

## Superlatives Chosen, President Nominated Thursday

### Petey Dill Wins B. U. Rave Over Mac Rutherford

### Margaret Wysong Named Miss STC As Taylor Gets Most Popular

### Dabney Phillips Beats Smith, Little Gets A Lot

Madison Dill, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Dill of Murfreesboro was elected bachelor of Ugliness in the election of superlatives to be featured in the Midlander, college yearbook, at the State Teachers College yesterday. A record vote of 620 votes were cast in the heated election.

The other honors and the students chosen for them were as follows: Miss STC—Margaret Wysong, Chattanooga; Most Versatile Girl—Margaret Cox, Pulaski; Most Versatile Boy, Dabney Phillips, Ridge Top; Most Popular Girl—Margaret Taylor, Antioch; Most Popular Boy—Leonard "Boots" Little, Nashville.

Each of these students received a comfortable majority in winning their respective honors. An election party was held Thursday afternoon in the press room of the college while the ballots were being counted and a "vote by vote" detail of the election was announced over the public address system in the lower hall. Close to 300 students were gathered around the speaker to hear the returns and dance to the music furnished over the system during the dull parts of the counting.

The election commission was made up of Leon Bibb, editor of the Midlander; John Bragg, president of the Student body and the presidents of the different classes. Others nominated in the race for the most popular and outstanding students were: B. U.—Mac Rutherford and Denver Baxter; Miss STC—Elsie Randall and Ann Elizabeth Davis; Most versatile boy—Sam Smith and John Bragg; Most versatile girl—Katherine Brown and Mildred Suddarth; Most popular boy—Doyle Branson and Charlie Brown; Most popular girl—Rebecca Thurmond and Doris Hall.

### Women Are The Big Exchange Contribution

By ANNE GRIFFIS  
The question of who are the most beautiful girls on the campuses seems to constitute the front page news at two particular schools heard from recently, but the matter of selection is very different.

At West Tennessee Teachers College, Dick Powell, stage, screen and radio star, chose out of a galaxy of 22 girls nominated by student vote, six whom he thought the most beautiful. Before he interviewed the girls so as to form his opinion as to their personalities as well as their looks. This was a big event for the West Tennessee STC and the selection of girls will go in the 1940 "DeSoto's Vanity Fair."

At Louisiana State University the election is conducted altogether different. Only the male students are allowed to cast their votes and the voting is done by an automatic voting machine. The seven highest ranking girls out of the thirty chosen are to be formally presented at a ball and will be featured in the "Gumbo."

The dean of women at Louisiana Tech reports finding the following rules for girls in 1837 and that they were enforced, too) at Mt. Holyoke College.

"No young lady shall become a member of this school who cannot kindle a fire, wash potatoes, and repeat the multiplication table, and at least two-thirds of the catechism."

"Every member of the school shall walk a mile a day, unless a freshet, earthquake, or some other calamity is present."

"No young lady shall devote more than one hour a day to miscellaneous reading."

"No young lady is expected to have gentlemen acquaintances unless they are returned missionaries, or agents from benevolent societies."

(Editor's note: We've come a long way and no doubt the girl of today would be outcasts of society then.)

### Press Club Honored By J. Percy Priest

Historians of the future will have to depend on the newspapers of the Western Hemisphere for accurate information about present times, Percy Priest, roving reporter for the Nashville Tennessean, told members of the State Teachers College Press club at their annual banquet Wednesday night.

Speaking on "The Press in A Revolutionary Age," the Nashville newspaper man said that he was greatly encouraged by the fact that all news channels leading into the Western Hemisphere have been kept open in spite of the war-time censorship abroad.

**Censorship A Failure**  
"Passed by the Censor" is a hated phrase to the American newspaperman," Priest declared, "but in the long run, censorship will defeat itself. It is like a man going into a cellar and turning the light off, then having to grope his way out by striking matches."

He recalled one instance after the assassination of Chancellor Dollfus in Austria when all the capitols of

### Alumnus Buddies With J. P. Morgan

### Former Student Here Promoted In Famous Banking Organization

Henry Clay Alexander, 37-year-old native of Murfreesboro, will become director and one of the senior officers in the financial firm of J. P. Morgan and Co., when this firm assumes its new corporate name on April 1, an announcement from the New York offices stated last week.

The exact title of the new office he will hold will not be known until the day before the incorporation become effective, it was said. The 80-year-old private banking institution announced last week that it would drop its partnership organization and become incorporated under the laws of New York.

Alexander was born in Murfreesboro on Aug. 1, 1903. He is the son of the late Ellis D. Alexander, one of the founders of the Harrison & Alexander feed store, now located on West Vine street, who died eight years ago, and Mrs. Nannie Snell Alexander, who died three years ago at the Rutherford Hospital.

He was educated in the public schools of Murfreesboro and attended one year at the Middle Tennessee State Normal, now the Murfreesboro State Teachers College, before he entered Vanderbilt. He received his law degree in 1925 from the Yale law school of New Haven, Conn., and in that year left Murfreesboro to become an employee of Davis, Polk, Wardwell & Reid, New York law firm.

### Roxy Presents Thrilling Mystery

An unusual and absorbing idea in mystery films comes to the Roxy Theatre on March 4-5 with 20th Who Wouldn't Talk. From the outset of the film, when a murder is committed, the audience and the police know at once who committed the crime; the mystery is the identity of the killer and his motive. Confessing to the slaying, the murderer, who calls himself Joe Monday, refuses to speak another word even in his own defense. The result is a highly exciting story played by Lloyd Nolan, in the title role, Jean Rogers, Richard Clarke, Onslow Stevens and Eric Blore. David Burton directed.

### Miss Dorothy Coppedge Weds Frank J. Huffman

Miss Dorothy Coppedge, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eric Coppedge of Big Rock, Tenn., was married to Frank Jackson Huffman of Steele, Missouri, at a ceremony performed at Blytheville, Arkansas, February 4. They will reside at Steele, Missouri, where Mr. Huffman is manager of a branch of the Huffman Brothers Lumber Co.

### GIRLS! GIRLS!

This is leap year—Bring your boy friend to the Roxy—Cut out this ad and present with one ticket and both of you will be admitted any time Wednesday thru Saturday, February 28th to March 2nd.

### Dixon Merritt Is Guest At Sigma Dinner

### Challenges Youth To Find Adventure In All His Work

### B. B. Gracy Welcomes Alumni, J. Hooper Gives Reply

Last Friday evening the Sigma Club celebrated its fifteenth anniversary with a banquet held in the dining room of the James K. Polk Hotel.

The club had as its guest and chief speaker the well-known journalist and author, Mr. Dixon Merritt, of Lebanon.

During the course of his speech, Mr. Merritt emphasized the fact that "confusion of tongues, misunderstandings, and misinterpretations have contributed largely to civil strife down through the ages." He emphatically deplored the fact that "fallacious knowledge" has played such a tremendous part in the history of our civilization.

In conclusion, Mr. Merritt left this challenge impressed upon the minds of his listeners: "Find adventure in your work. Stir up within yourself the wholehearted desire to follow a dream, beyond the rainbow—beyond the clouds. That's where true happiness lies."

The first number on the program was a vocal duet by Marjorie Hogan and Dabney Phillips, with Margaret Cox accompanying at the piano. B. B. Gracy III then extended a welcome to all the alumni and their guests. Julian Hooper of Murfreesboro replied to the welcome address. Each member then rose and presented his guest.

