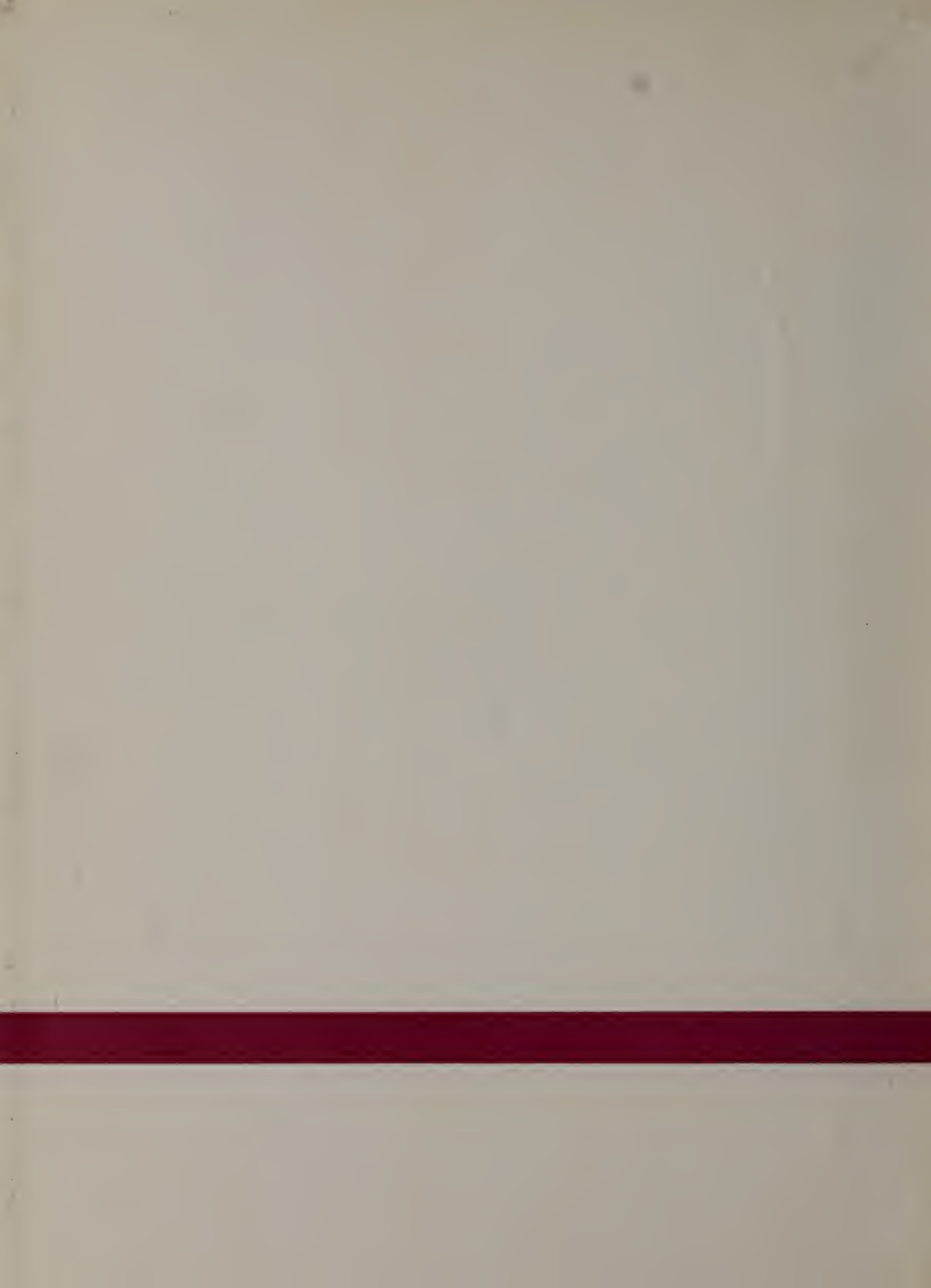




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Minnie Sue Elliott
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Pikeville High School . . . Now and Then



This bicentennial year was a time of looking back to the beginning of our nation. The consciousness of beginnings seemed to pervade every community and organization, and histories were researched, written, and recounted. It was a happy coincidence that the building of our new high school occurred at the time of this resurgence of interest in history.

The 1975-76 school year--the last in our original building--was a time to look back, not only at this year, but also at how our school started, the significant events of its past, and the building of its traditions.



Everyday scenes (counterclockwise)- -Lounging at the lockers, checking out in the office, catching up on homework in the library, band practice, and leaving by the side door at 3:30.



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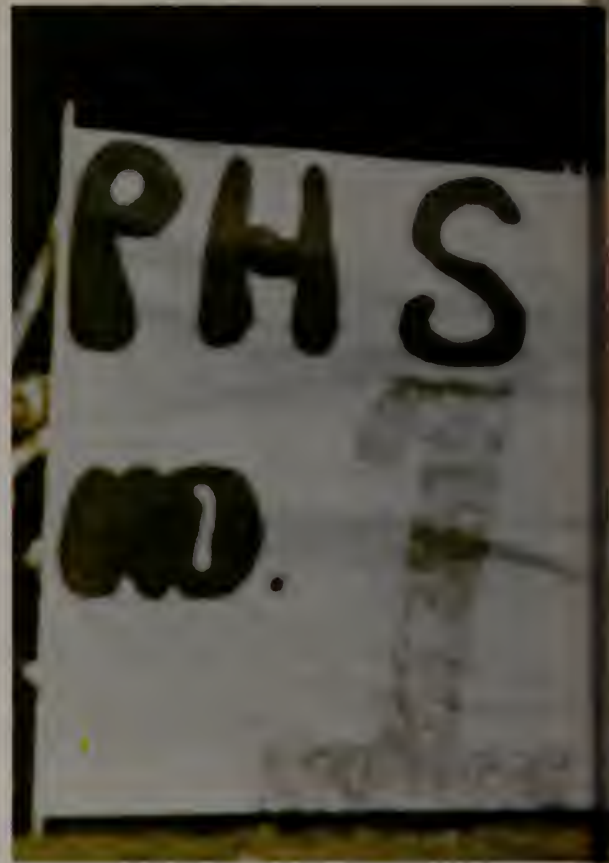
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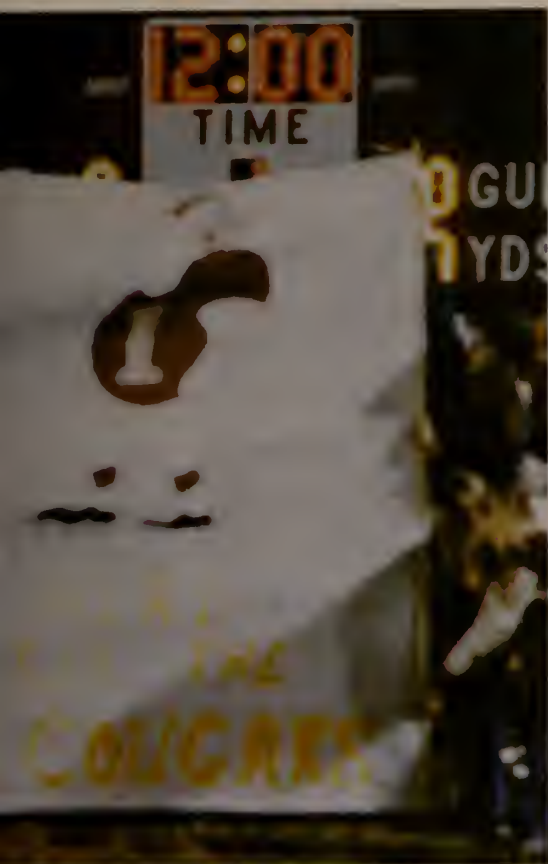
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Our Spirit of '76

What could be more fun than a ballgame? Enthusiasm ran high as the Panthers led the EKMC in football, captured the MIT title, and had a winning girls' basketball season. The band played, cheerleaders yelled, batons flashed, and the crowds went wild. As in years past pride was shared and friendships cemented by those wearing MAROON and WHITE.





The sign for the run-through proclaims the fans' wish for their team as the football team (above left) comes on the field for the first homegame. Field Commander Tammy Jo Justice (lower middle) directs the band as trumpet duo Ben Warf and Charles Carty play the lead in the band's dramatic arrangement of "The Star-Spangled Banner." When the action starts, some junior high girls (above) intently follow a critical play.

During district play Pam Rosebrook (lower left) signals from the bench for her teammates to call time. Pompon girl Jean McClanahan (left) is reflected on the gym floor as she performs in the half-time show.

Classes Feature Learning by Doing



Debbie Fields (above left) searches for an answer in history class, Debby Haley (above right) demonstrates how to drive a car in her speech class, Quincy Honaker (lower left) delicately dissects a frog in biology, Mark McCoy (lower right) um-pa-pahs at band rehearsal, and some freshman girls (right) practice gymnastics in the required physical education class.



Hands poised over a typewriter symbolize learning by doing.

No longer is the student the passive container into which the teacher pours knowledge. Yes, the lecture is alive and well at Pikeville High School, but it is A way to learn not THE way.

Seldom is only one voice raised in a classroom. In one class the student is an active participant in the discussions, arguments, and compromises that are necessary training for living in a democratic society. In another he experiments, practices, fails, starts again, and finally produces. He learns to drive that car, write that paragraph, make that dress, fashion that table.

In the process, hopefully, he learns something of himself: his limitations, his capabilities- -what he dare not dream, what he can dream to dare.





Students Interact in Classrooms



ed-u-ca-tion- (ed u ka shun) n. Discipline of mind . . . through study or introduction; also a stage of such a process or the training in it.

That is what Webster says, and education is found day by day in the discipline and routine of the classroom, in books, lectures, and experiments. But it doesn't stop with these. It goes on to relationships, behavior, and sharing. It teaches not only how to get by in life, but also how to get through life and enjoy it.

While learning that Thoreau wrote WALDEN and $y=mx+b$, students also learn how to work as a group, get along with others, and the importance of friends.

A problem in physics lab (upper left) challenges Steve Newsome and Jim Ratliff. Moreka Childers, Elizabeth Cabell, Debbie Jones, and Vivian Mullins (above) concoct some goodies in home ec. Ben Warf (far left) does map work in history. Anita Pinson (middle) works with oils in art class. Doug Goff and David Walters (left) cooperate on a project in industrial arts.



Keller, Pots, and Kilns



During the past two years Pikeville High School was the location of a pottery workshop conducted by Ms. Laura Keller. Ms. Keller, a professional potter from New York, came to Pikeville through the craftsman-in-residence program which is designed to bring art into students' lives. She was originally sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts and the Kentucky Arts Commission; her sponsorship for the second year was shared by the commission, the school board, and the Pikeville Arts and Crafts Association.

Ms. Keller taught pottery making, both wheel throwing and hand building. She and her students built a sawdust kiln, three raku kilns, and a salt kiln. They made field trips to the Penland School of Crafts in North Carolina and Berea College and a brick-finding trip to Soldier, Kentucky.

Among the guest craftsmen invited to the workshop were Wayne Ferguson and Adriane Swain, Lexington potters; Joellen Trilling, a dollmaker; and Rick Wyman, a former Keller student.

Those students and townspeople who saw Ms. Keller work and learned in her workshops were enriched by knowing her and by participating in the demanding and joyful process of creating.





Clockwise: Greg Stratton demonstrates the use of the pottery wheel. On the trip to Soldier, Kentucky, Wyatt Compton selects bricks for the salt kiln shown below during construction. The workers are visiting craftsmen Adriane Swain and Wayne Ferguson and PHS student Dwight Balser.

Joey Barone watches Laura Keller at the loom.

Fascinated students Pat Kitchen, Sharon Meadows, Laura Justice, and Jesse Salyers watch as Joellen Trilling forms a soft sculpture. Adriane and Wayne work with slab pots and pinch pots in the studio in Wright Hall.



Love Is Where You Find It . . .

Two by two- -wherever there was leaning or sitting space- -at the radiators, behind the doors, at the lockers, on the steps, huddled in a corner. As in a dance the partners were alone in a crowd, but the rhythm was the same. The heads were so close they were almost touching; the conversation, low and serious; the parting delayed until the last possible minute. This for weeks or months and then, as in a dance, partners changed. But the rhythm was the same.

Some of the couples seen around this year- -Kelson Littrell and Tammy Hobbs (upper left) pause between classes. Cam Robinson and Bobby Davis (upper middle) wait for the Homecoming parade to begin. Jennifer Morton and Tommy Waddell (upper right) dance the evening away. Libbi Justice and Johnny Sullivan (lower left) engage in some serious conversation. Three couples are discovered in a favorite loafing place (lower middle): Ricky Coleman and Katie Eagle, Valerie and Joe Dan VanHoose, Bill Staggs and Susan Allen. Kenny Childers and Wendy Watkins (lower right) pose in front of the junior high building.



And That's Almost Everywhere



JAWS-o-Mania

No doubt about it, this was the year of JAWS: the book, the movie, the album, the T-shirts, the take offs-“Land Shark,” “Jowls,” ad infinitum.

But if you looked closely, you saw more than the great white shark with an open mouth.

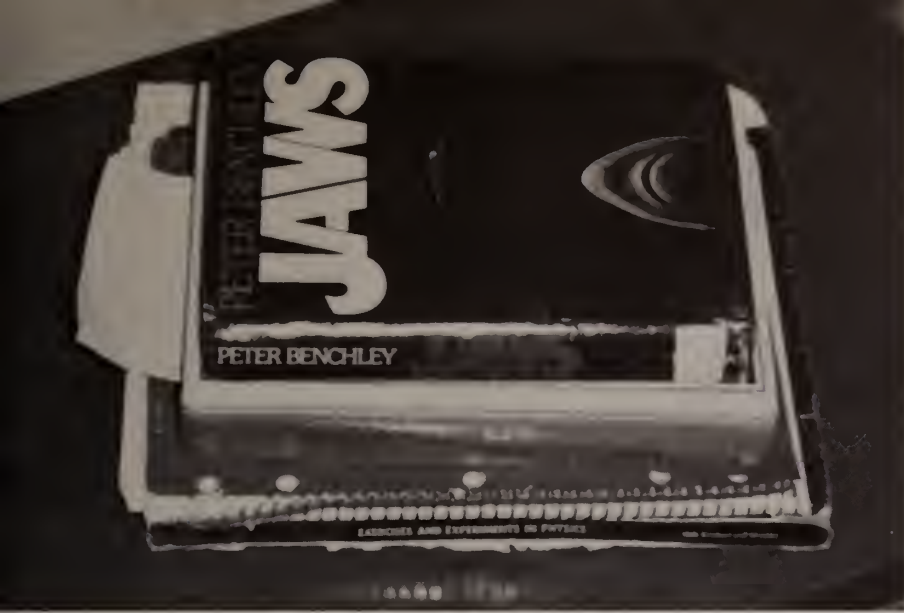


Jaws certainly get a workout during the noon break (top left) when Terry Scott, Beverly Keathley, Jamie Keene, and Kathy Stanley get together.

Tyrone Habern (top right) shows off his JAWS t-shirt.

A collective “Ah-h” seems to come from the crowd (below left) as Tommy Waddell and his Virgie opponents (right) go for the ball.





Well, no class is interesting ALL the time: witness Mike Silvey (middle left) in Speech and Drama.

Paul Caudill (middle right) bites into a hotdog at one of his favorite hang-outs, Pat's

Amy Black (lower left) opens wide as she joins the other cheerleaders in a sideline chant.

Glenda Kent (lower right) smiles as she and her little friend show off their corn-row hair styles.

Pikeville High School

Riley Scott

Above us and around us
God's hills eternal stand,
Symbolic of the glory
Of this, our native land,
Made richer by traditions
Of storied days of old,
Of pioneer and red-man
And deeds of Warriors bold.

Pikeville High, O Pikeville High,
Circled by thy verdant hills,
With thy azure mountain sky
Mirrored in thy mountain rills,
We, the children of thy breast,
Swear to love thee ever best.

The world awaits our coming
In office, fac'try, store,
And some of us shall leave thee
And see thy walls no more;
But firm stands our devotion
As life's long years roll by - -
We'll love thee and remember
Our dear old Pikeville High.

Pikeville High, O Pikeville High,
Where our youthful years we spend,
While the fleeting moments fly
Till our happy school days end,
This we know deep in each heart,
We shall leave but never part.

Reprinted from the 1930 Black Diamond.



Pikeville Subscription School, grades 1-8 (ca. 1900) T. M. Riddle, principal (middle).



This four-room brick building, constructed in 1890, was razed in 1914 to make way for the new building. Standing on the back row on the left in the doorway is Vernon Stump, the first graduate of Pikeville High School.

Sixty-Five Years of 'Fighting Ignorance'

T.W. Oliver, long-time superintendent of Pikeville City Schools, would become very upset when his teachers would anticipate the weekend. He would invariably admonish them and add, "I can't wait for Monday to come so I can fight ignorance!" and there was certainly ignorance to fight, because the educational level in the area was once quite low.

Pikeville, the county seat of Kentucky's largest and easternmost county, is bounded on three sides by the Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy River and on the fourth by the foothills of the Appalachian Mountain chain. In our day of modern communication and transportation it is difficult to imagine how isolated this area was in the early nineteenth hundreds. The approximately 500 people who lived in the town had virtually no contact with other areas. Those wishing to travel out of Pike County had to go by horse, wagon, or steamboat.

At this time there were only a handful of college educated or even high school educated teachers in Pike County. The teachers held certificates awarded on the basis of examinations given by the Kentucky Department of Education. After one completed the eighth grade, he could take the test and, if he passed, was given a four-, three-, two-, or one-year certificate depending on his level of competency.

In the last decade of nineteen hundred there were

several grade schools in Pike County, but only two high schools: Pikeville Collegiate Institute, which was the beginning of Pikeville College, and the Matthew T. Scott Academy at Phelps 52 miles from the county seat. Both of these schools were under the direction of the Presbyterian Church. The first passenger train had come up the valley in 1905 and with it came new ideas and a desire to move forward.

In 1911 a few high school classes were taught under the direction of T. J. Kendrick and J. M. Staton. According to an article which appeared in the 1941 Pike Hi News, "in 1911 the board of education set aside \$125.00 a month for the sole purpose of establishing a high school. In the same year M. F. Campbell, newly elected County Superintendent of Pike County, purchased a small lot on the banks of the Big Sandy River near Fifth Street on which to build a school. However, he was persuaded by H. H. Stallard, far-seeing county judge of that time, to sell the lot and to purchase the site of the present high school."

In 1914 the city and county boards decided to cooperate to construct a high school building; the location selected was the site of the Pikeville Grade School, a four-room brick building on the corner of Cline and Fourth Streets, which had been built about 1890 on land purchased from Richard Ferrell.

Teacher's County Certificate.

Class *First* Expires *June 25*, 19*18*.

LEGAL PROVISIONS — County certificates shall be first-class, second-class, or third-class, and shall apply only to the counts in which they are issued, and shall be good for four years, two years and one year, respectively. Third-class certificates shall not be issued more than once to the same person in any event. After July first, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four a certificate of the third-class shall not entitle the holder to teach in any district reporting fifty-five or more pupil children, nor shall a certificate of the second-class entitle the holder to teach in any district reporting seventy-five or more pupil children. A county certificate of the first-class shall require an average grade of eighty-five per centum upon a the subjects of the common school course, and upon the science and art of teaching, and the lowest grade in any subject shall shall not be less than sixty-five per centum. A county certificate of the second class shall require an average grade of seventy-five per centum and the lowest grade on any subject shall not be less than fifty-five per centum. A county certificate of the third class shall require an average grade of sixty-five per centum and the lowest grade on any subject shall not be less than fifty per centum. A person having taught for at least five years in the same county under first class certificates, obtained as hereinbefore provided, may have the last one renewed annually for four years by the County Superintendent, who shall write upon it "Renewed," sign officially and give date of such renewal. School Law, Sec. 138.

State of Kentucky, *Pike* County, ss.:
Reed J. Johnson having filed satisfactory evidence of *Unexceptionable* moral character and of required age, and having passed an examination in Spelling, Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, Grammar, English Composition, Geography, History of the United States, History of Kentucky, Physiology and Hygiene, Elements of Civil Government, and Science and Art of Teaching, with the results indicated below, is hereby granted a Certificate of Qualification to teach in the Common Schools of said County, for the term of *four* calendar years from date.

Spelling	90	Geography	87
Reading	89	History of the United States	87
Writing	86	History of Kentucky	
Written Arithmetic	67	Physiology and Hygiene	78
Mental Arithmetic		Elements of Civil Government	71
Grammar	86	Science and Art of Teaching	85
English Composition	84	General Average	80%

The holder is entitled to professional credit as indicated by answers of Examiners to these Questions:

1. How many months has he taught?
2. Does he read one or more Educational Journals?
3. Is he a member of the State Reading Circle?
4. Has he completed one course or more of the reading prescribed?

A. F. Childress — County Superintendent.
J. H. Leasbelle — Examiner.
J. H. Leasbelle — Examiner.
Pike — County, *June 25*, 19*18*

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(top left) R.S. Johnson's first class teacher's certificate was signed by A.F. Childress (or Childers) who was chairman of the City Board of Education when the high school building was constructed.

This 1918 diploma (top right) was signed by Fonso Wright, superintendent of Pike County Schools 1917-1930, and by T.J. Kendrick, the first superintendent of Pikeville High School.

(bottom) A view of Pikeville, Kentucky photographed in 1917 by J.I. Saad.



Kentucky



Public Instruction

SCHOOL DIPLOMA

*That G. C. Bevins
has duly prescribed by law for County
a satisfactory record as a student and
this diploma.*

*Whereof we have set our hands this
10 day of October 1918.
High School.
County.
e Course.*

*F. W. Wright
Superintendent of Public Instruction
County of
D. J. Kendrick
Superintendent of High Schools*

Building Begins

The men responsible for the new building were M.F. Campbell, county superintendent; T.J. Kendrick, city superintendent; H.E. Yates, J. Mont Bevins, John Coleman, T.J. Trent, W.W. Charles, T.E. Scott, W.O.B. Wright, G.A. Justice—members of the county board; and A.F. Childers, George Pinson, Jr., W.O.B. Cline, D.T. Keel, R.T. Huffman, F.T. Hatcher—members of the city board.

The boards bought additional land adjoining the campus, plans were drawn up, the contractor, the O.P. Raymond Company of Cynthiana, Kentucky, was selected, and in August of 1914 the lovely little brick school was razed to make way for the new building.

While the new building was being constructed, the children attended schools in various locations around the town. The younger children were taught by "Miss Jennie" (Mrs. Robert C.) Elliott in her home on College Street and by Mary Auxier at a Regular Baptist Church across the middle bridge (constructed in 1908) about where Reynold's Market now stands. Another group met at a lodge hall and still another, the older students, at the Northern Methodist Church building on Main Street, where the Church of Christ meets now.

In 1913 Cline Street and Scott Avenue were bricked, but it was several years before the street in front of the school was paved.



New Building Opens As Decade Ends

When the bell rang to signal the opening of the new school in the fall of 1915, approximately 150 students, grades 1 through 12, and 9 teachers began the school year. The superintendent was T.J. Kendrick and the principal was J.E. Shaw, Jr. All classes—elementary, secondary, and normal school—met in the same building.

The elementary rooms, presided over by Mrs. Fannie Rivers, Miss J.M. Paulett, Miss A.A. Hamlett, Miss Mae Elliott, and Mr. J.M. Staton, were on the main floor. The high school and normal classes taught by the superintendent, the principal, and Miss Sarah Christopher met on the second floor. Also on this floor on the back of the building was an auditorium with a crude stage at one end. Mrs. Otho Bentley taught music.

The basement housed the rest rooms and, surprisingly, the gymnasium.

