

Open-Air Formal is Summer Feature

ATTENDANCE TEACHERS CONFERENCE

CAMPUS CAPERS

By PEGGY AMBRESTER



The scene above is taken at one of the lectures during the attendance Teacher's workshop which was in session in the campus union building last week. Bealer Smotherman directed the teachers as they attempted to define the philosophy of attendance.

Attendance Teachers Define Philosophy of Attendance; Work in Inservice Meeting

An in service training workshop for attendance teachers of the state of Tennessee was conducted in the Middle Tennessee State College union building from June 29 through July 3. There were approximately 75 teachers participating on scholarships provided by credit by supplementing attendance by a project relative to their own work.

The general purpose of the workshop was to define philosophy of attendance work and delineate the role of the attendance teacher in the overall education program in Tennessee. This was approached through five areas. One area was studied each day.

On Monday the discussion was centered around the attendance teacher's role in providing service to the child. Leading consultant for that day was Dr. Joe Sutton from Austin Peay State College. Principal speaker for the day was Mr. Clayton L. James, dean of students at Middle Tennessee State college.

Tuesday Mr. Joe Morgan of the State Department of Education spoke on the day's discussion topic, "Services to parents." Consultant was Dr. Ella Ross of East Tennessee State College.

Keynote speaker for Wednesday on the topic, "Interprofessional Relationships of Teachers and Other School Personnel," was Superintendent J. R. Baker of Murray County. Dr. Charles Keene of T. P. I. acted as the day's consultant.

Thursday's program, "Work With Community Agencies," featured Homer Pittard, principal of Murfreesboro Central High as the main speaker. Consultant was Dr. Orin Graff of University of Tennessee.

Speaking on the concluding day was Dr. Howard Kirksey of MTSC. (Continued on Page 4)

Summer Enrollment Reaches 600; Includes 137 Graduate Students

Over 600 students from throughout Tennessee and from several other states are enrolled in the first term of summer quarter at MTSC. In this group, a substantial number are in service teachers who have returned to college to increase their training. Many who have returned are doing graduate work toward the Master of Arts degree.

Rutherford county leads the counties in the total number enrolled with 137. Other counties with more than 20 students enrolled are Davidson 43, Warren 33, Lawrence 31, Giles 31, Wilson 31, Bedford 31, Coffee 20, Franklin 26, Lincoln 24, Hamilton 20, and Williamson 20.

The Graduate Division of the College shows a decided increase over the 86 registered last summer with 137 students working towards a graduate degree or taking post graduate work. Others are expected for the second term.

Free Program By the "Poet of the Accordion" To Be First Assembly

Assembly will be called at 10 on July 30, to give summer students a chance to hear Lloyd La Vaux, the Poet of the Accordion. Critics have called him the young man with an engaging personality. It will be a full hour program, free to all who wish to hear it.

LaVaux has done much to elevate the accordion in the music world. He has appeared professionally since the age of six. He has given 16 solo concerts in three different countries, and eleven nation-wide concerts. He has done radio and television work and is a veteran of world war II.

Buchanan Players Schedule Originals; Casts Announced

by JUNE SMITH

The Buchanan Players of MTSC have scheduled two arena plays for the second session of summer quarter. They will be presented in the Players' Arena Theater under the stage of the MTSC auditorium. A definite date has not been set for either production.

The two plays scheduled for production are Endless Mending, a three-act play by Mary Killeen, an MTSC alumna, and The Rock, a one-act play by June Smith.

Endless Mending centers around a woman's passion for respectability and its effects upon her children. The play is set in Ireland, the native country of its author, and spans a twenty-year period in the lives of the characters.

The Rock, with a college background, concerns a dean's conflict between his own ambition and integrity.

Both plays, student originals, will also be directed by students—The Rock, by Barbara Witham, and Endless Mending by June Smith and Martha Sue Williams.

Try-outs for both plays were held June 29. The following students were listed for call backs: Jo Akins, Jane Robinson, Gene Covington, Guy Norton, Jean Morrison, Sara Dean, William Maggart, Bob Springer, and Joyce Baxter. From this group, The Rock was cast as follows: Jane Robinson as Queen; Gene Covington as Paul Hating; Guy Norton, Joseph Parker; Jo Akins, Christine Hunt; and Sara Dean as Marion Parker.

