

Letter To The Editor

Dear Sir: (or Mam as the case may be.) In your last issue of the Sidelines you ran a picture of a couple of Texans displaying a Texas flag...

place where Texans get their education. It is a known fact that Texas is the place where anyone can look farther and see less than any other place on earth.

Reply To Frustrated Student

In reply to the above letter from a frustrated student, we would like to answer a question with a question. Isn't this newspaper, as a representative part of the school, supposed to be democratic and unprejudiced in its opinion?

As students, the couple are probably wonderful people, but as Texans, they are just "understudies" of our learned teachers. For a greater Tennessee, I remain, Yours truly, A frustrated student

Campus Capers

Shirley and Claudine Spring has enticed many of our co-eds to travel. The first weekend in May found Effie Dalton, Mary Jane Hargrove and Paul Heiss at the Presbyterian spring retreat.

Mary Jo Mann was maid of honor at Virginia Goolsby's wedding in Nashville in the latter part of April. Virginia was a former student at MTSC.

Anita Grayson was honored with a birthday party last Monday night. Margaret Burnett, Cathy Lawrence, Jo Anne Winniger, Martha Whitehurst, Barbara Stewart, and Carolyn Bishop enjoyed cake after presenting Anita with gifts.

The fine Latin-American orchestra of "Prez" Prado has a tune in the third place this week. "Cherry Pink and Apple Blossom White" features some fine trumpet work.

Seen here and there: Jackie Lofgren with an engagement ring... Fay Pressnell being visited by Bobby Joe... Carolyn Smoot with Tommy...

The No. 6 slot holds one of the finest love songs: Miss Sarah Vaughan has done in a long time. "How Important Can It Be" is tops as far as here at the college.

Girls seen most frequently sitting in the lawn chairs with their boy friends are: Ruth Page, Miriam Dance, Eleanor Martin, Dena Croft...

There is a new tune on the list this week. It's done by Frank Sinatra for Capitol. It surely is a credit to Frank and I hope the tune rises to the top.

Softball seems to be tops on the sports agenda for several of our lassies. Seen making those homers are: Dot Key, Mary Joyce Williamson, Marguerite Cotton, Ruby Darden...

Well, it looks as if Miss Gibbs can't be satisfied with just one hit tune. Having put "Dance With Me Henry" in the No. 4 place and "Tweddle Dee" in the No. 7 spot, I'd say she is doing quite well for herself.

On Saturday and Sunday, May 7 and 8, the cadets of the ROTC battalion at MTSC participated in an overnight field exercise.

Among those attending the outing were: Mr. and Mrs. Biffle Moore, Dick Haynes, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Lee, Ann Tittsworth, Mr. and Mrs. William Helton, Duncan Everett...

The problem lasted from noon Saturday until noon Sunday. All cadets left the ROTC building and marched out the Hills Hill Road to the vicinity of Brown's Mill.

Who says we won't eat our own cooking? That is exactly what the Home Economics girls did Monday night, May 2, at 5:30 p.m. in the Foods Laboratory.

Detachment personnel supervising the operation were Captain William H. Vail, Captain Wray Thomas, Lieutenant R. C. Sanders, M/Sgt Nathan B. Taylor, and PFC J. R. Kent.

After supper a short business meeting was held, with discussion centered mainly on the joint social with the I. A. club that will be held at Lake Bedford.

ARNOLD



By Bill Johnson

Cool and Crazy ... Lists Top Tune As 'Davy Crockett'

O. K., let's see what we can find out about the music world this week. "The Ballad of Davy Crockett" is still No. 1 on the best seller charts...

The No. 2 spot we find "Unchained Melody" This side has risen from the No. 19 spot in just two short weeks. I hope it gets to the first slot next week so we won't have to listen to "Davy Crockett" any more.

The No. 9 and 10 are: "Play Me Hearts and Flowers" and "Whatever Lola Wants." The artists on these tunes are Johnny Desmond and Sarah Vaughn respectively.

Who says we won't eat our own cooking? That is exactly what the Home Economics girls did Monday night, May 2, at 5:30 p.m. in the Foods Laboratory.

Seen seated informally around the tables were: Dorothy Jane Key, Mary M. Steagall, Avalene Ellis, Bunny Hart, Nancy Sue Ford, Polly Troxler, Marie Grayson, Betty Jean Johns, Anita Turner, Betty McClain, Martha Whitehurst, Isabelle Scales, Ada Blankenship, Sandra Ringle, Martel McArthur, Sandra Riley and Annie Ruth Smith.

Attending her sister as maid of honor was Miss Linda Joyce. Best man services were performed by the groom's brother-in-law, James Elkins of Bell Buckle.

Music Department Presents Miss Harris, Mr. Phillips In Concert

The Music Department of Middle Tennessee State College presents Laura Ann Harris, soprano, and Jerry Dale Phillips, clarinetist, in senior May 17, 1955 at 8 o'clock in the college auditorium.



Laura Ann Harris Jerry Phillips

Rifle Team, Dates Gather For Spring Weiner Roast

Ducks aren't the only things that take water, as was proven by the Raiders R.O.T.C. Rifle Team and their dates on Friday night, April 29.

Among those attending the outing were: Mr. and Mrs. Biffle Moore, Dick Haynes, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Lee, Ann Tittsworth, Mr. and Mrs. William Helton, Duncan Everett, Lois Stedman Jimmy Anderson, Bill Davis, Dot Pistole, Janet Smith, E. D. Helton, David Calloway, DeArnold Barnett, Charlotte Akers, Don Jackson, Eddie Jo Fults, Bill Reid, Dew Traenor, Howard Murrill, Amanda Waggoner, and Willette Martin.

Buchanan Players Hold Outing At Cedar Forest

Taking time out from their rehearsals of the coming dramatic production, members of the Buchanan Players held an outing at Cedar Forest in Lebanon Tuesday April 24, following an installation of the newly elected officers.