Short talks were made by Dean Beasley, Mr. Frazier, sponsor of the club, and Mr. Woodmore. Those present, including resident members, alumni members and guests were: Mortimer Cohen, Ruth Tittwiler, B. B. Gracy III, Norma Meriwether, Dabney Phillips, Marjorie Hogan, Robert McCartney, Katherine Grigsby, Charles Brown, Annette Anderson, Leon Bibb, Margaret Cox, Denver Baxter, Annie Jean Donnell, Hugh Delzell, Elsie Rancill, Hubert Swann, Olive Jean Paty, Tillman Haynes, Martha Anne Haynes, Julian Gobelet, Christine Todd, Jesse Waller, Martha Ann Rion, William Deuberry, Helen Boyd, James Buchanan, Ruth Wade, David Alderman, Marjorie Gilbert, Edwin Spilman, Sara Webster, Leonard Young, Sara Young, Mr. and Mrs. Julian Hooper, Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Power, Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Beasley, Messrs. Neal Frazier, T. B. Woodmore, James Baxter, Ray Thomas, Charles Liggett, Carl Brockett, Alderson Miller, and Bill Shacklett.

Hall Harris, president of the club acted as toastmaster.

Donald and Maurine Nordlund, brother and sister, earned perfect grades at Midland College last semester.

**No Curb By New Deal**  
"It is my opinion that the present national administration has done nothing whatever towards curbing the freedom of the press. I believe that President Roosevelt is sincere in saying that he means for this to prevail," he said.

In an open discussion after his address Priest advised those college students contemplating newspaper careers to get a sound academic background, especially in the social sciences.

"You'll have to do some thinking in the next few years," he said. "Unemployment is far from settled. End of Europe's wars will bring more problems for us to help solve. We must have a stabilized press, one that cannot be swept one way or the other by emotion and prejudice."

The banquet was given at the James K. Polk hotel. About 30 members of the Press Club, which is composed of the Side-Lines and Midlander staffs, and their guests attended.

President Leon Bibb was in charge. Priest was presented by James Kennon, vice-president. Miss Jean Thaxton is secretary-treasurer of the club.

Guests were Misses Eva Burkett, faculty sponsor, Miss Mary Frances Schell, sponsor of the Training School Round-up, Dean N. C. Beasley and Mrs. Beasley.

### Semi-Monthly Meeting Held By Home Ec Club

The Home Economics Club held its semi-monthly meeting Friday, February 23, 1940, at 3:15 o'clock in the reception room of the Science Building.

The program was presented by Miss E. May Saunders of

### Students Press Voices Protest At Any Attempt To Curb NYA

By ASSOCIATED COLLEGIATE PRESS

No matter what the views of the average collegian may be on the subject of economy in the federal government, almost without exception he is not in favor of reducing financial aid for his fellow-students as has been maintained by the National Youth Administration. Collegiate editorialists are thumping loudly and strongly against N.Y.A. fund reductions now being considered by the national congress, and here is a summary of their reasons for their stand.

"America's best defense," says the Temple University News, "will always be found in the existence of happy, busy young people, preparing themselves in the nation's colleges for a useful future marked by peace and security. Economic discontent is the factor most likely to invite war. If the budget is to be cut, the place for it is in the arms-increase proposals, not the comparatively small N.Y.A. allotments. N.Y.A. is an effective agency for keeping students in college, where it is more customary to carry textbooks than it is to carry guns."

Said the College University Maroon: "For the past few years, the N.Y.A. has done a real service to

### Club Wants Money, \$200 To Be Exact

Mac Rutherford, president of the T Club, asks that anyone seeing \$200.00 floating around close please report it to some member of the club so that immediate action can be taken and the said 200 smackers corralled.

That dear children, is exactly how much money the club needs and how much the boys say they are going to get in order that they might stage one of the biggest events of the year April 13. Says "Old Folks": "We are going to have a big banquet and follow it with a dance."

In a meeting of the club two weeks ago, Rutherford appointed a social committee with Fount Watson as chairman. Other members are: Elbert Patty, Bob Sarvis, Bill McCrory and Dave Battle.

In his last report to the club, Watson announced the date of the banquet and dance and stated that it had been approved by the ASB social committee along with the date for the annual T club minstrel.

The minstrel will be held Friday night, March 29.

The black face show consists of one half of the money making program of the club. For the rest of the organization are wishing for the greatest regional tournament ever held. Reason: Half the concession for drinks, pop corn, sandwiches, et cetera belong to Rutherford and Company.

Now everybody knows that the boys would not go to such trouble for themselves and everybody is right. At the banquet as well as the dance, the local club will be the smallest group to receive either a full belly or satisfied feet.

What the boys want to do is to put on one swell time for the following: All T club members and their dates who can congregate here April 13; All Middle Tennessee crutches and their wives or dates (T clubbers can substitute their wives for dates if they want to), and one senior high school athlete and his date for every coach. Members of the club, both in school and among the alumni, who are not included in the coaches list will be asked to bring a high school boy as their guest.

The purpose of the function is twofold. "First," states Rutherford, "we want to have a great big get-together and, second, we want to let these high school boys get a look at our school."

After sleeping during the first four weeks of school, the members suddenly, without cause of warning, became taciturn and the result was the gigantic undertaking. Even the boys, with the feathers of the American Eagle as their only source of income, are contributing to the cause. When a member of the club is absent he pays a quarter. If he is late he pays one cent for each minute. Secretary Charles Greer states that the fees paid in such manner will never hire an orchestra for the dance, but that they will pay for the decorations.

To date, Secretary Greer has paid the highest for being late—12 cents. Sergeant-at-arms One of the Bransons has paid the lowest—2 cents. Several of the boys have forked over one fourth of a dollar. After a heated argument as to whether his excuse was sufficient, the club had to compromise with Bob Sarvis at the last meeting and let him off with 15 cents in order to get on with the business.

The administration and coaches have O. Kayed the Homecoming project and are helping Fount Watson's committee with the plans.

Also under way, is a move to secure a "little nest away from the rest" in the form of a meeting place and lounging room for the club members.

The N. Y. A. workers, under the direction of Mr. Wheeler, have completed several valuable projects and have others under way. Already they have turned out twenty-four tables to be used especially for banquets in the cafeteria. A cashier table will be made for the new lunch room together with a lantern for the stage, filing cabinets for offices, and coat-hat racks. The group has made blackboard sections which will probably be used for bulletin boards. A later project will be new offices for the Education and Social Science departments.

**Home Ec Club Entertains  
With A Valentine Party**

The Home Ec Club entertained with a Valentine Party Feb. 8, in Science Hall.

Lucile King and Frances Whitely were the Queen and King of Hearts. As the couples came before them they were given stunts to do. Jean Thaxton and Horton Tarpley were married after Jean's proposal.

During the night each boy graded the girls that proposed to him. Anne Byrne was the champion.

An ice course was served at the conclusion of the games.

**Dramatic Club Holds  
Party In Science Hall**

On St. Valentine night the Dramatic Club had a costume party in the Science Hall.

Throughout the evening the members and their guests danced and played games. Stunts were also given by different members.

Russian tea was served as refreshments.

### STC Barometer Drops To 29.1

### Lowest Reading Recorded By Science Teacher In Nine Years

The barometer at the State Teachers College Science Building dropped to 29.1 Monday morning, the lowest ever reported by this meter in the nine years Dr. W. M. Mebane, professor of science and physics, has been connected with the local institution, it was announced yesterday.

Miss Ollie Green, science instructor at the college, reported that the barometer reached this same reading once before seven years ago. Dr. Mebane explained that anything can be expected in the weather when the meter drops to such a low reading. The last time the 29.1 reading was recorded a disastrous storm hit in Alabama destroying large amounts of property.

Official rainfall reading at the Murfreesboro water works yesterday morning at 6:45 o'clock was .27. This reading is for the 24 hours preceding the reading time. 1.68 of rainfall was recorded for Saturday night and Sunday morning.

