

DRAMA CLUB WILL PRESENT "THE SILVER CORD" FEBRUARY 16, & 17

Vocational Ag Club Puts On Campus Broadcast Monday, Wednesday, Friday; WGNS

On February 6, at 12:30 p.m., the first of a series of radio programs sponsored by the vocational agriculture department of Middle Tennessee State College went on the air over radio station WGNS.

Dr. Clifford N. Stark, head of the department introduced the series with a discussion of the value and economy of pastures and hay in feeding livestock.

The programs are broadcast as a public service feature of WGNS in cooperation with the vocational Ag. department of the school.

Agriculture students themselves will supply most of the copy for the broadcasts.

Dr. Stark pointed out that the health of humans are affected by the quality of feed consumed by human food producing animal and that the national welfare, livestock farming and forage crops are closely related.

Rhythms, Tumbles Demonstrated at Smyrna, Tenn., by Physical Ed. Dept.

About fifty students of the physical education department presented activities in rhythms and tumbling at the annual Barnwarming at Smyrna High School on Thursday, January 26.

Boys who appeared in the tumbling act were: Jim McCoy, Bubber Adwell, James Ballard, Bill McMurray, David Burnette, Gene Skeeley, Robert Rains, Jim Hite, Bobby Harrison, Clay Martin.

A demonstration of girls' tumbling was given by: Jane Holland, Linda Curry, Sarah Curry, Martha Yeargan, Dean Cripps, Mrs. Wade Wheeler, Barbara Wood, Evelyn Hill-dreth, Elva Moser, Bobbie Duncan, Libbie Rogers, Betty Faye Collins, Joy McNabb.

The Modern Dance Club presented two compositions: "That Lucky Old Sun" and "Malaguena." Those taking part were: Mary Bandy, Norma Harter, Jane Anderson, Martha Massey, Jacquelyn Webster, Betty Seastrates, Emily Pepper, Evelyn Craddock and Charlene Sawyer.

Members of the folk dancing class who demonstrated "Weggis," "Put Your Little Foot" and "Cowboy Schottische" are: Bill McMurray, Martha Yeargan, Robert Rains, Margaret Scott, Everett Cox, Faye Jenkins, Jack Moore, Ann Thompson, Homer Webb, Lavada Waters, Kenneth Spiggle, Carolyn Kimery, Bob Veach, Patsy Jermain, Howard Gamble, Margaret Williams, Dee Frisbee, Mary Gray Williams.

Celia Blevins and Miss Broach presented a tap number "Sidewalks of New York."

Winter Formal Time

Members of the Junior class will sponsor the winter formal, scheduled for Friday night, February 10 in the old gym.

One of the social highlights of the year the dance this year will feature the appropriate Valentine motif with the music being furnished by the TOWNSMEN.

Check the SIDE-LINES ads for the place to buy that corsage and remember our advertisers when you plan intermission refreshments.

Bruce Hampton Is New Mayor of Trailertown

The new mayor of MTSC's Vet Village is Bruce Hampton, a junior from Tracy City, Tennessee. Hampton succeeds Gordon O'Kelley, who vacated the office recently when he moved downtown.

The new mayor will take office immediately. He will have jurisdiction over the inhabitants of both the trailers and the apartments. Hampton was selected over several other candidates in a popular election held yesterday.

Hampton's major field is industrial arts. He is the father of four children. He attended Grundy County high school and received his diploma from there.

Other candidates in the heated race were Frank Garner, William Patton, Joe Higgins, Bob McCullough and N. Hitchcock.

Polston and Robertson to Start Work On New Student Union Building Within Month, Says President Smith

Construction of the new cafeteria and student union building is expected to begin within the next few days, according to President Smith.

Polston and Robertson, construction engineers of Lafayette, Tennessee, won the contract when 12 bids were opened in Nashville Thursday, February 2.

The construction of the building will cost \$363,875.00 with an estimated \$50,000 additional being spent for equipment.

President Smith expressed pleasure at the comparatively low bid on the new building, pointing out that the construction of the boys dormitory would be possible in the immediate future.

Combination Ag Club-Home Ec Party Draws Season's Largest Gathering

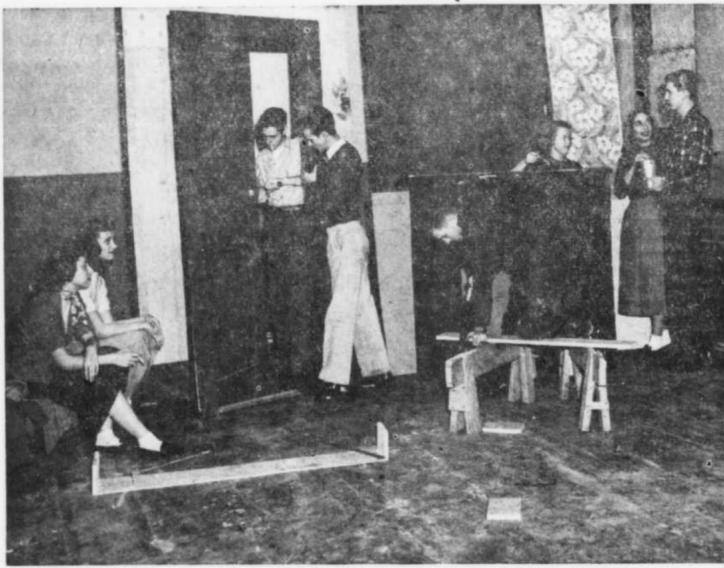
The largest party of the season was the combination Ag club and Home Ec ladies "combination girls" supper canasta party, square dance with liberal helping of bridge and "tick tack toe" on the side.

One of the remarkable things about the affair was the fact that so many faculty members found it so worth their while, to put aside the many things that teachers have to do after the class is dismissed and come on over and mix and mingle with their students.

Among the faculty members present were the Lane Boutwells, Mr. and Mrs. Jeggors and their two daughters, Jane and Ann, Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Stark, Dr. and Mrs. C. C. Sims, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Gracy, Dean and Mrs. Beasley and others.

Frank Hall and Helen Johns, Beverly Garner and Joe Williams, Bernice Suddarth and Mabron Smith, Ruby Wheeler and Bobby Tipples,

CAST JOINS CREW IN CONSTRUCTING SETS



Patli Ferrell and Nell Henson watch Ernie Pelligrin and Bill Langseth put the finishing touches on a door as Buford Hines "saws timber." At extreme right Doris Williams welds a paint brush as Jean Pelligrin and Jack Freeman mix colors.

Chest X-Rays Reveal No TB in Those Checked

The recent cooperation of students here at MTSC in going over to the X-Ray unit to be X-Rayed is gratifying. Out of approximately 1200 students, 966 were examined and thus far, no positives have been reported.

NEWS RUSTLING

The ETSC COLLEGIAN may soon no longer be the name of East Tennessee State College's school paper. A poll is going to be taken for a new name for the paper.

The Blue and Gray featured a poem, written by Franklin P. Cole of Lincoln Memorial University, which I believe is worth being read by all, and I quote:

VERACITY—THE OBJECT OF KNOWLEDGE
"Who are those, that are among us, who would shun and scorn our deeds? They are those who take from life its pleasures and its needs."

"In creating their procuratorial interest in others, and in self-delusion, They attempt to keep those so-called friends of ours in utter confusion. Surely, they receive little pleasure in accusing us of all the wrong, And if they find that they are discovered at this, pass it off as if in song."

"Upon this ethereal tabloid, HE shall set the noblest of our duties, fulfilled, And with these antagonistic souls shall blot the pure blood that has spilled, Upon the worn and desolate sands of time, the noble shall surely erase, Wipe the heterodoxal from this earth, and add another in its place. For when we pit these dissenting ones against the righteousness we uphold, Life becomes a discovered reality, as true portraits begin to unfold."