Achievement Day Will Recognize 'A' Students

Dean Howard Kirksey today announced that five MTSC students had achieved a "straight A" average for the first two quarters of this year and were apparently maintaining this average in the spring quarter.

Student Asks ... What's My Line?

"I'm a Lonesome Polcat," says Don, as he watches Melba Daniel leave for work each evening. Melba is taking 18 hours this quarter and still finds time to work at the Murfreesboro Medical Clinic.

What's New In The MTSC Library

Gertrude Lawrence was adored by thousands of fans the world over. But to Richard Aldrich she was at first a pampered prima donna whom he was prepared to loathe. Instead he married her.

Ed and Co-Eds ... Presents Betty And Wilburn, Popular Couple

Betty graduated from Central High School at Manchester in 1952. While at Central, Betty was a member of the basketball team, Y-Teen club, Beta club, and the school paper staff.

'The Beauty Of It'

Formation of a new "Keep Tennessee Beautiful" chapter of the "Keep America Beautiful" Association lends hope that the populace of the great Volunteer State can and will do something to help correct an aggravating and growing evil—that of dumping refuse on the countryside, particularly along highways.

Home Ec. Club Has Spaghetti Supper May 2

Who says we won't eat our own cooking? That is exactly what the Home Economics girls did Monday night, May 2, at 5:30 p.m. in the Foods Laboratory. We ate spaghetti with all the trimmings, and it couldn't have been better if it had come from Italy!

Co-Ed Reviews College Hour, MTSC'S Radio Show

On April 27th, after a hectic scramble, the College Hour hit the air waves with the soothing song "Unchained Melody." Three of the regular crew were out and Ray Duffy did some fast recruiting.

Advertisement for SIDE-LINES, a student publication at Middle Tennessee State College. It lists editorial staff, reporters, and business staff members.

Farmers' Day Is Counted A Success

Come And Get It!

High Schools Participate Here In Play Day

Under the direction of Miss Buleah Davis, Dr. Fran Riel, and other members of the college physical education staff, about 200 high school visitors participated in the annual "Play Day" held on this campus April 20.

The program began at 1:00 Wednesday afternoon and continued until 8:30 that evening. Highlighting the program were a picnic supper, supervised by the camping class at the school and a recreational program led by another of the college classes. It consisted of a wide range of social and light athletic events.

According to Dr. Riel, the "idea of the program is to give boys and girls from several communities an opportunity to get acquainted by learning to participate in various games and contests without competition between schools and to train youth for community leadership in social and recreational work."

The high school students who attended the Play Day activities were: **Eagleville** — Jackie Ralston, David Ralston, Don Shelton, Richard Anderson, Donald Floyd, Nancy Marshall, Irene Frost, Neil Frost, Linda Marshall and Bithie Sue Taylor. **Lasrassal**—Ben Martin, Dorman Adams, Gairy Baird, Don Perry, John Pickard, Emma Taylor, Claudette Hall, Sue Estes, Mildred Poy, Peggy Mathews.

Walter Hill—Floyd Black, Robert Richardson, Martin Rooker, Douglas Black, Aiton Warren, Dalton McCreary, Emma Eacles, Roberta Fathera, Maurice Wilson, Glenda Gaither, Olene Eacles. **Mr. Juliet**—Donnie Eakes, Ed Rice, James Martin, Bill Dobson, Charles Pike, Delores Gilliam, Minnie Lannon, Anita Jackson, Evalene Castleman, Ann Blaud.

Rockvale—Jerry Burns, Wallace Sharber, Leon Sharber, Gilbert Holder, Ray Eaton, Jean Burns, Greta Delbridge, Angelyn Scott, Earra Lyon, Rose Jones. **Winchester**—Tom Lacey, Wayne Lacey, G. J. Grubbs, Kenneth Hall, Kenneth Tucker, Juanita Weaver, Arlene Amacher, Rudy Key Mary Jo (Continued on page 4)

Nicks Gets \$1200 Fellowship, One Of Six Offered

Roy Nicks, an MTSC Senior from Goodlettsville, has received a \$1200 scholarship from the Southern Regional Training Program in the Field of Public Administration, which is a joint program between the states of Alabama, Tennessee and Kentucky. He is one of the six students in the United States to receive this honor.

Nicks will serve his intern program this summer at some government agency in the south. In the fall quarter he will transfer to the University of Alabama to begin work on his Master's Degree. His winter and spring quarters will be spent at the University of Tennessee and the University of Kentucky.

A transfer to MTSC from Martin College Nicks has a major in social science and minors in social science and education. Since he has been on this campus, he has been active in the Sigma club, Future Teachers of America, Methodist Student Movement, and the Student Christian Union.



After an afternoon of strenuous activities a picnic supper in the great outdoors is a mighty tempting thing to these high school students who took part in the Play Day events at MTSC last week. Shown here are only a small portion of the 100 boys and girls which visited the MTSC campus last Wednesday for the sixth meeting of this kind to be held at the college. Among the students seen above are, left to right: Eva Lois Rowland, Jeanette McDonald, and Kaye Phifer of McMinnville; Dot Crick and Angelyn Scott of Rockvale; Linda Maraler of Eagleville, and Greta Delbridge and Sara Lyon of Rockvale.

Mid-State High Schools Meet Here For Annual Band, Orchestra Festival

Music filled the air of the MTSC campus when the college played host for a two-day festival Thursday and Friday, April 21 and 22 to about 28 high school bands of the Middle Tennessee State School Band and Orchestra association for adjudication in sight reading and concert work.

"A" ratings were received by four bands for their concert work. These bands were Howard high school, Nashville; Cohn high school, Nashville; Lewisburg high school, and Columbia high school. Three orchestras received "A" ratings: Nashville All City, combined, Peabody high school, and Chattanooga high school.

Ten bands received "B" ratings, seven, "C," and three, "D." One orchestra received a "B" rating.

