

Bears - Hall High School



SENIOR

1940

CLASS

50TH

REUNION

BYARS HALL HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF '40

50TH YEAR REUNION

AUGUST 3-4, 1990

COUNTRY CLUB
COVINGTON, TN

**Program
August 4, 1990**

Greet class members 6:30 to 7:00.....	Larry Whitley
Welcome/Invocation.....	Charles Elam
Dinner.....	7:00 P. M.
Toastmaster.....	Elizabeth Anderson Roser
Memorial Service.....	Mae Belle Shelton Wright
Recognition.....	Elizabeth Anderson Roser (Planning Committee, Teachers, Music Coordinator)
Awards.....	Greatest Distance Most Children Most Grandchildren Youngest Child Youngest Grandchild
Dismiss.....	Alma Mater

Byars-Hall High School

VENUE

1940

CLASS

Byars-Hall 1940 Graduating Class

DEDICATION

IN MEMORY OF OUR CLASSMATES WHO HAVE GONE TO BE WITH OUR LORD.



Tom Anderson



Johnnie Baddour



Hunter Bishop



Harold Fleming



Preston McDow



Talbot Pace



Stanley Roby



Jim Taylor



Paul Turner



Ethel Poindexter



Bobbie Sherrod



Margaret Shoaf



Doris Sims



Nettie Frances Watkins



Kathryn Bowden



Nell Thompson

CLASSMATES ADDRESSES

ELIZABETH ANDERSON ROSER

Route 1, Box 245
Brighton, Tn. 38011
Married Don Bland, who was killed in World War II
Married J. T. Karney, who is now deceased
Married Ken Roser in 1988
Children: 2 sons, 1 daughter; 3 grandsons
Member of Clopton Methodist Church
Does volunteer work for Arlington Developmental Center
Employed by Tipton County Commission on Aging



HAZEL ATKINS GREGANTI

8674 Roselea
Atoka Tn. 38004
Married Nells A. Greganti, now deceased
Children: 3; 3 grandchildren
Employed by Tipton County AAA office in Covington
Later employed by Sears in Memphis
Retired, enjoys sewing and tole painting



INEZ BILLINGS WOODS

2405 Ridgeway Road
Memphis, Tn. 38138
Married Joe R. Woods, now deceased
Children: 1 daughter
Graduated from Baptist Hospital School of Nursing in 1944
Did private nursing, worked at Veterans Hospital
Transferred to Memphis Corps of Engineers and later to Memphis Defense Depot
Retired 1980
Hobbies: fishing, gardening, sports and traveling



BERNICE BISHOP TEMPLETON

Route 3, Box 247
Brighton, Tn. 38011
Married Edwin I. Templeton
Children: 2; 2 grandchildren
Retired as Customers Relations Officer from Brighton Bank
Active member of Brighton ARP Church and various civic organizations
Enjoys family activities and traveling



CATHERINE BURGESS CAMPBELL

Route 4, Box 156
Covington, Tn. 38019
Married Herbert Campbell
Children: 1 daughter, 1 son; 2 granddaughters, 1 grandson
Active in Central Christian Church and Leigh's Chapel Community Center
Enjoys sewing, crafts, gardening and traveling



BETTY JANE COX NUNNELLY

Box 46
 Nunnely, Tn. 37137
 Married Walter Nunnely, now deceased
 Children: 2 sons
 Resides on the farm

**JANE DAVIS HART**

912 Oakslea Drive
 Brownsville, Tn. 38012
 Married Wilber Guy Hart in 1944
 Children: 3 daughters; 5 grandchildren
 Graduated Methodist Hospital School of Nursing in 1943
 Employed at Baylor University Medical Center for 19 years as a Registered Nurse
 The last 12 years in an administrative supervisory position
 Retired in 1974

**MARY LAKE DRIVER**

838B Avenue
 Coronado, Ca., 92118
 Graduated from Bethel College and enlisted in Navy in 1944
 Retired from Navy in 1970 as Lieutenant Commander

**FRANCES FAUGHT RAY**

534 S. Greer
 Memphis, Tn. 38011
 Married R. H. Ray
 Children: 2 daughters; 3 grandchildren
 Employed at A T & T for 28 years
 Retired
 Does Church and Civic Work
 Enjoys work in ceramics

**VIRGIE FOWLER DEVERELL**

Route 1, Box 266
 Covington, Tn. 38019

**MARY KYLE GRAY NORFLEET**

1659 Wilhurst Street
 Jackson, Ms. 39211
 Married George A. Norfleet, now deceased
 Children: 1 son; 2 grandsons
 Employed by Mason Bank and later Union Planters Bank in Memphis
 Also worked with Nurse Midwifery Education Program at University of Mississippi
 Medical Center in Jackson, Ms.
 Enjoys bridge, gardening, flower arranging and travel

**VIRGINIA GRIFFITH LEATH**

4915 Rudolph Rd.
 Brownsville, Tn. 38012



Married James Elbert Leath
 Children: 3; 5 grandchildren
 Employed at Bradford Elementary School and now is teacher's aide at Anderson
 Grammar School
 Active member of Zion United Methodist Church