"Across the table of our existence, the Master unfolds His wondrous wares, Portraying the destruction of an agnostic, driving away our cares, Hurling into infinity the 'doubting Thomases' with their sophistical rans, 'Saying, 'We have no need for such as this; it's from some other season!'"

"If the Infallible Reaper sickles them o'er, and the planter strews his seeds, Will we reap a crop of golden grain, or be repressed and starved by weeds?"

"In our final slumber, come Lethe and the obliteration of our past life, Let us forget our heretic brothers, implanting their treacherous knife, keep within our crushed and crumpled backs, and in so doing enjoin the merry throng, And perhaps, through repentance and forgiveness, they'll be asked to come along!"

"Hold not against thy brother the misdeeds he has done, He must pay for them, I'm sure, together, or one by one; If, with mercy, you look upon him, I'm sure you'll get the pun, None can be as bad as think he, no one under the sun. . . ."

Thank you, The Blue and Gray! Let's hear from any of you schools that have not been exchanging ltn us.

'Government Run By Lawyers Not A Solution'-Williams

Dr. Henry N. Williams of the social science department of Vanderbilt University was the Tuesday speaker for the Middle Tennessee State College chapter of the International Relations Club.

Centering his discussion around the thought that college students need to encourage more critical thinking relative to a revision of the Tennessee constitution suggested that "government by lawyers only not the sole solution of governmental reform."

Dr. Williams, a practical as well as theoretical exponent of better government served in the 1947-48 state legislature from Dickson County. He is an alumnus of Middle Tennessee State College, class of 1937, and of the University of Chi-

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According to the report given in the paper, Burgin E. Dossett, President of ETSC, recently announced that the contract has been let on the Health and Physical Education building. The work on this building will be started soon.

The Volete reports that the winter quarter enrollment is 420. There has been an increase in the number of veterans attending the University of Tennessee Junior College.

Tiger Rag reports that John Payne, celebrated movie star, crowned the 1950 beauty queen of Memphis State College. There must have been an exciting time had by all of the MSC students.

The Babler reports that 350 visitors from 18 states were expected on the campus for the annual winter lecturship at David Lipscomb College.

An interesting fact given in the paper was that the average Federal prisoner reads 70 books a year.

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Three Faculty Members Attend Education Meet
Dean Clayton James, Howard Kirsey and Robert Abernathy participated in the two day education conference conducted January 27-28 by the Hamilton County Teachers Association.

They led group discussions of current education problems. The conference was held in Chattanooga.

Winter Production of Buchanan Club Promises Drama of A Serious Vein That Challenges TSC Student Actors

DON'T LOOSE IT!

Students should retain their winter quarter activity cards to be used in claiming copies of the 1950 MIDLANDER. Students are here fewer than three quarters should make reservations for a copy of the MIDLANDER.

Farm Group Met Here Friday

More than 90 county superintendents, vocational agricultural teachers and supervisors of the institutional on the farm training program from Middle Tennessee met at Middle Tennessee State College Friday to study the program for veterans farm training.

G. E. Freeman and T. J. Hendrickson of the state department of education were in charge of a forum discussion at the meeting. John Curry, supervisor of institutional on the farm training, also appeared on the program.

Louise Head Chosen For Important Post

Miss M. Louise Head, home economics graduate of MTSC in 1944, has received outstanding recognition in state Farmers Home Administration work by being named as district home supervisor for a 25 county in Middle Tennessee.

She has served for the past few years as home demonstration agent in Coffee County. Her home is in Springfield, Tennessee.

Tipps, Gregory, Massey, Atchley, Dodd And McCoy Are Midlander Superlatives

Miss Betty Brown Tipps of Tullahoma, Tennessee was elected superlative officer of "Miss MTSC" in a student election held last Friday between the hours of eight and three.

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Mary Killeen, Irish Student Here at MTSC, Contrasts Schools of Two Lands

Editor's Note: Mary Killeen, now a student at MTSC, went to Ireland when she was six years old and received all of her elementary and most of her secondary education in that country.

In Ireland the educational system contrasts considerably with the American system. Public schools are unknown and are replaced by privately-owned schools that receive small grants from the government.

The average school plant has excellent equipment, but there are some sections where room for improvement is not lacking.

The teacher training courses correspond closely to those taught here at MTSC, but on different interest levels. There are some small colleges whose sole purpose is to train and prepare the nation's teachers.

In the schools of Ireland, the curriculum is broader and more exacting, its purpose seemingly to prepare graduate students for immediate specialized courses in college or university in the field of work they intend to pursue.

Transportation is inadequate in many communities, none is provided. The United States surpasses all European countries in reference to school transportation.

The whole philosophy centered about education in Ireland and here in America is entirely different. The trend is now turning towards mass education, though it will probably be many years before it finally comes into effect.

The Buchanan Dramatic Club once again rewards the student body for their display of patience over the long span of time between productions by presenting them with what is considered to be Sidney Howard's most important play, "The Silver Cord."

A play in three acts, "The Silver Cord" is an example of mature drama relieved by the subtle humor of realism. Sidney Howard records the reactions of a possessive, exacting, and selfish mother towards the engagement and marriage of her two sons. It is through this professional mother that Sidney Howard reveals the plot of the play.

Music Department Plans Series of Tours This Spring

Mr. Neil Wright has announced that the band and chorus will present a series of concerts in nearby towns during the next three months. The trips will take two days and two concerts will be given each day.

On February 7, the band will present a morning concert in Manchester and an afternoon concert in McMinnville.

On March 28, the band will give a concert at the Redbank High School in Chattanooga and that afternoon they will play at the Cleveland High School in Cleveland, Tennessee. Later on in the spring the band will give a concert in Hartsville.

On February 15, the chorus will present a concert in Shelbyville in the morning and one at Winchester in the afternoon. On April 5, the chorus will give a concert in Galatin. That afternoon they will present one in Springfield.

MTSC alumni are teaching in five of the towns on the chorus and band itineraries. In Cleveland, Jack Allen is teaching; in Shelbyville, James Hugel; in McMinnville, Robert Daniels; in Hartsville, Dan and May Hogan McMillan; and in Manchester, James Williamson.

William Eris Read, Rockvale, Tenn., is teacher and coach there. Jack Yearwood, 616 Anderson Drive, Clarksville, Tennessee, is teacher and coach in Clarksville.

Faculty Members Asked to Serve on Evaluation Group

Members of the Middle Tennessee State College faculty have been asked to serve on several of the evaluation groups, associate professor of the Southern Association of Secondary Schools.

Dean N. C. Beasley and Will Dunn Smith, associate professor, of the MTSC department of education worked with the committee evaluating the Columbia high school the last week in January.

Miss Catherine Clark, librarian, and Dr. J. F. Wilkes, professor of lower grade education, served on the committee which worked at the Shelbyville high school the week of February 2.

Dr. Ellis Rucker, of the science department, and Dr. Howard Kirsey, professor of secondary education, will be on the committee to evaluate the Red Bank high school in Chattanooga.

The purpose of the project is to study with the idea of adapting its program to meet more adequately the educational need of southern high school youth and develop an educational program in keeping with his abilities.

The program, which began several weeks ago, will continue through the end of the year.

"The Silver Cord" has a time span of two days in the year 1927, and into this brief period of time is crammed all of the mature drama, subtle humor, and romance of life.

Under the direction of Mr. John A. Scott, Dramatic club sponsor, the cast will endeavor to portray the characters as they are in the rewritten acting edition of "The Silver Cord" with the permission of Samuel French.

Doris Williams, Murfreesboro, has copied the major role and will portray the hypocritical Mrs. Phelps. At Central High School Miss Williams was active in the Thespian club and held major roles in two productions.