Other bands present on the MTSC campus were Giles county high school, Pulaski; Madison high school, Tennessee Prep school, Nashville; Hohenwald high school, Bedford county high school, Shelbyville; Springfield high school, Lawrenceburg high school, McMinnville high school, Du Pont high school, Old Hickory; Mt. Pleasant high school, Peabody high school, Dickson high school, Winchester high school, North Nashville high school, West End high school, Nashville; Murfreesboro Central high school, and Hillsboro high school.

Festival hosts for the event were Q. M. Smith, college president; Neil H. Wright, head of the music department; and Kenneth L. Pace, professor of instrumental music. About 500 young musicians participated each day on the campus.

Freeman Attends Industrial Arts Meet In N. J.

O. L. Freeman, head of the industrial arts department at Middle Tennessee State College was a participant on the dinner program at the annual meeting of the American Council of Industrial Teachers Training and the American Industrial Arts Association meeting in Atlantic City this week. Accompanying Mr. Freeman to New Jersey were Delbert Dyke, formerly a member of the MTSC faculty now doing doctoral work at Vanderbilt, and MTSC alumni Joe Collier of Oak Ridge and Jimmy Chandler of Huntsville.

High, Wide and Handsome



These pretty Cohn high school majorettes took part in the High School Band and Orchestra Festival held here on the campus April 21-22. They are, left to right: Ann Buckner, Jane Pullen, Shirley Harper, Carolyn Callis, Jo Ann Young, Peggy Worth, and Betty Elrod.

Former Pre-Med Student Dies, Rites Wednesday

A former pre-med student at MTSC in 1946, Dr. James M. Summers, 32, Nashville dentist and husband of the former Marie Jackson of Murfreesboro, was accidentally killed Monday night, when he stumbled over a cellar step discharging a shotgun he was carrying.

Rites were held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Woodfin Memorial chapel, conducted by the Reverend Griffin Henderson of Marietta, Georgia; and burial was in Evergreen cemetery.

Dr. Summers had practiced dentistry in Nashville four and one-half years at 3023 West End avenue.

Surviving are his wife, two sons, James Bronson Summers and David Jackson Summers, all of Nashville; three brothers, Capt. Paul E. Summers, Indian Head, Md.; Robert W. Summers, Johnson City; and Col. John C. Summers, Washington, D. C.; a sister, Mrs. Elizabeth S. Caywood, of Lexington.

Charles Hodges Will Head '55-'56 SCU

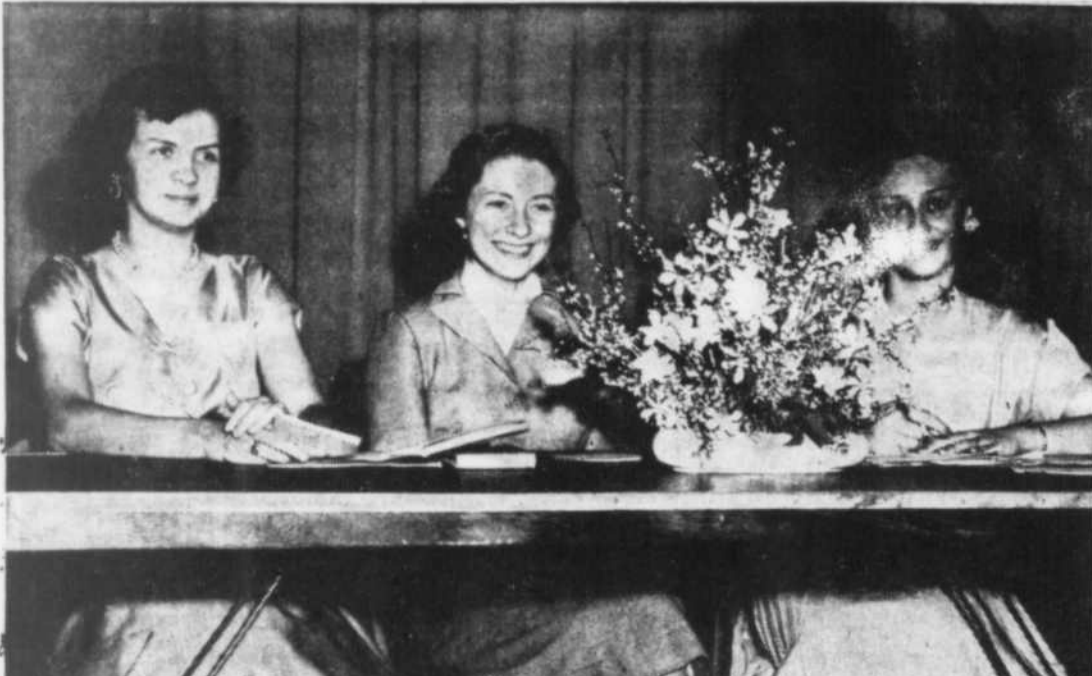
Officers for the 1955-56 school year were elected at the May meeting of the Student Christian Union here on the MTSC campus.

Charles Hodges a junior from Old Hickory, will head the organization for the coming year. Other members of the newly-elected SCU staff are: Tommy Scott, vice-president; Anita Turner, secretary-treasurer; Steve Underwood, worship chairman; Shirley Freedle, song leader; Betty Windrow, pianist; Emily Bell, publicity chairman; Mary Reed, social chairman; and Dr. Robert Corlew, sponsor.

Following the business session, the group took part in a candle-light parade over to Lyon Hall for the reading of the story, "Praying Hands."

Miss Elizabeth Faith Speer became the bride of Ensign Reece Lillard Andrews April 1 in a ceremony in Lebanon. Betsy had been attending Vanderbilt since transferring from MTSC.

Student Library Executive Meeting



Gathering for the opening session of the Middle Tennessee Student Library Assistants Conference here in March, are officers of the association. Shown here left to right are: Betty Ann Stephens, Murfreesboro Central high school, vice president; Billie Fowlkes, David Lipscomb high school, president; and Frances Smit th, Lebanon high school, secretary-treasurer. Approximately 400 students from high schools in the Mid-State area attended the meeting.

