

WE COULD BECOME SELFISH

Editor's Note: This editorial was written by a student not on the Side-Lines staff. The editor is also guilty of ignoring the opportunity to contribute to this worthy cause.

Visiting the MTSC campus and Murfreesboro for the first time this quarter, the Red Cross staff with its Bloodmobile did not meet with as much success as it has on previous occasions.

Count them yourself. See if that is not 25 donors, or .02% of the 1,216 students enrolled in MTSC.

We would like to give the ten people from Murfreesboro and Rutherford County credit for their valuable donations. They are: Mrs. E. L. Cherry, Mrs. Mildred Hooper, J. W. Mathews, Mrs. Charlene Perry, Mrs. Moseley M. Smith, James Aubrey Thompson, Zack Dismukes, Mrs. Sallie Bowles, Mrs. Margaret G. Stockard, and Mrs. Helen Houston Keller—ten donors out of a population of ten thousand.

The Red Cross has the blood bank in Nashville where the blood is stored for use. The normal procedure is for the counties which participate in the bank program to keep a normal supply of blood on hand, and as more is needed it is secured from Nashville. The blood is kept in its natural state for a period of 21 days, after which it is turned into plasma and other life saving elements.

Statements have been made that the people who get the blood from the Red Cross have to pay for it. This payment is not for the blood itself, but for the cost of processing and maintaining the staff of laboratory technicians who operate the blood bank.

You or I may not ever have occasion to request blood from this source, but if ever the necessity arose and we had not donated when we had the opportunity, we would most surely remember the occasion. The blood bank unit will be in Murfreesboro next month and on the campus again next spring. Every student over 18 and in good physical condition will be given a chance to donate.

Buchanan Society Will Present 'John Loves Mary' Nov. 7

On November 7 and 9 the MTSC curtain goes up on the Buchanan Dramatic Club's Fall production. Theatre goes on for a full evening of laughs and entertainment as they see Norman Krasna's three act comedy, "John Loves Mary."

PLAY LEADS



MARTHA POWELL AS MARY



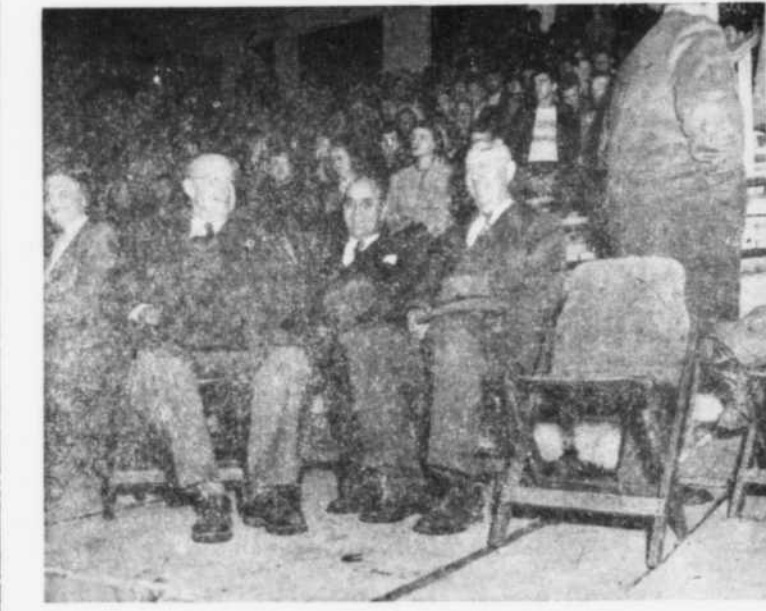
BILL LEWIS AS JOHN

CREW CHIEFS BUSY

Chairmen of the crews for "John Loves Mary" are as follows: scenery, Carl Lippin; lighting, Aubrey Wilson; property, Norma Harter; make-up, June McMurry; publicity, Mary Bandy, tickets, Dick Covington; prompters, Gloria Gattis and Irene Morgan; Coke sales, Ernest Pellegrini; house managers, Jim Lee and Ben Smalling; stage managers, John Francis, and June Smith.