The high school classes were 45 minutes long and the courses offered were Higher Arithmetic, Solid Geometry, Advanced Algebra, Physical Geography, Science, Physics, General History, Ancient History, English History, Civil Government, Latin I, Latin II, Caesar, Cicero, German, American Literature, Composition, and Rhetoric.

Professor Kendrick's records reveal that even though that was the "good ole days" he had discipline problems to deal with ranging from the general "misconduct" to the expected "talking and whispering," the amusing "using red pepper for a bad purpose," the violent "throwing rocks at teacher," and the enigmatic "using glass in room."

The superintendent also expected his teachers to read

"educational papers" and he recorded the ones who did along with the papers they read.

That first year in the new building there was only one senior, Vernon Stump. In recalling his experiences Mr. Stump, a retired Methodist minister, tells of his love for studies, his admiration for his teachers, and his lack of opportunity to "fudge" since there was no one to fudge from. He says that his graduation exercises were held at the Presbyterian Church. The entire student body of the high school filed in and sat on the front pew. The minister of the church, Dr. J. Russell Crawford, delivered an address and Judge Frank W. Stowers presented the first diploma from the Pike County and Pikeville High School.

During the years of World War I most of the young men left to serve their country; the class of 1919 consisted of three girls, according to Belle Elliott (Mrs. Charles) Moore who was the valedictorian of that class.

By the end of the decade Pikeville was beginning to grow rapidly. It had a busy rail traffic and coal fields were opened. There were telephones, a water system, an electric generating plant, and a hospital was being planned. With the new school building which a state inspector characterized as the "finest in the state" and the growing awareness of the need for education the stage was set for the arrival of a man who came to the mountains of Eastern Kentucky and never left, a man who for over a quarter of a century exerted untold influence on the educational scene in Pikeville and Pike County.

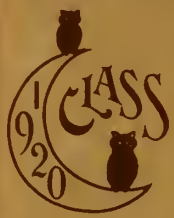
According to C.B. Hatcher, this was Pikeville High School's first basketball team. The players were Leon Williams, Vivion Meade, Claude Corbin, Bill Pinson, and Kelley Taylor. Shown with them is T.J. Kendrick, the school's first superintendent





Before 1923 basketball was played in the basement of the present high school building. According to Dr. L.M. Childers, "The court was of regulation size but the ceiling was quite low. Since all shots were banked against the backboard in those days, this wasn't much of a problem. There was little room for spectators; a row of benches lined each side-line and when the game started everyone had to stand on the benches to get their feet off the court!" The members of this 1917-1918 team were Earl "Beans" Cooper, George Bennett "Bingo" Elliott, Lincoln "Black" Nunnery, Vivion Meade, John Shaw (principal, science teacher, and coach), G.C. "Slim" Bevins, Claude "Rastus" Corbin, Clyde "Slick" Corbin, and Frank "Greasy" Reynolds.

During this period the elementary grades met on the first floor, but they came upstairs to the auditorium to put on special programs, as the first grade class did in 1918. The members of this class were Herman Ford, Marion Corbin, James Hoskins, Jack Johnson, Rush Coleman, James Miller, Robert Gantz, John Ramsey, Arthur McClelland, Leslie Childers, Pearl Mayo, Martha Cline Preston, Edith Wayland, Clarissa Williams, Marie Robinson, Nancy Elliott, Charlene Coleman, Lucille Cecil, Louise Morris, Gladys Morris, and Gladys Milam.



Class of Nineteen and Twenty
 Pikeville High School
 Commencement Exercises
 Friday evening, May the fourteenth
 at eight o'clock
 High School Auditorium

Class Motto:
 VINCI QUI SE VINCET

Class Roll:

- ERROLL COOPER
- CLYDE CORBIN
- GEORGE BENNETT ELLIOTT
- ORRISON GOFF
- JENNIE BLANCHE HATCHER
- KATHERINE MELINDA LOWE
- BESS ALICE OWENS
- JOE DAVIS MEADE

Class Colors:
 BLUE AND GOLD

Class Flower:
 WHITE ROSE



Most of those attending summer school in 1921 (right) were teachers. The class of 1922 (below) had five graduates: Mae Ratliff, Lynchie McGuire, Lena Darby, Mable Picklesimer, and Homer Owens. According to The News of June 2, 1922, "Due to the almost even race of the class and their democratic taste, the usual honors of the Valedictorian and Salutatorian were not awarded."





The students and faculty presented Pike High's first operetta in 1921.

Mr. Oliver Arrives in the Twenties

Tybee William Oliver was born in 1881 at Sturgis, Kentucky. A graduate of the University of Chicago where he was awarded both the B.S. and M.A. degrees, he continued his education by earning a diploma in school superintendence at Columbia University. In his long career, he served as a principal, superintendent, a professor of education at Morehead State Teachers' College, and as a director of summer schools for the State Department of Education. It was in this last capacity that he came to Pike County. He was hired by the Pikeville City Board of Education as a teacher in 1922 and was named superintendent in 1923 to succeed O.L. Mullikin who had replaced T.J. Kendrick. In some early records he is referred to as principal and in others as superintendent, but he seems to have served as both from the first.

The board that hired Mr. Oliver was composed of four men and two women: W.M. Ramsey was the chairman of the board and the other members were Mrs. J.W. Vicars, Miss Ella Keel, M. Clell Justice, Richard Thompson, and George Coleman. At this time the superintendent of the County Board of Education was Fonso Wright who had been elected to that position in 1917 and would serve until 1930.

Among the teachers working with Mr. Oliver were P.K. Damron, Mary Elizabeth Michael, Catherine Hendricks, Mrs. T.W. Oliver, Patty Richmond, Bessie Owens, and Mrs. Emma Johnson.

The population of Pikeville and Pike County was growing and with it the school enrollment. Mr. Oliver, a tireless recruiter for the school, rode a horse up the hollows and creek beds of the county encouraging teachers and promising students to continue their education.

To provide for a broader sports program and to free the basement for classes, the board that hired Mr. Oliver built a gymnasium in 1923. The facility, a white frame building erected behind and to the right on the Cline Street side of the school building, cost \$5,000. It was heated by potbellied coal stoves. There were tiers of seats rising from the playing floor and these were covered by balconies on the two long sides for additional seating. The gym was further described in the 1925 Pike County Annual: "The floor made from A-1 white oak, is seventy by forty-five feet. The ends of the gymnasium have been thoroughly padded to break the shock of hard plays. In short, the gymnasium floor is one of the best in the state."

In 1923 Chester Clark was hired as director of athletics. Until this time, sports had been a rather haphazard affair at the Pikeville and Pike County High School. Both boys and girls played basketball, but students who had practiced in a basement room could hardly compete with teams that had gyms, and poor roads made traveling to meet schedules difficult.

This 1924 team was the first to represent Pikeville High School at the state basketball tournament. Front row: Lundy Morris, Jim Ramsey, George Ramsey, Graham Hatcher. Second row: Hart Jones, Frank Owens, Cack Hatcher. Top row: Clancy Picklesimer, Coach Chester Ray "Chick" Clark.



Pikeville's first football team, coached by John Tuitt, on its first day of practice. Cack Hatcher's comment: "Boy, it was dusty!" Seated: Hart Jones, Bud Orstendorf, Jack Johnson, Hooker Phillips, Cack Hatcher, Frank Owens. Standing: Squanto Atkins, Graham Hatcher, Lundy Morris, Kermit Miller, Red Walters, Dutch Bryant, Bryant Corbin, Cullen Varney, Coach John Tuitt.



Students Engage in a Variety of Activities

Principal John Shaw had coached an early basketball team, as had George Tinsley, a preacher for the Christian Church, who was not even associated with the school in an official capacity. Another early coach was W.M. Wesley who was principal and science teacher. The early teams had paid for their uniforms and travel expenses either out of own pockets or with help from local businessmen. They did not have regular schedules but played whomever and whenever they could.

With the arrival of Chester "Chick" Clark and the completion of the gym, the sports program took a dramatic upswing. In the 1923-24 season the Pikeville Panthers became the county champions and took the maroon and white to the state basketball tournament. They left Pikeville by train on a special car decorated with bunting and traveled to Lexington where they drew and were eliminated by Fort Thomas.

Although the team had had an enthusiastic following they were still short of money because all their gate receipts had been turned over to the general school fund. The next year the team had a separate account and a local businessman, J.A. Runyon, was named business manager.

That season the Panthers, coached by John Tuitt, again went to the state tournament. While there they received a telegram at the half-time of the Pikeville-Manual game asking them to play in a national invitational tournament arranged in Chicago by Alonza Staggs. The team had the money to make the trip but it would have been an expensive one, and the boys voted to use the money to organize a football team at the school the following year instead.

As a result the Panthers fielded their first football team in the fall of 1925 and lost their first game to Logan, West Virginia 77-0.

Mr. Oliver was always interested in ways to make extra money for the school. In 1925, he asked Miss Pauline Morrow (Mrs. A.G. Osborne), seventh grade teacher and school drama coach, to have a play "next week." Miss Morrow protested that she did not have enough time to produce a play but assured him that she would think of something. She conceived the idea of a Halloween Carnival with games which the children would pay to play and booths for selling food. Among the attractions were a haunted house, a fortune teller, a pond to "fish" in, and a cakewalk.

The evening was climaxed with two events. One was a Tom Thumb Wedding with a first grade bride and groom and all their attendants and guests. The other was the crowning of the king and queen of the carnival. Each junior high and high school level nominated a candidate for king and queen and then worked to earn money to get its nominee crowned, the winners being those who raised the most money.

Miss Morrow's first carnival was so successful that it made over two thousand dollars for the general fund, and the gala was an annual event for over forty years. Now the only part of the carnival which persists is the Tom Thumb Wedding presented by the elementary school each spring.

The continued growth of the student body had so filled the "white frescoed building," as Mr. Stump calls it, that it was too small to house all the grade levels that had started in it; therefore, according to the 1925 Pike County annual "it has become necessary to erect a primary building on the same school site [next to the gymnasium and facing Cline Street] in order that the little people might give their place to the large body of high school students."

A significant development of 1925 was the organizing of a business department to meet the demand for well-trained office help in the county. Dr. J.H. Mullin organized the department; he left in the spring of 1926 and Arthur L. Danburg of St. Lawrence, South Dakota, came to take charge of the department. The classes were open to adults as well as regular students. The business curriculum consisted of one year's intensive training in shorthand (one period each day), bookkeeping (two periods), one-half year of business English (one period), and penmanship. By 1930 the yearbook states that the business department was equipped with "35 Underwood typewriters and a Burrough's adding machine, mimeograph, mimeoscope, and thirty comfortable bookkeeping desks." The write-up goes on to say if only a small percentage of the young people made use of what they were learning, the department would more than pay for itself because "the cost of maintenance is not over \$3,000 per year, which would not equal the earning power of a single student for two years after he goes to work."

Under the direction of Mr. Danburg, a school newspaper was published for the first time in 1926. The early paper was called Pikeville High Spots, but by 1930 it had been renamed Pike Hi (or High) News. Originally from 4-14 pages, in 1929 it began appearing in a magazine form of 12-20 pages with a colored cover.

Music was an important part of Pikeville High's curriculum from the beginning. According to Miss Eulah Jackson, who received her elementary and secondary education in the city schools and later was a teacher in the system retiring only last year, one of the earliest public school music teachers was Miss Emma Tackleberry; she was followed by Russell O. Dufour.

In 1921, Miss Jackson says, a director, a Mr. Rich, was brought from New York to direct and act in the first operetta (picture page 23) ever presented at the school. Miss Jackson played the piano for the production which was about John Smith and Pocahontas.



Mr. John Lewis, director, (right above) and Mr. Ed Burke, band manager, stand proudly with the first Pikeville High School Band which was organized in the fall of 1925.

Band Travels to Council Bluffs, Iowa

Pikeville did not have a band until the fall of 1925 when Mr. John Lewis was hired by the city board. Mr. Lewis, a native of South Wales, came to Canada in 1907. After organizing several fine bands and orchestras in that country, he moved to the United States in 1921. Mr. Lewis's first band in Pike County was in the Wolfpit area. Later the Kiwanis Club invited him to come to Pikeville to direct a community band. The school board was so impressed with his work that he was employed to organize and instruct a band at the high school.

In 1927, Mr. Lewis took the Pikeville High School band, which had been organized only one year, to Lexington to take part in the state music contest. There they competed with class A bands and placed second. The Louisville Male High band, fourth place winner of the National Band Contest of 1926, received first place for the second consecutive year.

Male, however, was unable to make the trip to the na-

tional contest, so the citizens of Pikeville under the leadership of Ed Burke, the band's business manager, raised the money for the Pikeville band to make the trip to Council Bluffs, Iowa. The group traveled in two train cars; one car was a pullman and the other was a half-pullman and half-luggage car to accommodate all the instruments. The band received third place in sight reading by playing a difficult piece, "The Burning of Rome," according to John Ramsey one of the group who made the trip. In 1928 Mr. Lewis and the band again won second place in the state contest.

In 1926 a piano department was organized by Mrs. Sidney M. Moore, an eminently qualified teacher who had been an accompanist for William E. VonOtto, a leading violinist of the day. Mrs. Moore was trained in dramatics and for three years also taught expression at Pikeville. In addition to her duties at school she played the piano at the theater during silent films.

Wright Hall, Orations, and Senior Day

The roads in the county were still poor; it was necessary for the students who came to town to school to board with townspeople who would open their homes to them. In the 1925 Pike County Annual Mr. Oliver wrote in a feature called "Educational Outlook" that Fonso Wright, the county superintendent, had proposed a \$200,000 school bond for November "to finish a building program begun during the war years." It was further stated that two large fireproof dormitories would be constructed for the county boys and girls.

Two pieces of property were bought for this purpose: one, across the railroad tracks where the Episcopal Church building now stands, was to be used for a boys' dorm, but this was never built; the other was the stately home of James A. Sowards on the Scott Avenue side of the high school building.

The house was named Wright Hall in honor of Superintendent Wright. It opened as a dormitory in the fall of 1926 with Miss Catherine Hendricks, an English teacher, as advisor of girls and Miss Carey Clark, the home economics teacher, as supervisor of food purchase and preparation. Miss Ina Hendricks was directly responsible for the preparation of food.

The girls were charged \$15 each month and were expected to clean, wash dishes, or cook one hour each day to learn homemaking skills.

The eighteen girls who enrolled at the first of the year were joined by eighteen others during the term. Soon the facilities were not adequate to meet the needs of incoming students so three cottages were rented and Miss Rebecca Lewis, who was a teacher and senior sponsor from 1925 until 1951, Miss Irene Brown, a mathematics teacher, and Mrs. Ben Bevins were added to the supervisory staff. When the

number of boarding students totaled eighty, the board implemented the plans drawn by O.J. Dean to build the addition to Wright Hall. The contract was awarded to the W.S. Britton Company of Huntington, West Virginia. With the completion of the \$140,000 three-story brick addition, Wright Hall had sixty double bedrooms, five recreation rooms, five service rooms, and five bathrooms.

In 1927 the practice of having each junior and senior present an original oration was started. The first oration was given by Irvin Lowe who later (1930-1934) served as Pike County Superintendent and still later (1934-1945) as a history teacher at Pikeville High School.

That same year, perhaps as a relief from the onerous task of preparing their orations, the student body pulled a prank which was to become a tradition. On April Fool's Day afternoon, the entire student body except for a few girls skipped school. According to Mr. and Mrs. A.G. McCown, who were juniors that year, they crowded into cars and rode around the school and around town shouting and yelling. Tiring of this, they stormed the theater without paying and milled around until the manager, J.I. Saad, flashed on the screen, "That's all folks." The students finally went outside where Mr. Saad lined them all up and took their picture.

Periodically the entire student body gathered outside on the school grounds for a picture-taking session. The poster reproduced on the next two pages shows such a group along with pictures and write-ups about some of the faculty. These posters were distributed throughout the area (ca. 1926) to encourage students, teachers, and other adults to continue their education.

The building to the immediate left of the high school building (page 28) is the gym; the one on the far left is the elementary building.



Class of 1926

LOCATION AND FACILITIES, PKEVILLE, KENTUCKY



John Lewis
Bass and Oracles

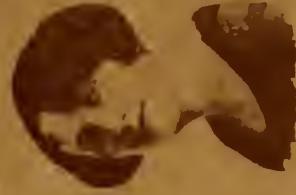
A
**HIGH SCHOOL
EDUCATION
IS WORTH
FROM \$20,000
TO \$36,000**



Chester R. Clark
Mathematics and Athletics

Mr. Clark has few equals in the fields of mathematics and athletics. He received the First County High School Sports Fellowship. He is credited with the school's success in the state and national contests. He has been a member of the state and national athletic associations. He has been a member of the state and national mathematics associations.

**ONE OF THE
STRONGEST
HIGH SCHOOL
FACILITIES
IN**



Mrs. Sidney M. Moore
Piano

She has been a member of the state and national piano associations. She has been a member of the state and national music associations. She has been a member of the state and national art associations.

who love music should take advantage of this opportunity. An A-1 instructor has been employed for piano music. Students will have the advantage of receiving instruction on most any instrument which they want to play.

As you no doubt realize, your father and mother have had no such competition as you will have twenty years from the present time. Get ready to meet these problems by acquiring high school education.

Let me hear from you. Kindly give me the names of those who want to teach. Take a letter to our office or should be in high school. **T. W. OLIVER, Principal, Pikeville, Kentucky.**

Typewriting, shorthand, bookkeeping, etc. He graduated from college with praise in business administration. In short, few have made better college records than he. In addition to his excellent college training, he has had four years of office experience with large business concerns.

Business students from the Pikeville High School are holding some of the most responsible positions in this part of Kentucky. From high school to a business office is a big step, but it will be easily done from our commercial department.

Prof. John Lewis, a famous band master and orchestra leader, will have charge of the music department of the Pikeville High School. Those



Agnes Scott
B. S.

Domestic Science and Art
Mrs. Agnes Scott is a native of Paducah, one of the best homes in the South. She is a member of the state and national domestic science associations. She is a member of the state and national art associations. She is a member of the state and national music associations.

**WE WANT
YOU
TUITION IS
ABSOLUTELY**

**COOKING
AND
SEWING
WILL BE GIVEN
BY AN A-1
INSTRUCTOR**



Irene Brown
A. B., A. M.

Mathematics
Mrs. Brown is one of the best teachers in the state. She has been a member of the state and national mathematics associations. She has been a member of the state and national art associations.

**PROF. DANBURG
WILL TEACH
BOOKKEEPING,
SHORTHAND,
AND**



Leon Childers
A. B.

History and English
Mr. Leon Childers, graduated from Transylvania University, the oldest west of the Allegheny Mountains and one of the best. In addition, he has received national recognition.



Leon Childers coached the girls' basketball team in 1926-27. The girls, modestly attired in black sateen bloomers, were (first row, left to right) Joyce Blackburn, Esta Mae Ratliff, Gypsy Childers, Maxine Vanover; (second row) Gladys Morris, Vivian Cooper, Pauline Cooper, and Katie May Elliott.

The girl drinking from a bucket after a hike in the country is Sally Baker, a nurse, who became a school board member in the fifties.

Among the group on the bridge are Helen Johnson (left) and Faye Weddington (right).





The Freshman Class of 1929



Except for home entertainment and school functions, recreation was limited in the twenties. The young people enjoyed hiking, loafing on the lower bridge (far left), picnicking at Initial Rock, and walking on the railroad tracks. One popular hangout was Nave and Wiley's Drug Store on Division Street.

Although Howard Nolan's school sweater is as modern as today, his sister Davie's knickers and Martha Chandler's rolled hose were typically twenties.

The Class of 1927



The Class of 1928

New Building Ready for Students in 1915

By 1928 the school population had increased to the point that a new elementary building was needed. The Pikeville City Board—President W.M. Ramsey, George W. Coleman, Dr. M.D. Flanary, A.R. Venters, J.J. Johnson, and A.S. Corbin—decided to build a brick building behind the high school and facing Scott Avenue. This building was constructed by the W.T. Huffman and Campbell Johnson Company, O.S. Batten, engineer. On the third floor was a one-thousand seat auditorium which was named Ramsey Auditorium in honor of the president of the school board. The students in classes in the 1928-29 school year studied to the sound of hammers and saws, but the building was completed by the year's end and the members of the class of 1929, the first to wear caps and gowns, were also the first to occupy the senior seats and graduate in the new facility. All Pikeville High School classes graduated there for the next twenty years.

As the decade drew to a close, Pikeville City Schools had five buildings and in 1929 Superintendent Oliver was the president of the Eastern Kentucky Educational Association.

A young man named Ernest Elkins joined the janitorial staff and began his seemingly endless battle with litter and the furnace.

The Pantherettes, led by Lucille Wheeler, the all-tournament center for District 32, were the champions of the Pike-Floyd Tournament. The school's first yearbook, *The Black Diamond*, was published in the 1929-30 school year. The music department under the direction of D.E. Haley consisted of a minstrel group, a girls' glee club, a boys' glee club, a drum and bugle corps, an orchestra, and instrument classes. There were several clubs, the most popular being the Bible study groups. The Boys' Hi-Y Bible Club, to which every boy in the school belonged, had the highest rating in the state and was presented a trophy through Mr. Oliver at a meeting of the Kentucky Educational Association.

By this time, eleven high schools had been established in Pike County and 1300 students were enrolled in them; of these, half were attending Pikeville High School of which a state school inspector said, "This is the best high school in the state."



Mr. Oliver was always teased about wearing a straw hat eleven months out of the year, but here he waves a derby as he clowns with some faculty members.



The Class of 1929

The class of 1929 was the first to graduate in Ramsey Auditorium and the first to wear caps and gowns.

Enrollment Increases in the Thirties

In 1930 the Weddington Theater advertised in the yearbook movies "You see, and you hear," the Roger Brothers Motor Company sold a Chevrolet for \$565, Hames Tailoring could supply a suit from \$25 up, and New Grocery Store and Meat Market was urging its customers to "tune in your radio on station K.W.K.H. and hear Mr. W.H. Henderson, the man who is waking up the U.S.A. against the Chain Store Evil." Hefner Brothers was suggesting gifts of jewelry for the graduate, one could call number 4 to reach the Ryan-Epperson Funeral Home, people came from all over to read the Hatcher Hotel walls, and the country was in a depression.

In spite of the depression the enrollment of Pikeville High School continued to increase. All through the thirties, the graduating classes would number close to or above one hundred. The increase in the number of grade school students necessitated the use of three rooms in the old white frame primary building on Cline Street; the elementary enrollment grew from 400 in 1924 to 1100 in 1934.

In this year Mr. Oliver was re-elected to Eastern Kentucky Education Association's Board of Directors, but when Christmas came around, he abandoned the role of the serious educator and played Santa Claus for Wright Hall's annual party. He and all the school's boosters were proud that the school's program was accredited by the Southern Association.

The curriculum was improved with the addition of two more vocational courses, commercial sewing and auto mechanics. The Morrison Unit was introduced in the high school and was explained in the Pike Hi News: "The subjects are broken up into teachable divisions called units, each covering some definite phase of the material of the course." Classtime was increased to an hour.

During this time the junior high was departmentalized. The teachers were Miss Elizabeth Owen, Mrs. Ray Hughes, and Mrs. Georgia Casebolt.

Mr. Danburg, who had stopped teaching to go into business and had been replaced by Earl M. Bruce, returned to the high school in 1934. He continued to sponsor the school publications. The newspaper, which consistently was rated among the ten best mimeographed school papers in the United States by the National Mimeograph Exchange, sold for 2¢; and the mimeographed yearbook was priced at 75¢ for students and teachers and \$1.00 to those outside school.

The Debating Society which had been organized in 1926 by Coach Clark continued under C.C. Smallwood, a math teacher. His wife, Flossie, taught science.