Gracy Instructs Guides



B. B. Gracy, Jr. instructs a group of the MTSC students who served as guides on the campus during the Farmers' Field Day. From left to right, they are, first row: Gracy, Virginia Francis, Fern Ingle, Joyce Nokes, Mary Margaret Steagall, Joann Partin, Betty Johns; standing: Thomas Swain, Paul Heiss, E. C. Keele, Jimmy Thomas, Carol Hogan, Amelia Monks, Margaret Coleman, Ed Stasser, Dwanne Smith, Jimmy Thomas.

Day's Events Are Reviewed

Farmers from all over the state of Tennessee met on the campus of Middle Tennessee State college on Monday, April 11, for the first Farmers' Field Day in this area. The all-day discussion covered the topics of pasture, hay making, and silage. Approximately 1,000 farmers attended the sessions.

Registration was held in the lobby of the Student Union Building from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. The program opened with an introduction by James B. Haynes, president of the Middle Tennessee Dairy Improvement program. This was followed by a welcome to the college by its president Q. M. Smith.

Scholarship Foundation

Continuing the program, Ben Hall McFarlin, president of the Middle Tennessee State College Agricultural Scholarship program, spoke on the scholarship foundation. McFarlin stated, "A healthy agriculture is the foundation of a well balanced nation. Agriculture is the leading industry of the world. A prosperous and efficient agriculture is a prerequisite to the success of all other industries and professions."

"Greatest profits come from fertile land," said Dr. C. N. Stark, head of the MTSC department of agriculture, in his talk on the objectives of farmer's field day. Stark said that in order to keep and increase the fertility of the rolling or hilly land, pasture and hay must replace annual row crops. The farmers are now able to make larger farms from smaller farms by increasing the fertility of the land.

Good Forage is Important

"Land Preparation and Seeding Pasture and Forage Crops" was the subject of the talk by Webster Pendergrass, agronomist of the UT agricultural Extension Service. Lewis H. Dickson, associate agronomist of the UT agricultural extension service, spoke on "Seeding Recommendations for Hay, Pasture and Silage. Dickson declared that the proper choice of forage crop, variety and mixture to be used in the production of pasture, hay and silage may mean the difference between success and failure. He stated, "In the process of evaluating forage crop varieties and mixtures several factors must be considered: (1) Climatic adaptation (2) Soil adaptation (3) Nutritive value (4) Palatability (5) Compatability (6) Yielding ability."

"Without proper fertilization, we can't hope to produce pasture, hay, and silage crops efficiently in the South. The Southern Farmer pioneered in the use of adequate amounts of fertilizer on many field crops, such as tobacco, cotton, vegetables, etc., but has lagged behind

Morrison, McLean Write Of Activities, Are Living In Germany, Turkey

Two letters of interest to MTSC students and faculty members were recently received from Jean Morrison, a 1954 graduate of the college, and Mrs. Dorothy MacLean, a 1953 graduate.

Miss Morrison is teaching at the American Dependents School in Germany, and Mrs. MacLean is with her husband, Lt. Col. Robert MacLean, who is stationed in Erzurum, Turkey.

A portion of the MacLean letter reads: "Ours is a very old city and when one questions the actual age, the answer is usually, 'Oh, very, very old.' So, we haven't yet been able to pin down an actual date for its beginning. Dwellings and homes are small and closely crowded together as are the funny little shops which scarcely seem large enough for the goods they contain. This being the headquarters for the Turkish 3rd Army, it is natural, I suppose, to find the best buildings in the city belonging to the Army. Their component is sizeable, and that element has done a great deal to bring western ideas into the eastern section of the country. There are a handful of modern style—western, that is—apartment buildings and they're quite nice. We have one which is good by Turkish standards and we've been very comfortable in the winter. We heat with kerosene and cook with gasoline pressure stoves which is quite an experience. Surprisingly enough, we have the softest water we've encountered in many years, but its purity is questionable so we either use chemicals or boil drinking water.

"We are about 650 miles east of Ankara—32 hours by train—and about 150 miles from the Russian border. ... We saw mostly large rolling mountains with very little green. The villages are a sight. Many of them, in getting ready for winter, put hay and straw stacks on top of the mud huts. Then, many many of the villagers were making what we call Pittsburgh Coke—a mixture of cattle dung and straw. In some villages they shape the mixture into approximately 12 inch round portions or globs and plaster them against

rocks on the side of the house to let them dry. Others make large mixtures and after it is dry, cut it into 12 inch squares about 4 inches thick. The square type seems to be most popular. This is the main source of fuel for heating and cooking for the villagers.

"Our city of Erzurum is really quite large—about 80,000 population—but it is of such architecture that one is not aware of the size.

"Electricity is furnished us by diesels which are located in an old cavern-type place which looks as if Methuselah might have slept there. Actually, it is called a 'caravanserai' and, as the name implies, was a stop-over place for caravans of old. Should guess that the majority of homes have no electricity or running water. There are communal watering places and the stream of customers continues from morning till night. It's quite a sight to see the lumpy figures which we know to be women trudging along with a yoke across her shoulders and water jugs or cans slung from either end. It is not being unfair to say that it is surely the women of this country who have and are doing the hard work. To us, the men seem rather a slack lot, filling the tea houses to overflowing from morning to night. As a matter of fact, life is hard over here and both men and women must work like animals in order to exist. A recent trip to the Black Sea coast north and east of here revealed a section of the country where the women carry enormous baskets on their backs.

"When I arrived, I learned that the Turkish Army had a course in English in progress in three parts of the country with one of the classes being conducted here in Erzurum. Bob had met the Turkish lieutenant who was in charge of

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CAR OWNERS NOT SO BRIGHT
BOULDER, COLO. — (ACP)—Freshmen won't be allowed to bring their cars to Colorado University next year, but the ban is strictly from an academic point and not to solve parking problems, the school's board of regents said recently.

As study of first-year students who have trouble making the grade scholastically showed that more freshmen with cars are on academic probation than those who rely on their feet for transportation.

