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Tom Tom's Roving Reporter

By MILTON McMULLAN
E.C.J.C. Pupils Favor Conscription

If it takes modest men to make a peaceful world E.C.J.C. is turning out its share. Quite a number of boys were interviewed to get their opinion about conscription. Only by promising not to use their name would they allow us to print their convictions.

All of the boys, except one, agreed that conscription is necessary for defense and maintenance of freedom.

Don't become alarmed, girls; they will be back within a year, and they do hate to leave you. Encouraging, isn't it?

When asked the question did they think that serving a year in the army would develop in our youth, tendencies toward submission to dictatorship, the reply or suggestion was that by having some kind of school connected with the program it could serve as a chance to instill even deeper the principles of Democracy.

By the way, four of the boys finally agreed to let us use their names. Tootsie Blount, the only one to whom objection was voiced said that conscription was foolish. What is the matter, Tootsie? Hate to leave your girl?

Mr. R. J. Smith said he was definitely in favor of conscription. He seems to think that it will do the boys good to get away from their mother's apron string for a year.

Fred McMullen and Alton Arnold think that conscription is necessary, but we must keep trained scientists on the look out for a defense against the atomic bomb.

Glenn Womack, a voice of experience, says it will do the boys good.

We have heard from the boys, now let us hear what the girls think.

"Miss Thedra Luke, what are your views upon conscription?" After much frowning and going through a process that from outside appearance seemed to be thought, she replied, "Well a year in the army for all if necessary is all right, but a year will ruin me; you know I am getting old."

I found Frances Hammond and
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Girl Reserves Entertain at Tea

One of the loveliest social events of the season was the Silver Tea given by the Girl Reserves for the ladies of the community, Saturday afternoon, November 10th, in the lobby of the Girl's Dormitory.

The lobby was beautifully decorated with fall flowers. As the guests arrived they were received at the door by June Hollingsworth and presented with corsages. They were then presented to the receiving line composed of Mrs. J. L. Jackson, Dean of Women; Bevoline Meador, president of Girl Reserve club; Lavern Penington, vice-president; Sammy Massey, secretary; Norma Lee Brand, treasurer; Miss Virginia Clements, advisor; Mrs. Bertha Calhoun, Calhoun, chairman of the YWCA Unit; Tommye Jean Hatcher, representative from Y.W.C.A.; Grace Green, representative of "Y" Council; Mrs. Janie Sullivan, advisor of "Y" Council, and Dr. L. O. Todd.

The guests were registered by Mrs. L. O. Todd and Beatrice Harris. Punch and sandwiches were served by Edna Earl Hillman, Laverne Nan Etten, Eugenia Moore, Jane Brand, and Nellie M. McElbertly.

During the afternoon Marian Graham played a number of musical selections.

Who's Who On Campus Chosen By Popular Vote

The students of E.C.J.C. have anxiously awaited the time when they would actually know "Who is Who" on their campus.

Naturally there was much disagreement among the students. Excitement ran high, competition was keen and even toward the end of a two-day campaign it was uncertain who were to be the favorites.

It was finally determined that Loraine Jackson, of Decatur, would reign as the queen of May.

Illine Ritchie, who hails from Neshoba County, was voted Miss E. C. J. C. and Don Graham, who is also from Neshoba County, was selected as Mr. E. C. J. C. The unanimous votes these two students received is positive proof of the fact that they are typical representatives of the school spirit.

Other winners are: Ruth Henry, most charming girl; Carl Williams, most handsome boy; Betty Lynn Johnson, most intellectual girl; Melton McMullan, most intellectual boy; Sue Bennett, most versatile girl; Kenneth Hunter, most versatile boy; Sara Webb, most talented girl; Fred Ray Blocker, most talented boy; Joyce Jensen, friendliest girl; John Allen Henley, friendliest boy; Joyce Jensen, wittiest girl; Harold Hunt, wittiest boy; Rebecca Taylor, cutest girl; Billy Dearman, cutest boy; Marcelle "Bo-peep" Webb, best girl athlete; David Woodruff, best boy athlete; Katherine Kemp, best dressed girl; John Allen Henley, best dressed boy; Molly Wade, most typical freshman girl; Fred Ray Blocker, most typical freshman boy.

Edris Gunn, Janie Hawkins, Sarah Francis Harrison, and Joyce Billings, campus beauties.

Joyce Jensen, Louise Vance, Mildred Lovorn, Billy Dearman, Wiliston Chason and John Allen Henley, campus favorites.

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Former Student Accident Victim

Mr. Clyde Majure and members of his family, of Decatur, were notified late Saturday, November 10, of the death of their son and brother, Spurgeon Majure. He died from injuries received in an automobile accident in Texas.

Spurgeon was employed by an oil company in Texas. He was driving a car enroute to his place of employment when the accident occurred. One other passenger was in the car with Spurgeon but was not seriously injured.

Spurgeon is a former student of Newton County Agricultural High school and East Central Junior College, where he has brothers and sisters attending school at present.

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Sadie Hawkins Party Sponsored By I. R. C.

The International Relations Club celebrated the annual "Sadie Hawkins" day with a party in the gymnasium for all students.

The frolic started at five o'clock with a "Catch Your Man Race" in which the girls chased the boys and the successful girls won their "Catches" as dates for the evening.

The gym was attractively decorated in the true "dog patch" fashion. The girls came dressed in "Daisy Mae" style and the boys in the usual manner of the gentlemen of Dogpatch.

There was bingo for everybody and delicious kik-a-poo joy juice for refreshments. Mr. Paskins,
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E. C. J. C. Begins Progressive Post-War Program . .

Veterans Return To ECJC Campus

Now that peace has once again been brought to this nation and the boys who have been serving in the armed forces are being discharged, many of them are continuing their education. It is the privilege of East Central Junior College to have about forty ex-service men in school preparing for various post-war occupations.

These boys and men have served in almost every branch of the armed forces, and in almost every part of the World. Now they are studying agriculture, mechanics, business and other specialized and general courses.

Below, various facts about the service records of these men are listed:

GRADY ADCOCK, six and one-half months, U. S. N. U. S. A.

THOMAS JAMES BLACKBURN, 10 months, Anti-Aircraft, six months Infantry, Camp Haan, California, Camp Carson, Colo., Fort Bragg, N. C.

PAUL CHUNN, 23 months, Infantry, 11 months Italy and France.

GURVIS CUMBERLAND, two months Marines, San Diego, Cal.

RAYMOND L. GOLDEN, three and one quarter years, Engineer Gunner P-61, "Black Widow", 34 months in Mariana Islands, Spain, one and possibly two Jap bombers to crews credit.

KENNETH T. HORNE, 4 months Anti-Aircraft gunner, Washington, D. C.

MALCOLM JONES, five years army, 46 months Pacific, Hawaiian Islands, Gilbert and Mariana Islands. At Pearl Harbor Dec. 7, 1941, two major battles, 136 air raids.

MELTON L. McMULLAN, four months Army Specialized Training Reserve Corps, U. S. A.

LEONARD O. NELSON, 2 years Infantry, 16 months, France, England.

WILLIAM F. RYALS, Jr., Engineers, 16 months Normandy, Northern France, Belgium, Luxembourg, and Germany.

L. H. SMITH, one year Infantry, one and one-half years Medicals, U. S. A.

R. G. TAYLOR, 11 months U. S. N. duty on L. S. T. and battleships in Atlantic.

CARL WILLIAMS, six months Army Air Force, Nashville, Tenn.

GLEN T. WOMACK, 21 months Infantry, 8 months Africa, Italy.

CLAYTON YOUNG, 25 months, Infantry, England, France, Belgium, Holland and Germany.

SHED YOUNG, 18 months Coast Guard, 10 months Europe with Amphibious Forces.

The faculty, student body and college as a whole are proud of the way these veterans are continuing their pursuit of knowledge in their chosen fields.

In the next publication of this column, more information will be given about other service men on the campus at E. C. J. C.

Dramatic Club Installs Officers

At its regular meeting in the little auditorium on October 23, the Dramatic club had its installation of officers for the following year. There was, also, a very entertaining program.

After a few introductory remarks by Mrs. Newsome, the following officers took their oath of office.

President: Fred Ray Blocker
Vice-President: Illine Ritchie
Secretary and Treasurer: Rebecca Lofton

Corresponding Secretary: Francis
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President Todd Planning Bigger, Better School

The publication of this first issue of the TOM-TOM is one of the outstanding events of the year. On behalf of everybody in school, I want to congratulate the staff and Miss Harris for their work. This is an achievement of which the entire college is proud.

The publication of this issue of the TOM-TOM is just one of the steps in building "toward a bigger and better E.C.J.C." Now that the war is over we are planning on renewing many of the activities that we formerly had. We hope to have a good orchestra shortly, and then a band. The prospects are for a good basketball season. We have had a football season that has been reasonably satisfactory for a first year. I have been very much gratified with the spirit of the students this year as they are taking hold of things and as they show evidence of determination to achieve the motto of this publication. I could cite the work that is being done to bring out the WO-H-LO, the activities of the religious organizations, planning for play night, and a host of other activities.

There are other phases of our plans for development. We believe that the enrollment will double during the next two or three years. We are already making our plans to provide buildings and equipment in keeping with this increased enrollment. We will have to enlarge the faculty, too. If our plans materialize, during the next few months we shall have new dormitories and apartment buildings to take care of students, particularly married veterans. We hope to offer additional courses in trades education for veterans.