The school band, under the direction of John Burnham, numbered 60 in 1934, and wore their new uniforms proudly.

William Conkwright had coached the ball teams in the early thirties; he was replaced by Cassius B. Hatcher, a hometown boy who returned to his alma mater in 1933 and stayed until 1944. In the fall of 1934 the Belfry Pirates made the Panthers "walk the plank to the tune of 8-0," the first time in the school's history, according to the Pike Hi News, that a Pikeville High School football team had been defeated by another Pike County team.

In 1936 the school system had an electric bell and clock system installed. The device was won by Bruce Walters, a senior that year, who was awarded first place in an essay contest sponsored by International Business Machines Company.

Under the guidance of Arthur L. Danburg (second row, second from left) this 1930 group compiled the school's first yearbook and called it *The Black Diamond*.





K. H. S. A. A. Certificate of Eligibility

This Is To Certify, that the students whose names appear below are eligible to represent the _____ High School under the rules given in the By-Laws of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association.

The _____ High School is a member of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association and has paid dues of \$5.00 for year 193__ 193__.

NAME OF CONTESTANT	BIRTH RECORD		Date of Enlistment This Semester	No. of Semesters in High School Including This Semester	No. of Semesters at This School Including This Semester	No. of Subjects Completed Last Semester	No. Subjects Failed Last Semester	No. Years in High School at This School, Including Progress Semesters
	Mo. & Day and Year	City or County and State						
Lucile Wheeler	11/2/17	Pike Co.	1/15	2	2	4	0	1
Lucile Thomas	1/1	" "	1/1	1	1	4	0	2
Lucile Thomas	4/2/1	" "	1/16	1	1	4	0	1
Lucile Thomas	1/4/18	" "	1/15	2	1	4	0	1
Lucile Thomas	1/14/1	Pike Co.	1/16	1	1	4	0	1
Lucile Thomas	3/12/15	" "	1/15	1	1	4	0	1
Lucile Thomas	6/5/15	Pike Co.	1/15	0	0	4	0	1
Lucile Thomas	7/14/14	" "	1/15	1	1	4	0	1
Lucile Thomas	1/14/13	" "	1/15	1	1	4	0	1
Lucile Thomas	1/1/11	" "	1/15	1	1	4	0	1
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Lucile Thomas	1/1/11	" "	1/15	1	1	4	0	1

*Basket Ball
1932-33*



The 1930 Pantherettes (top), the last girls' team until 1975, were the winners of the Pike-Floyd Tournament. Lucile Wheeler, second from left on the first row, was the All-Tournament center from District 32.

The co-eds above model their 1930 class sweaters and the latest fashion in shoes. On the right is Pluma Damron who taught at Pikeville Junior High from 1937 to 1972.

Issued for game on *7-6-10-11-1933*
Pikeville HS vs Pikeville HS
 Signed *[Signature]*
 Principal *[Signature]*
 Our passing grade is *75* per cent.

When Mr. Oliver signed this basketball eligibility sheet in 1933, the passing grade was 75 percent.

Busing Begins; Building Continues

During the thirties Wright Hall continued to operate at near capacity, but the county made it possible for some students to be enrolled who did not board in town by providing transportation. A bus, which seated only 25, went up the river to Millard picking up 48 and then made a trip down-river to Boldman to carry another 46.

The students at the high school organized a Pep Club in 1936 to cheer for Coach Hatcher's boys in maroon and white. The Pep Club officers were the cheerleaders. The offices of this first group were senior Ralph Johnson, president; junior Katherine Smith, vice-president; the assistant cheerleaders were sophomore William Ewers and freshman Margaret Ann Scott.

Two of the cheers were:

P.H.S.—P.H.S.
Big Coach sits in his tepee.
Cheering braves to victory.
P.H.S.—P.H.S.
Swamp 'em, Swamp 'em
Get their wampum
P.H.S.

Squads left! Squads right!
Panthers hit 'em,
Panthers fight!
Ready! Aim! Fire! Boom!
Gang-way (Opponents),
Give us room!

During this decade another school building was erected in the Pikeville system. The school for Negro students, a two room wooden building across the river from town, burned in 1934. Classes were taught in churches until, according to a letter from William R. Cummings, principal of the school from 1929-1945, "with the leadership of Superintendent T.W. Oliver and aid from the U.S. Government a beautiful new two story school building was erected. The stone block building was made from rock cleared and shaped from the hillsides of the Pikeville vicinity." The old school had been called Northside High, but the new was named the Perry A. Cline School for a former judge from Pikeville who had served in the state legislature and was instrumental in securing an appropriation for the school.

The students entered the new building in 1937. One of the first graduates was Walta Mae Duncan who returned to teach there from 1943 until 1964 and is now a first grade teacher at Pikeville Elementary.

In 1937 the band, which had been inactive, was reorganized by Cecil Wallace and by 1939 had 45 members.

The library now contained 3100 volumes and Elizabeth Owens Compton, who had been teaching in the junior high department, became the librarian and keeper of the study hall.





The manager of the 1934 football team (page 36), John Paul Compton, was also on the staff of the school newspaper and year-book; he is now managing editor of the Pike County News.



During the thirties the school newspaper consistently ranked among the nation's top ten mimeographed publications. The Pike High News staff of 1936 (above) worked under the direction of Myrtle Howard (left) and Arthur Danburg (right).



The 1936 auto mechanics class built a 40-passenger steel bus and rebuilt the wrecked Chevrolet shown in the insets.

FOOTBALL

Coach Hatcher's 1935 football squad was undefeated and won the Big Sandy Valley Conference Championship for the first time in P.H.S. history. One of the members of that team was Charles Wesley "Dutch" Ishmael (below) who went on to play at the University of Kentucky and with the Detroit Lions.

The Panthers were also undefeated in 1936; and in 1937 when they did lose the first game in two seasons, they scored 129 points to their opponents 65 and came in second in the conference.



According to the December 1936 Pike 11i News, the 1937 basketball team had new equipment. A device called "The Bask-O-Lite" was installed in the gymnasium. When the ball went through the hoop, a metal trap door was sprung causing a whirring noise and the flashing of three red lights; its purpose was to eliminate any doubt as to whether a basket had been scored or not.





Mr. Oliver Forgets

“And uh—and, uh—and—,” stammered Mr. Oliver in chapel Thursday morning when he was repeating the Lord’s Prayer. “I’ve forgotten it!”

. . . He managed to stagger through the prayer somehow, the students and teachers blindly following.

When at last the prayer was finished, Mr. Oliver wiped his perspiring face, which was radiant after the severe ordeal, and told a story of a professor at the University of Chicago who always carried a copy of the Lord’s Prayer in his pocket to use when he forgot . . .

Maybe he can sympathize with the orators now when they forget.

Pike Hi News, March 1937



The library assistants circulated books while Elizabeth Compton (second row on left) kept the peace in study hall.

Ball Teams Lead Conference in '38





Mr. Danburg's shorthand course was only one of several classes taught in the thirties designed to prepare the student to be self-supporting when he graduated from high school.

The 1938 football team was scored against only twice: once in a 19-0 loss to Logan and once in a 6-6 tie with Matewan. They were first in the Big Sandy Valley Conference. The basketball team tied for first in the conference that same year. During both seasons cheerleaders Margaret Ann Scott and Pett Lemon kept "truckin' on down" for the Panthers.



KEA Elects T. W. Oliver President

In 1936 the school publications received three first place awards from the Kentucky High School Press Association: Best Mimeographed Paper, Best Mimeographed Annual, and Best Editorial. That same year a Pikeville student, Paul Nestor, was elected to serve as the association secretary. In 1938 The Black Diamond received a superior rating from the National Duplicated Paper Associates, and in 1939 one of the honors the paper received was being named the best mimeographed paper in Kentucky by KHSPA.

In 1938 a new hobby club program was initiated. There were 16 clubs which met during activity period on Wednesdays. Each was sponsored by a faculty member, and every student was required to join at least one club.

In 1938 the Pikeville representatives guided by C.C. Smallwood won first place in the district speech competition.

The football team, which had been the Big Sandy Valley Conference Champs in 1935, were first in 1938 and won first place again in 1939. That same year the basketball team, winners of the 1938 57th District Tournament, tied with Inez for first in the Big Sandy Conference. That year, too, the Pikeville Kiwanis sponsored the first Key Club and Phil Young was its president.

According to the 1939 Black Diamond, the members

of the high school faculty were: Rebecca Lewis, foreign language; Irvin Lowe, history, geography, and civics; Garland Stratton, science; Mrs. Joe Vicars, home economics; Irene Syck, history; John Scott Jr., assistant coach, science, and arithmetic; Mrs. D.W. Howard, English; Mrs. C.C. Smallwood, science; C.D. Wallace, band and orchestra; Hersil Johnson, auto mechanics; Cassius B. Hatcher, athletic director and economics; Ella Duffey, music; Mrs. Perry Compton, librarian; Loudon A. Sanders, commerce; Agnes Scott, English and home economics; Mrs. Marvin Ratliff, English; Mrs. James Ramsey, Mrs. Helen Meador, Mrs. Ray Hughes, and Miss Pluma Damron, junior high.

On the lighter side, the annual April Fool's Day high jinks had evolved into a Senior Day. For a time the seniors had dressed like children, but in 1939 Senior Day became Dogpatch Day and the skipping students dressed like characters in Al Capp's comic strip.

After school the kids met at the Jingle Inn or the Sweet Shoppe to eat 5¢ hamburgers and hotdogs and discuss the 1939 crowning of the first Varsity Queen, Vivian Kaminski.

To climax an exciting decade, Mr. Oliver's accomplishments were recognized by his peers when he was elected president of the Kentucky Education Association for 1938-39.

The Class of 1936

Boy Scholastic Leaders:

first, Jack DuPuy;

second, Billy Bevins

Girl Scholastic Leaders:

first, Bess Keith Hayes;

second, Ellen Thornbury

The Class of 1938

Boy Scholastic Leaders:

first, Rex Cheek;

second, Marvin B. Sword

Girl Scholastic Leaders:

first, Jo Wanda Tune;

second, Norma Lewis



The Class of 1931

The Class of 1932



The Class of 1933

The Class of 1934



The Class of 1935

Boy Scholastic Leader: Joe Stephenson
Girl Scholastic Leader: Grace Cooper

The Class of 1937

Boy Scholastic Leader: Leonard Stephens
Girl Scholastic Leader: Juanita Robinson



The Class of 1939

Boy Scholastic Leaders: first, Joe Thornbury; second, Ed Pruitt
Girl Scholastic Leaders: first, Gaynelle Deskins; second, Theo Hurley,
Virginia Pineur, and Ione White.



War Years Have Impact on School Life

When the forties began much of the world was at war, but from reading the Pike Hi News and the yearbooks one would gather that things were fairly normal here at school.

The fall term opened in 1940 with the largest enrollment up to that time; there were 492 in the high school and 176 in the junior high. The big news that fall was the new, lighted football field. The group of businessmen who organized the Pikeville Athletic Association leased Fiddler's Field on the South Mayo Trail and sold \$1.25 season tickets good for seven home games to help pay for the lights. In the first game on the new field the Panthers, wearing their fine new uniforms, downed Chatteroy, West Virginia 21-0.

Mr. Oliver still dominated the school scene. Always on the run, sometimes followed by a harried salesman trying to get him to be still long enough to hear a salespitch, he was in the halls and in and out of school rooms. At recess he would walk on the school ground with a child holding each hand and others hanging on his coat tail. As the classes marched out the big front door, Mr. Oliver, arms crossed, would stand on a chair in front of the office, watching, we were sure, each individual as he filed out. As the classes crowded into chapel, perhaps to one of the 5¢ lyceum programs, Mr. Oliver would stride back and forth across the stage; and after the program would, with an absolutely straight face, instruct the seniors to "rise and pass out." Always a Pike High booster, he would agonize when his team appeared to be losing. Unable to watch, he would leave the game and pace outside.

But in 1941 he could enjoy the football games as Pike High lost only once and ranked first in the Big Sandy Valley Conference.

That fall the first Student Council, headed by Bruce Elliott, immediately became active by appointing several committees: one assigned monitors to "police the corridors" and report disorderly conduct and ask for hall passes; one met with a group of teachers to plan chapel programs; a third helped new students get acquainted with the school; and

another patrolled the streets around school at noon and after dismissal.

That year a new heating system was installed in the high school building, Coach Hatcher was runner-up in the Courier-Journal poll for Coach-of-the-Year, Dorothy Bashara and John Paul Blair were crowned queen and king of the Halloween Carnival, and "Lard" Anderson was named an all-state football player.

But all normalcy was shattered on that Sunday morning, December 7, 1941. The Pike Hi News editorialized: "We must all fight for our country which is so dear to our hearts, especially at this time. Our young men should enlist in the army and navy; our girls should take their place among the Red Cross . . ."

The state scholastic contests were discontinued for the "duration of the war." The school did its part: going on War Time, classes began at nine o'clock; the Key Club collected old toothpaste and shaving cream tubes; Mr. Oliver took groups out in the county to gather scrap metal; and ads appeared in the school paper encouraging students to buy defense stamps. Pikeville families learned to deal with sugar rationing, gas rationing, and shoe rationing, but gathered at Ramsey Auditorium to join in rousing Victory Sings. The old primary building became a center for bandage folding. Women saved their precious silk hose for momentous occasions and donned the hated rayons for everyday. Almost every family had a victory garden and women who had never done home canning learned how.

After the spring of 1942, the school paper and yearbook were discontinued because of the paper shortage; but in this, Mr. Wallace's last year, the band did compete in the State Music Festival and were awarded a superior rating. Three individuals—Cecil Wallace, John Paul Runyon, and Emma Jo Bowles—also received superior and were eligible for the National Festival.



The early football teams played at the site of the present athletic field, but moved to Fiddler's Field in 1940 where they played until the fall of 1948, according to Doug Ridenour. The 1940 football team opened the season in new uniforms at a new field and were enthusiastically

supported by the Pep Club and the two cheerleaders, Margaret Ann Scott and Betty Thompson. The 1940 band (opposite page) was directed by C.D. Wallace; the drum major was Joyse Sanders.



In the forties boys on leave came home in uniform. Grover Justice was in the Army and John Sowards, now a school board member, was in the Navy.

Coach Hatcher (shown above right with his 1940 team) coached the Panther basketball and football teams until 1943; his assistant John Scott (below) coached the "B" team from 1938 to 1940.



Students Active As War Turns to Peace

Even though traveling was limited, the students still enjoyed the home ballgames. Everybody did a lot of walking—to the Liberty to see a good musical or a war movie, to the New Drug Store, to a friend's house for a slumber party. The laughter was there, but always the war—the war news, the map study, the writing of letters, or the waiting for letters.

Carl P. Mims, a 1933 graduate of Pikeville High School, joined the faculty in 1942. His first year he taught physics, chemistry, pre-flight, and algebra. Starting in 1945, in addition to teaching science, he began coaching the junior high basketball team which was at that time called the Bullpups.

In the middle of the decade the student body was stunned by the death of the only president most of them could remember, but rejoiced soon after when the victory bells rang to mark the end of the war.

The Pike High class of 1946 published the first yearbook since the beginning of the war. The Black Diamond opened with the following dedication: "We wish to dedicate

our annual to all those of our school who were in the service of our country during World War II. May we as students help preserve this peace for which they so nobly fought and died"

This was the last yearbook to be compiled until 1950 when the first to be called *The Panther* would appear.

In 1937 the county and city boards began the severing of their relationship; the city board bought the county's interest in Wright Hall for \$25,000. The county system then had a number of high schools and there was no need for as many county students to travel to the county seat to go to school. The boards still cooperated to pay for certain county students' education until 1943, when the city board bought the county's interest in the high school building. Since that time the county students have paid tuition. Wright Hall, which had been home for hundreds of county girls, was still used in part as a dormitory for teachers, and in part for a music studio, offices, and storage.



Clubs, such as Mrs. Smallwood's Nursing Club (upper left), were popular activities at school; but when the kids streamed out of the main door at 4 o'clock they went to New Drug (middle left), "Dick's" (upper right), clowned in the park, or had a date for a ride in a convertible.



Two members of Coach Hatcher's 1942 team are members of the present school board: John Sowards (number 25) and Marley Newsom (number 31.) Newsom is holding Toots, long-time mascot of the P.H.S. teams. Toots was given to Coach Hatcher by Johnny Red Caudill.

Mr. Oliver and the junior high teachers—Pluma Damron, Beatrice George, Ruth Queen and Pauline Ramsey—pose for a graduation day picture.





The 1946 students who worked hard to have a good football squad, yearbook, and debate team skipped school to picnic on the bricked street in front of the courthouse on Senior Day.



The 1946 Pep Club yelled for Burgess Robbins' basketball team. Present board member Don Batten wore number 11 on this squad. John Bill Trivette stayed busy with his duties as basketball coach and truant officer.



Plans Made for New Gymnasium

After eleven years Cassius B. Hatcher left Pikeville High School, and the coaching staff was expanded to include both football and basketball coaches. The forties saw four different football coaches, but when John Bill Trivette came in 1942 to take over the basketball program, he stayed, except for one year when he completed the academic work for his degree, for the 16 years which some refer to as the Trivette years.

Coach Trivette, a benevolent despot, knew one thing—basketball—but he knew it well. A fine competitor himself, his playing days under Coach Adolph Rupp and his education were cut short by sickness. When he came to P.H.S., he not only coached the high school team, but he also started practicing a group of grade school kids. Day after day he would

drill them in fundamentals.

Perhaps best known among coaching circles as the originator of the full court press, Coach Trivette drilled all his boys in the old white wooden gym. After his team started rolling up an impressive number of wins and Pikeville and Dickie Prater attracted notice all over the state, the old white gym burned and Coach Trivette and Superintendent Oliver began to plan for a new gym. The members of the board at this time were Chairman Dr. S.B. Casebolt, Dr. A.G. Osborne, Rush Sword, Clyde Childers, and R.H. Hobbs. The model for the gym was architect Lester W. Routt's Jasper, Indiana, facility. Additional lands adjoining the school property were acquired, and the Hale and Hinton Construction Company was contracted to erect the 3200-seat building.



The 1949 team, coached by Trivette and his assistant, Smokey Blankenship, was the first team since 1926 to represent Pikeville at the Kentucky State High School Basketball Tournament.



An Era Ends with Mr. Oliver's Death

Construction on the gym began, but Mr. Oliver was not to see it completed. According to Mr. Irvin Lowe, the superintendent was stricken in a classroom in the spring of 1949. Unable to speak, he wrote on the board, "I am sick." Help was summoned and Mr. Oliver was taken from school to face a summer of convalescence. He seemed to recover and was making plans for the opening of school when he again became ill. He was admitted to the Pikeville Methodist Hospital where he died August 12, 1949. His funeral was held in Ramsey Auditorium.

When he came to Pikeville in 1922, there was only one building with a high school enrollment of 50. The buildings and student body when he died were a monument to a great schoolman. The T.W. Oliver Memorial Gymnasium was dedicated December 9, 1949. Mr. Oliver was eulogized at his funeral and at the dedication of the gymnasium, but the 1950 Panther bestowed the most fitting epitaph.

T.W. Oliver
1881 - 1949

"For him no task was too great, no child too small."

DEDICATION PROGRAM

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1949

7:30 P. M.



The Class of 1940

Boy Scholastic Leaders: first, Lillard Michael; second, Bill Call and Robert Sturgell
Girls Scholastic Leaders: first, Joyse Sanders; second, Alice Justice and Ora Smith

National Anthem Pikeville High School Band
E. L. Lewis, Director

Color Guard Members of Pikeville Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars

Invocation Rev. Vernon C. Stump
Pikeville High Graduate Class of 1916

Introduction of Chairman and
Members of Board of Education Supt. John M. York

Eulogy Rev. E. L. Howerton

Presentation of portrait of T. W. Oliver Robert Johnson

Floral Tribute for Mrs. T. W. Oliver

"The Man Shall Never Die" William M. Justice
Principal of Hellier High School

Dedication Address F. M. Burke

Introduction of Guests

Pikeville High "Panthers" vs Clark County High "Cardinals"



The Class of 1941

Boy Scholastic Leaders: first, Russell Worden; second, Cody White and Bennett Elliott

Girl Scholastic Leaders: first, Anne Stephenson; second, Eloise Rogers

Class of 1942

Boy Scholastic Leaders: first, Bruce Elliott; second, Thomas Scalf
Girl Scholastic Leaders: first, Betty Grote; second, Norma Lee Ratliff



Class of 1943

Valedictorian: Betty Sue Arnold
Salutatorian: Betty Jo Green

The Class of 1944



The Class of 1945

The Class of 1946

Valedictorian: William D. Compton



The Class of 1947

The Class of 1948

Valedictorian: Doris Rogers
Salutatorian: Audrey Hamilton



The Class of 1949

Valedictorian: Eleanor Roe
Salutatorian: Athlene Hamilton

Pike High Moves Into the Fifties

Even before the new gymnasium was dedicated it was put to use. Pike High played three games in the new building, the first being a 93-41 rout of Salyersville, and the University of Kentucky team played an exhibition game. When the gym was dedicated on December 9, 1949, the Panthers defeated the Clark County Cardinals 54-46.

Because of its larger area, the graduation exercises of the senior classes were moved from Ramsey Auditorium to the gym and some of the classes had their pictures taken in front of the building where they graduated instead of on the front steps of the high school building.

When Mr. Oliver died his administrative duties were taken over for a short period by Arthur Long, but the board soon appointed John M. York and Bernard Mims to serve as superintendent and principal.

At the Perry A. Cline School Samuel Cecil Reed, Jr. became principal, replacing E.M. Kelly who had served from 1945. The members of the faculty listed in the 1950 Perrysonian were Miss Walta Mae Duncan, Mrs. E.M. Kelly, Mrs. Gladys Cade, and Mrs. Havana Rollins.

In the fifties our nation was at war again, but it wasn't called a war; it was a "police action." The girls' skirts were long, the boys' hair short, and television via the cable finally

made it to the mountains. Below town the Bowles Bottom, which had been a pasture for the dairy, was being turned into the Bowles Addition.

In the summer the kids went to the new pool, Swimland, that the Childers opened up the river and to the Drive-In on the South Mayo Trail. In the winter the favorite hang-out was Josephine Johnson's Panther Grill right around the corner from school. Many Friday and Saturday nights were spent at school-sponsored sock hops at the gym.

In 1950 the seniors published the first yearbook since 1946, and the newspaper soon resumed publication under the name The Panther Mouthpiece. The 1950 yearbook was called The Panther; the 1951 book went back to The Black Diamond, but in 1952 the staff again called their book The Panther, the name the publication still bears.

In addition to teaching history and a new course in mechanical drawing, William Rankin did the art work for the yearbooks Leon Meenach sponsored. The paper was supervised in the early fifties by two English teachers, Hildred Brandenburg and Ann Epperson. In the mid-fifties the sponsorship of the paper, now called The Panther, was taken over by business teacher Nell Ruth Nance and the yearbook by English teacher Priscilla Rogers.





The seniors of 1950 did not know it, but there would be only one more Senior Day. A tradition which had been a part of P.H.S. life since 1927 came to an end in 1951 when a high-spirited senior stuffed paper pellets into his hog rifle and "wounded" a teacher's ear. The seniors thought it was hilarious, but Mr. Meenach was not amused and the administration was not amused and Dogpatch was relegated to the comic page.

Miss Rebecca Lewis retired in 1951; she had earned the love and respect of Pikeville High School students since 1924.

The 1950 cheerleaders yelled for the exciting Lynch game that the Panthers (opposite page) won 34-33 as Charlie Huffman (number 62) ran wild to score 5 touchdowns, and then followed the basketball team to the state tournament.

Traditions Continue

The high school and junior high faculty of the early fifties take a brief break in front of the elementary building.

