

Fire Destroys High School

Possible Arson Causes Total Destruction Of Main Building



ENTRANCE SHOWING total destruction of upstairs classrooms.

Lone Oak High School was almost completely destroyed by a fire Feb. 3. Many problems have been caused for the students, faculty and administration, due to this sudden disaster.

Dr. David K. Stewart and the McCracken county Board of Education have met with the insurance companies involved and it is believed at this time that there will be enough funds provided through the settlement to replace what was lost. Even though a settlement has not yet been reached, Dr. Stewart reports that there

will not be any increase in taxes to help pay for a new school. All usable articles that received only smoke and water damage will be cleaned up and stored for later use when the new school is in operation. The library wing received smoke and water damage only, and will be completely remodeled. The rest of the building will be totally demolished and a new school will be built on the same site. The kitchen, which was located in the school's basement, was completely destroyed, and will be one of the first things to be rebuilt. Dr.

Stewart noted that the kitchen will not be located at the same spot as before, but, if at all possible, will be built adjoining the new cafeteria.

Fire Rages, Runs Rampant, KO's Water And Power

We all awoke the morning of Wednesday, Feb. 2 to quite a shock. The main classroom section of Lone Oak High was destroyed by fire. The fire broke out at about 3:40 a.m. and was not under control until shortly before 10 a.m. The Lone Oak fire department reached the blaze at approximately 4 a.m.

The repair on the Dec. 26 fire was nearing completion just this week. The last blaze was centered in approximately the same area. Fire units from Paducah, Concord, Hendron, Kevil, Grahamville, and the Civil Defense were called to the scene as water pressure was lost. An electrical control unit in the Lone Oak water district malfunctioned, which resulted in the water pressure loss. At one point water was used from a nearby swimming pool. The five feet of water in the basement was recycled to battle the blaze.

Lone Oak residents were urged to minimize water usage until the trouble source was located. At 8:30 a.m. adequate pressure was restored.

Fire swept through the northwest end of the old building as the roof and second floor collapsed. The blaze resulted in over \$1,000,000 damage. Dr. David K. Stewart, superintendent said some classes for LOHS students will be held in undamaged facilities.

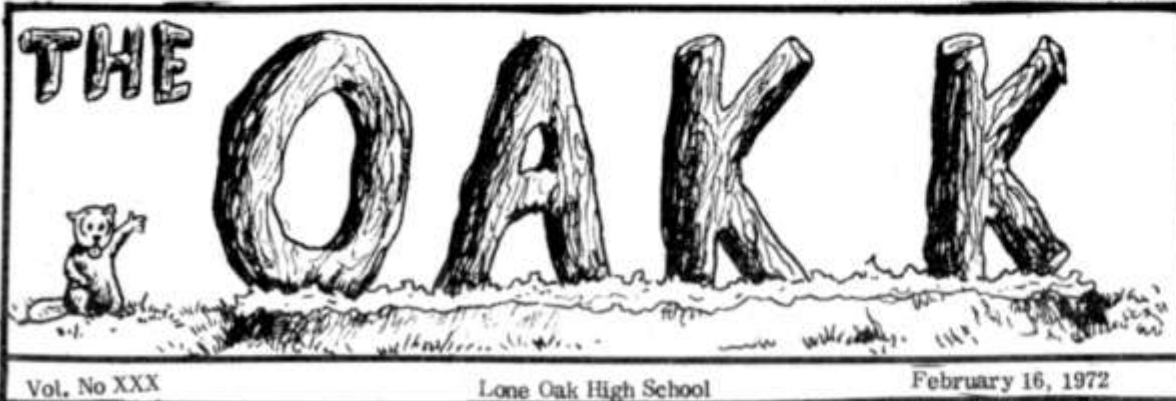
Reports indicated that the fire started in the furnace room. The origin has not been officially determined. Dr. Stewart has called for a "full-scale investigation by the state fire marshal."

An assembly was held Wednesday morning in the Lone Oak Baptist Church. Other area churches also offered their assistance. The students were dismissed before noon, as teachers meetings were scheduled to discuss the problem. Classes were not held Thursday and Friday. These days will be made up April 10 and 11 of KEA week.

Twenty-six classrooms, including the study hall, were destroyed or damaged beyond repair. This number does not include the offices. The library was saved, and the books were moved to the new cafeteria. Permanent and student records were also saved.

A double session at the Middle School for the high school and junior high students will take effect Monday, Feb. 7. Junior high classes began at 7 a.m. and continue through 12:50 p.m. Attendance by the high school students is from 1 p.m. to 6:55 p.m. There are no "early" or "late" schedules. First and seventh periods have been combined with only a few teachers having schedule conflicts.

ATTENTION
Attention!!!!
Students that have lost their jobs due to the schedule changes may contact members of the PTA. These members are taking names in hopes of finding new jobs for the students.



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A Fire Diary

By MIKE SUMMERS

Introduction

Twas the night before Wednesday and all through the town the fire bug was stirring; was making his rounds.

Maybe I shouldn't say things like that because at the time I'm writing this the authorities haven't proven that the fire at Lone Oak High was started by arson. But we all have our opinions of how it started. I'll say that if it was an arsonist that set the fire he'd better not show his face around Lone Oak School because I believe every high school student from one would like to have the ole popular "just five minutes" with the guy.

It was different with the first fire. I remember the first I noticed about that one was the amount of laughter that went on among the students. We all seemed to sense that everything would be "awrite" and we had no reason to worry. I felt almost a party atmosphere about the place with

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FLASH

- Feb. 18 Homecoming
- Feb. 18 BBSymsonia(home)
- Feb. 21 Washington's Birthday
- Feb. 29 District Tournament begins
- March 17 St. Patrick's Day
- Feb. 22 BB Livingston Central (home)



VIEW OF SCHOOL ENTRANCE showing damage to upstairs classrooms.