The TOM-TOM should prove a very valuable addition to the life
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TWELFTH GRADE LEADS IN WAR FUND DRIVE

The high school seniors are leading the student body in the present War Fund Drive on the campus. The efforts which the student body and faculty members put forth to raise an adequate amount is evidenced by the fact that they have raised \$203.75. This amount includes donations from the eleventh and twelfth grades, the college freshmen and sophomores, and the faculty members.

The twelfth grade is the only one to be noted for its one hundred per cent contribution. As reported by Mrs. Cross, acting chairman of the War Fund Drive, each of the thirty-seven members donated a dollar.

Contributions are still being accepted and if you have not contributed to this worthy cause, you are urged to do so immediately.

Enrollment On Increase Here

East Central Junior College began its thirty-second year, and its first post-war year with a definite increase in enrollment.

This particular phase of progress is indicated by a fifteen per cent increase over last year's enrollment. The present enrollment is as follows: 54 sophomores, 128 freshmen, 37 seniors, and 47 juniors, a total of 266 students. Last year's record shows 57 sophomores, 112 freshmen, 21 seniors, and 41 juniors. Of our total increase we have a 14 per cent increase in the freshmen class, 76 per cent in the senior class, and a 14 per cent in the junior class.

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Memorial For Service Men Planned at ECJC

The "Y" Council, consisting of the officers of the religious organizations which meet each week to make plans for the religious work that is to be carried on the campus, last week elected a committee to make plans for an honor roll for our service men. On this honor roll will be the names of every boy in service who has attended East Central Junior College from the time it was first established until the present. It will be placed in the hall of the administration building and will have between 1,000 and 1,200 names.

Plans are being made for the annual "Y" Council banquet, which is to be December 7, 1945. All of the plans are not completed as to place and speaker. They are inviting the former members of the council who have returned from service.

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Physical Ed Class Progresses

Much progress has been made this year in the physical education classes under the capable leadership of Miss Betty Short, teacher. Miss Short, who began her work as a member of the East Central Junior College faculty at the beginning of the present semester, received her degree in physical education from the University of Virginia.

The classes under Miss Short's direction started with learning the primary exercises of trunk twisting, toe touching, leg raising, and knee extension. The classes have now advanced to soccer. They made a careful study of the rules; then after taking a test, they divided into teams. Skill is being developed and competition runs high.

Once a week the classes practice steps in social dancing. Thus physical education as it is being applied on the E.C.J.C. campus is functioning, both in the development of healthy bodies and in the acquisition of that social grace and charm so necessary to the modern young woman's success in life.

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COMING EVENTS

Mrs. W. W. Newsome, speech teacher and dramatic coach, announces that a series of plays sponsored by the dramatic club and the speech classes will be presented during the school year.

LAVENDER and OLD LACE by Rose Warner is the first of the series and will be produced early in December.

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The home of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Moore was the lovely setting for the wedding of their daughter, Caroline, and Clay Simmons.

The living room was beautifully decorated with chrysanthemums, ferns, and gladioli. A duet, "I Love You Truly" was sung immediately preceding the ceremony. The bride wore a lovely fushia crepe dress with black accessories.

The impressive double ring ceremony was performed by the Rev. James R. Grisham of Decatur.

Members of the faculty at East Central Jr. College, other friends, and relatives of the bride and groom were present.

Prior to her marriage, Caroline was employed as business manager at E.C.J.C. The groom is an E. C. J. C. graduate of the class of '44.

They are making their home at Miss. State College at Starkville, where Clay will resume his studies at Miss. State College.

Rachel Gainey was surprised Tuesday night when her two brothers, Ross and Hermon Gainey, came up to see her. They have both recently received a discharge and it was a happy reunion for them.

The members of the F. T. A. Club under the sponsorship of Mrs. Sullivan, enjoyed a picnic Friday evening, November 2nd, at the Newton Park and then went into town where they attended the show "The Valley of Decision."

The faculty attended the wedding of Caroline Moore and Clay Simmons in Philadelphia, Thursday afternoon, November 1st.

Sadie Hawkins night was quite an event Saturday night, November 3rd. The girls chased after the boys until the last boy was caught. Among the boys unfortunate enough to be caught by the girls were the following:

Don Graham—Rebecca Lofton
Rae McGee—Eloise Rae
Fred Ray Blocker—Sue Bennett
Harold Hunt—Joyce Jensen
Williston Chason—Molly Wade
Melton McMullan — "Tootsie" Nelson

Pecker Henley—Hugene Rivers
Michael Warren—Thedra Luke
Aubrey Adams—Jean Hatcher
Cloyd Paskins—Claudine Wright

Nel Denson of Poplarville was a guest on our campus one weekend recently.

Edris Gunn, Dorris Jones, L. H. Smith, and Eugene Coghlan, visited with Bessie McDonald at her home for the weekend. They were accompanied back by Kate McDonald who spent several days with them on the campus.

Already Cupid has begun his

work in the girls dormitory. Jo Nell Eddins and Ollie B. Savell, both members of the freshman class, were married recently.

Marlene "Pep" Smith was chosen as one of the representatives from Neshoba County to the state 4-H Round-up meeting held at Jackson, Miss., Nov. 8-9. Thursday afternoon, she attended a reception at the Governor's Mansion; then Friday night at the banquet, she received a \$25 War Bond.

James Van Hooser withdrew from the College recently. James is going to the Navy in the near future.

Among those who participated in the Halloween party at the American Legion Hut on Halloween night were, Mary Ellen McCain, Joe Graham, Jane Brand, Lewis McMullan, Evelyn Perry, Norma Lee Brand, Carolyn Perry, John Elsis (Tootsie) Blount, Clarice Graham, and Paul Perry. The party was sponsored by Mrs. N. E. Blackburn.

The Glee Club enjoyed a weiner roast at "the bluffs." Those in charge of the entertainment were Kitty Moreland, R. G. Taylor, and Bonny Hudson. The social was sponsored by Mrs. Carrie Lee Madden.

Miss Norma Lee Brand, Imogene Johnson, La Neil Coursey, Sarah Joy Smith, Dorothy Jordan, and Carolyn Perry, attended the Decatur vs. Hickory basketball game at Hickory, Friday night, Nov. 2.

Clarice Kraham, Annie Lee Gordon, Frog Pace, and William Bullard, enjoyed a picnic at Hailey's Lake, Tuesday night, Nov. 6.

Miss Tommie Duke and Miss Dorlos Jean Vaughan visited in Houston, Mississippi, Nov. 3-5.

Billy Blount, former student, who has been in the Air Corps, is at home now with a discharge. He plans to enter school at E.C.J.C. in the near future.

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of the college. It can help in developing the kind of school spirit that is really worth while. It can furnish us with information on activities on the campus. It will provide a wonderful opportunity to the students who work on the staff in developing the abilities needed in the field of journalism. Students can get experience in the various types of writing required, as cartoonists, and in the varied business activities necessary for publication. This issue indicates that we have some capable students, who have the capacity for success not only with the TOM-TOM, but as journalist in the future.

All working together—faculty, students, administration—we can make, and must make this one of the great years in the history of East Central Junior College.

Yours truly,
L. O. TODD, Pres.

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the character of "Old Man Mose" told the fortunes.

The high point of the evening was the solemnizing of several "dog patch" weddings by Williston Chason, who offered both cheap and expensive weddings plus the rings. Tommye Jean Hatcher, Joyce Jensen, and Joyce Billings were lucky enough to get to the altar.

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Willie sitting under the trees in front of the administration building. When asked her views upon conscription, she looked at Willie and replied, "Since Willie is 4-F it will be all right to go ahead and draft them."

Miss Elton Hurt said conscription was okay, for her man is already back home in the kitchen.

Joyce Billings and Margaret Shannon think that conscription is good for the boys, but no exception should be made unless a person is physically unable.

Lorraine Wood doesn't think boys should have to serve a year in the army.

Bobbie Gillis—"I do not believe in compulsory military conscription as a method for bringing into being "world peace!" This peace must be built upon the principles of world brotherhood. We must renounce war as an instrument for settling dispute. It is possible to have a new world organization, which if given the support of the stronger and more powerful nations can protect all nations without resorting to the price of war in the lives and liberties of our people."

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THE BUZZER

Well, friends, here is your old friend the buzzer. I've been around and found out some of the latest gossip and dirt. Most of the new pupils are very quiet, but just give me time and I'll get them. Now, here comes the dirt:

Bessie's one girl who has her own unique heating system. How about-it L.H.?

All the way from Carl-ina well Janie, I must say you have the men crossing the continent for you!

We see that Jean Hatcher has a boy friend. He's tall, dark, and has big feet, too.

What's the rumor about the wedding bells ringing for Rounds and Young? Tell us fellows, you've been holding out on us!

Joe Bennett and Reedy can be seen drifting around on the campus like stray animals. What's the matter, boys, can't you find a girl?

I have heard some of the people humming their own little ditties lately and here are some of them:

Nelda and Carl: "It's Love,

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Joyce and Woody: "The More I See You."

Harold Hunt: "I'll Be Around."

Frances and Willie: "Together."

Annie Lee: "Someone to Love."