BLANCHE HAWKINS BRINGLE

803 Winn
 Covington, Tn. 38019
 Married Max "Bubber" Bringle, now deceased
 Retired from telephone Company in 1981 after 41 years of service
 Employed now as a bookkeeper for Major Vending Corp., owned by Billy Ruffin
 Member of Leigh's Chapel Methodist Church

**MYRA SUE HAYES WELLS**

5092 Whiteway Drive
 Memphis, Tn. 38117
 Married Hoyt R. Wells
 Children: 2 daughters
 Retired from Memphis City Schools in 1987
 Taught 25 years in secondary Math and Guidance Counselor

**TINY KIDD HUFFMAN**

Route 1
 Burlison, Tn. 38015
 Married David Farris Huffman
 Children: 3 sons
 Completed nurse's training at Baptist Hospital in 1944
 Worked as a nurse at Baptist Hospital, did private duty nursing, and last 12 years
 worked at West Tennessee Cancer Clinic
 Retired
 Moved to Burlison in 1980

**ANNIE FIELD LANIER LENOIR**

1222 Plantation Blvd.
 Jackson, Ms. 39211
 Married William A. Lenoir
 Children: 1 son and 1 daughter; 2 grandsons
 Worked as Service Representative at telephone company until
 she married telephone executive

**JEANNE MALEY RALPH**

6121 Foxridge Drive
 Memphis, Tn. 38115
 Married Richard Ralph, now deceased
 Children: 1 daughter
 Retired

**MAURINE McCALLA RODEN**

1511 Evergreen
 Covington, Tn. 38019
 Married Eugene Roden



Children: 1 daughter; 1 granddaughter
Retired schoolteacher

ANNA MAI McDOW GATLIN

1206 Holly Grove Rd.
Covington, Tn. 38019
Married Jack Gatlin, now deceased
Children: 2 sons; 3 grandchildren
Retired lab technician with Charms Candy Co.



MARIE MOORE ELLIS

5701 Baird
Memphis, Tn. 38117
Married James H. Ellis, now deceased
Employed by Kraft Foods and Sealtest Dairy since graduation
Retired
Enjoys traveling



CATHERINE NEVILS McCALLA

Route 2, Box 55
Covington, Tn. 38019
Married John Mann McCalla, now deceased
Children: 2 sons; 3 grandchildren
Has farming interests, travels extensively in U.S. and abroad
Keeps a daily journal
Enjoys dancing, china painting, oil painting and portraits
Writing a book for family, "When Granny was a Girl"



VENIE FRANCES OWEN BOLING

P. O. Box 3492
Meridian, Ms. 39301
Married John Thomas Boling
Children: 1 son; 2 granddaughters
Took IBM Course
Worked at ship yards, railroad ticket agent, State and Standard Oil Company
Retired



REBA RICHARDSON FIELDS

4776 Waycross
Millington, Tn. 38053
Married Eugene Fields, now deceased
Children: 1
Husband was Naval Officer so lived two years in California and fifteen years in Florida, transferred to Millington
Employed by Navy for five years



DOROTHY ROBBINS RANDALL

16 Hillside Drive
Geneva, NY 14456
Married Charles R. Randall, divorced after 26 years of marriage
Children: 3; 2 grandchildren
Attended Wylie's Business College, took Civil Service



Worked Army Depot and at Kennedy Hospital, left Memphis
Presently employed by a dentist
Enjoys bowling and belongs to several clubs

SNOOKIE ROBINSON DRUMWRIGHT

P. O. Box 1,
Elizabeth City, NC 27909
Married Charlie C. Drumwright
Children: 1 daughter
Bookkeeper



ELIZABETH SEARS HARRIS

Mason, Tn. 38049
Married H. L. (Dick) Harris
Children: 2 daughters; 2 granddaughters
Worked at Methodist Hospital and Mayes-Howard Lumber Company
Employed now at Factory Outlet Mall part-time



MARY SAM SHELLEY DAWSON

714 W. Liberty Ave.
Covington, Tn. 38019
Married Hugh Dawson
Children: 1 son, 1 daughter; 2 grandchildren
Employed as secretary by Mark A. Walker, Attorney, later by Ruffin Amusement Company, then by Jamieson Insurance Agency
Owned and operated Dawson's Food Market from 1952 - 1977
Worked part time as secretary at Covington Elementary School
Member First United Methodist Church
Enjoys sewing and traveling



MAE BELLE SHELTON WRIGHT

525 S. Maple St.
Covington, Tn. 38019
Married Ruben B. Wright
Children: 2 sons; 1 grandchild
Employed as Deputy County Clerk of Tipton County



RUTH SMITH BUGAY

361 Osborne Drive NE.
Ft. Walton Beach, Fl. 32548
Married John Paul Bugay, now deceased
Children: 1 son; 1 grandson
Employed part-time for Council on Aging
Traveled a lot for past 15 years



VIOLA WATKINS BYRD

Route 4, Box 6, Hwy. 51, N.
Covington, Tn. 38019
Married Alex Byrd
Children: 2 daughters; 4 grandchildren
Woman of the Year of the Tipton County Clubs in 1972
Active in First Baptist Church and the choir



Pianist for the Eastern Star Chapter
Hobby is fishing

SARAH JUANITA WILSON FINLEY

382 E. Arrow Hwy.
Upland, Ca., 91786
Married Alfred K. Finley, now deceased
Children: 5 ; 6 grandchildren
Attended Miss Wylie's School of Business
Husband was in Regular Army, so lived several places
Presently employed by Chino Basin Municipal Water District
as secretary to the Controller