New School Plans Told By Stewart

As all of you already know, Lone Oak High School was almost completely destroyed by a fire Feb. 3. Many problems have been caused for the students and faculty of Lone Oak High School due to this sudden disaster.

The new school will not be a two story structure but instead will be smaller buildings with adjoining hallways so the students will not have to get outside to go from class to class. It is hoped that

subjects such as science and math will be located in one building, the band and music classes in another, and history and English classes in another one of these buildings. Dr. Stewart stated that having classes that relate to each other in the same building would

probably work out better for all. It is hoped that the biggest part of this new school will be completed by the upcoming school year so students will be able to attend school on a regular schedule.

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Post Christmas Blaze Causes Heavy Damage

It was the night after Christmas and all through the halls not a creature was stirring, not even a locker. When all of a sudden from the trophy case there arose such a blaze, that it smoldered the second floor.

It was no fairy tale when Lone Oak High burned Dec. 26, 1971. The fire began in the band trophy case around 8:30 p.m. Its origin may have been due to faulty wiring, but nothing has been proven.

The fire was reported to the Lone Oak Fire Department around 9:30 p.m. The City Fire Department

and Hendron Fire Department helped fight the blaze. It took two to two and one-half hours to extinguish the blaze.

The damage was estimated to be \$20,000 to \$25,000 worth. The foyer near the cafeteria entrance was gutted out. The wall between the trophy case and the office was gone. The first room of the office was burned, too. The large light in the center of the hall was melted. The second floor art room was burned. There was water

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Thank You Administration

"Thank God for our Superintendent, Dr. David Stewart, and all of the Board Members backing him, for Mr. Dexter, our principal, and also, our faculty".....

I am sure this thought or phrase has passed the lips and minds of everyone associated with Lone Oak High School in the last week. This tragedy has had an effect on all of us in some way or another. But we must realize how lucky we really are. Seniors will be graduating on schedule and freshmen, sophomores, and juniors will not be going to summer school. This is due to our organized school system. Of course, there are a few complications as far as employment for high school students, and school starting one hour earlier for middle school students. Thanks to our PTA, jobs are being found for high school students and the middle school students are beginning to adjust to getting up one hour earlier. So you see, everything is seeming to fall into place. If everyone continues to cooperate, all problems and complications will soon dissolve. When I say Thank-You, I am sure I am speaking for everyone. We really appreciate all of the hard work that has been done and we will all try to help in any way possible.

Spirit! What Spirit?

What has happened to our school spirit? It has really gone down in the past year. Even the fans at our football games weren't as wild and enthusiastic.

It's hard for some people to go to the games because they work. But what about the people that go? Why don't they yell? If they're going to the game to see the game and to support the team, then they should yell, and show a little school spirit. But if they're going just to meet their boyfriend and sneak out, or to just walk back and forth from their seat to the bathroom, then just forget it! Why should they waste their money?

How can a team win, when there is no one backing them. A team has to have something to play for. They want to feel as if they're working for people who care. Do any of us care enough to really show a little spirit?

The staff of the "Oak K" welcomes any comments or suggestions on this matter. Leave your comments in Room 106. In order to be used, you must sign your name.

It Does Mean Something

There is something that needs to be brought to the attention of everyone. This "something" is being respectful during the National Anthem. Many of our boys are or have been in Vietnam fighting for the principles that our flag represents. If your boyfriend or brother got dusted in Vietnam, maybe you people would show a little respect. Or what about the guys who came home in a wheelchair or who came back without an arm or a leg?

If our flag is important enough for our guys to be fighting for it, it is important enough to command the respect to each and every person. Even if it is only a ballgame it still deserves the respect of you all. A recent ballgame proved my point even more than some of you people out there need to grow up. How 'bout it?

Firemen, We Salute You

I wish to express my thanks to the fire departments for their services during the school fire. Without the firefighting skills these firemen displayed we, the Lone Oak High School students, would have no gym and none of the equipment in the school at the time of the fire. They saved hundreds of dollars worth of typewriters, TV's, and other equipment. They also saved our new cafeteria which would have been lost without their help. These men risk their lives in an attempt to keep the students from suffering. I'm sure the majority of the student body would go along with me in expressing our thanks to the fire departments who helped battle our school fire.

Try Just A Little

Did you notice when you first walked into the middle school that it looked exactly the same as when you left it in the eighth grade. The middle school is six years old and it still looks brand new. Everything in the middle school has been taken care of extra ordinarily.

If you will think back our old school building was no beauty. It had been used and abused for many years. Many of us had no thoughts of really taking care of it and trying to make it look better. We were in the habit of sticking chewing gum under the desks, writing on them and in general things that messed up the old building.

We shouldn't and won't be allowed to tear up the middle school. I know it sounds corny but, please try and take care of the middle school. There are now many more people going here and the facilities are in use many more hours and it will be twice as hard to keep everything clean. But if everybody will just think and try a little, which is not too much to ask, we can do it.

Parking Suggestion

The subject of lack of parking space has been run in the ground, but I would like to submit a suggestion that may make five or ten more student parking places. The parking lot behind the new building should be marked off and spaces assigned to teachers that teach in that building. The remaining places should be assigned to students, giving seniors first preference, then juniors, etc.

The Oak K

Does It Really Matter?

The Gold Flash

To quote the immortal words of Popeye: "That's all I can stand and I can't stand no more." I've heard just about all the griping and complaining about the flash on the gym wall being gold I'm going to take and I hope this editorial will come to its aid.

