



Lone Oak High School Issue 4 December, 13, 1974

Outstanding LOHS Seniors Are Recognized At Banquet

Mark Edwards, Lone Oak's fine senior quarterback was recognized as "Player of the Year" at the LOHS Football Banquet, held at the school, Dec. 7. The banquet had as its guest speaker, the very successful head football coach at Western Kentucky University, Jimmy Feix.

Edwards, in his third year of quarterback duties, completed 61 per cent of his passes this past season. In addition, he led the team in rushing with 456 yards in 56 carries for an average of 8.1 yards per carry.

Senior Curtis Hamilton was named "Outstanding Defensive Back." Besides his defense duties, Curtis also sparkled at the halfback slot.

Gary Hearall won "Outstanding Defensive Lineman" honors for his performance throughout the year.

This past year, Kelly Don Hollowell piled up 285 yards in 66 rushing attempts for a 4.3 average. That earned him the "Outstanding Offensive Back" award.

Billy Towers was selected as "Outstanding Offensive Lineman" on this year's squad, which

finished with a 6-4 record, the best ever at Lone Oak.

Charles Pickering was named "Most Improved Player." He was on the receiving end of 23 passes, picking up 351 yards.

Charlie Hughes won "Mr. Hustle" honors for his excellent all-around play.

For each game the team played, a Player of the Week was chosen. For the Crittendon game, it was Curtis Hamilton; Tilghman-Kelly Don Hollowell; Webster-Charlie Hughes; Fulton County-Eric Ham; Marshall-Kenneth Reeves; Reidland-Mike Hampton; Heath-Charles Pickering; Christian County-Kenneth Reeves; Caldwell-Mark Edwards; and Mayfield-Garry Hearall.

Eddie Thomas of Phil Roof Sports, and Mr. Behrendt, principal, chose the players they considered to be the outstanding eleven. They were Charles Pickering, Mark Edwards, Jimmy Champion, Curtis Hamilton, Kenneth Reeves, Charlie Hughes, Bill Towers, Dale Bearden, Eric Ham, Garry Hearall, and Kelly Don Hollowell.

(picture on page 7)

Ransdell Is Students' Choice Of The Month

The freshmen of Lone Oak High School, have selected Kent Ransdell as December's Teacher-of-the-Month.

Mr. Ransdell, affectionately known to his students as "RD", was born in the heart of Hopkinsville, Kentucky. He attended high school in Hopkinsville, where his deep interest in music began to surface, as he learned to play the trombone. After graduation he decided to attend Murray State University. Here, after five years he achieved a Bachelor's Degree of Music Education. MSU was also the site where Mr. Ransdell met his wife,

Debbie, who he married while attending school.

After graduation his first job was at Benton, where he taught music for two years. Following this he was offered a job at Lone Oak where he has now taught for six full years. While teaching here he became father to a baby boy, Miles, who is now five years old, preparing to begin school.

His desire to be superior at everything he does, has been brought out through his accomplishments in band. He will never give less than his best and also expects the best performance from those around him.



Mr. Ransdell

Goode Selected As December's Jr. Rotarian

December's Junior Rotarian is Mark Goode.

Mark is a senior, and has been a Lone Oak student for twelve years.

Chemistry seems to play a major role in Mark's life. He plans on being a chemistry major, and won the Chemistry II award his junior year. Recently, Mark won second place in Murray State University's Chemistry test, for which he received a \$200 scholarship.

Beta Club and the Physical Science Club takes up much of Mark's spare time. He also plays bass guitar in a rock group called "New Song."

As Junior Rotarian, Mark will be attending the Rotary meetings, which are held every Wednesday. The meetings are held at lunch time at Grief's restaurant. Besides being able to hear businessmen speak, Mark is also served a delicious lunch.

Speech Students Compete In Paris

On October 6 and 7, six Lone Oak students participated in the Krider International Speech Meet in Henry County. The yearly event is sponsored by the Rotary Club and Henry County High School.

Those attending from Lone Oak were: Timberly Parker and Arland Wynn, both participating in original oratory; Blake Ross, who was entered in extemporaneous speaking; and Larry Burrows, Trina Spees, and Lillian Duch, all three contestants in dramatic interpretation. Besides Kentucky and Tennessee, Huntsville Alabama, Up-State New York, and Milwaukee, Wisconsin, were all represented at the tournament.

First prize in each category was a \$100 scholarship to the school of their choice. To win a person would have to present his speech or interpretation three times. Each time would be in front of a different judge. After the third round those with the highest scores would then go and perform in the finals. After the finals the winners would be selected.

Several students from Lone Oak did receive superior and excellent ratings, but were not able to score high enough to classify for the finals.



Randy Mitchell Is Top Student

This month's student of the month is a face you don't see too much around Lone Oak. It is Randy Mitchell.

Randy has attended Lone Oak for all 12 years of his school life. Randy had participated in tennis in which he also has lettered.

Randy also has been active in DECA for three years and has attended State and Regional Conventions.

Randy studies D.E., Typing I, and D.E. Co-Op. His Co-Op job was at Lone Oak Pharmacy but at the present he isn't working anywhere.

When Randy found out he was this month's Student of the Month, he was very surprised and couldn't believe it.



Randy Mitchell

Annual Madrigal Dinner To Be December 13th And 14th

The Choral Department directed by Mr. Murphy has scheduled its Second Annual Madrigal Dinner to be held the nights of December 13 and 14. Festivities will begin precisely at 6:30 in the Lone Oak High School cafeteria.

The Madrigals will be dressed in formal attire. The women will wear flowing black dresses with white gloves and the men will dress in tradition black tuxedos.

Guests will be greeted by doormen and shall proceed to the check room. Then, assorted Hors d'oeuvres and tomato juice will be served in the ante room. At seven o'clock, the maitre'ds will announce dinner. The Madrigals will then promenade into the dining room, singing "Deck the Halls." A toast of hot wassail for good cheer

throughout the Christmas season will be made by the male Madrigals.

The menu will consist of roast beef aujus, creamed potatoes, caramelized carrots, yorkshire pudding, assorted relishes and flaming plum pudding.

After the dinner, the Madrigal program will begin. The program will consist of various selections, among them "De Glory Manger", "Wind Through the Olive Trees", "Bells of Christmas", "Some Children See Him", and "Glory to God in the Highest." All fanfares and promenades accompanied by brass quartets.