The new ruling is expected to ease the traffic situation, nevertheless, as a recent campus survey showed more than 4,400 student automobiles registered at the university.

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Beasley, Dorothy Crick.
McMinnville—Laine Bratcher, Nancy Moore, Kaye Phter, Wanda Cantrell, Jeannette McDonald, Frankie Wommack, Adelia Denton, Eva Lois Rowland, Johnny Martin, Leslie Sue Quinn. Murfreesboro—Nancy Dillon, Linda Smith, Helen Ray, Barbara Agee, Robbye Messick.
Shelbyville — Becky Crockett, Ann Wooten, Migra Masters, Ruth Ledbetter, Ruth Templeton.

Colleges Join In Finance Drive
Los Angeles—(ACP)—A group of colleges known as the Independent Colleges of Southern California, Inc. has started a concentrated effort to obtain financial aid from business and industrial enterprises, the Graphic of Pepperdine college reports.
Velvet Collars
To clean velvet collar scrape a small quantity of French chalk over the soiled parts and then brush with a stiff brush. All soil will be removed with the chalk.

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in recognizing the need for putting enough fertilizer on his pastures." Such were the opening remarks of J. Fielding Reed, a member of the American Potash Institute of Atlanta, Georgia, in his talk on "The Value of Fertilizer in Increasing the Yield and Food Value of Pasture, Hay and Silage."
Use Good Pastures
"The Importance of Pasture, Hay and Silage to Economical Livestock Feeding" was the subject of Dr. Stark's next address. Stark said, "the cheapest way to produce milk or meat is by using good, improved pastures—both permanent and supplementary."
Following the "milk break" at 10:35 a.m. Mark Whitaker, of the UT experiment station in Lewisburg, spoke on the "Importance of Pasture, Hay and Silage in the Feeding of Dairy Cows." He prefaced his remarks with the statement that there is no way for a modern dairy farmer to keep his cost of production down and the production of his cows high without using forage crops of high quality.

Husbandriest Speaks
Interest was placed in the "Pasture and Roughages for Beef Cattle, Sheep and Swine" by Professor William P. Tyrrell, associate extension animal husbandriest. "Experiments have shown the economy of producing milk from pasture and other forage crops and the value of rotation grazing, irrigation and fertilization", stated Professor R. H. Lush of the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, in his talk on "Dairy Grazing and Silage Results for Middle Tennessee."

Meyers Ends Session
Concluding the morning session, Dr. T. A. Meyers, managing director of the National Association of Silo Manufacturers in Louisville, Kentucky, spoke on "Did You Make Money?" In his closing remarks Meyers said, "In the future, dairymen making the most efficient use of the production, preserving in tower silos, and utilization of forages will be the persons less likely to have feeding problems."

Lunch was held at 12:30 p.m. in front of the Student Union building. The guest speakers and the Middle Tennessee County Agents and Vocational Agricultural teachers were used as instructors and guides for the afternoon program.

Stark Reviews Events
In reviewing the successful Farmers' Field Day program recently, Dr. Stark stated several factors that led to the bringing about of the event. If a farmer is well educated in farming, he can adapt his program to the size of his farm. Any good farm program uses pasture to the maximum degree, and hay and silage where the pasture is not enough. Any successful farm must be built on fertile soil. This program of pasture, hay and silage is a program of increasing the soil fertility of the state. Forage produces milk and meats most economically and increases the fertility of the soil. The most important factor is an abundance of intelligent and trained farmers.

BSU BANQUET
Approximately thirty guests attended the annual Baptist Student Union Banquet held in the Rainbow Room of the James K. Polk hotel last Thursday night. The theme of the banquet was "April Showers." Jerry Williamson served as master of ceremonies for the affair. Dr. Allen West of Nashville, pastor of the Woodmont Baptist Church was the principal speaker of the evening.



One of the events in the District Four, Tennessee Interscholastic Literary League Contest which was held on the MTSC campus this quarter, was the one-act play contest. These students pictured here were awarded honors for their individual performances. They are, left to right: Edith Hines, Columbia, best supporting actress; Sara Jane Croft, McMinnville, best actress; Barbara Jackson, Pulaski, best minor actress; Arpold Peebles, Columbia, best supporting actor; Edward Thaxton, Lebanon, best actor; and James Weaver, Winchester, best minor actor.

Five Mid-State Schools Place In TILL Contest

Five midstate schools emerged March 26 with the majority of win, place and show positions in the District Four, Tennessee Interscholastic Literary League contest at Middle Tennessee State College.
Leaders were Columbia High School, Castle Heights Military Academy, Lebanon High School, Fayetteville High School and Shelbyville High School.
McMinnville, Petersburg, Tullahoma and Winchester also had first place winners.
Winners in the original oratory for boys were, A. W. Powell, McMinnville, "Our Living Constitution", first; Thomas Fret Griggs, Pulaski, "They Carry the Spirit of Liberty", second; and Bruce Ivey, Tracy City, "Freedom Answers Communism", third.
In original oratory for girls, Mary Lee Parker, Shelbyville, "What I Can Give to America" was first; Joan Waggoner, Fayetteville, "The Great Challenge", second; and Benita Branch, Pulaski, "The Constitution—Our Living Vision", third.
Billy Sam Moore Petersburg, won first place in the declamation contest. Darryl Robinson of Lebanon was second and John Smith of Pulaski was third.
Humorous reading contest winner was Mary Eleanor Dooley of Columbia, reading from "Joint Owners in Spain." Second honors went to Connie Houston, who chose her script from "The Man Who Came to Dinner." Carolyn Odle from Shelbyville was third.
Tullahoma's entry, Peggy Britt gave "White Lilacs" to win over Anne Shofner, Fayetteville, with "Bury the Dead" by a single point in the dramatic reading contest. Third place in the contest went to Iris Womack of Columbia, with an excerpt from "Meda," and Annette Jackson from Winchester was given fourth place for "Dark Victory."

