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## Class Officers Are Elected

Connie Ingram, senior; Frank Chase, junior; Charles Polk, sophomore; Mike Hays, freshman, new class presidents, were elected Sept. 8 for the coming year.

Students elected for vice-presidents were Ed Dalton, senior; Carol Richmond, junior; Yvonne Henn, sophomore; Patsy Foster, freshman.

Secretaries were Cynthia Hancock, senior; Dorothy Fulkerson, junior; Ronnie Mitchell, sophomore; Nancy Fulkerson, freshman.

Treasurers were Jim Guard, senior; Tommy Cole, junior; Roger Grisham, sophomore; Joe Lee Dorris, freshman.

## New Projection Club Is Making Movie

"Scenes of H.T.H.S." is the title of a movie film of school activities to be made by the Projection club this year. The film, of which only 150 ft. have been developed, was started during the second semester of last year and may be completed by the close of this term.

On the film are 1½ minutes of last year's graduating class, 1½ minutes of the faculty, and 1½ minutes of a basketball game, almost five minutes altogether have been developed.

The club, which has not organized as yet this term will organize soon, and will be the second of its kind at this school. It will consist of school movie operators and other interested persons.

The club had about 15 members last year and about the same number is again expected. The club is sponsored by William A. Hoyt, visual educational director and mathematics teacher of the school.

Hoyt said today that he hoped to finish the school film this year but added, "we still have quite a long way to go."

## New Officers Preside Over Hi-Y Meeting

New officers presided at the Hi-Y meeting conducted Sept. 9 in "A" assembly. Elected last spring were Bob Kennedy, president; James Govon, vice-president; David Wiley, secretary; and W. T. Westbrook, treasurer.

Guests at the meeting were Bill Bob Brown and Tom Evans. Brown was the guest speaker of the evening. His speech was on "The Ideals of Sportsmanship." He has been substituting for Miss Alvina Shetak here at school. Both Brown and Evans are graduates of H.T.H.S. and past presidents of the Student council. Brown is attending dental school at Washington university this year and Evans, who has received a degree at Louisville university, is attending the University of Illinois School of Medicine.

## Pow Wow Discarded

"The Pow-Wow will be discontinued," stated R. L. Foster "because it has outlived its purpose." The original purpose of the Pow-Wow was to raise funds for Taylor field completed in 1928. Foster stated also that the Pow-Wow has grown old and tiresome to the public. The general feeling is that probably the income gained only partly justified the time and effort put forth.

The old Pow-Wow consisted of sports, which included boxing and boys and girls tumbling exhibition. There was always a style show put on by the girls of H.T.H.S.

## Chimes of Normandy To Be Given Oct. 23 By Music Department

"The Chimes of Normandy" a two-act light opera will be presented at the Bonnell gymnasium early next month. Oct. 23rd has been chosen as the tentative date for this presentation by the H.T.H.S. vocal music department.

John L. Schork, director of the opera, has been choosing his characters from the chorus classes and extracurricular members. Although the cast is not definite, one has been tentatively chosen.

Robert Planquette, composer of "The Chimes of Normandy", has placed the setting in Normandy, district of northern France.

The cast is the following: Henri-Count de Cornerville, Bob Kennedy; Grenicheux, a sailor, Richard Norris; Gaspard, a miser, Carroll Clark; Bailli, governor, David Wiley; Germaine, a ward of Gaspard, Shirley Karnes; Serpolette, a ward of Gaspard, Myra Burnam; Gertrude, a girl of the village, Marjorie Zimmer; Nanette, a girl of the village, Phyllis Parks.

## Thespians Elect '52-'53 Officers

Thespians officers were elected, and members of the senior play committee were selected, at the first Thespian meeting held Sept. 17, in Mrs. Lolo Eddy's room. The newly elected officers of the Thespian club are as follows: Sherry Hensley, president; Connie Beth Ingram, vice-president; Mary Chamberlain, secretary; Bob Kennedy, treasurer.

The date for the senior play was set for Nov. 14 by the senior play reading committee, who read several plays to decide upon one to be presented. On the committee are Sherry Hensley, Sid Bozarth, Shirley Dutton, Connie Ingram, Bonita Gwin, and Bob Kennedy.

It was stated that the play would be humorous and light.

Members of the speech II class presented three scenes from Shakespeare's "Merchant of Venice" at the meeting. Taking part in the presentation were Frank Chase, Joe Stricklin, June Blackard, John Shepherd, Mollie Jean Brinkley, Betty Butner, Mary Chamberlain and Sherry Hensley.

A humorous reading was given by Shirley Dutton. The speech director commenting on the presentation said, "These young people read Shakespeare exceedingly well."

## Cheerleaders Chosen

To add sparkle to the school this year, some new cheerleaders have been added. Two new varsity cheerleaders were chosen.

The varsity cheerleaders are Anne Funkhouser, Connie Ingram, June Blackard, Barbara Fearhiley, Shirley Aldridge, Cynthia Hancock, and Eugenia Gollhier.