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Football Finals For Forty-Five

The season has been, according to a technical point of view, a failure; yet in a deeper meaning it has been a complete success. Coach Cross was faced with none of the usual scholarship players, and few experienced players.

Over thirty boys have been out for football at one time or another this year, but due to injuries or other reasons, only sixteen finished the season.

The first game of the season was played here against Perkinston on September 28. The Warriors took to the field that evening confident of victory, but "Lady Luck" smiled on the boys from "Perk" and Decatur suffered her first defeat of the year. Perkinston scored twice. During the rest of the game, the pigskin was kept near the fifty yard line. Captain David "Woody" Woodruff was injured during the first of the fourth quarter and saw practically no more action for the rest of the year.

The Ellisville game was in reality the poorest attempt toward victory; yet it was the only game in which the Warriors scored. The team arrived in Ellisville to find a wet field and cold weather, but it spirits were somewhat warmed by the voices of the E.C.J.C. cheerleader section composed of Joyce Jensen, Illene Ritchie, Annie Lee Gordon, Kitty Moreland, Willie Chason, and "Corky" Capps. The boys from E.C.J.C. held Ellisville remarkably well during the first half, but because of lack of reserves and an injured first string backfield, Decatur, was scored on time and again in the second half. The high point of the E.C.J.C. football season came when Billy Dearman caught a long pass from Danny Shannon in the last three minutes of play to put us down in "T. D." territory. There was "no stopping" the Warriors now and on a line smash by Dearman, E.C. J. C. scored. The point was not good, but anyone coming into the stands at that time would have thought by the way the E.C.J.C. players and fans were acting, that the Warriors were running all over Ellisville.

The next game was on the home field against Co-Lin Junior College from Wesson. The Decatur boys came very near scoring during the first and fourth quarters of the game, but failed to do so, when their aerial attack failed to click. This was without a doubt the closest and best game played by Decatur and was the debut of Max Herrington of Louisville, who is undoubtedly, in the writer's opinion, the best all-around back yet seen to play in a junior college game this year. Wesson was held to 20 to 0 and it was really a well played game. The Warriors traveled through a heavy rain to Poplarville for the next game, confident of victory, against the last weak teams scheduled to oppose them. The field was ankle deep in water and because of a fumble, the Poplarville boys covered the ball on E.C.J.C.'s fifteen yard line and ran a touchdown in one play. This, along with the injury of guard Paul Fulton on the third

play of the game, literally took the starch out of the boys representing Decatur. They rallied in the last half, but too much lead had been established by the opponents; so, by the time the final whistle blew, the score was 37 to 0 in favor of Poplarville.

As a whole, the boys played their best game against Raymond, who were rated by the "experts" to win about 60 to 0, but after throwing everything they had at the Warriors, Raymond won only to the tune of 26 to 0. "Puddin" Jones was out of this game because of "attendance difficulties"; Dolan Coghlan was out with a ruptured appendix and Paul Fulton's side was still giving him trouble; otherwise the Decatur Scalpers were rarin'-to-go. The first half of the first quarter, it looked as if they were going to run all over Raymond, but by the end of the first quarter Raymond scored and that started their all-too-frequent trips across our zero line.

The persistent Warriors played their last game against the undefeated Goodman Bulldogs on the Goodman field. The Warriors played admirably, but Goodman outclassed them badly in some ways, especially in blocking. All the boys played a hard game, but were slowly overpowered by the Bulldogs.

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"Jamestown"—Nov. 19, 1945.

"The Pilgrims"—Dec. 3, 1945.

"The Puritans"—Dec. 17, 1945.

"Peter Stuyvesant"—Jan. 7, 1946

"The Gateway To The West"—Jan. 21, 1946.

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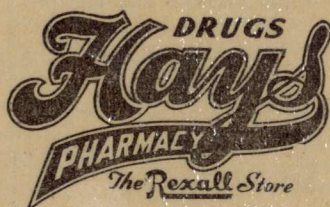
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By the way, four of the boys finally agreed to let us use their names. Tootsie Blount, the only one to whom objection was voiced said that conscription was foolish. What is the matter, Tootsie? Hate to leave your girl?

Mr. R. J. Smith said he was definitely in favor of conscription. He seems to think that it will do the boys good to get away from their mother's apron string for a year.

Fred McMullen and Alton Arnold think that conscription is necessary, but we must keep trained scientists on the look out for a defense against the atomic bomb.

Glenn Womack, a voice of experience, says it will do the boys good.

We have heard from the boys, now let us hear what the girls think.

"Miss Thedra Luke, what are your views upon conscription?" After much frowning and going through a process that from outside appearance seemed to be thought, she replied, "Well a year in the army for all if necessary is all right, but a year will ruin me; you know I am getting old."

I found Frances Hammond and
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Girl Reserves Entertain at Tea

One of the loveliest social events of the season was the Silver Tea given by the Girl Reserves for the ladies of the community, Saturday afternoon, November 10th, in the lobby of the Girl's Dormitory.

The lobby was beautifully decorated with fall flowers. As the guests arrived they were received at the door by June Hollingsworth and presented with corsages. They were then presented to the receiving line composed of Mrs. J. L. Jackson, Dean of Women; Beveline Meador, president of Girl Reserve club; Lavern Penington, vice-president; Sammy Massey, secretary; Norma Lee Brand, treasurer; Miss Virginia Clements, advisor; Mrs. Bertha Calhoun, Calhoun, chairman of the YWCA Unit; Tommye Jean Hatcher, representative from Y.W.C.A.; Grace Green, representative of "Y" Council; Mrs. Janie Sullivan, advisor of "Y" Council, and Dr. L. O. Todd.

The guests were registered by Mrs. L. O. Todd and Beatrice Harris. Punch and sandwiches were served by Edna Earl Hillman, Laverne Nan Etten, Eugenia Moore, Jane Brand, and Nellie M. McElhernly.

During the afternoon Marian Graham played a number of musical selections.

Who's Who On Campus Chosen By Popular Vote

The students of E.C.J.C. have anxiously awaited the time when they would actually know "Who is Who" on their campus.

Naturally there was much disagreement among the students. Excitement ran high, competition was keen and even toward the end of a two-day campaign it was uncertain who were to be the favorites.

It was finally determined that Loraine Jackson, of Decatur, would reign as the queen of May.

Illine Ritchie, who hails from Neshoba County, was voted Miss E. C. J. C. and Don Graham, who is also from Neshoba County, was selected as Mr. E. C. J. C. The unanimous votes these two students received is positive proof of the fact that they are typical representatives of the school spirit.

Other winners are: Ruth Henry, most charming girl; Carl Williams, most handsome boy; Betty Lynn Johnson, most intellectual girl; Melton McMullan, most intellectual boy; Sue Bennett, most versatile girl; Kenneth Hunter, most versatile boy; Sara Webb, most talented girl; Fred Ray Blocker, most talented boy; Joyce Jensen, friendliest girl; John Allen Henley, friendliest boy; Joyce Jensen, wittiest girl; Harold Hunt, wittiest boy; Rebecca Taylor, cutest girl; Billy Dearman, cutest boy; Marcelle "Bo-peep" Webb, best girl athlete; David Woodruff, best boy athlete; Katherine Kemp, best dressed girl; John Allen Henley, best dressed boy; Molly Wade, most typical freshman girl; Fred Ray Blocker, most typical freshman boy.

Edris Gunn, Janie Hawkins, Sarah Francis Harrison, and Joyce Billings, campus beauties.

Joyce Jensen, Louise Vance, Mildred Lovorn, Billy Dearman, Wiliston Chason and John Allen Henley, campus favorites.

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Former Student Accident Victim

Mr. Clyde Majure and members of his family, of Decatur, were notified late Saturday, November 10, of the death of their son and brother, Spurgeon Majure. He died from injuries received in an automobile accident in Texas.

Spurgeon was employed by an oil company in Texas. He was driving a car enroute to his place of employment when the accident occurred. One other passenger was in the car with Spurgeon but was not seriously injured.

Spurgeon is a former student of Newton County Agricultural High school and East Central Junior College, where he has brothers and sisters attending school at present.

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Sadie Hawkins Party Sponsored By I. R. C.

The International Relations Club celebrated the annual "Sadie Hawkins" day with a party in the gymnasium for all students.

The frolic started at five o'clock with a "Catch Your Man Race" in which the girls chased the boys and the successful girls won their "Catches" as dates for the evening.

The gym was attractively decorated in the true "dog patch" fashion. The girls came dressed in "Daisy Mae" style and the boys in the usual manner of the gentlemen of Dogpatch.

There was bingo for everybody and delicious kik-a-poo joy juice for refreshments. Mr. Paskins,
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E. C. J. C. Begins Progressive Post-War Program . .

Veterans Return To ECJC Campus

Now that peace has once again been brought to this nation and the boys who have been serving in the armed forces are being discharged, many of them are continuing their education. It is the privilege of East Central Junior College to have about forty ex-service men in school preparing for various post-war occupations.

These boys and men have served in almost every branch of the armed forces, and in almost every part of the World. Now they are studying agriculture, mechanics, business and other specialized and general courses.

Below, various facts about the service records of these men are listed:

GRADY ADCOCK, six and one-half months, U. S. N. U. S. A.