In oral poetry interpretation, Bill Curry of Winchester took first place; Claire Rhea of Pulaski, second and Mary Eleanor Dooley of Columbia, third.
In extemporaneous speaking, Emily Hudgens of Shelbyville was first; Sally Frierson, Columbia second and Patsy Patterson, Pulaski third.
ROTC Holds '55 Awards Day Here Tuesday
Awards to outstanding cadets in the MTSC ROTC battalion were presented at the Awards Day ceremonies held on the battalion drill field last Tuesday, May 10. The following awards were presented:
The Third Army Meritorious Leadership Achievement Award went to Cadet Captain Jimmy O. Cranford. The Combat Forces Award, made to the outstanding advanced course student, went to Cadet Master Sergeant John K. Jackson. Cadet 1st Lt. Neal F. Blair received the Scholastic Award for the most outstanding senior ROTC cadet; Cadet Captain J. O. Hightower received the Armor Award.
Cadets Master Sergeant James A. Windsor, Corporal G. W. Haynes, and PFC G. W. Mills were named most outstanding cadets from the Junior, Sophomore, and Freshman classes respectively. The Greatest Improvement Award for Senior Cadet that went to Cadet Captain R. H. Haley.
Athletic letters were presented to members of the rifle team; these were received by Cadet SFC Lawrence F. Robertson, who later gave them to their individual recipients. Members of the rifle teams are Cadets G. W. Haynes, Charles G. Wallace G. W. Mills, S. R. Saunders, Herman W. Parman, J. T. Cassetty, and J. H. Henry.
The following cadets received letters of commendation for outstanding performance of duty: Cadets LT. Col. John Thomas Hayes, the battalion commander; Captain R. I. Farris; Major D. A. Singer; Master Sergeant George R. Stotser; Master Sergeant John D. Jackson; Corporal R. H. Cranford; Corporal W. T. Stroud; and Cadets J. U. Thibodeaux and J. R. Haynes.

College Junior Wins Office In State H.E. Group

Mary Reed, MTSC junior, was elected secretary-treasurer of the Tennessee Home Economics College clubs organization at their state convention held in Nashville April 15 and 16. Only one officer was selected from the mid-state area for a state position. The MTSC delegate is a major in home economics on campus and is also the newly elected treasurer of the local club.
Participants from MTSC at the state college clubs convention included: Marie Smith, this year's president of the MTSC club; Mary Margaret Stegall, Dot Key, Katherine Martin, Avaline Ellis, Mary Reed, Nancy Ford and Marjorie Grayson.
The meeting opened with a reception at Belle Meade Friday afternoon followed by a business session at the Maxwell House in Nashville that night. Saturday's events included a second business meeting at Peabody college at which the state election was held. Peabody and MTSC students served refreshments for the group.
New officers for the campus home economics club who have been recently elected for the 1955-56 college year are: Mary Margaret Stegall, president; Dot Key, first vice-president; Avaline Ellis, second vice-president; Katherine Martin secretary; Bernice Hart, publicity chairman; Betty Jean Johns, scrap-book chairman; and Isabel Scales, music chairman.
Future plans for the home economics club are underway for a national fraternity in addition to the present organization.

It's Yankee Doodle Bob Now

It's "cunnel" Fob Abernathy, sir. As a result of the final session of the Directors of Field Services AACTE meeting in Pittsburg, Kansas early this week Bob of the MTSC Raiders is now a duly authorized colonel of Michigan light infantry and "entitled to all the rights, titles and emoluments of said office."
Mr. Abernathy brought back a taped recording of the program in which his "Yankee" friends tried to proselyte him from the stars and bars.
At the Sunday night dinner session he was the principal speaker—the third successive time he has been so honored by the group of educators. He also appeared on the Monday morning program as one of the principal speakers on the topic, "The Setting up of a Field Program."

Training School Has Busy Schedule

Middle Tennessee State College Training School youngsters have been busy for the past few weeks studying the development of the city and county.
Since much of the county economy is based on the dairy industry the class decided the best way to understand was to see the dairy industry in action.
Fourth graders with the assistance of practice teachers Misses Arnold and Jones, Mrs. Tommy Martin, Mrs. William Hodges and Mrs. Sidney Garrison made an interesting and instructive visit to the Rutherford County Creamery. There the children were given an over-all picture of butter making, cheese making, packaging and storing dairy products.
The third grade chose as a unit of study trip to a cotton gin and a silk mill.
The first grade made a study of spring on the farm, using the college farm as a model. Since their visit they have modeled farm buildings and animals into an interesting display.
The seventh grade presented a recent chapel program entitled, "Highlights and Personalities of the Civil War", the script for which was written by T. M. McFerrin and Ronnie Wolf.
The sixth grade made group trips to the city hall, the court house and various industries of the city.
The Training School Art Club under direction of James Ridley, student teacher, visited the local artist exhibition at Linebaugh library as a part of their work this week.
The seventh graders enjoyed a swimming party as a recreation at the college pool this week.
Linda Morgan expressed her impressions of the third grade visit to the silk mills in this original poem.
I heard the clikety-clack of the looms.
In the little crowded rooms.
It was such a noise to hear,
I had to cover my ear.
There was so much steam,
That everyone had to scream.
There was so much noise
For all the girls and boys.

Salesmen Meet

Approximately 50 salesmen of the Purina Ralston Company of the Middle Tennessee area will meet at the agriculture center of Middle Tennessee State College on Friday, May 20.
During this meeting a school will be held on salesmanship of feeds for beef cattle and swine.

21-Car Collision Causes Damage
Minneapolis — (ACP) — Mirror-smooth ice on Washington avenue bridge leading across the Mississippi river to the University of Minnesota caused a total damage of \$10,000 as 22 cars ended up with crumpled fenders and jammed hoods one morning last week.
Glare ice and clouds of river steam contributed to the mishaps in 20-degrees-below-zero weather. Ten of the 22 vehicles had to be towed away. No one was seriously hurt, the Minnesota Daily reported.
UPLAND, IND.—(ACP)—Now it's possible to digest the day's news along with your supper at Taylor University.
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Blues Split Double Header With Austin Peay, 7-4, 14-5

The Middle Tennessee State College Blue Raiders split a double header with the Austin Peay State Governors. MTSC captured the first game by the score of seven to four then dropped the second contest fourteen to five.