As yet the freshman-sophomore girls haven't been definitely decided upon. The girls who are trying out for the fresh-soph team are Norma Simpson, Barbara Yates, Nigel Jenkins, Katy Lockwood, Patsy Foster, Jane Lasser-son, Patsy Gwin, and Wanda Smith.

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## Two Teachers Added to Staff

Two new members have been added to the faculty of H. T. H. S. this year. They are Mrs. Mary E. Wessels and Laurence Clark.

Mrs. Wessels is joining the faculty for the first time and is now teaching shorthand II and typing I and II. Although she is a native of Eldorado where she is now staying with her mother, Mrs. Wessels is teaching in Illinois for the first time. Formerly she taught in Indiana, Pennsylvania, and Texas where she received her B. S. degree at Southwestern Texas State teachers college. Her studies have also included graduate work at the University of Texas.

Major Vincent J. Wessels, Mrs. Wessels' husband, has been in Korea at the well-known Koje Island Prison camp where he was in the military police service in charge of Red prisoners of war. At the present he is being treated for illness in a Japan hospital.

Laurence Clark, who was formerly employed at H. T. H. S., is returning to his old position to take the place of Robert Johnson as teacher of biology. Clark was recalled to duty by the reserves in December of 1950 after teaching for nearly a year here.

Clark taught biology in the Chemical corps of the Far Eastern Command in Tokyo during his last 16 months of duty. Said Clark, "The people of Japan are as we picture them but are very friendly. Their living conditions are much poorer than ours." On his return trip he came through Alaska.

At Monmouth college he received his bachelor's degree. His home is now in Abingdon, Ill.

## Jerry Skaggs, Heads Council

Jerry Skaggs was elected president of the student council on Monday, Sept. 22. The other officers elected were as follows: vice-president, David Wiley, secretary, Shirley Aldridge, and treasurer, Anne Funkhouser.

At the first of the hour in a general assembly, campaign speeches were presented, over which Jerry Skaggs, former vice-president, presided. The candidates and campaign managers were as follows: for president-Dick Bozarth, who gave his own speech, introduced by David Patterson, and Jerry Skaggs, represented by David Wiley; for vice-president-David Wiley, represented by Jerry Skaggs, June Blackard, by Shirley Dutton, and Bob Kennedy by Letitia Skaggs; for treasurer-W. T. Westbrook, represented by David Patterson, James Govan, by Frank Chase; for treasurer-Anne Funkhouser and Mary Taylor, respectively represented as a team by Sherry Hensley and Myra Burnam; for secretary-Shirley Aldridge, represented by Connie Ingram.

Following the conclusion of the campaign speeches, the students went to their homerooms, where they voted. The votes were counted in H. B. Bauman's room by some of last years representatives.

## Practice Teacher Will Go To Carrier Mills

Mrs. Janice Elliott, practice teacher, will teach at Carrier Mills, when she completes her six weeks training here. Mrs. Elliott, who is from Fairfield, went to Carbondale all four years. Her husband now in the Armed forces, will begin his last year in college this fall.

## 800 Enrolled At HTHS

Approximately 800 students are enrolled at Harrisburg high school for the year 1952-1953. Of this number 285 are freshmen, which is an increase over last year's freshmen totaling 253.

Last year's overall enrollment was slightly higher than this, totaling 836 up to Oct. 1. No exact number has been reached but it was stated by R. L. Foster that the enrollment is near 800.

The highest enrollment recorded was 1187 in the school year of 1937-38. But due to the ending of the depression and the opening of civil and war factories, student enrollment has decreased in the last 10 years. Students are quitting school to seek employment.

For various reasons 79 students have dropped school since last spring's registration. Most of these moved away, some have taken other jobs, others married, and some "just couldn't make the grade."

The school gets state aid for every student present daily, so a good attendance means more funds for efficient operation.

## FFA Members Travel to Vienna

Harrisburg F. F. A. members went to Vienna High School Sept. 18, to take part in the meeting of the F. F. A. leadership training school.

Curtis Miller, president of the Harrisburg chapter, conducted a discussion on improving chapter meetings. John Endsley, vice-president, gave a talk on F. F. A. activities such as fairs, contest, banquets, tours, and camps. Gene Fox, secretary of the Harrisburg F. F. A., gave the opening and closing ceremonies.

The purpose of the school is to train boys to be good leaders for their chapter. The meeting came to order at 5 p. m.

In order for this meeting to be successful it was necessary for each chapter to take part in the procedures.

After the meeting the F. F. A. members were all served dinner in the Vienna high school cafeteria.

## 31 New Members 94 Enrolled in Band

Ninety four members make up the Harrisburg township high school band, 31 of which are new this year. Marshall Cothran reports that new music has been bought, which fall in the following categories: semi-classical numbers, light overtures, marches, and novelty numbers.

Plans for this year include attending one out-of-town football game, the Rotary convention in Centralia, district and state contests; the band also plans a Christmas concert, spring concert, music review, music festival, and spring tours, the destinations of which are, as yet, unknown.