Tickets are \$3.50 and may be purchased from any choir member or by calling 554-2735. Tickets will not be sold at the door.



Madrigals, left to right, Lynda Hughes, Larry Burrows, Kim Thomas, and Mark Stephens.



December 16	Band Christmas Concert
December 17	Brookport (Home)
December 17	Choir Concert
December 19	Last Day of School
December 20	Christmas Vacation Begins
December 25	Christmas Day!!!!!!!
December 26	Paducah Invitational
December 27	Paducah Invitational
December 28	Paducah Invitational
January 2	Return to School
January 3	Tilghman (Home)
January 4	Obion Central (Home)
January 10	Crittenden County (Away)
January 10	Semester Ends
January 15	Records Day (No School)
January 17	Heath (Away)
January 18	Lyon County (Away)

Christmas Message From Mr. Behrendt

From me to you, I wish you the greatest holiday you have ever experienced. I pray that each of us will recall what the season is really about, Christ's birthday. And that we will ask him to bless this world and each of us so peace will encircle all of us.

Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year in 1975!



Mr. Behrendt

Commercialization Creates Lack Of Christmas Spirit

By Janwin Overstreet

A couple of weeks before Halloween, I was in K-Mart buying some Halloween decorations. I turned a corner, and then I saw it: a whole shelf full of Christmas wrapping paper. I thought, "This is ridiculous! It's not even Halloween yet. Christmas is more than two months away!" Yet, there it was, in all its red and green glory.

This is just one small incident that emphasizes an occurrence that the entire United States has been subject to for the past few years—extreme commercialization of Christmas. It appears as if all industries are determined to milk the population for every last cent they can get. Placing the merchandise on the counters before the true season begins entices shoppers to commence buying early—and, once they start, to continue buying items until midnight on Christmas Eve.

Another fact of the commercialization syndrome is the fact that it attempts to coerce people into the Christmas spirit before it is even reasonably close to the proper time. When Christmas does eventually roll around, most people are so sick and tired of the whole business that they impatiently await December 26. Business pipe in Christmas music early in November. The Lone Oak band participated in a Christmas parade in Hopkinsville a week before Thanksgiving. All that little children think from Thanksgiving on is "What are you going to get me for Christmas?" The entire matter is getting completely out-of-hand.

Don't let commercialization ruin your holiday spirit. Remember, the true meaning of Christmas centers on the enjoyment and fulfillment of giving and sharing, not singing praises to a little old man in a red suit.



Poor Manners Displayed By Student Body

By Mrs. Nancy White

On behalf of the students and faculty of Lone Oak I would like to say thank you and congratulations for a job well done to all who worked so hard to present the Christmas play "A Gift of Tenyin."

I am sorry that so many of our students have so little appreciation of plays not to mention the time and efforts of so many of their classmates and friends. I found the talking and laughing by so many of the students present to be very disturbing. I certainly hope that in the future those students who go just to laugh at the efforts of others or to be with their sweetheart will remain in the classroom so that the rest of us may enjoy the assembly.

A Message Of Interest To Lone Oak Students

LETTER TO EDITOR

Editor:

Would a short article fit into your newspaper concerning Senate Bill SB 90 which guarantees privileged communication between school counselors and students. As I understand it a school counselor doesn't have to tell what a student tells him. Of course, we don't anyway. With this law we aren't even required to tell in a court of law.

Mr. King

Mr. King:

We are certain this will be of interest to the students.

The Price Of Free Parking Can Be Steep

By Sabrina Collins

Have you ever wanted to drive an obstacle course? This course is for drivers who have complete control of their car and can "turn on a dime." The price of running this obstacle course is the strong possibility of having a flat tire if you don't make it. The course is located in Lone Oak. To be more exact, it is the L.O.H.S. student parking lot.

Glass almost covers the lot and it is very dangerous; not only for cars, but also for any unsuspecting soul who happens to run across it barefoot.

Although I see it as senseless, maybe some people get their "jollies" out of breaking bottles etc. on the lot. The only problem is few people get their "jollies" out of changing tires in 20 degree weather or out of a \$50 doctor bill.

So, the next time you decide to throw a bottle, remember that you may be the next victim.

Lunch — Love It Or Leave It

By Robert Raines

I for one am tired of people saying; well we are having S.O.S., for lunch (same old stuff). I think it is the best lunch program we have ever had and we should be proud of it. The food is carefully fixed by the staff to give the student a well balanced meal. This year more than ever Mrs. Koster has tried to get better tasting meals as well as economical. I would like to thank them for this effort.

Conserve Energy By Supporting Your Team

By Alice Williams

This could be called the year of shortages. There are shortages of gasoline, paper, sugar, and the number one problem, coal.

Many methods are being observed by concerned citizens to help cope with the coal shortage. You, a Lone Oak High School student, can do your part to help with the energy crisis. You may ask how. Simply by attending the "Purple Flash" and "Lady Flash" basketball games.

Studies reveal that less power would be used during a basketball game than if those who attended the game were at home. If 1,000 persons attended a game and 25 television sets were turned off as a result, less electricity would be used.

Studies prove these facts, why not put them into practice. Be a "conservative" citizen. Conserve energy by attending the "Flash" basketball games. Help your team and your nation.

Snowballs—The New Number One Killer

By Sherry Turley

Snowball fights can be fun but they can be dangerous. Every year when the snow begins to fall, the first thing a lot of people do is to roll the snow into a ball and throw it at someone else. Probably, they never thought they might have grabbed a rock up with the snow, or a hard piece of ice. There are a lot of kids who have had eyes put out, bumps and bruises on their head and even possibly a brain concussion because of this small accident. Some of these injuries may have permanent damage to a person's life. So please make your Christmas a safe and happy holiday. Make sure your snowballs are just snow!

Christmas Means Something Special

By Debra Drury

Do you know what Christmas is? Think about it for a moment. It is the time of giving gifts to loved ones and friends, eating lots of food, cold weather, and being happy.

But Christmas also means something else. It is a time of being thankful and happy that we live in this country. In many foreign nations teenagers just like us won't be getting anything for Christmas because their parents do not have enough money to buy them presents or even food. Many of these teenagers don't look forward to this time of year because to them it is nothing special.