Perils of Cary Grant Are Old Story to MTSC German Bride

Mrs. Thomas Glenn, nee Lieselotte Irrgang Hendrich, probably knows exactly how Cary Grant felt in "I Was a Male War Bride," because she too was "an alien spouse of an American citizen."



President Q. M. Smith (third from right) receives congratulations from Dr. C. C. Sims, head of the MTSC social science department, and Frank Bass, assistant secretary of the Tennessee Education Association as Murfreesboro celebrated "Appreciation Night," October 28.



There was appreciation for the parents of Raider team members, too. Center panel, left to right, Earle Ford, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Earle Ford, Ralph Ford, and Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Adams.



Right panel, Mrs. E. E. Miller, Mrs. W. F. Adams, Miss Jean Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil H. Hardison, Mrs. Evelyn Vaupel, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Proctor, Mr. and Mrs. Garfield Smith. Back row, M. C. Runion, Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Russell, and J. L. Tinnell.

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Assembly Schedule for Remainder of Fall Quarter Announced by Boutwell

In an effort to arouse more student interest in the assembly programs Mr. Lane Boutwell has announced the schedule for the next two months. On November 1st the Student Council will be in charge of the program. Its members will explain the purpose and functions of the student government. This should prove to be a most interesting and entertaining hour.

A real treat should be in store for the students November 8 when the program will concern Education Week. One of the many successful alumni will return to the campus in the person of the Honorable Albert Gore, member of Congress, who graduated from MTSC in the class of 1932.

Midlander Staff Is Now Completed

With the beginning of a new year, our staff for the 1949-50 edition of the MIDLANDER was selected by a committee of students and was approved by the publications committee.

The editor will be Miss Dorothy Hawkins, a senior from Manchester, who is an English major. She is also secretary of the senior class, president of the Dormitory Council, member of the Future Teachers of America and of Tau Omicron.

John Connelly, a social science major from Nashville, was chosen associate editor. He is treasurer of the senior class and a member of the Future Teachers Club and of the Chorus.

Myrtle V. Tension from Lewisburg, a social science major, will be associate business manager. She is president of the Student Christian Union and member of the Future Teachers Club and of Tau Omicron.

Assistant editors will be Mildred Lowe from Eagleville, Alberta Pennington from Lawrenceburg, Jane Anderson from Tullahoma, and Janelle Greer from Goodlettsville.

Library Observes United Nations Day

"The United Nations Works For You, Check the Record" is the caption, above the patriotic exhibit in the college library of flags, books, charters, and pamphlets marking the observance of United Nations Day, October 24.

In cooperation with the American Association for the United Nations and National Education Association, the library exhibit also included a pledge sheet which students and faculty members signed signifying their support of the United Nations.

O. L. Freeman Speaks At ETEA Meeting

O. L. Freeman, professor of industrial arts at MTSC, was one of the principal speakers at the East Tennessee Education Association meeting in Knoxville last week.

Mr. Freeman spoke Friday evening to the Industrial Arts and Vocational Education section on the subject, "Unifying the Program of Industrial Education in Tennessee."

Mr. Abernathy also attended the ETEA meeting last week. Several MTSC alumni were elected in that meeting.

Fred Grider Lists Student Chairmen for Home Coming

Fred Grider, ASB president, announced his homecoming executive committee yesterday. The members of the executive committee will be in charge of all plans for the annual celebration. Homecoming this year will be Thanksgiving and our feet will be the Golden Eagles of Tennessee.

Bill Lewis of Nashville will be in charge of the parade and will serve as chairman of the committee. Other members are Ralph McBride from Manchester; Mary Bandy, Chattanooga; Mary Martin, Normandy; June Carter, Fayetteville; and Bill Willis from Gallatin.

The homecoming queen will be nominated next Tuesday morning in assembly, and the election will be by the student body as last year. Election will be November 11.