**Methodist Organization  
To Hold Regular Meet**

On Thursday night February 29 a Methodist Young Peoples Meeting will be held in the auditorium of the school. Those attending will be students from all over middle Tennessee. The Rev. Paul B. Karns will be principle speaker and the meeting will start at approximately 8 o'clock.

this final consideration, it would seem that higher education is a good investment, and that political considerations should be secondary to potential value.

"This threatened cut is a matter for all students who work for part of their expenses. Because if this reduction goes through, the men now holding college jobs will have to share them with the new unemployed. And the college will have to make an attempt in its budget to provide more help for worthy students. We urge you to write your representative at once about this matter," wrote the Randolph-Macon College Yellow Jacket.

"The fact alone that the honor point average of N.Y.A. students is above the average of the school indicates that a little financial assistance for students from lower income groups will repay the community in future leadership and employment security," the University of Minnesota Daily maintains.

Summing up the argument of all collegians, the Mills College Weekly says: "A penny saved in the production of war machines would certainly pay more than a dollar in dividends if invested in the education of some brilliant student."

### Wednesday Set For Votes On 1940 ASB Head

### Nominations Will Be Held In Chapel Thursday Morning

### Record Vote Anticipated In Heated Contest Next Week

Nominations for the presidency of the Associated Student body will be held in the auditorium Thursday morning, February 29. The election of a successor to John Bragg will be named the following Wednesday, March 6.

From hints cast by the fervorous heat of the past "Who's Who" elections, those in the "know" predict the hottest race for the top office of the ASB since the student body began such "carrying on." The feature contest polled a record breaking total of 620 votes.

Nominations for the vice-president of the ASB will be held Thursday morning, March 7.

According to current campus chatter, the race may narrow down to a four way vote between Grover Maxwell, Charlie Brown, Buford Turpin and Jimmy Kennon.

Five students will be selected in the nominations Thursday morning. The procedure will be the same as the nominations in the "Midlander" Feature contest. Ballots will be passed out in the auditorium during chapel and then counted in the afternoon.

The election, however, will be carried on according to the customary custom established in "big time" voting. Ballot boxes will be placed in the halls on the following Wednesday in the custody of appointed judges and clerks. The polls will be open from 9 a. m. until 4 p. m. Votes will be counted at 6 o'clock that evening. The elections of the ASB will be supervised by the Supreme Court.

The "Side-Lines" will hold election parties on both occasions. Loud speaker systems will present the actual vote counting to the student body ballot by ballot, until the final mark is made. The student body is cordially invited to attend.

According to the constitution the person elected president or vice-president of the A. S. B. must be a junior with a "C" average or better. Below is a list of those eligible for these offices.

Joe Alcorn, David Alderman, Mary Alexander, Elmer Alford, Eulalia Baker, Gladys Baker, Gene Black, Catherine Blankenship, Paul Braden, Charles Brown, J. Elma Broyles, Horty Coble, James Collins, Ione Crosslin, Hugh Delzell, Lurline Dill, Mary Drake, Lorelle Elmore, Cranor Elrod, Frances Elrod, Marie Farmer, Buford Foster, James Fox, Sara Lou Fuller, Violet Fuson, Julian Gobelet, Earl Goff, James Hewgley, Josephine Hitt, Owen Hitt, Hollis Hunt, Wiley Holloway, Maude Holthouse, Tommy Hudson, Mary Virginia Hurt, J. F. Inman, Preston James, Downey Kenney, Jimmy Kennon, Edith Kimble, "Boots" Little, Ruth Locker, Susan Lytle, Ina Mackie, Earl Mansfield, Grover Maxwell, H. A. McClearen, Cowden McCord, Mary McCormack, William McGill, Wallace McMurray.

Thomas Meadows, Garland Merrrell, Carneal Minchey, Gordon Mitchell, Virginia Nelson, Ray Nichols, Noel Norman, C. S. Owen, Jr., Elbert Patty, Irene Phillips, Vesper Pistole, Marynell Pitts, William Prigmore, Clarence Puckett, Louise Rader, Margaret Raulston, Edgar Rogers, Jane Ross, Elizabeth Russell, Robert Sarvis, Nancy Scott, William Shacklett, Alice Smith, Edwin Spilman, Elton Stewart, John Stroop, David Thompson, Ray Thomas, Rebecca Thurmond, Jessie Mae Todd, Mary L. Travis, Lola Turner.

Buford Turpin, Pauline Waldron, Jesse Waller, Wallace Webb, Marvin Whitaker, Elizabeth Wiley, Louise Williams, Clarice Winnett, Mary J. Weeds, Randolph Woods, Mary E. Yeardin, William Youree

**Paint, Books And  
Blinds Go To Library**

The library continues to be made more efficient as painting, Venetian blinds, new books, and new rooms contribute their part.

The basement and all extra rooms are to be decorated similar to those which have been completed. The new books have been catalogued and are making their debut. New rooms are being constructed to be filled with old issues of magazines. Fresh floors and indirect lighting will also be featured in the basement.

# Last Time You Gripped Now Ya Got Us Doin' It

(Editors Note: Woe is us, hold our heads while we moan. What kind of place is this. Here we are working our heads and what happens? Every one lets us down. We start what we think will be the opening of many new upward trends of the school and get no cooperation one. We were on our knees begging for you students to send in your grips and not over one or two persons even thought to do it. We know there is a lot of gripping going on around here so why not send it in to us.)

Here's the bit we collected this week:  
 Bull Steels—Need new gym for boys and let the girls have the old one for keeps as they have now.  
 Doyle Branson—People are saying too much about our lunch room.

Louis Lockhart—The mirrors in the shower rooms are too high. I have to stand on a box to shave.

Miss Burkett—Jimmy Kennon is so miss getting his work done on the SIDE-LINES. People leave too much stuff—lake hats, coats, books, umbrellas, etc., in my room.

Jimmy Kennon—Miss Burkett stays on me too much about my work. She doesn't understand that I work under a terrific handicap.

Eulalia Baker—My beds needs a new mattress and the rooms in Rutledge Hall need painting badly.

Howard Lee—Something should be done to make the d— flies evacuate the first floor in the spring and summer quarter.

Holly Coble—Having to carry books through the life is quite a bother.

Dr. Rims—Students being late to class—sitting penmanship on papers. No decent place to get a cup of coffee in the afternoon.

Now isn't that a pitiful piece of gripping—come on do better than that next time.

## Applause To The "Rugged Road," But Then Again---

By VINCENT SMALL  
 Thursday evening, February 8, the Dramatic Club presented its third production of the 1939-40 season, "The Rugged Road," a dramatization of the difficulties and successes in the building of a career in the South during the perilous days of Reconstruction.

Outstanding in excellence throughout the play were the costumes and makeup. The set was appropriate to the period and quite realistic, although a story of seventy progressive years would make more noticeable changes in any ancestral home. Flowers, drapes, and other properties were beautiful and harmonious. Music between the acts, while brief, was very appropriate and enhanced the mood and setting of the play.

Applause is certainly due the entire dramatic club and Mr. Tarpoley, its director. They are to be complimented on their willingness to attempt a play of this type. We all realize that it is difficult to portray serious mood and action. With apologies to the personnel, we offer the following constructive criticism:

The characters did not talk loud enough. In the prologue they could not be heard in many parts of the auditorium.

An excellent opportunity to show the selfish designs of the "carpet-baggers" in the South following the Civil War, was lost because the characters seemed lacking in confidence. They tried to create an air of mystery, but in general were ineffective.

Toward the finish there was a tendency to create a "grand old-folks" atmosphere, which never actually materialized.