THOMAS JAMES BLACKBURN, 10 months, Anti-Aircraft, six months Infantry, Camp Haan, California, Camp Carson, Colo., Fort Bragg, N. C.

PAUL CHUNN, 23 months, Infantry, 11 months Italy and France.

GURVIS CUMBERLAND, two months Marines, San Diego, Cal.

RAYMOND L. GOLDEN, three and one quarter years, Engineer Gunner P-61, "Black Widow", 34 months in Mariana Islands, Siapan, one and possibly two Jap bombers to crews credit.

KENNETH T. HORNE, 4 months Anti-Aircraft gunner, Washington, D. C.

MALCOLM JONES, five years army, 46 months Pacific, Hawaiian Islands, Gilbert and Mariana Islands. At Pearl Harbor Dec. 7, 1941, two major battles, 136 air raids.

MELTON L. McMULLAN, four months Army Specialized Training Reserve Corps, U. S. A.

LEONARD O. NELSON, 2 years Infantry, 16 months, France, England.

WILLIAM F. RYALS, Jr., Engineers, 16 months Normandy, Northern France, Belgium, Luxembourg, and Germany.

L. H. SMITH, one year Infantry, one and one-half years Medicals, U. S. A.

R. G. TAYLOR, 11 months U. S. N. duty on L. S. T. and battleships in Atlantic.

CARL WILLIAMS, six months Army Air Force, Nashville, Tenn.

GLEN T. WOMACK, 21 months Infantry, 8 months Africa, Italy.

CLAYTON YOUNG, 25 months, Infantry, England, France, Belgium, Holland and Germany.

SHED YOUNG, 18 months Coast Guard, 10 months Europe with Amphibious Forces.

The faculty, student body and college as a whole are proud of the way these veterans are continuing their pursuit of knowledge in their chosen fields.

In the next publication of this column, more information will be given about other service men on the campus at E. C. J. C.

Dramatic Club Installs Officers

At its regular meeting in the little auditorium on October 23, the Dramatic club had its installation of officers for the following year. There was, also, a very entertaining program.

After a few introductory remarks by Mrs. Newsome, the following officers took their oath of office.

President: Fred Ray Blocker
Vice-President: Illine Ritchie
Secretary and Treasurer: Rebecca Lofton

Corresponding Secretary: Francis
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President Todd Planning Bigger, Better School

The publication of this first issue of the TOM-TOM is one of the outstanding events of the year. On behalf of everybody in school, I want to congratulate the staff and Miss Harris for their work. This is an achievement of which the entire college is proud.

The publication of this issue of the TOM-TOM is just one of the steps in building "toward a bigger and better E.C.J.C." Now that the war is over we are planning on renewing many of the activities that we formerly had. We hope to have a good orchestra shortly, and then a band. The prospects are for a good basketball season. We have had a football season that has been reasonably satisfactory for a first year. I have been very much gratified with the spirit of the students this year as they are taking hold of things and as they show evidence of determination to achieve the motto of this publication. I could cite the work that is being done to bring out the WO-H-LO, the activities of the religious organizations, planning for play night, and a host of other activities.

There are other phases of our plans for development. We believe that the enrollment will double during the next two or three years. We are already making our plans to provide buildings and equipment in keeping with this increased enrollment. We will have to enlarge the faculty, too. If our plans materialize, during the next few months we shall have new dormitories and apartment buildings to take care of students, particularly married veterans. We hope to offer additional courses in trades education for veterans.

The TOM-TOM should prove a very valuable addition to the life
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TWELFTH GRADE LEADS IN WAR FUND DRIVE

The high school seniors are leading the student body in the present War Fund Drive on the campus. The efforts which the student body and faculty members put forth to raise an adequate amount is evidenced by the fact that they have raised \$203.75. This amount includes donations from the eleventh and twelfth grades, the college freshmen and sophomores, and the faculty members.

The twelfth grade is the only one to be noted for its one hundred per cent contribution. As reported by Mrs. Cross, acting chairman of the War Fund Drive, each of the thirty-seven members donated a dollar.

Contributions are still being accepted and if you have not contributed to this worthy cause, you are urged to do so immediately.

Enrollment On Increase Here

East Central Junior College began its thirty-second year, and its first post-war year with a definite increase in enrollment.

This particular phase of progress is indicated by a fifteen per cent increase over last year's enrollment. The present enrollment is as follows: 54 sophomores, 128 freshmen, 37 seniors, and 47 juniors, a total of 266 students. Last year's record shows 57 sophomores, 112 freshmen, 21 seniors, and 41 juniors. Of our total increase we have a 14 percent increase in the freshmen class, 76 percent in the senior class, and a 14 percent in the junior class.

ECJC Memorial For Service Men Planned at ECJC

The "Y" Council, consisting of the officers of the religious organizations which meet each week to make plans for the religious work that is to be carried on the campus, last week elected a committee to make plans for an honor roll for our service men. On this honor roll will be the names of every boy in service who has attended East Central Junior College from the time it was first established until the present. It will be placed in the hall of the administration building and will have between 1,000 and 1,200 names.

Plans are being made for the annual "Y" Council banquet, which is to be December 7, 1945. All of the plans are not completed as to place and speaker. They are inviting the former members of the council who have returned from service.

ECJC Physical Ed Class Progresses

Much progress has been made this year in the physical education classes under the capable leadership of Miss Betty Short, teacher. Miss Short, who began her work as a member of the East Central Junior College faculty at the beginning of the present semester, received her degree in physical education from the University of Virginia.

The classes under Miss Short's direction started with learning the primary exercises of trunk twisting, toe touching, leg raising, and knee extension. The classes have now advanced to soccer. They made a careful study of the rules; then after taking a test, they divided into teams. Skill is being developed and competition runs high.

Once a week the classes practice steps in social dancing. Thus physical education as it is being applied on the E.C.J.C. campus is functioning, both in the development of healthy bodies and in the acquisition of that social grace and charm so necessary to the modern young woman's success in life.

ECJC COMING EVENTS

Mrs. W. W. Newsome, speech teacher and dramatic coach, announces that a series of plays sponsored by the dramatic club and the speech classes will be presented during the school year.

LAVENDER and OLD LACE by Rose Warner is the first of the series and will be produced early in December.

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Social High Lights MOORE-SIMMONS

The home of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Moore was the lovely setting for the wedding of their daughter, Caroline, and Clay Simmons.

The living room was beautifully decorated with chrysanthemums, ferns, and gladioli. A duet, "I Love You Truly" was sung immediately preceding the ceremony. The bride wore a lovely fushia crepe dress with black accessories.

The impressive double ring ceremony was performed by the Rev. James R. Grisham of Decatur.

Members of the faculty at East Central Jr. College, other friends, and relatives of the bride and groom were present.

Prior to her marriage, Caroline was employed as business manager at E.C.J.C. The groom is an E. C. J. C. graduate of the class of '44.

They are making their home at Miss. State College at Starkville, where Clay will resume his studies at Miss. State College.

Rachel Gainey was surprised Tuesday night when her two brothers, Ross and Hermon Gainey, came up to see her. They have both recently received a discharge and it was a happy reunion for them.

The members of the F. T. A. Club under the sponsorship of Mrs. Sullivan, enjoyed a picnic Friday evening, November 2nd, at the Newton Park and then went into town where they attended the show "The Valley of Decision."

The faculty attended the wedding of Caroline Moore and Clay Simmons in Philadelphia, Thursday afternoon, November 1st.

Sadie Hawkins night was quite an event Saturday night, November 3rd. The girls chased after the boys until the last boy was caught. Among the boys unfortunate enough to be caught by the girls were the following:

Don Graham—Rebecca Lofton
Rae McGee—Eloise Rae
Fred Ray Blocker—Sue Bennett
Harold Hunt—Joyce Jenson
Williston Chason—Molly Wade
Melton McMullan — "Tootsie" Nelson

Pecker Henley—Hugene Rivers
Michael Warren—Thedra Luke
Aubrey Adams—Jean Hatcher
Cloyd Paskins—Claudine Wright

Nel Denson of Poplarville was a guest on our campus one week-end recently.

Edris Gunn, Dorris Jones, L. H. Smith, and Eugene Coghlan, visited with Bessie McDonald at her home for the weekend. They were accompanied back by Kate McDonald who spent several days with them on the campus.

Already Cupid has begun his

work in the girls dormitory. Jo Nell Eddins and Ollie B. Savell, both members of the freshman class, were married recently.

Marlene "Pep" Smith was chosen as one of the representatives from Neshoba County to the state 4-H Round-up meeting held at Jackson, Miss., Nov. 8-9. Thursday afternoon, she attended a reception at the Governor's Mansion; then Friday night at the banquet, she received a \$25 War Bond.

James Van Hooser withdrew from the College recently. James is going to the Navy in the near future.

Among those who participated in the Halloween party at the American Legion Hut on Halloween night were, Mary Ellen McCain, Joe Graham, Jane Brand, Lewis McMullan, Evelyn Perry, Norma Lee Brand, Carolyn Perry, John Elsis (Tootsie) Blount, Clarice Graham, and Paul Perry. The part was sponsored by Mrs. N. E. Blackburn.

The Glee Club enjoyed a weiner roast at "the bluffs." Those in charge of the entertainment were Kitty Moreland, R. G. Taylor, and Bonny Hudson. The social was sponsored by Mrs. Carrie Lee Madden.

