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The Hon. Cliff Davis Addresses Tech Students; Praises Highsaw, Extols Tenn. and Memphis

The Honorable Cliff Davis, Congressman from this district, made a talk to the student body on December 1st. In presenting Congressman Davis, Principal J. L. Highsaw called to the attention of the students the fact that Mr. Davis is a member of two of the most important committees in Congress, that the Military Affairs and Flood Control and that Mr. Davis has rendered outstanding service on these committees.



Congressman Davis made an eloquent plea for all students to do those things which will help to build their character and their confidence as citizens. He spoke of all the advantages of living in such a grand country as the United States and the state of Tennessee which offers so many opportunities to its inhabitants and just of all of living in the city of Memphis. The city is looking ahead today and plans many new and wonderful improvements for the enjoyment of the people.

Girls' Home Ec. Classes Plan Holiday Parties

There's never a dull moment in the Home Economics classes, and especially during the month of December. Every class plans a party of their choice for themselves and of course there are always the many other parties to be prepared by the Home Ec. girls. The most outstanding recent event was the Officers' and Sponsors' Tea. Georgia Lou Mason, ROTC Sponsor and Home Ec. student, was in charge of the tea and refreshments and Billy Young, honorary

Tech Parades on Main Preceding 12 O'Clock

Promptly at 12 o'clock Friday December 2nd, the sound of a hand playing was heard from one end of

sponsors this worthy cause, was rally waving to all the students as they passed by the North Memphis branch of the Union Farmers Bank. All the city and county schools participated in the parade. All the schools but Tech and South Side had converted carriers which cheerleaders and football stars who gave their school cheers all along Main.

Tech and South Side had Tech because they were the contenders for the big game that night. Tech's float was covered with white and had a big barrel of silver leaves at the back with a huge blue "T" in the middle. Rabbit Cochran in his yellow football uniform stood in front of the T. Together the cheerleaders who were in the middle, and a lot of the students who were on the float, cheered and sang Tech's songs.

The football boys rode in six shiny, convertible driven by Gary Smith, Ken Clark, Lloyd Taylor, Jim Stuart, Marvin Winston and Rex King.

Annie Lee Daniel, a very pretty senior, was elected by the football team to be their "big game" girl and sponsor for the "big game" that night. Annie Lee rode in the parade and was escorted to the game by Tully Crawford. She had a large bouquet of yellow carnations tied with a blue and gold satin ribbon. Annie had a fine view of the game as she sat on the fifty yard line near the team.

Miss Annie E. Wright, faculty advisor of the Officers and Sponsors Club, was assisted by Miss Ada Millett, home economics teacher. Miss Agnes Beams, Miss Margaret Kelly, Mrs. George Baker, Mrs. C. C. Campbell, Miss Margaret Gavin and Miss Margaret Warren.

The tea room was decorated beautifully for the occasion carrying out the Yuletide theme with Christmas



These Tech students take time out to brighten the Goodfellow Headquarters. In front are Helen Herring, Eugene Gill, Lynn Berry, Charles Sharpe, Carolyn Tucker and Shelley Williams. Painting the scene on the window are Ann McKinney, Wilbur Weaver, and Nita Miller.

Tech-Humes to Open Prep League

Tech and Humes will open the prep league basketball season January 3. After the basketball game there will be a square dance in the Tech High gym. Jack Kenner of Kenner Sporting Goods will call the sets. All students are invited. Admissions to the game 50c and 50c of

Started Students See Wonders of Chemistry In Demonstration of Chemical Warfare Dept.

On Wednesday, December 7th, Captain McClintock, of the U. S. Chemical Warfare Department, presented a lecture and demonstration on flame throwers, smoke grenades, and smoke screens. It seems that the flame thrower

Tech Students Brighten Goodfellows Wintons

Anyone wandering into Mr. Flagg's art class might, at first glance, think that Santa and his workers had taken up headquarters here at Tech. But a second, more careful look, would disclose that although the man directing these busy workers, has a bright, cheerful smile and a friendly manner, his resemblance to Santa Claus ends right there and it's really Mr. Flagg. And even though they all are as busy as a bunch of elves, those workers are a group of Tech boys and girls.

Well-deserved praise should go to Mr. Flagg and the Tech students who had such a large part in making the Christmas parade a grand success. And also to those students who unselfishly gave their own time and effort to brighten the headquarters of the Goodfellows, who yearly brighten the lives of many Memphisians.

Honor Society Inducts 13 New Members

The Memphis Technical High School Chapter of the National Honor Society held their Fall Induction on December 2. Promptly at 10:45 the student body was assembled in the auditorium and the program began.