In general the production was too long; the audience became quite restless as early as Act Three. More variety in the entertainment during the intermission between scenes might help, a short comedy relief, a ten-minute fashion show, or even a medley of popular tunes

## You, The Son Of A Jackass, Are Smarter Than I

Over the hill trailed a man behind a mule drawing a plow. Says the man to the mule:

"Bill, you are a mule, the son of a jackass; I am a man made in the image of God. Yet, here we work, hitched up together, year in and year out. I often wonder if you work for me or if I work for you. Verily, I think it a partnership between a mule and a fool, for surely I work as hard as you do, if not harder. Plowing or cultivating we cover the same distance, but you do it on four legs and I on two. I, therefore, do twice as much work per leg as you do.

"Soon we'll be preparing for a corn crop. When the crop is harvested I give one-third to the landlord for being so kind as to let me use this small speck of God's universe. One-third goes to you and the balance is mine. You consume all of your portion with the exception of the cobs, while I divide mine among seven children, six hens, two ducks, and a banker. If we both need shoes, you get 'em. Bill, you are getting the better of a mule and I ask you, is it fair for a mule, a son of a jackass, to swindle a man—a lord of creation—out of his sub-

## Julius Caesar Is The Man Who Caused It All

By VINCENT SMALL  
 Confucius say: "In leap years, if girl hesitate, bachelor hibernate."

Leap Year is the name given to the year containing 366 days. Forty-six years before the birth of Christ, the astronomers of Julius Caesar settled the solar year at exactly 355 days, 5 hours, 48 minutes. The hours are set aside and once in every four years add up enough to make a whole day of twenty-four. February being the shortest month falls heir to the extra day when leap year comes around.

The word "leap" is used because of the British medieval idea that after the 29th of February and day "leaps over" the day of the week on which it would ordinarily fall. If one's birthday were May second, on Tuesday, it would leap over Wednesday, falling on Thursday the next year if it were the year with the extra day.

Call it tradition or mere superstition, but we have to this day a custom referred to in comical vein, that it is permissible for a girl to propose marriage to the man of her choice during leap year. The origin of this custom is not definitely known, although a law was passed in Scotland in 1288 A. D. that "mowen ladies of bothe highe and lowe estait shall have liberte to bespeke ye man she likes." If her man refused her he was fined as much as one pound unless he could prove that he was engaged to marry another girl. A few years later another law similar to this one was passed in France, and in the fifteenth century the custom was made legal in the Renaissance cities of Italy.

There is a mathematical angle to this leap year subject. It so happens that only those years whose number is divisible by four are the "leaping" years. Of the years divisible by 100, only those are leap year which are also divisible by 400. Referring to the actual length of a calendar year in days, hours, and actual minutes, can you explain why?

stance? "Why! You only help plow and cultivate the ground and I alone must cut, shock, and husk the corn, while you look over the pasture fence and hee-haw at me.

"All fall and most of the winter the whole family, from granny to the baby, picks cotton to help raise money to pay taxes, but a new harness, and pay the interest on the mortgage on you. And what do you care about the mortgage? Not a damn. You ornery cuss, I even have to do the worrying about the mortgage on your tough, ungrateful hide.

"About the only time I am your better is on election day, for I can vote and you can't. And after election I realize that I was fully as great a jackass as your papa. Verily, I am prone to wonder if politics were made for men or jackasses, or to make jackasses of men.

"Tell me, Willyum, considering these things, how can you keep a straight face and look so dumb and solemn?"—Contributed.

# THE PEACEMAKER

By JIM BUCHANAN  
 (Author's note: Among some people in the more remote sections of the hill country of Middle Tennessee there still exists a firm belief in ghosts. The older inhabitants are able to cite many cases of supernatural happenings to convince the more skeptical younger generation. The following story is a true one according to many people living today, and a close examination of a certain sycamore tree on the bank of a well-known creek in that section will reveal hunks of lead buried there by nervous trigger-fingers.)

The preacher he then told us tet he wanted all uv us folks over at Goosecreek to come over tahr to start a big meetin' over thar first week in September.

"Ya, I kin remember hit jest like yisterday, thet first night when we all got in my spring wagon and set out to go to the big meetin'. Les see thar wuz me'n an' Tom, thet our boy, and ther wuz John Perkins and his three boys, and Jake Tomlin and Joe an' Sue. Wal, we got to the churchhouse and listened to some mighty fine preaching and for the first time I really got acquainted with God. The big meetin' lasted about two weeks, and I don't reckon we missed a single night. We wuz shore done a hea pof good cause six uv us jined the church. Everything wuz goin' nice as you please till we got ready to go home that las' night. We all got out to the spring wagon, and then nobody couldn't find Eb Perkins nor Sue Tomlin. Naturally two and two wuz put together and I 'spect a whole lot uv imaginin' wuz throwed in, after a while Sue and Eb come strollin' up to the wagon and says they had been down to the spring to get a drink of water. I ast 'em didn't know bout the jug that wuz in the wagon but they didn't say nothin'. The ride home that night wuz shore one lonesome ride, everybody acted jes like they wuz froze stiff, not saying a word. Sue she wuz cryin' and Eb kept lookin' bac lak he wuz a wantin to get away. I'll say I felt mighty relieved when I had done carried them all home and got home myself.

"I asked God thet night if he would end thet affair uv, and not let no more come uv it, but I reckon I wuz too anxious, fur I never did feel but what somethin' turrible wuz agonna happen.

"It did all right, started the very next mornin'. I wuz down in the field toppin' corn when I seed Jake Tomlin go by an' on up towards the store. Nothin' he wouldn't a seemed so strange ifen he hadn't a come back in about twenty minutes. Jake allus wuz one uv them store loafers and I knowed somethin' wuz up. I cided I'd better not miss none of the fireworks, so I went home an' fired old Bill and set of down the road. I wuz sent starrin'. But jest as I wuz in sight uv John Perkins house I seen Jake walk up to the front gate and holler. He yelled thet he wuz willin' to settle accounts with Eb, and thet John could choose the time. But I reckon providence went wrong thet time cause nobody answered and Eb himself come to the door and started walkin' out toward Jake. All uv a sudden somethin' come over Jake and I never seen a man

act like he did. His jerk went plum purple and he jest jerked up his old muzzle-loader and let Eb have it spure in the chest. Eb jest folded up without sayin' a word and Jake jumped on his horse and rode away. I turned around and went back too, cause I ain't hankerin' to be around no man when he finds his boy killed in cold blood. From thet time on things got to happenin' thick an' fast. Course the sheriff come over from the county seat but whenever he come he couldn't find nobody so he never come back.

"Wal, then a' course everybody taken hit for granted thet John Perkins and his boys 'ud be a gunnin' fur Jake. At least thet's the way I turk it. An shore 'nuff bout the next day atter that I seen Mun Perkins come up the road ridin' thet old pore mule a' his'n an' carryin' thet long squirrel gun. Natchelly, not wantin to miss out on nothin', I jest pitched out and fronted him. He stopped right in front uv Jake's house and hollerd an dsai come out an' fight. Wal, I reckon Jake musta nowed I wouldn't a had no chance agin Mun's long barrel gun, so he jest never answered. Mun hollerd three or four times and then he began blazin' away at the windows an' doors. Jake begun shootin' back and a right smart exchange taken place. Jake was jest shootin' enough to keep Mun from comin' close and Mun's long gun wastin' itself in the logs uv Jake's house. Finally they both quit shootin' and Mun lit out home.

"Thet night wuz when we first seen the headless man. Jake wuz roused up with murder, so wuz John Perkins and his two boys. Neither of em figgerd his safe to stay home that night, so both loaded up their guns and set out down the road, due to meet effen they kep' walkin'. Wal they spied one another right in front uv where I

## The Reporter Reports From The Dean's Office

Reports have come from the office that a student handbook is being worked on and will be ready for publication by the middle of the summer quarter.