While here at MTSC, Doris has characterized Mrs. Middleton in "Outward Bound," Amy in "Little Women," and Maury in "Riders to the Sea." She has also been active in various phases of behind-the-scenes work and is now a member of Alpha Psi Omega.

The two sons, David and Robert, will be enacted respectively by John Freeman, Murfreesboro, and Ernest Pelligrin, North Plainfield, New Jersey. John is a graduate of the University of North Carolina, and is here taking further work in the education department.

Another alumnus of Central high school, Jack was president of the Thespian club while he was a student there and in 1945 was voted the "Best Thespian Boy." He also held a major role in the comedy, "The Whole Town's Talking" and was on the cast of several one-act plays.

This is Jack's first attempt at acting in college productions. The younger and weaker son will be portrayed by Ernie Pelligrin, another veteran of the MTSC stage. In the past Ernie has characterized the colonel in "Hasty Heart," and Henry in "Outward Bound."

While at Castle Heights Military Academy, Ernie held roles in four plays, copying the lead roles in two of them. It was at Heights that he was chosen a member of the All-State 1948 Cast selected at the University of Tennessee High School Drama tournament.

The fiancée of Robert will be played by Nell Lee Henson, Dalton, Georgia. This is Lee's second year in the Buchanan Dramatic club, and her second role in MTSC production.

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College IA Club Affiliated With National Group

President Cowan Lyell of the Industrial Arts Club of Middle Tennessee State College, announces that the organization has recently been affiliated with the American Industrial Arts Association.

The American association is a national organization for the improvement of industrial arts and industrial education in general.

The requirements for membership in the association are rigid and the local club must continue to meet the basic requirements in order to remain in good standing.

The MTSC IA Club is entering its third year. There are now approximately 40 members. Sponsor of the club is Delbert A. Dyke.

Tau Omicron Fetes Neophytes With Banquet

The annual formal banquet for Tau Omicron, the honor society for women, was held Saturday night January 21 at the Woman's Club in Murfreesboro.

The evening was highlighted by songs, debates, pantomimes and stunts, put on by members of the society.

The main event of the evening was the initiation of the new members in a candle light ceremony that provided an adequate background for the ritual rites of the initiation.

The new members inducted into the organization were: Mildred Love, Beatrice Gray, Donna McHenry, Martha Carlson, Elinor Norris, Charlene Powell, Ruth Ann White, Charlie Farrell.

The members attending were: Lillian Simms, Margaret Scott, Betty Tipps, Martha Powell, Dorothy Hawkins, Rebecca James, Myrta V. Tennessee, Robbie Gregory, Charlotte Nicholson, and Virginia Meek. The sponsors of the club are Miss Hester Rogers and Miss Elizabeth Schardt.

Eds & Co-eds

Back again and this time with a great favorite on the MTSC campus. This, by way of filling space, is not hearsay for the mysterious mister of the new month is one of the candidates up for the election as "Most Popular Boy. His name? David Dodd!

Dave is a local boy from "Murfreesboro" and it was through the Central High School corridors that he wandered in between classes, that is during his adolescent years. While he was a student there, he played fullback on the school football team for two years. As a result of his playing, Dave was selected alternate captain for the CHS Tigers.

In June, for the last time, David Dodd will walk through the now somewhat crumpled portals of MTSC, but he will leave behind a record that will be hard to beat. He has participated actively in many varied organizations on campus and among them is the Science Club of which he was president last year. During his unior year, Dave was chosen to represent his class in Congress, and this year his fellow students once again backed him all the way to the vice-presidency of the Senior class.

Sometime in the near future Dave will complete his pre-medical course here and continue on with his studies at the University of Tennessee. He is also a member of the Sigma Club and was this year chosen as one of the representatives from MTSC for "Who's Who" in American Colleges and Universities. To round out his activities, Dave also serves the senior class as business manager of the Midlander.

Our hats are off to you, Dave. We are proud to have you!

And now for our femme fatale and leading lady for many weeks to come, Miss Doris Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wade Williams, Murfreesboro.

Miss Williams was born in Gary, Indiana, and along with her parents and sister (who, by way of interest, is now in Germany with her husband and child) moved to Murfreesboro seven years ago. Once again we have an alumna of Central High School, for it is from there that Doris received her secondary education. She remarks that she has spent the last six years walking the halls of MTSC, for it was at that time that CHS was temporarily quartered here because of fire. While among the members of "ye old high school" Doris was a member of the Photography Club, the Glee Club, and the Thespian Club. It was at CHS that Doris gained the acting foundation which enabled her to cop the lead role in Mr. John A. Scott's forthcoming production, "The Silver Cord."

Here at "the finest," Miss Williams has been an outstanding member of the Buchanan Dramatic Club. During the past years she has earned enough points to be rewarded with a membership in Alpha Psi Omega, and this year was chosen by her associates to maintain the position of treasurer for the organization.

Doris has chosen business administration and social science for her major fields of concentration and rounds them off with minors in English and education. The business world is her destination after she graduates from MTSC in June.

Bridge is a great favorite of Doris', and on every Monday night you are likely to find her attending the Murfreesboro Bridge Club composed largely of her fellow students.

Does This Mean You?

Editor's Note—This editorial is written at the request of members of the student body and faculty.

From various sources comes reports which show evidence of a situation which is as disgusting as it is disgraceful. In short, here at school, we have common thieves. Thieves of the same caliber and character that fill our institutions of correction. Persons here at State are perhaps more to blame than are those in institutions who have never had the opportunity to study about their country.

Perhaps they don't realize what they are doing. Little acts can mold a person's entire life. So don't try to rationalize. Either an article belongs to one, or it doesn't! If one takes something that isn't his, he's a thief!

Your Second Chance

Students at State will again have an opportunity to assist in a worthy program. The mobile blood unit will visit the college campus on April 15. Last fall when the unit was here approximately 25 persons gave blood. We publish this number, certainly not as a matter of pride, but rather because we would like to remove this blot from the history of our school. We feel certain that the students here at MTSC will want to do their part when they learn the true story of how their blood is to be used.

First of all: No one makes any money out of your blood. It isn't free to the people who receive it, but it is available at cost to all when there is blood on hand. In order for the blood to be used for transfusions, it must not be over 21 days old. This means that a constant supply of all types of blood must be kept flowing into the center at Nashville. Those persons who are not able to pay the cost of handling the blood may have it free. No one is refused. If the blood is not used for direct transfusions within the stated period of time, it is processed in the laboratories into plasma and other medicines. The plasma is invaluable in times of emergencies. For instance, the Texas City disaster in 1947.

You or I may never 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 surely remember the occasion with regret. The blood bank unit will be on the campus this spring. Every student over 18 and in good physical condition will be given a chance to donate. Any student over 18 and under 21, except those who are self-supporting, must have the consent of their parent or guardian. Forms to be signed by the parents will be made available to all students before the next visit. Let's support this worthy organization. To use a slogan of the safety department—"THE LIFE THAT YOU SAVE COULD BE YOUR OWN."

Opinions

By PEGGY BRANDON

Some hasty people always form opinions
Of ones they do not know;
And sometimes regret what they have said,
So in expressing your thoughts, be slow.

They call some people they've barely seen
Names of every size and kind:
"Hateful," "mean," "conceited," "too";
I wonder have they a mind?

You cannot judge by looks;
But this few people know;
Like some old maids they sit and talk
Of people that come and go.

So the next time you're about to say
Someone's jealous, selfish, or vain,
Remember this—that in doing so
Respect of others you'll never gain.

Anyone can do some talking;
"Empty wagons make more noise."
It's just the somebodies that know when to be quiet;
A gift called "tact" or "poise."

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MEET MTSC MASTERS

The Master of the new month is, indeed, an outstanding member of the social science department, for he holds the official title of associate professor of social science and it is Dr. Robert L. Martin.