Jane Wells "marries" John Phillips in the 1951 Tom Thumb Wedding.

In 1952 the cheerleaders again got to follow the Panthers to the state basketball tournament, and the seniors went to Myrtle Beach on their spring trip.





The 1952 basketball team lost a close game (61-59) to Paducah Tilghman in the first round of the state tournament.

The school ground was blacktopped in 1953.

Joking in the hall are high school English teacher Christine Goodman and junior high teachers Ruth Queen, Willa Ann Looney, Bea George, and Pluma Damron.



The school newspaper was called The Panther Mouthpiece when this group of students published it in 1953.

One of Mr. York's duties was filling the Coke machine.

The 1955 seniors vacationed at Daytona Beach, Florida.



Elizabeth Compton (above right) who came to P.H.S. as a teacher in 1927 and became librarian in 1936, moved to Lexington in 1954.

Walter Marcum was a business instructor and Dean of Men.

A precision group, the Pikettes, was an addition to the band in the fifties.



Changes and Additions

In 1953 the grass in the schoolyard was replaced by blacktop and the high school students put their books in the new lockers. Between classes there was always a crowd around the coke machine beside Mr. Mims' office. The three courses of study available to the students were college preparatory, commercial, and general. Meals were still being served in the basement of Wright Hall, and a section of the first floor of the building was occupied by the Pikeville Public Library under the watchful eye of the librarian, Mateele Bobbitt.

The Key Club had a thirty-minute disc jockey program on Monday nights presided over by Robert Staggs, the club president. The seniors had started taking a trip in the spring before graduation, and Myrtle Beach was a favorite vacation spot.

In 1956 the science department was strengthened with the addition of Blanche F. Flanary who joined the faculty to teach biology and anatomy, and Ivan C. McDaniel became principal of the elementary department.





Pike High Produces Powerful Teams

Grant "Hooker" Phillips was a familiar figure around the school as he served as a hard working, unpaid athletic director. The town enthusiastically supported Trivette's basketball teams and Clayton Power's football teams.

The 1955 cheerleaders and student body followed two fine teams: the basketball team made it to round two in the state finals, but lost to Hazard 80-65; the football team (opposite in practice uniforms) was undefeated in regular season play and capped the year with a decisive 36-3 victory over Harlan in the Big Sandy Bowl at Paintsville. Coach Powers (extreme left in team picture) was named All-Area Coach that year and two of his five players named on The Courier-Journal All-State list were brothers (far left), H.L. and Everette Justice.

The team of 1959-60 was to be the last coached by "Bull" Trivette. While he was here, Pikeville was the powerhouse of the 59th District. In his 16 years as coach his teams won approximately 442 games and lost approximately 128; they won 14 district tournaments, 7 regional tournaments, and 5 Christmas tournaments. The 1949

team was the first of the seven Trivette teams to represent the 15th Region at the Kentucky State Basketball Tournament. That year they lost to St. Xavier 58-48 in the second round. In 1950 they were defeated by Paducah Tilghman in the first round 61-59; in 1952 they bowed to Clark County 74-54 in round two; in 1953 Newport Catholic defeated them by a score of 79-58 in the second round; and in 1955 the Panthers lost in the quarter-finals to the tournament's winner, Hazard 80-65. In 1957, after being ranked number one in the state most of the year, Pikeville lost to Lafayette; but they came back to defeat Russell County 77-72 to take third. (Picture below is from The Courier-Journal); Lafayette went on to win the top honors.

In addition to being named All-Area Coach three times, Trivette was voted The Courier-Journal Kentucky Coach-of-the-Year in 1957. In 1958 Coach Trivette became a member of the Century Bike Club, open only to those who win more than 410 victories at one school. All in all an enviable record.



PAWNEES THIRD — Pikeville's Panthers downed Russell County before 18,500 fans Saturday night, 77-72, to take third place in the state net tournament at Louisville's Freedom Hall. The Panthers were defeated in the afternoon semi-finals, by Lafayette 70-61. Pictured in the Pikeville team, coaches and boosters after the final team had defeated Flat Gap at Paintsville for a ticket to the tourney. From left, front row, are: Butch Woods, manager; Tommy Adams; Aubrey Elkins, Chester Rowlett, Larry Phillips, Billy Elkins, and Grant Phillips; second row, Bill Keene, Lloyd Keene, Foster Coleman, Coach John Bill Trivette and Hooker Phillips, assistant coach; third row, Emil Dickerson, Howard Lowhart, Darrel Hall, Darwin Smith, H. L. Justice, Emory Hodges, Supt. J. M. Yark, Tommy Adams, manager, Bill Hopkins is in front of

(Photo by Guy's S. ...)

Flood . . . January 30, 1957





In the four pictures on the left the water had begun to recede; at one time the water had covered the railroad tracks pictured (top) and had almost reached the second row of windows in the high school building. The shot at the immediate left was taken when the buildings were being cleaned.

Disaster Strikes Area

Say 1957 to any long-time resident of Pike County and the immediate response is FLOOD. According to The Pike County News, on January 30 of that year the Big Sandy River crested at about 56 feet, approximately 18 feet above flood stage, causing the worst disaster in the area's history. Ninety-five percent of the business houses and eighty percent of the residences were inundated. It was a time of darkness, cold, rising water, and terror. When the water finally receded, the nightmare had only begun. Almost in shock, Pikevillians started the heroic task of digging out, cleaning what could be salvaged, and beginning again.

According to the February 8 Courier-Journal, the flood damage to the Pikeville City Schools alone was \$175,000. The water had come up four feet in the gym, over the tops of the first floor windows in the elementary building, and to the bottoms of the chairs on the first floor of the high school building. At first it was believed that the school would not be able to re-open that year, but the mountain spirit prevailed. Even though many books and much equipment had been irreparably damaged, the staff managed to start classes again in approximately three weeks by teachers from the upper floors sharing materials with those who had lost everything.

Four top basketball teams, Louisville's Central and Manuel, Lexington Lafayette, and Pikeville High played a benefit doubleheader at Freedom Hall with all the proceeds going to the flood relief fund. The money was used to put new floors in the T.W. Oliver Memorial Gym and in the elementary building, and the rest was donated to needy families.

In 1957 there was no yearbook, no senior trip, no prom. The seniors donated their class money, earned by the traditional senior-faculty ballgame, mock faculty, and senior play, to the school.



Teen Town Attracts Students 1958-68

Teen-Town, an activity jointly sponsored by the Woman's Club and P.T.A., was an important part of the Pikeville teenagers' lives from 1958 to 1968. Mrs. William (Nancy) Forsythe, who says she spent every Saturday night for ten years at the gym, explained that Teen-Town was started to provide a place for the students grades 7-12 to dance and play games. A committee of students, two representatives from each class, made decisions about activities, and two sets of parents helped Mrs. Forsythe chaperon. There were over a hundred kids at the gym each Saturday year round except for August when the floor was refinished. Admission was by membership card which sold first for 50¢ and later for \$1.00; the money collected was used for special parties such as Christmas parties and to buy ping-pong balls and other equipment.

NAME _____

SCHOOL _____

HAS BEEN MADE A CITIZEN OF

TEEN-TOWN 66-67

Grade 7 - 12

Sponsored by The Pikeville Woman's Club, Inc.
and Pikeville City School P.T.A.

Teen-Town is located at the Pikeville High School
Gymnasium and is open every Saturday Night,
except ball game nights, 8 to 11 p.m.

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"THE TEEN COMMANDMENTS"

1. Citizens shall at all times conduct themselves as ladies and gentlemen.
2. There shall be no drinking of alcoholic beverages at the club and no one shall be admitted who has been drinking elsewhere.
3. There shall be no gambling of any description.
4. Citizens who destroy, break or mutilate any furniture or any equipment willfully shall pay for it.
5. Citizens shall be courteous at all times.
6. There shall be no profanity or vulgar language.
7. Citizens shall not wear shoes on gym floor.
8. A citizen is responsible for his guest's behavior.
9. A citizen's card may be revoked if any of above commandments are broken.





The 1958 Panther staff (above left) worked to ready the yearbook for publication. Patty Miller adjusts Prom King Bill Clark's crown (above right). In 1959 Davis and Senters had a workout at the annual faculty-senior game and after a more serious game, John Bill Trivette and his squad accepted the 15th Region trophy which was their ticket to the state tournament.

Mr. Spears became principal of the high school in the fall of 1959.

Spears Arrives As Decade Ends

Sometime during this period a new tradition started when the Seniors began to rise, face the rest of the student body, and sing "The Senior Song".

SENIOR SONG

O look up here and see us
And wish that you could be us
Sitting in the Senior Chairs.
We have worked for four long years,
Had our troubles and our fears;
Now we're sitting in the Senior Chairs.
The rest of you must wait
To take this glorious state of
Sitting in the Senior Chairs.
We can tell you other classes
It takes lots of A+ passes
To put you in the Senior Chairs.
O hear those seniors singing;
It's sad I do declare
To hear those seniors singing
Of sitting in the Senior Chairs.

On Achievement Day the seniors sing their song for the last time and leave the auditorium. Then the juniors with much whooping and hollering move into the senior seats, the sophomores into the junior seats, and so on until each class occupies the seats they will be using the next

school year.

When school opened in the fall of 1957 a new superintendent, Harry A. Banks, was named to work with Principal Clyde Senters who had been appointed the preceding year.

That same year the Perry A. Cline high school students transferred to Pike High, but the elementary students did not transfer at this time because grades 1-8 were already so overcrowded that new arrangements had to be made to accommodate them. The first, second, and third grades remained in the elementary building; the fourth and sixth grades were moved to Wright Hall; and the fifth grade classes were held in the basement of the high school building.

In 1959 the school got a new principal when Charles E. Spears, a 1935 graduate of P.H.S., returned to his alma mater to begin his long tenure in an administrative capacity.

To end the decade on an unhappy note, Mr. Spears reports that he opened the paper one day to find headlines stating that Pikeville High School had been dropped from the Southern Association's list of accredited schools because of overcrowding in the junior high department.

Charles Deaton came to Pikeville as head football coach in the fall of 1958. He is shown below at right; at left is his assistant Eugene Davis.



The Class of 1950

Valedictorian: R.T. Robinson
Salutatorian: Patricia Thornbury



The Class of 1951

The Class of 1952

Valedictorian: Ruth Cochran
Salutatorian: William G. Wheeler

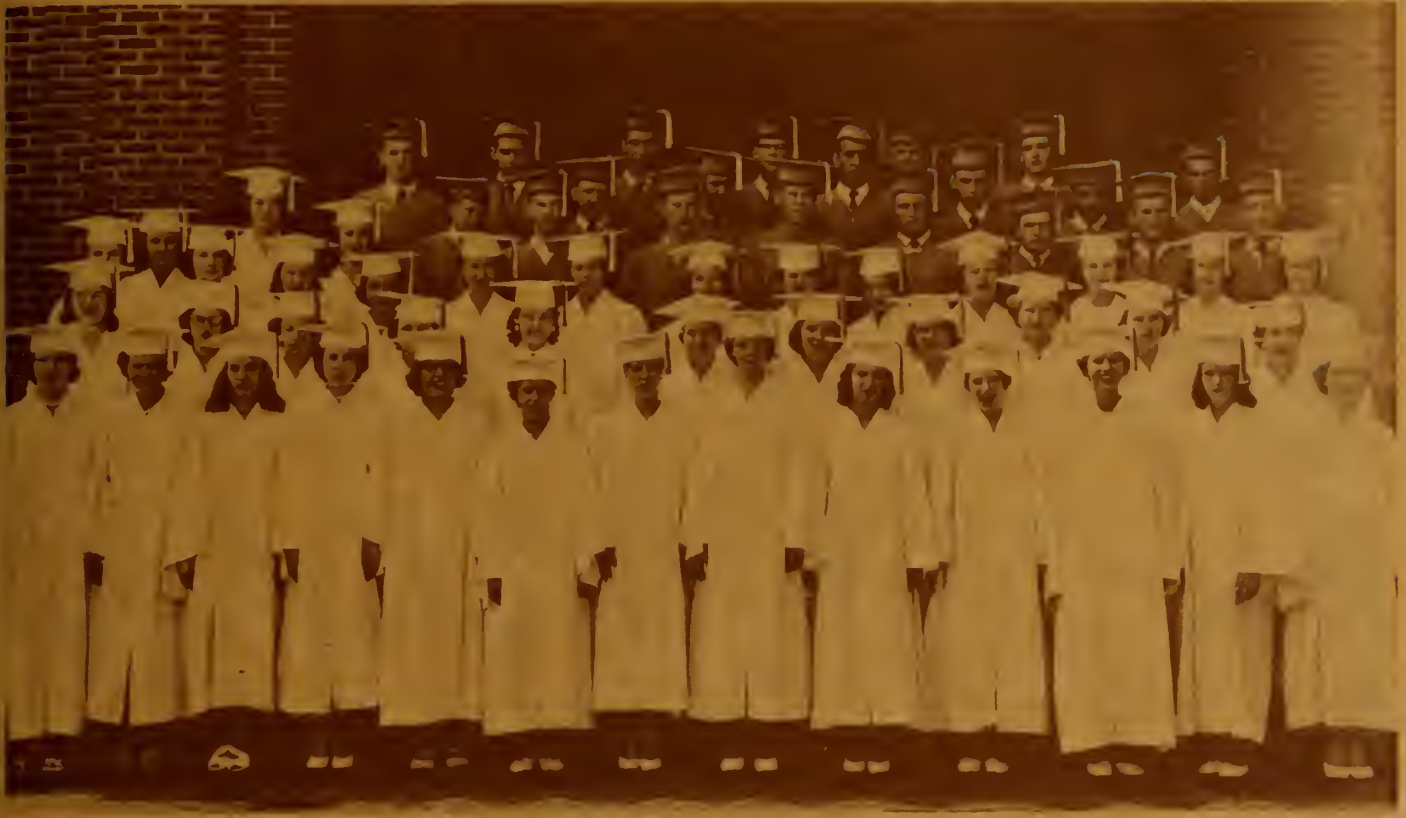


The Class of 1953

Valedictorian: Georgene Thornbury
Salutatorian: Ruth Maynard

The Class of 1954

Valedictorian: Brett D. Scott
Salutatorian: Joann Skeens



The Class of 1955

Valedictorian: Ruby McCoy
Salutatorian: Nancy Carney

The Class of 1956

Valedictorian: Michael Yarus
Salutatorian: Alice Reynolds



The Class of 1957

Valedictorian: Rose Saad
Salutatorian: Helen Smith

The Class of 1958

Co-Valedictorians: Judy Bevins and Patty Miller
 Salutatorian: Betty Helen Feltner



The Class of 1959

Valedictorian: Bradora Runyon
 Co-Salutatorians: Patricia Sue Coleman and Lynn Heathman Scott

Trivette, Deaton Resign As Sixties Begin

The fall of 1960 began with an uproar when the two head coaches, John Bill Trivette and Charles Deaton, 1959's Area Coach-of-the-Year, resigned to open a sporting goods store. Deaton's assistant Eugene Davis assumed the football coaching duties and would stay at P.H.S. for eight years, but the basketball passed from hand to hand. First Ernest "Dickie" Prater, Pikeville star of the late forties, was in charge for a year; then John Lee Butcher coached the varsity while C.P. Mims coached the B-team; then Mr. Mims led the varsity for three years; the next two years Butcher was back with the varsity; and in 1968 Mr. Mims was head coach once again.

were still popular. Jerry's opened and became a favorite hangout. Pedal-pushers and kerchiefs were big on the casual scene, but the strapless crinoline-skirted formals soon were replaced by slim-silhouetted, scoop-necked gowns. By the mid-sixties the girls' skirts were getting shorter and the boys' hair longer; for some strange reason the girls were wrapping angora wool around their "going steady" rings.

Some physical changes were made at P.H.S. The

old study hall was partitioned; the small end became a classroom and the larger section was converted into a physics-chemistry lab. The home economic room and biology lab had been in Wright Hall for several years, as had the library supervised by Mrs. Frank (Elizabeth) Vernon. The library, however, was moved to the second floor of the high school building in the fall of 1961; and the new biology lab was ready for Mrs. Flanary in 1962.

The senior class in 1961 had a picture made in front of the pink dogwood trees they had planted in the yard of the elementary building when they were in Mrs. Dotson's fourth grade. One tree was in memory of Mr. Oliver; the other, in memory of Miss Patty Richmond.

That same year three faculty members came who are still on staff: librarian Mrs. William (Florence) Zoellers, math teacher and cheerleading sponsor Mrs. Edward (Jeanette) Elder, and English and social studies teacher Mrs. Ray (Clemma) Hammond. Mr. Banks was replaced by C.V. Snapp who would stay for two years until Principal Spears became Superintendent Spears.





The 1960 team was the last Trivette coached. When the season ended the gym was decorated for barefoot girls in strapless dresses to dance at the Varsity. A carload of cheerleaders took part in the annual homecoming parade. The 1960 Journalism Club visited the local newspaper office.



Board Plans New Elementary Building

The fifth and sixth grades were moved to the old Collegiate Institute building on College Street and the school board-Chairman Walter Wells, William J. Baird, Ernest Rogers, Mae Shurtleff, and Joe Amick-decided that the time had come to ask the people of Pikeville to finance a new elementary building. Edgar N. Venters organized a drive, and after much hard work, the school bond issue was voted on and passed in April 1962.

A site on Chloe Road was selected for the new million dollar elementary building, and construction was started in April 1963. The architect was Jack Thomas Hatcher and the contractor was Goodman and Preston.

The band under the direction of Jack Taylor and Drum Major Paul Hoover made the long trip to Florida to march in the Orange Bowl Parade that year. On New Year's Eve every television set in Pikeville was on. Just as the Panther Band swung into view, a Lipton Tea commercial flashed across the screen. By the time the virtues of orange-peko were extolled, the Maroon and White had already marched down Biscayne Boulevard. Not since that party in Boston had tea excited so much comment!

Good things happened to the band the next year

though; they won first place in the Big Sandy Marching Contest and in the spring music festival. Eleven members received individual superiors and 15 were chosen for All-Festival Band.

The war in Vietnam began to escalate, at first almost unnoticed by the people in Pikeville who were cleaning up after another flood in 1963. The damage this time, however, was not as extensive as it was in 1957. The gym floor did not even need to be replaced because there was clear water to wash it almost as soon as the muddy water receded. The world watched as the United States and Russia walked the tightrope of the Cuban missile crisis and then mourned with us as we buried our assassinated president.

In the 1963-64 school year two new clubs were started: the Future Teachers of America, sponsored by Mrs. Nance and the Keyettes, whose main project was providing a scholarship for a deserving senior. A Pikeville Key Club member, Jeffery McCollum, was elected District Eight Lieutenant Governor at the convention in Lexington. Paul D. Hinkle became principal for two years; he left school work to go into the insurance business.





C.P. Mims' 1963 Panthers were the runners-up in the district tournament with only two returning starters. The seniors of 1961 headed for sandy beaches and sunny skies. A group of beautiful girls made up the 1964 Varsity Court; Sharon Hall was queen.



Award-Winning Pikeville Looks to the Future

Big things were beginning to shape up for Pikeville. In the early sixties, Mayor William Hambley had begun to talk of making a cut through a mountain on the north side of town and re-routing the Big Sandy to reduce the danger of flooding, get the railroad out of town, and give the city much needed land; he talked until Pikeville officials began to plan and work to make dreams reality. The dam at Fish-trap was finally underway; the Mountain Parkway and its extension to Prestonsburg were completed making an easy trip to Central Kentucky possible.

The school year which opened in 1964 was a good one for the baseball and football teams; the baseball team won the Eastern Kentucky Mountain Conference Tournament and the football team, winning all its regular season games but one, was the runner-up in the EKMC. The one loss was a muddy heartbreaker to Elkhorn, the team that went on to win the Class A Championship that year. Two boys, Neal Smith and Johnny Pinson, were All-State and Neal also received All-American Honorable Mention.

In 1966 the town was designated an All-American City, and in the fall of 1967 the new elementary building and its principal, Ivan C. McDaniel, were ready for school

to begin. The opening of Chloe signaled the closing of Perry A. Cline since all its students transferred to the new school. Miss Duncan, who had taught grades 1-4 at Perry A. Cline, began teaching first grade in the new building, and Mrs. Roy Higgins, who had taught 5-8, retired.

The old elementary building was taken over by the junior high department. The cafeteria moved to Chloe with the younger students and for a year there was a snack bar in Wright Hall; however, since the students did not support it, it closed, and going to town for lunch became an event.

In 1968, too, Jack Clevinger became the school's first, and so far, only guidance counselor, and Wayne Martin began coaching basketball. The Student Council, long inactive, was reorganized; the officers elected in the spring to serve the following year were Paul Corbin, president; Larry Coleman, vice-president; Betsy Elder, secretary; and Selma Dawahare, treasurer. One of the highlights of the athletic season was the Powder Puff football game. A very active Key Club had as one of its projects planting shrubbery around the new school; the Sallie Dotson dogwood, which her 1962 sixth grade class had planted in front of Wright Hall, was moved to the elementary school as part of the beautification plan. One peaceful school day ended with a churchyard brawl and, although there is certainly no connection, Mrs. Flanary was named an Outstanding Kentucky Teacher.

Three more new staff members were hired in 1969. Mr. Sammy Burke and Mrs. Robert (Imogene) Johnson came to the English Department and James B. Williamson replaced Robert Blevins as Pupil Personnel Director.

Pikeville's growing band directed by C.J. Birch played for President Lyndon Johnson as he dedicated the long-awaited dam at Fishtrap and all Pike County prayed that there would never be another flood. But rain it did on the Homecoming parade and game as Mary Lynn Reynolds was crowned queen.

The All-American City was also designated a Model City thus making various federal loans available, and the plans for the cut-through and related projects shifted into high gear.



The 1968 (left) seniors chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. Morris Hawkins went on a trip to Natural Bridge. That year Nancy Jo Justice, escorted by Joe Brooks, was crowned Homecoming Queen. Among their other activities in 1964 the band members worked to pay for their new uniforms and made a trip to Louisville to march in the Derby Parade. A new club, the Keyettes, was organized in 1964; its sponsor was Mrs. Fred Baker.



T. W. Oliver Memorial Gym Destroyed by Fire July 31, 1969



On July 31, 1969, the peace of the summer night was split by sirens. A fire of undetermined origin raged in the T.W. Oliver Memorial Gymnasium. The 1970 Panther commented: "Tears came to the eyes of many as they saw this building destroyed beyond repair, leaving behind the rubble of scorched and blackened brick and stone and broken twisted trophies. We soon came to realize it was not the building itself we loved but the memories the gym had held . . . It was the gym we entered for home ball-games and district tournaments with all their intense moments of jubilant victory and agonizing defeat. It was here many boys and girls began their days of courtship and attendance at sock hops, twist parties, homecoming dances, and proms when the gym became a beautifully decorated room. The halls of the gym echoed for many years with the resounding thuds, groans, and yells of P.E. classes exercising or athletes practicing. It was here the seniors said farewell to high school with tears and laughter at grad-

uation. Our gym has served us and our community well."

Football and basketball uniforms were burned, as were band instruments and music. There were losses which could never be replaced such as all the trophies accumulated since the school's beginning, but as after the floods of 1957 and 1963, with the help of the townspeople all the regular sporting and musical activities continued. Two rooms on the third floor of the junior high building became band rooms and the basketball games were scheduled at the Pikeville College gymnasium.

In 1969 Beth Conyers and John Russel Taylor were crowned king and queen of the last Fall Festival, leaving the Tom Thumb Wedding the only remaining event of Polly Morrow Osborne's 1925 Halloween Carnival.

As the decade ended Mr. Spears, Principal Jack Fugate, and the staff were working hard on a self-study, preparing for an evaluation team from the Southern Association, and hoping to regain the coveted accredited status.