The handbook, which will be mainly in the interest of freshmen, will contain much valuable information concerning the rules, customs and concerns of the school. These books will be sent to all prospective freshmen for the ensuing year.

In order to work up a credible handbook, the office force is making a study of such books issued by other colleges over the country. Most of these books contain a welcome from the president of the school, the president of the student body, daily schedule, and general information of the college routine.

These handbooks also include rules of dormitory life, what to wear, how to act, how not to act, outstanding events to look forward to and interesting spots to visit in town. The constitution of the ASB might also be included to give the prospective freshman an idea of what method we have of governing ourselves.

This will be an asset to the school in many ways and give unlimited publicity that might not be had otherwise.

wuz hidin', Jake and his boy, Joe, on one side, an' John and his two boys on the other. Both sides shot one and kep' walkin' toward each other; I jest knowed somebody wuz gonna go down soon cause I could see thet they wuz gittin' in close range. But jest as John cocked his gun an' wuz gittin' a bead on Jake's head I seen hit. They musta seen it too, cause all uv 'em jest stood thar like rocks. It looked jest like a man as it stroiled out uv nowhere right as the road 'tween them two shootin' parties. That is hit looked like a man. (Continued on Page Four)

## You'll Have To Vote Legally-- By The Rules

1. Clerks of the election to serve at both nomination and election shall be presidents of the various classes, or in their absence, the vice-presidents. The clerks of election shall together open the ballot boxes and count the votes, and shall announce the result to the president of ASB.

2. Nominations shall be by secret ballot on a date and in a place prescribed and announced by Congress. This announcement shall be made at least 5 days prior to nomination.

3. The five nominees receiving the highest number of votes shall be the candidates in the election.

4. The election shall be held on a day and in a place prescribed and announced by Congress, not less than one week after the nomination.

5. The election shall be conducted by the affairs board of election. There shall be a poll in the central hall of the Administration Building. Each student must present a qualification card which he shall receive from the Dean's office, to the clerk. The clerk in turn shall register the voter in a book provided for that purpose. The voter may then deposit his ballot.

6. Upon permission from the Dean the clerks of election shall be excused from classes during the time designated for the election.

7. The vice-president shall be elected in like manner to the president, not later than one week after the presidential election.

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# Raiders Trounce Bisons

## Doc Phillips Leads Attack On Liscomb

### Scores 23 Points In 56-33 Massacre—Season Ends

The State Teachers College basketball team ended their 1939-40 season with a win over David Lipscomb Saturday night by the score of 56 to 33 in the locals gymnasium.

Led by Captain Phillips who flipped in 23 points for the Middletown team the Blue Raiders romped to their victory without any trouble. The locals took an early lead at the beginning and held it throughout the contest, holding a 33 to 13 advantage at the half.

Deberry, former Kittrell star was high scorer for the Lipscomb team with 10 points and the scoring also played a good floor game for his team.

## Union Takes Raiders 56-52

### Brewington And Jedy With 18 Points Each, Are Best

Union defeated STC in Jackson on the 8th of Feb., 56-52. During the first half the Raiders outplayed Union one point, 29-28. The score at the first quarter was 16-16.

Union came back strong in the third quarter. Paced by Jedy with 9 points the score was 43 to 38. From then on the Raiders nev-

# Soph Intramurals Win Second Round Tuesday

The sophomores seem to have the upper hand in intra-mural basketball. They have won the first two rounds in both boys' and girls' division.

The sophomore boys came from behind in the last quarter to defeat the freshmen 27 to 21. The freshmen led most of the game but were unable to hold the lead. They were in front at the end of the first half by one point. The freshmen were unable to find a man to crawl up the long frame of Blankenship's and stop his scoring. He led with ten points. Lytle was the star for the freshmen with 9 points.

In the girls' game there was no one able to stop that "Slaphappy" Taylor girl who scored 15 points. Jackson was the star for the freshmen with 8 points. The senior girls won the sportsmanship again in the second round. The junior boys were the best sportsmen in the boys' bracket.

FINALS, SECOND ROUND	
BOYS	
Sophomores (27)	Freshmen (21)
Freeman (2)	Patterson (2)
Suter (4)	Tolbert (4)
Blankenship (10)	Tucker (4)
McDonald	Swain
Bush (8)	Taylor (2)
Subs: Sophomores, Townes (1), Jenkins (2), Freshmen, Lytle (9).	
GIRLS	
Sophomores (18)	Freshmen (14)
Taylor (15)	Gill (2)
Curry (3)	Jackson (8)
Shippe	Wilson (4)

er got the lead. Union won 56-52. Brewington led the locals with 18 points and D. Branson came a close second with 16. Jedy was best for Union with 18 points.

The lineups:  
STC (52) Union (56)  
F—D. Branson (16) Crowe (15)

## Girls All-Stars Take Twin Bill From Hazel Green

### Alabama Girls Show Much Skill In Blocking Plays

An intramural girls team selected by J. O. Sarver and Mac Rutherford, from the College Intramural teams played Hazel Green, Ala., girls team, coached by Charles Sarver, an alumni, in a two-game series.

The first game ended in a victory for the college team, 35-25. Scarbrough, Taylor, and Bryant led the scoring with 8 points each, the guarding of McBryde, Baker and Odil was outstanding for STC. For Hazel Green, the Smith sisters, Bateman, and Williams were outstanding. This game was the college team's all the way, and Hazel Green never threatened.

After frantic efforts were made to get cars to go for a return trip Feb. 20, were successful, the team enjoyed the trip.

SECOND ROUND STANDING			
W. L.	Pct.	Pts.	
Sophomores	2 0	1,000	144
Freshmen	1 1	500	94
Juniors	0 1	000	61
Seniors	0 1	000	21
INDIVIDUAL SCORING			
SECOND ROUND			
Boys	Pts.		
F—Lytle	17		
S—Blankenship	12		
S—Bush	11		
F—Tolbert	10		
S—Suter	9		
Srs—Scarbrough	7		
Jrs—Elrod	6		
S—Townes	6		
Girls			
F—Taylor	4		
F—Swain	4		
S—Taylor	31		
F—Gill	14		
F—Jackson	8		
Jrs—Crosslin	8		
S—Farris	7		
Srs—Bryant	6		
Srs—Wysong	6		
Jrs—Eaker	6		
Jrs—Todd	5		
F—Wilson	4		

## RAIDER DUST

By WILEY HOLLOWAY

After sidestepping visitors and dodging cigarette butts and three wads of gum, I finally got around to my desk to try to put one line after the next. . . Our friend Bill Steelsports editor of the Cumberland Collegian, has been elected Bachelor of Ugliness in that school. . . This is but proof of his popularity at Cumberland. . . Baseball season will start six weeks after basketball season is over. . . We have to wait until spring before football is over with. . . Roger Brewington

F—C. Branson (4)	Key (14)
C—Brewington (18)	Judy (18)
G—Summers (9)	Baker
G—Phillips (3)	Tipton (2)
Subs: Raiders, Ellis (2), Union, Brill (3), Orlich (4).	

# Alley Calls All Gridders

## Boys Regional Tourney To Be Held March 6th

Beginning this year, the boys and girls Regional Tournament will alternate every year from now on. This time the girls tournament will be held at Lebanon while the boys will be staged here at State Teachers College gym beginning Wednesday night, March 6, and continuing through March 9th.

Frank Erss was chosen director of the event the earlier part of the season. Along with Mr. Bass to help him in the tournament are: "Here" Alley, "Wink" Midgett and "Nooby" Freeman. Q. M. Smith, president of the State Teachers College, was voted as honorary director of the affair. "Boots" Little, junior of State Teachers College, was chosen as assistant director.