A native of Tennessee, Dr. Martin was born in Lascassas and received his secondary education at Kittrell high school. His initial degree, the B. S., was received here at "the finest" in 1931. While a student here Dr. Martin participated in the International Relations Club, the Dramatic Club, and the college chorus.

The campus of Peabody next received Dr. Martin, and in 1935 he was given his M. A. degree. Our Master went even further into the educational world, and for two years did graduate work at the University of Wisconsin. Peabody College was destined to receive Dr. Martin once again, for in 1941 he copied the PhD from there.

Among the honor societies to which Dr. Martin holds membership are: Pi Gamma Mu, Kappa Delta, and Phi Delta Kappa. In the line of professional societies, he belongs to the Association of American Geographers, the Society of Professional Geographers, the National Council of Geography Teachers, the Southern Economic Association, the South-western Social Science Association, the NEA, and the TEA.



ROBERT L. MARTIN

This summer the Master will venture to the campus of San Francisco State College to attend the August post session. This fits in extraordinarily well with his favorite pastimes, those of reading and traveling.

Dr. Martin's first teaching position after he attained his degrees was at Madison College, Harrisonburg, Virginia, where he taught for one summer. The United States Navy next claimed him and he served as an aerology instructor for four years, holding the rank of lieutenant. He now is a member of the Naval Reserve, and one weekend a month he travels to Memphis to act as aerology officer.

In the position of associate professor, Dr. Martin joined the ranks of the Central State College faculty in Edmond, Oklahoma. His next place of employment was Southeast Missouri State College and from there he ventured to MTSC, joining our social science department in 1946.

Dr. Martin can often be found at his home on Airport Drive along with his family which consists of his wife and three-year-old son, Donald. He has also done work in the journalistic field, for he has an "Economic History of Rutherford County" and "Sequatchi Valley, Tennessee" listed among his publications.

Along with being a member of the Baptist Church and teaching the college Sunday School class, Dr. Martin belongs to the Masonic Order, in which is a 32nd degree mason.

RUTLEDGE ROUND-UP

What is that delicious smell on third floor? It is pop-corn. It comes from room 308. Jo Simmons, Earline Snell, and Sarah Brantly have a party all of their own each night. For refreshments they serve pop corn popped with Sarah's pop corn popper.

Happy Harsh and Carolyn Reece seem fairly happy during their solitude confinement. We hear they have taken up fortune telling as a past time. By the way, just what was it you two girls told Lavada? She seems all in a dither!!!

Elva Monger spent the week-end in Nashville not long ago with her girl-friend. Hear she had a lot of fun.

Like to take time out to welcome Betty Collins to Rutledge, rooming on third with Pat Anglea and Mary Gwatney.

Speaking of Mary Gwatney, just how do things stand between her and George (lover boy) Kittrell? They seem to be a "feuding here lately.

Oh! Ann, how we've missed you. Ann Ledford, one of our favorites has been home sick. She's back now, and it is so good to have her.

Is it love? If it isn't, then there's something wrong. Scotty and Frank just sit and make goo-goo eyes at each other. Is it love? I think so.

Betty McMurtry was all in a dither when her boy friend, a student at TPI visited her. He spent the entire day with her and I believe there was stardust in her eyes.

Ann Lannon spent last week-end with Jacqueline Webster. Of course it was fun to be with Jackie—but could there be something a little

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HERE 'N THERE

By JAMES RALPH

HATS OFF to the MTSC debaters who SWAMPED VANDY 3-out-of-4. That deserves a vote of thanks.

SOUTHERN DEMOCRATS, loyal to the National Party, held a conference at Raleigh, North Carolina which added new woe to the Dixiecrats' hope of controlling the Southern vote. Several Administration leaders, including Brannan, Snyder, Webb and Gray attended. The meeting was organized by Jonathan Daniels, North Carolina National Committeeman. Woodville Rogers, party leader from Texas, predicted that the meeting would give enough Southern support to insure Mr. Truman's reelection in 1952. A call was sounded for young blood to replace the Dixiecrats who separated. Middle Tennessee State College might offer Bill Langseth.

SENATOR KEFAUVER plans to ask the Senate Judiciary Committee to investigate Nation-wide racketeers and racketeers. Ultimate goal would be either to ban or place Federal restrictions on such things as slot machines, etc.

RUTHERFORD REPUBLICANS, much alike the National Republicans, do not seem to be able to agree on anything. Wade Wheeler might be needed there.

GENERAL WALTER BEDELL SMITH, ex-Ambassador to Russia, reported in New York at a meeting of National organizations to fight Communism and promote the American way (sponsored by the American Legion and reported by this column), that the Russians have in this country the same type of underground organization that took over Czechoslovakia. He believes that the menace is greater than is being recognized by our people as a whole.

HILLBILLY MUSIC and Square Dancing both seem to be on the upgrade all over the country. Hillbilly records far outsell all other records combined nowadays. (Present trends might indicate the best way to get ahead in life.)

BUILDING ROADS might be the Government's answer to any future depression. Senator O'Mahoney of Wyoming reported the need for \$41,000,000,000 worth of building. Everything is measured in dollars it seems.

H-BOMB decision might prove to be the greatest news of 1950. Our possessing it and the Russians not might be an incentive to peace, but as soon as both sides have such bombs, then they are just another danger to civilization. Estimates of cost run from 100 million to four billion.

ANTHONY EDEN, former British Foreign Secretary in Winston Churchill's cabinet, says that the only hope for saving all of Southeast Asia from the Communists is firm leadership from the Democracies plus—the you guessed it—American aid. Any large grab of people and territory is Southeast Asia by the Communists would throw the balance of the world's effective population far over on the Russian side.

SILLIMAN EVANS, publisher of the Nashville Tennessean, said at Ralleg, N. C., that he feels no Republican is "fit" to hold office and that the Dixiecrats are even better.

DELEGATE E. L. BARTLETT, Alaska's only representative in Congress, warns that our only military installations in Alaska could be taken by the Russians with only a little effort expended.

SECRETARY SYMINGTON of the Air Department will speak in Nashville on February 10. He will report on what the AEDC at Tullahoma will mean to this area and its people. Tullahoma's City Fathers seem to have the situation well in hand—no boom has as yet exploded.

RUMOR SAYS GOVERNOR BROWNING may be looking for Senator McKellar's Senate seat in 1952. Albert Gore seems to have been looking that way for some time.

ALGER HISS will appeal the five-year sentence received from a circuit court to the United States Supreme Court.

GEN. FRANK HOWLEY, former American commander in Berlin, writing his account of the Berlin occupation, says that the Reds no longer look upon conflict with Americans with fear.

ALLIES IN BERLIN are being patient with the little blockade of Berlin—the slowing down of truck traffic over the super highway.

STATES RIGHTERS are still clamoring for a man like Eisenhower to be a Presidential candidate.

ADMIRAL SHERMAN was approved as Naval CNO even though bitter Republican Senators tried to make an issue out of the ouster of Admiral Denfield. Loudest cries came from Knowland, McCarthy and Ferguson of Calif., Wis., and Mich., respectively.

CARL LAPPIN and JACK LITTLETON spoke to the Lions Clubs of Tullahoma and Gallatin on Tuesday, 31. Tullahoma will soon have the AEDC and Gallatin has already produced Bill Willis, their wind tunnel.

Dr. Wilkes' Thesis Is Published By University of Illinois Press

The following is an abstract of a thesis submitted by Dr. Joe Frank Wilkes as partial fulfillment for his degree of Doctor of Education. Dr. Wilkes completed this thesis while enrolled in the graduate college of the University of Illinois. This abstract is published because it is a critical study of Middle Tennessee State College and its facilities for the training of elementary teachers. Certain conditions described by Mr. Wilkes will have changed. This is due to the fact that this study was made in 1947, although it was just recently published. The complete abstract will appear in this and following issues of The Side-Lines.