The 1969 basketball team was the first Pikeville High School squad to be coached by Wayne Martin and the last to play in the T.W. Oliver Memorial Gymnasium.



The Class of 1960

Co-Valedictorians: Bradford Runyon, Jr. and Frances Vernon Cline
Salutatorian: Edith Barrie Justice

The Class of 1961

Valedictorian: Loren Noble Williams

Co-Salutatorians: James Edward Cook, Jr. and Kerbit James Little



The Class of 1962

Valedictorian: Nancy Ruth Sanders

Salutatorian: Julia Lynn Damron

The Class of 1963

Valedictorian: William Clyde Hopkins
Salutatorian: Charles Gary Nichols



The Class of 1964

Valedictorian: Judy Wells
Salutatorian: Patricia Johnson

The Class of 1965

Valedictorian: Jane Craig Fields
Salutatorian: Patricia Ann Bartley



The Class of 1966

Co-Valedictorians: Nancy Combs and Monnette Nairn
Co-Salutatorians: Joe Dawahare and Woody Hopkins

The Class of 1968

Valedictorian: Lesley Elder
Co-Salutatorians: Charles Baird and Harding Dawahare



The Class of 1969

Valedictorian: Jan Hatcher
Salutatorian: Mary Lynn Reynolds

The Class of 1967

Valedictorian: Linda Barnett
Salutatorian: Kathy Call



PHS Receives Accreditation

On December 1, 1970, Pikeville City Schools got an early Christmas present and the sign in front of Wright Hall proudly announced "Pikeville Secondary and Elementary Schools Accredited by Southern Association."

Gene Davis came from Betsy Layne to become principal for one year, to be replaced in 1971 by Warren Parker Tiller. At the end of 1971, "Mr. Mac," long-time principal of the elementary school retired, and Chester D. Bailey was named to succeed him.

The elementary school took part in two innovative programs in the first half of the seventies. One was the Exemplary Education Project, which was to acquaint the students with the world of work. After two years in the lower grades, the project moved into the junior high and high school where it emphasized vocational guidance. The other program was Teacher Corps, a two-year cooperative effort of Pikeville Elementary School and Pikeville College. Teacher interns from the college worked with the contract teachers in a program which stressed individualization of instruction. Many of the interns and staff members were able to earn master's degrees during the project time.

In 1973 another new program was introduced at Chloe when the kindergarten classes began.

The 1970-71 school year was a fine one for sports: the board had a re-locatable, blue-metal gym erected for the physical education classes; the football team was EKMC runner-up; the basketball team, which practiced in the new gym but continued to play its games at the college, was the 15th Region runner-up; the baseball team was the region runner-up; both the head coaches were named All-Area Coach-of-the-Year; and a brother and sister duo, Mary and Ray Haley, represented Pikeville at the state track meet.

After guiding teams into regional play four times, basketball coach Wayne Martin left the high school in 1973 after five seasons, to become coach of the Pikeville College Bears.

Several long-time teachers retired from the system in the seventies. Pictured (right) are Mr. "Mac," (top right) Mrs. Hobson, Mrs. Flanary, Mrs. Looney, Miss Damron, Mrs. Appleton, Mrs. Willis, and Mrs. Leslie. In addition to these Mrs. George, Miss Jackson, Mrs. Ratliff, and Mrs. Young also retired.

In the summer of 1971 Pikeville was without a football field as work began to lay out a new outdoor athletic facility. The football team practiced on a make-shift field in the Bowles Addition and played their home games on rented fields at neighboring schools; but in 1973 after regular season



play with only one loss, the Panthers went to the State Class A play-offs for the first time in the school's history.

In a heartstopping district final at Lynch, Pikeville won by yardage in a sudden-death play-off. The game was played on November 11, and one of the stars was Chuck Huffman; on the same date in 1950 his father, Charlie Huffman, had made five touchdowns against Lynch as Pikeville defeated them 34-33.

After winning regional honors at Beechwood, Pikeville played and lost to Trigg County at Stoll Field, (above) in Lexington. Coach Hillard Howard was named All-Area Coach-of-the-Year, and Chuck Hoffman was the state's leading scorer with 214 points.

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The band proudly wore new uniforms while winning superiors in both marching and concert and climaxed 1971 by taking part in the Pegasus Parade. The next year they marched in Louie Nunn's inaugural parade. Still winning superiors in almost every event they entered, the band, along with a hard-working Band Parents' Association, raised \$20,000 to make a ten-day June trip to Winnipeg, Canada to compete in the Manisphere Band Contest. They won a superior in marching, fourth place in parade competition, and an excellent in concert.



Bond Issue Passes

On May 29, 1973 the voters were again asked to pass a bond issue, this time to construct a 2.9 million dollar high school on a 4½ acre tract next to the 11½ acre athletic field on the North Mayo Trail. And once again the vote was yes.



Board Chairman Hinkle, Vernon Stump, and Superintendent Spears participate in ground-breaking ceremony.

The ground breaking ceremony was held on May 10, 1974. Among those who took part in the ceremony were the board members—Chairman Paul D. Hinkle, Don Batten, Harold Shockey, John Sowards, and Marley Newsom—Superintendent Spears; Principal Tiller; Mayor Hambley; the employee with the longest tenure of service at P.H.S., janitor Ernest Elkins; and the school's first graduate, Vernon Stump.





Part of the support for the state bound Panthers (left) was a motorcade. The 1975 girls' basketball team was coached by Carolyn Hall.

In 1974 for the first time since the Trivette years, a Pikeville basketball team participated in the "greatest show on earth." Coach David Collier's boys won all but four games in regular season play, but lost the big one to Male 94-71 in the first round of the Kentucky State High School Basketball Tournament.

Half-way through the decade the nation, angered and betrayed, had endured the resignation of Vice-President Agnew and President Nixon, and for the first time in history had an unelected President; Pikeville saw construction start on the highway toward Jenkins, and the cut through the the mountain grew deeper and wider; at school the junior high basketball team had an undefeated season, P.H.S. had a girls' basketball team for the first time since 1930, and the new high school building was under roof.

And so this account ends as it began—building—building a better school, building a better Pikeville.

The Class of 1970

Valedictorian: Ernestine Adkins

Salutatorian: Harriet Evans

The Class of 1971

Valedictorian: Betsy Elder
Salutatorian: Pat Whitt



The Class of 1972

Co-Valedictorians: Lillian Baber and Monica Toner
Salutatorian: Kay Coleman

The Class of 1973

Valedictorian: Jane Baird
Salutatorian: David Rasnick

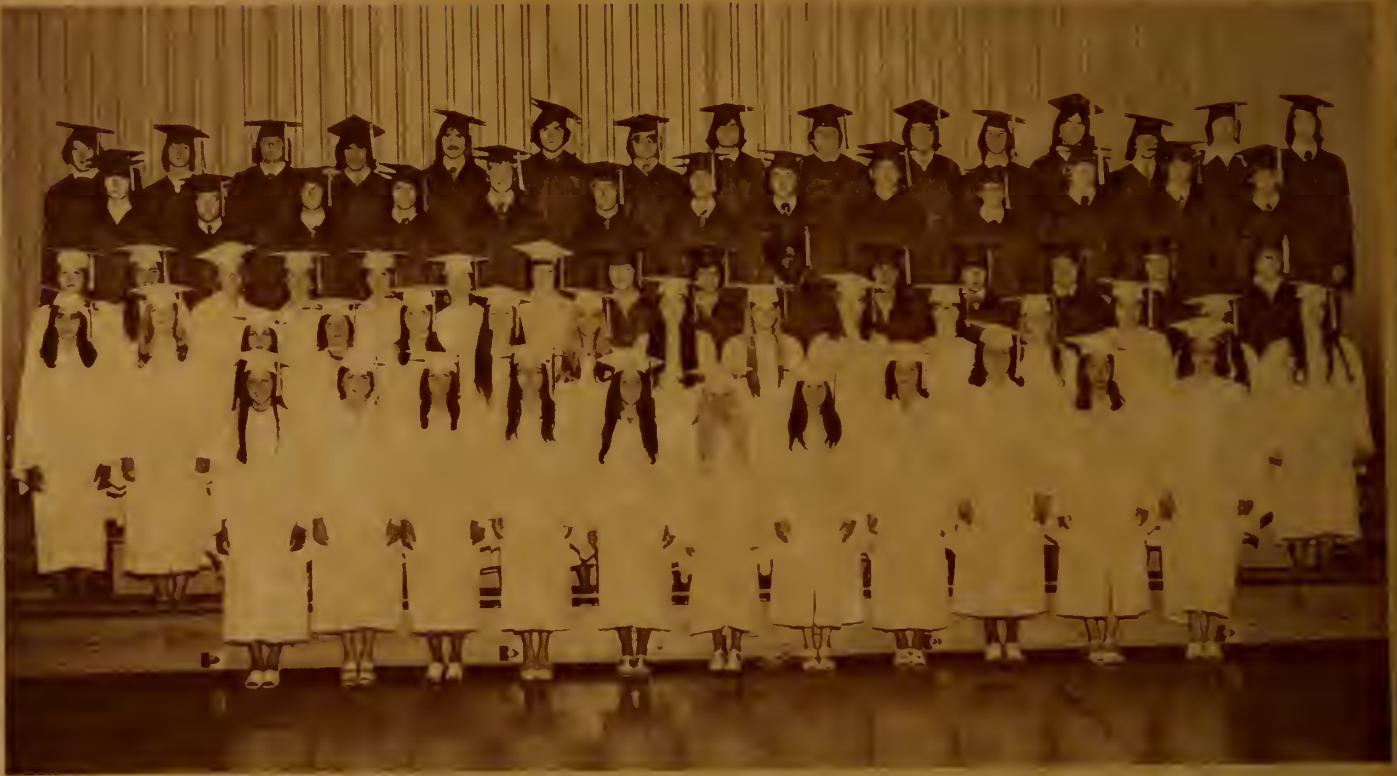


The Class of 1974

Co-Valedictorians: Johnny Vaughn Bertrand and James Edward Elder
Co-Salutatorians: Tana McKaye Webb and Shirley Ann Miller

The Class of 1975

Valedictorian: John Paul Runyon, Jr.
Salutatorian: Margaret Bertrand



For me this has been a labor of love. My mother entered this school as Helen Johnson when she was in the fifth grade; as Helen Epperson she taught in the system for 17 years. I went all through school here and became a teacher in the high school in 1951. I moved away, but came home, as so many of our mountain people do, and began teaching again in 1970. My children have all walked the same halls my mother and I did. It is with regret that I say farewell to these old buildings for I am a lover of old, familiar things.

So many people helped in this work that I hesitate to begin saying thank you for fear I will leave someone out. The Journalism Class helped find pictures; they sold ads and yearbooks, made posters, and mailed letters to alumni. Melissa Mulliken, a member of the class, made many copies of pictures for use in this section. One student in particular, Randy Roberts, made this historical section his pet project and worked countless hours searching for pictures, going for interviews, and combing back issues of *The Pike County News*.

The information in these pages was culled from old yearbooks, school papers, and interviews with former teachers and students.

Those who gave their time to be interviewed and taped so we would have an oral history for the library are: G.C. Bevins, Mrs. A.H. (Helen J. Epperson) Bond, Mrs. Sallie V. Dotson, Mrs. George (Nancy Elliott) Harp, Cassius B. Hatcher, Eulah Jackson, Irvin Lowe, Mrs. Charles

(Belle Elliott) Moore, Mrs. A.G. (Pauline Morrow) Osborne, Grant "Hooker" Phillips, M.D. Picklesimer, George Ramsey, John Ramsey, Vernon Stump, John Bill Trivette, and Mrs. Albert Webb.

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Miss Rebecca Lewis, Miss Pluma Damron, and Mr. Charles Spears read the manuscript and made corrections and offered suggestions.

I am sure there are people and events which have been omitted from this history which should have been included; I only wish it had been possible to include more. I was sometimes limited by a lack of material; many papers and pictures were lost in the 1957 flood. I have striven for accuracy, but often had to rely on people's memories which, of course, can be faulty.

A note of explanation: I refer to the school year by the closing date; in other words, unless stated otherwise, 1960 means the 1959-1960 school year.

I hope this historical account will be read, as it has been written, with pride in the school we love and gratitude to all those who have made Pikeville High School what it has been through its first sixty-five years.

Ann E. Carty

School Songs

SCORE—SCORE SCORE

And when old Pikeville High School
takes the floor,
We're going to win this game
and win some more;
And for the varsity we'll
yell and yell
And for Pikeville High we
also love so well
And then we'll fight, fight,
fight for every score.
We'll dribble, pass, and then
we'll shoot some more,
And we'll roll old (opponents)
on the floor.
Score, Score, Score.

CHEER, BOYS, CHEER

Cheer, boys, cheer,
The Panthers have the ball.
We're gonna win this game
Or play no more football.
When we hit that line, there'll be no
line at all;
There'll be a hot time in the old
town tonight.

VICTORY MARCH

Cheer, cheer for old Pikeville High;
See how those Panthers go crashing by.
Sing of royal sons on high;
Tear down that thunder from the sky.
Although the odds be great or small,
Old Pikeville High will win over all
As our loyal Panthers go on
Marching to victory!
Rah! Rah! Hey!

ON AND ON, MAROON AND WHITE

On and on, Maroon and White,
We are right for the fight today.
Hold that ball, and hit that line;
Every Panther's star will shine.
We'll fight, fight, fight,
For Maroon and White
As we roll toward that goal varsity.
We will kick, pass, and run
'Till the battle is won,
And we'll bring home the victory.
Rah! Rah! Hey!







ACTIVITIES

Homecoming Celebration Begins



Cam Robinson and friend (upper left) put the finishing touches on the truck which will carry the varsity cheerleaders.

Junior attendant Carol Daniels (upper right), driven by Jimmy Carter, waits patiently for her turn to pull into the parade route.

Mr. Chapman (middle) gives directions to Jeff Slone as he positions the parade units.

The mighty Panther band (bottom), traditionally the last group in the parade, swings onto Cline Street.



With Traditional Parade



A lot of planning and effort goes into a successful Homecoming parade as Mrs. Collier and her hardworking Pep Club members will attest. Before the parade can begin all the trucks and convertibles have to be located and decorated, drivers assigned, and the order of the units planned. A parade needs a pretty day, so everyone concerned sighed with relief when Friday dawned clear and unusually warm for October 31.

As two o'clock neared faculty members positioned the units, the lead police car started its siren, and the parade began. Next was the junior high band, marching in its first parade, followed by convertibles carrying the attendants, cars loaded with administrators and coaches, trucks filled with cheerleaders and football players, and finally the Panther band. All along the route the spectators waved and proud parents snapped pictures.

As the units got back to school and the parade broke up, everyone made final plans for getting to the Johns Creek game to be played that night.

People line the streets as the varsity football players (upper left), vivacious majorette Tammy Hobbs (lower left), and the cheerleaders (lower right) pass. Walter May of station WPKE (upper right) interviews eighth grade cheerleaders Karen Clubb and Wendy Watkins.

Carolyn Runyon Reigns As Homecoming Queen



Freshman attendant Glenna Butler escorted by Ricky Coleman.



Sophomore attendant Leslie Goff escorted by David Elder.



Junior attendant Susan Allen escorted by Bill Staggs.



This year the presentation of the attendants for Homecoming had a little different twist. In the pre-game show the attendants were introduced with their parents to the spectators of the Pikeville-Johns Creek Homecoming game. Then at half-time they were presented in the traditional way with football players as their escorts.

The band marched their half-time show, then stopped in formation on the field and played the song "Feelings" while the attendants were being presented.

Congratulations were given to Miss Carolyn Runyon as she was crowned the 1975-76 Homecoming Queen.



Junior attendant Carol Daniels escorted by Jimmy Carter.



Senior attendant Sherrie Stone escorted by Jack Castle and Doug Goff.



Senior attendant Linda Willis escorted by Clay Caudill and Kipp Zimmerman.

XANTHUS Provides



Maroon, pink, and white provided the background for the annual Homecoming dance which was held November 1 in the Pikeville High School gymnasium.

The hard work of decorating the gym was done by the Pep Club at the same time it was getting ready for the Homecoming parade. The club started decorating on Wednesday night by hanging wire and building the frame for the centerpiece. Then Thursday night work was started on building and stuffing the endpieces. Friday was a lucky day for some of the Pep Club members because 35 got out all day to finish decorating for the dance Saturday night. That day streamers were hung, the centerpiece finished, and tables and chairs set up. Saturday a few members of the club came back to tape down the remaining streamers and make final touches on the centerpiece.

When the dance began, the crowd came in to enjoy the music of Xanthus and see the results of all the work. The theme, "Love Those Panthers," was carried out in the end pieces and the centerpiece, three hearts highlighting the coaches' and players' names.

The Homecoming dance, the last on our old campus, was a memorable one.



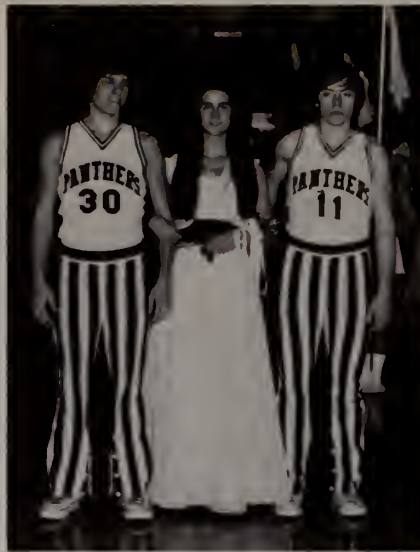
The Homecoming Beat



Counterclockwise: First a long view of the dancers and then a close-up of Glenda Cutright and Gary Hamilton as the couples move with the music. Tommy Hunter is an interested observer, as are grads Liz Kendrick, Tana Webb, and Nellie Dawahare. Another group—Pat Kitchen, Joey Johnson, Don Paul Branham, Sherrie Stone, and Alan Mullins—takes five when the band does; but Tommy Sparks, Johnny Sullivan, and Bill Staggs (center) head for a cool drink.



Freshman representative Laura Justice escorted by Jesse Salyers and Jeff Blackburn.



Sophomore representative Cindy McGhee escorted by Johnny Sullivan and Andy Kilburn.



Junior representative Jeannie Davis escorted by Allen Burke and Ireland Blankenship.



Junior representative Susan Allen escorted by David Willett and Bill Staggs.



The 1976 Varsity Court

The Varsity Court, selected by the members of all varsity teams, was presented to the crowd at the half-time of the Hazard basketball game.

The Flag Squad formed a corridor at center court and each representative was escorted to the middle of the playing floor by two members of the basketball team as the

band played "Feelings". Mr. Tiller gave each girl's name as she entered and then announced, "I now present to you the 1976 Varsity Queen, Miss Jennifer Morton."

After the picture taking Queen Jennifer accepted congratulations and then watched unhappily as Hazard downed the Panthers.



Senior representative Libbi Justice escorted by Phil Hammond and Lyle Blackburn.



Senior representative Pat Kitchen escorted by Kelson Littrell and Jimmy Carter.

Varsity Teams Elect Queen and Court



Charles Zoellers holds the scepter as Tommy Waddell crowns a radiant Jennifer.

FREEFALL provided the music for the Student Council sponsored Varsity Dance which was held November 1 in the blue gym. Purple, pink, and blue streamers covered the ceiling and walls and transformed the court into a ballroom fit for the queen.

The dance started at ten o'clock with the introduction of Queen Jennifer, her court, and their dates. They circled the floor as Chris Sirginnis, a Pike High senior sang "Color My World".

Refreshments were available at a buffet table decorated to coordinate with the dance theme, "A Panther for All Seasons".

Those who had been invited to the dance- -the members of the varsity teams, Pep Club, band, and Student Council- -felt the party had only begun when the lights came on to signal the end of the evening's fun.

Athletes Honored at Varsity Banquet

Each year the Pep Club, assisted by the Booster's Club, gives a banquet to honor the athletes and cheerleaders of PHS. This year's awards dinner was held May 15 at the Top of the Landmark.



Mrs. Collier, Pep Club sponsor, and Jennifer Morton, the club's president (above left) wait for the presentation of awards. Sharon Meadows, Jane Halliwell, and Linda Allen listen attentively as guest speaker Doug Mathews (above right), an assistant football coach at the University of Louisville, gives his speech.



Terri Adkins, Teresa Ray, Marsha Charles, and Pam Rosebrook (top left) hold their basketball awards and then watch Missy Mulliken (top right) receive her Most Valuable Player award. Coach Howard (above) presents the Best Defensive Lineman trophy to David Elder.

Awards

STEPHEN R. FLANARY MEMORIAL AWARD
(Best All Around Athlete)—Bill Staggs

FOOTBALL

Most Valuable Player—Tommy Sparks
 Best Defensive Back—James Paxton
 Best Offensive Backs—Bobby Davis
 Bill Staggs
 Best Defensive Lineman—David Elder
 Best Offensive Lineman—Paul Willis
 All-Conference Team—Ricky Coleman
 Bobby Davis
 David Elder
 James Paxton
 Tommy Sparks
 Bill Staggs
 Greg Wilson

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Most Valuable Player—Missy Mulliken
 Best Defensive Player—Teresa Ray
 Best Offensive Player—Terri Adkins
 Hustle and Aggressiveness—Marsha Charles
 Pam Rosebrook

BOYS' BASKETBALL

Most Valuable Player—Tommy Waddell
 Best Offensive Player—Bill Staggs
 Rebounding Award—Allen Burke
 Free-Throw Award—Tommy Waddell
 Mr. Practice Award—Phil Hammond

GIRLS' TRACK

Most Spirited and Competitive—Libby Lockhart

Junior-Senior Banquet Features



Cathy Hunter and Chris Sirginnis (top) lead a group down a table loaded with luscious food. Junior and Senior class presidents Debbie Slone and Charles Zoellers (above) sit at the table of honor with Mr. and Mrs. Tiller, Mr. and Mrs. Waddell, and Mr. and Mrs. Spears. Vincent Ratliff, Mark Butcher, and Charles Carty (right) get a refill at the Coke machine.



Delicious Food and Burns



May 7, 1976, the fire department was almost called to the Pikeville Elementary dinatorium, the scene of the Junior-Senior Banquet, to treat the first degree burns received by the junior class.

Before the roast the victims and their tormentors ate a delicious meal which was served buffet style. Each guest was presented a white and blue memory book which contained the senior poem, the theme song, "We May Never Pass This Way Again," and the names of the class officers and the faculty. The lovely decorations and fine food were not fully appreciated, however, because of the tense atmosphere.

At last the dreaded moment arrived—the reading of the Will and the Prophecy. Carolyn Runyon and Kelson Littrell read the Senior Prophecy; then Libbi Justice and Charles Zoellers read the Will with diabolical pleasure.

After the slings and arrows, which were accompanied by moans and rueful laughter, the guests limped home to treat their wounds and dress for the prom.

The reaction of the crowd is definitely mixed (below) as Charles Zoellers and Libbi Justice (left) read the Will.



Pat Kitchen, Charles Zoellers

The juniors selected a very appropriate theme—"We May Never Pass This Way Again"—for the last prom to be held at the old blue gym. The crowd danced from 9:00 to 12:00 to music by Xanthus under a canopy formed by ice blue, medium blue, and white streamers. The centerpiece, a bridge, was placed below a revolving mirrored ball which threw flashing facets of light to all corners of the room.

Some of the favorites played by the band were "Slow Ride," "Shannon," "We May Never Pass This Way Again," "Pieces of April," "Bitch is Back," "Fire," and various songs from the 1950's.

The evening was highlighted by the announcement of the prom king and queen and their attendants who had been selected earlier by a junior secret ballot. Charles Zoellers and Pat Kitchen were crowned king and queen; their attendants were Jeannie Sturgill, Jennifer Morton, John Johnson, and David Elder.

