

# The Oak "K"

## Flashes Back

Volume 65

Special Insert

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As you look through this special edition of the Oak "K" you might catch yourself wondering about life at Lone Oak throughout the ages. It's pretty clear that quite a bit has changed since the 1940s. We all know that technology has made all sorts of advancements since then resulting in a much different lifestyle, but what about the social aspects of life? With that question in mind, I present "Dating throughout Decades."

Imagine its 1943. A 17 year old boy is all nerves as he picked up a stacked honey for a date consisting of be-bopping to big band music. His opening line might be something like this: "Hey baby-doll, what's cooking?" If their date didn't run out of gas, and she didn't turn out to be a cold fish, the evening might end with some smooching.

Now picture the 1950s. A skirt is hot to trot in her nifty new dress. She's at a sock hop at school with a really cool cat. He's a total beef-cake with a ducktail and he drives a ragtop with four on the floor. After a while they decide the dance isn't much fun so they split. They head to the passion pit to catch a flick

and make out. At 10:50 they realize that if they don't burn rubber they'll both be up a creek for missing their curfews.

Fast-forward to the 1960s. There's a klutz with his hair combed into a jelly roll trying to put the moves on a phat fox. She just wishes that doofus would stop rattling her cage and flake off. She's trying to blow away the new stud with the groovy threads. She'd have been on cloud nine if he'd been the one to ask her to get a burger with him at the golden arches instead of that reject with the jelly roll.

Then come the 1970s. Picture a hunk with his hair recently cut into a flat top with fenders. His friend is getting him hooked up



The Oak "K" staffers get into character  
Photograph taken by Mrs. Goodman

with a foxy lady. The hunk's plan is to meet her at the righteous new disco club and then pig out on some za afterwards. When he arrives at the disco he sees his date. It turns out she's a total dog. When he talks to her he discovers that not only is she unattractive she's pretty trippy. The tunes they're playing in the club are complete crappola too. He decides to get out of there. Later he talks to his friend. "Get real dude! She was wack. The date was a total gross out. I wanted to upchuck the whole time I was there."

Next we have the 1980s. A ditzzy paper shaker with a perm and her parachute pants-wearing boyfriend decide to blow off their last class. They get into her

ghetto sled and drive to the arcade to play Pac-Man. There are several supertight games at the arcade and the two are having a hecka awesome time, but then they run out of cheese and have to go home.

Then you have the 1990s. A betty and her boo are going on a snoopy this weekend and have decided to go see the radioactive new movie. She plans to dress to the bricks to discourage him from trying to style some shasta all night. She's getting tired of his game. He doesn't have enough time for her; he's always chillaxing with his dogpack or macking on some hoochie. Then she thinks, maybe she'll break up with him. After all, who said you had to circle your first boyfriend?

Here we are...the 2000s! When the hottie found out that her boyfriend was in the heazy mauling some emo chick she asked if she was being punk'd. When her friend told her no, she jumped the couch. It was surreal. Aforementioned boyfriend's response? "Oh, snap!"

Hopefully you enjoyed this little taste of common slang throughout the ages. If you're dying to know more, or you just didn't understand anything stated in this article aside from the first paragraph and this one, check out [www.alphadictionary.com/slang](http://www.alphadictionary.com/slang).

## Here We Are...2000's

Sneha Pampati  
Staff photographer

For the past few weeks I have been watching the underclassmen worry about what classes they are going to take next year. Luckily, I didn't really have to worry about all that stress because I am a senior. But, I thought it would be fun to think about classes we probably won't be finding on next year's schedule. Here a few examples:

**Extreme Ballroom Dancing with Coach Whitis**  
I don't care what anyone says, dancing is a sport. We have gym, so why not have ballroom dancing...to the extreme! Imagine students dressed up in tuxedos and huge puffy gowns simply floating gracefully across the gym floor.

**Advanced Quantum Physics with Mrs. Adams**  
This class will mainly focus on defying theoretical physics and Newtonian mechanics, while at the same time trying to prove quantum chemistry and particle physics. Need I say more?

**Christmas Carols with a March Twist with Mrs. Durham**  
In this class, students will focus mainly on parodies of famous Christmas carols. These parodies will reflect the many important festivals of March, like that of St. Paddy's Day. That's right everyone: Deck the halls with leaves of clover, Fa la la la la la la la.

**AP History of Djibouti with Mr. Neel**  
You have no idea how interesting the history of Djibouti is! Located near Egypt in East Africa, it is one of the

most exciting countries in the world. I mean, just look at its name.

**Aboriginal Literature with Mrs. Campbell**  
In this class, you can play with boomerangs while experiencing the super fun literature of the aborigines. If you join this class, you can even go to Australia during Memorial Day weekend!

**Step Aerobics with Mrs. Goodman**  
Looking for a fun and easy way to lose that unwanted weight? Mrs. Goodman's curriculum includes hardcore aerobics, and if you fall behind...beware!

**Speech with Mr. Mizell**  
Sometimes you want to say something, but the words just don't come out. It happens to me all the time. But, now you can learn how to speak perfectly and you can kiss all those speech impediments good-bye!

**Advanced Finger Painting with Mrs. Linda Harper**  
People do not realize how complicated and difficult finger painting is. And beware, this class is not for the slackers, but for the most dedicated art students of Lone Oak. Staying up for hours into the night is expected.

**Relationships with the Wallaces and Jarvises**  
Ahhh...High school relationships. So much drama, but the Wallaces will help you overcome that drama during the first semester. And during the second semester, the Jarvises will help you develop a healthy relationship.