Austin Peay scored the first run when Sam Cooley singled, took second on Bill Craig's walk and raced home on a single by Sam Stoner.

MTSC had a three run outburst in the third when Frank Willard led off with a single, Ralph Sellers, John Carson and Mitchell Thompson followed with safeties to bring home three runs.

Florence Lions Tame Raiders In Double Header

The Florence State Lions tamed the Middle Tennessee State College Blue Raiders twice in one day as they swept a double header. The Lions stopped the Raiders eight to one in the opener and 14 to 4 in the nightcap.

Florence pushed across runs in the first, second, fifth and sixth. Middle Tennessee State's lone tally came on a homer by Sid Corban. Corban led off in the sixth with a circuit blow.

Tom Godsey coasted home with the win while Evans was credited with the loss for MTSC.

An eight run outburst in the first put the second game on ice for the Lions, and allowed Glen Melton to coast in with the second victory for Florence. The Lions added two in the second, one in the sixth and three in the seventh to cap the one-sided affair.

MTSC picked up four runs in the third when Buck Rolman led off with a single, John Carson got life on an error by Jim Adkins, Mitchell Thompson walked to load the bases and Sid Corban hit a grand slam home run to clean the bases. This ended the scoring for the Blue Raiders.

Views MTSC Spring Quarter Sports-Basketball, Track, Golf

Don Whitfield

Basketball in May! Yes, Coach Charlie Greer is running his basketball charges through a one-hour drill every evening from 6:30 to 7:30. When asked what the practice would consist of primarily Greer answered, "Defense—defense and more defense."

The Blue Raider Basketball team ended the 1954-55 campaign with a 80.4 scoring average. This lofty average placed the Raiders well among the leaders in small colleges offensively but defensively it was a different story. MTSC's opponents blasted the hoops for a highly 87.8 points per game average. This I must admit was not too impressive and was not rated in the NCAA statistics.

Returning such standouts as Render Carden and Doug Shrader Coach Greer definitely has a starting point for next year. Carden ended the season with a 20.9 points per game average to lead the team and Shrader was second with 19.4 points per game.

Though the tracksters at MTSC have been often beaten they nevertheless deserve a pat on the back for wonderful work they did this spring. Coach Hayes and his crew of thin-clads are to be commended. Everyone realizes that only the surface has been scratched for track and that it will continue to grow as the years go by.

Coach Hayes was well pleased with the student body for their interest in the meets that were run here on the MTSC campus. Personally I feel that track is very appealing to spectators and that it will grow on the student body and towns people as well.

Several boys did outstanding jobs on the track this spring. Clifton Tribble did the 100 yard dash in 10.2 seconds and has done it in 10 seconds flat in practice. Tribble also did the 200 yard dash in 23 seconds which is good time. George Frost ran well in the 44 and 880. Knox Wright's 11 foot pole vault and Marvin Jinnette's high jumping usually added points to the Raiders score. With added support in the weight class MTSC could become a regular contender in the OVC.

Speaking of sport events with spectator appeal, I wonder how many students ever thought of going out to the Golf matches and following the players around the links. In some sections of the country this is a big spectator event. Watching a near perfect drive carries much of the feeling that one gets when they see a baseball player hit the ball out of the park. These boys not only hit the ball long distances but they hit the ball just about where they want it. Some of the shots require degrees of a hook and some a little slice. Along with these points the pressure is always on as battle against individual competition.

Sellers, Care Pitch No-Hitter To Down Murray Nine

Ralph Sellers and Charlie Care teamed up April 28 to spin out a not-hit game, the first since 1950 by a Raider team. However, wildness and errors gave the Hilltoppers three runs and the Raiders were pressed to win 5-3 as Daniels was stingy with his hits, too, allowing Garret to triple, Corban to double and Willard to single for the only three Raider hits.

Sellers struck out 10 men, Care 3, but Sellers allowed nine walks and gave up two wild pitches, both of which allowed runs to score. Other Raiders were able to nick Willard did a good job of fatching Murray's pitcher for hits.

Raider Golfers



THESE ATHLETES pictured above are members of this year's Raider golf team, under the direction of Coach Elbert Patty. Left to right they are: Pal Hawkins, Gene Parrish, Coach Patty (standing), Allan Welch, and Marty Graham. The team has tied two matches, won two and lost two matches.

Western Edges Out Over Raiders In 12-11 Game

Western Kentucky was able to keep her hopes alive for a chance at the OVC crown when she downed the Middle Tennesseans 12 to 11 in a ten inning game. The winning run raced home when Ralph Sellers fielded a bunt and threw wild to third base allowing the base runner to equal the way home.

MTSC took a one run lead in the first but Western came back in the second to rally for six runs and a five run lead. The Raiders picked up two more runs in the third to cut the margin. Western added a single run in the fourth to go out front seven to three. The Raiders tied it up in the fifth with a four run rally.

Western jumped back out front in their half of the fifth by one run. Failing to score in the sixth the Raiders came back in the seventh to add four more big runs and take a three run lead. This margin was held until the ninth when the Hilltoppers tied the score at ten all.

Sid Corban continued to pound the ball as he hit his third home run in as many games. Mitchell Thompson also clouted a long homer for the Raiders.

The Raiders now have a record of two wins and defeats in the western division of the OVC and should both MTSC and Western win from Murray in their next meetings these two teams would be forced to hold a single game playoff to see who represents the division for the OVC crown.

Carson Scores Winning Run To Down Racers 6-5

John Carson crossed home plate to score the winning run as MTSC downed the Murray Racers six to five in a western division OVC game. The Racers kicked the ball all over the field in the first inning allowing the Raiders to push across five big runs.