So when you open your Christmas gifts this year don't be unhappy because you didn't get what you wanted. Be thankful that you are able to give and receive gifts.

Bad Manners Create Nutrition Deficiencies

By Melanie Mathis

Lone Oak had a new student. Her name was Holly Hungry. Here is her story.

Tuesday Holly arrived at school late for her first day. She had been so excited she forgot to eat breakfast. When lunch came Holly was so hungry she ran to get in the lunch line.

"Gee, I'm near the front of the line! Oh! And they are having fresh hamburgers today!" Holly thought.

Well, as time went by Holly was pushed to the back of line. Holly, not used to the ways of Lone Oak was pushed farther away from her lunch by people cutting line. Finally, it became Holly's turn to get her lunch.

"Oh no!" Holly exclaims, "The bell rang!"

This went on for weeks. Holly weak from hunger would stumble to her next class as the bell rang. One day Holly fainted from hunger.

It took a week for Holly to recuperate. She was so glad to be back at school.

Holly no longer worried about lunch. When the lunch bell rang she no longer had to wait in line and never eat. Holly brought her lunch everyday!

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LOHS Choirs Schedule Their Yule Concert

On December 17 at 7:30 at the Lone Oak Baptist Church the Acapella choir will give their Christmas concert.

The Madrigal choir will present four numbers at the beginning of the program. Some of the songs that the acapella choir will be doing are: Little Drummer Boy, God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen, A set of three, Hodie Christus Natus est, Harry Simone arrangement of Bring a Torch and O Holy Night will be sung by soloist Linda Hughes.

There will be a fan fare at the balcony of the church. Also there will be a traditional candlelight procession.

The concert will end with the Hallelujah chorus from Messiah, in which alumni will be able to come up and sing with the choir.

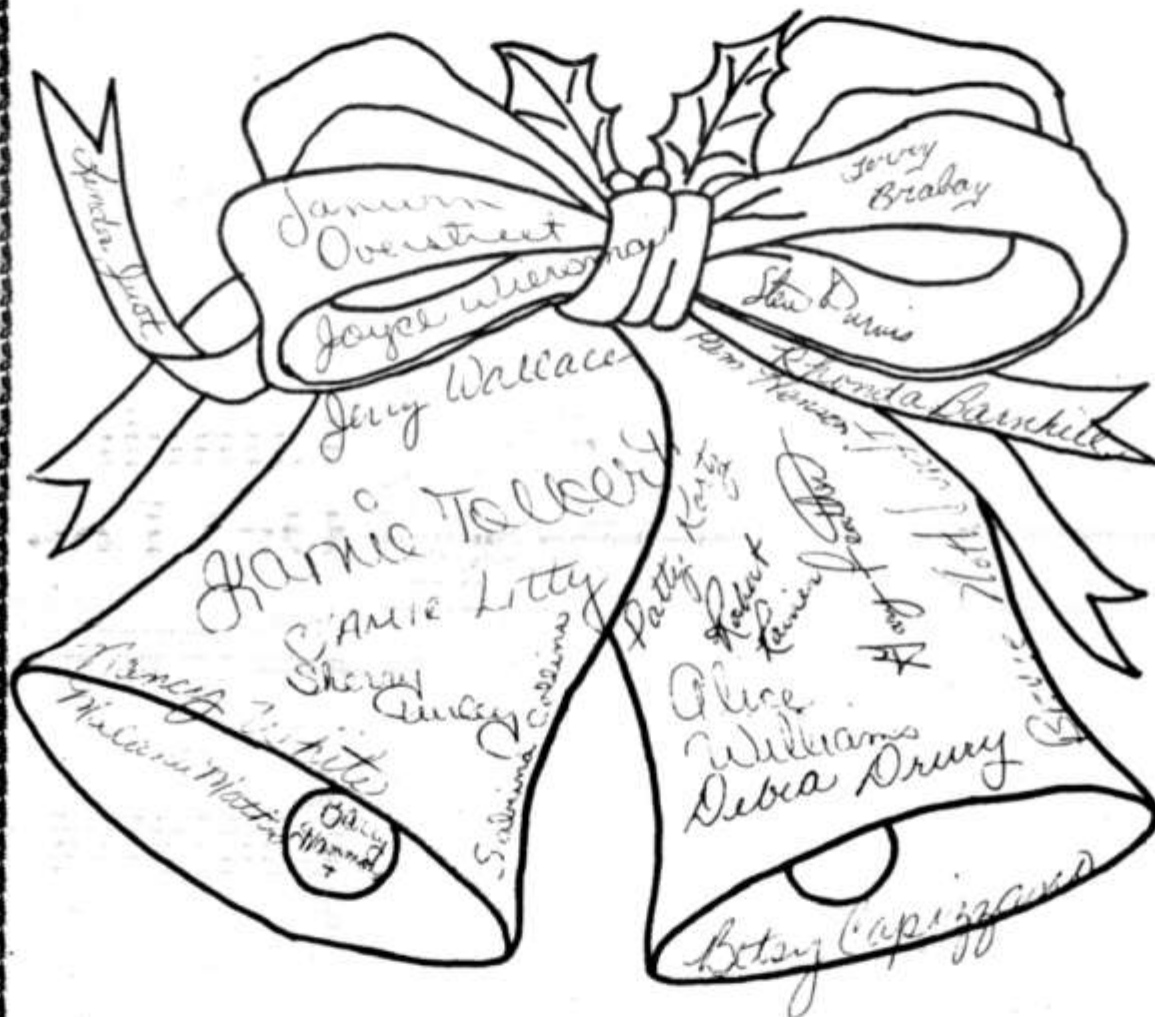
Swing Choir Has A Busy Holiday Season

December is a busy month for the Swing Choir, as numerous occasions rise at which the group is asked to perform.

On December 12, the Swing Choir presented a Christmas concert for the Kiwanis Club at Griefs Restaurant. The Swing Choir will perform for Lone Oak Elementary on December 17. They will also give a concert on December 19 at Lone Oak's traditional "Last day of school before the holidays" assembly.