**Hair Maintenance in Español with Señor Morehead**  
What could be more fun than hair maintenance with Mr. Morehead? How about hair maintenance with Mr. Morehead...in Español?

## What did Mrs. Wear do before she came to Lone Oak High School?

- Studied a double major in English and business with a minor in history at Murray State University
- Earned her Master's Degree and her Rank 1 at Murray State University
- Taught English and History at Mayfield High School for ten years
- Taught at Ballard, then served as principal of Ballard Middle School, and Ballard Memorial High School during the years before she came to Lone Oak

# 9-11

Lori Speer  
Advertising Manager

Beep, beep, beep! It was 6:00 and, as usual, the alarm was making itself heard. Nothing was any different that morning. After taking my shower and getting primped for school, I heard my Mom yell a rushed goodbye to me from the bottom of the stairs and she was off to work. Still nothing out of the ordinary. Next on my agenda was the frantic drive to school. In the car, I had to think of all the important unimportant things in my life. Almost being late to school, I threw my car into park and raced through the doors. I proceeded to my first hour class to begin my morning in Mrs. Masden's wonderful world of AP Calculus. I remember the moans and groans as we continued our lesson on derivatives. The routine was still the same as usual, that is, in the Lone Oak High School world.

Now, to the real world. About 600 miles away, 15 minutes into first hour, a large plane crashed into one of the World Trade Center towers and tore a "gaping hole in the building, setting it afire." Shortly after the first, a second plane barged into the other tower. Now both were in flames. Two minutes before the bell to leave first hour rang, a plane was rerouted into the Military Nerve Center of the Pentagon. Trapped inside the quiet and un-informed halls of LOHS, not many students were aware that our real world was literally falling apart.

The bell rang to exit our first room and take part in the daily stampede to move to second hour. Little did we know that at that exact same time, people in our nation's capital were being herded out of the White House. In the halls, I heard uncertain whispers that had something to do with planes and the World Trade Center. The bell sounded that it was time to begin sec-

ond hour. However, the agenda had been amended. We were watching TV. Glued to the TV sets, we all watched with gaping mouths the sights that were being shown. I remember being in total shock as I saw on the screen, 15 minutes into second hour, one of the large towers tumble to the ground. Barely five minutes later, the damaged portion of the Pentagon collapsed. At the exact same time, another plane crashed outside of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. It, too, was believed to be headed for an important building.

We sat in wide-eyed wonderment of the current events as they flashed across the television. As my day went on from class to class, I found myself doing nothing but watching CNN. It was the station of the day. The day rolled on quite quickly and I soon found myself in my car on my way home from school. I never listen to the news on the radio, yet that was all I could do.

When I arrived at my house, I was shocked to see that my mother was home before I was. This was a very rare occasion. I found her inside in the TV room in front of the TV. This was even more of a rare occasion. Neither of us said a word. We both just sat and watched TV for hours. This never happens.

Even though the tragedy was not centered here, it was obvious that the effects spread across the nation. We all feel the loss that occurred. Our nation will never be quite the same, but we will always be America.



## \*NSNYC is \*INCREDIBLE

Mandy Langston  
Counselor

I know you read this title and thought "Come on, Mandy, you've got to be kidding me! I can't believe that you actually like NSNYC!" If you assume that they are just another boy band, you have judged too quickly. On March 21, NSNYC released their third album, titled "No Strings Attached." This album is sure to be on the charts for a long time and possibly to break some sales records because of their outlaws of screaming pre-teen fans. Girls were lined up around the block with their CD players in hand to catch a sound of the new release. But the music is more than that.

Deemed by most as just a "typical boy band", many people never give them a listen beyond the radio. They are a very talented and hardworking vocal group. Their CD is worth a lis-

ten and if nothing else, some wonderful partying music. The last track included on the album is a song called "I Should Have Told Her." This song proves to many listeners the ability of the group as vocalists. Its scorching lyrics and beautiful melody is sure to soothe your soul. If you are one of those who have sold NSNYC short, this is the perfect chance to redeem yourself and give them a try. Even if you don't appreciate that style of music, you are guaranteed to be dancing at their new base-flooded sound. Several of the tracks will give your sound system a good workout and are sure to stay in your head for days after. Give credit where it's due and go buy "No Strings Attached."

To the Editor of The Oak "K":

The editorial in last month's issue about bicyclists represents a very dangerous mentality. As a disabled rider, bicyclist, and motorcycle, I face this "I drive a car and roads are for cars ONLY" mentality constantly. According to state law, bicycles and motorcycles are considered vehicles and when operated properly should be treated just like a car. I have been involved in two bicycle-into crashes which re-

quired hospital treatment. In both cases, the driver "just didn't see the bicycle."

I suggest all drivers, especially young drivers, drive with an awareness and respect for all vehicles. All accidents have negative results, but if your negligence causes an accident with a bicycle or motorcycle, you may have the rest of your life to think about the person whose life you took.

Jim Toy  
English Department

## Pep rallies no fun for claustrophobics

Ian Joslyn  
Staff Writer

School assemblies...students jam-packed in the school gym. Elbow-to-elbow, people above, below and beside you. You sit, hoping everyone remembered to wear their deodorant. For most students, school assemblies are eagerly anticipated - an opportunity to get out of class; a time to socialize with friends. Pep rallies, guest speakers - whatever the occasion - sitting in a crowded gym with 790 other students is not something all of us look forward to.