In charge of the parade will be Bill Willis. The cheerleaders will plan the bonfire. Ralph McBride will handle the publicity. Mary Bandy and Ross McClain will be in charge of decorating the campus and field. The homecoming dance, which will be held in the new gymnasium, will be sponsored by the Senior class.

The professor of chemistry was giving a demonstration of the properties of various acids.

"Now," he said, "I am going to drop this fifty-cent piece into this glass of acid. Will it dissolve?"

"No, sir," replied one of the students.

"Then perhaps you will explain to the class why it won't dissolve."

"Because," came the answer, "if it would you wouldn't drop it in."

5000 See Colorful Activities During Appreciation Night on Jones Field

Does your back ache at our football games? Do you long for that old living room sofa, along about the third quarter when State is far enough ahead for everyone to relax? If so, you need one of the Industrial Arts Club's football seats.

The construction of enough seats to satisfy the numerous requests for them is the latest project of State's Industrial Arts Club. Present plans call for the construction of 100. The seats are made largely from war surplus materials purchased through the sheet metal department.

The seats are designed to fit the runners in our athletic field and those in our new gymnasium, but John Lyell, Industrial Club president, pointed out that since the construction of our stadium is standard, the new seats may be used in any stadium or gym. They are also ideal to relieve the hardness of boat seats or numerous pieces of farm equipment.

The construction is broken down into several operations, with one of two persons performing each. First, lengths of one-half inch pipe are cut to length and bent around jugs by means of a pipe bender. Then the formed pieces are gas welded together.

Next, flat pieces of steel are welded into place to form the hinges for the back and to hold the padded seat in place. The metal work is then spray painted. The seat and backrest is made of one-half inch plywood padded with cotton and covered in leatherette. It is fastened to the framework with small bolts.

The seats are more sturdily constructed and more comfortable than most seats now on the market, and yet they will be available to students and faculty for much less than they would cost in retail stores.

Here is one club that has selected a project that offers a goal for any club anywhere to aim for.

Two skeletons were complaining about the monotony of the life they led in the closet.

"Just think," said one. "Here we are—nothing to do, nothing to see—just dust and darkness all the time. What I should do is get out of here and really go places."

"Why don't you?" ask the other. "Oh, I dunno, I guess I just haven't got the guts."

Six See Solemn Ceremony of City's Sagacious Soothsayer

It was Tuesday afternoon of last week. A multi-colored '38 Chevrolet pulled up to the front entrance of the Ad Building, stopped, and five young ladies got in.

Rain was finding its way out of the dark skies and was falling in sad little splashes as the car pulled out of the "one-way" drive.

A few minutes later, Jane Ketring, Dimples Brown, Betty Neece, Nancy Junius and I were sitting in the dimly lit reception room of a trailer on the Manchester highway staring at the narrow little door that had just snapped closed behind Jean Pellegrin and the full fat form of Madame Jeffrey. The rain could still be heard in its ceaseless splatter on the roof.

We sat—silent. A minute passed. . . . Then two . . . three . . . four . . . and five.

Jean emerged. She looked solemn. One by one we went. Did we want the lifetime reading or the small economical rize? We each (Continued on Page Four)

President Smith, Parents, Band, Team, Honored by Blue Raider Club Members

The combined efforts of the Blue Raider Club and the MTSC student body produced the largest crowd of the season for the East Tennessee State game here last Friday night. Despite threatening skies approximately 6,000 persons poured into the new stadium to watch the Raiders trounce East Tennessee State 30 to 0.

Game night was designated Parents Night and the occasion was declared in honor of President Q. M. Smith. The drive to fill the stadium started Wednesday morning at assembly time when Mr. Carl Hickerson, chairman of the Blue Raider Club, announced plans for the occasion and asked the cooperation of the student body.

Dr. Wilkes is Director of the Reading Clinic at Middle Tennessee State College. He discussed some of the ideas advanced in the recent conference held at State.