DORIS RALPH GLENN

Route 3, Box 50
Covington, Tn. 38019
Married James Glenn
Children: 2 sons; 4 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren
Retired bookkeeper

GEORGE BALTZER

P. O. Box 866815
Plano, Tx. 75086
Married, wife's name Sara
Attended University of Arizona
U. S. Service 1943 - 1946 (armored cavalry)
Employed by Coca Cola Company from 1946 until retirement
Farmed about 2 years
Moved to Texas in 1975



HERBERT BRAMMER

Rt. 1, Box 219
Mason, Tn. 38049
Single
Entered U. S. Navy in 1941, served 11 years
Wrote life insurance for a short time
Employed by several liquor stores in Covington and Memphis from 1953 - 1981



GEORGE CALHOUN

2779 Iroquois Road
Memphis, Tn. 38111
Single
Graduated from U. T. Knoxville
Served in U. S. Army in World War II, mostly in Italy
Wounded, after discharge employed by General Electric
Retired
Travels extensively



ROLAND COATS

3238 Hwy. 59 West
Covington, Tn. 38019
Married Peggy Jean Northcutt



Children: 3; 4 grandchildren
One year in CCC Camp
Worked in Memphis during World War II
Employed by Texgas Transmission Corp. from 1949 to 1979
Retired
Farming part-time now

ROB ROY DAVIS

1792 Hwy. 51 S.
P. O. Box 664
Covington, Tn. 38019
Married Nadine Wilson
Children: 2; 4 grandchildren
Served in U. S. Navy from 1940 to 1946 during World War II
Employed U. S. Navy Millington, Tn. 1955 - 1972
Various businesses, grocery, television repairs, florist and gift shop
Retired
Enjoying travel and grandchildren



J. L. DAWSON

3708 Country Club Drive
Bakersfield, Ca. 93306
Married
Children: 2; 2 grandchildren
Self-employed, served in U. S. Navy during World War II
Attended University of California



CHARLES ELAM

1403 S. College St.
Covington, Tn. 38019
Married Evelyn Turnage
Children: 1 son, 1 daughter; 3 grandchildren
Spent time in World War II
Employed 41 years with Coca-Cola
Retired



VADEN GLASS

1006 S.W. 5th Ave.
Mineral Wells, Texas 76067
Married (wife's name Muriel)
Children: 3 daughters; 3 grandchildren



EULER HADLEY

P. O. Box 967
Oakhurst, Ca. 93644
Widower
Children: 4; 9 grandchildren
Attended Chaffey College in California and DePauw University in Indiana
Attended engineering school at University of Southern California
Worked as construction engineer at various companies
Formed own company in 1962
Retired



Interests include bridge, golf and ocean fishing

CHARLIE ED HALL

146 Fleming Drive
Covington, Tn. 38019
Married Laura Miller
Children: 4; 4 grandchildren
Retired from Turner Dairies 5 years ago
Employed part-time for Tipton County Bank
Interests include travel



SAM BROWN LOWENHAUPT

49 Capri Drive N.
Ormond Beach, Fl. 32074
Married Margie Beans
Children: 3 and 1 adopted child
Served U. S. Air Force during World War II
Graduated and worked at three banks
At present time employed by Flagship First National Bank,
Daytona Beach, Florida



SAM NAIFEH

330 North Tipton Street
Covington, Tn. 38019
Married Elizabeth Haddad
Children: 4; 3 grandchildren
Owns and operates Naifeh Grocery since graduation



WILLIAM F. (BILLY) RUFFIN JR.

1336 Herring Drive
Covington, Tn. 38019
Married Barbara Mitchell
Children: 3 daughters
Served in armed services during World War II
Owns Major Vending Business



RAY SHOAF

1069 Smith St.
Milan, Tn. 38358
Married Voncile Thompson
Children: 2 daughters; 3 granddaughters
Lived in Milan 37 years
Retired from Milan Compress Co.



JOHN LEE SHOELLEN

13 Queensbury Drive
Greenville, SC 29609
Married Ann Fraser
Children: 2 daughters
Served in U. S. Army during World War II
Served in U. S. Air Force during Korean Conflict



Retired from FAA 1980 in New Mexico
Moved to Greenville in 1982
Member of John Calvin Presbyterian Church
Participates in various volunteer activities

HENRY VAUGHAN

Route 1, Box 373, Bride Road
Covington, Tn. 38019
Married Mot Shoaf
Children: 1; 2 grandchildren
Farmed until 1942
Entered U. S. Army, served in the infantry during World War II, saw combat in Europe
Wounded in 1945 in Belgium, discharged as 1st Lt. in June
Employed by Tipton County from 1946 to 1986
Retired



LARRY WHITLEY

395 Park Street
Covington, Tn. 38019
Married Margie Mitchell
Children: 2 daughters, 1 son
Served U. S. Air Force during World War II from 1942 to 1947
Worked in insurance business and World Wide Art Studios
Worked as news editor and advertising representative for *The Covington Leader*
before becoming Advertising Manager in 1976 to present.
Member of Tennessee Press Association Advertising Committee
Active member of First Baptist Church
Plays some golf and tennis