Beauty Contest A Hit In Junior Talent Show

The Beauty Contest featuring Tech High football players dressed as girls was the outstanding hit of the Junior Talent Show on November 22, 1949. Each Beauty represented a Memphis School. Joe Gaynor was first prize representing Tech.

burned from shoulder to knee, when he grabbed it and threw it overboard. He was later decorated for bravery.

The Captain demonstrated a portable smoke machine which produced a very thick smoke screen, something like a fog which carries for 5 to 15 miles, when the wind is slight.

More lecture and demonstrations of this sort are being planned for the students of Tech.

Officers and Sponsors Clubs Honor Tech Parent-Teachers at Christmas Teas

The R.O.T.C. Officers and Sponsors honored the Tech Parent-Teachers Association at their annual Christmas Tea, December 8.

Principal and Mrs. J. L. Highsaw, Miss Effie E. Wright, assistant principal, Colonel and Mrs. E. D. Dunas, Capt. and Mrs. John Kinsman, Sgt. H. L. Gilliam, Sgt. V. B. Blount, Sgt. E. L. Bucher, Cadet Lieut. Col. Jack Sanders and his sponsor Billy Young and Cadet Major Earl Ebel and his sponsor Edna Williams were in the receiving line.

When empty, the weapon weighs about forty pounds, and seventy-five pounds when filled. It has a pressure gauge regulating about 350 lbs. It is used in connection with a life container for use in street fighting, pillboxes, and other uses. Larger types can be used in tanks and have a greater range of 1000 yards.

Among the grenades demonstrated were various colors of grenades, such as red, blue, green, yellow, and white.

Grenades are fired by pulling the safety ring, but can be held indefinitely, without danger by holding the safety lever.

Smoke grenades are used mostly set for Monday January 2, but was changed since January 2 will be generally observed as a holiday.

Don't forget to make plans to attend the Christmas Concert to be given in the Tech High auditorium Sunday, December 18, at 3 p. m.

Robards, Central High, Gladwyn Caldwell, Menick; Joe Lyle, East High; Marvin Winston, Treaswell; Gerry Francis, C. B. C.; Franklin Dial, South Side.

After the beauty contest Jimmy Kearsides sang "Prisoner of Love", and — my, how the girls did swoon. Rita Burnett sang "Serenade" from the Student Prince. Then the band gave a wonderful concert.

The boys quartet made up of Edgar Yeager, Tom Sams, Jimmy King and Tommie Sams sang "The Lucky Ole Sun".

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City and County school will close for the holidays after classes on December 21, and will reopen January 3.

The opening date was originally set for Monday January 2, but was changed since January 2 will be generally observed as a holiday.

ords, scholastically and otherwise, were: Yvonne Burns, Charles Owens, Mildred Fulton, Annie Jean Kendrick, Bess Lee, Joanne Miller, William Moore, Frances Nichols, Bertha Collier Ogden, Mary Patterson, Jeanette Runley, Betty Jean Towery, and William Payne Truster.

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Junior Class Leads Honor Roll

There were 62 seniors on the honor roll this month. Miss Kelly's home room led with 14 girls, and Miss Geagarty's, home room came next with 11.

Highest Honors Tully Crawford, Dolores Thompson, Eleanor Dice, Ann McKinney, Elizabeth Prince, Billie Jean Smith, Carolyn Tucker, Nancy Tucker, Billy Moore, Alvin Williams, Joann Taylor, Kathryn Knowlton, Betty Baker, Frances Nichols, Yvonne Burns, Jo Ann Smith, Merrill Hoach, Colton Ogden, Tom Sams and Georgia Lou Mason.

High Honors Malba Cowell, Gene Walden, Billy Young, Joe Clower, Virginia Hollis, Jean Kendrick, Joann Brown, LaDon Anderson, Sylvia Crick, Betty Wells, Phyllis Warren, Shelly Williams, and Charles Caviness.

Honors Donald Agnew, Travis Bailey, Richard Hooper, Stanley Schowe, Jo Ann Miller, Betty Fite, Betty Lyle, Patricia Blich, John Benson, Betty Bryant, Jeanette Dempsey, Mary Patterson, Helen Taylor, Nancy Don-

aldson, Billie Ann Bell, and Paul Perry.

Miss Martha Stewart Davis' class division led the Juniors with eleven on the honor roll. Mrs. Evelyn Lee's class was next with nine.

