane Ann Johnson, Peggy Pleasants, Ann Shoaf, Joy Davis, Jeannine Carleton, Bill Willis, Dude Smith, Jack Alston, Bobby Witt, Steve Dennis, Bobby Grugett, Phillip Sacks, Charles Corder, Jack Boyd, Bill McCormick, and Ed Chapman.

People have been taking to the water these hot days. Sunday afternoon a crowd cooled off at Steve Dennis' pond. The water was fine, also the boat riding. All who enjoyed this were Gordon C. Williams, Peggy Pleasants, Eleanor Walker, Ina Klutts, Bill Jacques, Bobby Grugett, Bill Willis, Steve Dennis, Jimmy Jacques, Bill McCormick, Ed Chapman, Jack Alston, and Carolyn Fleming. The fun piled up as the gang piled in and out of the boat. Especially when it turned over with them inside. The bruises and sores, which you will find on all, will prove this.

Everyone enjoyed themselves immensely Friday night on the hayride at Mt. Carmel given by Jessie Beasley and Bill Davis. After having a wiener roast at Shelton Park everyone loaded up again and everyone had fun riding through the different parts of the country. The ones on the hayride were Joan Slover, Jessie Beasley, Lindsey Beasley, Jo Shelley, Bill Davis, Virginia Shelley, Jimmy White, Tissie Tanner, Gene Myers, Neal Johnson, Ellen Blackman, Katherine Johnson, Elwanda Parham, Jean Gatlin, Joan Johnson, Harold Watkins, Sue Goode, Gerald Veasley, Hubert Blankenship, J. T. Blankenship, Nels Tanner, Jane Shoaf and Charles Channel.

With all this hot weather comin' on and school nearly out everybody seems to be happy. Every night a large crowd is spreading on this happiness by having a good time. The Joy Davis house was open for all not long ago. The people were going in and out the whole night. If you were there you will know what I mean. It would be useless to begin to name them all.

Confucius Say

1. Hug is energy gone to waist.
2. Only thing harder than diamonds is payment on them.
3. Even a fool if he sits on a tack gets the point.
4. Springtime is when young man welcomes miss in his motor.
5. Musician who cross street better C sharp or he will B flat.
6. Man who wears thin soled shoes soon be on his feet again.

—The Echo

Who Are They?

At the end of the school year comes the time for summing up grades, so as the end of this school year comes around we should sum up the qualities of persons, namely senior girls, to form "the perfect senior girl."

For her hair take Elaine Owen if you like brunettes or Bobbie Deverell for a blonde. Put Bessie Hise's eyes with Karen Dawson's complexion, and Peggy Liles' smile fortified by Wanda Townsend's voice to complete her face. Then mix in Jeannine Carleton's figure followed by Joy Davis' swinging walk.

Add Betty Griffith's friendliness to Beverly Rose's sweetness and Betty Blankenship's all-around good personality for THE PERSONALITY GIRL.

For her talents, have Sara Roper's athletic ability, Mary Goddard's musical talents and Martha Hughes Bringle's artistic ability. All of this with Martha Ann Rice's wit should form THE PERFECT SENIOR GIRL.

As for our "perfect senior boy" use Richard Huffman's hair with Bobby Grugett's eyes and Jimmy Portis' sly smile. Jack Alston's and Neil Harrington's scholastic ability should give Gene Byars' voice something to say. J. P. Selph and Robert Daugherty should give him enough height.

For his talents, have Bill Willis's football ability and L. C. Thornton's basketball ability. Bobby Witt's dancing should give Bobby Hensley's romancing a chance.

Mix in Bill Jacques' friendliness with Roy Clay Turner's dependability. Use Arnold Vandergriff's easy-going manner with Johnny Lackey's and Wanner Shoaf's ken wit to help him out. Take all these traits and you have our PERFECT SENIOR BOY.

Editor's Note: If anyone sees such a boy or girl walking around Byars-Hall, please notify me.

A woman was mailing the old family Bible to her brother in a distant city. The postal clerk examined the heavy package carefully and inquired if it contained anything breakable. "Nothing but the Ten Commandments," was the quick reply.

Coach: "Lot was warned to take his wife and daughter and flee out of the city. Lot and his wife and daughter escaped."