R. B. (BOB) WILLIAMS

9882 Circle R. Drive
Valley Center, Ca. 92082
Married Evelyn Wilt of Pennsylvania
Children: 1 daughter; 4 grandchildren
Served in U. S. Navy during World War II
Attended Memphis State
From 1966 to present employed by United Airlines as a pilot
Interests include raising avocado and grapefruit trees, chickens, cats, dogs, and parrots



WILLIAM F. DAVIS

Route 3, Box 139
Covington, Tn. 38019
Married Helen Ritter
Children: 2; 2 grandchildren
Served four years in U. S. Air Force
Retired from farming
Interests include traveling, keeping up with grandchildren

SAVAGE TURNER

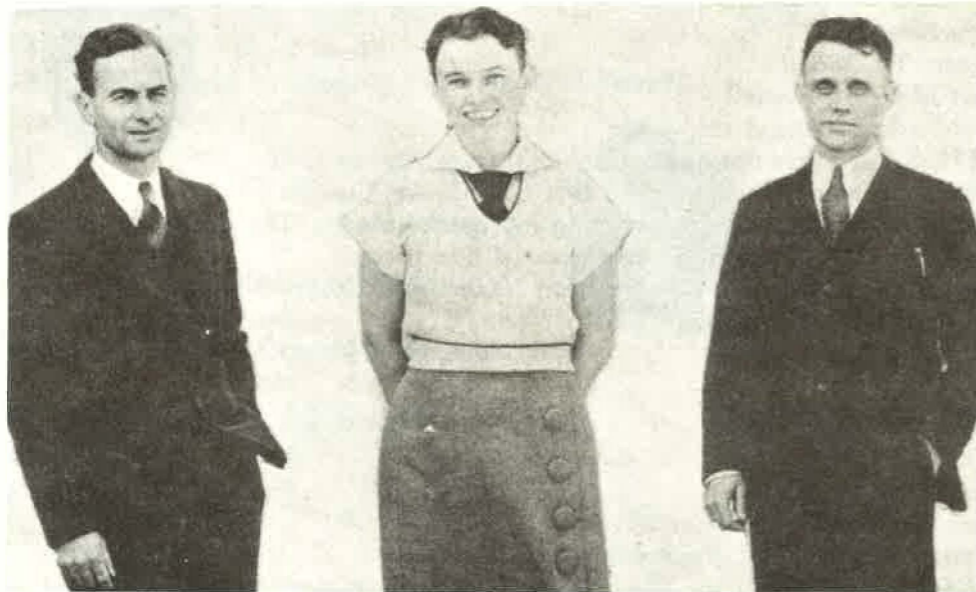
219 Simonton
Covington, Tn. 38019
Married Laurene Dawson

Children: 3; 6 grandchildren
Has farming interests

HOLLOWAY BILLINGS

Route 1, Box 394
Covington, Tn. 38019
Married Velma Lyles, now deceased
Married to Velma Lowery
Children: 4; 5 grandchildren; 1 great-grandchild
Served three and half years in Alaska with U. S. Air Force during World War II
Worked short time at Naval Base in Millington
Later with Wonder Bread as maintenance engineer

Coaches



L to R: Coaches Castellaw, Hines, Johnson

Mr. R. K. Castellaw, coach of football, basketball and track, graduated from Union University. He coached successful teams at Millington for four years before coming to Byars-Hall. He came to Covington in 1928 and has produced winning teams here consistently every year. His football teams have played 69 games, won 55, lost 11 and tied over a period of seven years. His basketball and track teams have given a good account of themselves every season. The basketball team this year played 17 games and lost 4, ending the season with a splendid record. Newbern is the only team that has ever won more than three games from Byars-Hall in our football history. Only two other teams, Brownsville and Dyersburg, have won three.

Miss Lucile Hines graduated from Tennessee College, Murfreesboro, and coached three years at Dickson, Tennessee. She has one year of graduate work at Western Ky. State College. With only three regulars left from last year's team, she developed one of the best girls' teams in the history of Byars-Hall. Her team played 15 games and won 11 of them. Miss Hines has proven her ability to produce winning teams. With all the regulars back next year, she will have a team that will be second to none.

Mr. C. E. Johnson coached the Byars-Hall teams from 1925 to 1928. He produced the only undefeated championship team of Byars-Hall -- namely, the famous team of '27. Ask him about it. Mr. Johnson, a graduate of the University of Tennessee, has continued to assist in coaching of football and kept up his interest in athletics.

We are justly proud of our coaching staff.



Mary Kyle Gray Norfleet



L to R: Lucille Currie Turner, Jeanne Maley Ralph, Ruth Matthews Hollingsworth, Margaret Shoaf Christianson, Elizabeth Anderson Roser, Catherine Nevils McCalla, and Clara Hall Dickey



Pvt. Tom Anderson



Billy Turner, Lucille Currie, Fern Baxter, Ruth Matthews, Catherine Nevils, and Charlie Ed Hall



Mary Kyle Gray Norfleet and Ethel Poindexter Hammond



Catherine Downing Nevils



Harold Fleming and Mary Kyle Norfleet



Jeanne Maley and William "Billy" Ruffin, Jr.