Other members that will help in the tournament are Wiley Holloway as scorekeeper, John Bragg, as electric scorer, Leon Bibbs as timekeeper. Hall Harris and Joe Gibson will have charge of selling the tickets. Mac Rutherford and Tommie Tucker will have charge of the doors. Jimmie Jackson will have charge of the balls.

Herman Jackson and Jack Delay will officiate all games in the tournament.

## Raiders Defeat Chattanooga 40-36 In Close Contest

### Doc Phillips Scores 15 Points In Win Over The Moccasins

Sprinkled with "In The Mood" and "Jumping Jive" the Raiders completely subdued the University of Chattanooga 40-36.

Led by Captain "Doc" Phillips the Raiders went ahead in the first two minutes of play 8-1. After that the game was Caesar and Gaul, 12-12 at the quarter and 21-18 at the half.

At the beginning of the second half Chattanooga tied the game. From that point on the game was first one way and then the other.

The final score was 40-36 in favor of STC.

After the game the entire student body danced Chattanooga's downfall in the gymnasium. Music was by the Southerners.

Lineups:  
STC (40) Chattanooga (36)  
F—Turpin (7) Frank (2)  
F—Little Kopcha (7)  
C—Brewington (6) La Cerra (6)  
G—Phillips (15) O'Brien (6)  
G—Summers (4) Phillips (12)

Subs: STC—D. Branson (8); Chattanooga—Warren (1).

starts. . . Slicker Robinson is now teacher and principal of a three-teacher school in Smith County. . . Dr. Sims once coached the state champions of Louisiana. . . that's basketball.

## Spring Football Ready To Get Underway Here

### Coach Alley Sends Out First Call Monday, Report Tuesday

Coach "Here" Alley has issued a call to all Blue Raiders football players to assemble today for the first workout of what promises to be a long and strenuous spring training campaign. Uniforms were issued yesterday and close to thirty candidates are expected for the first workout.

Last season the Raiders had only a ten day spring camp due to the change in coaches and Coach Alley plans to remedy this situation this year with plenty of early work.

Several new faces will be seen on the Raider roster during the spring camp. 1936 S. I. A. A. champion eleven, is back in school now and will be on hand. McCrory is a triple-threat full-back and will be a big help to Coach Alley's charges. Several former high school stars that haven't been out for college football before plan to try out this spring.

Last year's frosh squad will be present for their first complete training under Alley and Middett. Several first string men are counted on from this group and they will need plenty of work before they move into the varsity competition.

Calisthenics and other light work will be the main program for the workouts during the first few weeks. Basketball players who have just finished their season will probably be given their rest before reporting for gridiron work.

He is the shy type, who when praise is heaped upon him, answers modestly and gives praise elsewhere.

What he has done for this year's team couldn't have been done or duplicated by any other person. The many fine things that he has done for others have piled higher and higher until they have reached the innermost bounds of infinity.

"Doc" rang the bell with a year's scoring record of 23 points against his former mates.

And so when the wind whistles through the school columns—and the snow flurries all about us—the rains fall—the sound of a referee's whistle is heard—the frenzied roar of the student body at a goal—our minds will then turn to a boy who made 'em from the circle with one hand.

He is a tall, lanky fellow—DOC PHILLIPS by name.

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## Murray Trounces Raiders, 60-42

### Brew Scores Seventeen But Then We All Know Murray

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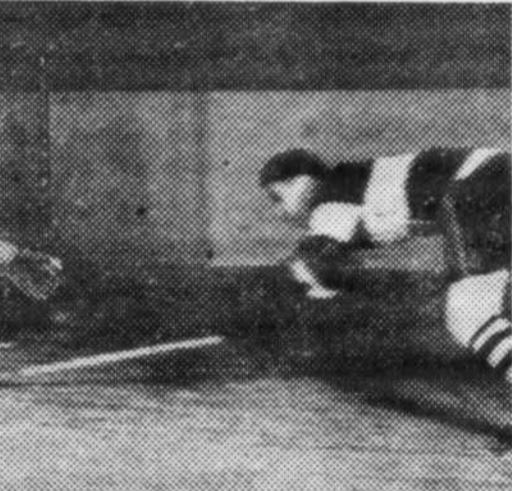
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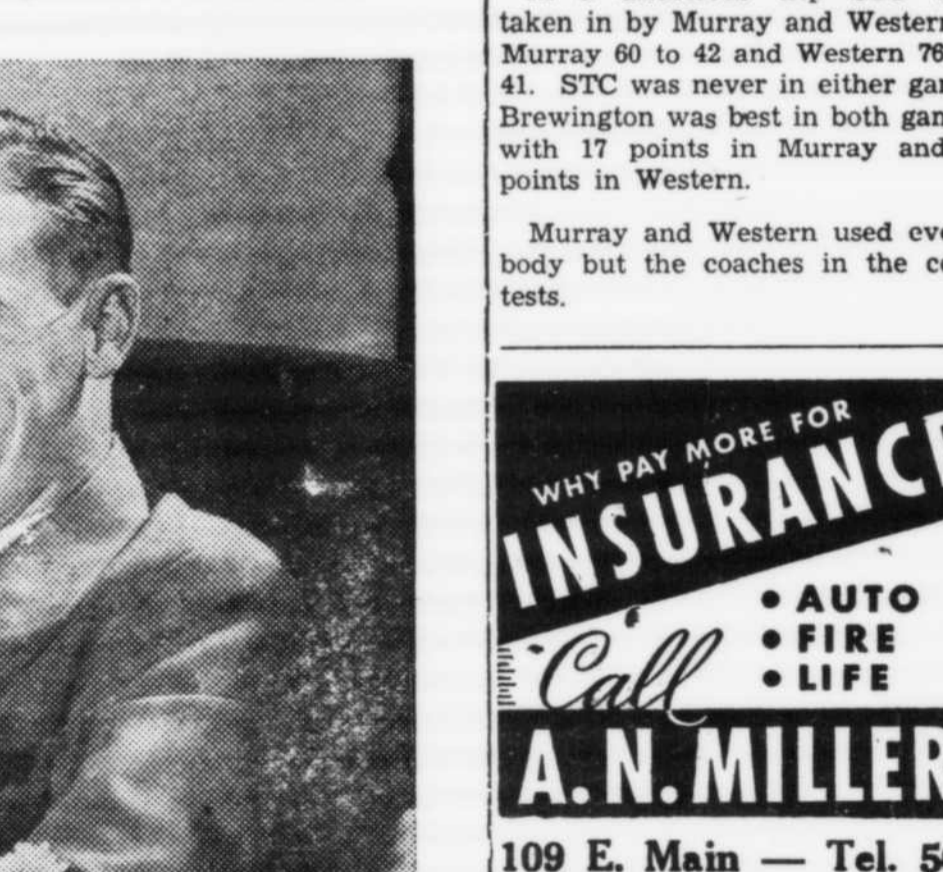
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## Side-Lines Own Who's Who Quite Successful

When time for the annual "Who's Who" contest came this year, the "Side-Lines" decided to carry the poll a little further and find out who a few more of the superlatives are.

The only department in which there was a walk-a-way was that for the Biggest Talker award. Burchell Clift and Jessie Mae Todd won without much trouble. Mr. Clift received seventeen votes and Miss Todd received thirty-two out of a possible fifty.

Burchell Clift also won the Biggest Booty-getter award with thirteen votes, although Tom Tucker was in the race with seven. Ann Elizabeth Davis won the girls' award for the Biggest Booty-getter by collecting eleven votes. Kathryn Brown was runner-up with seven votes.

The final vote for the Biggest

Boy Flirt found Downey Kenny in front with eighteen votes and David Battle in second place with nine. The girl selected for the honor (?) of the Biggest Flirt was Mary Elizabeth Pepper with twelve votes. Her roommate, Allie B. McMurtly, was in second place with eight votes while Nellie Beckett came close behind with seven votes to her credit.