As usual, the band will perform at the halftime of the football games doing different formations with and without the lights worn by the instrumentalists to further enhance their formations.

## Appoint Editors For the Keystone



Shirley Aldridge and Catherine Klein were appointed editors-in-chief of the Keystone staff for the school year '52-'53 by Miss Velma Ogg, sponsor of the Keystone.

Other members of the staff are Betty Butner and Mary Taylor, junior editors; Venita Hicks and Shirley Kaid, senior assistants; Anne Funkhouser and June Blackard, junior assistants; Sherry Hensley, David Wiley, and Shirley Kaid, literary editors; Jerry Skaggs, sports editor; James Govan, asst. sports editor; Marilyn Foncree, Jerry Walker, artists; Joe Miller, photographer.

Salesman Appointed Book salesman are Roby Culley, Lorelei Wise, Shirley Karnes, Bob Estes, David Patterson, Nelson Edgings, Delores McDonald, June Partain, John Endsley, Eudena Orr, Jean Keltner, LaWanda Pierson, Janette Pollard, Donna Butterworth, Delores McClanahan, Martha Armistead, Lucille Erris, Regina McCormick.

Advertising salesman are David Patterson, Cynthia Hancock, Connie Harris, Connie Ingram, June Blackard, Mary Ann Humm, Letitia Skaggs, Yvetta Wertz, Phyllis Parks, Jean Keltner, Dorothy Fulkerson, June Josey, Margaret Ann Brashear, and Bob Kennedy.

Typists are Gaynelle Hudnell and Bonita Gwin.

Student Project These people will sell, edit and distribute the 1952-53 Keystone this year. This publication is entirely a student project.

Due to the discontinuance of the Pow-Wow this year it will be necessary for the staff to raise approximately \$300. by some other means.

## Dutton Heads FHA

Introduced to the F. H. A. club were new officers: Shirley Dutton, president; Joan Webb, vice president; Clara Short, secretary; Marilyn Foncree, treasurer; Barbara Dunn, parliamentarian; Marilyn Womack, historian; Carla Casell, recreation chairman; and Lorelei Wise, pianist, at its first meeting Sept. 11, in the girls' gym.

Plans were discussed for a hay-ride and a wiener roast to be held Sept. 30 at the Stonefort Reunion grounds. Committees were appointed to make out the program for the year. This year there are about 80 members, old and new, in the club.

## What's Up

- Sept. 26—Football Eldorado here.
- Sept 29—Football (fr-so) Eldorado there.
- Oct. 3—Football Mt. Vernon there.
- Oct. 6—Football (fr-so) Mt. Vernon here.
- Oct. 10—County Teachers Institute.
- Oct. 10—Football (Homecoming) Centralia here. Dance after game.
- Oct. 11—Football (fr-so) Centralia there.
- Oct. 11—Hi-Tri conference at Collinsville.

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## David Debates

Greetings people, this is your ye olde reporter better known as David Wiley who will be bringing you wise sayings, and wise cracks for 15 more issues of the Purple Clarion. If you want to express your opinion, just leave a note in the Clarion room No. 114, better known as Wasson's Worry.

DSW

Willie Owen: What's the matter with your finger?

Sid Bozarth: I was down town yesterday getting cigarets and some clumsy fool stepped on my fingers.

DSW

That rumor that one of Venita Hicks' muffins fell off the table in Home Ec. class and tore a hole in the floor is malicious and unfounded. It did not tear a hole in the floor; it hit the top of the stove and just chipped the enamel.

DSW

Here's a broad hint for you freshmen (and others) who keep walking on the left hand side of the halls. This isn't England you know. Oi mean rally, ol' chap, it isn't quite sporting.

DSW

Have you heard of the tragedy of the flea? She knows for sure that her children are going to the dogs.

DSW

If you have been blinded by brilliant flashes throughout the halls, don't get excited. It's only the seniors showing off their new rings.

DSW

It's a fact: Nine out of ten of the doctors who switched to Camels have gone back to cars.

DSW

Off to a good start is the newly formed senior play reading committee. Sherry Hensley, Bob Kennedy, Sid Bozarth, Connie Ingram, Bonita Hicks, and Shirley Dutton are the members of this committee and have tentatively chosen several plays for consideration. Tryouts and rehearsal will probably begin early next week. It is hoped that more will want to try out than were present at the initial meeting last week. Most of those who showed interest were those of the junior play last year.

DSW

Three cheers for the Hi-Tri and their dance after the game last Friday night. Let's have more of them at future games. The Student council will probably be sponsoring several during this next year.

DSW

Well, the big Student council election is over and we have four new officers to administer the affairs for another year. Some of the races were very close with the winner coming out ahead by only as few as 10 votes. But, we did have a lot of fun with it. We'll try to do a good job of it this year. If you have any gripes or desires, just see your representative or any of the officers. New officers are president, Jerry Skaggs; vice-president, David Wiley; secretary, Shirley Aldridge; and treasurer, Anne Funkhouser.