Betty Jane Cox, AnnaField Lanier and Jeanne Maley



Bernice Bishop Templeton



Charles Elam and Jeanne Maley

Oct. 6, 1938

Dyersburg Meets Byars Hall Friday

Smarting under the 62-0 spanking administered by Jackson's Golden Bears Friday night, Byars Hall gridders will be out to get back into the win column when they encounter Dyersburg High School's Golden Trojans tomorrow night.

In an effort to produce a winning combination, Coach R. K. Castellaw is juggling his starting line up for the Dyersburg game. Oren Parham, regular tackle, is being tried at center this week in place of Bill Ruffin, whose passing was very rough in the first two games. Ruffin will assume Parham's tackle position, Billy Brown will replace Charles Elam at guard, and Larry Whitley, lanky sophomore, is slated to start at end in place of Edward Massey.

Sam Naifeh, tackle, and Winford Joy, back, who remained out of the Jackson game because of injuries, have fully recovered and will be back at their regular positions.

The football line up for Friday's game:

Position	Covington	Dyersburg
L.E.	Whitley	Wyatt (c)
L.T.	Naifeh	Moody
L.G.	Ladd	Graves
C	Parham	Underwood
RG	Brown	Finley
RT	Ruffin	King
RE	Winford	Odum
OB	Witherington (c)	Little
LH	Joy	Haynes
RH	Pace	Gaultney
FB	Ralph	Jones

Excerpt Oct. 20, 1938

Byars Hall Ready for Halls Tigers Friday

Although swamped by Jackson's powerful eleven when the season was in its infancy and Joy and Naifeh were warming the bench with injuries, the team has made a tremendous comeback, downing Dyersburg and Ripley in succession and is counted on to give any of its remaining rivals a gridiron full of trouble.

Excerpt Nov. 24, 1938

"Byars Hall's pocket-size grid team, which at the beginning of the season was conceded an excellent chance to finish in last place, is now being seriously considered for one of the four spots in the West Tennessee title playoff, which begins at the end of the regular playing season."

Feb. 23, 1939

Jeff Davis Playoff Here Friday Night

Byars Hall and Somerville girls will tangle on the local court Friday night in a battle, for the Jeff Davis Basketball League crown.

Robbins returned to practice for the first time yesterday after receiving a badly sprained ankle in

the Friday night fracas. Though the injured ankle is still not sound again, it is hoped that she will be able to see service against Somerville, a loss of the small forward would put a serious crimp in the Byars Hall attack.

Thursday, March 16, 1939

Local telephone subscribers will say goodbye to the old-fashioned system of "hand twisting" Saturday when the new dial telephones are put in operation.

April 13, 1939

Crowd is Expected For Review Tonight More than 40 girls will seek the title of "Miss Tipton County" at the High School Gym.

Some of those entering the contest and their sponsors included Jeanne Maley, U-Cum-In; Myra Sue Hayes, Maley Funeral Home; Elizabeth Anderson, J. G. Baddour Dry Goods Co.; Catherine Nevils, Courtesy Cafe; Maurine McCalla, Greeners.

New Librarian

Miss Louise Gower of Pleasant Hill is the new librarian at Byars Hall High School, replacing Miss Martha McFerrin.

September, 14, 1939

Miss Roseanne Brown, daughter of Mrs. Edwin Brown of Covington, holds sway over Tipton County as its new beauty queen. The Byars Hall junior was elevated to the throne formerly held by Miss Elizabeth Anderson as the county fair reached its climax Friday night.

September 28, 1939

Byars Hall Senior To Preach Sunday

Paul Turner will preach at the First Baptist Church here at 11 a.m. Sunday in the absence of Rev. Preston L. Ramsey, pastor.

Thursday, Oct. 26, 1939

John Shelley of Solo was elected president of the freshman class at Byars Hall High School last week.

December 7, 1939

Cage Season Will Begin Next Week

Byars Hall High School cagers, both boys and girls, will open the 1939-40 basketball season at Millington Tuesday night.

Byars Halls' boys will be dressing out in new uniforms, and the girls also are expected to have new suits soon. The boys' outfits are in silver, trimmed in purple and gold.

Three of last year's regulars are lost to the boys' squad this year, Johnny Green, Jimmy Witherington and Johnny Johnson. Returning lettermen whom the Purple and Gold mentor will utilize as a basis for his team are three forwards; Larry Whitley, George Kinney and Jimmy Taylor; three guards, George Baltzer, Billy Brown, and Savage Turner; and Hayes Owen at center.

Baltzer, a four year letterman, was elected captain of the team by the players at practice Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Lucile Hines, girls coach, has been working for the past three weeks with a squad of about

30 players, spiced with eight regulars from last season.

Returning this season are Elizabeth Anderson, Captain Dorothy Robbins, Catherine Burgess, Dorothy Butler, Maurine McCalla, Bobbie Sherrod, Inez Billings and Ethel Obrien.

April 4, 1940

Three Byars Hall High School students, Mary Frances Owen of Gift, Nell Fisher of Covington, and Elizabeth Anderson of Mt. Carmel, were declared winners in the Tipton County Bank's majorette contest as the competition closed at Ruffin Theatre Tuesday night.

February 29, 1940

Central Warriors Win; Baltzer Cited

George Baltzer, star Byars Hall guard, was announced as the choice for the most valuable player in the tournament when awards were presented.