Scot Woodard and I put a lot of time and hard work into the designing and painting of that symbol and it kind of sets me on edge when I hear people talk about it will using a descriptive cuss words. I've even heard talk of a petition being drawn up to have the color of the flash changed. I know that most of this is just kidding but it makes me realize the amount of complaints we've been getting since we completed it. So to all of the complainers, I must explain that Scot and I had originally intended to make the tree a natural tree color and the flash purple but for design purposes we were instructed to use only the two school colors. Now just imagine what it would look like if we had reversed the colors. A gold tree? Against a purple background? With a gold border? That would look like....well, it just wouldn't look right!

Scot and I put a lot of work into that symbol and I, for one, am proud of it. I think it represents our school very nicely and, goodness knows, after the fire it's about all we have left to symbolize us. So I think my fellow students should stop complaining about the way the symbol was painted and think more about what it represents rather than the color it was painted with.

We Appreciate It!

There weren't many things saved when our school burned. Of the few things saved, our valuable books were salvaged. The school officials are to be congratulated and thanked for furnishing the students of LOHS with lockers treated for prevention of burning in a fire. Many valuable items were saved because of this move, and all the students are very thankful. Those broken down lockers did have their advantages.

Take Care Of It!

Now that some of our classes are being held in the Lone Oak middle school, I hope that we will take better care of it than was taken care of the high school. It seems to me that when a person walks into high school he automatically thinks he has matured. This may be true in some cases but there are still a majority who prove they haven't. They prove their immaturity by writing on desks, sticking gum under their seats, walking through mud and tracking it everywhere, and finally, by writing obscenities on the bathroom walls. Please, let's everyone grow up a little in the next four months and help take care of the junior high.

Drug Abuse Problems

Why doesn't everyone stop kidding themselves about drugs. Drug abuse is a problem here at Lone Oak. Everyone is wondering and asking questions about what they can do to stop this problem of drugs. The first thing they can do is stop rumors about the people who use drugs. It's a shame that you can't even hang around or talk to some of your good friends just because they use or have used drugs, rather than talk about the people who use drugs, we should try to help them stop. In my opinion the people who sell drugs should be the ones who should be talked about and cut down. If we would all work together on this and in a serious manner we could stop this drug problem at Lone Oak. Let's all work together on this and get this problem of Drug Abuse stopped once and for all.

Crying Snowflakes

Well, it's that time of year again. All my friends and I have come down to see ya'll. I guess you know I'm a snowflake, all white and cold. We usually don't come down around here too much. Maybe once or twice a year.

It's really too rough around here. Since the kids around this part just have snow a couple of times a year, they go wild when we fall. They pick us up and mat us all together. Then they throw us in the form of balls at each other. Don't the kids around here know that hurts us little snowflakes? I always get a real bad headache afterwards. That could be why we don't come around here any more often. See, the people up north, and in the west are used to us being around, so they just leave us alone, and let us look pretty on the trees and the ground.

We'd like to come down and visit ya'll more often, if only everybody would be a little bit easier on us.

Be Thankful

As I sit and look around my room, I barely even see my many possessions, I have taken them so much for granted. I have a car, clothes, television, and personal luxuries. Yet I act like I am underprivileged when my gas tank isn't full. My parents are cruel to me when they won't buy me a new outfit for the ballgame this weekend. One day I turned that TV on and saw children starving and men fighting a war. Then I look at people around me at school. Some are less fortunate, but much more pleasant and satisfied with what they have. And they shamed me.

Fire Story

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damage on both floors in the rooms that burned and in the halls. The whole main building had smoke damage.

The repair work had to be done hurriedly so that school could re-open on schedule. The reason the school did open was because of the help of several people: high school and college students, teachers, janitors from other schools, and contractors.

REMEMBER!



ONLY YOU
CAN PREVENT
SCHOOL FIRES!

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Sophomore ABC's



Albert Norris Is Teacher Of The Month For Feb.

Mr. Albert Norris, has been selected teacher of the month for January.

Mr. Norris, who is Lone Oak's greatest coach of the freshman and junior varsity basketball teams, has been teaching physical education and health for four years.

He graduated from Carlisle County High School and then went to Bethel College in Hopkinsville. His next move was to Lambuth in Nashville, Tenn. Murray State was his final stop in his college career. After all these years in college, he acquired 30 hours and his masters degree.

Mr. Norris began his coaching career in Gadsen, Tenn. He then decided to give Ballard Memorial a try. He coached there for two years. He began as the assistant coach and his team had an outstanding record of 20 wins and 6 losses. The next year he was promoted to the head coach position. During this season the Ballard Bombers won the District Tournament.

Now for the past four years, Mr. Norris has been Lone Oak High School's assistant basketball coach. Some of the Junior Varsity's better records have been:

WINS.....	LOSSES
17	5
16	5

This year, they have 10 wins and 3 losses so far. The freshman team has won or been runner-up in the county tournament every year. Thank-you, Mr. Norris for being such a good coach and teacher.



ART

During the business session of the meeting, it was decided that the club would go to Louisville. Several money-making projects were presented, two were accepted. Rusty McElrath, a former Lone Oak art club member, now a member at Murray State University, spoke to the group on "all the things you wanted to know about being an art major and wouldn't ask. A question and answer period followed.



TRI-HI-Y

Plans were made for a Valentine's party for the Friendly Home girls. The date was set for Feb. 14. They also held several bake sales to help the Fuscus. Packages were sent to Vietnam. Gifts were sent to Outwood in Hopkinsville for Christmas.



PHYSICAL SCIENCE

The club members divided into groups. The first group took a tour of the telephone company. A laser beam was viewed by another group. A third group studied sautering. The final group studied photography.



HI-Y

A film of the Cassius Clay and Joe Frazier championship fight was viewed by the members of this club. Joe Frazier was the winner.



FHA

The Future Homemakers of America watched a film on the FHA degrees.