The cast for Endless Mending has not been announced.

NOT JOHN RAYMOND! JUST AVA GARDNER



Approximately 250 to 300 people saw the first outdoor movie of the summer which was shown in the football stadium Wednesday, July 1. The movie was projected from the press and radio booth on to a large screen which was made and erected by members of the industrial arts department. Through the work of J. J. O'Shea and other members of the faculty the students have seen many good movies during the past season. They have served also to give students experience in operating movie projectors as well as entertainment.

Tennis Courts Scene of Novel Formal

Lucky us! Thanks to the social committee which met recently and to President Smith, Mr. Gracy and Mr. Voorhies, we are to have a SUMMER FORMAL here on the campus. The DATE is July 10 and the TIME from 8:00 to 12:00 p.m. Don't forget the PLACE, the old tennis courts between the football field and the infirmary. They're really going to be in fine order for dancing. Mr. Gracy will see that the surface is plenty slick. Mr. Voorhies is attending the lighting technicalities and the girls led by our co-vice presidents for the summer will decorate in the best of styles. HAL BUROKER'S dance orchestra will furnish the music. DRESS is semi-formal and flowers are in order. Those who enjoy dancing, or enjoy watching other dance, are invited to come and trip the light fantastic by the light of the moon (we hope) on this novel occasion.

Melon Cutting Successful

We hope everyone got all the water-melon they could eat at the free water melon cutting on the lawn in front of the Union building last Wednesday. Some things that happen in summer school just can't be beat. It was encouraging to see the large crowd that came out for the first outdoor movie. "The picture was very good," was heard over and over again.

Swimming Refreshes

During this first summer after opening, MTSC's swimming pool is doing a booming business. Recreational swimming for students is on Monday and Thursday nights from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. After a hot day of studying and classes it is refreshing to spend an hour in a pool before settling down to term papers and notebooks. Bob Fisher and his diving and swimming skill is becoming well known to swimmers here.

Schedule Changes

Some still haven't learned the cafeteria schedule. Breakfast is served from 6:45-7:15 a.m. Dinner is from 11:45-12:45 and supper is served from 5:00-5:30 p.m.

Church Groups Meet

Every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. the MSM, Methodist Student Movement, will meet. Just ask around and usually you will find them outside on the steps of some building, probably the Union building.

Also on Wednesday night, 6:00 p.m., in room 69 of the Administration building, the Church of Christ group will meet.

Recreation Center Opens

If on Friday night one finds it rather dull with no place to go or nothing to do, the Young People of the Cumberland Presbyterian church in Murfreesboro welcome you to come over to their recreation center located behind the church. Don't forget—everyone is welcomed ! !

Alpha Psi Omega Pins Arrive

The Alpha Psi Omega pins have arrived for the lucky people who where initiated this spring. They can be picked up in Mr. O'Shea's office. Just look around and see the people who are proudly wearing them. They are beauties.

Dormitory Construction Progresses

Work is progressing on the new girl's dormitory to be named Monahan Hall. Everyone is wondering if it is going to be finished by fall. Some girls hate to leave Ruthledge and Lion but are looking forward to their new home with much anticipation.

Summer Chorus Practices

The summer chorus is practicing for a summer concert. The summer band and choral camps will be held here during the next six weeks term. The choral camp will start July 26 and the band camp August 1.

Students Act and Direct

Everyone is looking forward to the two arena plays to be given next six weeks. They are student directed, student written and student acted. They will take place in the arena theater in the basement of the administration.

Question of the Week

Wouldn't it be nice if we could have lights on the new tennis courts?

New Council Elected

Due to a need for more dormitory council members to replace the members who are not in school this summer, the following new representatives were elected: Ann Patton, freshman; Mary Frances Colovin and Carol Hogan, sophomores; Dot Richardson and Barbara Witham, juniors; Jo Akins and Lucy Hale are senior representatives who will retain their positions as president and secretary, respectively. Barbara Witham was elected as vice president to replace Margaret Tucker who was graduated.