Miss Norma Lee Brand, Imogene Johnson, La Neil Coursey, Sarah Joy Smith, Dorothy Jordan, and Carolyn Perry, attended the Decatur vs. Hickory basketball game at Hickory, Friday night, Nov. 2.

Clarice Kraham, Annie Lee Gordon, Frog Pace, and William Bullard, enjoyed a picnic at Hailey's Lake, Tuesday night, Nov. 6.

Miss Tommie Duke and Miss Dorlos Jean Vaughan visited in Houston, Mississippi, Nov. 3-5.

Billy Blount, former student, who has been in the Air Corps, is at home now with a discharge. He plans to enter school at E.C.J.C. in the near future.

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of the college. It can help in developing the kind of school spirit that is really worth while. It can furnish us with information on activities on the campus. It will provide a wonderful opportunity to the students who work on the staff in developing the abilities needed in the field of journalism. Students can get experience in the various types of writing required, as cartoonists, and in the varied business activities necessary for publication. This issue indicates that we have some capable students, who have the capacity for success not only with the TOM-TOM, but as journalist in the future.

All working together—faculty, students, administration—we can make, and must make this one of the great years in the history of East Central Junior College.

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Sadie Hawkins

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the character of "Old Man Mose" told the fortunes.

The high point of the evening was the solemnizing of several "dog patch" weddings by Williston Chason, who offered both cheap and expensive weddings plus the rings. Tommie Jean Hatcher, Joyce Jenson, and Joyce Billings were lucky enough to get to the altar.

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Willie sitting under the trees in front of the administration building. When asked her views upon conscription, she looked at Willie and replied, "Since Willie is 4-F it will be all right to go ahead and draft them."

Miss Elton Hurt said conscription was okay, for her man is already back home in the kitchen.

Joyce Billings and Margaret Shannon think that conscription is good for the boys, but no exception should be made unless a person is physically unable.

Lorraine Wood doesn't think boys should have to serve a year in the army.

Bobbie Gillis—"I do not believe in compulsory military conscription as a method for bringing into being "world peace!" This peace must be built upon the principles of world brotherhood. We must renounce war as an instrument for settling dispute. It is possible to have a new world organization, which if given the support of the stronger and more powerful nations can protect all nations without resorting to the price of war in the lives and liberties of our people."

—ECJC—

THE BUZZER

Well, friends, here is your old friend the buzzer. I've been around and found out some of the latest gossip and dirt. Most of the new pupils are very quiet, but just give me time and I'll get them. Now, here comes the dirt:

Bessie's one girl who has her own unique heating system. How about it L.H.?

All the way from Carl-ina well Janie, I must say you have the men crossing the continent for you!

We see that Jean Hatcher has a boy friend. He's tall, dark, and has big feet, too.

What's the rumor about the wedding bells ringing for Rounds and Young? Tell us fellows, you've been holding out on us!

Joe Bennett and Reedy can be seen drifting around on the campus like stray animals. What's the matter, boys, can't you find a girl?

I have heard some of the people humming their own little ditties lately and here are some of them:

Nelda and Carl: "It's Love,

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Joyce and Woody: "The More I See You."

Harold Hunt: "I'll Be Around."

Frances and Willie: "Together."

Annie Lee: "Someone to Love."

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Football Finals For Forty-Five

The season has been, according to a technical point of view, a failure; yet in a deeper meaning it has been a complete success. Coach Cross was faced with none of the usual scholarship players, and few experienced players.

Over thirty boys have been out for football at one time or another this year, but due to injuries or other reasons, only sixteen finished the season.

The first game of the season was played here against Perkinston on September 28. The Warriors took to the field that evening confident of victory, but "Lady Luck" smiled on the boys from "Perk" and Decatur suffered her first defeat of the year. Perkinston scored twice. During the rest of the game, the pigskin was kept near the fifty yard line. Captain David "Woody" Woodruff was injured during the first of the fourth quarter and saw practically no more action for the rest of the year.

The Ellisville game was in reality the poorest attempt toward victory; yet it was the only game in which the Warriors scored. The team arrived in Ellisville to find a wet field and cold weather, but its spirits were somewhat warmed by the voices of the E.C.J.C. cheerleader section composed of Joyce Jensen, Illene Ritchie, Annie Lee Gordon, Kitty Moreland, Willie Chason, and "Corky" Capps. The boys from E.C.J.C. held Ellisville remarkably well during the first half, but because of lack of reserves and an injured first string backfield, Decatur was scored on time and again in the second half. The high point of the E.C.J.C. football season came when Billy Dearman caught a long pass from Danny Shannon in the last three minutes of play to put us down in "T. D." territory. There was "no stopping" the Warriors now and on a line smash by Dearman, E.C. J. C. scored. The point was not good, but anyone coming into the stands at that time would have thought by the way the E.C.J.C. players and fans were acting, that the Warriors were running all over Ellisville.

The next game was on the home field against Co-Lin Junior College from Wesson. The Decatur boys came very near scoring during the first and fourth quarters of the game, but failed to do so, when their aerial attack failed to click. This was without a doubt the closest and best game played by Decatur and was the debut of Max Herrington of Louisville, who is undoubtedly, in the writer's opinion, the best all-around back yet seen to play in a junior college game this year. Wesson was held to 20 to 0 and it was really a well played game.

The Warriors traveled through a heavy rain to Poplarville for the next game, confident of victory, against the last weak teams scheduled to oppose them. The field was ankle deep in water and because of a fumble, the Poplarville boys covered the ball on E.C.J.C.'s fifteen yard line and ran a touchdown in one play. This, along with the injury of guard Paul Fulton on the third

play of the game, literally took the starch out of the boys representing Decatur. They rallied in the last half, but too much lead had been established by the opponents; so, by the time the final whistle blew, the score was 37 to 0 in favor of Poplarville.

As a whole, the boys played their best game against Raymond, who were rated by the "experts" to win about 60 to 0, but after throwing everything they had at the Warriors, Raymond won only to the tune of 26 to 0. "Puddin" Jones was out of this game because of "attendance difficulties"; Dolan Coghlan was out with a ruptured appendix and Paul Fulton's side was still giving him trouble; otherwise the Decatur Scalpers were rarin'-to-go. The first half of the first quarter, it looked as if they were going to run all over Raymond, but by the end of the first quarter Raymond scored and that started their all-too-frequent trips across our zero line.

The persistent Warriors played their last game against the undefeated Goodman Bulldogs on the Goodman field. The Warriors played admirably, but Goodman outclassed them badly in some ways, especially in blocking. All the boys played a hard game, but were slowly overpowered by the Bulldogs.

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"Jamestown"—Nov. 19, 1945.
"The Pilgrims"—Dec. 3, 1945.
"The Puritans"—Dec. 17, 1945.
"Peter Stuyvesant"—Jan. 7, 1946
"The Gateway To The West"—Jan. 21, 1946.

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TOM-TOM'S Roving Reporter

In this column each month, students on the E.C.J.C. campus express their opinion on national, state, and local issues. This month the Roving Reporter asked the students this question, "What do you think would make E.C.J.C. bigger and better?" The answers to this question varied widely. After interviewing the students, only the criticisms which would lead to improvements were selected to be published. Those which were personal in nature and which could easily be adjusted by seeing the proper authority were omitted. Some considerations of the suggestions suggested are being offered with the hope that further discussion may be stimulated to the extent that some practical solutions of the problems may be worked out along the lines indicated by the students' opinions.

LYNN PHILLIPS: "Any student of college level should be able to decide when he is ready to go to bed; therefore, I think that he should be allowed to turn off the lights in his room when he has finished studying, whether it is 8:00 p. m. or 1:00 a. m."

As one usually finds, if he takes time to think through a question, this problem has two sides. By the lights being turned off at 10:00 p. m., the student learns to budget his time and live according to a set schedule. On the other hand, in order to participate in extra-curricular activities and to keep up with his school work, one naturally needs more time for studying than he now has. Perhaps a satisfactory compromise might be reached which would accomplish both results mentioned.

SUE BENNETT: "One thing that would make E.C.J.C. bigger and better is a recreational center operated by students. This center should offer a variety of recreational facilities from which each student could fill his own desires as how to spend his leisure time."

In considering this criticism, the main obstacle is the financial difficulty. Of course, the funds required in the construction of a Student Union Building is at present prohibitive, but by suggestions and discussion on the part of the students, a plan might be worked out whereby there could be provided at least a room.

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39 Students Make Second Six Weeks Honor Roll

The following pupils made honor roll and honorable mention at East Central Junior College for the second six weeks; such honors mean that the ones on honor roll made an average of B+ and the ones on the honorable mention list made an average of B.

HONOR ROLL

Sophomores—Sue Bennet, Louisville; Nomie P. Coward, Ludlow; Jean Gibbon Johnson, Hickory; Elaine Long, Morton.

Freshmen—Betty Lynn Johnson, Walnut Grove.

High School—Juniors—Marlam, Graham, Decatur; Annell Thornton, Conehatta.