Songs included in the groups repertoire are "Do You Hear What I Hear"; "Twas the Night Before Christmas", featuring Larry Burrows, tenor soloist, and Jeff Henson, baritone soloist; "Home For Christmas"; "Medley Christmas"; and "Christmas Tree."

Merry Christmas From us to you



Band Will Entertain On December 16

The Lone Oak Kentucky Colonel Band is preparing to hold their annual Christmas Concert on December 16th. They will perform at the Baptist Tabernacle Church located at 12th and Jefferson at 7:30.

A program of various Christmas favorites will include: "Do You Hear What I Hear," "Snow Bells," "Little Drummer Boy," "Christmas Greetings," "O Holy Night," "Sleigh Ride," and others. Maurice Jett will play a trumpet solo from "O Holy Night."

Everyone is invited to attend and admission is free.

Santa Claus Was Born In Early 1800's

By Terry Brabov

Have you ever wondered why Santa Claus appears like he does?

Well, it all started back in the 1800's in Europe, where they adopted Santa Claus. They pictured Saint Nick as a tall, thin person, however. But Washington Irving of New York pictured him differently (New York is where Santa Claus started in the U. S.). Mr. Irving pictured him as being a jolly fellow wearing a broad-rimmed hat and long breeches, and smoking a long pipe. He saw Mr. Claus riding over the treetops in a sleigh, taking presents from his pockets and dropping them down little kids' chimneys. He told this in a famous book, "Knickerbocker's History of New York" in 1809.

In 1822, Clement C. Moore wrote a poem starting with the well-known line, "Twas the night before Christmas." In this he wrote of Santa as we see him today with twinkling eyes, a "nose like a cherry," a white beard, and bundled up in fur. He puffs on a pipe and rides with his eight ever so famous little reindeer: Dasher, Prancer, Dancer, Donner, Blitzen, Vixen, Comet, and Cupid.

Christmas Play Presented By Thespian Club

"The Gift of Tenyin" was presented by the Lone Oak Thespian Club on Wednesday, December 11.

Students went to the gym second period to watch "The Gift of Tenyin," which is a Christmas fable. Immediately following the performance of the play for the high school students, the play was performed for Lone Oak Elementary students in the LOHS gym.

The performers rehearsed for many hours during directed study, and after school. Dress rehearsal was held on Tuesday afternoon and night in the gym.

The play was considered to be a success by all who participated.



Actors [from left to right] Delane Nagel, Susan Scheer, Lillian Duch, and Huey Anderson perform for Lone Oak students Tuesday in "The Gift of Tenyin."

Opinion Line...

We polled 163 people to get their response to the question: Do you think the myth about Santa Claus should be continued to be told to children? Ninety-two per cent said yes, five per cent said no, and three per cent said they were undecided. Of the people that said yes, some stated that we should because it is a tradition or that it just wouldn't be Christmas without telling children about Santa Claus. There were those who were undecided that commented that many merchants were using Christmas to promote their sales, but it is still a tradition.

One person went as far as to say the Christmas is no longer a nonprofit organization. The three per cent that said no decided that adults were using children's trust when telling them that Santa Claus flies through the air just to content them.

Would you believe the origin of the name of the school newspaper "Oak K" came from the one Lone Oak tree and from the paper being O.K.

Ky. Colonels March On In Hopkinsville

On November 22, the Lone Oak Kentucky Colonel Band competed in the annual Hopkinsville Christmas Parade. The band practiced long hours in preparation for the event. Their efforts were rewarded with a second place trophy when awards were given. The band marched along with 20 other bands and a multitude of floats in a colorful parade that stretched for more than a mile.

The band competed in this parade to help them prepare for their coming Florida trip. The Florida contest will include street, as well as field, competition.

From Where In The World Did Our Christmas Customs Originate

December 25 has rolled around again in that never ending cycle of years. With this date comes the excitement of Christmas, and the thoughts of small children turn to a merry old fellow in a red suit delivering gifts in his sleigh drawn by eight tiny reindeer.

Children in many lands know this jolly gentleman, but by different names. In England he is known as Father Christmas and in France he is Pere Noel. Dutch children know him as San Nicolaas

or Sankt Klaus and from the German word Christkindle of Christ Child he is called Kriss Kringle. To some of these children he wears different clothes but he still mean gifts and joy.

Like the difference of our St. Nick and those in other lands there is a difference in the date he visits. In Italy and Spain the children receive presents on January 5. Another date is December 6. This is when youngsters in several northern European countries

receive their gifts.

Clement C. Moore described Santa Claus' visit to American children when in 1822 he wrote "A visit from St. Nicholas" or known to most of us as "The Night Before Christmas." Clement named the "eight tiny reindeer" and described Santa's rosey cheeks and cherry nose. Clement's story ends with the familiar note "Happy Christmas to all and to all a good night."

Symbols Of Christmas

There are many things that people have come to regard as Christmas symbols.

St. Nicholas, patron saint of children, is recognized by boys and girls throughout the world as the kindly symbol of Christmas. His American counterpart, Santa Claus, has many habits which were formerly associated with earlier characters.

People in Scandinavia were the originators of the use of Christmas trees. They once worshipped trees, and when they became Christians, they made evergreens part of their festivals.

The star, used everywhere to symbolize Christmas, represents the Star in the East mentioned in the Bible in Matthew 2:1-2. The three wise men supposedly started this belief.

Lights at Christmas represents Christ as the Light of the World. Martin Luther was perhaps the first man to use lights on a Christmas tree.

Exchanging Christmas cards was not considered symbolic of Christmas until fairly recent times, around 1843. They soon became quite popular.

The custom of burning the Yule log came from the Norse and Anglo-Saxons. It was originally burned in honor of Thor, god of thunder. When they became Christians, however, they made the Yule log an important part of their Christmas celebrations.

One of the most important symbols of Christmas are the carols and Christmas songs. Some of the better known carols include "O Come All Ye Faithful", "God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen", "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing", "Silent Night", "O Little Town of Bethlehem", and "O Holy Night." Some of the popular Christmas songs are "White Christmas", "Jingle Bells", "Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer", "Silver Bells", "Santa Claus is Coming to Town", and "Home for Christmas."

Madrigals Are On Television

On December 10, the Lone Oak Madrigals appeared on WPSD's People Beat, featured on the six o'clock news.