DSW

"Have you heard the latest off the grapevine?"

"No, what?"

"Grapes."

DSW

How did you like the two lyceums we had recently. Fifty g's acceleration wasn't so bad after all was it. Reservation for the next trip to the moon may be made in the Clarion room. On the serious side though, didn't you enjoy Monday's program a lot more when there wasn't so much noise.

DSW

In some things they say "finis"

In some the curtain "flops"

In others they say "exit"

But personally I just "stops".

DSW

DSW

P. S. Don't you miss P. A. W.?

## THE PURPLE CLARION



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## Letter to Freshmen

Dear Freshmen,

Are you afraid of those big bad seniors? You shouldn't be because at this very time three years ago they were "Little Greenies" just like you. The juniors may ignore you, but don't let that bother you either—juniors are merely the lower half of the upper class. Another thing—don't pay any attention to those "silly sophomores." They may tease, but think, they just got out of your class and they were probably greener than you.

To be sure the upperclassmen say freshmen get in the way and are terribly bothersome. Yet, what would we do without you? You brighten up the halls with your alert smiling faces. That's one thing that makes school a pleasant place—those boyish grins and shy girlish glances. You may be timid and scared to death, but don't let anything get you down for soon you'll be a senior too. You'll be welcoming other freshmen as we are welcoming you.

Connie Beth Ingram

President of the Senior Class.

## Back to School

Back to school—doesn't that sound wonderful? (Or does it?) Well, anyway, we're back at dear old H.T.H.S. Oh, don't feel so bad about it. Just think of all the fun you have: football, basketball games, plays, lyceums, English class (oops! How did that get in here?) You have a chance to get together with all your friends. Why, between each class you have every bit of three minutes. In that time you get your books together, stroll to your locker, talk to your friends, and meander down to your next class.

Here's a tip to all you freshmen: Don't let any upper classman run over you (unless they're bigger than you are). Just keep your chin up and jump clear when the football boys come down the halls and everything will be o.k. Who knows? You may have the upper hand some day.

### Letters to Miss Lovelace

Dear Miss Lovelace,

I am a boy of 28. I am a freshman in high school. The school that I go to is down in Two-patch and I am considered very smart. (I spent only three years in the eighth grade.)

I have a problem. My girl quit me because I was 2.7 seconds late for our date. Because it was cloudy I lost the North star and walked 45 miles out of my way to see her.

What I want to know is how do I keep the North star in sight on cloudy nights?

Signed Slowpoke.

Dear Slowpoke,

I suggest you buy a compass. I'm sure you could get a good job collecting absence slips at our school.

Miss L.

Dear Miss Lovelace,

I am a very rich young lady of 65. I am considered very attractive having measurements of 42-53-42. I am 5-ft. 2-in. and I weigh 280 pounds. My fiance is 6 feet tall weighing 175 pounds. He looks exactly like John Derek.

All my friends say he is only after my money. Do you think I should trust him?

Miss Diamond T. Greenback.

Dear Miss Greenback,

All I can say is, when he kisses your hand, hold on to your bracelet.

Miss L.

## Movies

Time magazine continues to list as outstanding these new movies!

Ivanhoe. Sir Walter Scott's novel made into a rousing medieval horse opera with Robert Taylor as Ivanhoe, Elizabeth Taylor as Rebecca, Joan Fontaine as Rowena.

The Strange Ones. Striking adaptation of Jean Cocteau's Les Enfants Terribles. The story of an adolescent brother and sister living in a dream world of their own.

High Noon. A topnotch western, with Gary Cooper as an embattled cow-town marshal facing four desperadoes single-handed.

Where's Charley. Ray Bolger, singing and dancing man, in a gay, Technicolor edition of Charley's Aunt.

Carrie. Polish movie version of Theodore Dreiser's Sister Carrie with Jennifer Jones and Laurence Olivier as star-crossed lovers.

The Story of Robin Hood. Robust version of the old legend, with Richard Todd fighting for king, country and fair Maid Marian.

Pat and Mike. A sprightly comedy in which Katharine Hepburn plays a lady athlete and Spencer Tracy a sports promoter.

Outcast of the Islands. Joseph Conrad's hothouse drama of a white man's disintegration in the tropics, strikingly directed by Carol (The Third Man) Reed, with Trevor Howard, Ralph Richardson, Robert Morley.

## Books

"The Caine Mutiny," a novel of the Navy's war in the Pacific has been the best seller for 17 months. Over 325,000 copies have been sold.

"The Canterbury Tales" by 14th century Geoffrey Chaucer has been modernized by Nevill Coghill. He preserves, for us the lusty stories in witty and up to date language. The book can be bought in an inexpensive edition.

### Welcome Freshmen

By Laura Sterling

Freshmen to right of us  
Freshmen to left of us  
Freshmen surrounding us  
Stumble and blunder.

Most seniors tease them  
Juniors ignore them  
Blustering sophomores  
Scare them like thunder.

Timidness haunts them  
Pranks always frighten them  
Lessons appall them  
They don't hope to win.