INDUSTRIAL ARTS

At their last club meeting, the Industrial Arts Club meeting, the club saw a film. They also voted to give all of their club dues in order to help the Fuscus.



FCA

The meeting was held with the Tilghman Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Plans were discussed for the upcoming FCA banquet. Coach Jim Lowe is the new sponsor for the Lone Oak Chapter.



DRAMA

Slips of paper were given to members present with characters such as the pink panther, jolly green giant, and Mae west on them. These characters were acted out by the members and a good time was had by all.



MUSIC

The entertainment was provided by Krobitch and Kompany.



FFA

In the month of January the FFA has picked boys for their district contests. Sheila Hayden was elected FFA Sweetheart. She was elected from FHA.

The chapter elected to participate in the National FFA week. They voted to cooperate with Heath and Reidland in radio, TV, and newspaper advertisement.



DECA

Linda Woodford was student of the month of January. She sold over \$100 worth of merchandise before Christmas. The club is now preparing for their contest at Owensboro, Ky. on Feb. 21. They had a very successful car wash this fall. Before Christmas, DECA held their annual Christmas tea for the teachers.



FTA

Lone Oak Future Teachers of America took up stationary money. New stationary was also issued to be sold individually, dues were also collected.



BIOLOGY

A trip to the sewer plant was discussed. The roll was called and a film about wild chimpanzees was viewed.

- Active--Suzanne Wood
- Bashful--Pam Doane
- Cool--Jimmy West
- Daring--Linda Litty
- Explosive--Rennie Templeton
- Friendly--Keith Buchanan
- Goofy--Hunter Martin
- Huge--Bobby Winkel
- Illegal--Gerald Smith
- Jive--Billy Bob Clark
- Kind--David Mulligan
- Likeable--Mike Woodard
- Mischievous--Terry Neihoff
- Nice--Kent Beckman
- Obnoxious--Jan Hulen
- Petite--Betty Lowrey
- Quiet--Joy Pearson
- Regal--Sandra Thompson
- Spirited--Mona Garland
- Tuff--Rocky May
- Useless--Mike Keeling
- Vamp--Cindy Wilson
- Wild--Dorcas Coil
- X-rated--David Watkins
- Yokel--Sonny Smith
- Zany--Ricky Wren

Would You Believe?

- ould You Believe.....
- Kim Boren never gets any new clothes.
- Mr. Steele is with the "missing person" department of the FBI.
- The senior class of '72 will be the first to graduate from the "Middle School."
- Bill McCaig finally learned the "home keys."
- Debbie Johnson has a perfect attendance record.
- "Somebody" plays with matches.
- Purple Flash scared the TWIST out of the Tornado.



Junior Rotarian Is Dave Edwards

Mr. Dexter has chosen David Edwards as the Junior Rotarian for the month of January. David is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gene W. Edwards, Hillmont Dr. He is a member of the FCA and he is a starter on the Varsity Basketball squad.

David met with all Junior Rotarians and the Rotary Club every Wednesday during the month of January at the Cabana Club. The meetings consisted of a luncheon followed by a guest speaker, usually someone from his community.



FILING CABINET in perfect condition but ruins laying all around it.



PORTIONS OF ROOF which fell in on the Journalism Room.

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BROADWAY AT SEVENTH STREET

LO Student Council Backs Play Headed By Debbie Barnett

The play, "Stop the Wedding," is sponsored by the Lone Oak High School Student Council. It will be presented Saturday, Feb. 12, 1972 at the Lone Oak High School gym. The play will start at 7 p.m. An admission will be charged, 50 cents for students and \$1 for adults. Mrs. Barnett has produced and directed the play.

The play is a humorous one that starts with a wedding. It is the story of a sailor who comes home from sea only to find his girl friend about to be married to another man. It takes place in a small town that has two colleges, one for girls and one for boys. The two colleges are separated by a river having one crossing which is a ferryboat. To keep the students from crossing the river and seeing each other the mayor raised the fare for the ferry. So with the help of the sailor the students organized to get some changes for more modern rules concerning the students. They succeeded and rules were changed. Still there remains a question. Will the sailor marry his girl friend or will he return to sea?

Our thanks go out to the parents of the play cast, stage crew, understudies, and other people involved for their cooperation during the time taken for the play.

The play cast is: Mayor Wilson, Keity Feather; Verna Wilson, Debbie Stubblefield; Lorie Wilson, Sharon McMichael; Bill Jones, Brent Young; Kristin Jones, Jayne Moore; Maggie Jones, Sue Ann West; Clarence, Mark Feather; Oscar, Hunter Martin; Pat, Laurie Wicker; Susan, Nancy Wilson; Dean Dibble, Becky Hardy; Brisslebean, Geoffrey Nagel; Capt. Henderson, Marion Finley; Mrs. Cooney, Debbie Henley; Minister, Jeff Morris; Snow-In-The-Face, Agnes Valoria; Navy Lt., Weaks McKinney-Smith; Police Officer, John Denton.

The stage crew is Ron Bacon, Jeff Estes, Bruce Johnson. Make-up and costuming is Diane Bagwell, Nancy Lewis, Janwin Overstreet, Malinda Ross, Kathy Runge, Petra Schaefer, Jan Williams, and Cheryl Wilson. Curtain manager is Joyce Hammonds. Usherettes Renita Dabney, Carol Ann Lentz. Understudies Patti Boyd, Becky Cain, Sheena Davenport, Susie Fewell, Phyllis Hammonds, Linda Hughes, Donna Pinner. Contributions for the play were from Red Spot Paint Store, Trevathan's Furniture, Higdon's Furniture, Business Office Equipment and Supplies, Southern Bell Telephone, and The Tape Hut.



THE ALL-STAR CAST of "Stop the Wedding"



MARK FEATHER is carried away by the play.