Trees on Campus Have Varied and Colorful Past

This is not a cherry tree and hatchet story, but George Washington did have a hand in the construction of our beautiful campus here at Middle Tennessee State. The walnut trees behind the Library have grown from nuts that came straight from Mount Vernon in Virginia.

They are not the only aristocrats, however. Across from the Ad Building, and at the Training School stand Chinese elms grown from plants sent from China. They were given to the college by the secretary of horticulture more than 15 years ago and have developed into quite stately looking monarchs.

These interesting facts were brought out in an interview with Mr. J. H. Bayer of Murfreesboro, who from 1926 until 1945 was in charge of landscaping the campus here at the college. He also tells an interesting story concerning the weeping willows south of Lyon Hall.

Mr. Bayer for Christmas fifteen years ago, shell bark hickory nuts from Stewart County, along with wild plum, tulip poplar, Carolina poplar, shumac, beech, burch, hackberry and blooming magnolia trees.

All the other trees on the campus have grown from nuts in the past twenty years. There is a coffee tree, a sourwood, a holly, and a sassafras tree. There are also paper shell pecans which grew from nuts given by a student to Mr. Bayer for Christmas fifteen years ago.

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Madam Jeffrey Forecasts Varied Futures MTSC'ers

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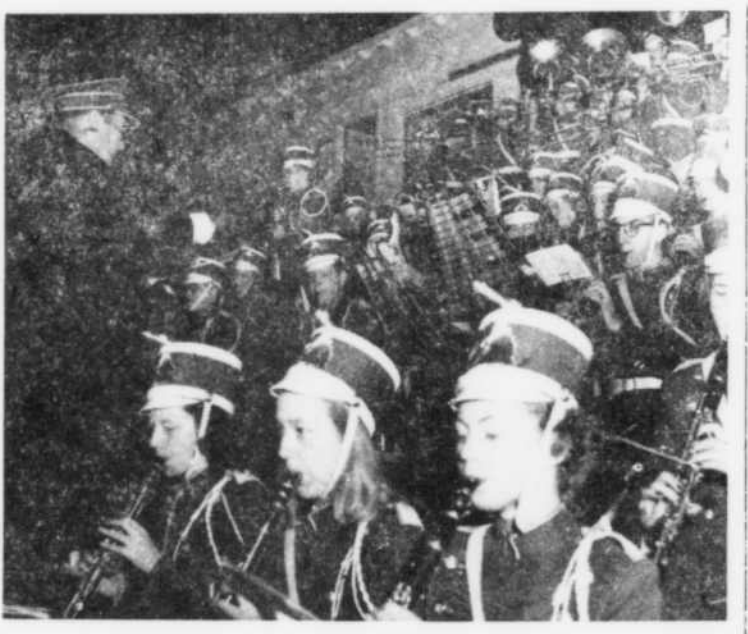
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MTSC BAND ONE OF NATION'S FINEST



"We have begun to achieve what we set out to do three years ago." This statement was made by Neil Wright, MTSC band director, in regard to the band. Three years ago the band had 30 members. It increased to 60, 72, and this year to 90 pieces.

The MTSC band is the only band in the country to use a sound system on the field. Some of the other attractions are the stellar performances of the girls trio, the dancing majorettes, a solo by some band member, and the tricky marching steps employed by the players.

Parents Honored

Parents of the Blue Raiders were seated on the sidelines with the team. At half time the band did a perfect job with several intricate maneuvers. Very effective was their spelling out of ETS in red lights and MTSC in our school colors.

Everything considered, Parent's Night was a success. The stadium wasn't filled, but a steady down-pour Thursday and low hanging skies Friday, can be considered the reason for this. The important thing demonstrated by the drive is that State is well supported by local citizens and alumni. As long as we have business men willing to leave their busy offices and stores to help out, we need not worry about the future of MTSC.

A Man went into a cafe and was greeted by a jovial waiter. "What's your pleasure?" asked the waiter. "Women," replied the customer. "What's yours?"