Although we tease them  
Although we scare them  
Still we like them  
Welcome to Freshmen!

Don't try to fool your teachers, wise,

For they have around a ring of spies

Watching you wherever you go.

Do one thing wrong and they're sure to know.

# Miller Makes Mad Safari

By CURT MILLER

Never will I forget that day back in '38 when a little fat man waddled up to me and asked me to lead him and his safari into the dark jungles of lower Slobvia. Being afraid of nothing the jungle had to offer and needing the money he offered, I agreed.

I could tell the minute we entered the dark marshy undergrowth that the natives were scared of the desolate surroundings, but we trekked on for two hours. It was as we detoured around a swan covered pond that things began happening. A strange animal, the size of a full grown elephant, emerged from the depths of the pond and charged at us, but 30 feet away he stopped and glared at us with his fiery eyes. He was scaly all over like a fish and his ears lay back like an infuriated stallion's. His tail, approximately 10 feet long lashed back and forth as a cat's does when he is stalking a mouse. We stood there frozen in our tracks for what seemed like hours. Then with a wild echoing scream it charged with bared fangs. On and on it came! Suddenly I had an idea. Acting quickly I reached in my pack and withdrew a copy of the Purple Clarion which I held out to the beast stopping him short. Then he took the Clarion flipped me a dime and walked off reading contentedly.

## New Dangers Threaten

After that close call we journeyed on more cautiously now. The next three hours were uneventful except for thousands of poisonous snakes which were nothing new to the safari and me. Then I heard a sound which froze the blood in my veins; it was the far off throbbing of the head hunters' tom-toms as they chanted out a monotonous rhythm of death! At first I couldn't figure from where the sound came, but then sickening realization struck me, for they came from all sides of us! I, with the little fat man directly behind me, struck out through the dense undergrowth in an effort to sneak through the encirclement of the killers. The little man was whimpering like a spanked puppy which was very dangerous because a head hunter can detect the slightest noise. After a while I got him quietened down to where he was only shaking.

For approximately 15 minutes we slipped through the thicket when not 100 yards away a rhythmic tom-tom sounded which seemed to draw the whole forest in on us from all sides. All around us were the oily bodys of head hunters flinging themselves at us. What happened then? Naturally we were all killed.

# Single Dime Causes Great Financial Loss

By JACK SHELBY

Oh, woe, woe, woe, woe, and woe! Here I am, broke, penniless, and friendless, and all because of a dime. Yes, a month ago I was rich. Now I'm broke-flat broke.

It all started with a strong desire for a bit of nourishment, a coke.

The other day I was very thirsty. I simply had to have a drink. So, I went up to the Grand theater to get a coke. However, just as I started to hand the concessionaire the dime, I was suddenly struck by her beauty, and I dropped the dime into the coke. Well she was perfectly willing to give me another coke, but I just couldn't let that coke go to waste. I assured her that I could get the dime out when I finished the coke. She said "O.K."

Well everything went fine until I finished the coke. Then as I was eating the ice in order to get my money's worth, I swallowed the dime. This, of course was very frightening to me as I had never swallowed a dime before. However, I soon secured an appointment with the famous surgeon A. Pendix and began to feel a little better.

On the appointed day, I was sitting in his office calmly awaiting the operation. Soon, my name was called and the next thing I knew, I didn't know anything. However, after the operation, I told the nurse I wanted to see my dime. Then I learned the terrible truth. As the doctor was washing, it slipped out of his hand and was washed down the drain.

Well, I was still determined to recover my dime, so I had the hospital drainage system checked until the dime was located. Finally, after many painful hours of waiting while the entire system was dismantled I recovered my dime.

But the story doesn't end here. In fact, I wish it did. The next day I received quite a lot of mail. To be exact, a notice that I was fired for eating on the job, a plumber's bill, and last but not least a hospital and doctor's bill. Now, I'm broke and in debt so I want to offer you a bit of advice! Never hold money over a coke because cokes and money don't mix.

A healthy body is one that has been fed the proper foods, had the right amount of rest, and has had a daily bath. Deodorants play an important part in your life. To play it safe it would be wise to keep a small bottle of deodorant at school in your locker to use after you take your shower in P. E. Always apply deodorant after you have taken your bath or shower at home; it keeps you smelling fresh and protects your clothing.

# Clarion Quiz

By Joan Stanley

- The "courser" would most likely belong to which of the following?  
fish      bird      snake      insect
  - The word "courser" pertains to which of the following?  
running      flying      swimming
  - "Pithos" has which of the following meanings in the Greek language?  
money      jewelry      pottery
  - If you were asked to play a "samisen" which type of the following instruments would it most likely be?  
violin      guitar      banjo      bass fiddle
  - If you traveled by "Xebec" which of the following types of transportation would it most likely be?  
boat      train      airplane      car
  - A saddle would most likely be used on which of the following?  
Hereford      Hampshire      Morgan      Schnauzer
1. bird    2. running    3. pottery    4. banjo    5. boat  
6. Morgan.