Highest Honors Harvey Dice, Robert Tucks, Eugene Gill, William Long, Audrey Lesser, Ellie Prince, Bob Boone, Betty Lowell, Margaret Parham, Ruth Foster, Katie Johnson, June Ambrose, Patricia Pendergrass, Ann Dendy, Gloria Melton, Sara Barrett, Wava Paezer, June Dawson, Dorothy Terrell, Sarah Crumby, Hatty Wink-

High Honors Marlene Stanley, Bobby Thompson, Bill Chapman, Howard Holly, Wayne Lyle, Betty Loe Sharp, Roberts Mosner, Sandra Deane, Roberta Colvert, Mary Jane Richards, June Shoutice, Resky Lee Gray, Pat Har-

Honors Barbara Winslow, Betty Pierce, Bobby Fox, Phil Adams, Willie Mae Atkins, Evelyn Rhyme, William

Charles Caviness Stars In Broadway Hit

The Broadway hit "A Young Man's Fancy" made its Tennessee debut in the Tech High auditorium Friday night, December 9th, and was thoroughly enjoyed by a highly appreciative audience.

The play was a comical portrayal of life in a summer camp with just a touch of romance added.

The cast was as follows: Charles Caviness in the leading role of Harold; Edith Anderson as Sylvia; Harold's sweetheart; Rena Mason, as Vickie; Ann; Jesse Brazill as Dr. Spree; Joyce Lewis as Dorothy Bennett; Pat Lowrey as Duvie; Jim Holloway as Grilly; Jimmy Hopkins, as Fackie Cravall; Gene Ford as Dick; Yvonne Burns, as Miss Weatherhead; Ralph Bennett as Joe; and Charles Thomas and Jack Sanders as the Camp Gilly Boys.

Principal J. L. Highsaw said to express his "Congratulations to Miss Collins, the entire cast, and crew members and to all others who helped to make the play such a grand success."



PRESENTING SOPHOMORE CLASS OFFICERS—Front row left to right—Mary Ann Shettles, Girls' vice President; Orville Williams, President; Roy Nixon, Boys' Vice President; Pat Simmons, Secretary. Back row Forest Henry, Chaplain; Sherwin Blackburn, Treasurer; Preston Ford, Sergeant-at-Arms.

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Local Papers Place Seven Tech Players On All-Memphis Team



HUGH BALLARD, JOE GAYNOR, JACK SANDERS, CURTIS WITT, BOB DREWRY, EARL SCOTT, GLADWYN CALDWELL

Hugh Ballard Receives Awards as Prep's Best Lineman and Player

This year Tech was well represented on the All-Memphis team. Joe Gaynor, our star fullback was chosen on both the Commercial and Press Scimitar All-Memphis teams. He is described by sports writers as having "Power" for a middle name—shows no respect for opponents—if he can't run around them, he bowls over them—a hard runner with knees working in piston-like manner.

Tech Topples Champs In Blind Benefit Game As Sanders Leads Jackets to Glorious Victory

After a scoreless first period, the ambitious Scrappers began to realize that a gridiron heavily populated with Yellowjackets could be very uncomfortable. Tech held South Side to the three yard line where they had their big chance and muffed it. Jack Sanders, cast in the role of "King Bee," directed the Techmen to a touchdown five minutes after the second quarter opened and it was his great all-around work that helped to produce the other two tallies.

Tech Places Third In Rifle Matches

Our rifle team has once again made a good showing in the interschool rifle team matches. The team, consisting of Johnny Gunn, Jimmy Good, Troy Bowling, Earl Scott, Billy Moore, Bobby Thomas, Bill Amos, and Charles Farmer, took third place in the matches.

Gaynor Starts In Turkey Day Game with Messick; After Exciting Contest the Score Stood 26-12

Messick kicked off to Tech and from the way it started, the game appeared to be very rough and hard fought. Tech, as usual was moving up the field very fast, but on a quick opening play Witt fumbled and Messick recovered. This was a break for Messick, and they took advantage of it.

Coach Eyes Cage Title; Team Has Experience

Kim Vaughn, basketball coach, says the Tech High basketball team is well equipped to defend themselves in the city prep league. This year the Tech team will start out with four experienced men: Bill Cochran (guard), Joe Gaynor (forward), Hugh Ballard (guard), and Bobby Drewry (center).

Yuletide Cheer!