1972-73's FOOTBALL CAPTAINS Richard Bird and Keith Tomes.

★ UNDER THE ★ ★ SIGN OF... ★

ARIES ♈

A relationship which you thought rock solid is slowly disintegrating, and it is doubtful if you can save it. After the 16th you'll notice a subtle change in peoples attitudes--more friendly and accommodating. An excellent time to make social progress. In regard to social activity you have not set your sights high enough in keeping with your qualities. Cultivate people worthy of your interest, you must realize your worth and bring your social life into accord with it.

TAURUS ♉

Some clouds are forming on the horizon in regard to a situation now prevailing in the social sector. One person seems responsible and this person should be told off, but not by you. You have evidently had a very high of a certain person, and now you find that your confidence was misplaced. In the future you must keep your eyes and ears open. At your place of work a storm is brewing. Try to keep out of the line of fire. Travel cautiously from the 18th to the 23rd.

GEMINI ♊

A burden has evidently been shifted to you which you should not have to burden alone. Try to make others see the unfairness of the situation. A person met mid-month will have quite an impact on your thinking. You seem to have gotten into a mental rut and a fresh viewpoint will be an improvement. Certain friends which you have made recently are not very rewarding and in fact could be detrimental. Social activity after the 20th will not go as planned.

AQUARIUS ♒

The one thing you must guard against all month long is allowing your heart to rule your head. You will meet a person the fourth week who will stimulate you to a great extent. This is an unrealistic possibility for romance and you should weigh all the factors. You have impressive qualities for social success, but this does not mean you should aim higher than your present qualifications warrant. Write and say only what is absolutely necessary from the 18th to the 23rd.

PISCES ♓

A few matters which have been causing problems will finally be ironed out this month. A certain person in the locality who is important has taken an interest in you and this is bound to open up new vistas. About the 20th you are going to meet a person who will have a big impression on you due to a totally new way of looking at things. The romantic problems of someone close to you is worrying, but this is no excuse to meddle. Let the couple work the problem out alone.

SCORPIO ♏

You will be meeting interesting people as you move about and two or three of these are destined to become established in your scheme of life. However one person could be detrimental due to a difference in background. An ambitious social plan has only limited approval of the planets and if you proceed you

can look for disappointments in regard to it. A person you are now taking into your confidence may not be trustworthy, so be careful how you divulge your affairs.

SAGITTARIUS ♐

You will be thrown into the company of some very permissive people and your inclination will be to become part of the activity. There will be nothing but trouble if you do. Your reputation will be in danger and your health could be put in jeopardy. Around the third week or slightly after a random incident may turn into a big hassle. Don't take sides if at all possible. A family member may choose this month to give you all a big surprise.

CAPRICORN ♑

Stupendous interest is building up in your locality in regard to a coming event, in which you will have a part. There is an element of uncertainty with this, hence do not build up your hopes too high for they may be frustrated. The interest you are now being paid by a certain individual is highly flattering, but do you know everything behind this sudden interest? Do not become involved to closely with those not of your background during this month.

CANCER ♋

You will derive great joy from having an important big event near the end of the month. This looks like something in the nature of a reunion when the mood is a remembrance of things past. Your attitude in regard to a younger person is not to be commended, or it is based on a shortsightedness on your part, which you should have outgrown by now. An atmosphere of free-wheeling surrounds most of your social activity, which is all right if you keep things under control.

LEO ♌

You will remember this month for a long time to come. It is chock full of humorous incidents, unexpected encounters, bringing job and harmonious relationships. A faltering relationship will take on new life during this month. This will imply a romantic relationship for some, but for others it could be in the home. At the moment you evidently have an ambitious project. Move cautiously on this, and particularly be watchful of the financial area.

VIRGO ♍

Your personality is very strong at the moment, therefore invitations come to you thick and fast. Pass up some of them and conserve your energy. An opportunity to take part in a community work should not be bypassed. Not only will you be a great help but you will receive a lot of respect from all quarters. An appeal from someone who is not really close to you should be regarded with suspicion. If you come through this time it could be the opening for a lot more of the same.

LIBRA ♎

A group function of some kind will be the big event of the month and you are evidently going to have a big part in this. The weather may prevent this event from being a big success. From the 17th to the 22nd you should be careful in what you say and write. An important person in your vicinity is beginning to appreciate your full value. Keep out totally in regard to a friend's romantic difficulties. It is not your affair and meddling can only lead to problems.

Valentine Story

There are several different explanations for the customs of sending cards of greeting and love tokens on St. Valentine's Day. All of them are probably inaccurate. The most plausible is that St. Valentine's Day is a survival of a Feb. 15 Roman Festival.


It was once the custom to draw lots to decide which young men and women should be each others "valentine" for the coming year. The couples would then exchange gifts and sometimes they even became engaged.

Sentimental valentines and gifts of flowers and candy are still commonly given by men to women in celebration of St. Valentine's Day in the United States.



CHATTY CATHY

Kathy Buchanan



Journalism Class Salutes Mrs. White

The staff of the "Oak K" would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs. Nancy White for her instruction and guidance in helping us to carry out the 21-year old tradition of the publication of the Lone Oak High School "Oak K". Mrs. White, completed her last day of teaching Jan. 14, ending the first semester at Lone Oak. She resigned because of an expected family addition due to arrive in mid-April.

Other than Journalism, Mrs. White taught Phase Elective English and Freshman English. Although the seniors on the Oak K Staff will not be here, the rest of the class is looking forward to having her back next fall.