# Personals



Nancy Fulkerson and Judy Far-rar, freshman, spent over two weeks vacationing in Mexico this summer. After spending several days in Mexico City they flew to Acapulco, a town in southern Mexico. While there Nancy and Judy found time to take a swim in the Pacific. Nancy and Judy also took in a bullfight. One other point of interest to Nancy was a town called Taxco where much sterling silver jewelry is made.

Nancy and Judy who had taken Spanish in Junior high found they could get by on their Spanish except at a few gas stations.

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The high school dance band and their dates met for a practice session and party Saturday night, Sept. 13, at the home of Mary Anne Humm.

Those present were Jerome Hart, Elaine Whiteside, Rex Moore, Barbara Upchurch, Ronald Lee, Norma McDonald, David Patterson, Beverly Crowell, Richard Norris, Lynda Barnes, John Lee, Dorothy Fulkerson, Max Swan, Paula Holland, Donald Upchurch, the hostess Mary Anne Humm and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Humm.

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The M.Y.F. were entertained at the home of Mrs. Geneva Davenport, Sunday, Sept. 14, from 8:30 to 10:00 p. m.

For amusement all looked at H.T.H.S. Keystones from the years 1913 to 1952.

Refreshments were served to Billy Skaggs, Judy Goddard, George Barger, Orin Brown, Jane Lasersohn, Patsy Foster, Gary Trammel, Harland Smith, Gerald Hall, and Harold Guard.

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Sid Bozarth is working at WEBQ on Friday Saturday and Sunday. He gives commercials, reads news, plays records, etc.

By Curt Miller

School has started, I'm back again, I've got my paper, And my worn out pen.

For the benefit of Freshmen, Who are starting anew, Tune in on me, I have advice for you,

Don't try to fool your teacher, wise For they have around a ring of spies, Watching you wherever you go. Do one thing wrong and they're sure to know.

So stay with us, Come what may, And I'll write you again, Two weeks from today.

# Senior Spotlight



Connie Ingram

This year's Spotlight is first directed to a lovely lass, Connie Beth Ingram, senior class president.

Those who have known Connie for quite a while have long ago recognized her quality of leadership and the uniqueness of her personality. When nominations for offices or committees are made in almost any meeting she attends, someone comes up with Connie's name.

In the course of her four years at H.T.H.S. she has been a member of the band, student council, Hi-Tri, and Latin club. Among other things, Connie has been a Keystone ad salesman, cheerleader, twirler, and feature writer for the Clarion. This year she is vice-president of the Thespians.

Even when she's flying down the hall, a friendly word and a smile are her trademark.

# A Senior Boy Gives His Political Opinions

By Richard Vinyard

I think the campaigns and elections should be changed in many ways. The candidates for both parties should leave all the "mud slinging" to the pigs! I could kick any man who stands before his audience and says that his party is the one and only way for safe government. Before a candidate criticizes his opponent like a maniac he should consider the harm he will do.

Instead of having all these arguments, the candidates should unite and conduct a clean, fair campaign. Many times the Republicans will tell how the Democrats have over spent their budget without telling where the money has gone. Again the Democrats should give their opinion about the world situation. Then people could carefully weigh the opinions of each candidate and could tell better for whom to vote.

Another criticism that I have is that other political leaders join in with the candidate that is trying to get into office. By stopping this, instead of following the mob, people might learn the qualifications of their candidates and how well suited he was for the job. A candidate's character can be told by the campaign he conducts.

Both candidates, instead of telling what they would do if they are elected should clearly state their qualifications. They should tell if they have held any previous offices in the government and what they were. Each should carefully state the number of years in high school and college and any other training that he has had to qualify him for his office. After all, these are the things the American people should look for in order to determine their vote if they want to have a safe and strong government.

Most people think two parties are essential to Democratic government. In communist countries there is only one.

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# Local FFA Boys Triumph

Two Harrisburg boys won champion awards at the annual F.F.A. fair held Friday, Sept. 5 at the Saline county fair grounds where 18 schools participated. The winners were Kenneth Berry with his grand champion steer, and William Wright with a grand champion dairy cow. These two were the best of 194 animals shown at the fair. The animals were judged class a, b, and c.

The awards for beef and dairy cows were \$6, \$5, and \$4. The swine awards were \$3, \$2, and \$1, with an additional \$5 for champion awards.

The "A" ratings from Harrisburg were Kenneth Berry Jr., Angus heifer, cow, and steer; Berry McDermott, Angus cow; John Endsley Jr., Angus cow; Richard Gates, Shorthorn cow; William Wright, Jersey and Guernsey cows; Daniel Lane, Holstein heifer and cow; Simon Zimmer, Duroc boar; Daniel Lane, Duroc sow; Gail Buchanan O. I. C. sow; John Nelson, black Poland gelt.

The "B" ratings were Simon Zimmer, Angus cow and heifer; Simon Endsley Jr., Angus heifer; Simon Zimmer, Duroc sow, gelt, and litter; Leland Buchanan, O. I. C. gelt, boar, and litter; Dale Wall, Hampshire sow.