Covington's chances for a district title, conceded the strongest in several years, were exploded Thursday night when Whitehaven Tigers triumphed over the local quint, 43 to 32, handing them the first defeat in 19 straight games.

The tide turned in Whitehaven's favor when Savage Turner fouled out of the game shortly after the second period started. Hayes Owen, covered by two Whitehaven guards, found his scoring limited to 11 points, Whitley added 10.

Other scoring for Covington included Baltzer 3, Taylor 1, Turner 1, Anderson 2, Byars 2, and Dawson 2.



Byars-Hall Girls Basketball Team

L to R: Lucile Hines, coach; Bobby Sherrod, Elizabeth Anderson, Maurine McCalla, Dorothy Butler, Imogene Pinner, Dorothy Robbins, Jean King, Virginia Prettyman, Mary Fee Taylor, Inez Billings, Peggy Witherington and Catherine Burgess.

Speaking of Seniors, and that is all that this column has done so far, here is a list of some of the things the undergraduates wish they would leave behind when they depart from this school for the last time:

Bernice Bishop's sailor complex, Jane Davis' pert manner, Blanche Hawkins' quietness, Hazel Atkins' jolly spirits, Preston McDow's brain, Stanley Roby's good history grades, Sam Brown Lowenhaupt's mustache, Tom Anderson's good luck, Louise Byars' slenderness, Virginia Griffith's round face, Vernie Frances Owen's hats, Frances Faught's high heels, Frances Watkins' blushes, J. L. Dawson's good looks, Rob Roy Davis' flirting; Paul Turner's curls; Euler Hadley's character in the senior play; Inez Billings' boyish bob, Dorothy Robbins' place on all-star basketball team, and Billy Ruffin's big words.

George Baltzer's car, Snookie Robinson's short dresses, Bobbie Sherrod's good grades, Mary Lake Driver's pranks, Bobby Williams' imagination, Jim Taylor's neatness, Johnnie Baddour's good nature, Larry Whitley's height, George Calhoun's musical ability, John Lee Shoelen's red hair and freckles, Ruth Smith's friendliness, Vaden Glass' gruff voice, Harold Fleming's connection with the inn, Charlie Ed Hall's fickleness, Margaret Shoaf's posture, Catherine Burgess' height, Mary Kyle Gray's red hair, Ethel Poindexter's sophistication, Myra Sue Hayes' figure and Elizabeth Anderson's reputation for beauty.

Reba Richardson's baby talk, Anna Field Lanier's lazy walk, Mary Sam Shelley's intellect, Virgie Fowler's blond hair, Tiny Kidd's odd name, Louise Lanier's freckles, Catherine Nevils' personality, Maurine McCalla's good looking clothes, Jeanne Maley's common sense, Betty Jane Cox's complexion, Mae Belle Shelton's good disposition, and Viola Watkins' expressive eyes.

50 years ago life was different from what it is today. There have been many changes, and much progress. Progress always means change, but change does not always mean progress.

Our high school years were more wholesome. There were no drugs, little money, and few cars (accessible to teenagers). We had fun riding bikes, skating, hiking, going to the ice-cream parlors in the drug stores, street dances, singing around the piano, and going to the 15¢-25¢ movies. It was a thrill to get a group together and go riding on a Sunday afternoon with some lucky boy who had managed to get use of the family car. There was only parking space at the school for the teachers who had cars, and for the school buses. Students who lived in the town of Covington walked to school every day – regardless of the weather, and the rural students rode school buses. Girls wore skirts and sweaters (or dresses) and socks and saddle oxfords to school. Boys wore slacks and sport shirts. A few boys wore ties. No jeans!

50 years ago we could go anywhere at anytime – day or night - alone or in a group – and be safe. Few people ever locked doors. In fact, a lot of people did not own keys.

Very few of us had any money, but we didn't feel poor because most people were in the same boat – and, more importantly, the worth of a person, in those days, was not determined by his financial status.

We respected authority, respected our teachers, respected our leaders, respected our flag and our country, and respected each other. Our parents were in control of us.



R. K. Castellaw
Principal and Coach
Science

Some members of the faculty at Byars-Hall High School in 1940



C. E. Johnson
Agriculture



Lera Roper
Commercial



Lucile Hines
Mathematics



Martha McFerrin
Librarian



J. R. Miles
Superintendent



Janie Hunt
Study Hall



Dixie Ashcraft
Home Economics



G. E. Medus
Industrial Arts



Anne Irwin
Latin and French



Elsie Stone
Mathematics

Friday, July 13, 1990

Dear Burgess,

Thanks for your note and the invitation to the class of 1940's reunion. I do like to be remembered. I have kept up with my special friends and that is all. However, I am interested in knowing about the faculty and the students. As I've said many times, I loved every inch of Tipton County and never loved my students any where else as I loved those. After all I taught there 18 years.

I talk to Lucile Hines occasionally and correspond with her. She is far from being a well person, even though she is much better since that fateful hospital stay.

I am well and happy and most grateful for it. I drive my car around here and other short distances, but I will not be able to attend your reunion. I noticed that you plan to have a booklet with information about the 1940 graduates. I would appreciate it very much if you would reserve one for me. I will send you the money for it and include the postage. The letter did not state the cost of it.