When the dance ended, the night had only begun. The seniors sponsored a party for the juniors at Marlow's from 1:00 until 3:00, and afterwards a few hardy seniors went on to a breakfast at the home of Bobby Davis.

Mr. Tiller announces the prom king and queen, Charles Zoellers and Pat Kitchen (right). Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hammond (below left) greet the guests as they enter the gym. Dwight Balser and Ruby Hampton (below right) really move to the music of Xanthus.



Wear Crowns at Prom



The mood changes with the music: Susan Allen and Bill Staggs (above left) boogie to a fast beat; Sheri Slone with Charles Carty and Debbie Slone with Ben Warf (middle) sway to a romantic number. Later Assistant Superintendent and Mrs. Waddell (right) demonstrate an older dance style. While the band takes a break, couples rest (below) amid the litter of shed shoes and jackets.

PHS Team Tops in Bicentennial



Phil Hammond gives an answer to announcer Dave Chaffins as his teammates Kelson Littrell, Marjorie Bertrand, Robert Sheldon, and the Belfry team listen.

The Pike County Schools' salute to our nation's two-hundredth birthday was a Bicentennial American History Bowl and a Bicentennial Parade.

Nine county high schools and the city high school selected teams of students to compete in the American History Bowl, and elimination contests were held at Pikeville's Weddington Theater for five Saturdays preceding the parade date.

On May 22 the teams representing Belfry and Pikeville met in the finals. After the opening speeches by City Superintendent Charles E. Spears, County Superintendent James T. Dotson, and honored guests Congressman Carl Perkins and Kentucky's Superintendent of Public Instruction James B. Graham, the contest got underway.

Announcer Dave Chaffins, timekeeper Carl Mims, scorekeeper Arson Justice, and a panel of judges conducted a smooth-running contest that was nip and tuck until the toss-up round when the PHS team piled up points to win 340-240.

High school history teacher Mrs. Ray Hammond, the team coach, and former eighth grade history teacher Mrs. Clifton George accepted the beautiful trophy for the winning Pikeville High School team.



Two members of the winning Bicentennial Bowl team, Kelson Littrell and Phil Hammond, travel the parade route in the rumble seat of an old Ford; two other team members, Ben Warf and David Elder, marched with the band; Majorie Bertrand and Robert Sheldon rode in another car.

Bowl; Parade Attracts Thousands



The Bicentennial Parade, which was viewed by 20,000 spectators, was the largest parade ever held in the county. The display of pageantry and music involved over 100 units including approximately 30 floats and about 3,000 students, teachers, and civic leaders.

Pikeville was closed to traffic at 9:30 in the morning; parking was prohibited on many streets and people were encouraged to leave their cars across the river.

The parade formed at the Island Creek bridge and made its way to Main Street, around to Second Street, and then to Huffman Avenue where it disbanded.

During the event James G. Hobbs, president of the R. H. Hobbs Company and Pike County GOP Chairman, received a phone call via radio from Air Force One; it was President Gerald Ford expressing his regret at not being able to appear for the parade.

Part of the 20,000 spectators (left) line Main Street waiting for the parade to start. Superintendent Spears (below left) rides on a float with county officials and Superintendent of Public Instruction James B. Graham (white suit). The junior high band (below right) passes the court house.



Outstanding Students, Leaders



FRONT: Rita Little—Teens Who Care Award. Nita Spencer—Senior Band Plaque. Caroline Childress—Chorus Award. Lisa Williamson—Biology Award. SECOND ROW: Marjorie Bertrand—Salutatorian, Drama Award, Foreign Language Award, Girl I Dare You Award, EKU Math and Science Achievement Award, KHSSL participant, and co-winner, English Award. Jennifer Morton—All Around Girl, Home Economics Award, and \$4,000 Kentucky YMCA Scholarship. Jeanne Sturgill—Most Outstanding Band Member. Lisa Billiter—Senior Band Plaque. THIRD ROW: Randy Roberts—Yearbook Award. Kelson Littrell—All Around Boy and History Award. Kenny Childers—Earth Science Award and EKU Math and Science Achievement Award. Mark McCoy—Most Improved Musician. NOT PICTURED: Kathy Biliter—KHSSL participant. Jennifer Burns—Yearbook Award. Mark Clark—EKU Math and Science Achievement Award. Fred Hurt—EKU Math and Science Achievement Award. Libbi Justice—Yearbook Award and KHSSL participant. Pat Kitchen—Miss Pike Hi. Judy Matney—Yearbook Award. Danny Sheldon—EKU Math and Science Achievement Award. Bill Staggs—All Around Athlete. Charles Zoellers—Mr. Pike Hi.

Honored on Awards Day 1976



FRONT: Elizabeth Tudor—Yearbook Award. Cam Robinson—Newspaper Award. Linda Walters—Newspaper Award. Mary Frances Tudor—Senior Band Plaque. SECOND ROW: Glenda Cutright—Commerce Award and Keyettes Scholarship. Leslie Goff—Art Award. Robert Sheldon—Speech Award; KHSSL participant; Math Association of America Award (ranked seventh in state); EKU Math and Science Achievement Award; co-winner, Physics Award; first, CVC Math Achievement Program; first, CVC Science Achievement Program; second, UK Physics Competition. David Elder—Co-Valedictorian; National Merit Finalist (first in school's history); co-winner, Rotary Math Award; co-winner, English Award; co-winner Bausch and Lomb Science Award; Boy I Dare You; DAR Good Citizen Award; co-winner, American Legion Patriotism Award; co-winner, EKU Achievement Award; among top ten in science and math in CVC Achievement Program. Ben Warf—Co-Valedictorian; National Merit Finalist (first in school's history); co-winner, Rotary Math Award; John Philip Sousa Award; co-winner, Physics Award; co-winner, Bausch and Lomb Science Award; co-winner, EKU Achievement Award; fourth, UK Physics Competition; second, CVC Science Achievement Program; among top ten in CVC Math Achievement Program; KHSSL participant; co-winner, English Award. THIRD ROW: Phil Hammond—co-winner, American Legion Patriotism Award and Woodsmen of the World History Award. Steve Walters—Safe Driver Award. Anthony Honaker—Vocational Student of the Year; Chris Sirginnis—Most Valuable Player (band).





SPORTS



Pikeville Dedicates New Field

At the dedication ceremony Mr. Tiller, Mr. Waddell, and Mr. Spears watch as David Elder thanks Mayor Hambley for his support of the PHS athletic program.



The game with Prestonsburg was no ordinary game. There was an air of pride and anticipation among the large crowd that gathered September 5, 1975. On that night a long-awaited dream came true when Pikeville's new athletic facility was dedicated and the Panthers played on their own field for the first time in four years.

In the pre-game ceremony David Elder, president of the Student Council, presented a plaque to Dr. W. C. Hambley, mayor of Pikeville, citing him for his support of the PHS student body; Principal W. Parker Tiller gave the mayor a lifetime pass to all the school's athletic events. Also on hand for the presentation were Charles E. Spears, superintendent of Pikeville City Schools, and John Waddell, assistant superintendent.

The football area of the new 11½ acre facility has permanent seating for 2,000 with ample space for more bleachers if needed. Bright lights illuminate the playing field; a large press box and two score boards are additional features. A chain link fence outlines the facility and broad concrete walks lead from the gates to the seats. Ajoining the football field are two baseball diamonds and a large grassy field for physical education classes. A building to house a club room, rest rooms, and concessions will be completed this summer.

Football Team Compiles 10-1 Record



1975 FOOTBALL TEAM. Front row: Ricky Coleman, Kenny Damron, Kevin Ratliff, Hal Chrisman, Larry May, George O'Dell, Chuck Layne, David Damron, James Paxton. Second row: Greg Wilson, Tim Habern, Phil Davis, Bill Staggs, Jack Castle, Tim Bergman, Jerry Woods, Donnie Hall. Third row: Elmon Walters, Jeff Blackburn, Jesse Salyers, Jimmy Carter, Roger Johnson, David Elder, Jerry Branham. Fourth row: Paul Willis, Clay Caudill, Johnny Sullivan, Kipp Zimmerman, Tommy Sparks, Bobby Davis, Brandt Mullins.

The Pikeville Panthers journeyed to Lawrence County to open their season with a 6-0 victory over the Louisa Bulldogs on a touchdown by Bobby Davis.

The offensive unit was outstanding in the second game as Pikeville defeated the Virgie Eagles 40-0. Ricky Coleman scored 16 points with VanHoose, Elder, Bobby Davis, and Paxton all contributing touchdowns. The defense was led by Willis, Sparks, and Johnson.

The Panthers displayed a tough defense to keep their winning streak alive with a 20 to 6 win over Prestonsburg. VanHoose led the offensive unit with two touchdowns and a two-point conversion; Bobby Davis added the final touchdown on a five-yard run.

A tough battle with the Wheelwright Trojans provided the fourth win for the Panthers, but sidelined VanHoose with a broken collarbone. Caudill came in, however, and did an outstanding job, scoring two touchdowns and picking up 10 yards. Wilson added a touchdown on a beautiful pass from Bill Staggs who also hit Johnson for a two-point conversion. Kevin Ratliff picked up 47 yards on nine carries.

Pikeville's next victims were the Johnson Central Eagles with touchdowns on a 60-yard Staggs-to-Wilson pass play and a 30-yard run by Bobby Davis. Coleman kicked an extra point and Staggs scored on a two-point conversion. Kevin Ratliff

played an outstanding game scoring 20 of Pikeville's 28 points in a crucial district victory over Fleming Neon.

The Panthers seventh win was not as easy as the 16-6 score indicates. The team was hit with 55 yards of penalties while the Lynch Bulldogs had only 5. Coach Howard considers this game a team victory, but noted plays by Sparks, Willis, Paxton, and Johnson on defense and commended the entire offensive line.

VanHoose returned to the line-up to rush 210 yards and score three touchdowns in a 36-6 victory over the Paintsville Tigers. Ricky Coleman kicked five straight extra points.

Pikeville suffered their only loss of the season when the Elkhorn City Cougars scored on the first play of the game.

The next week the wounded Panthers blasted the Mullins Tigers with a score of 36-6 in a game which provided a chance for everyone on the squad to play.

Pikeville finished off a fine season with an impressive Homecoming win over Johns Creek, 21-0. Ricky Coleman led the offensive unit with 90 yards rushing. He also scored the first touchdown of the game and added the extra point on a kick. The second score was made by a 55-yard touchdown pass from Bill Staggs to Coleman. The defensive unit did a great job led by Paxton and Sparks.

Howard Named EKMC Coach of Year

Hillard Howard, football coach of the Pikeville Panthers, was the proud co-recipient of the title EKMC Coach of the Year, sharing the honor with Elkhorn's coach, Delano Thomas.

Howard has been head coach at Pikeville High School for four years and was assistant coach three years before that. During his first season as head coach the Panthers were in the State Class AA finals.

Although he spends a lot of time on the football field, his school hours are filled, too. In addition to physical education classes, Howard teaches Psychology, Sociology, and Health. After football season is over, other sports fill his schedule for he heads the girls' basketball squad and the boys' track team.

Howard, a former Golden Gloves champion, also coaches boys who are interested in boxing.



HEAD FOOTBALL COACHES

John Tuitt	1925-1926	Andy Lorentzen	1948-1950
No football team	1926-1927	Clayton Powers	1950-1956
? Hinds	1928-1929	Bobby Phillips	1956-1957
Wayne F. Replogle	1929-1931	Paul Butcher	1957-1958
William Conkwright	1931-1933	Charles Deaton	1958-1960
Cassius B. Hatcher	1933-1944	Eugene Davis	1960-1968
Follace Fields	1944-1945	Hal Lockhart	1968-1969
Charles Junior Jones	1945-1946	Edgar Vanhoose	1969-1972
Sully Jacobs	1946-1948	Hillard Howard	1972-

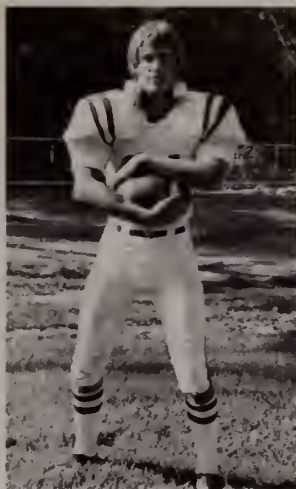


Assistant coaches Toby Wagner and Bill Allara take the field for the opening game.

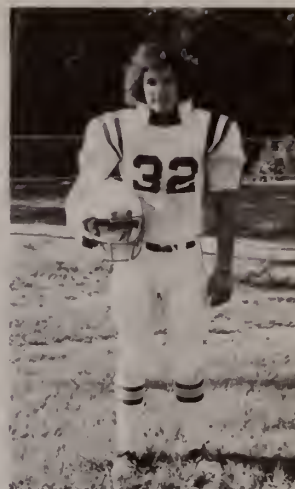


Trainers Rodney Gilliam (front), Bobby Phillips, and Doug Goff.

Panthers Defeat Prestonsburg 21-6



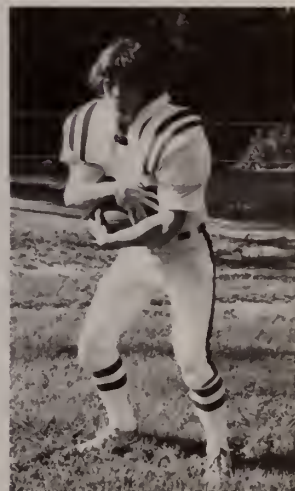
Fullback: Bob Davis



Linebacker: James Paxton



Halfback: Joe Dan VanHoose



Halfback and Kicker: Ricky Coleman



After the traditional run-through (top) and co-captains Bob Davis and James Paxton (right) listen to instructions from the referee, Hollywood (above) positions the ball for the kick-off in the Prestonsburg game, the first on the renovated football field.

Nine Seniors Play Final Season for PHS



Seniors: (Front) David Elder, Bobby Davis, Jack Castle, Kipp Zimmerman. (Back) Clay Caudill, James Paxton, Greg Wilson, Ricky Coleman.

75 RECORD

Pikeville	Opponent	
6	Lousia	0
40	Virgie	0
20	Prestonsburg	6
20	Wheelwright	13
15	Johnson Central	6
28	Fleming Neon	24
16	Lynch	6
36	Paintsville	6
0	Elkhorn	6
36	Mullins	6
21	Johns Creek	0

WON 10, LOST 1



End: David Elder



Tackle: Jack Castle



Offensive Line: (Front) Roger Johnson, Paul Willis, Tommy Sparks, Kipp Zimmerman, Brandt Mullins, Jack Castle, David Elder. (Back) David Damron, Kevin Ratliff, Bob Davis, Bill Staggs, Ricky Coleman.



Linebacker: Clay Caudill
Center: Kipp Zimmerman
End: Greg Wilson



Halfback: Kevin Ratliff
Guard: Tommy Sparks
End: Roger Johnson

Panthers Hold Opponents to 73 Points

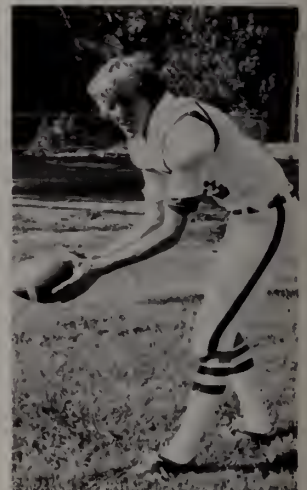


Defensive Line: (Front) David Elder, Paul Willis, Jesse Salyers, James Paxton, Clay Caudill, Bobby Davis, Tommy Sparks, Roger Johnson
(Back) Greg Wilson, Kevin Ratliff, Bill Staggs, Ricky Coleman.

Tackle: Jimmy Carter

Tackle: Paul Willis

Quarterback: Bill Staggs



Guard: Brandt Mullins

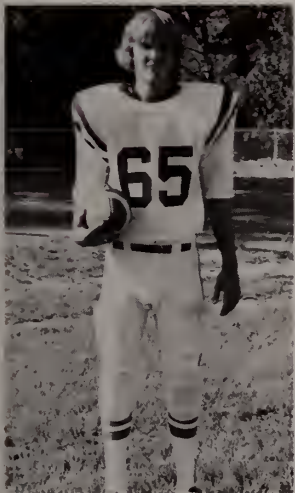
Tackle: Hal Chrisman

Center: George O'Dell





The Panthers listen while quarterback Bill Staggs outlines a play in the Johns Creek game.



End: Jeff Blackburn

End: Jerry Branham

End: Johnny Sullivan



Halfback: Donny Hall

Quarterback: Timmy Habern

Halfback: David Damron

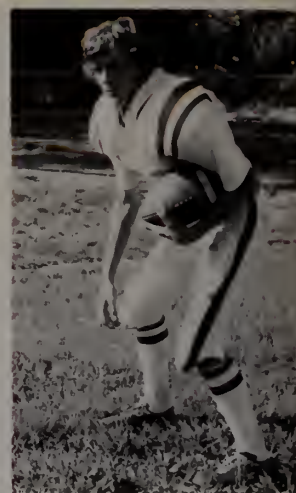
Tackle: Jesse Salyers



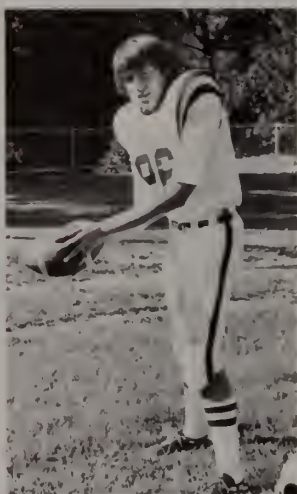
Halfback: Chuck Layne



Halfback: Kenny Damron



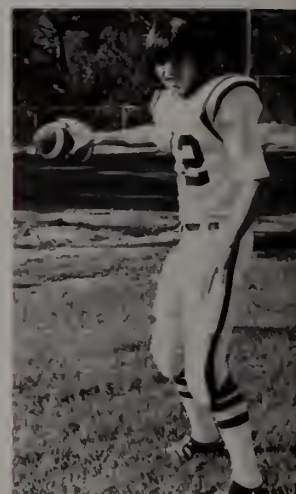
Halfback: Phil Davis



Halfback: Timmy Bergman



Quarterback: Elmon Walters



Coach Howard sends in a play.



Linebacker: Jerry Wood



Halfback: Larry May

Panthers Lose Heartbreaker to Elkhorn 6-0



The Pikeville Panthers lost the most important game of the season when they fell to the Elkhorn Cougars in the game which decided the district championship.

On the night of October 17 the stands at the Pikeville Athletic Field filled quickly despite the rainy weather. Tension hung in the air as the fans waited for the crucial game to begin.

At last the game got under way with the toss of the coin (left) and Elkhorn chose to receive—a fatal choice for the Panthers for on the first play of the game (lower left) the Cougars ran for a touchdown. Pikeville fans sat in stunned silence while Elkhorn boosters roared their approval.

The Panthers had several scoring opportunities but could not push past the goal-line. The defensive line did an outstanding job by holding Elkhorn to less than 100 yards total offense and Bobby Davis led the Panthers with 80 yards rushing, but as time grew shorter the Panther fans' spirits sank lower. Their team was down one touchdown and time was running out. When the last seconds left the clock, the silent home town crowd realized that their team had finally been defeated. Elkhorn's fans went wild; the Cougars had brought the mighty Panthers down.



Freshman Football Team



1975 FRESHMAN FOOTBALL TEAM. Front row: Frank Dawahare, Danny Sheldon, Wesley Robinson, William Dawahare, Kenny Damron, Mark Littrell, Nathan Venters. Second row: Walter Tucker, Frosty Davis, Doug Charles, Timmy Bergman, Robert Staggs, Jack Cauley. Third row: Coach Bill Allara, Jeff Joyce, Timmy Habern, Frank Justice, Allen Goss, Donnie Adkins.

75 RECORD

Pikeville	Opponent	
28	Virgie	.2
62	Prestonsburg	.6
20	Elkhorn City	.0
6	Belfry	.0
36	Paintsville	.30
14	Johnson Central	.18
22	Fleming-Neon	.6



Frosty Davis releases a pass in the exciting Paintsville game which ended with a Pikeville sudden-death win.

Posts a 6-1 Record



Coach Bill Allara commented about this year's freshman team, "This is one of the hardest hitting freshman teams I have been associated with as a coach or a player."

The team did not play any schools smaller than PHS which is a Class A school. Four of the team's opponents—Virgie, Elkhorn, Paintsville, and Fleming-Neon—were also Class A, but the other teams were all Class AAA.

The only team to defeat the Panthers was Class AAA Johnson Central in a close, hard fought game which ended with a score of 18-14.

One of the most exciting games was the 36-30 win over Paintsville that ended in sudden death.

Even though the team lost to Johnson Central, Coach Allara felt that the Belfry eleven was the best team the boys played all year. He said, "The Belfry game was the hardest hitting freshman game I have ever seen."



In a hard hitting Belfry game Walter Tucker puts the rush on a passer (top); Tim Bergman carries the ball (above left) and later takes a pitch-out (right) as Robert Staggs and Kenny Damron block.

Basketball Team 8-20 in Rebuilding Year



1975-76 BASKETBALL TEAM. First row: Heavy Duty, Tommy Waddell, Andy Kilburn, Charles Zoellers, Johnny Sullivan, Jeff Blackburn, Ricky Habern. Second row: Coach Reitz, Jimmy Carter, Kelson Littrell, Phil Hammond, Tim Staggs, Allen Burke, Bill Staggs, Jesse Salyers, Lyle Blackburn, Coach Hale.

75-76 RECORD

Pikeville	Opponent	Pikeville	Opponent
70	Elkhorn	53	Mullins
65	McDowell	72	Knott County Central
49	Prestonsburg	65	Belfry
53	Virgie	56	Mullins
55	Lee County	52	Betsy Layne
58	Wheelwright	51	Hazard
64	Millard	57	Tates Creek
61	Johns Creek	63	Johnson Central
57	Betsy Layne	58	Lafayette
70	Salyersville	59	Sheldon Clark
58	Williamson	66	Prestonsburg
53	Paintsville	72	Phelps
56	Virgie	67	Allen Central
77	Pendleton County	54	Virgie



Coach Reitz signals a time out from the bench.



David Willett
Junior-Statistician



Heavy Duty Blankenship
Junior-Trainer



Lyle Blackburn
Junior-Manager



Jimmy Carter
Junior-Bookkeeper

Waddell, Staggs Captain '76 Squad



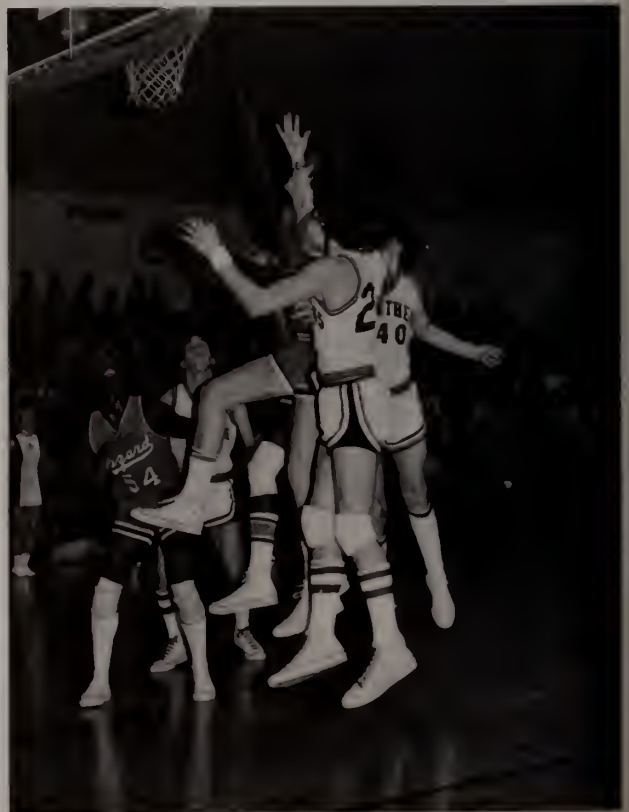
Tommy Waddell
Junior-Guard



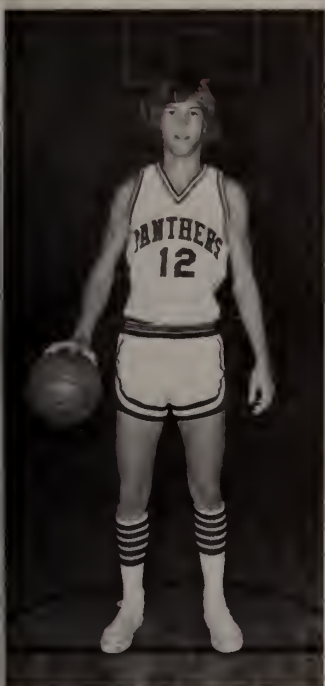
Bill Staggs
Junior-Center



Bill Staggs makes a jump shot in the Paintsville game.