The "C" ratings were Leland Buchanan, Angus heifer; Jim Poyner, Duroc gelt, boar, litter; Leland Buchanan, gelt, boar, and litter; Ezra Watkins, O. I. C. sow; Delbert Hill, Hampshire gelt.

## F. Chase and S. Dutton Enter Rotary Debate

Frank Chase and Shirley Dutton, Speech II students, are to take part in a debate on the question, Resolved that the minimum legal age for voting in the national elections be reduced from 21 to 18.

The debate will be October 20, the evening the honor students are entertained by the Rotarians.

Frank and Shirley are taking the negative side of the question, against two Rotarians, whose names are not given, who are taking the affirmative.

Shortly before the national election, the debate will be of interest to the honor student as well as to the Rotarians and others.

## Clarion Subscriptions Sold Thurs. Net \$400

Purple Clarion subscriptions went on sale Wednesday, Sept. 24, in the English classes for \$1.00 for 16 issues. Salesmen were members of the Purple Clarion staff, the first year journalism, and others interested in the Purple Clarion.

Approximately 400 copies were sold. The money collected will go to pay for the publication of the paper this year. If anyone should want to purchase a subscription, they should contact Mrs. Lura Wasson in room 124. IOU's should be paid to her as soon as possible.

## Tape Recorder Bought

A new tape recorder has been purchased by the school for the dramatic's department for recording and playing back speeches. The machine is on "Electronic Memory."

With the use of the old wire recorder, which could only make and play back one reel of recording, and the new tape recorder, two recordings can be made and played back for comparison with greater efficiency.

# Students Begin Schoollime Jobs

Business English students under Mrs. Hazel Elsea get actual experience for their jobs as secretaries. Each Tuesday and Thursday, the students go to Harrisburg places of business and work without pay from 2 to 4.

Janette Pollard is working at Saline Motors, Lois Randolph, Seten Furniture store; Shirley Grimes, Kresges; Carolyn Garrison, Lloyd L. Parkers; Shirley Gidcumb, Myrons; Joan Hefner, Broadcasting station; Betty Toth, Winnermans; Jeanette Keedy, Robertson, Crecilius, and Ghent; LaWanda Pierson, Harrisburg Dairy; Martha Wiley, Skaggs Electric; Carolyn Hughes, Junior high; Shirley Kaid, Harts; Agatha Phelps, County Superintendent's office; and Barbara Fearheiley, Woolsworth. Joan Glascock, Ramona McDowell, and Gracie Nemeth are training to operate the office machines at school this six weeks.

The girls will go to a different place of business each six weeks except for one period.

# Hi-Tri Sponsors First School Dance

A dance, sponsored by the Hi-Tri after the Harrisburg-Marion game on September 19, was held in the Bonnell gymnasium.

The newly elected officers of the club are Joan Glascock, president; Bonita Gwin, vice-president; Janette Greer, secretary; and Catherine Klein, treasurer. The sponsors of the club are Miss Alta Davis and Mrs. Helen Dunn.

The membership of the organization has risen since last year totaling over two-hundred. No dues are collected and membership is open to all girls.

The first regular meeting has been scheduled for the first week in October. They will be held on the first and third Mondays of each month.

## Homerooms Congregate In Two Assemblies

A new arrangement has been made for the activity period, third hour, beginning Tuesday, Sept. 16. Formerly, each homeroom met every day, and students were then or remained in their respective homerooms to study.

Now all the students are seated in Pemberton and Taylor assemblies where each homeroom was assigned a row. The homeroom teachers supplied lists in which the seating was arranged, the boys seated alphabetically in the front of the row, followed by the girls, also alphabetically seated.

The supervisors rotate, with each keeping the assembly two weeks, the first as an assistant supervisor with another teacher as supervisor.

## Chem Club Chooses Projects, Committees

A committee was appointed for the purpose of making the programs for the coming meetings of the Chemistry club at the session held Tuesday, Sept. 23. On this committee were Philip Herron, chairman, Curran Jackson, Bob Estes, Catherine Klein and Joe Miller.

It was decided at the meeting to have individual projects instead of talks this year. Shirley Kaid and Dorothy Barnett are making cold cream, others are going to do qualitative analysis. Still others have not decided what their projects are going to be.

At this time Shirley Kaid and Catherine Klein are assorting and dusting the exhibit case of Doctor Swan in "C" building. The boys are putting labels on the bottles for the case.

# Actors Give Comical Skits

"Little Nell", a comedy skit done in vaudeville "melodrammer" style, will be presented in pantomime by the fourth hour speech class on Friday, Sept. 26. The characters are: Little Nell, Betty Butner; the villian, Frank Chase; the hero, Nelson Eddings; Little Nell's father, Jack Harper; Little Nell's mother, Beverley Mark.