HONORABLE MENTION

Sophomores—Dixie Briggs, Scooba; Katherine Cox, Philadelphia; Thelma Goodin, Gholson; Nell Herd, Union; Kenneth Hunter, Decatur; Lorraine Jackson, Decatur; Mildred Lovorn, Louisville; Melton McMullan, Decatur; Myrtice McMullan, Decatur; Gaynell Majure, Decatur; Ruth Mason, Dossburg; Mary Parks, Conehatta; Fred Talbert, Louisville; Sarah Webb, Noxapater.

Freshmen—Iris Clark, Noxapater; Bobbie Gillis, Philadelphia; Clarice Graham, Decatur; Ivan Hand, Collinsville; Lillian Hardy, Union; Juanita Lay, Lena; Naomi McCraw, Harpersville; Lynn Phillips, Newton; Eloise Rea, Philadelphia; Dale Wilkerson, Forest.

High School—Seniors—June Hollingsworth, Decatur; Edna Meltz, Decatur.

High School—Juniors—Norma Lee Brand, Decatur; Dorothy Buntyn, Decatur; "Corky" Capps, Jackson; Laverne Pennington, Decatur; Carolyn Perry, Decatur; Mary Sula Wansly, Decatur.

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Sophomores Present Class Play

The sophomore class, under the guidance of Mrs. Newsome presented a play, "Lavender and Old Lace", in the college gymnasium on December 18th.

Love and comedy were the highlights of the play. The romantic leads were "Ruth" and "Carl", played by Sue Bennett and Eugene Coghlan.

"Miss Ainslie" and "Dr. Patterson" formed another romantic two-some who cooperated in en-

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Juniors And Seniors Elect Who's Who

After much debate and hesitation, the Junior and Senior classes voted for their candidates in the High School Who's Who election. The purpose of which was to select the class representatives for the special honor of being featured in the school annual. The voting was supervised by Miss Clements and Mrs. Sullivan.

The winners of the various honors are as follows:

Mr. Newton County A.H.S.—Dolan Coughlan; Miss Newton County A. H. S.—Benoline Meadow; Most Intellectual Girl—June Hollingsworth; Most Intellectual Boy—Sidney McNeal; Most Talented Girl—Sammye Massey; Most Talented Boy—Jerry Reedy; Most Beautiful Girl—Marguerite Graham; Most Handsome Boy—James Edwards; Best Dressed Girl—Jane Brand; Best Dressed Boy—Shed Young; Boy Most Likely to Succeed—Bernard Stamper; Girl Most Likely to Succeed—Marian Graham; Cutest Girl—Nell Pearson; Cutest Boy—Danny Shannon; Best Girl Athlete—

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ECJC Annual Will Be Published

By NAOMI McCRAW

After a war lapse of three years, work has been resumed on the "Wo-He-Lo", the East Central Junior College year book. Because of the shortage of labor and materials, it has been impossible for the annual to be published since 1942. Its rejuvenation is receiving an enthusiastic welcome. Much interest has been shown in its planning, and a great deal of earnest effort is being expended on the work of its production. Most of the photographic work has been done, and a dummy copy has been secured.

The following were chosen to serve as officers: Editor-in-Chief, Ilene Ritchie; assistants, Dixie Briggs and Lynn Phillips; business manager, Sue Bennett; assistants, Clayton Young and Billy Dearman.

It is the aim of the staff to make this a book that will portray the life at East Central Junior College just as it is, thus making it a diary that the students will keep and cherish in the days to come.

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Girl Reserves Celebrate "Girl Reserve" Day

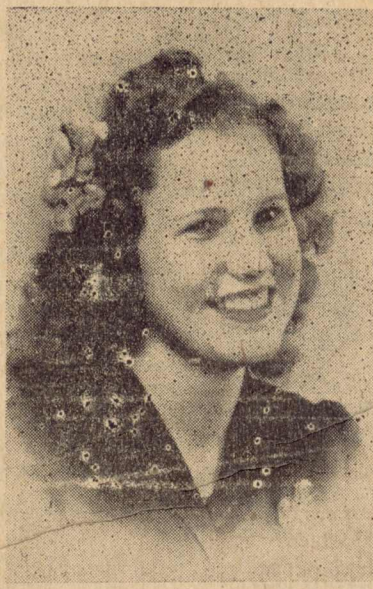
Saturday, December 1st, was celebrated as "Girl Reserve" Day by the Girl Reserve Club of Newton County Agricultural High School. Posters and the sale of tags helped the Girl Reserves make the community conscious of the purpose and program of the Girl Reserve Club.

A cake walk was held from two-thirty until three-thirty in front of the court house. The proceeds of the cake walk and the sales of tags amounted to \$43.31, which was used to provide Christmas for a girl in The Industrial Institute in Columbia and to supplement a fund for a set of encyclopedias for the Decatur High School.

The Girl Reserve Club wishes to thank everyone who helped to make this day a success.

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The members of the Girl's Reserves and Boy's Hi-Y organizations had a delightful party Saturday night, December 1st at the American Legion Hut. As a climax to Girl's Reserve Day Saturday. They played games and roasted weiners indoors. The leaders of the clubs, Miss Clements and Mr. Palmer, acted as sponsors.



ECJC Freshman Wins 4-H Club Honor Award

Marlene "Pep" Smith attended National 4-H club congress in Chicago, December 2-6, as state 4-H winner of girl's records.

Being able to attend National 4-H club congress is one of the dreams of every 4-H'er; however, only a small per cent of these 4-H'ers are willing to do the work necessary for the fulfillment of this dream.

"Pep" has been a 4-H member for seven years; during this time she has developed a well-rounded 4-H farm home program through projects in gardening, canning, clothing, foods, baby beef, poultry, home improvement, home beautification, leadership, and health. She attended Club Congress on the basis of these project records. Marlene gives the following account of her trip.

"The Mississippi delegation

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TOM-TOM Staff Sponsors Play Night

On Saturday night, Dec. 8, a "White Elephant" Christmas party was sponsored in the gym by the staff of The Tom-Tom. The admission fee to the party was a Christmas present which one wouldn't want to receive.

The gym was decorated in the Christmas colors, red and green. In the center of the gym there was a Christmas tree under which the "white elephant" gifts were placed.

Tommy Jean Hatcher, a reporter on the TOM-TOM Staff, was M. C. Each person present wrote a letter to Santa Claus. Bobby Gillis won the prize for the best letter to Saint Nick. Then chewing gum was distributed and those present were told to fashion a model Santa Claus out of the gum. Tom Chisolm won the prize for the best Santa Claus modeled.

Christmas carols were sung by the group and then the big event of the evening arrived. The group formed a circle and marched around the Christmas tree, to the tune of "Jingle Bells," each person on the "X" that marked the spot" being privileged to select a present for himself from among the gifts beneath the Christmas tree.

Popcorn balls were served and then there was dancing for those who wished to dance, and games of various types for the others.

HOME ECKERS HOLD OPEN HOUSE

The members of The Home Economics department cordially invite the faculty members and their families and the student boy of East Central Junior College to Christmas open house Thursday, December 20.

Members of Freshman and Sophomore classes are requested to call between 8:30 a. m. and 11:30 a. m. High school members are to call between 1:00 p. m. and 2:15 P. M.

Student Wins National Honors

Mr. Fred Ray Blocker, a student of E.C.J.C., according to unconfirmed reports, has won the National Achievement Contest. This report has not been cleared through state headquarters, but Miss "Pep" Smith heard his name called at the National 4-H Club Contest in Chicago. If this is officially confirmed through State Headquarters, he will receive a scholarship to any school in the country.

It is definitely known that he won the State Achievement Contest for 1945.

The list of honors Mr. Blocker has won in the past makes a very impressive record. In 1940 he won State Poultry Judging Contest and third in the national contest. This broke all records for any Mississippi boy in the judging of poultry. In 1941 he won State Leadership Contest; for this he won a trip to Washington. In 1942 he won State Rural Electrification contest and a trip to Chicago, but was ruled out because he had already made one trip. In 1943 he won "All-round 4-H Club Boy" in Mississippi. In 1944 he won State General Achievement Contest and a scholarship.

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Sophomores To Graduate End Of First Semester

Among the outstanding members of the East Central Junior College, there are eight who are to graduate at the end of the first semester.

Perhaps many of you are not acquainted with these members who are leaving here soon. To give you a glimpse at their personalities and character, each member has been individually interviewed by a representative of the Tom-Tom Staff.

Annie Lee Gordon, who is well-known for her charming personality and wit, states that she intends after graduation to secure secretarial work, probably in Jackson. Annie Lee is a native of this city. She was elected cheerleader to which office she was well-fitted and where she displayed much pep for the energetic warriors.