Good campaign speeches helped the following Junior Class Officers win their offices. They are from left to right: Top row—Mildred Pool, Chaplain; Gloria Melton, Treasurer; Alex McCollum, Sgt.-at-Arms; Miss Louise Clark, Class Director. Bottom row—Gene Howard, Boys' Vice President; Jimmy Anderson, President; Mary Jane Dugan, Girls' Vice President; Mac Harris, Secretary.

ing the plays up, faded back for a pass, and again the great pass combination of Sanders to Ballard succeeded. Ballard took the pass and started running hard, Cole came up from safety very fast to try and make the tackle but Ballard ran over him and on to pay-dirt. Gaynor's kick was wide.

Gaynor's kick was good and from this point on the rest of the ball game consisted of Sanders to Ballard and succeeded. Ballard took the pass and started running hard, Cole came up from safety very fast to try and make the tackle but Ballard ran over him and on to pay-dirt. Gaynor's kick was wide.

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Tech Bowers Hope For Repeat Performance

The Tech High Bowlers will be among the top contenders for the crown again this year. All the boys are trying very hard and it looks like a bright future for the team. Another member is being added to the team, Maury Spiro. He was on the team last year but has been in doubt of whether or not he could bowl this season.

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Football Team Was Honored Last Night With Banquet and Dance at Peabody

By GEORGIA LOU MASON
It's not the cold outside! But that doesn't mean that the Techies must hibernate. These crisp December days are just as much fun as a hot summer day with a party for the gang or just a quiet evening by the fire (reading Shakespeare's MacBeth).

The Tech-South Side Blind Benefit Game, brought many loyal Techies out in zero weather. Seen enjoying themselves in spite of the cold were Elbert Gill and Eleanor Dice, Ed Blaine and Nancy Tucker, Tom Sams and Pat Bateman, Tommy Childers and Margaret Poole.
Congratulations to Hugh Ballard who was named All-Memphis Captain and to Joe Gaynor, Curtis Witt, Jack Sanders, Earl Scott, Gladwyn Caldwell and Bob Drewry, who also made All-Memphis.

REELS AND RECORDS—
"Variety" Is Theme Of Holiday Movies
As the Christmas holidays are just around the corner a spirit of festivity is beginning to be felt in the air. The favorite kind of music at this time of year is carols that every one loves to sing and also to listen to in any spare time. Down town the chimes at twelve and later in the afternoon at five are especially suited for this season. Many stores have carols being played on loudspeakers for the pleasure of the holiday shoppers. Other tunes that are old favorites are "White Christmas,"

A new song by the songwriters of the hit "Lucky Old Sun" is "The Old Master Painter." The words are particularly pretty and very catchy. This found to be a great favorite too.
To match all the Christmas wrappings tied with bright colorful bows are two tunes, "She Wore a Yellow Ribbon" from the movie of the same name and a new recording by Jo Stafford "Scarlet Ribbon."
Several other newcomers are: "The Dear Hearts and Gentle People" which is recorded by Bing Crosby; "The Sunshine of Your Smile" which Gordon MacRae belted and a haunting tune "Farewell Amanda" which has a melody you soon to remember.
The funniest movie I've seen since "Miss Tatlock's Millions" is "Adam's Rib" starring Spencer Tracy and Katherine Hepburn. It is fast-moving and has many startling turns to keep you in suspense.

Third Annual Tea given By Senior Girls
Miss Margaret Kelly's homeroom girls will have their Third Annual Christmas Tea Wed. afternoon, Dec. 14. Mrs. Bill Williams, the former Billie Ann Bell, and Rita White, who will be married during the holidays, will be the honored guests.
The Decorating Committee is as follows: Pat Vandegriff, Dolores Roach, Lynn Johnson, Mary Lou Wade, Eleanor Dice, and Carolyn Tucker.
The committee in charge of the entertainment is Pat Bateman, Billie Young, and Eleanor Dice.
The Invitation Committee consists of Dolores Thompson and Melba Cowell. Written invitations were sent to all the faculty and to the parents of Miss Kelly's homeroom girls.
Billie Young, homeroom president, was in charge of the preparation of the food.
The room is decorated in red, green, and gold Christmas decorations.

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Forecast for December 29th
Come December 29th the Forest Room of the Hotel Gayoso will be the scene of a gala Holiday Ball. Music, belly leaves and berries, and colored lights will be featured in the decorations. Colie Stole's orchestra will furnish the music. Among those who will attend: Jeanette Rumley 'n Charlie Jones, Pat Vandegriff 'n Vernon Dial, Barbara Leonard 'n Norman Hastings, Nancy Donaldson 'n Jimmy Dills, Phyllis Warren 'n J. D. Noland, Nan Howell 'n Charles Thomas, Pat Bateman, Tom Sams, Mary Jo Arrowsmith 'n Walter Hardin, May Harris 'n Bobby Harris, Betty Purce 'n Troy Bowling, Carolyn Cartwright 'n Bud Sams, Irma Ellis 'n Irl Whitaker.