Reporter Johanna Comisak interviewed George Murphy, director. The Madrigals sang two selections, and also bowed, and promenaded. Mr. Murphy and Ronnie Beaton, president of the choir, were also on Opinion Line, on WKYX radio.

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when you're little
thinking he is the
real thing

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gifts for all your
friends

Having a big snow

Playing Santa Claus
for your little
brothers and sisters

Staying out later than
usual on Dec. 31 and
bringing in the New
Year

Having a snowball
fight

Snowing on Christmas Eve

Receiving a gift

Getting that dress you always
wanted

Goin to the Christmas dance with
your guy

Being in the final of the Christmas
Tournament

Getting up on Christmas day

Having a date with that special
person

Getting out of school

MISERY IS ...

Finding out when
you're older that
there are 20 more just
like him all over town

Finding out they paid
just 99 cents for yours

Taking your driver's
test on that day

Finding out that
nobody is playing
Santa Claus for you

Finding out you have
to go to school the
next day with that big
headache

Being hit by one that
has rocks in it

All of it melting

It being a dud

It doesn't fit and it's the
last one in town

Him dancing with
someone else

Losing by 1 point

Not getting any presents

Finding out you are going out of
town the day before

Having to go straight to work

Poetry Corner

A CHRISTMAS WITHOUT SNOW

Christmas Eve is here
And Oh! Dear!
There is no snow!
I know
Not how to explain,
The reason we have rain!
Is Santa still at the store?
Oh goodie galore!
He is there!
But where?
I must find him before
He leaves the store—
And ask him for snow
Because I know
I've been good
And he should
Give me the only thing I
Want for Christmas! So why
Can't I find him?
I'll look outside again.
Snow! Snow! Snow!
Ho! Ho! Ho!
Merry Christmas!

Melanie Mathis

Christmas Is

Christmas is a time of joy,
When the children receive their toys.
Underneath the tree so tall,
Is for Jack a bowling ball.
And for me I do not know,
I glance outside at the beautiful snow.
Everyone is happy and so relieved,
The Lord our God is very pleased.
Christ was born on Christmas night,
In came people by the flight.
Christmas is a time of joy,
When was born the Baby Boy!

Doug Bassett

I heard the bells on Christmas Day
Their old, familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet
The words repeat
Of peace on earth, good will to men.
—Henry Wadsworth Longfellow



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WHAT PEOPLE WANT FOR CHRISTMAS

Since this is a very busy year at the North Pole for Santa Claus, he asked the "Oak K" staff to help him by finding out what kind of gifts some of the students and

teachers at LOHS would like to receive. So we asked them and here is the list of presents that was compiled:

Bev Keebler	A St. Bernard
Linda Hughes	A giant teddy bear (or something soft and cuddly)
Bill Kight	A camera and my license back
Kent Koster	New cat for physiology
Lisa Cathey	Portable T.V. and a lot of snow
Jamie Litty	Snow
Dawn Mungle	A boyfriend
Jerry Johnson	Raquel Welch
Jennifer Lynn	A Doug Harper doll
Star Vinson	Jimmy Champion
Jeff McIntosh	To stay out of a snowball fight
Rick Henson	Dancing lessons
Mr. Sellars	No comment
Gwen Crouch	A longer curfew
Brenda Brown	Cuddly teddy bear
Glen Hendon	A new finger
Dwain Blackman	People to spell my name right
Mrs. Koster	All the trays picked up in the cafeteria
Tammie Johnson	A date to the Christmas dance
Edie Hughes	My ring
Doug Bassett	A calculator
Ken Herndon	A new band director
Trina Walker	A "How To Do Everything" book
Mr. Parsons	A tape player for my car
Sandy Sisson	Coat with fur
Johnny Dallas	Money for gas
Judy O'Neal	A name that doesn't sound like Julia
Julia Shelton	A name that doesn't sound like Judy
Mr. Hopper	Christmas trophy
Jeff Sharp	Harley Davidson Electra Glide
Beth Ohning	Raggedy Andy Doll
Toni Dias	To pass Algebra II
Cindy Lee	2 feet of snow!
Missy Farrell	Someone at least 6 ft. tall
Sammy Houser	I don't know
Kara Kenyon	Letter jacket and a basketball goal
Mr. Behrendt	830 well-behaved students
Brenda Hughes	A brain
Jimmy Champion	To go to state in basketball
Robert Charlet	Larenda Rogers
Mr. McGroarty	Successful basketball season for the girls' team and boys' team
Lisa Baker	Something dumb
Al Gorman	A good oil painting set
Barry Brinker	A shotgun
Steve Ryan	A rubber duck
Cathy Seay	A new joke book
Larry Wyatt	To be mono-free
Phillip Read	A new trombone section
Leslie Wagenknecht	A hang-up bracelet
Bill Towers	A decent car
Mr. Ransdell	To have all my Christmas shopping done
Mrs. Rucker	A pot scratcher
Danny Mullen	New set of golf clubs
Mr. Bruce	A little boy
Mrs. Floyd	A whole day to do whatever I wanted to do and my son Randy home for Christmas

MERRY

C - Christmas Joy
H - Holly
R - Rudolph
I - Icy Cold Weather
S - Santa Claus
T - Tinsel
M - Mistletoe
A - Angels
S - Snow

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Start Your New Year Right

Some of the more novel New Year resolutions heard around Lone Oak are:

Stay in love with the same person for more than a week.

Conserve energy by going to bed at 7:30 so you can have a good excuse for not getting your homework.

Lose 30 pounds so you can eat all you want.

Invent a potion that will help Sherry Turley grow 5 inches.

Save gas by eating at school instead of going to the Burger Chef.

Come back to school in one piece.