Glen B.: "What happened to the flea, sir?"

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Masquerade Party

The members of the Teen Time Club had their second party Friday night, April 16. The club council had decided on a masquerade and it proved to be very successful. No one was admitted without a mask and gay, colorful costumes were quite numerous. Many pirates, cowboys, and gypsies especially were seen, but one tough-looking desperado, Ernie Petree, and a quaint Chinese lady, Jane Ann Johnson, seemed to appeal to the judges. Each of these received a box of candy for the best boy's and girl's costume, respectively.

More games had been added by this time and were very popular, especially bingo. Several cartons of coke were won as prizes in this game. Of course, dancing was still fun as it was the preceding week.

John Tom: "Would you call for help if I tried to kiss you?"

Jane: "Do you need help?"

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Jokes

The newlyweds were honeymooning at the seashore. As they walked arm in arm along the beach the young groom looked poetically out to sea and eloquently cried out:

"Roll on, thou deep and dark blue ocean—roll!"

His bride gazed at the water for a moment, then in hushed tones gasped, "Oh, Fred, you wonderful man, it's doing it."

Arden Butler: "My father's a doctor. I can be sick for nothing."

John Lewis: "That's nothing. My father's a preacher. I can be good for nothing."

Although men flatter themselves with their great actions, they are usually the result of chance and not of design.

—La Rohcefoucauld

Little Linda set out for Sunday services in her best bib and tucker, equipped with two shiny nickels—one for the collection plate and one for an ice cream cone on the way home. She had scarcely left the house when one of the coins slipped out of her fingers and rolled into a drain. "Gosh darn," said Linda. "There goes the Lord's nickel."

The old believe everything; the middle-aged suspect everything; the young know everything.—Oscar Wilde.

Absent-minded professor (going around in a revolving door): "Bless me! I can't remember whether I was going in or coming out."

Sunday school teacher: "Now, Johnny, what do you think a land flowing with milk and honey would be like?"

Johnny: "Sticky!"

Mose: "Mandy, can I kiss you?"

Mandy: "Piggy Wiggly!"

Mose: "What you all mean?"

Mandy: "Help yo' self."

Jean Howard giving first order to buther over the phone): "Please send me a pound of steak."

Butcher: "And what else, please?"

Jean: "And—and some gravy."

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On Tuesday, May 11, the Gideons visited Byars-Hall and the Covington Grammar School. They distributed New Testaments to all the pupils who wished to have them and promised to read them. These books are leather-bound copies of the scripture containing also Psalms and Proverbs of the Old Testament.

The Gideons are an organization of the Christian business men who have as their goal the distribution of Bibles and Testaments to every school boy and girl as well as to hotels, jails, and hospitals.

Several weeks ago this band of men came to all the churches of Tipton County to explain the purpose of their organization. The interest of the people was shown by the liberality of the offering which was given to help defray the expense of the testaments.

John Lackey: "Mother, I beat a boy up this morning."

Mother: "Good gracious! How bad?"

John: "Just by an hour. I got up at 7 and he got up at 8."

Joe: "I'm a very funny comedian."

Ann: "What makes you think so?"

Joe: "I put some of my jokes in the fire and it just roared."

—By Oleo Margarine

Wife: "John, is it true that money talks?"

Husband: "That's what they say my dear."

Wife: "Well, I wish you'd leave a little here to talk to me during the day. I get so lonely."

Charles: "Why is the study hall like a 'T' model Ford?"

Phillip: "I don't know, why?"

Charles: "They both have an old crank up front."

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To The Mighty Oak

By CHARLES CORDER

The following poem was selected for publication in the Anthology of High School Poetry. Byars-Hall is proud to know that Charles has won this honor.

O, mighty oak that stand aloft
So majestic and serene
Why is it that you must doff
Your lovely coat of green.

In the spring the birds are here
How proud you stand up then
And spread your leafy arms with cheer
To shelter robins, jays and wrens.

Why is it that you're so sad
When winter roars in.
The cold to you is not so bad
And the rain it is your friend.

Is it the birds of song you mourn,
Is that why you are blue?
These birds who since you were born
Have sung their songs to you.

Well, do not mourn for in the spring
From some island in thesea
They'll come back to you and sing
Their blissful melody.

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