A scene from the Shakespearean play, "The Merchant of Venice," and a skit on different "walks" are also on the program. Those taking parts in the Shakespearean scene are: Frank Chase, Bassanio; John Shepherd, old Gobbo; Joe Stricklin, young Lancelot. The actors will be prompted by June Blackard. The persons taking part in the "walks" are Jack Harper, Nelson Eddings, June Blackard, Myra Burnam, Frank Chase, John Shepherd, Joe Stricklin, Mary Lee Chamberlain, Beverley Mark, Shirley Dutton, Marjorie Zimmer, Carol Thaxton, Mary Ann Humm, and Betty Butner.

## Cafeteria Accommodates 300 Students Daily

The school cafeteria is now acomodating approximately 250 to 300 students and faculty members daily, and more are expected when the weather gets worse. Many of the faculty say, "You get an excellent meal for 25 cents, which is cheaper than you could prepare a meal at home."

The cooks this year are the same as last. The head cook is Mrs. Lydia Grounds and she has as helpers, Mrs. Arlene Henry and Mrs. Maude James.

The cafeteria is under the state health laws and inspectors come twice a year at unexpected times. According to head cook, Mrs. Grounds, the inspectors have never found room for complaint.

It never takes more than 15 minutes to serve a line, according to Mrs. Grounds. Mrs. Grounds stated that they have cooked as many as 100 pounds of potatoes in one day. Many students work in the cafeteria.

## Leonard, Bird Man, Gives Bird Imitations

Paul T. Leonard, introduced as the "Bird Man", performed "bird rhapsodies and mystery music," in Bonnell gym the third hour Monday Sept. 15.

The imitations of many birds, such as the mockingbird, canary, bob white, brown thrush, and the common English sparrow, were hily applauded by Harrisburg high school students.

Mystery music was made by a strange "radar like" machine, called the Theremin, which picks up the vibrations of the waving of the hand, and produces various tones in high or low pitches.

The Theremin is called "mystery instrument" because it has no keys, strings, reeds, slides, or valves and is played without being touched. Elaine Allen, Dorothy Barnett and Marilyn Foncree helped Leonard in his performance, and David Wiley was the announcer.

Robert Johnson, former biology teacher at Harrisburg high school, is teaching at Oaklawn high school, a district of Chicago. After spending most of the summer fishing in Wisconsin, Johnson has settled down to teaching again.

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# Edgar Pilots HTHS to Mars, Venus, Moon

At the terrific speed of 66,000 m.p.h. Harrisburg high school left earth's gravity for a fascinating but imaginary trip to neighboring planets.

Starting in New Mexico and visiting Mercury, Mars, Venus, Pluto, and the moon, the vast expanse of space was partly realized.

The speaker, Robert T. Edgar showed projection slides of the moon and the rest of the solar system. A picture of the great Mt. Palomor telescope, weighing 500 tons, was also shown.

George Berkel, a projection club member was Edgar's helper, and Jerry Skaggs introduced the speaker for the first lyceum of the year, Sept. 12.

## New Letter Girls And Twirlers Perform

The band gave its first performance Friday night, Sept. 19, at Taylor field with these girls in the letter girl line-up. Color guards, June Josey and Carole Shain; flag bearers, Shirley Karnes and Betty Butner; twirlers, Beverly Bishop, Linda Barnes, Norma Simpson, Connie Ingram; drum majorette, Cynthia Hancock; letter girls, Venita Hicks, Nigel Jenkins, Wanda Smith, LaNell Gwin, June Blackard, Eugenia Gollieher, Dixie Foster, Mary Taylor, Shirley Aldridge, and Barbara Fearheiley.

The band will again perform on Friday night Sept. 27, when Harrisburg plays their annual game with Eldorado.

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# Reynolds-Gidcumb Construct Stock Car

Richard Reynolds and Richard Gidcumb, H. T. H. S. juniors, have with the help of one of the class of '52, built a stock car, the A. C.-3, which has been racing on Southern Illinois tracks this summer. The red and orange A. C.-3 has grown to be a familiar sight at the Harrisburg and Marion tracks. Although it has few wins to its credit, the car is doing a good job in keeping up near the leading cars in each race.

The car is a '40 Mercury and the boys have switched a truck motor from a '47 Ford to it. Reynolds was the original owner of the car and has the largest share in it, but Gidcumb and Buck Russler helped build it and now share the ownership. The car is named A. C.-3 for Allis Chalmers farm machinery and the three owners. Their first driver was Bob Bridwell, who now drives the B-1; next was Carl Phillips; and the latest driver is Jerry Brinkley, who according to Reynolds is to drive regularly from now on. The Beam Salvage yard has now joined in the sponsorship. The A. C.-3 has raced at Harrisburg, Marion, and now races at Shawneetown.

Richard is a member of the Southern Illinois and Missouri Stock Car association and was very disappointed by the fact that he is too young to drive the car in the races.

## Library Aids Freshmen

The library is set up this year especially to aid the freshmen. They will find there a display table with books especially suited to their needs. The librarian and her assistants will be glad to advise them as to their reading, if desired. If they wish to find their own books in the stacks, they may do so.

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