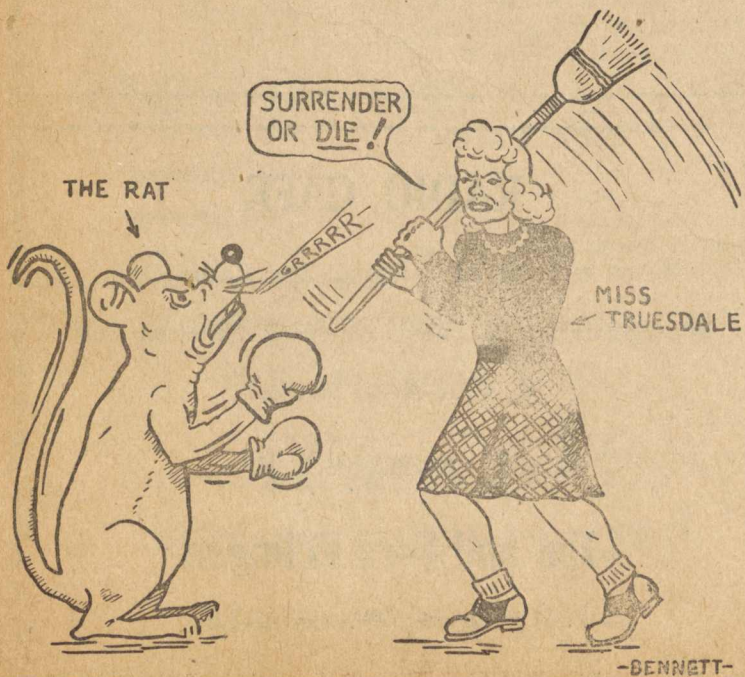
Doris Pearson, better known as "Monkey", comes to E.C.J.C. from Conehatta. Doris is a member of Y.W.C.A., F.T.A., Noonday Prayer Service, and Girls Vesper. Her plans as to the future are yet uncertain, but she states that she will probably secure secretarial work in Jackson.

Sue Bennett, a prominent leader in the many activities on the campus comes to E.C.J.C. from Louisville. Sue is vice-president of "Y" Council, President of Wesley Foundation, Secretary and Treasurer of Y.M. and Y.W.C.A., and President of I.R.C. She is, also, a member of the F.T.A. Club, Noonday Prayer Service and Girls' Vesper. Her plans are to enter Mississippi State College at the beginning of the spring semester.

Betty Jo Cooper, friendly and charming in manner, is a native of Conehatta. She is a member of the F.T.A. Club, B.S.U., Y.W.C.A., Noonday Prayer Service, Morning

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CHECKING UP

Do you realize that the end of the first semester is near? There will be changes taking place here on the E. C. J. C. campus; the sophomores who are graduating will be leaving us; instead of the minor tests we have been having, there will be real exams; there will be a chance for us to turn over a new leaf next semester; there will be new students here for us to make welcome.

To the sophomores who are leaving us, we wish the best of everything good. Naturally, we'll miss them, but we know that they will make just as good in their chosen field, whether it be a continuation of their education or a position in the business world.

Exams! How we all shudder at the thought of them! But these miniature judgment days are a necessary part of our training, so let's do the very best that we have the ability to do in these examinations.

After we have finished the exams, if we haven't done so well, a clean page will be waiting for us. We should resolve to do better in all our work so that at the end of the second semester, we can look back with a much brighter attitude and a clearer conscience.

Do you remember how you felt when you left home last September to come to school? Well, the new students who will enter the second semester will be just as homesick as you were. It is the duty of each of us to try to make them as happy as we are now. We can accomplish this by a friendly word and smile when we see them.

Has this first semester meant anything to you? Are you going to make the second semester mean more?

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THIS PROCESS CALLED EDUCATION

By Melton McMullan

Education might be defined as learning to make use of information gained by first-hand experience or by reading and hearing of the experiences of others. The amount of information and the level of reasoning carried on by an individual (omitting hereditary characteristics) will show the quality and extent of an individual's education.

Education, as some people think, is not learning

now to keep from working hard, but is to learn to do your work quicker and more efficiently. One's education does not stop when he finishes school and enters upon his life's work, but instead, his education will show an increase if he has a background of good training and does not let prejudice interfere.

An education consisting of the pursuit of truth is the best process of elimination of prejudice and as long as there are two racial groups in one area, one of which is prejudiced against the other, one group will hurt itself, to keep the other from advancing. Reasoning further, we see that it is not only necessary to increase in equality and quantity the educational facilities of the white, but also those of the negro.

One of the great steps toward improving educational facilities is the federal aid bill which, if passed, has four major or very important clauses. One—"Control of schools is reserved strictly to the state and local school systems and forbidden to any federal officials or agencies." This is as it should be because different section of the country have different problems which must be handled at home instead of in Washington.

The second important clause is that "All states are to receive aid according to the financial need as measured by members of five to seventeen and the total income of the respective states; thus the poorer the state, the larger its share of federal aid will be. The third important clause is, "In states that maintain separate schools for minority races, there is to be allotted for the minority schools a proportion of the funds that is not less than the proportion that the minority group is of the total population of the state, without a reduction in the proportion of funds from state and local sources spent for schools for the minority race. The fourth but not least, is the Mississippi's share is Equalization Share \$4,270,743, Emergency fund \$4,550,200; total \$8,820,942.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

The joyous Christmas season is here once more. Christmas to us is beautifully wrapped gifts, lighted trees, holly, mistletoe, bells and the singing of carols. It is a time for having fellowship and fun with our families and friends. To get its deeper meaning, we must kindle within our hearts the true Spirit of Christmas. It certainly seems that this spirit should shine just a little brighter and clearer than it has in the past seasons, for the very peace that has come after four years of war is symbolic of that spirit. We realize that this peace has come through sacrificing the lives of our youth and this reminds us of the price God paid when He sent His Son into the world on the first Christmas to be the Prince of Peace.

Let us think again of the Angel's message, "Peace on earth; good will toward men." Are we concentrating our efforts toward making Christmas and peace real for those in our community and the people of all nations? What does this season mean to our youth with broken bodies and spirits? What does it mean to those Europeans, who are suffering cold and starvation?

Let us give such gifts of service as will promote good will among men. If we each in our own way, can kindle the heart of another with the spirit of joy and peace, then, this season will indeed be a "Merry Christmas" for all the world.

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WE THANK YOU . . .

We, the staff of the TOM-TOM, wish to express our appreciation to the individuals and business firms who have placed advertisements in our publication. Without their aid, to publish the TOM-TOM would be impossible for us to do. Especially do we thank the firms in Decatur for their splendid co-operation this month. There was an increase in the amount of ads from Decatur of \$22.40 in this issue. Also, to the firms outside of Decatur who gave advertisements, we say "Thank You," again.

from school this week because of illness.

Imogene Johnson has as her guest Sunday "Kitty" Moreland. Laverne Lewis, Georgia Nell Sims and Sarah Francis Harrison were the week-end guests of Miss Delois Ball, Louisville.

Miss Clements visited her mother in Jackson, Miss., the past week-end.

Sue Bennett visited her family in Louisville this week-end.

Miss Sarah Dee Henton of Mobile, Ala., a former resident of Decatur, was a guest of Sarah Joy Smith on the week-end of December 1-3.

Miss Lois Hollingsworth, a Decatur High school graduate, of 1944, is at present employed in Decatur by Mrs. Stennis until she assumes her duties as air stewardess in New Orleans.

Norma Lee Brand, Francis Addy, Corky Capps, and Danny Shannon enjoyed a ride in the snow Tuesday evening, Dec. 4.

Herman Quattlebaum, a former

Decatur High school student, returned Dec. 6, to his Merchant Marine post in New Orleans, after an 18-day leave which he spent with his parents in Decatur.

Isaac Valentine and James Caldwell were called to Camp Shelby Dec. 5, for registration. If deferred, they will continue their studies in Decatur High school.

Miss Jean Quattlebaum visited friends in Mobile, Ala., during

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and Thanksgiving holidays.

A study course was participated in by the members of the Baptist Young People's department in the Decatur Baptist Church Dec. 3-6. Sixteen members received diplomas on the book, "Training In Church Membership."

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ECJC Band Being Developed By Mr. James

Under the direction of Mr. James, a young but promising band has been launched on its way to musical competence. Although the band is not expected to make its appearance in a public program in the near future, individuals will participate in chapel programs.

There are strong expectations that the football eleven will be cheered on to victory by the band next season if musical inspiration can determine a victory.

The members of the band are as follows:

Mr. James—Director.
 Bettye Blount—Cornet.
 Martha Major, Patty Johnson, Marlene Bedwell, Sissy Graham, Roscoe Smith, James Addy, Mariam Graham, Lyndell Smith—Clarinet.

Theta Johnson—Alto.
 Edward Gordon—Baritone.
 Frank Meadow—Snare Drum
 Bernard Stamper and R. G. Smith—Saxophone.

Jane Todd—Bell Lyra.
 Montiel Spivey and Clara Hollingsworth—Flute.

Bill May—Trombone.
 James Barnett—Brass Horn.
 Carl Williamson—Trumpet.

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SOCIAL HIGH-LIGHTS

Thanksgiving holidays were enjoyed by everyone and now all the dormitory girls are looking forward to the Christmas vacation.

Marcelle Webb and LaVerne Gibbs spent the week-end with Jo Cooper when they attended a high school basketball tournament.

Bessie McDonald was the guest for the weekend of Nelda Thrash. Joyce Jensen has been absent

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Y-Council Enjoys Annual Banquet

The "Y" Council held its annual Christmas banquet on Friday night, December 7, in the College dining hall. The Christmas motif was carried out in colorful decorations of Christmas trees, gold and silver pine boughs with red and green streamers

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hanging from the walls and white candles on each table, which were the only source of light. Attractive place cards marked the individual seats.