There are some students in this school who are claustrophobic - my being one of them. So when we have assemblies in the gym, it causes me a lot of stress, but it doesn't have to.

Our gym was built to hold about 1,500 people. But during an assembly or pep rally there are only about 850 or fewer, teachers and students, so why can't we spread out a little? As it is, we are not supposed to use the top bleachers. Why? There is no reason why we can't. The grades are separated by about three feet. Why can't we change this to about 15 feet?

Those of you in charge of pep rallies and assemblies, remember: by spreading students out to the full potential of the gym, everyone would have more breathing room and these gatherings would be more enjoyable for many of us.

# Tony Stewart

RACING

"Good Luck  
to the  
Graduating  
Class of 2002!"

- Tony Stewart





# The Nifty 90's

## Two teachers make their debut performance at LOHS

Kelly Reeves  
Editorial Editor

**Mrs. Martin/Spanish & Biology**  
The Oak K: What made you want to become a teacher?

Mrs. Martin: "I love the atmosphere of high school, and I want to inspire students to set goals and achieve them."

TOK: What year did you graduate?  
Mrs. M: "Bachelor's (Spanish)-1996; Master's-1997"

TOK: What are your hobbies/interests?

Mrs. M: "I love being outdoors, watching different sports, spending time with my son, playing with my puppy and spending time at home or on the farm with my sweetheart."

**Mr. Watwood/9th grade U.S. History**  
The Oak K: Who inspired your teaching career?

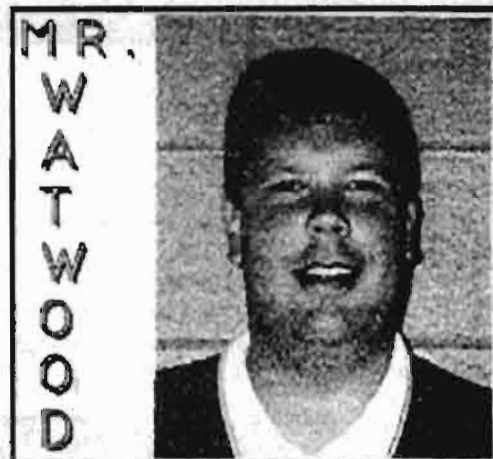
Mr. Watwood: "My mother is a teacher and has always made teaching seem fun and interesting. I was also influenced by several great

teachers during my school years."  
TOK: What are your hobbies/interests?

Mr. W: "I work with the band (no time for much else!)"

TOK: Do you have anything to say to your students?

Mr. W: "It's nice to be back!"



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## Simpsons break into television

By Melinda Purvis  
The FOX network has a new show on this season that everyone is talking about. The show, *The Simpsons*, is about a wacky cartoon family.

The parents of this family are Homer, a man of less than average intelligence, and Marge, who has the highest hair on television. The children are Bart, the ultimate trouble-maker, Lisa, the normal one, and the baby, Maggie. Each week the family

becomes involved in some outrageous and often ridiculous stunt. One such episode is when Homer was mistaken for Bigfoot.

The *Simpsons* were originally shown as short segments during the Tracey Ullman Show; however, they became so popular, they were given their own series. This is the first cartoon series to be on primetime since *The Flintstones* years ago.



## M.C. Hammer turns out another one

By Jim Kerins  
*Please Hammer Don't Hurt* is the latest release from master rapper M.C. Hammer. His latest album contains 13 selections while his previous album, *Let's Get It Started*, contained only 11.

*Please Hammer Don't Hurt* is roughly a follow-up to *Let's Get It Started* and the songs are relatively the same. M.C. Hammer uses the same sound effects in the new album. Just as in the old.

While this review may sound on the negative

side, *Please Hammer Don't Hurt* is really a good album. "Crime Story" is one of the better songs, as are "Black is Black" and "Help The Children."

With his newest album, M.C. Hammer is almost assured of being a nominee for the American Music Awards Best Male Rapper for the year 1990 (he won the award for 1989). At the price of \$8.98 on tape and \$13.99 on CD, this album is a very good buy and certainly worth the price.

# The Awesome 80's

By Holly Harris

April is just around the corner, and with it comes the junior-senior prom. One of the many pleasures associated with prom is the buying of the prom dress.

This year there are several different styles of prom dresses to choose from. One of the most popular is the southern belle dress. These are full dresses containing such things as lace, ruffles, bows, ribbons, or fake flowers. A full slip or hoop should be worn with this dress to give the complete effect of being a southern belle back in the 1800's.

Bustles back dresses are also going to be making the scene. These dresses have a fullness around or below the waist, as added by a peplum (a short skirt attached to a bodice or jacket), bows, or ruffles. Pink, blue, white, lavender, and red are the main colors these dresses come in. Accessories are very important for this kind of dress. Such things as lacy umbrellas and fans decorated with flowers and ribbons make a perfect finishing touch for your prom-night attire.

A formal dress would be a perfect choice for the girl that didn't want to pay the price for a southern belle. Formals are very sleek dresses that complement the figure in a very classy way. Off-the-shoulder and spaghetti straps are two very popular styles to be found. They also come in many other styles too numerous to mention. These dresses come in a variety of colors such as black, light blue, lavender, pink, and white.

Another type of dress that will be seen this year is the lawn dress. This is a dress made of a thin or sheer linen or cotton fabric. These dresses can be found in off-the-shoulder styles or with laced sleeves and collar. Lawn dresses give the wearer an old fashioned, feminine appearance because they contain much lace. White and ivory are the top color choices for this dress.