The purpose of this study is to discover and apply acceptable bases for planning an improved program for training elementary school teachers at Middle Tennessee State College, Murfreesboro, Tennessee. This school is one of three state-supported teacher-training institutions located in Middle Tennessee. It grants the Bachelor of Science degree in elementary and secondary teacher-training curricula and in general liberal-arts curricula. The College Training School houses grades one through eight, and serves as a laboratory for students in elementary teacher training.

Middle Tennessee State College draws its population of approximately one thousand students mainly from Rutherford County, where the school is located, and from the surrounding forty-one counties composing Middle Tennessee. Due to rather lenient admission requirements set by State legislation for all State Colleges, the freshman class at Middle Tennessee State College is a relatively unselected group.

Middle Tennessee State College offers a two-year curriculum for elementary teachers as prescribed by the State Board of Education. Upon completion of this curriculum, a student is entitled to receive a Tennessee Permanent Professional Elementary Teaching Certificate. A majority of the students apply for this certificate and accept a teaching position in the Middle Tennessee area at the end of the sophomore year.

- In Chapter I the following objectives are set for this study:
 - To analyze the present student personnel and educational phases of the program for training elementary teachers at Middle Tennessee State College, in the light of (a) regional needs, (b) minimum standards prescribed for teachers colleges by the American Association of Teachers Colleges, and (c) present practices in selected teacher-training institutions.
 - To discover, through this analysis, implications for possible improvement of the student personnel and educational phases of the program for training elementary school teachers at Middle Tennessee State College.
 - To make general recommendations for desirable revisions or changes in the student personnel and educational program for training elementary school teachers at Middle Tennessee State College.

A Blade of Grass

I AM A BLADE OF GRASS—the Alpha of visible organics. I was ordained by the CREATOR to be the first evidence of organic life on earth when HE said, "Let the earth bring forth the grass—and the earth brought forth grass—and the evening and the morning were the third day."

I preceded man by millions of years as he was not created until the sixth day.

Through eons of time, I absorbed and assimilated the inorganic elements of land, sea and atmosphere, building them into living cells; evolving new forms, kinds and species; zealously guarding the GOD-given power to retain and reproduce that mysterious thing called life against such time as man should require it for his physical existence.

I am an indispensable source of all life on earth, regardless of genus, which may account for my being placed before man and the animals in GOD'S PLAN OF CREATION.

I belong to a family so numerous and varied as to almost defy description.

I am utilitarian to a degree which is limited only by man's ability to adapt me to his needs and desires.

I create the aesthetic as well as the practical, for all the creatures we behold are but the hues of the field, digested into the flesh of them, or more remotely carnified in man himself—I AM A BLADE OF GRASS.

—E. W. Hamilton

MEET MTSC MASTERS

Three years ago MTSC welcomed with proverbial open arms, Dr. Virginia L. Peck, assistant professor of English and an outstanding addition to our near-perfect faculty.

A native of nearby Nashville, Mrs. Peck received her secondary education at Central High School in Davidson County, Vanderbilt was next destined to welcome our Maestro and to hold her through a period of time during which she attained three degrees. The first of these, the B. A. was gained in 1934; the second, the M. A., one year later in 1935; and the last, the Ph.D. in 1939. One year before Virginia Peck copied her Ph. D., she met and married our own Dr. Richard Peck.

In the early years of her college education, Mrs. Peck was recognized by all as an outstanding diver. To prove this she vanquished her opponents for the southern championship, the south-eastern championship, and the mid-Atlantic championship. As of late she has had little time to spend on her favorite



DR. VIRGINIA PECK

sport for she and her husband have recently bought and remodelled "The Angles", a 118 acre farm between the Bradyville and Woodbury Pikes. Her latest hobby is caring for her garden and their livestock, consisting of three hens and an Angora cat.

While still doing graduate work at Vanderbilt, Virginia Peck filled in as a teacher for two years. From there she ventured to Montevello to teach for one year at the Alabama Women's College. Her next five years were spent at Troy State College, and then to the campus of "the finest."

Among the organizations to which Dr. Peck belongs are listed American Association for University Women, the TEA, the NEA, and the Dames Club, a society for faculty wives.

What's Your Answer to QUESTION OF THE WEEK

By JUANITA WHEELER

What you improvements or changes would you like most to see here at MTSC?

Mary Lou Parsley . . . Four day exams instead of two.

Paul Sullivan . . . Better food in the cafeteria and general improvements in the lunch room.

Mayor O'Kelley . . . A new Administration Building.

Betty Dement . . . New furniture in Lyon Hall.

Nell Henson . . . Escalators from the basement to the third floor of all buildings.

Martha Powell . . . Get the jukebox fixed in the lunch room and keep the selections up to date.

Charlie Warren . . . Keep Key Hole Kitty out of the paper.

Punk Shadow . . . Improvement in the lunch room coffee.

Joe Ladd . . . MORE DATE NIGHTS AND LATER HOURS FOR THE GIRLS HERE ON THE CAMPUS.

Jack Lee . . . More girls.

Joe Powell Shelton . . . Fraternities and Sororities on the campus.

Taffy Blakemore . . . The Rec-Hall reopened for student activities.

Hudson Nichols . . . Beer faucets in all the rooms at Jones Hall.

Bill Simmons . . . A bus running from the college to the Country Club.

Noel Nichols . . . Motor boat service from Jones Hall to the Administration Building.

Pusher Howell . . . For Basket Ball team to play in Madison Square Garden.

Jimmy Joe Jackson . . . A quiet period during the day so all night-owls can sleep.

Patsy Angel . . . Shoot out all the lights on the campus.

Bobby Liggett . . . No Saturday classes.

Murray Parker . . . More card tables in Jones Hall for Canasta playing.

Ann Wheeler . . . Mirrors in the bathrooms. They might add some soap.

Jim Crawford . . . Saturday night midnight dates for all girls on the campus.

Sara Connelly . . . For the teachers to realize we all have something to do between eight a.m. and twelve p.m. besides study.

Winford McFerrin . . . Eight o'clock classes should all have movies so I could sleep through them.

Jean Mason . . . Muzzles on some of the girls in Rutledge Hall. For instance, MY ROOMMATES.

The patient was fumbling in his pocket.

"You need not pay me in advance," said the dentist.

"I wasn't going to," was the reply.

"I was just counting my money before you give me gas."

Murfreesboro Proud Of College Growth, Says Gordon Turner



—Mat Courtesy Nashville Tennessean

Here are four members of the faculty who, with President Smith (seated, center), have given Middle Tennessee State College a total of more than 150 years of continuous service. Left to right, Miss E. May Saunders, music teacher since 1911; N. C. Beasley, college dean since 1926; Miss Tommie Reynolds, mathematics teacher since 1911; and J. S. Holmes, the first student to enter the college and assistant bursar since 1912. President Smith was a member of the charter class of the college also, returning to become president 12 years ago.

Editor's Note—Gordon Turner, Nashville Tennessean "roving reporter" wrote the following article after a recent visit to the campus where he was assembly speaker. Like Tennessee's other colleges, and most other schools for that matter, Middle Tennessee State College here has had such a recent phenomenal expansion that even its faculty and citizens can hardly realize what has actually been done.

Born in 1911, as one of three schools formed from the old state normal school which offered two years college work, the other two were located in Memphis and Johnson City. Its normal growth was steady but not prior to its expansion into a standard four-year college in 1925, and also after that time, until four or five years later.

I recently was a guest on the campus and after a most inspiring chapel program largely conducted by alert students, I visited Dean N. C. Beasley and then conversed at length with him, Eugene Sloan, and other faculty old-timers in the office of President Q. M. Smith.