Christmas Scramble

Try your luck at unscrambling these familiar Christmas terms:

1. ASNTA ULASC
2. RMERY TSACRHMIS
3. PAHYP ENW REYA
4. ENEIRDER
5. BHMEETLEH
6. SREPNSSET
7. GNILEJ SELBL
8. IEHWT SSTMHIRCA
9. LITSEN
10. LOTMIEEST
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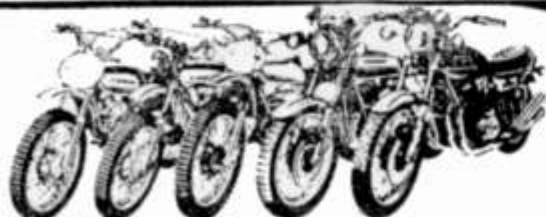
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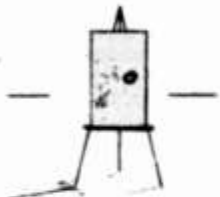
The FFA club held their monthly meeting December 5th. Thirty-one participants were initiated into the chapter as Greenhands. The Greenhands were Doug Bassett, Keith Davenport, Terry Dukes, Ricky Felts, Terry Guill, William Matthews, Kevin Meadows, Butch Midkiff, Joey Neihoff, Dennis Snelling, Johnny Spears, Keith Tillitson, Gary Townsley, Richard Womble, Paul Bowman, Jimmy Brown, Rick Chandler, Jim Elder, Robert Lynn, Johnny Morris, Terry Raffidy, Steve Ryan, Richard Schmidt, Tommy Shaffer, Paul Smiley, Brad Vaughn, Gary Yewell, Mark Stephens, and Sandy Elder.

The Chapter participated in the 1974 Conservation Essay Contest, which is sponsored by the "Courier-Journal" and the "Louisville Times." Winners from this chapter were: Craig Stubblefield, first place, Doug Bassett, second place; and David Simmons, third place. Prizes were 1st place-\$5; 2nd place-\$3; 3rd place-\$2. The chapter participated in the Westvaco Distribution Project. 5,200 pine seedlings were distributed to twenty-one boys. Future plans include: distributing Christmas baskets to elderly families in the area before December 20th, a chapter farmer initiation at the February meeting, giving plaques to chapter winners of all contests, and ordering road signs to erect at the entrances of Lone Oak.



HI-Y

The Hi-Y Club is now considering new projects. Past projects were pie-eating contest, and buying coffee for the teachers lounge. One of the committees is in the process of repainting the parking spaces in the student parking area.



ART CLUB

The Art Club's featured speaker was William Fitzpatrick, a local professional artist. Mr. Fitzpatrick displayed a few of his paintings in the art room. He also discussed different forms of art, and different ways of applying it to painting. Forty-one members attended.

Club Directory



FHA

At the December meeting, the FHA planned a Christmas Bazaar for Thursday and Friday, December 12th and 13th. Everyone is welcome to come by the Home Ec. Department to buy gifts and/or baked goods.

The Homemakers voted to go Christmas caroling Thursday, December 19th. The FFA boys are invited.



FBLA

The third meeting of the FBLA was held on Thursday, December 5, during second period in the business department. The meeting was called to order by Jane Shaffer. The minutes were read and officer's reports were given.

VICTORY!! Sponsored by FBLA, the business department defeated the Home Economics department by a score of 26-16. The players for the business department were Charlene Reeves, Diane Bell, Bev Keebler, Brenda Brown, Sherron Arnold, Belinda Clark, Teresa Barksdale, Lisa Cathey, Jennifer Ross, Penny Day, Margie Elbon, Shawn Sanders, and Christine LaGrone. As a result of the ballgame, both clubs collected \$68.17 each.

We planned a Christmas party for all FBLA members on Thursday night, December 12, 6:45 p.m. at Pizza Inn. Afterwards, everyone will go to Medco Nursing Home and deliver a large fruit basket.

For our January project, we are planning a bake sale, having a guest speaker to speak on the March of Dimes, and also we will have a scholarship fund.

The first home basketball game was Friday night, December 6, against Cuba. As in the past years, the FBLA operates the concession stand at all home games. The following people worked December 6: Penny Day, Bev Keebler, Gary Shaffer, Johnny Bowermann, Scott Miller, and Mark Watkins.



PEP CLUB

On December 4 the Lone Oak High School Pep Club held its regular monthly meeting. Mrs. Senter made inquiries about the sweaters and the club will make their decision at a later date. Two money-making prospects were brought up; selling shakers and selling derby hats. The Flash card committee will be responsible for taking the Flash cards to the basketball games and pep rallies. The ID cards can be used at home basketball games only.

The sock-hop will possibly be held January 3, after the basketball game against Tilghman. A stereo system would be set up in the gym for the dance. The officers of the club will plan the remaining details.

All members who plan on attending the games, must purchase their tickets at school to receive a 25 cent discount, thus the admission for Pep Club members will be 50 cents. There will be no discount at the door.

The skit committee will perform skits at the pep rallies before the following games: Tilghman-January 3; St. Mary-January 21; Reidland-January 28; and Heath-February 4. The school may possibly have a fight song, school spirit buttons may possible be sold. Under any circumstance, the Pep Club can be found sitting together, at all basketball games and pep rallies, creating spirit for their team.

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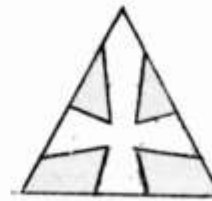
This month's meeting of the Lone Oak Young Historians Club was held second period in Mr. Baker's room. The president, David Pope, called the meeting to order. Roll call showed 16 members present.

Mr. Baker, the club's sponsor, introduced the guest speaker, Mrs. Evelyn Howard. Mrs. Howard is the sponsor of the Brazelton Young Historians Club and she commenced to tell the club about the organization of the Young Historians Club, the Annual Convention, and the projects and programs of the Brazelton Club.



FTA

The FTA Club has been struck by the Christmas spirit. The members plan to help a family by donating money and buying gifts. Past projects have been selling stationery during the past month. It will also be sold in the cafeteria beginning this weekend. The stationery would make very nice Christmas gifts. Plans for future projects include the possibility of selling donuts to pay the expenses for the state meeting to be held in the spring. Also, they plan to attend the fall district meeting in Murray, Monday, December 9th. Discussion was held on helping at the Elementary after school. Attention teachers: FTA members will grade papers and/or help teachers in any way needed.



TRI-HI-Y

The Tri-Hi-Y Club held their monthly meeting December 5th in the school library. President Shawn Sanders called the meeting to order. The program for this month included several girls relating their experiences at the 1974-75 KUNA Convention. Among numerous projects discussed for this month are: selling candles at the Mall, filling a fruit basket for a needy family, serving at the Womens Club Christmas Dinner, and decorating the school cafeteria for Christmas. The meeting was adjourned by singing, "Blest be the Tie."