The program consisted of: Invocation, Rev. W. A. Hogan; welcome, Sue Bennett; response, Illene Ritchie; introductions of members of the group; special music by Williston Chason, Doris Jones, Fred Ray Blocker, Edris Gunn, with Illene Ritchie as accompanist; toast to faculty, Jean Hatcher; response, Mr. Robert James; reading, Mildred Lovorn; "O Holy Night," Sarah Webb (violinist) with Illene Ritchie as accompanist. Toast to former member of "Y" Council, Clayton Young; address, Rev. E. Frank Cody; Christmas carols by the group, (led by Mr. James). Toastmaster in charge of the ceremonies was Mary Parkes.

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Decatur Teams Win

The E.C.J.C. basketball teams traveled to Newton Saturday night, December 8th, to meet the tough cagers from Clarks College.

The girls' game was a thriller from beginning to end, showing excellent defensive and offensive playing by both teams. The score was extremely close during the entire game, and when the final whistle blew, Decatur was in the lead 27 to 26. The entire teams played a good, fast, and aggressive game. We hope their whole season remains undefeated.

Our boys' team met with less competition than our girls' and therefore ran up a much larger score in comparison to their opponents. The Warriors seemed to be a sure thing from the beginning, and proved it as the game went on. When the game ended, our boys had rolled up a very one-sided score and won to the tune of 31 to 6. All the boys played hard, fast basketball, featuring a lot of team work and crack shooting.

Line-up for girls' game:

DECATUR	CLARK
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Reeves (Katherine)	King
Wilkeson (Dale)	Pittman
Rea (Eloise)	Portey
Everette (Joyce)	Byrd
Hobby (Majorie)	Robinson
Substitutions: Decatur — Russell, Smith; Clark—Bryant, Adams.	

Line-up for boys' game:

DECATUR	CLARK
McMullan	Penton
Adams	Meadows
Jones	Tanner
Copeland	Hern
Young	Cosettes
Substitutions: Decatur — Sistrunk, Blocker, Parks, Boler; Clark—Pittman, Carter.	

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Who's Who Among Veterans at ECJC

In the last publication information was given about some of the servicemen on the campus of E.C.J.C. Below is given various facts of interest about some of the other ex-service men whom we are glad to have on our campus:

FRANKLIN C. ROBINSON—5 years, Infantry. Panama Canal, San Francisco, Hawaiian Islands, Australia, New Guinea, Philippines.

REGGIE THAMES—33 months, Air Corps. 22 months England, France, Germany.

There are other veterans on the campus about whom information will be given in a later issue.

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perhaps equipped with a fountain and comfortable chairs, where the students could go for relaxation. There's a further possibility that the nickelodeon belonging to the school might be repaired and placed there. At any rate, students, let's talk about it. What about some practical suggestions from some of the campus organizations for furthering such a plan?

FRED RAY BLOCKER—"In my opinion, one of the biggest and most important steps in the 'making of E.C.J.C. bigger and better' would be organized student government. We are told that the school are important institutions of democracy. Certainly I think all students at E.C.J.C. have the ability to make logical decisions in matters in which they would develop leadership, initiative, and higher appreciation of teachers, morale and school property."

JOE BENNETT: "I'm in favor of student government; it would give the students a chance to take part in the affairs of their school and would maintain a better understanding between the faculty and the student body."

DAVID WOODRUFF: "The principal aim of the student body should be joint co-operation of teachers and students. If we want ECJC to be a leader among Mississippi junior colleges, we must seek to make this aim a realization instead of a dream."

The three suggestions quoted above constitute a good illustration of how the thinking of individual students, when publicly expressed, may lead to intelligent action. What could be more likely to produce better co-operation among students and teachers and between those groups than the organization of a student council? The question of student government has arisen time and again. Very few of the students who are attending E.C.J.C. have been in a school where there is a student council. If student government were put into effect at E.C.

J.C., there would have to be discussions as to the nature of the matters which the council would have under their jurisdiction. One obvious need of a student council at present is for the purpose of securing student co-operation on improvement and care of campus facilities.

ELDON DAVIS: "The boys' old dormitory is badly in need of a lobby. The boys who live there do not have access to a comfortable lobby and a place where they can get together would be appreciated by them."

In regard to this particular improvement, which everyone agrees is definitely a pressing need, again the question of finance is a handicap. It must be taken into consideration also that at the present time it is impossible to get the kind and quality of furniture that would be suitable for this dormitory. Further discussion should take into consideration that the students should hold themselves responsible for taking care of the furniture in the lobby which is placed at their disposal.

DR. TODD: I am in favor of a recreational center. We have discussed it among some of the faculty members and some students for several semesters. I would like for students to think about this problem, talk to other students come and discuss the problem with me, and we may be able to work something out. Our great handicap has been lack of money and the ability to get materials.

For a growing institution we have many great needs. We need badly an apartment dormitory, a new heating plant, a music building, a lighted football field and permanent bleachers. We are making progress toward the latter. We have asked the State Building Commission for \$215,000 for building purposes.

Finally, intelligent discussion and planning by all of us, stu-

dents, faculty, administrators and trustees may enable us eventually to meet all our needs.

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couraging the romance of Ruth and Carl. "Joe Pendleton" and "Hepsey" mixed love and comedy in a manner very entertaining to the audience.

The cast included:
 Miss Mary Ainslie—Mary Parks
 Jane Hathaway—Dixie Briggs
 Ruth Thorne—Sue Bennett
 Bernice Carlton—Tommy J. Hatcher
 Dr. Patterson—Carl Williams
 Carl Winfield—Eugene Coghlan
 Hepsey—Joe Cooper
 Joe Pendleton—Don Graham
 James Bell—Melton McMullan

After the play the cast and the stage attendants presented to Mrs. Newsome a beautiful sterling silver pin as an expression of their appreciation of her efforts in directing the production.

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E.C.J.C. Freshman

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reached Chicago at 9:00 o'clock a. m. and were registered at Stevens Hotel. Approximately 1100 delegates were present, among which were eighteen from China, seven from Venezuela, one from Coasta Rica, one from Puerto Rico and a large delegation from Canada.

The delegates were given their meals by various business firms in Chicago, which also furnished excellent entertainment and Souvenirs for every one present.

On December 5th the delegates were given an informal dance in the Arrago Ballroom, which turned out to be "wonderful" from all reports.

National 4-H Club Congress adjourned Thursday after luncheon. After checking out of the Stevens Hotel, the Mississippi delegation boarded the Illinois Central Train and started back for Dixie Land.

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Dear Santa:

It seems that I've had a 'tough time this past year. I've tried so hard to succeed, but its all been in vain. I'm only asking for one thing A smart, intelligent looking English class.

Miss Harris.

Juniors and Seniors

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Mary Frances Shockley; Best Boy Athlete—Max Herrington; Most Versatile Girl—Lavern Pennington; Most Versatile Boy—R. J. Smith; Most Charming Girl—Carolyn Perry; Most Polite Boy—Raymond Golden; Friendliest Girl—Frances Addy; Friendliest Boy—John Blount; Most Dignified Senior—Euna Mae Parks; Jolliest Junior—Jesse Huey; Wittiest Girl—Betty McCraney; Wittiest Boy—Isaac Valentine; Campus Favorites—Girls: Mary Helen Valentine, Evelyn Rowzee, Dorothy Buntyn; Campus Favorites—Boys: Malcolm Jones, William Capps, Billy Jack Thames.

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Mr. Coghlan To Leave Decatur

Mr. Eugene Coghlan, a former student of E.C.J.C., who is now teaching in Decatur High School, plans to resign his position at Christmas and go to the University of Tennessee to take up the study of dentistry.

Mr. Coghlan has been a favorite on the campus, and the student body hates very much to see him go.

Mr. Coghlan states that he has enjoyed his teaching career and his association with the teachers and the student body. He regrets very much to leave but is anxious to get started back to school.

The student body wishes Mr. Coghlan the very best of luck.

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Eight Sophomores to

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Watch and Girl's Vesper. Betty Jo is also reporter for Girls' vesper. As yet her plans for the future are uncertain, but she is considering secretarial work of some nature.

Mary Parks, who also comes from Conehatta, is a widely-known leader in the student body. She is president of "Y" Council, Chorister for Y.M. and Y.W.C.A., girls' vesper and Noonday Prayer Service. She also belong to B.S.U., Morning Watch and Glee Club. Mary plans to leave E.C.J.C. and go to John Gaston Memorial Hospital, Memphis, Tenn., where she plans to pursue her education in the nursing field.

Mary Elizabeth Wilkerson, attractive and well-known for her friendliness, comes to E.C.J.C. from Lake. Mary Elizabeth is a member of the Glee Club, F. T.A., Girls' Vesper and The Tom-Tom's advertising staff. She states that she wishes to go into buiness for herself, but gave no preference as to the nature of the business.

Katherine Kemp, the girl with that charming personality, comes

to E.C.J.C. from Meridian. She Religious Education.

is an active member of the F.T.A. and Home Economics Club. Upon being asked about her future plans, Katherine replied that she had made no plans regarding the future.

friendly manner and wit, comes to Dixie Briggs, noted for her E.C.J.C. from Scooba. She is a member of Wesley Foundation, and "Y" Council here on the campus and holds the distinguished office of Secretary for Methodist Student Movement in Mississippi. After her graduation here in January, she is going on to Millsaps and Scarrett, where she will pursue her chosen vocation,

The faculty members and student body take this method of extending congratulations and best wishes to those who will soon be departing from this campus.

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