## 'Rocky' is back - better than ever

Just when you think Rocky (played by Sylvester Stallone) has run out of fighters to beat up, he steps back into the ring bigger than ever. However, he is not quite so big as his new opponent, a monstrous, blond Russian named Ivan Drago (Dolph Lundgren), whose muscles put some of the best body-builders to shame. What better place is there to fight a Russian than in Moscow, on Christmas Day no less!

One might be wondering why Rocky would want to do something so crazy. Well, it all started when Ivan came to the states to challenge American boxers and wound up destroying Rocky's good

friend, Apollo Creed (Carl Weathers), which made for a very revenge-crazed "Italian Stallion."

Once in the USSR, Rocky begins his training, which consists of such things as chopping wood and pulling sleds. Ivan the giant, on the other hand, has his own version of training that includes pounding away at computers and shooting up with suspicious drugs.

So, does the Yank beat the Red? Well, if you have not figured it out already, go see the movie. If you have figured it out, go see it anyway. Yes, *Rocky IV* is predictable; but like its predecessors it is well worth seeing.

## Halley's comet flying soon around

By Derrick Gourieux  
Halley's comet, in its orbit around the sun, has already been spotted through many telescopes and binoculars and even by the naked eye. It makes its orbit around Neptune and the sun and passes the earth every seventy-six years.  
Halley's comet, as seen through a telescope, has a "head" and a "tail." The head is a large cloud of glowing gasses called the "coma." This coma can be more than 1,000,000 miles in diameter. The tail is formed when the gasses of the coma are blown back by the solar winds. The density of the tail is very small. The comet is stretched out for millions of miles;

but if it were gathered up, it would fit into a suitcase.

The best time to look for the comet is in March and April, just before sunrise. It will reach its peak of visibility on April 11. To get a good look at Halley's comet, a person needs a good telescope or binoculars and a dark place from which to observe.

One should not be too upset if he misses the comet this time. It will be back in only seventy-six years!



## 'Miami Vice' soundtrack joins top ranks

The show *Miami Vice* has played on the show *Miami* brought rock music and *Vice* together effectively this year.

The soundtrack from the popular television show has several of the biggest names in popular top forty music.

Glen Frey has written two very good songs for the show, "Smuggler's Blues" and "You Belong to the City." Chaka Kahn has written a song, "You Own the Night," which is not as good as she is capable of help performing; but it is a good addition to the album.

One of the best songs on the album is Phil Collins' "In the Air Tonight," which he released in 1982. It either, Luckily, she has just enjoyed a rebirth after being one song on the tape.

Grandmaster Flash has written a song, "Vice," which will please many break dancers because of its good, strong beat and easiness to dance to.

Jan Hammer's instrumentals are impressive but somewhat redundant. His talent with the piano and keyboards is very good, and the addition of several other instruments enhance his instrumentals even more.

Tina Turner adds her contribution to the album. The song, "Better Be Good to Me," doesn't help it much as released in 1982. It either, Luckily, she has just enjoyed a rebirth after being one song on the tape.

## Student speak out on assigned parking issue

By Michelle Roberts  
This month, the Roving Reporter took the liberty of going around the school and asking students how they felt about the assigned parking spaces. Of the fifty students who were polled, this is a sampling of what they thought:

Dan Clark, senior- I think it does not help. Half of the time, someone else is parking in your

parking space anyway.

Shannon Pittman, senior- It does not help much. The first day of school, someone was in my space and the office told me there was nothing they could do.

Tim Black, junior- I think it is like a totally cool idea. It is a little different, but otherwise it is a happening idea.

Amy Newton, junior- I do not

like student parking spaces because I have to park way out. It is not good to get to your space. It should be first come, first serve.



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## 1970's Flower Power

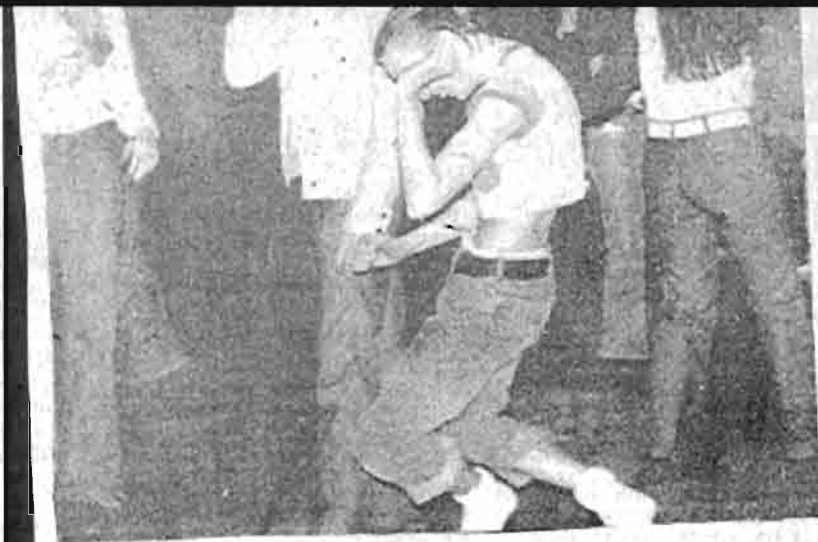
Heflin  
Turns Pro

By: Kevin Ezell

This summer Lone Oak's boys' and girls' tennis coach, Larry Heflin, became a United States Professional Tennis Association teaching professional.