Free Movies Scheduled For Outdoor Showings

Two outdoor movies will be shown from the East section of the football stadium during the remaining weeks of summer quarter. The movies are scheduled to begin at 8:00 for one showing only on the dates listed below. Admission is free for all students.

July 1, was the date of the last show, "One Touch of Venus", starring Ava Gardner, Robert Walker, and Dick Haymes. The movie, a modified version of Pygmalion, provided comedy and entertainment for all.

"A Woman's Vengeance", the motion picture version of Alous Huxley's "Gloecanda Smile", will star Charles Boyer, Jessica Tandy, Ann Blythe, and Sir Cedric Hardwicke. It is scheduled for July 22.

"Passport to Pimlico" is dated for showing August 5. In it, a tiny section of London finds that it is a legitimate section of Burgandy—a situation which brings about both chaos and comedy. "Passport to Pimlico" features Stanley Holloway and Margaret Rutherford in the principal roles.

Stedman, Marlin Win Carnation Scholarships

Lois Ann Stedman and Peggy Joyce Marlin, both students at MTSC have been announced the 1953 Carnation Milk Scholarship winners.

Miss Stedman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claud B. Stedman of 302 South Bilbro in Murfreesboro, will be a sophomore fall quarter. She will receive the Eldridge A. Stuart \$600. scholarship for her second consecutive year. Lois is a member of the "Sidelines" staff.

Miss Marlin is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer P. Marlin, Route 6, Murfreesboro. She will also receive the \$600. Stuart Scholarship. Both scholarships are based on outstanding academic and extra-curricular records and are rewarded to the families of local Carnation Milk Plant workers.

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Educators Meet to Improve State Classroom Instruction

Two weeks of intensive work by more than 125 superintendents, supervisors and classroom teachers from 22 Mid-State counties have been concluded at Middle Tennessee State College in the first of two "curriculum clinics" designed to improve instruction in Tennessee classrooms.

The school systems of the State of Tennessee are in the process of curriculum improvement. In 1945-46, a state wide study revealed weaknesses in the program of in-

struction. Since that date, all the teachers of the state, with the cooperation of thousands of parents, have been working to improve the instructional program of the schools. Leadership conferences, study groups, clinics, workshops, and the like have been participated in by the teachers and others, out of which came a very definite point of view relative to education in Tennessee. The needs of the children which can be met through the school program have been isolated in part, and now the teachers are studying and planning to devise better ways of meeting those needs.

ADKINS SENDS ADDRESS

Mr. R. E. Adkins who is at Columbia University to complete his Ph.D. this summer is presently located at the following address: 433 Furnald Hall, Columbia University, New York 27, N. Y. Mr. Adkins will be retained at the university as an instructor next fall.

During the summer of 1952, some one hundred individuals gathered at MTSC to work together on their common problems in curriculum improvement. That group was composed of superintendents, supervisors, principals, teachers, consultants, and lay persons. The large group divided into smaller groups wherein plans were formed for county wide activity during the school year of 1952-53, courses of study were begun, and the state program was studied.

The people who attended to 1952 clinic requested another for 1953. MTSC was happy to provide the facilities for the 1953 conference under the direction of the Department of Education. The Curriculum Clinic has been in operation and much has been accomplished.

Groups have done much in continuation of work which was started last summer, and it is anticipated that curriculum improvement in Tennessee will be a never ending, constantly changing problem for all the people of the state.

The Science and Conservation group, composed almost entirely of Warren county teachers had Pauline Gribble as chairman, Ethel B. Jaco as recorder and O. H. Moore as representative on the steering committee. The DeKalb county group was headed by J. H. Chumbley as chairman, Thelma Carter as recorder, Clarence Duke as assistant recorder and Mrs. Ella Owen Reed as representative. Their problem was mathematics.

The Trousdale county group, which was confronted with improving language arts work was under the chairmanship of Helen Driver, with Anne Marie Robertson as recorder. Mrs. E. D. Freedle of Trousdale county was chairman of the group studying language arts on the upper grade level. Recorder for this group was Lois Porter of Trousdale county with Louise Wilburn as representative. Eob Hitt of Rutherford county was chairman of the social studies group, Sue McKee, recorder, and Mary M. Garvin, representative.