A Humphreys County native, Smith recalled his early school days at Bodine Academy and Ruskin Cave College, near his home, and his first job as teacher at Pruitt Springs to which he walked five miles daily, long before he was a graduate student at UT and Peabody. A "chanted" pupil here in 1911, he was later high school principal at Cleveland for six years and then served as Tennessee Tech president from 1920 till 1938 when he came to his present place as head of this school.

He has seen building and equipment expenditures quadruple twice in the last decade here, the regular budget jump from \$200,000 to \$1,000,000 and enrollment surge from 500 to 4500, more than half the latter being taught off campus by instructors who go from here to their home counties. "Meeting a Challenge," a new college bulletin projecting his hopes for the school's immediate future, reads more like that of a vast university than that for a sectional state college, but Smith names the report of the committee which he recently headed on the state's teacher retirement system, as his best all-time job.

SON OF EVANGELIST Beasley, son of a renowned Marshall county Methodist evangelist who died a few months ago after teaching six years in public schools and serving several years as chief clerk in the state department, began here as dean 23 years ago and long since rose to the top of his chosen pedagogical ladder.

Miss E. May Saunders and Miss Tommie Reynolds have taught music and math here, respectively, since the school's start. And a book wouldn't hold J. S. Holmes' human interest highlights since he received the first catalog ever to be mailed out from here, then was among the first students to enroll, and in one year "graduated" to become assistant bursar which job he has held ever since.

It was Eugene Sloan, professor of history, journalism and business law, and chairman of athletics, who conducted me over the campus and was luncheon host in the college cafeteria. "Gene" taught and did newspaper work in Lebanon before coming here five years ago to what everybody affectionately calls "general flunkny."

HOUSES EQUIPMENT The vast new industrial arts building houses technical equipment unheard of here less than 10 years ago, and classes which study everything from wood and sheet metal work to refrigeration, aviation and electronics. Delbert Dyke heads a navy training detachment and S. R. Woods demonstrated foolproof and student-installed wiring in a miniature home set up in his department for the practical instruction of everybody on the campus.

The superb gym in the half-million dollar health building is only one of its dozen recreational and athletic features and often has a dozen classes at once, each in a different activity, but all adaptable for rural school and community participation. Not yet complete, the gym seats 2900 and when the last section is added will seat more than 4000 to make it perhaps the largest in this whole area. As modern as tomorrow, the swimming pool may be left outdoors, Sloan said, to conform to suggestions of some authorities who lately have advised against indoor pools.

MODERN DORMITORY Next to come on the big campus which was for a long time mostly pretty green acres, but is now being dotted with structures which would grace any university of the land, are the student union-cafeteria building and ultra modern dormitory to house 160 men. Together with equipment, they will cost \$1,000,000 or more and both are to be completed by the end of the year.

The tour wound up with a pleasant visit in the staff offices of The Side-Lines, excellent semi-monthly college paper, whose editor and business manager, respectively, are Jim McCullough and Bill Willis. Other helpers with the publication, boasted as 100% student activity are: Wilma Green, associate editor; Anne Beasley, copy; Juanita Wheeler, Emily Pepper, Nell Henson, Judy Hargrove and Mary Gwaltney, society; Jim Lee, sports; Jean Pellegrin, Peggy Brandon, June Smith and Staten Eubanks, features; James Ralph, Gloria Gattis, and Irene Morgan, columnists; Jane Holland and Jim Hale, make-up; Joe Sloan, proof reader; Cella Blevins and Sarah Connelly, circulation, and Nancy Junius, Exchange.

Library Adds Several New Books

Miss Catherine Clark, librarian for the college, has announced that a total of 140 new books have been added to the college library during the month of January, 1950. For the benefit of those students who find it advantageous to make use of the facilities of the library, the Side-Lines is publishing a list of these books. Included on the list are 112 technical and professional books, eight reference titles, and 20 books of fiction and biography. This is a feature service of the Side-Lines.

- PSYCHOLOGY AND PHILOSOPHY
- Lemkau—Mental hygiene in public health.
- McKinney—Psychology of personal adjustment
- Alexander—Psychoanalytic therapy
- Benedek—Insight and personality adjustment
- Thorpe & Katz—The psychology of abnormal behavior
- White—The abnormal personality
- Adler—Understanding human nature
- Gilbert—Psychology for the profession of nursing
- Metfessel—Instructor's guide for demonstrations of psychological experiments
- Burt—Applied psychology
- Hepper—Psychology applied to life and work
- Sherman—Intelligence and its deviations
- SOCIAL SCIENCE
- Dublin—Length of life
- Knox—The people of Tennessee
- Lilienthal—This I do believe
- Henderson—A guide to parliamentary practices
- Fairchild—Elementary economics
- Inter-American coffee board annual report
- Duffus—The valley and its people
- Reel—The case of General Yamashita
- Wise—Our bill of rights; what it means to me
- U. S. Navy—U. S. Navy occupational handbook
- Gunn—Voluntary health agencies
- Olsen—School and community programs
- Lancelot—Permanent learning
- Manual arts conference—Industrial arts in modern education
- Wilber—Industrial arts in general education
- Williams—Health education in schools
- Ade—Meeting the needs of the mentally retarded
- SCIENCE
- Strausbaugh—General biology
- Bayles—Biology for better living
- Gortner—Outlines of biochemistry
- Newbigin—Plant and animal geography
- Dunn—Elementary plant physiology
- Salle—Fundamental principles of bacteriology
- Hauber—

Student Intramurals Take Spotlight In Winter Program

ALONG THE SIDELINES

By JIM LEE

"Singing in The Rain"

June is bustin' out all over, the little raindrops have blossomed tra la, tra la. People on the campus have tried every trick known to common man to relieve the tension caused by the you know what (I can't use the word that begins with an "r" and ends with an "n," because if anybody reads this, which is doubtful, they might not be able to stand the rain-cops—I mean the strain). The Side-Lines has written editorials, the preachers have prayed, the coaches have cussed, and I have lampooned it in an effort to effect a compromise on the part of "Ma Nature." Despite all the moanings, the Lucky Old Raiders keep rolling right along with wins over Smyrna and a most complete washing of Cumberland 77-30.

Orchids and Onions

For the second successive time orchids go to Harry Gupton who has moved into third place in scoring in the VSAC . . . Fuzzy Harmening moved into eleventh place with 158 points. . . Onions to the owner or owners of the two metal canoes over at the sheet metal shops because they won't start a taxi service to and from the Training School. . . Orchids to the winners at Stunt Night with the jokes that were old and new. . . the punch line of the new joke got by me—maybe the humor was just too subtle. . .

Geek of The Week, B. Gilley

Our nomination for "Geek of the Week" goes this time to Billy H. Gilley, sports editor of the Tennessee Tech Oracle, for his rather strained attempts at humor in an article entitled "The Bells of Murfreesboro Are Ringing Again." The article which was originally intended to be horribly amusing was about as funny as a cancer. He gave a few grammar lessons to the Nashville Tennessean and believe me those free lessons were worth much less than they cost. It's not that we wish to criticize, but Gilley, the Engineers' version of Bob Hope, carries things a little too far sometimes. The little Polytechnicians have decided to give some of the Southeastern Conference teams a breather or two. Like to quote from Julius Caesar: "I had rather be first in a small Iberian village than second in Rome." Down here at the "Basketball Capital of Tennessee" we had rather be first in the VSAC than last in the OVC. Last in the OVC is not the proper place for a team that aspires (loose usage of the word) to be Tennessee what Tech is to Georgia.

New Gymnasium Will be Center of Physical Education Program at State

Coach Charles Murphy states that the new half million dollar Memorial Health and Physical Education Building will serve many uses other than just for basketball games.

Coach Stowe's health classes will soon be moved to the basement floor of the new gymnasium. This will provide the much needed additional space in the overcrowded Administration building.