Murray whittled the lead to three runs in the third when they grouped three walks and an error to score two runs. They scored two more in the fourth when Sellers was touched for back to back singles by Gerald and Hulse and walks were granted to Warren, Tabor and Gaine.

The Racers' other run came when Clutter walked, stole second and then came home on a passed ball. MTSC's winning run was by John Carson. Carson singled went to second on Mitchell Thompsons base hit then scored on a double play ball that went from pitcher to short stop to first.

Along with scoring the winning run for the Blue Raiders John Carson enjoyed a perfect day at the plate with three singles and a walk. Banks started the game, but went only three innings so the win goes to Sellers who came on in the fourth to pitch six innings.

Infield Errors Give Vandy 9-8 Win in 10

Ralph Sellers' five hit pitching and 13 strikeouts was wasted Tuesday as a porous infield committed 11 errors and allowed Vanderbilt to win 9-8 in the tenth inning in a game that the Raiders should have won 8 to two.

Sellers no only pitched great ball but hit a clean triple and a doubtful double. His mates weakness at the plate in the clutches left nine men on base. Shrader and Rolman got two hits each, Rolman a triple. Teas homered for Vandy with three on, Bennett tripled and Page doubled and later scored the winning run on Carlson's single.

WAA Softball Tourney Begins, Teams Are Listed

The Women's Athletic Association softball tournament got well underway April 25. Lyon Hall defeated Rutledge Hall in a fast-moving game. April 27 Monohan Hall was defeated by Rutledge Hall. Winning over the Monohan Hall lasses on April 28 was the Lyon nine. Lyon was defeated by Rutledge on May 3, and Monohan won over Rutledge on May 4 in a tight game.

The members of each team are as follows: Lyon Hall—Jackie Lofgren, Artie Cable, Jody Karnes, Marjorie Grayson, Paula Baisch, Betty Waddell, Libby Duncan, Becky Hardestie, and Ann Hagewood.

Rutledge Hall—Joann Winger, Margaret Burnett, Sarah Jane McClaran, Joyce Watson, Jane Sims, Sarah Yeager, Anita Grayson, Jean Cloer, Joan Startup, Mary Jane Hargrove, Nancy Smith, Martha Whitehurst, Marcille Edwards.

Monohan Hall—Mary Liz Lunn, Betty Newman, Ruth Page, Dot Key, Marguerite Cotton, Mary Joyce Williamson, Frankie Colvin, Ruby Darden, Jean White, Emma Jean Swann, Marguerite Holland, and Annie Ruth Smith.

MTSC Tops Eastern For First OVC Win

The MTSC tennis team chalked up its first OVC win of the year April 30 by defeating Eastern 6-1. The Raiders made a clean sweep of the doubles with Williams and Buchanan beating Snow and Hughes 6-3, 6-8 and 7-5 in one of the finest matches of the day. Duncan and Pinkleton edged Horrine and Winn of Eastern 6-0, 8-6, 6-4.

In the singles it was Charlie Williams beating Jim Snow 8-6, 7-5 in some brilliant tennis. Charles Duncan went three sets to edge C. Hughes 6-2, 6-8, 7-5. Joe Buchanan beat Bob Horrine 6-2, 6-2 in straight sets. Hal Christiansen, who drove Jim Winn into a 10-8 set in the first round dropped the second 6-2 for the Raiders lone loss. C. D. Pinkleton beat Tom Campbell easily 6-0, 6-0.

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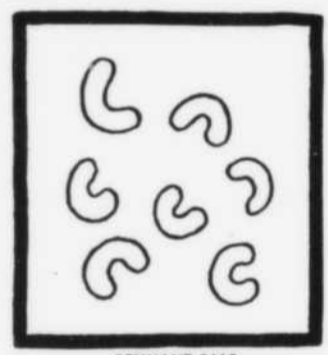
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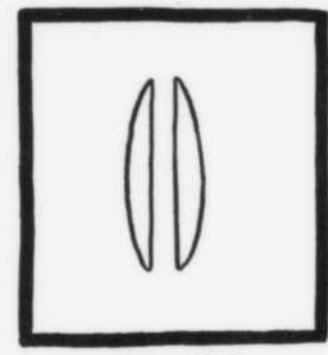
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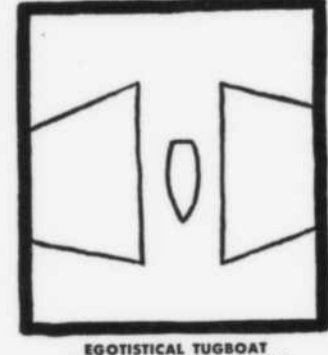
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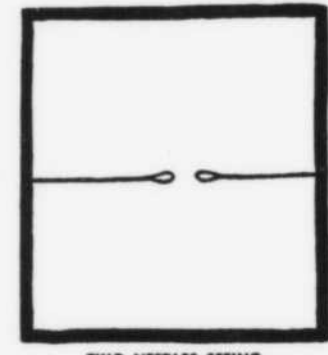
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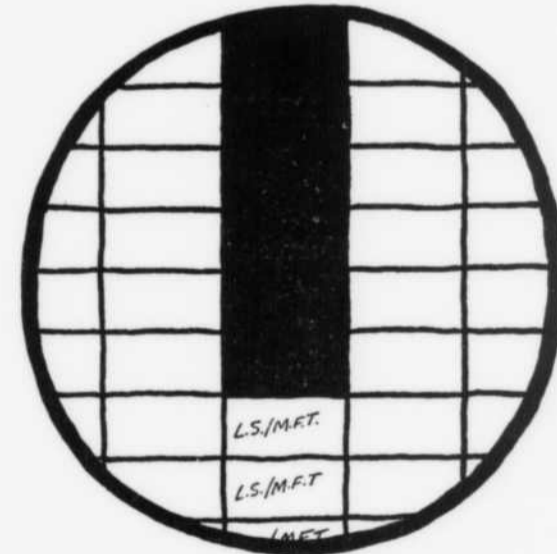
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