Keeling, Randy Smith, and Daryl Johnson. Added entertainment was furnished by Steve Neihoff and Jimmy West. Lone Oak Colonel Band is preparing for the State Marching Contest. Mr. Fusco has a student teacher and his name is Mr. McCune. He used to attend Lone Oak High School. He is talking over the Industrial Arts class due to Mr. Fusco's absence. Lone Oak Woman's and Junior Woman's clubs are sponsoring a sewing contest. Any high school girl is eligible to enter as long as the costume is all-purpose. This contest will be held in March. The district winner goes on to the state contest.

People making All-State choir are: Soprano, Sue Ann West, Mary Jane Farmer, and Paula Waggoner. Alto, Kathy Runge and Alda Sheron. Bass, Mark Dycus and Brent Young. Preparations for spring contest have already begun. The choir also gave a chili supper before the Heath game and raised \$200 to help finance a trip to Nashville, Tenn. to make a record with RCA. The record will consist of the choir and swing choir. It will sell for approximately \$5. A full record selling campaign will be launched in the near future. On Jan. 21, the Place featured Keith Tomes, Gabe Hobbs, Mike

Happiness Is.. Valley Of Misery Is ... The Dolls

Happiness is not having to go to school, Misery is missing because of the flu.

Happiest is going to the Place, Misery is sitting in the corner by yourself.

Happiness is getting your senior pictures, Misery is no one wanting them.

Happiness is getting a part in the play, Misery is forgetting your lines.

Happiness is getting a new car, Misery is wrecking it the first day you have it.

Happiness is bragging about holding your breath for three minutes, Misery is passing out when you try to prove it.

LONA OAKA SAYS, "DON'T PLAY WITH MATCHES!"



If you had a... Karen Walden doll and you pulled it's string it would gripe, gripe, gripe.....

David Witherington doll, it would worry about our paper. Mr. Reed doll it would go to the office.

Richard Byrd doll it would smile.

Scot Woodard doll you would wind him up and he would just sit there.

Jimmy West doll it would cut you down.

Happy Burgoise doll, you would wind him up and he would drive you up a wall.

Stan Spees doll, you'd pull his string and he'd say "Get a Load."

Don Page doll, he'd hit 20 foot shots.

Mrs. Barnett doll, it would censor our paper.

Kathy Buchanan doll and you pulled it's string it would talk, talk, talk.....

Remember When?

- Remember When... We had a high school.
- The coolest guy in town had a crewcut and white socks.
- We sat "nine-to-a-side."
- Dresses two inches above the knee were "sexy."
- We could chew gum in school.
- Your date nicked you up at 7.
- You had a lunch period.

Minute Biography

Name--Danny Reed
Food--Butter mints
Pet peeve--People who think they are cute
Song--Reason to Believe
Pastime--Pam

Name--Turtle
Food--Shrimp
Pet peeve--Losing a job
Song--I've Got A Friend
Movie--Play Misty For Me

Name--Bob Bonner
Food--Lasagne
Pet peeve--Phony people
Movie--Dirty Harry

Name--Bill Bowling
Food--Everything
Pet peeve--Mayfield
Song--Green Sleeves
Movie--Little Big Man



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Fire Diary

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all the laughing and talking because it was the first time many of the students had seen each other since school was let out for Christmas.

But this fire was something else again and we all knew it. With flames shooting through the roof of the building it was hard not to accept the fact that this was IT. The old Lone Oak High was gone. Of course, accepting that fact didn't make it any easier to take. They say Mrs. Douglas cried over the loss and I found it a little difficult to swallow for the lump in my throat, too. Maybe I'm being overly sentimental. Maybe, but I doubt it. When I look back on the three and a half years I spent in that building, having some of the most fun I've ever had, meeting with my friends, and just generally knocking around, it's hard not to be affected by the loss, plus the fact that I received an education there. Think about it, classmates. Where else could you have a six and a half hour party every weekday in which you learn things and still have fun?

Wednesday Morning

I knew it was going to be a weird day when my mother woke me up at four in the morning to tell me my old house of learning was on fire. Again. Now, I don't take too kindly to being woke up at four in the morning for anything and when it's to hear bad news like that... well, I tried to tell her about it. I say I tried to tell her because at that time of day all I can do is zzzzzzz. Then my mom goes downstairs, turns the radio on full blast, and comes back upstairs to my room to listen to it. Oh, well. I suppose that time of day is hard on us all.

Then came the announcement on the radio that all the Lone Oak High students were to meet at the Baptist church, so I leaped out of bed (ha!) and began to get ready, all the while visions of burning schools danced in my head.

I soon found out that getting up at 4 a.m. is nothing to the strangeness of going to school at the Lone Oak Baptist Church. I felt like a slob and then some walking into the building without a suit and tie on. I was rather amused, however, to see all my Lone Oak-ish friends and their men folk sitting around with glazed eyes and loose jaws. It was probably the first time many of them had ever been to a church of any kind and the fact that they weren't allowed to drag on a fag there was nearly too much for them. I was on the verge of asking when the collection plate was coming around when a hush fell over the crowd of students. The teachers had begun to file in, all grim-faced and quiet. They took their places in the choir section, looking like some kind of jury. I would have hated to have been on trial then, I tell you. And then there was Mr. Dexter, looking somewhat sad and tired, standing in the pulpit with a spot light shining on his face (a divine light from heaven perhaps?). I half expected him to say "Okay, students, open your hymn books to page 109." But he didn't, so we didn't. He made his announcements and we went to our homerooms whenever and wherever we could find them. It was kind of funny, really, to see those big, long-legged guys squatting in those tiny chairs made for elementary kiddies. It wasn't funny, however, to find myself surrounded by Smile posters. Somebody must have known I was coming and how much I detest those things, because everywhere I looked I found myself being leered at from a dozen posters. AIEEE! Just as I thought I could endure the agony no longer we were allowed to go home for the day (much to the relief of the Lone Oak companies who all drove off in a cloud of smoke). I remember being

relieved to hear we weren't going to have classes in the church. I kept expecting some old lady to shush me everytime I raised my voice, it's a beautiful building and we'd probably demolish it in a number of days, and memories of Smiles were haunting me.