It was difficult to decide to whom should go the honor of being the Neatest Looking boy and girl. Almost everyone had a different idea about who the neatest person on the campus is.

Robert Lee McCartney came first in the boys' division with eight votes, followed close behind by Preston James with six votes. Billy McDonald and Clyde Cornwell both received five votes while Boots Little, Jessie Madison Dill, and Julian Brantley received four votes each. Smiling Jimmie Kennon followed close behind the leaders with three votes.

The selection for the neatest girl was also very close. Margaret Cox was the winner with nine votes. Josephine Hitt came second with six votes while Jane Ross, J. Bell Legg, and Pauline Lamb each received five votes.

Randolph Wood and Lois Henry were selected as the Best Looking Couple. They received eighteen votes. Clyde Cornwell and Adeline Pitts came second with eight votes while John I. Parker and Rebecca Thurmand received six votes and Charlie Brown and Annette Anderson received four votes.

This poll is not official and may not express the sentiment of the entire student body, as only fifty people voted, but it gives a general idea as to who the superlatives are.

Biggest Talker: boy, Burchell Clift; girl, Jessie Mae Todd.

Biggest Booty-getter: boy, Burchell Clift; girl, Ann Elizabeth Davis.

Biggest Flirt: boy, Downey Kenny; girl, Mary Elizabeth Pepper.

Neatest Looking: boy, Robert Lee McCartney; girl, Margaret Cox.

Best Looking Couple: Lois Henry and Randolph Wood.

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**Peacemaker**

till I seed it better. It didn't have no head a tall and it shone all over like a dim light. It begun to wave its arms and make a mournful sound that could be heard a mile.

Wal, the fust thing I knowed all the boys wuz hotfittin' it away from thar, jest leavin' Sam and John an' a' course myself thar a starrin' at that thing. I reckon everything went dead still 'bout five minutes when Jake couldn't stan' it no longer, so he up and shoots at this white lookn' object. But thet didn't fase it. It jest stood thar and kept floppin' them arms an' a moanin', till all uv a sudden he went up in the air and outa sight.

"From then on every time one of the Perkinses tried to shoot Jake or his boy the headless man would come right in 'tween 'em and they jest couldn't shoot. So I seen right away thet whatever this thing wuz, its purpose wuz to keep out any more killin'." Finally all of 'em caught on and realized this, so they quit gunnin' and settled down, all instilled with the fear of this ghost or somethin'. I thought maybe hit would leave after this but it didn't.

"A few nights later I wuz a ridin' across the Goosecreek bridge and thet thing just come out from behind that big sycamore tree and

## CALENDAR of COMING EVENTS

Home Economics Club: Second and fourth Friday, 3 o'clock.

Chales D. Lewis Foensic Society: Tuesday nights, 7:30 o'clock.

Tau Omicron: First Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.

Girls Glee Club: Monday and Wednesday, 3 o'clock.

International Relations Club: First and thid Monday night, 7 o'clock.

Science Club: First and thid Tuesday.

Association of Childhood Education: Second and fourth Tuesday nights, 6:30.

Sigma Club: Second and fourth Thursday nights.

Press Club: Every Thursday night, 6:30.

jest seemed to float only my horse behind me. Believe me, brother, for once I wuz really scared. I wanted to jump off but I wuz froze seem lack. I looked aroun' and there he was a settin' jest as peaceful as you please. He looked jest like a comon man 'cept he wuz jest square across the shoulders, no head nor neck on 'em at all. From then on everybody ridin' by that tree had the same 'perience as me. Lot's uv em shot at him but didn't do no good. I thought maybe he wuz God's thaten wuz. So brother, after about three year John Perkins and both his boys died with typhoid fever, and twarn't long after that Jake wuz struck by lightning! After that nobody never seed no more uv the headless man. Many's the time I've rid by thar since and I hain't seen no sight uv him.

"As soon as all the members of them two families wuz gone, he disappeared. It had been his job to keep murder from bein' done and he had done it after he started. Folks now laugh and jostle me sayin' I never seen no sech thing and thet thar ain't no ghosts, but I jest let 'em go. You see, stranger, all that feudin' was started when that big meeting-wuz a goin' on. All of us involved wuz goin' to meetin' when hit happened. An if thar ever wuz a revival that wuz God's thaten wu. So, brother, I jest figer that God warn't goin' to have no more bloodshed than was possible started at one of his personal meetin's. So I figer he got busy jest as soon as he could and sent this here headless man down hyar. Who was he? Well, brother, God sent Jesus Christ down here to save the world from sin, we know thet. But this time I figer as how God sent the Holy Ghost down to keep sin from reapin' its reward."

The STC Debating Club had its guests, February 13, two debating teams from Cumberland University. In the afternoon the affirmative team, consisting of Denver Baxter and Jesse Waller, met the Cumberland negative team composed of Tom Holman and Luther Joe Thompson. Cumberland won the decision by a vote of two to one. In the evening debate the STC debaters took the negative side. The speakers were Ernest Hooper and John Zumbro. Cumberland's affirmative team consisted of Robert L. Forester, and Alfred McFarland. The negative team was given the decision by a unanimous vote.

For its fourth opponent of the season the Debate Club met the University of Chattanooga team on Thursday, February 15. An affirmative team composed of Ernest Hooper and John Thomas Zumbro opposed the negative team of the University of Chattanooga composed of Mr. Wilky and Mrs. Westenburg. Because of circumstances this was a non-decision debate.

The same evening an affirmative team of Denver Baxter and Jesse Waller opposed the negative team of the University of Sewanee composed of Mr. Lee and Mr. Hale. This was also a non-decision debate, but a very close debate for there was a definite clash between issues as well as speakers.

On Tuesday, February 20, T. P. I. brought two teams here. In the afternoon T. P. I.'s affirmative team composed of Pete Sylar and Joe Culbert lost to a negative team made up of Ernest Hooper and John Zumbro by a vote of 2-1. That evening the STC girls' affirmative team composed of Lillian Burnett and Nevada Swaford lost to a T. P. I. negative team of Louise Massey and Dona Van Hoosier. This latter decision was rendered by one judge.

At the University of Chattanooga, a new type of debate, called a skelton debate, was employed through mutual agreement of the teams. In such a debate there are three affirmative and two negative speeches. Each speaker presents the basic arguments on his side of the question with little regard for the argument of his opponent. There is no attempt to bring about a definite clash between the affirmative and negative cases.

Of all the trips taken so far, the visit on the campus of the University of Sewanee was probably the most interesting to STC debaters. There they enjoyed an evening meal in the dining hall of the University of the South. The three hundred

## STC Debaters Divide With Cumberland U.

students dress with much formality for their evening meal. Every senior wears a tuxedo each evening, and for class he wears an academic gown. The buildings and the whole campus might remind t... visitor of an English University. The strange thing is that these hundred university men seem to enjoy all this formality, and the seniors especially seems to enjoy the dignity which the custom affords them.

The debate coach at Sawanee is Major McKellar, a fifth cousin of the U. S. Senator from this state. He is an elderly gentleman, with white hair and is slightly deaf but seems to be almost a father to Sewanee students because of his jovial manner and good humor. All during the debate that evening, he industriously took notes an denjoyed his pipe at the same time. When the debate was over, he discussed some of the arguments with Dr. Lewis. It happened they disagreed on one issue, and in a few seconds they were in involved in a furious but friendly argument. Neither would give in and each presented his beliefs in typical rebuttal style. All the debaters stood around listening to their two coaches. It was all over in two or three minutes, but the argument was not settled.

Plans for future debate work consists of preparations for the State Forensic Tournament at Carson Newman College, February 29-

## Something To Crow About

"Austin Peay and Western best teams in the Southland"—Wink Midgett.