MUSIC CLUB

The Music Club was entertained with a brief program by the Lone Oak Madrigals. The program consisted of songs which will be included during the concert given at the Madrigal Dinner. Business of collecting dues was taken care of and the meeting was adjourned.

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Award winners [left to right] Curtis Hamilton, Mark Edwards, Kelly Hollowell, Bill Towers, Charlie Hughes, and Jimmy Feix. Back row, Garry Hearell and Charles Pickering.

In this box of letters you will find the last names of the eleven varsity basketball players. There are many ways in which they are found (horizontally, vertically, diagonally, backward, and upside down).

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JV Captures

Two Big Wins

St. Mary 57
Lone Oak 43

Winning seems to be the only word our JV basketball team knows as they finished last week with two consecutive wins, one over the St. Mary Vikings and one over the Cuba Cubs.

St. Mary was the sight of their first win as they sunk the Vikings 55-54. The score tells the story of the game. It was one of the closest games they have played so far this season. The fear of losing still existed after the first half with the score tied at 22. Then with the fighting spirit and never ceasing struggle they racked up a three point lead by the third quarter. The outcome was still unsure but victory was all the team had in their mind. As the final buzzer sounded the scoreboard told the story. The third consecutive win and closest game had ended in a 55-54 win.

Playing at home wasn't the main reason for their second win but a score of 61-36 seems to say the support of the fans had to add to the spirit of the team. The Cuba Cubs didn't pose any threat to the Flash as they controlled their fourth game scoring completely throughout the game. This game gave Coach Hopper a chance to use all his men and to determine how his team will play in an overall average.

Lone Oak's varsity girls, although continuing to play rapidly improving basketball, fell for the second time this season to the Viking girls of St. Mary. The final score was 57-43.

St. Mary jumped out to an early 10-5 first quarter lead. The Lone Oak girls, not particularly known for their first half performances, were outscored 18-6 in the second quarter thus falling behind 28-11 at the halftime intermission.

The Lady Flash came out smoking in the third quarter, however, outscoring the host Vikings 19-10 and cutting the lead to 8 points at 38-30. The early fourth quarter action saw the Lady Flash cut the St. Mary margin to a mere 4 points, but costly and sometimes very questionable fouls soon set four of the five Flash starters on the bench and the gallant comeback was thwarted. From that point on the Vikings outscored the Flash, 13-3 and coasted to a 57-43 victory. Lone Oak "out-fouled" St. Mary 30-14, therefore giving the Vikings 38 free throw attempts to Lone Oak's 18.

Scoring for the Purple Flash were Julie Buchanan with 14, Kathy Herndon, 10, Missy Farrell, 6, Sherry Turley and Alice Williams had four points each. Patty Kortz and Susan Courtney tossed in two points each while Lenora Brooks chipped in one.

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Oakers jump against Ballard Bombers at BMHS Tuesday night.

Purple Flash Romp To Big 82-60 Win Over Bombers

In what was their best game of the season thus far, the Lone Oak Purple Flash romped to a 82-60 win over host Ballard Memorial. The win upped the Flash slate to 4-1.

Ballard jumped out in front 2-0 with 6:37 left in the first stanza. Little did anyone know that that was to be their only lead in the game. The Oakers quickly pulled away after that. Casey scored 8 of his total 18 in the first quarter alone. Three of his first quarter buckets came on baseline jump shots. Lone Oak led at the first stop, 19-8.

The Flash doubled their lead midway through the second canto. When Tony Deluna scored on a putback halfway through the period, the Oakers held their widest margin of the night at 36-12. The Bombers cut into that lead some before the halftime buzzer, and trailed 42-24 at the horn.

Ballard came back to play much better ball in the second half, but it was far too late. The Bombers could get no closer that fourteen.

Perhaps the most impressive

aspect of the game was the passes some of the Flash players made. Several brilliant passes resulted in Oaker baskets.

Lone Oak's leading scorer for the night was sophomore, Tony Deluna. He pumped in 19. Kevin Casey followed with 18. Kenny Reeves played a real fine game, certainly his best yet, and finished with 15. Ronnie Goode got in early foul trouble, but still managed 12. Greg Buchanan played a fine floor game, and chipped in with 6 points. Mark Edwards, who replaced Goode in the third stanza, added 5 to the cause. Jimmy Champion got in the last two minutes and came through with two baskets for 4 points. David Smithmier and Jimmy Houser had two and one, respectively.

Current scoring averages for the top seven in playing time are: Casey, 18.0; Goode, 17.2; Deluna, 16.6; Reeves, 10.8; Edwards, 5.8; Buchanan, 5.6; and Smithmier, 4.4.

There are only 8 home basketball games left so come and support the team.

Flash Slaughter Knights Of Cairo Camelot 91-61

The Purple Flash bounced back from their crushing loss to St. Mary with a resounding 91-61 win over Cairo Camelot.

The Flash broke away from the Knights early in the contest, and led 29-11 at the first quarter stop. Maintaining their momentum, they coasted to a 46-25 halftime lead.

The story was no different the second half. Lone Oak out scored their opponents 45-35, in breezing to their second victory of the

season against one setback. Cairo Camelot's slate stood at 1-5 after the loss.

Ronnie Goode led the Oaker scoring with 19 points. Kevin Casey and Kenny Reeves each chipped in with 16. Rounding out the double-figure scoring were Tony Deluna and Mark Edwards with 14 and 10, respectively. In addition, Greg Buchanan added 5, David Smithmier and Dwayne Blackman three, and Jimmy Champion two.

Lady Vikings Defeat Our Lady Flash By 54-39 Score

The Flash girls lost their second game of the young season. It was a hard fought 54-39 decision to St. Mary. The Vikings, ranked 11th in the state and 1st in the region, fell behind in the early going but rallied to take an 8-5 lead at the end of the first quarter.

In the second quarter the Lady Flash more than tripled their score as did the Vikings. The score at the end of the first half was 24-17 in favor of St. Mary. In the third quarter action, neither team scored until a basket made by the St. Mary girls with just a little

over two minutes left. The Flash were outscored in that quarter 9-2 and fell behind, 33-19.