In the early part of the summer, Coach Heflin traveled to Chicago, Illinois to take a test that could be the highlight of his tennis career. On the first day Heflin had to take a very rough, twenty-five page essay test. He then had to take a test that required using all of his tennis skills. This test required a tremendous amount of perfection in all areas of the game.

Heflin is now the tennis professional at the Rolling Hills Country Club. He is one of only three professionals in the area. Coach Heflin is looked upon as one of the best instructors and the best tennis coach in the surrounding states.

Rock Around The Clock  
DAIRYETTE  
DRIVE INN

At traffic light in Lone Oak  
HAVE SOMETHING NEW

16 Flavors Hand Dipped  
ICE CREAM

## I Pledge Allegiance

By Robert Tracy

The daily lives of students throughout Kentucky have been affected by a new law passed by the Kentucky General Assembly. The law states that the superintendent of each school district must see that every primary and secondary school pupil has the opportunity to recognize and pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States. It does not, however, obligate anyone to pledge the flag, but they can if they want to. Flags have been bought by the local school boards for each individual classroom.

Principal Thomas Stephenson was interviewed by the OAK K staff for his thoughts and opinions on the matter. When asked what he thought induced this legislation, he had many thoughts, but his strongest was that the move is to motivate national morale and pride, two values seen very seldom today.

Mr. Stephenson stated that it was not a result of the "hostage crisis" or the "Afghanistan crisis" however. He also commented that this was to bring back the confidence now declining in the American code of ethics.

Mr. Stephenson is quoted as saying, "I feel very good about this policy." He also feels that most teachers at Lone Oak feel much the same way, yet he has had very little teacher or student response so far. Other states already have similar laws, but it is thought that Kentucky leads the way in efforts to revitalize the pledge recently.

The school principal shows a strong, favorable view of religion in public schools, and says that he is all for it. Putting the Ten Commandments in schools is to be the next step in getting back to the basic fundamentals in the American education system, according to Mr. Stephenson.

Coach Mizell Is the  
Teacher of the Month

This month the Oak K recognizes coach James Harold Mizell as teacher of the month. This is his third big year at Lone Oak. Coach Mizell, better known to students as "meale", graduated from Metropolis High School, where he in turn was coached by Mr. Behrendt. After graduating in '62, Mr. Mizell was in the Army for three years, serving some time in Korea. He has attended PCC, here in Paducah, and Kentucky Wesleyan school in Owensboro. He received his Bachelors degree from Murray. As for student teaching, it was done at Reidland High School under Mr. Behrendt. Among former jobs, Mr. Mizell used to drive a Midwest milk truck for his father, who formerly was sheriff in Massac County. He also acted as an undercover policeman. Some of his hobbies are fishing and slow-pitch softball.

New Sport Begins  
Practice At LOHS

Just this year a new sport for girls has been established at Lone Oak. This new sport is girls basketball. Every Monday and Friday from 4:30 to 6:30 the girls can be seen in the school gym practicing for next years try-outs.

The coaches for this new team are Ben Buchanan, Billy Don Hollowell, and Don Burton. They teach the girls techniques concerning lay-ups, foul shots, dribbling drills, passing drills, rebounds, and also help them with their individual positions such as forward, guard, and center.

The members trying out for the team are: Juniors; Leslie

Wagonette, Pam Henson, Len Ramage, Jennifer Ross, Penny Day, Shawn Sanders, Beverly Keebler, Margie Elbon, and Haroldette Metcalf. Sophomores are; Kathy Houser, Kim Ryan, Kathy Stegar, Jamie Tolbert, Alice Williams, Pat Glover, Pat Alls, Susan Courney, Julie Buchanan, Sherry Turley, Kim Pace, Starr Vinson, Jamie Litty, Jennifer Lynn. Freshmen; Karen Watkins, Kara Kenyon, Missy Ferrell, and Lisa Summers.

The Mighty Female Flash will be playing against other area schools. As of this time the schedule has not been made.

## The Psychedelic 60's

JAMBOREE TO OPEN  
BASKETBALL SEASON

On November 3, 1961, the second annual Jamboree will be held at the Heath gymnasium with the following teams participating: Ballard Memorial, Carlisle County, Heath, Lone Oak, Lyon County, Reidland, South Marshall and St. Mary's.

Coach Dexter said he expects to have a fine ball club this year. He also said, "We are lacking experience and height, but I believe we have a group of boys who want to play ball. So far they have shown a lot of hustle and desire. We will lose a few games this year, but we will be giving our best at all times. I expect this year to be extremely tough because in my opinion we play the toughest schedule in this region."

The coach also stated that he expects Reidland and Tighman to be the leading teams in the district. However, Heath will have a big advantage and will also bear watching. Lone Oak is being tabbed the district's darkhorse.

According to Dexter the boys' 1 tling for the varsity squad are follows: Ron Alexander, Pat Haw Billy Hopwood, David Shelton, I Rushing, Jay Burnett, Hank Si ard, Charles Brown, Larry Ka John Beaton, Larry Jarvis, De Nelson, Jimmy Hicks, Ken Grief, and Freddie Howard.



Lone Oak is shown preparing for their season debut on November 3 at Heath. "The Flash" is one of eight teams participating in the Second Annual Jamboree.

BE REALLY REFRESHED  
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IN BOTTLES

"ATTEND THE COKE HOP"

## Board Sets Dancing Rules

The regulations for dancing in all McCracken County Schools were set Tuesday night, March 18, by the McCracken School Board. The privilege of holding dances was granted by the school board, after county-wide petitioning was undertaken. There were some 4,203 names obtained.