Tell the class I would love seeing them and do appreciate very much the invitation to attend.

Much love to you,
Lera Roper

Spring Fever

A FARCE IN THREE ACTS

By Glen Hughes

-CHARACTERS-

Howard Brant.....	Paul Turner
Ed Burns.....	George Baltzer
Vic Lewis	Tom Anderson
Lou Herron	Catherine Nevils
Mrs. Spangler	Maurine McCalla
Ann Purcell	Betty Jane Cox
Vivian George	Jeanne Maley
Henry Purcell.....	Billy Ruffin
Phoebe Purcell	Anna Field Lanier
Maude Corey.....	Elizabeth Anderson
Prof. Virgil Bean	Euler Hadley
Dr. Dixon	Sam B. Lowenhaupt

SCENE- Mrs. Spangler's living room,
Brookfield College, a small
eastern college.

TIME - Day before commencement.



Class reunion: Where you meet people who used to be
the same age as you.

— Tom Collins



Reunion after 21 years

These members of Byars-Hall's graduating class of 1940 held a reunion last night at the Covington Grammar School cafeteria. Class members present were: front, l to r, Anna Mai Gatlin, Nell Cranford, Elizabeth Karney, Ruth Bugay, Jeanne Ralph, Bernice Templeton, Mary Sam Dawson, Mae Belle Wright, Catherine McCalla. Second row, Bobby Williams, Rob Roy Davis, Harold Fleming, Margaret Christisen, Dorothy

Campbell, Blanche Bringle, Mary Lake Driver, Tiny Huffman, Class Sponsor John Franklin, Henry Vaughan. Back row, Herbert Brammer, Preston McDow, Ray Shoaf, Charles Elam, Tom Anderson, Charlie Ed Hall, George Calhoun, Sam Naifeh, George Baltzer, Larry Whitley, Jim Taylor, Billy Ruffin, W. M. Williamson Jr. and Hunter Bishop.

**BYARS-HALL HIGH SCHOOL
1940 HONOR ROLL**

SENIORS--Bobbie Sherrod, Reba Richardson, Talbot Pace, Preston McDow, Ethel Poindexter, Mary Sam Shelley, Stanley Roby, George Calhoun, Jeanne Maley, Sam Lowenhaupt, George Baltzer, Betty Jane Cox.
JUNIORS-- Hays Owen, Alonzo Posey, Edith Shinault, Alice Love, Mary Emma Cothran, Mary Carolyn Somerville, Maurine Stein, Imogene Williamson.
SOPHOMORES--Elizabeth Goddard, Halli Ruth Hardwick, Robbie Sue Huffman, Velma Kidd, Marion Moore, Juanita Pafford, Mary Neel Reid, Louise Roberts, Anita Roby, Joyce Smith, Mary Fee Taylor, Ann Tipton, Billie Anderson, Emmett Bringle, Voncile Ralph, Alison Simonton.
FRESHMEN-- Jean Brown, Nell Fisher, Nancy Fyfe, Dorothy Hogan, Betty Jane Jacques, Virginia Prettyman, Helen Roane, Mary Taylor, Ruth Yarbrow, Leonard Atkins, Clarence Rose, George Whitley.

**COVINGTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL
1940 HONOR ROLL**

EIGHTH GRADE--Margaret Louise Hardwick, valedictorian; Dorothy Ann Wilson, second; Frank McKee, third; Shirley Ann Walker.
SEVENTH GRADE--Wesley Haskins, Birdie Joy Lowenhaupt.
SIXTH GRADE--Jean Elam, Bette Jane Huffman, Mary Jane McLister, Billy Simonton.
FIFTH GRADE--Mary Belle Alston, Bobby Cannon, Martha Lee Estes, Marianna Gracey, Frank McBride, Nancy Nevils, Gene Owen, Bobby Ramsey, Jeanette Walker.
FOURTH GRADE--Jack Alston, Martha Hughes Bringle, Mary Goddard, Bill Jacques, Lois Miles Lowenhaupt, Martha Louise McClanahan, Peggy Pleasants, Mary Gene Rogers, Sara Simonton Roper, Marion Smith, Shirley Jean Stroud.
THIRD GRADE--Barbara Jean Franklin, Pearl Forbess, Jane Ann Johnson, Peggy Lee Pennel, Theresa Ramsey, Ann Adams Shoaf, Sara Emily Whitley, Gordon Claire Williams.
SECOND GRADE--Blanche Baltzer, Lorine Jones, Ina Claire Klutts, Bobby Overall, Jane Shoaf, Dathel Taylor, Eleanor Walker, Julia Claire Walker, Juanita Webb.
FIRST GRADE--Mary Virginia Harvey, Dorothy Sue Lee, Ann Pickens, Mary Lee Tipton, Elizabeth Ann Walk, Bobbie Carol Whitson.