The Panthers battle Hazard for a rebound.



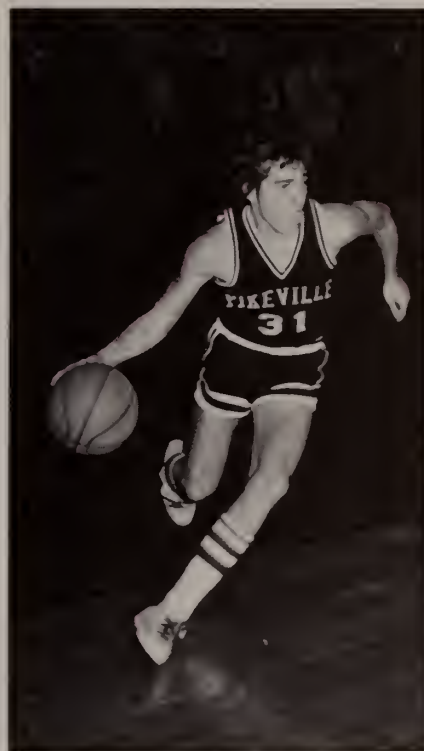
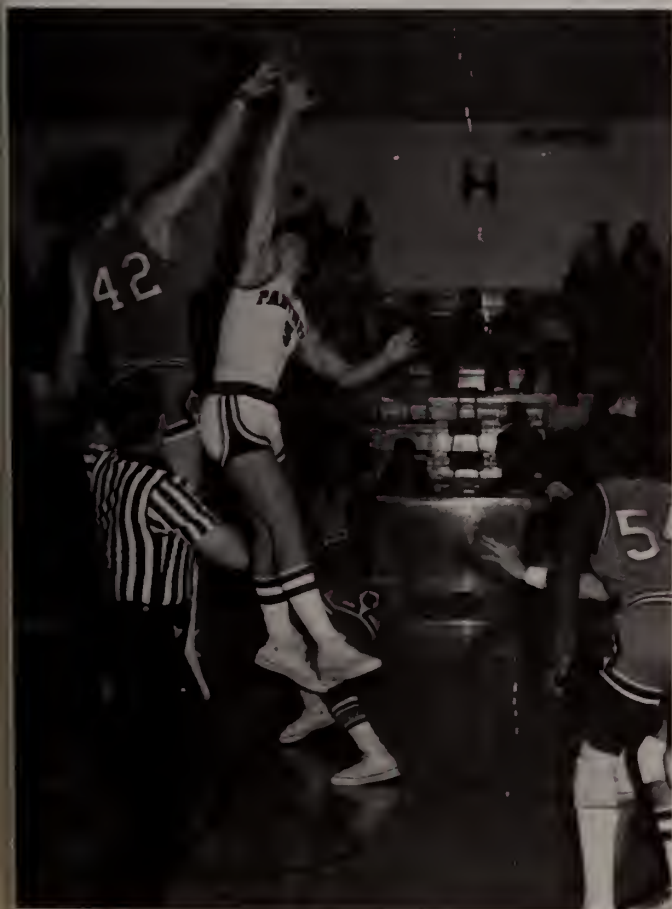
Jeff Blackburn
Sophomore-Guard



Allen Burke
Sophomore-Forward



Phil Hammond
Senior-Center



Allen Burke (left) jumps high against Hazard.
Johnny Sullivan (above) drives for a lay up.

This was a tough basketball year for PHS players and fans. The squad faced a difficult schedule with a starting five of two juniors and three sophomores.

The new coach Michael Reitz said, "It has really hurt PHS basketball to have had three coaches in three years. There was no foundation for the program and the players didn't know what to expect from one year to another." Reitz went on to explain that the team went up against Hazard who came out as champs of the 14th Region and Knott County Central, the runner-up in the same region. In addition they played teams from two large Lexington schools, Tates Creek and Lafayette.

Rebounding and lack of experience proved to be the team weaknesses, but the Panthers did excell in shooting and the boys kept in top condition. As the year progressed the team improved greatly. Five games were lost by a total of only 16 points and four of these games were on the road. Although Virgie downed the Panthers in the first game of district play, Pikeville had during the regular season beaten Betsy Layne and McDowell, the teams that eventually met in the finals of the 15th Region tournament.

The high spot of the season was the championship of the Mullins Invitational Tournament. The Panthers defeated Betsy Layne and went on to down the Mullins Tigers. The tournament was a real display of what the Panthers could accomplish with hard work and lots of spirit.

Tommy Waddell was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player and Bill Staggs and Alan Burke were selected for the All-Tournament team.



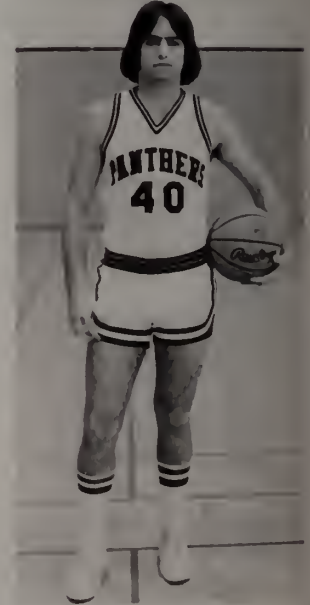
Coach Reitz confers with his players during a time out.



Andy Kilburn
Junior-Guard

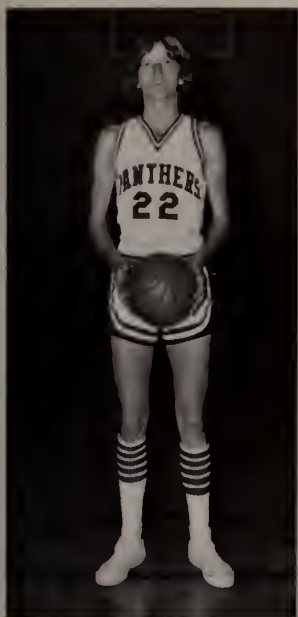


Kelson Littrell
Senior-Forward



Jesse Salyers
Sophomore-Forward

Panthers Take MIT



Tim Staggs
Sophomore—Forward



Johnny Sullivan
Sophomore—Guard



Charles Zoellers
Senior—Guard



Allen Burke jumps in the opening tip-off.

HEAD BASKETBALL COACHES

John Shaw	1915-1919?
George Tinsley	1919?-1921?
William M. Wesley	1921-1922
? Weaver	1922-1923
Chester Ray Clark	1923-1924
John Tuitt	1924-1926
Chester Ray Clark	1926-1927
? Hines	1928-1929
Wayne F. Replogle	1929-1931
William Conkwright	1931-1933
Cassius B. Hatcher	1933-1944
John Bill Trivette	1944-1945
Burgess Robbins	1945-1946
John Bill Trivette	1946-1960
Ernest "Dickie" Prater	1960-1961
John Lee Butcher	1961-1962
C.P. Mims	1962-1965
John Lee Butcher	1965-1967
C.P. Mims	1967-1968
Wayne Martin	1968-1973
David Collier	1973-1974
William Newsome, Jr.	1974-1975
Michael Reitz	1975-

Young B-Team Plays Hard Schedule;



1975-76 B-TEAM. Front: Wesley Robinson, Jerry Branham, Robert Staggs, Frank Justice, Doug Charles. Back: Jeff Tuchfarber, manager; Tommy Burchett, Paul Johnson, Scott Stewart, Eric McAnallen, Jeff Blackburn, Tim Staggs, Hal Chrisman, Timmy Habern, Frosty Davis, Ricky Habern, manager; Coach Hale.

The B-Team played a heavy 20-game schedule compiling a 6-14 record. The team was hampered by a lack of experience since nine freshmen were used on the team with six of them seeing a lot of action. Of the games lost six were lost by six points or less which speaks well for this young team.

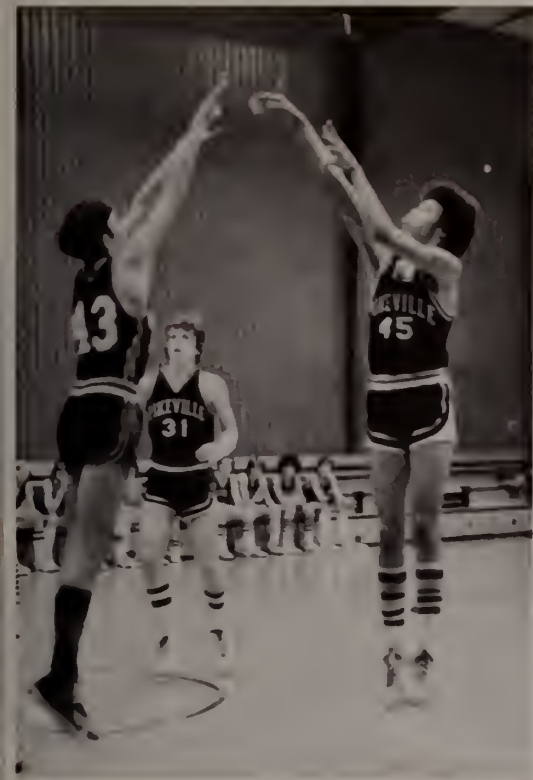
Coach Hale says that with their grounding in fundamentals and all the action they saw during the season, the team should be twice as strong next year.



75-76 RECORD	
Pikeville	Opponent
47 . . .	Elkhorn City 28
24 . . .	Lee County 48
41 . . .	Wheelwright 31
35 . . .	Millard 34
40 . . .	Johns Creek 47
31 . . .	Betsy Layne 43
39 . . .	Salyersville 35
37 . . .	Paintsville 43
31 . . .	Virgie 51
44 . . .	Pendleton County 47
43 . . .	Knott County Central . . 46
31 . . .	Hazard 41
47 . . .	Belfry 39
37 . . .	Tates Creek 56
39 . . .	Phelps 32
32 . . .	Allen Central 52
24 . . .	Prestonsburg 27
25 . . .	Sheldon Clark 37
31 . . .	Mullins 41
40 . . .	Johnson Central 46

Frosty Davis tries for a two pointer.

Freshmen Have Disappointing Season



75-76 RECORD

Pikeville	Opponents
29	Sheldon Clark 46
26	Elkhorn City 27
28	Johns Creek 44
36	Sheldon Clark 54
35	Millard 37
47	Belfry 40
40	Johnson Central. 46
26	Johnson Central. 42

This was a disappointing year for boys who last year played on a junior high team that had a record-breaking 18-0 season; but even though the freshman team's record looks bad on the book, the boys gained experience which will benefit them in their next three years. Long practice sessions were spent on fundamentals, and Coach Hale reports that the boys performed well individually but that they really did not learn to play as a team. He feels that once this team attitude develops they will make a better showing.

Timmy Habern (left) shoots under the watchful eye of Scott Stewart.



1975-76 FRESHMAN BASKETBALL TEAM. Front: Wesley Robinson, Doug Charles, Robert Staggs, Frank Justice, Steve Bridgeman. Back: Jeff Tuchfarber, manager; Paul Johnson, Tim Bergman, Scott Stewart, Eric McAnallen, Timmy Habern, Frosty Davis, Tommy Burchett, Ricky Habern, manager; Coach Hale.

Cheerleading Squad Works All Year

The varsity cheerleaders really didn't have a summer vacation because their sponsor, Mrs. Jeanette Elder, had them practicing throughout June to be ready for their July camp at UK. The hard work paid off: they became the first PHS cheerleading squad to receive all superior ratings at a UK clinic. The girls were in the top 7 squads out of the 85 attending.

During August they attended another clinic at Pikeville College where they were awarded four superior ribbons and named Best Overall Squad.

After school started practice sessions were even more frequent and Wednesday nights were devoted to a two-hour gymnastics class taught by Joe Williamson.

EKU was the site for a November clinic in which the girls received 92 out of a possible 100 points on their cheer.

When the Mullins Invitational Tournament rolled around in January, there was more competition for the cheerleaders. They won the first place trophy when pitted against five other squads.

In March came the big tournaments. First was the district where the cheerleaders placed second, and next was the regional where they placed fourth.

All this time the squad was cheering at all the varsity games and pep rallies. No wonder a gal needs pep to be a cheerleader!



Whooping it up at the Tates Creek game (above) are senior Pat Kitchen, captain, and junior Amy Black, co-captain. Below are sophomore Cindy McGhee, senior Libbi Justice, and junior Wada McCown.





1976 VARSITY CHEERLEADERS. From bottom: Wada, Pat, Christi, Amy, Jeannie, Alicia, Cindy, Libbi.



Christi Glavaris does a sideline chant.



Cheerleader sponsor, Mrs. Jeanette Elder, always keeps an eye on her girls. Alicia Clark and Jeannie Davis (left) wait for the start of the Homecoming parade.

Girls Post 11-4 Second Season Record



1975-76 GIRLS' BASKETBALL. Front row: Nita Spencer, Debbie Jones, Pam Rosebrook, Marsha Charles, Libby Lockhart, Kim Slone, Sonja Honaker. Back row: Jeannie Davis, trainer; Nina Henry, Kim Daniels, Missy Mulliken, Teresa Ray, Joan Justice, Terri Adkins, Coach Hillard Howard.



Coach Howard confers with Nita Spencer during the regional tournament.

75-76 RECORD

Pikeville	Opponent
55	Virgie 35
44	Elkhorn 31
46	Betsy Layne 65
77	Dorton 9
68	Virgie 28
68	Elkhorn 37
44	Millard 83
32	Belfry 37
56	Johns Creek 39
55	Millard 49
53	Johnson Central 58
58	Elkhorn 50
46	Johns Creek 34
104	Dorton 21
54	Belfry 45



The '76 seniors were all on last year's team—the first girls' team since '30: Debbie Jones, Nita Spencer, Nina Henry, Missy Mulliken.



Jeannie Davis—Trainer



Susan Lockhart—Manager

Mulliken Captains Team



The girls leave the floor at half time.



Captain Missy Mulliken, Senior-Guard



Terri Adkins
Sophomore-Guard



Marsha Charles
Eighth Grade-Guard



Kim Daniels
Sophomore-Center



Nina Henry
Senior-Forward



Sonja Honaker
Seventh Grade-Guard



Debbie Jones
Senior-Forward



Joan Justice
Freshman-Center

Mighty Mite Marsha Charles goes in for a lay-up.



Libby Lockhart
Freshman-Forward



Teresa Ray
Eighth Grade-Forward



Pam Rosebrook
Freshman-Forward



Kim Slone
Eighth Grade-Forward



Nita Spencer
Senior-Guard

Teresa Ray Named Region 15 All-Tourney



The Panthers advanced to the finals of the district tournament with a convincing 25-point victory over the Virgie Eagles, but lost a hard-fought battle to the tough Millard Mustangs. Terri Adkins and Missy Mulliken led the Panthers in scoring with 17 and 16 points respectively. Pam Rosebrook, Marsha Charles, and Terri Adkins were named to the All-District team.

The girls advanced to the regionals and lost to Sheldon Clark, the 15th Region champs. A bright spot for the Panthers was eighth grader Teresa Ray's being named to the All-Tournament team.

With five of the top six players returning Coach Howard says, "I feel we are definite contenders to win the region next year."

The Panthers (top) take the floor for their district game with Virgie. Teresa Ray (left) battles the entire Virgie team for a rebound. Virgie congratulates the Panthers (below) after the game.



JV Squad Supports Four Teams



JUNIOR VARSITY CHEERLEADERS. Laura Justice (front), captain; Glenna Butler, Nina Kent, Donna Thacker, Marsha Clubb, co-captain; Linda Allen.

In preparation for the year's work the junior varsity cheerleaders attended two camps during the summer.

At the University of Kentucky camp they received instruction in cheers, mounts, pompon routines, and gymnastics and studied crowd psychology. They returned home with one outstanding, two excellent, and two superior ribbons and a spirit stick.

The second camp the squad attended was a day camp at Pikeville College. There they were awarded all superior ratings and came in second in junior varsity competition.

The girls' training did not stop there; they received gymnastics instruction from Joe Williamson throughout the year.

The girls were kept busy in every season cheering for four teams: freshman football, boys' freshman and junior varsity basketball, and girls' varsity basketball.

When the squad went to the Tom Wiley Invitational Tournament to cheer for the girls' varsity they placed second out of the eight schools that participated.

The JV squad was sponsored by Mrs. Jeanette Elder.



The JV squad cheers for the girls' team at the district tournament.

Combs Qualifies For State Individual Golf Tournament

The 1976 golf team of Pikeville High School, although the youngest in Mr. Allara's three years of coaching, had an above average year. The team did much better than expected and ended up winning 22 matches and losing only 3. Out of six teams Pikeville placed third in the Lynch Invitational Tournament and also came in third at the Regional Tournament. Steve Combs placed third out of seventy-six golfers which qualified him for the State Individual Golf Tournament.

Paul Johnson, a freshman, maintained the lowest team average during the regular season. Last year's team members Steve Walters, Robbie Linton, and Lyle Blackburn were joined this year by freshmen Eric McAnallen, Frank Justice, Jerry Wood, and Paul Johnson.



Steve Combs gets ready to compete in the State Individual Golf Tournament by practicing his putting at the Pikeville Country Club against a backdrop of our beautiful hills.



1976 GOLF TEAM. Steve Combs, Robbie Linton, Paul Johnson, Jerry Wood, Lyle Blackburn, Steve Walters, Eric McAnallen, Frank Justice, Coach Bill Allara.



Don Paul Branham
Most Outstanding Fighter



Johnny Sullivan
Junior Middleweight Champ



Ricky Coleman
Junior Welterweight - Runner-up

PHS Boxers Sweep Tourney

Participants in the Second Annual Pikeville Boxing Tournament came from Williamson, Delbarton, and Ragland, West Virginia, and Elkhorn City, Kentucky. The event, arranged by PHS coach Hillard Howard, was held at the Pikeville College gym May 19, 20, and 21. The Pikeville team won five championships, one runner-up, the team trophy, and a PHS boxer, Don Paul Branham, was named Most Outstanding Fighter.

PHS Winners

Don Paul Branham	Most Outstanding Fighter
	Middleweight Champ
Johnny Sullivan	Junior Middleweight Champ
Kenny Damron	Welterweight Champ
Jerry Branham	Bantamweight Champ
Donnie Hall	Featherweight Champ
Ricky Coleman	Junior Welterweight, runner-up



Don Paul Branham gives Frosty Davis (middle) some pointers, and then gets in the ring himself (right) to box a Delbarton fighter.



Jimmy Sword and David Walters are entitled to wear a third degree brown belt; Caroline Childress (middle), a yellow belt.

Karate Brings the Orient to PHS

On Tuesday nights at the Pikeville High School gym Dan Justice and David Pruitt taught a class in karate, a method of weaponless self-defense developed in Japan. This sport is challenging because there are different levels of competence to be achieved; these are designated by belts of various colors. The first belt one earns is white, followed by yellow, blue, green, brown—third, second, and first degrees—and black—tenth through first degrees, the first degree black belt indicating the highest level of competence.

Several students from school studied karate. Those upperclassmen who have a third degree brown belt are Jimmy Sword, David Walters, Ben Warf, and James Pleasant; Caroline Childress has a yellow belt. The junior high students involved in the sport are Joey Huffman and Chad Jackson who hold a third degree brown belt; Lezlie Clark, Michael O'Neal, and Luke Zimmerman who own blue belts; and Kendra Casato who has earned a yellow belt.

Boys' Track Team Wins Medals at EKMC And Regional



1976 BOYS' TRACK TEAM. Front: Elmon Walters, Kenny Damron, Charlie Deaton, Jeff Joyce, Bill Staggs, Dusty Layne. Second row: William Dawahare, Johnny Sullivan, Tim Bergman, Larry May, Roger Johnson, Tommy Waddell, Timmy Habern, David Damron, Joe Dan VanHoose.



The boys' track team competed in three meets before the Eastern Kentucky Mountain Conference at Jenkins. After the EKMC they traveled to Morehead State University for the regional meet.

EKMC MEDAL WINNERS

- Tim Bergman 1st in one-half mile relay
- John Hambley
- Roger Johnson
- Larry May
- David Damron 2nd in mile relay
- John Hambley
- Roger Johnson
- Larry May
- Roger Johnson 3rd in 200-yard dash
- 3rd in 100-yard dash

REGIONAL MEDAL WINNERS

- Johnny Sullivan 3rd in 880-yard dash
- 3rd in 440-yard dash
- Tim Bergman 3rd in mile relay
- David Damron
- Roger Johnson
- Johnny Sullivan
- Tim Bergman 4th in one-half mile relay
- David Damron
- John Hambley
- Roger Johnson



PHS runner Tim Staggs is in the middle of the pack (above) in the two-mile race at the regional track meet at Morehead State University. Johnny Sullivan (left) comes in third out of ten in the 440-yard dash at the same meet.

This school year proved to be a rewarding one for the girls' track team when many years of hard work finally paid off. Coach Rebecca Collier was very pleased with the team and felt that the girls really worked together. The team was very strong in long distance events, but showed weakness in short distance runs. All the girls scored points during the season thus qualifying for the regional meet at Morehead State University.

Coach Collier presented a special award to Libby Lockhart at the Varsity Banquet for being the highest scorer on the team; Libby collected a total of 41½ points.

Meet Location	Date	Pikeville
Jenkins	April 20	placed 2nd out of 3 teams
Jenkins	April 29	placed 2nd out of 5 teams
Jenkins	May 3	placed 2nd out of 6 teams
Paintsville	May 6	placed 1st out of 3 teams



Coach Collier's expression reveals her anxiety as her girls compete (top). At a Jenkins meet Lisa Elkins (above left) prepares to receive the baton from Terri Adkins in the 880-medley relay, and Libby Lockhart (right) finishes second in the 440-yard run.

Team Effort Produces Improvement



Susan Goss encourages Nina Kent (left) as she readies for the 60-yard hurdles, and Libby Lockhart (below) goes over a barrier at the Jenkins meet.



1976 GIRLS' TRACK TEAM. Front: Susan Lockhart, Jill Maynard, Nina Kent, Lisa Elkins, Libby Lockhart, Laura Justice, Susan Goss, Terri Adkins, Susan Brown, Glenda Kent. Back: Mrs. Collier, coach; Jean Young, Marshilla Habern, Liza Bell, Jeannie Davis, Nita Spencer, Cindy Bradley, Missy Mulliken, Linda Allen.