Chopping away at what seemed to be an insurmountable lead, the Lady Flash out-scored the highly acclaimed Vikings 19-12 in the final stanza.

Leading the Oakers in scoring was Kathy Herndon with a game-high 19 points. Others scoring for Lone Oak were Julie Buchanan, Lenora Brooks, and Missy Farrell all with 6 points each and Susan Courtney with one.

Carlisle Takes Turkey Tournney After Oakers Bow To St. Mary

The St. Mary's tenth annual Thanksgiving Tournament was held November 26, 27, 28, and 29. The teams participating were Ballard, Carlisle, Lowes, Symsonia, Heath, Livingston Central, St. Mary and Lone Oak, who appeared for the first time in the Thanksgiving Tournament. Beginning the tournament on Wednesday, Ballard and Carlisle played with Carlisle defeating Ballard 109-83. The second game was between Lowes and Symsonia with Lowes winning over the Symsonia players, 74-68. On Thanksgiving night, Heath and Livingston Central played, with Heath being victorious over Livingston Central, 80-56. Then came the game between St. Mary

and Lone Oak. The Flash just couldn't get it together that night so making the St. Mary Vikings the winner, 93-73. The high scorer for Lone Oak was Kevin Casey with 17 points. Other players were:

Tony Deluna	16
Ronnie Goode	11
Kenny Reeves	9
Mark Edwards	8
Greg Buchanan	7
David Smithmier	5
Dwain Blackman	0
Jimmy Houser	0

On Friday night, the semi-finalists (Carlisle and Lowes, St. Mary and Heath), came once again to try their hardest to win the Thanksgiving trophy. First Carlisle and Lowes played with

Carlisle defeating Lowes, 85-81. St. Mary and Heath battled next and St. Mary won once more with the score of 94-60.

On Saturday, the final night of the tournament, Carlisle won the waiting game with the clock and turned back St. Mary, with the close score of 70-67, to capture a remarkable fifth straight win of the St. Mary Thanksgiving Tournament.

Whatever it was that kept the Flash from winning, at least it wasn't the lack of support. The St. Mary gym was cram-packed every night of the tournament, with people even standing up and outside in the lobby. Maybe next year we will come out on top and show them who is BOSS!!!!



Susan Courtney [13] shoots two for the Lady Flash.

Lady Flash Fall, 62-43 In St. Mary's Consolation Game

In the consolation game of the St. Mary's Girls Invitational, the Lady Flash put up a determined effort, but fell victim to Ballard Memorial's Lady Bombers, 62-43.

The final score might indicate that the contest was a runaway. It was anything but a runaway. The Lady Flash, after falling behind 14-7 late in the first stanza, roared back to forge ahead 17-16. After a Bomber bucket, Buchanan, Herndon, and Courtney followed with successive baskets to give the Lady Flash their longest lead of the night, 23-18. Ballard closed the gap to two at halftime, 26-24.

Lone Oak's last lead came midway through the third period when sophomore Kathy Herndon came through with a three-point play, putting the Lady Flash on

top, 33-32. Then, the Lady Bombers made their move. They poured thirteen points in without a single Oaker tally in between to take a 45-33 lead. Lone Oak got within eight at 51-43, only to have Ballard score the final eleven points.

Julie Buchanan and Kathy Herndon combined for all but eight of the team's points. Julie canned 22 and Kathy added 13. Susan Courtney and Lenora Brooks rounded out the scoring with 6 and 2 points, respectively.

Janet Compton of Ballard led all scorers with 32 points.

St. Mary's Lady Vikings went on to capture first-place honors with a 47-41 win over previously unbeaten Fulton County.

Experienced Bombers Defeat Lady Flash

The Ballard Memorial Lady Bombers put on quite a show in defeating the Lady Flash on their home court last Tuesday night, 47-21.

The key to the game was Ballard's tenacious defense. It prompted several Oaker turnovers and turned many of them into easy baskets. Lone Oak held a 5-4 lead at one point, but it was indeed short-lived. Ballard retaliated with 18 unanswered points, giving them a 22-5 lead. They were never challenged from that point on.

Once again, Julie Buchanan led the Flash scoring. She had ten for

the night. Terry Burton was next in line with five. Oddly enough, those five were the last five points scored in the game by either team. Susan Courtney and Alice Williams were the only other players to score. Susan had 4 and Alice, 2.

The Lady Flash have yet to win a game, but it must be pointed out that the competition thus far had been very tough. All the losses, with the exception of the game with Tilghman, have been to second-year teams. It's quite obvious now that the second-year teams are going to much tougher to beat.

Oakers Bury Cubs 96-63

Ronnie Goode and Kevin Casey each tallied 22 points as the Lone Oak Purple Flash rolled to their third victory of the young season, 96-63 over third district foe, Cuba.

The Cubs gave the Oakers fits in the early stages of the contest. Not until Goode hit a ten-foot jumper to give the Flash a 14-13 advantage, did the Flash take the lead for good. Goode scored ten points in the first stanza alone, as the Flash eked out a 22-17 edge.

Cuba continued to hang close in the second quarter. However, the Oakers outscored their opponents 8-3 in the last few minutes of the half to stretch their lead to 43-30 at halftime.

The Flash used the fast break to blow Cuba out in the second half. After obtaining a 57-40 lead, the Oakers scored at least 16 of their last 39 points off fast break layups. Lone Oak held their largest margin of the game (39 points) at 96-57.

Besides Goode and Casey, others reaching double-figures for the Flash were Tony Deluna and Kenny Reeves. Deluna scored 16 and Reeves 12. Smithmier and Buchanan each tallied 8. Blackman scored 4, and Edwards and Houser added 2 apiece. Jimmy Wiggins paced the Cubs with 20.

For the game, the Oakers shot 49 per cent from the field, while Cuba hit on 43 per cent of their attempts.

Flash Fall In Jamboree

The Jamboree was held Saturday, November 30 at the Tilghman Gymnasium.

The game between Lone Oak and Mayfield was action-packed. Kenneth Reeves was the leading scorer with two field goals and three out of four free throws. Ronnie Goode made three field goals. Buchanan, Edwards, and Deluna each bucketed a field goal. Tony Deluna ripped-off twelve rebounds. The boys lacked five points coming out on top. Mayfield took the game 26-22.