Ready or not, here comes Christmas, everybody's favorite day! The school has already begun to be filled with the aroma of good things cooked, candies and cookies and all the other goodies for Holiday parties. Everyone is wondering what Santa is gonna bring. I just got a flash from the North Pole that Gene Walden is getting a diamond from that certain boy who isn't really Santa Claus.
The holiday season looks bright and I'm wishing that you will have a Merry Christmas, that Santa Claus will be good to you, and that you will have a happy beautiful New Year.

Gay Formals Brighten Holiday Parties
By GENE WELDON
Jingle bells! jingle bells! Oh, pardon me, this is supposed to be a fashion column. Well, the Christmas season looks unusually bright, and naturally when we think of social events our minds go to "What is the gowns wear?" Fluffy formals will take the spotlight this issue.
These have Tech girls have just about gone all out for strapless formals this year. To be seen dancing usually in a luscious, strapless, pink taffeta with a black net overlay. It

is a little black lace, strapless formal that will get plenty of attention. La Bon Andrew's hard work in Home Economics will produce a black strapless formal that is a real eye catcher. It is to conduct more successful business relations. An understanding of human nature is also an important qualification for a successful marriage and a happy home.
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EDGAR ALLAN POE
Do you know what this year of 1949 represents? Maybe you can't think of anything off hand, but it is the hundredth anniversary of Edgar Allan Poe's death in 1849. Poe as you all know, was and still is one of America's greatest writers. He was noted for writing short stories, poems, and essays. Poe was born in Boston in 1809 and died on October 7, 1849 at Baltimore. "The Gold Bug" and "The Murders in the Rue Morgue" are two of his most famous short stories. In his short stories, Poe had no sympathy or humor what so ever. They were all filled with frightening instances and packed full of horror. In his poetry, such as "The Raven," "Annabelle Lee," and "The Bells," he had a very keen and beautiful sense of writing and he often expressed the sadness of things or people after they were gone. Poe had such a great imagination and sensitive feeling that one can not help but imagine the instances as he reads them. Every word is fitted in just like a puzzle and sometimes you may catch yourself trying to re-read the things which might have taken place in Poe's heart or mind while he was writing them.

Mr. Poe's art classes have illustrated Poe and his works in pen and ink, and the Junior English classes have read his stories and poems.

What Course Would You Like To See Added To The Curriculum At Tech High?
Question: What course would you like to see added to the curriculum at Tech?
Eddie Stuart, Junior—"I think Tech High should teach a course in driving. With so many places to go and so many more things to do, everyone should learn to drive an automobile before graduating from high school. You would be taught to drive the CORRECT way and would become familiar with the various phases in driving. At least four hours have been added to drive in high school, it would be one course you live in. It really makes you

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THE BANDSTAND

By DOLORES THOMPSON

Everyone had a gay time at the Turkey Hop sponsored by the band November 23. The band members turned out in large numbers to boost the big affair. On the job to help out with things were Mary Spito taking up tickets, Ralph Peck and Pete Cismar selling cold drinks, and Robert Morris playing records. Two former band members and their dates were there: "Bubba" Harlow 'n Jean McGill, Johnny Hard 'n Florine Jordan, Lynn Johnson 'n Donald Hill, Billy Young 'n Bill Davis, Henry Waddell 'n Joy Crawford, and Jerry Anderson 'n Bill Farris were band members seen dancing. Jimmy Astry, James Busby, Fay Berryhill, Birdie Mae Rorie, and "Little" Hurd were also seen having a "bang-up" time. The dance contest was especially enjoyed by Maxine Caples and Ronald Dalrymple as they won the slow dance section. Joyce Lawrence and Ed Adair won the Jitterbug section. Band members, Mr. Carey, Bob Cochran and Hugh Ballard acted as judges. The big turkey offered as a door prize was won by Bill Cochran and Hugh Ballard. The Band Mothers Club served as chaperons, together with other bands to help create enthusiasm for the E. H. Crump Blind Benefit Game. Along with live other bands, our band worked for a beautiful performance at this game. A rainbow was formed by the bands and the majorettes (formed B for Blind Benefit). Colorful balloons attached to the hats of the band members showed the beautiful colors of the rainbow. In that position the bands played "I'm Always Chasing Rainbows," and "Ponder Your Face With Sunshine." The next formation was a giant Christmas tree. Named for this formation were "White Christmas," and "Jingle Bells."

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