The sickening revelation was made to me by my homeroom and journalism teacher Mrs. Barnett (you remember her) that just about all the important news articles and features for our school paper were still on top of her desk when the fire occurred. We had nothing left to put in the paper and everything would have to be rewritten. And that, my friends, is the reason this issue of the Oak "K" is late and probably a wee bit strange. It's difficult writing stories that are printable quality for the paper and asking us to do it all over again will probably be like pulling teeth but with any luck we'll get done. If you're reading this it means we were in luck. And if you're not reading it I must be an idiot to type all this.

Friday Morning After The Wednesday Morning

If you still have no sympathy for that poor gutted building, someone should take you on the tour I had. Mrs. Barnett, Dwayne King, David Witherington, and I made a grand tour of the place to get some pictures of it for that strange issue of the paper and to attempt to rescue some papers from the journalism room. And at the time I'm typing this I'm still not quite sure I believe what I saw.

When we arrived at the school a number of students were carrying books and other library junk to the new cafeteria (you think anybody will ever get to eat there?) from the library in the old building so I thought "Well, they're coming from upstairs so how bad can it be?" Well, folks, it can be very, very bad. I can't begin to describe the sight I was met with and I hope the pictures will give you some idea of what it looks like. I think if you try and get in now you'll get your head permanently creased by the guards I saw walking around the place the other night. So please, don't try to get inside on your own. But anyway, whenever I think about that school burning the lump in my throat gets even bigger now that I know what the inside looks like.

So we walked cautiously down to the journalism room, being careful not to stumble over the books that were frozen solid to the floor. There were two guys upstairs in the room trying to save whatever looked worth saving and they helped us get the file cabinets out into the hall. Everytime one of them would bump around the floor would shake, so if you notice any white hair on my head you'll know why. I saw our newspaper stories on Mrs. Barnett's desk top but when we tried to move them we discovered that they were frozen to the desk, not to mention the fact that part of the roof was lying across them. Dwayne decided to have a look at the other rooms down the hall where the roof had collapsed so he began to pick his way slowly toward Mrs. Austin's room. David decided he wanted to take a peek, too, so off he went, while I just stood there staring at the charred timbers and the walls that now look like soggy cardboard and thought, "No way." Then Mrs. Barnett, attired in a beautiful fur coat, mind you, set out behind them. So bringing up the rear was me. Like Mrs. Barnett said, "If we go through the floor we might as well all go together." While that's not a particularly encouraging outlook it did get to that silly thing called pride so off I stomped in pursuit. I thought the supreme irony of the situation upstairs was reached



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Finally we went to check the downstairs hall and rooms. The first thing that popped into my head when I saw it was "a sunken living room." The floor, kiddies

walking around getting estimates of the damage. It's kind of disillusioning to see your principal and assistant principal walking around looking so helpless. But then we were all looking (and feeling) the same way. I left there feeling kind of empty



REMAINS OF MR. DEXTER'S OFFICE

has fallen into the ground from just inside the front door to Mrs. Thompson's room. The walls are still there but there are no floors underneath them. We saw Mr. Dexter and Mr. Adams (the latter stylishly dressed out in an army camouflaged jumpsuit) carefully

inside as I realized I'd had the last classes I would ever have in that old building. A flood of memories came to mind as we drove away from our home of three and a half years. And I kept thinking "just five minutes with him, that's all I ask. Just five minutes."



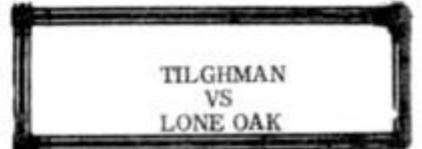
WOMBING

The Lone Oak High School basketball homecoming is Feb. 18. The queen candidates are Melissa Reams, Robin Mueller, and Sherry Boss. The junior attendant is Cindy Laidn, the sophomore attendant is Carol Womble, and the freshman attendant is Lisa Barriger. The coronation will be between the junior varsity and varsity ball games.

The dance after the game will be at the Cabana Club. The "When, Who, and Why" will provide the music. The dance will be from 10 to 1 and is for Lone Oak students and their dates and Lone Oak alumni and their dates.

Tickets to the dance are \$3.50 in advance and \$4.00 at the door. Advance tickets may be purchased in either gym during homeroom and the break following homeroom. Tickets may also be purchased in the library during school hours.

The sophomore class is sponsoring the dance and the student council, sponsored by Miss Harres, is in charge of the coronation ceremonies.



The Purple Flash took on the Tilghman Tornados in their first meeting of this season at Paducah Tilghman's gymnasium. The Blue men came out with the hot hand in the opening minutes of play hitting their first six shots from the floor and pulling away to a 16-4 lead, fighting back with the poise of a high spirited team, the Oakers regained some lost ground and came within 1 point of the Tornados. But suddenly it was gone once again. With just over two minutes left to play in the first half, the Purple Flash got in foul trouble and lost their momentum. Returning to the dressing room they found themselves 13 points down.

Still spirited Lone Oak came back onto the floor for another half of play, but we never able to overcome the 13 point deficit. The game was over, leaving Lone Oak on the short end of a tuff loss. The top scorer for the Purple Flash was Page with 19 points.