Superintendent William Bragg of Cannon county was the chairman of the in-service training group. Lucy Belle Roberts of Winchester was recorder, Carlos Hargis, superintendent of Macon county, the representative.

The director of the workshop was Dr. W. P. Bowdoin of the MTSC education department faculty.

Nashville Paper Airline Hostess To Be School Teacher

by PEGGY BUSHNELL

"The Nashville Tennessean" saluted June MTSC graduates in their Sunday Morning June 7, issue with a pictorial feature entitled "Commencement Week at Middle Tennessee State College".

In the first picture the photographer, Bob Reed had captured the grim, sad faces of the seniors as they marched from the library to the administration building for their baccalaureate sermon. This was followed by pictures snapped at the luncheon on the lawn at which the seniors and their families were entertained.

Families extended very enthusiastic congratulations to their member grads as was shown in the snap of Mrs. Frank Bolton receiving a hug from her daughter, Judy. Lt. Col. Robert MacLean, retiring PMS&T beamed proudly at his wife Dorothy MacLean who made the highest average in the college. Looking on were Kenneth Harris who received highest average in the graduate school and Dean and Mrs. Clayton L. James.

The photographer caught Ann Ledford, Mary Killeen, Jim Crawley, Betty Graham Holmes and Emily Pepper Smotherman as they joined in one last toast to their four years at MTSC.

Pictured enjoying the luncheon were former student body president, Ross Rives and his betrothed, Claudette Reed, also Margie Vick of Nashville and Madden Warfield. Two other couples, planning a summer wedding, were seen strolling across the lawn. They were Ernest Adams and Geneva Calfee; June Woodard and Senior class president, Jim Lofton.

President and Mrs. Smith and Dean N. C. Beasley were found congratulating Nell Banks and Nancy Sumners, class officers who were, with their other classmates, spending their last day as seniors on the campus of MTSC.

Among the interesting students on our campus this summer, we have an airline hostess, turned school teacher. She is Shirley Barksdale who drives to Murfreesboro each day from McMinnville to do some graduate work.

This attractive, dark haired young lady gives two reasons for her unusual switch in jobs. The first is the fact that she married Dr. R. L. Barksdale, and a teaching job fits in much better with the wife job than hostingess.

The second reason is philosophical and might best be explained by saying she wants to make a contribution to humanity and for her, the best way to make this wish a reality is by working with children. Or as she puts it, "The experience with Chicago & Southern Airlines was fun; teaching fourth graders is satisfying."

Aside from fun involved, being a hostess was also a thorough education in the art of getting along with people, and as such, an invaluable background for teaching. A pleasing personality is one of the main qualifications for getting a job as a hostess, and being pleasant to all passengers at all times must bring out a tactfulness and patience worthy of commendation by the gods.

This training, Mrs. Barksdale feels, makes it possible for her to do more for her pupils. She is at ease with both the children and their parents, thus being well equipped to get the cooperation of all concerned in working out the inevitable problems a fourth grade teacher (or any teacher, for that matter) runs into.

This summer Shirley is living with her husband's parents in McMinnville and the trip to Murfreesboro each day takes a total of four hours. When summer school closes she plans to join her dentist husband in Jacksonville, Florida where he has recently started practicing. We wish her well wherever she goes, and know she will make her contribution to humanity a big one.

"HE'S OUR BUDDY"



MTSC Students Have Reunion With Famous Army Friend, Frank Clement

While stationed at Camp Gordon, Georgia, three of MTSC's veteran students, Billy Hix, Gene Bunette and Bill Cain, became very close friends

Former "Harvey" Cast Member, Director, Club Group Attend Circle

A group belonging to the Buchanan Players journeyed to the Nashville circle playhouse June 13, to see the Circle Players production of Harvey. The play, a comedy by Mary Chase, was produced by the Buchanan Dramatic Club November, 1951, under the direction of Lane Boutwell. Mr. Boutwell and Price T. Snell, a member of his cast for Harvey attended the Nashville presentation.

Others attending were J. J. O'Shea, Barbara Witham, Martha Sue Williams, Joe Smith, Amanda Waggoner, Neely Butler, and Doug Williams.