Program
GRADUATION EXERCISES

-of -
BYARS-HALL HIGH SCHOOL
and
COVINGTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL
Friday Evening, May 17, 1940
High School Gymnasium
8 O'clock
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Processional
Invocation Rev. A. B. Love
Piano Quartet - "Hungarian Dance No. 6" Brahms
George Calhoun, Hays Owen, J. W. Poindexter,
Sanford Garner
Recognition of Honor Students J. R. Miles
Double Quartet--
"By the Bend of the River" Edwards-Deis
Reba Richardson, Catherine Nevils, Elizabeth
Anderson, Ethel Poindexter, Paul Turner
J. L. Dawson, Jim Taylor, Vaden Glass
Class Address R. R. Vance
U. D. C. Award Rev. P. E. Sloan
American Legion Awards C. Y. Walker
Presentation of Grammar
School Certificates Alison Simonton
Presentation of Diplomas Supt. W. G. McClanahan
Alma Mater Senior Class
Benediction Rev. P. L. Ramsey
Recessional. (Audience Standing).

DO YOU REMEMBER?

Do you remember

When U-Cum-Inn was the place to go? Nearly every day and night there was someone there dancing to the nickelodeon music. They had the best toasted chicken salad sandwiches anywhere, and those barbecue sandwiches with mustard slaw were one of a kind!

When we had street dances? The east side of the square would be roped off and we would dance ballroom dances on the street. Parents and others would line the square to watch. There was never any rowdiness or trouble and everyone could dance who wanted to.

When the swimming pool was behind the ice plant? The very cold water poured into the pool on a hot summer day. You could buy a season ticket for \$5.00 or \$6.00 and go in every afternoon and night all season.

When you walked down the halls at Byars-Hall High School and saw the pictures of all the graduation classes that had preceded you? It kept you from feeling too important.

When there was no air-conditioning in school? Somehow, you don't remember feeling too hot.

When the stores stayed open until 12 o'clock on Saturday nights? The crowds came to town and the streets were full of people until midnight. People did their week's shopping. The barber shops were extra busy on Saturday night.

When we had Chapel at school in the study hall on a regular basis? A visiting Minister would give the Devotional and we had prayer and singing.

When Mr. Lee Baltzer had the Coca-Cola Bottling Plant down on East Pleasant street? There was a beautiful little landscaped garden beside it. Mr. Lee would come to the school and give us pencils and other useful gifts. He was always so civic minded and supportive of the athletic programs.

When you could see a good black and white movie at the Ruffin Theater for 15¢ - 25¢? "Bank Night" was on Wednesday night when they would draw a name and give away \$25.00 to the lucky winner who had to be present.

When you could get an ice cream soda or cherry coke or limeade or sundae for 10¢ at the Union Drug Store and Baltzer Drug Store. There were 3 or 4 small round tables with chairs where you could spend several hours visiting with friends.

The Community House on Main Street? The beautiful old Sanford home where we had dances, meetings, etc.

Bailey's Department Store? They had wonderful ladies' hats to try on.

The Supply Company? They had a very efficient system to handle the money. The clerk would put your money in a round brass can and it would go by cable or something and soon come flying back with your change inside.

When there was a cotton gin on the corner between Highway 51 and College Street where Patterson's Carpets now stands? Every fall the lot around it was filled with cotton wagons pulled by mules.

The row of Negro houses on College Street between West Pleasant and Washington Street where the parking lot and City Gas Department is now? They were shot-gun houses, neat and clean with the dirt yards swept clean, and locust trees in the yards that smelled wonderful.

When the City and County Library was in Mrs. Rose Hamilton's and Mrs. Lina Brown's home on Maple Street?

When Miss Charlie Maclin taught "Expression"?

The old Hatchie River Bridge? It was made of wooden planks, with the bottom row placed crossways and another layer of two planks wide going lengthwise for the car wheels to run on. You could not pass on the bridge.

(If you can remember any of the above, you're O.K. See you at the 60th reunion..... if we can remember!)



Reunion after 40 years

Thirty-three graduates of Byars-Hall High School gathered on Saturday night at the Cotton Boll Catering Co. in Covington to celebrate their 40th class reunion. A total of 58 people attended the gala affair. Front row (l to r), Ray Shoaf, Dr. Preston McDow, Wilkins Williamson, Herbert Brammer, Bob Williams, Rob Roy Davis and Euler Hadley. Second row, (l seated) Catherine Burgess Campbell, Elizabeth Anderson Karney, Jeanne Maley Ralph, Betty Jane Cox Nunnally, Mary Sam Shelley Dawson, Mae Belle Shelton Wright, Venie Frances

Owen Boling, Bernice Bishop Templeton and Anna Mai McDow Gatlin. Standing (l to r), John Franklin (class sponsor), George Calhoun, Tiny Kidd Huffman, Inez Billings Woods, Johnnie Baddour, Dorothy Robbins Randall, Charles Elam, Viola Watkin Byrd, Jim Taylor, Catherine Nevils McCalla, Charlie Ed Hall, Mary Kyle Gray Norfleet, Henry Vaughan, Virginia Griffith Leath, Harold Fleming, Talbot Pace, Larry Whitley, James E. Simonton (teacher). Not pictured is Mrs. I. D. Elliston (teacher).

ALMA MATER

*On the City's southern border
Reared against the sky,
Proudly stands our Alma Mater
As the years go by.
Forward ever be our watchword,
Conquer and prevail
Hail to Thee, our Alma Mater,
Byars-Hall, All Hail!*

*Hail to thee, our Alma Mater
As the years go by.
We will ever love thee nobly
Till the day we die;
And when death shall overtake us
May our memory be
Dear to those who us may follow,
Byars-Hall to thee!*