Beginning February 20, the Memorial Building will be the location for three tournaments of Rutherford County basketball, District I of Regions IV and Region V. Also part of the intramural program of the college has been scheduled to take place in the new gym.

Concrete for the new swimming pool at the side of the gym has already been poured. It is expected that this pool will be completed for use by the time warm weather arrives.

The completion of this new building puts MTSC one step ahead in the State program for expansion of the campus. Already bids have been made on the new cafeteria and Student Union building while plans are now underway for the new boys dormitory.

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COFFIN CORNER

by BILL WILLIS
This column is going to be quite different from the others up until this time. This article will be mostly for the people who do not live in Jones Hall, and who do not know the conditions surrounding the occupants of it.

Jones Hall, the boys' dormitory that is, can be used for anything under the sun. It would make an excellent barn, pool room, rat experiment laboratory, mad house, or with a little alteration people could live in it.

Take a listen to some of the things that a student lives with and on. Take the bed, second hand Army bunks with double decks, no springs whatsoever. The rooms which were originally meant to house two people now contain four.

There is one light in the middle of the room which furnishes light for the whole space, and with a little luck you can get a table and chairs inside. The heating system and ventilation cannot be equalled anywhere in the state, I hope. On hot nights you freeze and on cold nights you smother. There can be no happy medium reached, it seems.

The radiators leak, and you stand knee deep in water unless some good Samaritan rows in and saves you. There is no possible way to study with chairs falling down, beds caving in, lights going out, and rad-

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LIONS HONOR GRIDER



Fred Grider, alternate captain of the undefeated 1949 Raiders, was presented with a handsome football trophy by the Murfreesboro Lion's club Monday night at a banquet honoring the Raider and Central High School Tigers. Marty McCullough received a similar award for his work with the local high school team.

Society Scribe Scans Sports

Ed. Note: Due to a shortage in sports writers a society reporter was sent to cover this game.

MTSC was host to a group of students from Cumberland University in the new Health and Physical Education Building last Thursday evening. The gym was decorated with white and red lights and a large white T on a blue background served as a centerpiece. The visitors from Cumberland were arrayed in maroon suits with white piping. The Home team was decked out in their familiar white clothes with the blue trimming.

The host, Charles Greer, was dressed in a lovely brown corduroy sports jacket and a red necktie. Mr. Lewis W. Aaron of Nashville also in the receiving line wore a white jacket with blue trimming while Mr. William Fandrich was attired in a white perspiration shirt, with quarter length sleeves, blue denim pants and stylish brown brogue shoes with a specially constructed toe. The exquisite orange and green score board kept a record of the activities of the evening.

Guests were present from Lebanon, Carthage, and numerous places over the mid state area. Mr. Charles Harmening carried away the prize for scoring with 14 points while Mr. Harry Gupton was the runner up with eight tallies. No prizes were awarded to any of the contestants but a good time was had by all.

There is only one consolation, that is the hope that our grandchildren will be allowed to live in the modern dormitory which is to be erected in 19--.

The members of the dormitory council go to bed at night with this prayer:
"Now I lay me down to sleep,
Please keep the rats away from my feet,
If should suffocate before I wake
Don't let the janitors my body take.
After four years of this, and I've received no harm
That is loss of hair, legs, head and arm
I'll take my diploma with a smile
on my face
And thank God, I'm leaving this rat race.
I know that the new dormitory will alleviate all of these conditions, but please, could there not be something done now that would help the conditions over in the famous "Old Soldiers' Home?"

You kissed and told
But that's all right
The one you told
Called up last night.

Arsey Womack, Route 1, Daylight, Tennessee, is teaching.

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10 YEARS AGO

Ten years ago it was Leap Year, and the campus here at MTSC; then known as STC, was jumping with activity. "Backward Week" was set, and the Home Economics Club was entertaining royally.

How were the Raiders doing? What were the students reading? Just read on for the details. Following is a report from the Sidelines of the day.

Home Economics Club entertains with a leap year party. The girls actually called at the doors of Jones' Hall and the Moffet House for their dates. Striking corsages of carrots and lettuce leaves were donned by the males.

The STC coeds will be given a chance at those gallant young swains, our campus is overflowing with, in the event of a leap year stunt called "Backward Week." The date set for "Backward Week" is Friday February 23, 1940, and from then until the following Friday evening at which time an informal Leap Year dance will climax the week. It will be bad etiquette for any modest boy to ask a girl for a date. The girls will have the privilege of making the dates, calling for the chosen man, entertaining him, and worrying about getting him back in the dormitory on time. There is also a rumour that Jones Hall will hold open house one night.

At this point, I am going to quote a sports editorial from the February 7, 1940 issue of the Sidelines.

"The Sidelines is not always in the mood to strew flowers, but the time has come to congratulate those working in the athletic set-up. Crowds of over 1,700 people present at two games in one week is not to be sneezed at and neither are the present basketball teams.

"Tennessee Polytechnic Institute found out Tuesday night that their breather on the local hardwood turned out to be a gag. They were left panting for breath after the Raiders had come from behind to win both varsity and frosh games, while 2,000 fans raised the roof during the procedure. It was the first time in the history of the school that both varsity and frosh had won. The last STC over TPI was in 1937 when the frosh team, which averaged 43 points during their season, rode over the Eaglets in their game here.

"The varsity is not a world champion team. In fact, it is just breaking an even .500 in college competition, but that is such a heck of a sight better than the .220 that the team batted last year, that it seems as though we have an undefeated team this year. They have lost five games.

"And for the first time in two years the Sidelines is ready to offer thanks to the student body for its support of the teams."

WHY CAN'T THE STUDENT BODY OF 1950 BE UP AND SHOW SOME REAL ENTHUSIASM WORTHY OF THE ABOVE PRAISE ???

Charla Louise Pennington and Charle Brown have leads in the third Dramatic Club production of the year. It is called "Rugged Road."

In a recent survey taken of a small group of students at State Teachers as to what piece of literature they have enjoyed most recently, the selection ranged from Shakespeare's "Macbeth" to Mitchell's "Gone With the Wind."

Only one out of a group of more than 20 listed "Gone With the Wind" as his preference, although it has been a favorite among novels with a large portion of people throughout the nation.

Some of the books given as being popular in the survey are: "My Antonia," "Return of the Native," "Jude the Obscure," "The Exile," "David Copperfield," "Vanity Fair," "Madame Curie," "Anna Karenina," and "The Deemster."

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Two Teams Remain Undefeated In Winter Intramural Tourney

This issue we throw the spotlight on the intramural program that is now well underway under the able leadership of Francis J. Riel, boys director, and Beth Broach who is the leader of the girls program. The Celtics of the National League are leading in the boys division with two wins and no losses, while the Home Economics Reds ride the crest of victory in sweeping three wins from the other members of the League behind the point-making of Nell Bands and Mary Faye Jones. The point-making combination of Banks and Jones have a total of 81 points that is unequalled by anyone, boys or girls, in the tournament.

Plenty of excitement is afforded the spectators by the closeness of scores and the individual performances of some of the stars who participate in the part of all the students.

The Home Ec. Red team is now leading in the girls basketball intramurals with three wins. They defeated the Phys. Ed. team last week in a hard fought battle 25-26. The game was nip and tuck all the way with the lead changing several times. "Old Lady Luck" was still with the Home Ec. Red's though as time ran out and Phys. Ed. had possession of the ball. Congratulations to both teams for a fine performance.