Three summer plays are scheduled to be presented by the Buchanan Players in their own arena theater under the MTSC auditorium stage. Two of these plays will be originals—both written and directed by students.

of our present governor, Frank Clement. The boys met him when they were in Military Police school and he was instructor there. At a spring TVA rally in Gallatin, the home of the three veterans, the friends had their first reunion since army days. Governor Clement inaugurated the Tennessee Valley fight of TVA. The rally was staged in an effort to unite the people in this fight.

It is said that Clement never forgets a face. "That is true," says Norma Littleton, "When I was in Girl's State camp, Mr. Clement came up to give us our certificates. A year later he spoke at our school. He remembered seeing me there."

Billy Hix tells of the times he has dined with the Clements while the present governor was his speech instructor in leadership school. "Mrs. Clement really can cook," says Billy.

All three of the veteran friends will soon receive commissions as second lieutenant military police. At the present time both Billy and Bill are in summer school. They hope they will not be called before they complete their college work.

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MTSC Baptists Participate In Summer Activities

During the week of June 10-17 approximately 1700 students gathered on top of the mountains at Ridgecrest, North Carolina for the annual Baptist Student Retreat. A glorious week of seminars, workshops, morning watch times, recreation, campfire services, and state meetings, under the theme "How Great Is My God?", was made possible with the use of such speakers as: Dr. Walter Judd, member of Congress; Washington; Dr. Baker James Cauthen, Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.; Mr. Peter Dienel, exchange student from Berlin, Germany; Mr. Joel Sorenson of Sweden, Youth Committee secretary of the Baptist World Alliance; and Dr. Charles Wellborn, southwide Baptist Hour speaker. The B.S.U. of M.T.S.C. was represented by Mary Helen Bass, Sue Kirby, Greta Moore, and the student secretary Peggy Ott Hacker. When the campus B.S.U.'s which had attained First Magnitude were recognized on Monday evening. Sue Kirby as immediate past president represented us.

The first summer meeting of our B.S.U. which was a social meeting, was held last Thursday evening at 7:30. It was a good opportunity to become acquainted with those students of Baptist preference on our campus for the summer and to introduce B.S.U. to them.

The Baptist Student Union is cooperating with the other denominational groups in the promotion of Morning Watch services. The time which has been set is 7:15-7:30 Mondays through Fridays, on the

First Grade Teacher 25 Years Lists Advantages

First grade teaching has many advantages, according to Mrs. Lois Pittard, who is a summer student at MTSC. Mrs. Pittard has been the first grade teacher at the Bodensham (Giles county) school for 25 years and is about ready to begin her "third generation" of teaching.

Asked to list some of the advantages of first grade teaching Mrs. Pittard, a realist, declared that the instruction of beginners possessed more than a sentimental attraction for her.

Among the advantages of teaching the first grade Mrs. Pittard listed, (1) All teachers, more or less, stay clear of beginners and therefore competition for the first grade teacher's job is not an important factor; (2) The first grade teacher has the children for only one year and the parents don't have time to check on the first grade teacher as they do on the upper levels; (3) The mother's have found out that I sometimes keep pre-school children; and (4) the first grades have great respect and admiration for their first teacher.

steps of the Student Union Building. In case of rain, the meeting will be moved into the building. It is hoped that all students will feel that this is planned for their benefit.

If there are any Baptist students who did not receive a copy of the summer prayer calendar, they may obtain a copy from the student secretary's office in Room 80 of the Ad. Bldg.

Attendance Teachers (Continued From Page One)

The discussion topic dealt with, "Interrelationship of the School Program to the Community." Dr. Kirksey was also consultant.

Mr. Edward C. Merrill, Jr. from the Southern State Cooperative Program in Educational Administration acted as special consultant throughout the entire week. He summarized the evaluation of the conference.

Other representatives from the State Department of Education were Mr. Arthur Jones, Supervisor of Census and Attendance; Mr. R. Lee Thomas, Director of Division of Public Schools (elementary); Miss Mary Florence Betts, Associate Supervisor of Public Schools (regional elementary); Mr. Ronald E. Brinkley, Supervisor of Public Schools (regional high school); Mr. Joe Morgan, Director of Field Services, Division of Equalization; Mr. W. B. Shoulders, Director of Division of Equalization; Mr. A. B. Cooper, Director of Division of Certification; Mr. Charles Kerr, Supervisor of Division of Health Education.