Mr. Dexter and other members of the faculty will arrange and must approve all of the dances.

The expenses of the dances will be paid for by the sponsoring club or group, with the exception of the utility bill and janitorial services, which will be paid for by the school. There will be a limit of four dances yearly, one of which can be the junior-senior prom. Dances will only be permitted on Friday and Saturday nights, and will end by midnight.

Only students attending LOHS will be permitted at the dances, with the exception of the junior-senior prom, which can be attended by outside guests. Persons misbehaving at the dances may be barred from other dances, at the discretion of the principal.

## Car Of The Month

Our car this month is a '57 Chevy. This car is owned by Perry Vaughn, a junior at Lone Oak this year. Perry's car is yellow and white with a black and gray interior. The car is running a stock build with one four barrel, straight shift. Perry has four honeycomb spinners for his car. He also has skirts which he runs part of the time.



1960S

## Quotable Quotes

Kathy Wetton  
If you listen, you'll probably hear the following people say something like this...  
Johnny McIntosh—I'm thinking of something else.  
Patti Bailey—My Name is not Zowie Mae!  
Todd Singley—Whoopie, Whoopie, Whoopie.  
David Hughes—Are you kidding me?  
Clyde Benton—Think I'm a bad boy, don't you?  
Rod Martin—Can you help us petition tonight?  
Kathy Stanley—Did you remember to bring your skirt Debbie?  
Phillip Burks—Hm, Hm, Hm.  
Susan Melber—My fruit flies are cold.  
Jane Ann Morris—I like it so much.  
Sally Weatherington—Susan, you dummy!  
Rene Evenson—Don says...  
Nancy Alexander—I will not be late to study hall ever again.



PATTI WILLIAMS "Well, kid, I'm not sure which building or floor, but it is the third door on the right."





## The Oak "K" Flashes Back

## The Swingin' 50's

## ATOMIC McCracken County

McCracken County 1949: This county was made up of people who were chiefly interested in their farms and dairies, their home and community life, their churches and schools. These people were contented people, striving for the betterment of their schools, churches, and communities. McCracken county was a clean county, all precincts having voted to keep out intoxicating drinks, and trying to keep down lawlessness. The people were slow-moving, easy-going, and were living a well-balanced life.

McCracken County 1951: A changed county, a changed people. In some sections of the county one would hardly recognize it because of the drastic changes that have been made. New roads have been built, old buildings torn down, and new ones being erected. The people have changed even more. Instead of a contented people, there seems to be confusion and unrest.

What has brought this about? The coming of the atomic plant to McCracken County.

The coming of this plant brings many advantages. It has opened up many jobs, and because the plant pays such high salaries, many local employers must raise their salaries so they can keep their employees. That means the average person is making more money. The value of property has increased tremendously and many houses are being built. All of this makes better business. The building of this plant has brought in many people, some of whom are good, influential people; these are an asset to any community. Also before the coming of the plant McCracken County was just a dot on the earth; now the eyes of the Nation are focused upon us.

Possibly the disadvantages outnumbered the advantages, for the coming of the atomic plant brought many problems. One of the greatest problems is the over-crowded conditions. So many new people have come in that there is a housing shortage. Trailer camps have rapidly appeared, many people are opening up their homes and are renting out sleeping rooms, and yet many people are forced to sleep in their cars. This condition is felt in the schools even greater than anywhere else. The children of the workers who have moved to town fill the classroom too full for everyone to get the full benefit from school. Eventually the Federal Government will give aid, but until that time, both faculty and pupils must do the best they can. Much damage will be done because teachers cannot be their best and pupils cannot do good work in such over-crowded conditions.

Lawlessness will abound, when there is a boom in any place as the atomic plant has brought to McCracken County. There are always many people who will follow these jobs. These people are transient people, here as long as the job lasts, then gone on somewhere else. A great number of these are not interested in anything but making money and spending it. Many undesirable people come in—gamblers, murderers, and drunkards. That makes the field ripe for bookie joints and taverns. The law enforcing agency of the county has a big job on hand; it will take the co-operation of all law abiding citizens to keep McCracken County the morally clean county it was before.

It is up to the people of McCracken County to solve these problems and if they are solved, the benefits reaped from the coming of the atomic plant will be great for McCracken County.

## Lone Oak School Has Crowded Conditions

There are 1250 students attending Lone Oak this year. This is the largest enrollment Lone Oak has ever had. Due to this there are found many crowded conditions.

If you walk into the Home Economics Department at almost any time of the day you would see one group of students in one part of the department and another group in the other. The reason for this is because that two teachers are teaching classes in there at the same period. One of the Sophomore English classes is so large that half of them have to have English in the Home Economics Department.

The same condition exists in the Commerce Department. There are not enough typewriters for all who desire to take typing. Even if there were enough typewriters there would be no place to put them. The bookkeeping class is also over crowded with 45 taking bookkeeping.

Another bad situation is the lack of book-bins. Two or three students are having to use the same book-bin.

One of the most over crowded places in the seventh grade rooms. There are 55 students in each room. One of the rooms has no place for the pupils to put their books for two weeks. They now have new chairs and keep their books under them. The chairs are so close together in these rooms that you can hardly walk between the rows.

There is a crowded condition in the whole grade school but on the completion of the New Concord School this will be eliminated. However, it does seem that something ought to be done about the high school.

## QUIETNESS IN THE HALLS

Quietness is the mark of a good school. It is pleasing to see how teachers and students are working together for this goal. We can be proud of our school when we have visitors if it is quiet. For the past few weeks we have had one of the quietest buildings in the United States so keep up the good work.