There are still several games left on the schedule. The teams now stand as follows:

Home Ec. Red	3	0
Phys. Ed.	3	0
Social Science	1	1
Business	1	1
Business	1	1
Home Ec. White	0	2
The high scorers in the tourney are as follows:		
Banks, Home Ec. Red	43	
Jones, Home Ec. Red	38	
Jernigan, Phys. Ed.	35	
Luton, Home Ec. Red	22	
Bryant, Soc. Science	17	

All games played in the American League have been won by very close margins. In the first game the Hornets eked out a 18-14 win over the Buffaloes while the Ramblers finally slipped by the Scorpions 16-14 after a hard fought battle. The Colts edged the Beavers 23-20 as the Buffaloes did the same over the Ramblers 20-18. The National League games have been lop sided at times as the Celtics outclassed the Bees 21-9, and the Raiders were downed by the Cubs 16-31. When the Celtics and the Cubs met it was a different story, however, as both teams put on their best performance. The Celtics finally emerged with a 14-13 victory. Only two games have been played in the International League. The Globe Trotters defeated the Lions 26-22 and the Bears outclassed the Wildcats by a score of 28-20.

Thus far the Celtics of the National League are leading in the tourney with two wins and no losses. This team is composed of Arnold, Ford, McCullough, McElroy, Miller, Shearin, Tice, and Jones.

The League ratings are as follows:

AMERICAN LEAGUE	
Colts	1 0
Hornets	1 0
Buffaloes	1 1
Ramblers	1 1
Beavers	0 1
Scorpions	0 1
NATIONAL LEAGUE	
Celtics	2 0
Cubs	1 1
Bees	0 1
Raiders	0 1
Clowns	0 0
Hot Shots	0 0
INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE	
Bears	1 0
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Buddy Stanford and George Amsden paced the visitors with a total of 30 points. High scorers for the home team were Fuzzy Harmening with 13 and Harry Gupton with 11.

The Bees suffered their second straight loss to Haynes Amusement Company 41-36 in the preliminary. The night before, the Baby Raiders lost to Carthage 46-38.

MTSC Ends Home Stand—to Play in VSAC Tournament

Next Tuesday night the Raiders close out their home stand when they host a strong Tennessee Tech club here. The regular season closes when the MTSC team engages the Vanderbilt Commodores in Nashville on February 20.

February 23, 24, 25, will mark the fourth annual VSAC tournament at Lincoln Memorial U., Harrogate Tennessee. Last year the tournament was held at Austin Peay with the hosts emerging as the victors behind the brilliant work of "Boxhead" Stone. MTSC has never won a Championship, but by virtue of

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Mr., Mrs. Harry H. Nunley Are Chosen For Midlander Title of The Most Typical Couple in State's Vet Village

by LUCY TUCKER
A 34-year-old air corps veteran from Linger in Grundy county, Harry H. Nunley and his wife, Melinda, who live in apartment 25, have been chosen Mr. and Mrs. Vet Village by Mayor O'Kelley and the council.

The Nunleys' picture with their two-year-old son, Michael, will appear in the feature section of the 1950 annual in connection with other college superlatives.

The Nunleys were very surprised and appreciative of the honor that their neighbors have bestowed on them. Nunley said, "Nothing has ever been given me of which I am prouder."

One of the reasons the Nunleys were chosen was their neighborliness and helpfulness to a student who had recently moved into Vet Village and whose wife was just out of the hospital.

Perhaps another reason why the Nunleys are so popular in The Village is because they like it so well themselves.

When asked about The Village, Nunley said, "We like it; we stayed here during vacation, and I worked."

He went on to say, "You seldom see any trouble over here, although there are six apartments in each barracks."

In regard to keeping house in the small apartments, Mr. Nunley said, "It is not as bad as I had expected, and the neighbors are all nice."

Michael, too, is enthusiastic about MTSC. He loves to spell out the Raiders' yell, R-A-I-D-E-R-S, which he has learned from going to the football and basketball games. He takes time about playing ball and being a cheerleader. He knows about studies, too. When his daddy comes in worrying about an extra exam and asks Michael, "I wonder if I passed that test?" Michael nonchalantly replies, "I doubt it."

Nunley is a social science and physical education major and was principal of Grand View elementary school in Marion county before coming to MTSC.

He first became interested in teaching while in the civilian conservation corps where he attempted to teach illiterate CCC boys to read and write.

He had to give this up to go into service. He was sent to Galapagos Island and was in service three years while his wife works at Oak Ridge. Upon his release from service, he went to Michigan and worked as a shipping clerk. He attended school at the same time, planning to go back into his old field of clerical work. However, he had to give it up to take six months of rest, because of attacks of malaria.

He went home to rest, but the people in the community asked him to teach in the local school, Nunley named after his father. He insisted he hadn't been trained to teach, but as the war was still going on and teachers were so hard to get, they persuaded him to accept the school. He has been teaching ever since, until he came to MTSC.

Mrs. Nunley plans to enter school next quarter, and work on an elementary certificate. They hope to arrange their classes so one of them can be with Michael all the time. Mrs. Nunley has a sister, Mrs. Bill Sissom, living in the Vet Village who will help with Michael if they are not able to work out their schedule to take care of him.

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attractive in Columbia, Ann, and could his name be Charlie?
Libby Rogers and Charlie Lyons are still going strong and so are Jennie Barrett and Jack Sullivan.
Betty Alsop! Just who is it that keeps your time so occupied? And is his name Bob?
Cherry Day is still "wild about Harry"—maybe that is the reason she loves these week-ends!!!
Becky, oh, Becky—we want to congratulate you on your talent for playing that cute little instrument. And the entire third floor knows by heart now, "Three Blind Mice".

Winter
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tions. Last spring she held the major role in "Out of the Frying Pan," and achieved enough points in the other fields of dramatics to earn her membership in the Alpha Psi Omega. David's wife, Christina, will be characterized by Jean Pellegrin, North Plainfield, New Jersey. During her high school days she was active in dramatics, and was vice-president of the local dramatic society. This is Jean's first quarter as a member of MTSC's Buchanan club and her first try at college productions.

The maid, Della, will be enacted by Patti Farrell, Murfreesboro. Patti has participated actively in backstage work for various plays and is now working for her membership in Alpha Psi Omega. She was French prompter during the presentation of "Joan of Lorraine."

Other members of the dramatic club will participate in various ways. The house committee, in charge of ushering and the like, is composed of Bill Willis, manager, Avola Whitesell, Peggy Brandon, Nancy Ball, Aubrey Wilson, Doris Pigg, Zo Chastain, Sylvia Stewart, Julia Boren, Mary Bandy, Irene Morgan, Lucy Hicks, Jerolyn Cashion, Evelyn Craddock, and Jane McCrary.

The lighting crew, under the direction of Celia Blevins, is made up of Jimmy Lyon, Carolyn Kimery, Zora Chastain, and Dot Marlin.

Dick Covington will head the publicity committee and will have Carl Coakley, Sylvia Stewart, Zora Chastain, Jim Lee, Emily Pepper, Dot

Faculty
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al years ago, has been in partial disuse since the beginning of the war. Its revival this year will unquestionably stimulate high schools in the South to closer scrutiny and more modification of curriculum.

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Miss Mary Dillon's Engagement To John Arthur Scott, Jr. Is Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Stacy L. Dillon of Lascassas announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Victoria, to John Arthur Scott, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John Arthur Scott of Birmingham, Alabama. The marriage will be solemnized March 17 at the First Baptist Church.

The bride-elect was graduated from Lascassas High School and Tennessee College for Women, where she majored in music. During the past summer she studied at the Juilliard School of Music in New York. Miss Dillon has served as organist at the First Baptist church for the past two years and is a member of the piano teaching staff at Middle Tennessee State College. She holds membership in the American Guild of Organists, the Stephens Music club, the Business and Professional Women's club and Beta Sigma Phi sorority.

Mr. Scott received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Birmingham Southern College and his master's degree from Peabody College. He has done extensive graduate work at Peabody and is now instructor of English at Middle Tennessee State College.

During World War II, Mr. Scott served for three years as cryptographer with the United States Army Air Corps, two years of which were spent overseas. He is a member of the American Association of University Professors and of the National Education Association.

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