Mr. Bealer Smotherman of Middle Tennessee State College directed the conference with the assistance of other members of the MTSC faculty. Group leaders during the week included Mrs. E. B. Harwill, Hickman county; Jack Adkins, Montgomery county; Mrs. Mary Alice McNabb, Murfreesboro; Mary McMillian, Lebanon, and L. C. McCrery, Lawrence county.

Among the notable outcomes of the five day workshop, according to Bealer Smotherman, will be the publication of a bulletin which will attempt to identify the attendance teachers role in the over all school program. Mr. Smotherman will edit the publication with Mrs. C. E. Dennis of Columbia as co-ordinator. The booklet will contain five sections, the compilation of which will be in the hands of attendance teachers, as follows: "Services to the Child", Mrs. C. E. Dennis, Maury county, and Miss Julia Eggleston, Williamson county; "Services to the Parents", Mrs. Callie Robertson, Bledsoe county, and Mrs. Clady Hackworth, Marion county; "Inter-Professional Relationships," Mrs. O. F. Davis, Athens city system, and Mrs. Laura Swindle, Cleveland; "Working with Community Agencies", Mrs. L. S. Parker, Giles county, and Mrs. Leora Bullen, Greenville.

Reading Session Plans Announced

Guest speakers for the 1953 Middle Tennessee Reading Conference are Dr. Ernest Horn, Dr. Dora V. Smith and Constance Carr. The conference will be held on Friday and Saturday, October 2 and 3. After many requests from teachers the conference for this year has been broadened to include the entire language arts field.

Dr. Horn is Professor of Education and Director of the University Elementary School, University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa. He has had a very wide educational experience having received his undergraduate degree at the University of Missouri in 1907 and a Ph.D. degree from Columbia in 1914. He has had wide teaching experience in many of the mid-western states and has held office in national associations and honorary societies. He is the author of a number of books and is perhaps best known for the work that he has done in spelling.

Author Is Here

Dr. Smith is Associate Professor of Education at the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis. She received her A.B., M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Minnesota. Dr. Smith's broad teaching experience includes the teaching of English at the University of Minnesota High School, St. George's College, London, England, and Lincoln School, Columbia University. She is co-author of *Teaching English in Junior High Schools and Reading and Literature, Book III*, with Webster and Haggerty respectively. A member of the National Council of Teachers of English and a Phi Beta Kappa, Dr. Smith has done outstanding work in the field of the language arts and has been a contributor to many professional journals and magazines.

Editor Speaks

The third speaker will be Constance Carr, Editor of "Childhood Education," one of the leading magazines for primary teachers. It has one of the widest circulations of any professional magazine.

Members of the reading conference committee include the entire education faculty staff and Mr. Robert Abernathy. Mr. R. J. Simpson is acting as chairman of the committee and Miss Mary Hall as secretary.

Dean James Qualifies As Student Guide

by JIM HALE

The sign posts in any college are like the sign posts on a highway; they direct, lead, and find the destinations which are to be sought. The halls of the administration building hold many such signs which direct and lead the students to particular offices in which the student can find a person qualified to solve the student's problems.

Through his education and wide influence, Mr. James has become very well qualified at his post. Born at Gibson, Tennessee, Mr. James received his initial education at Leabody Corner elementary school and Peabody High School. After he had completed his high school work, Mr. James entered David Lipscomb Jun-

ior College. He then transferred his college credits to Union University where he received his B.A. degree. Being interested in history and sociology he entered the University of Tennessee to complete his graduate study and receive his M.A. degree in his field of study. Later he entered Columbia University in New York where he did graduate work. Mr. James' experience in teaching gave him a perpetual desire to deal with students and their problems. Before coming to MTSC in 1937, he was principal of Loretta, Brazil and Wildersville high schools. He was superintendent of schools at Pulaski, Tennessee and Lebanon city schools.

In the educational field Mr. James belongs to many organizations such as the Phi Delta Kappa, which is an honorary educational fraternity, the National College Counselor's Association, The American Sociological Society and the Tennessee Educational Association.

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