## Alumni News

Some of our former students who are working, serving in the armed services, or attending college are as follows:

Ethel Hall, class of '52, and Rosetta Hall, class of '50, are employed at the AEC plant near Paducah.

Martha Womble, class of '52, and Edith Schoening, class of '52, are taking a nurses training course at Murray State College.

Jack Phipps, class of '50 is serving in the United States Army in Korea.

Ervin Johnston, class of '50 is serving in the United States Army in New Orleans, La.

James Carlin, class of '50, is a Junior at Murray State College.

John Lee Puryear, class of '51, is employed by the State Highway Department.

Harold Griffin, class of '52, is serving in the United States Army in Phoenix, Arizona.

Billy Rushing, class of '49, is serving in the Marine Corps in Nebraska, and his brother Jimmy, class of '49, is serving in Alaska.

There is one thing in this world better than making a living and that is making a life.

## DIETING AMONG GIRLS

Have you ever seen a girl on a diet. Most girls do exercises to lose weight, but the more exercise they do the more they eat so there you are, twice as fat as you were before you started. Next you might try to quit eating. You might lose a few pounds that way. But when the diet is over you quickly begin eating like a hog. Then the pounds start adding up again. Next time you may try vitamin pills, but these don't work either. So last but not least you may try a reducing machine. When you come out of this you will find you haven't lost a single pound, but you have re-arranged it so much you finally decide to give up the idea of losing weight.

## Construction

## To Start Soon Says Chambers

The contract was awarded for Lone Oak gym on Thursday, Oct. 29.

The McCracken County Board of Education and the Fiscal Court awarded the contract for the Lone Oak gymnasium to Edgar Stephens Construction Company of Cairo, Illinois.

The bid of Edgar Stephens Construction Company was \$228,882.

The plumbing and heating contract was let to the G. & H. Plumbing Company of Paducah. Their bid was \$29,064. The electrical contract was let to Gus Harris whose bid was \$12,990.

The total cost of the Lone Oak building after the architect's fee and other expenses will be \$281,773.53.

Mr. Henry Chambers, McCracken County School Superintendent stated. There is no reason why the building cannot be started immediately.

Lone Oak has needed this building for a long time. The school children, the parents, and patrons of Lone Oak, wish to thank the Supt. of Schools, the Board of Education, the Fiscal Court and the people who worked so hard to pass the school tax last year, for it is from this fund that this new building is being built.



Wonder why Carletta Jackson likes 5th period English so well. Maybe it's because Gene George is in that class.

Well, boys, the fight's over. Lee Roy and Bucky are going steady! And guess who else is going steady. Craig Foster and Noretta Dunning.

There seems to be a certain Junior boys who has the girls all a flutter! Come on, Kenton, give the girls a break!

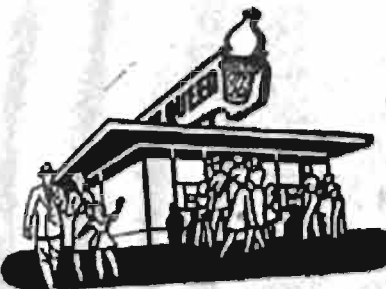
Guess who we saw Jimmy Purvis with Sunday night. You

guessed it, Marianna Simms! Donnie Rushing, who is the Senior girls you like so well? Could it be Claudene Moore? ?

We hear LaVerne Womack likes Tilghman. Must be because James goes to Tilghman. That right LaVerne? ?

Flash! ! Don Shelton is going with a freshman girl. We don't know her name but she is a brunette!

Believe it or not, "Love 'em and Leave 'em" Blake McCarty is going with Barbara Groff! !



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## "Who's Who" Poll Is Taken By Music Dept.

Being so good to us most of the time, we thought our "Nora" was really O. K. But did we ever get fooled.

After everyone got settled, Miss Overstreet called the roll and quietly announced, "get out paper and pencil; you are going to have a test." The test was made out this did not falter Miss Overstreet. Oh no! Mind you we had the test. But to everyone's

surprise, it was something we all liked. We were asked a few questions like these: Who is your favorite girl singer? Your favorite band and so forth. The results have been tallied and here they are:

Favorite Girl Singer: Jo Stafford by a large margin with Doris Day second and Patti Page a close third.

Favorite Boy Singer: Every body's favorite, Bing Crosby with it. But who can blame them! popular Perry Como coming second.

Favorite Band: Guy Lombardo

leads this one with Tommy Dorsey, Harry James and Wayne King in order.

Favorite Musical Program: Club 15.