With Tails Between Legs' Greyhounds Head For Doghouse- 63-59 Doghouse,

Lone Oak defeated the Reidland Greyhounds in a thrilling comeback by a score of 63-59. The game proved to be a barn burner as lead changed hands many times. Neither team was able to get things going, and by halftime the Oakers could only manage a 2 point lead, as Lone Oak came on to the floor for the second half, one could feel the spirit of a team

determined to win. Led by the sharp shooting of Don Page and David Edwards and the rebounding of Wayne Elliot, Steve Dreher and Dennis Hobbs the Purple Flash steadily built their lead to 7 points. With just over five minutes left in the fourth quarter, the Greyhounds started their comeback. With a 3 point lead and just a minute to go, senior captain, David

Edwards, went to the foul line for a pressure packed 1 and 1 situation. Dave coolly sank both free throws and iced the victory for the Flash. Dave led the game with 15 points and Donald Page had 14 for the Flash.

Reidland.....59
Lone Oak.....63



What had happened to Lone Oak's school spirit this year? Last year at this time, during basketball season, there was twice as much spirit. There seems to be no enthusiasm during pep rallies, and the attendance at the games is very low. A lot of the people at school do not really care what our team does, but they should because everything our school participates in, includes every student in one way or another.

The basketball team puts in a lot of hard work and practice for our school team and they care about our school. If the players can do this for Lone Oak, the students

could at least support them by coming to the games, or putting forth some action during a pep rally. It is up to us as students to put spirit back into our school. Each student should try in some way to put this spirit back. Two or three students cannot do this on their own. It takes help from everyone!

Our Student Council, and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes have started programs during our pep rallies to raise the spirit of the students. If everyone in the school would put forth more effort to help our team, the problem of "SCHOOL SPIRIT" would soon vanish.

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Sports Shorts

LONE OAK 58 North Marshall 54

The Oakers defeated the North Marshall Jets 58-54. The Oakers had a one point lead at the end of the first quarter, but fell behind a point at half time 24-23.

The Jets left throughout the third quarter, but the Oakers finished the fourth quarter with a four point victory.

Those scoring were: Hobbs 20, Page 18, Elliott 9, Dreher 4, Edwards 2, Dallas 2, Ranage 2, and Naas 1.

Lone Oak.....58
North Marshall.....54

LONE OAK 53 St. Mary 65

The Lone Oak Purple Flash suffered its third straight loss in the last two weeks Tuesday night at the St. Mary's gym. The Flash visited the homeground of the Vikings, and found them ready and waiting.

Lone Oak found itself in the lead only briefly in the middle of the second period, and then by only one point. The game was anybody's game until the opening minutes of the third period when the Vikings began to widen their lead. The Vikings led at the end of the third quarter 48-37.

Leading St. Mary was Mike Weglicki with 23 markers from the field. Other Vikings in double figures were Craig Tonnemacher with 13, Michael Wilson with 12, and Steve Moranville with 14. Lone Oak was led by the shooting of Don Page with his 21 markers, Dennis Hobbs with 17, and Wayne Elliot with 11. By the end of the fourth quarter the Flash found the short end of the stick and lost the decision 65-53.

LONE OAK 81

Crittenden County 71

Lone Oak won its second game in three outings since Christmas by defeating the Crittenden County Rockets by a score of 81-71. Both teams got off to a very slow and sluggish start, but by halftime the Oakers had a nine point lead. The Rockets were never very far behind but at the end of the game everyone had realized that the Oakers had enough punch to come out on top. The leading scorer for Lone Oak was Donald Page with 26 points, followed closely by Dennis Hobbs and Wayne Elliot with 24 and 17 points respectively.

Crittenden County.....71
Lone Oak.....81

LONE OAK 53 Reidland 55

Lone Oak lost its second game of the new year to the Reidland Greyhounds by a score of 55-53. The Purple Flash took the first half by outscoring the Greyhounds 25-18, but came out with a cold hand in the third quarter. By the end of the period, Reidland had fought back to within one point. The Oakers were unable to fight off the surging Greyhounds and fell behind by six with just over two minutes left to play. Suddenly the momentum of the Flashes took a turn up, and came back to tie the game, only to lose it by a last second shot by Mike Kennedy. Dennis Hobbs and David Edwards took game honors with 14 points each.

Reidland.....55
Lone Oak.....53

Mighty Purple Flash Raids South Marshall Rebels

The Flash trailed only once during the ballgame. This was in the last minute of the first quarter. Dennis Hobbs, Don Page, and Wayne Elliott put the Flash ahead for good. Rebounds by Hobbs and Elliott secured the lead.

Page, a 6-foot guard finished with 17 points, hitting a free throw with eight seconds left in the first quarter to break the game's last time. He missed the second shot, but Elliott rebounded and turned it into a three point play.

Lone Oak held a lead throughout the rest of the game, although South Marshall got within one point midway through the second quarter.

A fast layup by Chris Naas, for the Oakers', with a second before the halftime horn, set the Oakers'

up for a good third quarter lead.

Lone Oak moved ahead by 11 points midway through the third stanza. The Rebels got within seven points twice but couldn't muster the power to break ahead of the mighty Purple Flash. At the end of the eight minutes, the Flash held a 17-15 advantage, and led by 10, 52-42, with one quarter to go.

Hobbs, a 6-2 junior forward scored 10 field shots and finished with 24 points. Page with 17, Elliott followed with 15, and the two other starters, Naas and Edwards, had a combined scoring total of 15 points.

South Marshall.....56
Lone Oak.....71

Purple Flash Sparkles With Advent Of New Suits

The basketball team got new uniforms this year. There are two new sets of uniforms, ones to be used for away games and ones to be used in our home games. The uniforms that will be worn in our away games are solid purple with white letters and numbers. The

letters and numbers are trimmed in gold. The trunks have a white LO on the side of each leg trimmed in gold. Both the top and the trunks have gold stripes down each side.

The uniforms that are worn during our home games are solid white. They have purple letters and numbers that are trimmed in gold. The trunks have a purple LO on the side of each leg.

These uniforms, along with our team, can be seen any Tuesday or Friday night. All you have to do is come to the games.

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