One of the best compliments ever paid to a sports organization in Montgomery county came from the lips of Wink Midgett, likable coach of the Murfreesboro State Teachers College.

Standing in the middle of the CHS gym Tuesday night after his boys had been defeated for the second time by the Austin Peay Governors, Midgett said... was convinced that Western Kentucky of Bowling Green and Austin Peay of Clarks-ville had the best basketball teams in the Southland.

He was by all means serious when he made that statement. He told this writer that he had seen Kentucky, Vanderbilt, Alabama Tennessee, Georgia Tech, and Auburn play on the hardwood this season and none appeared strong enough to topple Austin Peay.

The calm mentor went ahead and spilled more praise on the boys of Coach Fred Brown by stating that he was very proud to hold the Governors so closely, especially in the first half when the score was tied at 24-all.

The Blue Raider coach had nothing but praise for the locals, stating that their team work was remarkable and every member was

a top player. He told several of the Governor players that would like to have every member of the APN team and also their subs.

We can truthfully say that Wink Midgett's team gave the Governors the best game of the year and the Governors had to show their superb strength in pulling in the lead to win.

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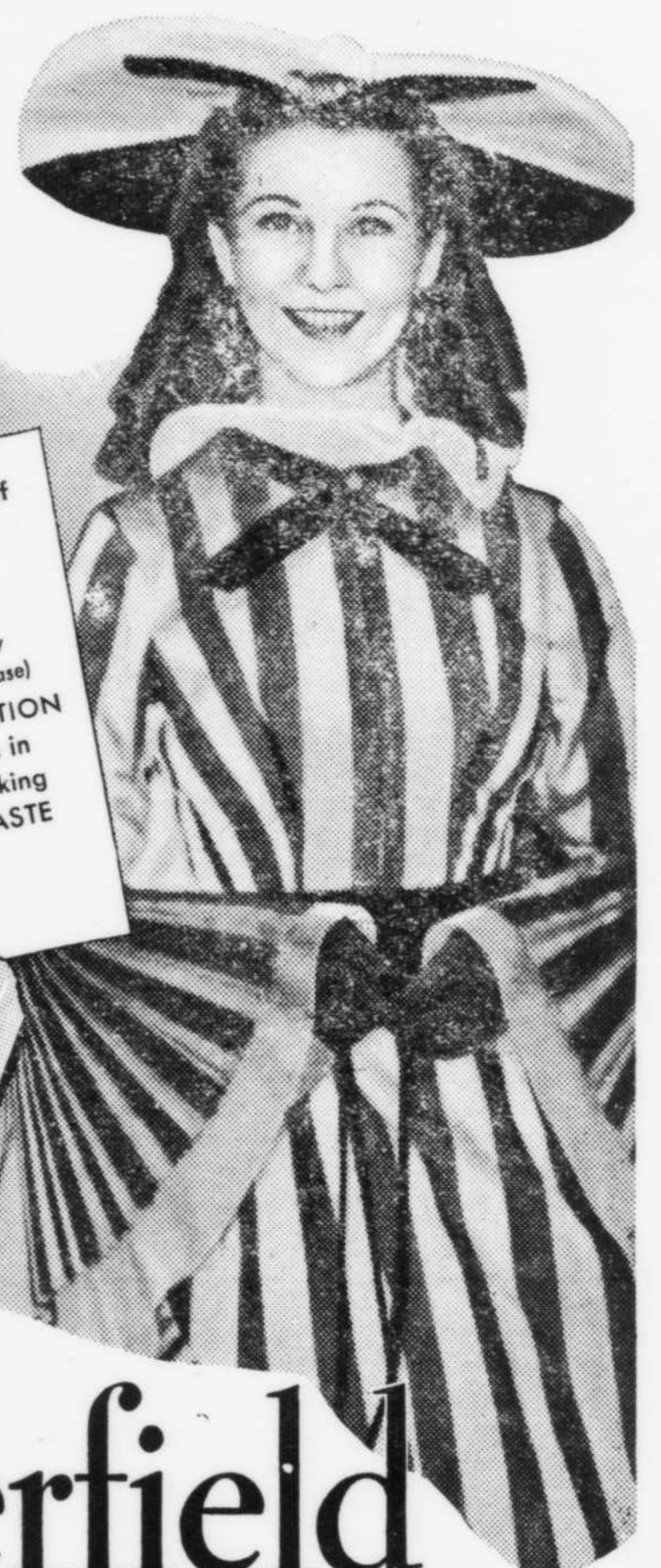
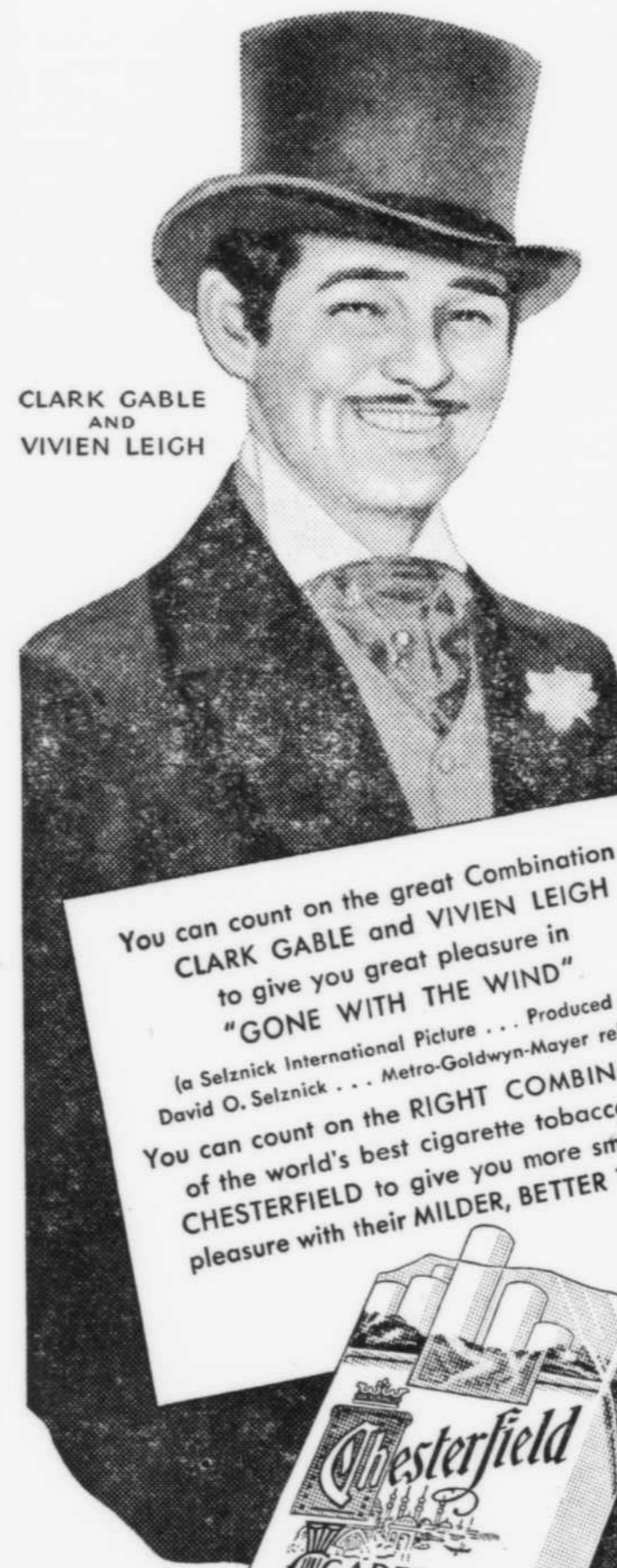


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