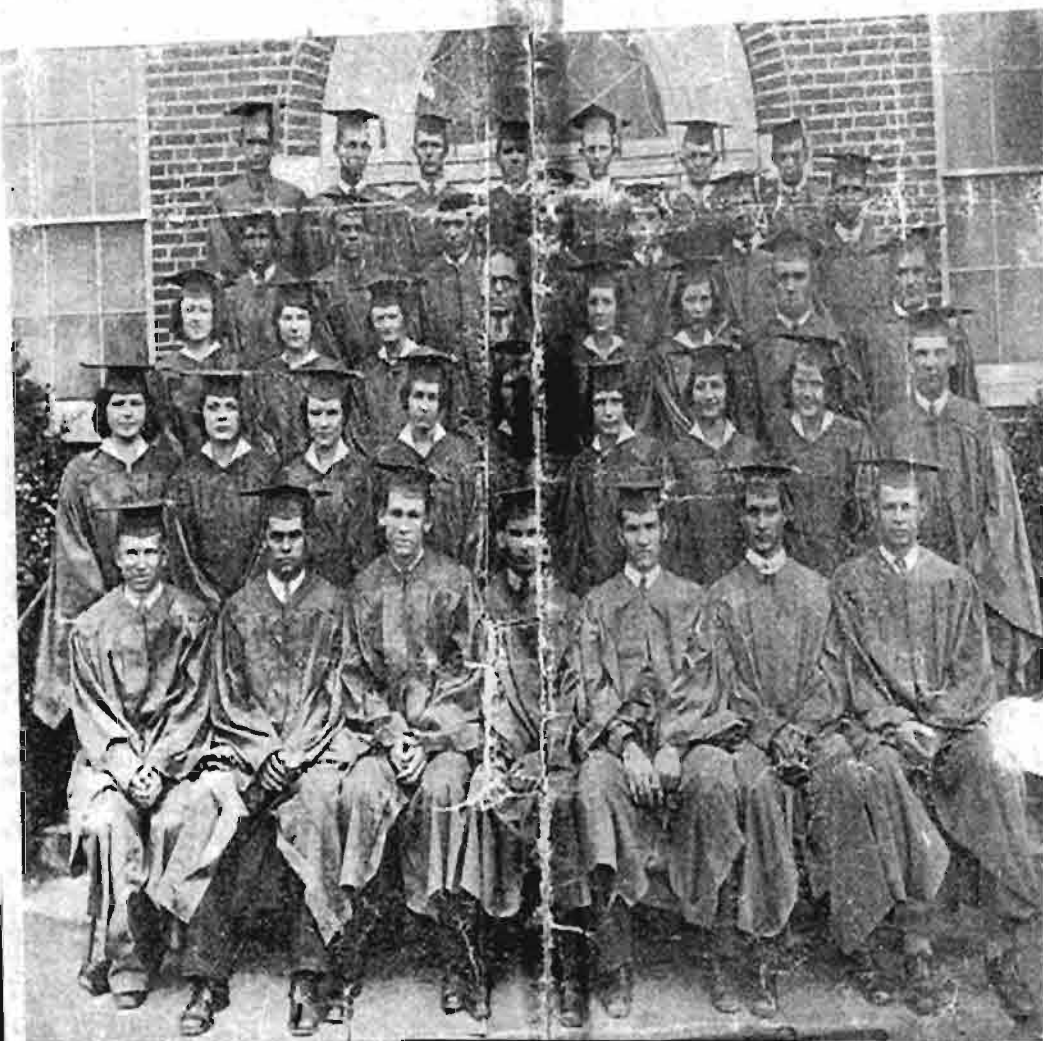
Favorite Hillbill Band: Spike Jones.

The last question was whether the students preferred popular music to semi-classical and popular to hillbilly. It turns out our students prefer popular to all of body's favorite, Bing Crosby with it. But who can blame them! Doesn't everyone like good music!

Now to get to the serious side

## 1940'S YAHOOOO

## CLASS OF '32



## LONE OAK F. F. A. CHAPTER ENJOYS HAMBURGER SUPPER

The Lone Oak F. F. A. Chapter enjoyed a hamburger fry Thursday evening, April 15. About forty boys were guests at the supper which was given under the supervision of W. D. Kelley and Wm. E. Routen. Plans were made for buying two new pigs for the chapter. These pigs will be bought from Rupert. Hunter. Further plans were made for planting crops this next year, for entertaining the P. T. A. and also plans for next year.

## 1948 BASEBALL SCHEDULE

April 22 — Reidland at Wood-lawn  
April 28 — Brookport There  
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May 10 — Heath Here  
May 14 — Benton There

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Continuing the feud between the McCoy clan and the Hatfields, Your reporter asked a number of students which group of seniors they were backing—Are you for the McCoy's or the Hatfields?

Carney Allen: McCoy's. I'm scared of Nolen (Nolen's a McCoy)

Dorothy Chandler: I'm for the Hatfields because they asked me first.

Mrs. Page: I'm for the Hatfields too because the McCoy's red means danger.

Raymond Dye: I'm for the McCoy's because Eddie Cothron is a good friend of mine.

Mr. Thursten: McCoy's. I have a good friend by that name.

Margie Hicks: Hatfields. Because a certain senior boy is.

Patty Owen: Hatfields. Because they are going to win.

Mrs. Sanderson: Since I sponsor the Hatfields and McCoy's both, I'm for the winner. Maybe it will be a tie.

James Lane: McCoy's. Little Abner is a McCoy.

Aubin Goode: Hatfields. Because they didn't live as far north.

Richard Doyle and Randal Hopkins: McCoy because it is a grand old Irish name.

June Hester: McCoy because Jean Harris told me to be.

Peggy Utley: McCoy's. Because Carolyn Graves is a McCoy.

Harold Rogers: Hatfields. Reason—a woman.

## A Band for Lone Oak High Planned For Next Year, Robinson States

"A band for L. O. H. S. is a definite part of plans for next year," stated Mr. Robinson in a recent interview. "Many youngsters have asked for a band," continued Mr. Robinson, "and this next year we are going to start a really good one." The school band was once a colorful and popular feature at Lone Oak but was discontinued during the war years. All students taking part in band activities will be expected to furnish their own instruments at least for next year with the exception of the bass drum and bass horn. Both bass drum and horn will be bought by the school. Students from the fifth grade through the ninth will be eligible for the band.

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