Panthers Defeat Virgie 6-5;



76 RECORD

Pikeville	Opponent	
7	Dorton	2
7	Phelps	6
2	Elkhorn City	3
2	Virgie	7
6	Mullins	9
3	Wheelwright	4
2	Johnson Central	14
8	Mullins	1
7	Mullins	4
12	Dorton	1
W	Millard	Forfeit
W	Millard	Forfeit
5	Phelps	0
11	Elkhorn City	1
12	Dorton	2
6	Virgie	5
6	Feds creek	0
3	Wheelwright	4

Baseball fans had reason to rejoice this year: for the first time in four years PHS played on its own diamond; the Panthers had a winning 12-6 season; and the team won the 59th District championship.

The spectators who came to the new athletic facility on the North Mayo Trail saw lots of exciting play climaxed by a close 6-5 win over the Virgie Eagles to capture the district title. This win advanced the Panthers to the semi-finals of the Regional Baseball Tournament for the first time since 1971.

In the regionals the team defeated Feds creek in the first game, but in the second game they were knocked out of the tournament by Wheelwright.

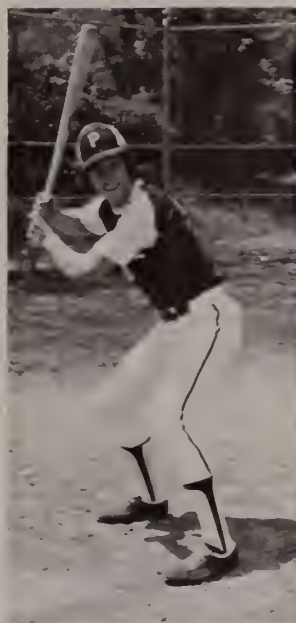
The seniors who played their last game against Wheelwright were Mike Silvey, Chris Sirginnis, and Charles Zoellers.

1976 BASEBALL TEAM. Front row: Scott Stewart, Chris Sirginnis, Mike Silvey, Dusty Layne, Charles Carty, Phil Davis. Second row; Jeff Tuchfarber, manager; Tommy Sparks, Mike Castle, Bill Staggs, Allen Burke, Rusty Rowe, Charles Zoellers, Scott Ross. Third row: Frosty Davis, Randy Elkins, Allen Goss, Tommy Burchett, Jess Sowards, Robert Staggs, Wesley Robinson, Andy Kilburn.

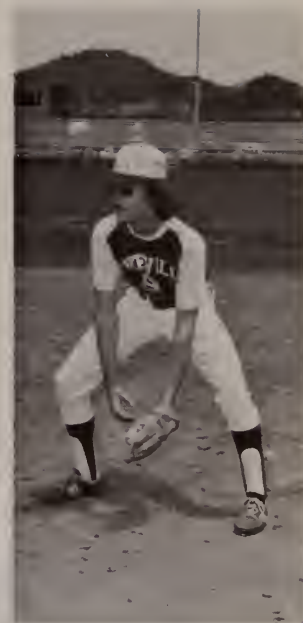
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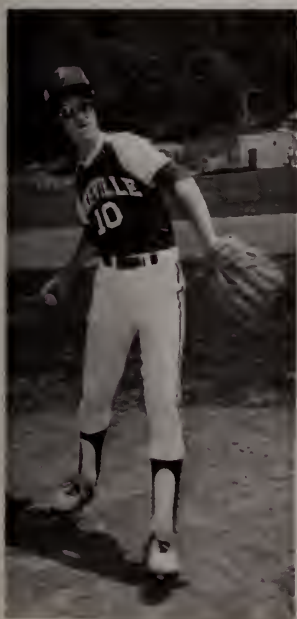
Coach Mike Reitz checks the line-up with the referee.



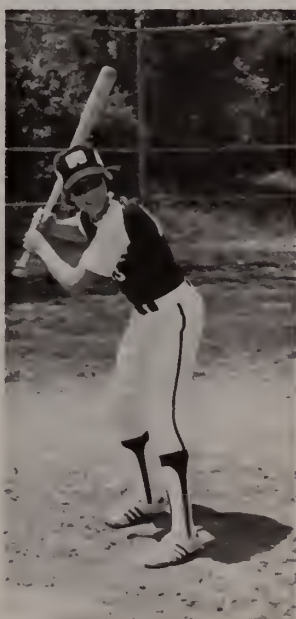
Allen Burke
Sophomore
First Base



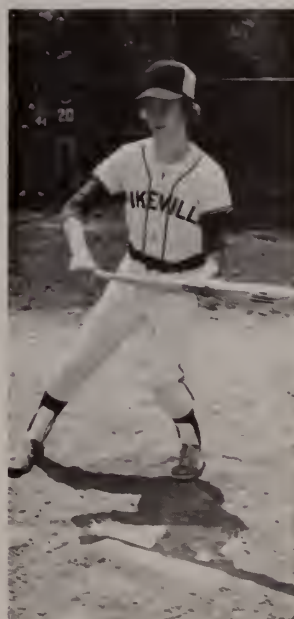
Charles Carty
Junior
Second Base



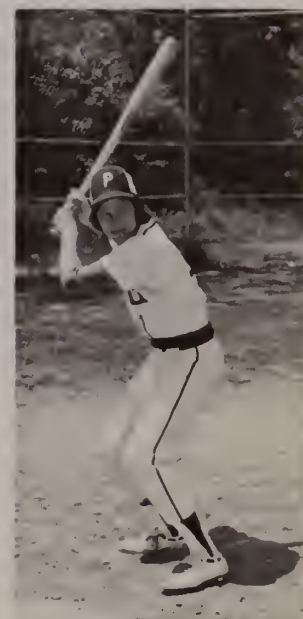
Mike Castle
Junior
Pitcher, Shortstop



Phil Davis
Sophomore
Shortstop

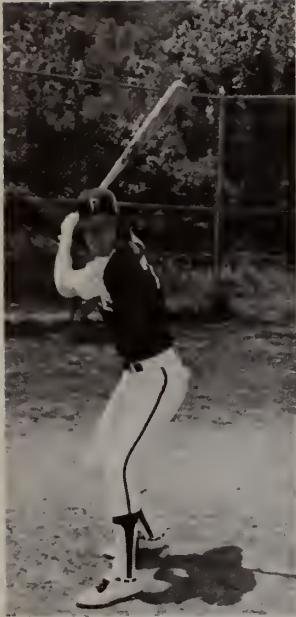


Randy Elkins
Freshman
Right Field

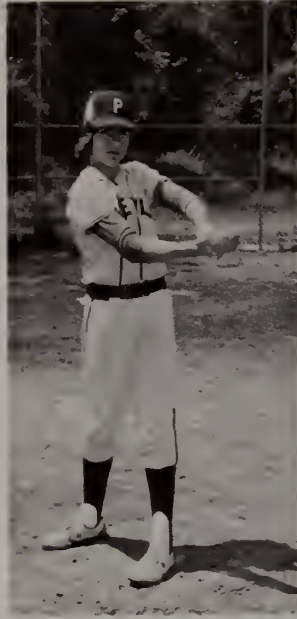


Allen Goss
Freshman
Left Field

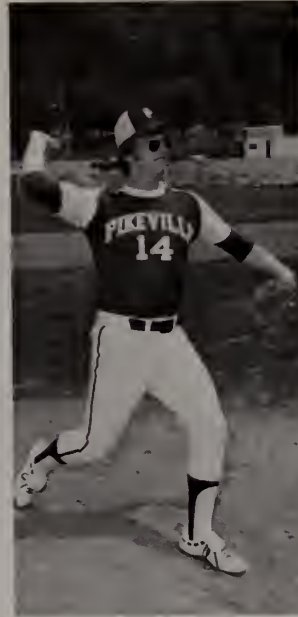
Panthers Break in New



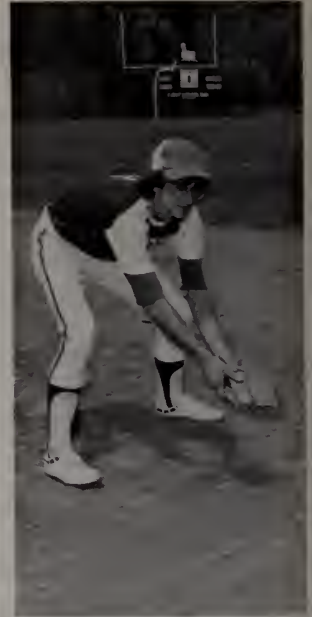
Dusty Layne
Junior
Center Field



Wesley Robinson
Freshman
Right Field



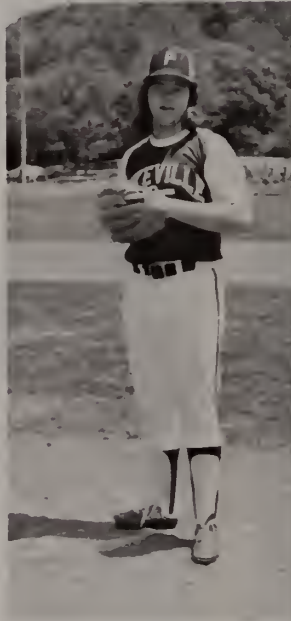
Scott Ross
Junior
Pitcher, Right Field



Rusty Rowe
Junior
Shortstop



Mike Silvey
Senior
Second Base, Right Field

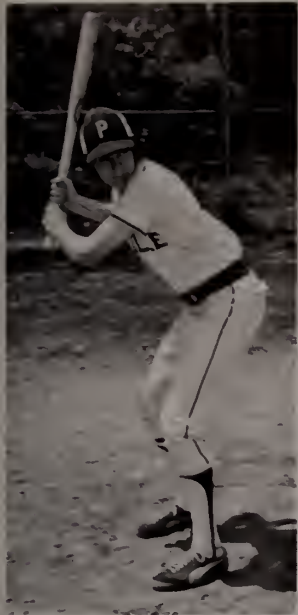


Chris Sirginnis
Senior
Pitcher, Right Field



Dusty Layne steps on deck and selects a bat.

Field with 12-6 Season



Jess Sowards
Sophomore
Second Base



Tommy Sparks
Junior
Catcher



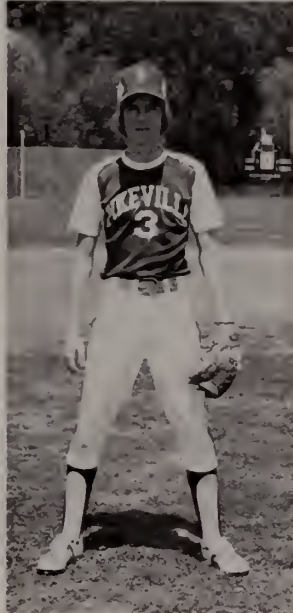
Bill Staggs
Junior
Pitcher, First Base



Robert Staggs
Freshman
Right Field



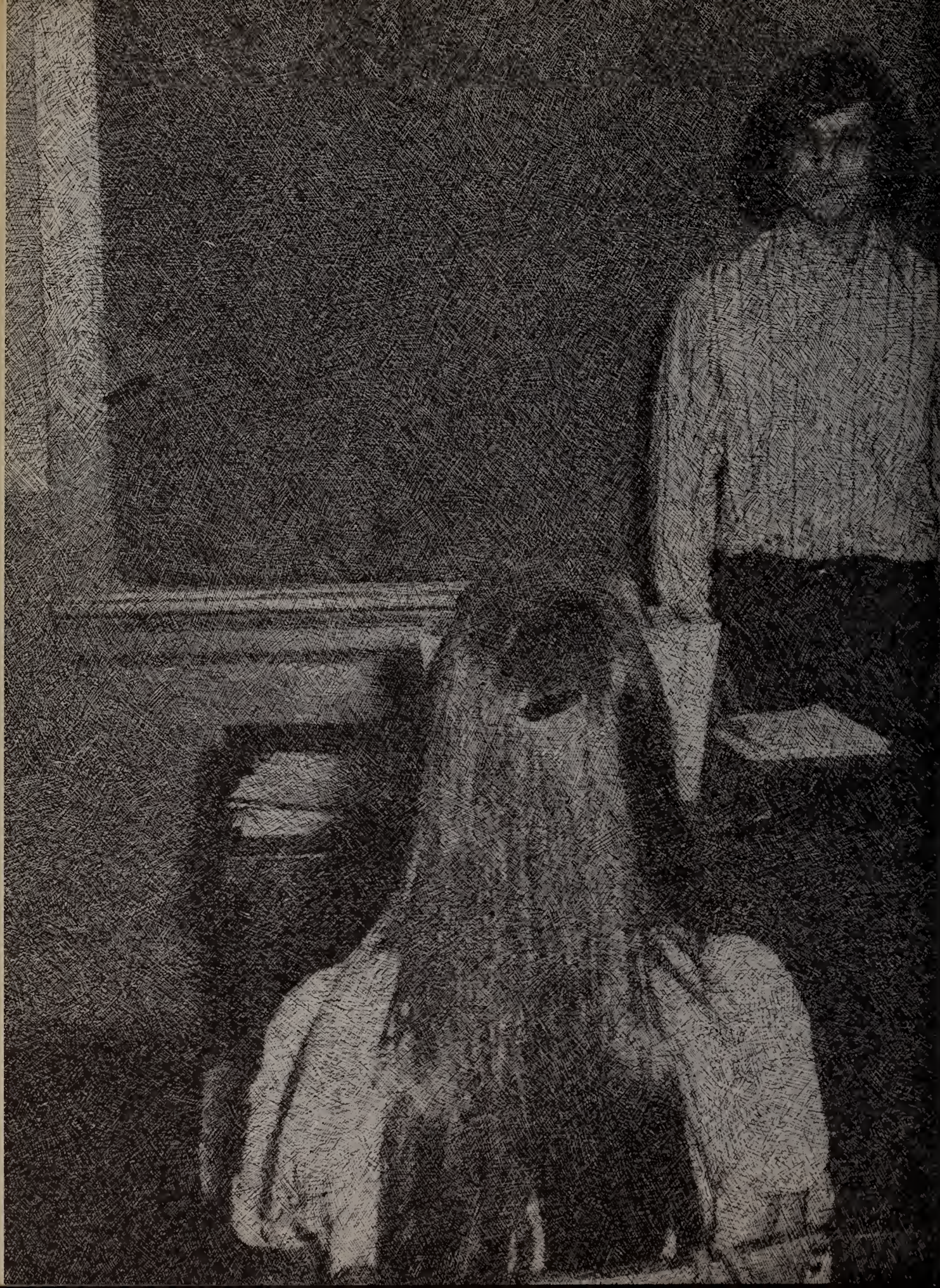
Scott Stewart
Freshman
Pitcher, First Base



Charles Zoellers
Senior
Left Field



Robert Staggs leads off first.





ORGANIZATIONS

Student Council Negotiates Exemptions



The Student Council gives the school an opportunity to experience democracy in action. Each spring the candidates for the four top positions declare their intent to seek office, conduct their campaigns, and finally are voted on by the students of grades 7-11. The winners serve the following year along with a representative and alternate selected from each homeroom.

The council deals with school problems and is the instrument through which the students officially confer with the administration. The wheels of school government seem to turn slowly and events are seldom dramatic, but when the victories come, they are sweet. This year the council mediated an agreement with the faculty and administration to set up a system of exemptions from semester examinations for high school students who attain a high grade average.

The Student Council also sponsored two dances—Sadie Hawkins and the Varsity—and conducted several money-making projects to finance them.

STUDENT COUNCIL. First row: Donna Thacker, Marjorie Bertrand, Cam Robinson. Second row: Dawn Deskins, Nina Kent, Susan Goss, Janet Sheldon, Amy Mims. Third row: Becky R. Justice, Amy Black, Pat Kitchen, Marsha Clubb, Debbie Slone, Lucy Davis. Fourth row: Charlie Deaton, Jimmy Carter, David Elder, Ben Warf, Walter Tucker, Kyle Jackson, Mrs. Sallee, Bobby Davis, Doug Goff. Fifth row: Greg Stratton, Chris Conn, Kelsey Layne, Vincent Barone.



OFFICERS: First row: Janet Sheldon, vice president and advisory board; Amy Black, advisory board; Cam Robinson, secretary and advisory board. Second row: Charlie Deaton, treasurer; Mrs. Sallee, sponsor; David Elder, president and advisory board.



SPEECH AND DEBATE CLUB. First row: Cam Robinson, Marjorie Bertrand, Libbi Justice, Glenda Cutright, Amy Black. Second row: Janet Sheldon, Robert Sheldon, Jennifer Morton, Ben Warf, Jimmy Carter, David Elder, Nelson Littrell, Charlie Deaton.



OFFICERS: Cam Robinson, reporter; Marjorie Bertrand, secretary; Jimmy Carter, treasurer; Jennifer Morton, vice president; Amy Black, president; Mrs. Sallee, sponsor.

Speech Club Wins Honors in Competition

The Speech and Debate Club continued in a winning tradition that goes back to 1926 when the first Debate Club was organized by Chester Clark.

This year's club, sponsored by Mrs. Modena Sallee, won a number of individual honors in local competition. They participated in Bicentennial Youth Debates; and in district speech competition David Elder won first place in debate, Marjorie Bertrand was first in extemporaneous, and Janet Sheldon placed second in persuasive.

At the Regional Speech Festival held at Pikeville College the club's 12 participants won 13 superiors, including first place in debate. The club came in second overall, missing first by only one point, a remarkable accomplishment considering that the school placing first had 27 participants.

Because of conflicting scheduling only five of those qualifying competed at the state level; of these three—Libbi Justice, Robert Sheldon, and Ben Warf—received excellent ratings.

Co-Ed-Y Tops In Eastern KY



OFFICERS. David Walters, vice president; Susan Allen, secretary; Glenda Cutright, president; Tammy Hobbs, chaplin; Phil Hammond, treasurer.

CO-ED-Y JUNIORS AND FRESHMEN.

First row: Jimmy Carter, Sheri Slone, Linda Allen, Marsha Clubb, Liza Bell, Mary Cook, Alicia Clark, Jeannie Davis, Doug Goff. Second row: Cam Robinson, Sharon Meadows, Dawn Deskins, Tammy Jo Justice, Susan Allen, Cathy Moore, Tracy Wagner, Amy Mims, Katie Eagle. Third row: Laura Justice, Debbie Slone, Amy Black, Glenna Butler, Sarah Baker, Tammy Hobbs, Bonita Justice. Fourth row: Robert Sheldon, Danny Sheldon, Wesley Robinson, Jeff Slone, Greg Goff, Mrs. Hammond, advisor. Fifth row: Charles Carty, Rusty Rowe, Mike Castle, Bill Staggs, Tommy Waddell, Lyle Blackburn, Charlie Deaton, Tommy Sparks.



CO-ED-Y SENIORS AND SOPHOMORES.

First row: Susan Goss, Bena Brewer, Melanie Francisco, Janet Sheldon, Marjorie Bertrand. Second row: Cindy McGhee, Carolyn Runyon, Glenda Cutright, Leslie Goff, Lisa Billiter, Jennifer Morton, Lucy Davis, Amy Justice. Third row: David Walters, Jimmy Sword, Davis Elder, Ricky Preston, Vinson Ratliff. Fourth row: Charles Zoellers, Phil Hammond, Nelson Littrell, Bobby Davis.





Lt. Gov. Charles Zoellers stands under the seal of the Commonwealth of Kentucky to preside over the KYA Senate.

Zoellers KYA Lieutenant Governor

Pikeville Co-Ed-Y, long one of the schools most active clubs, added to its reputation for excellence by capturing a number of state awards and offices.

At KUNA Cam Robinson was chosen as one of the top officers, President of the Trusteeship Council; Robert Sheldon received a speaking award; the Pikeville bill was selected as the best in the state; and Amy Black, Glenda Cutright, Jennifer Morton, and Cam Robinson served on the Cabinet. Cam received her first Y award—a cabinet award—one of only three given at an assembly of 600.

At KYA Charles Zoellers, who was elected lieutenant governor at last year's session, presided over the Senate; Kentucky's Governor Julian Carroll designated him a Kentucky Colonel. Cam Robinson was the Senate Majority Leader. Amy Black, who was candidate for governor, received her second Y award; this cabinet award is one of three given out of the assembly of 600. Those serving on the cabinet were Susan Allen, Amy Black, Charles Carty, Glenda Cutright, Jennifer Morton, and Charles Zoellers.

From the 2500 Kentucky Y-Club members Pikeville's club was honored by having three of its club members selected as a part of the 17-member Kentucky delegation to the YMCA Conference on National Affairs, a forum on national and international issues, which will be held this summer at Black Mountain, North Carolina. The only city in Kentucky to have more members in the delegation is Louisville with four.



Occupying the seat of Senator Robert Allen, Amy Black (above) presents one of Pikeville's bills for the Senate's consideration. Senate Majority Leader Cam Robinson (right) presides in the absence of Lieutenant Governor Zoellers.





NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY. First row: Tammy Hobbs, Debbie Slone, Dawn Deskins, Susan Allen, Tammy Jo Justice, Cam Robinson, Linda Wells, Suzy VanHoose. Second row: Lisa Billiter, Jeanne Sturgill, Jennifer Morton, Glenda Cutright, Libbi Justice, Carolyn Runyon, Pat Kitchen, Genoa Castle, Marjorie Bertrand. Third row: Kelson Littrell, Phil Hammond, David Walters, David Elder.

OFFICERS: Suzy VanHoose, secretary; Marjorie Bertrand, president; Tammy Jo Justice, vice president, Kelson Littrell, treasurer.



Donation to CCC Project of Honor Society

The National Honor Society, which draws its members from students in grades 10-12 who obtain a B average or better, has as its purpose the promotion of higher academic achievement.

This club was established in 1964 with Mrs. Mary Farley and Mrs. Maudie Keesee as co-advisors. Mrs. Blanche Flanary sponsored the group from 1965-1973.

This year the club participated in a Veterans Day pro-

gram which was held outside on the school ground. In addition the members sponsored a tutorial service and served as ushers for open house, graduation, and other special events. The club's main project was a contribution to the children's unit of the Comprehensive Care Center.

The sponsor of the National Honor Society is Mr. Henry J. Clevinger, school guidance counselor.



CHESS CLUB. Brandt Mullins, Tim Comer, Chris Conn, Mr. Morgan Chapman, sponsor.

Sheldon Places at PCC Chess Tourney

The Chess Club is a very casual organization; there are no officers and no specific meeting times. In essence those who want to improve their game get together after lunch and play.

This year Robert Sheldon placed third in individual competition at the First Annual Scholarship Chess Tournament at Prestonsburg Community College, winning a prize of a \$25 savings bond.

The Chess Club was started in 1972 and, typically, has continued on and off since then.



Teens Who Care Do Mental Health Work

TEENS WHO CARE. First row: Dwight Balsler, Danny Cantrell, Randy Courtney. Second row: Rita Little, Teresa Luster, Susan Goss, Lynn Thompson, Nana Reynolds, Nina Kent, Sherree Hunt, Carol Daniels, Debbie Slone, Rose Huber, Debbie Sowards, Mr. Hampton.

OFFICERS: Susan Goss, treasurer; Nana Reynolds, Hope reporter; Nina Kent, secretary; Cathy Hunter, president; Teresa Luster, assistant reporter; Kenny Childers, vice president, Mr. Vernon Hampton, sponsor.

HUMAN LIFE EXHIB



The purpose of Teens Who Care, established in 1970 under the leadership of Mr. Jesse Bragg, is to improve public understanding of mental health, to provide volunteer service, and to explore career opportunities in the mental health field.

This year's club made regular visits to Mountain Manor Nursing Home to feed patients and entertained them Christmas with a party.

They also made Christmas stockings for the Children's Center and did volunteer work with retarded children throughout the year.

The club is coordinated through the efforts of the State Mental Health Association.

Prichard Joins Faculty

Edward Prichard, Jr. of Ashland, Kentucky, a graduate of Morehead State University, came to Pikeville this year to teach vocal and instrumental music.

The band went to Camp Crescendo from July 27 to August 2 to polish their marching, learn a contest show, and memorize music. There Ben Warf was chosen band captain and Mark McCoy was selected Best Camper.

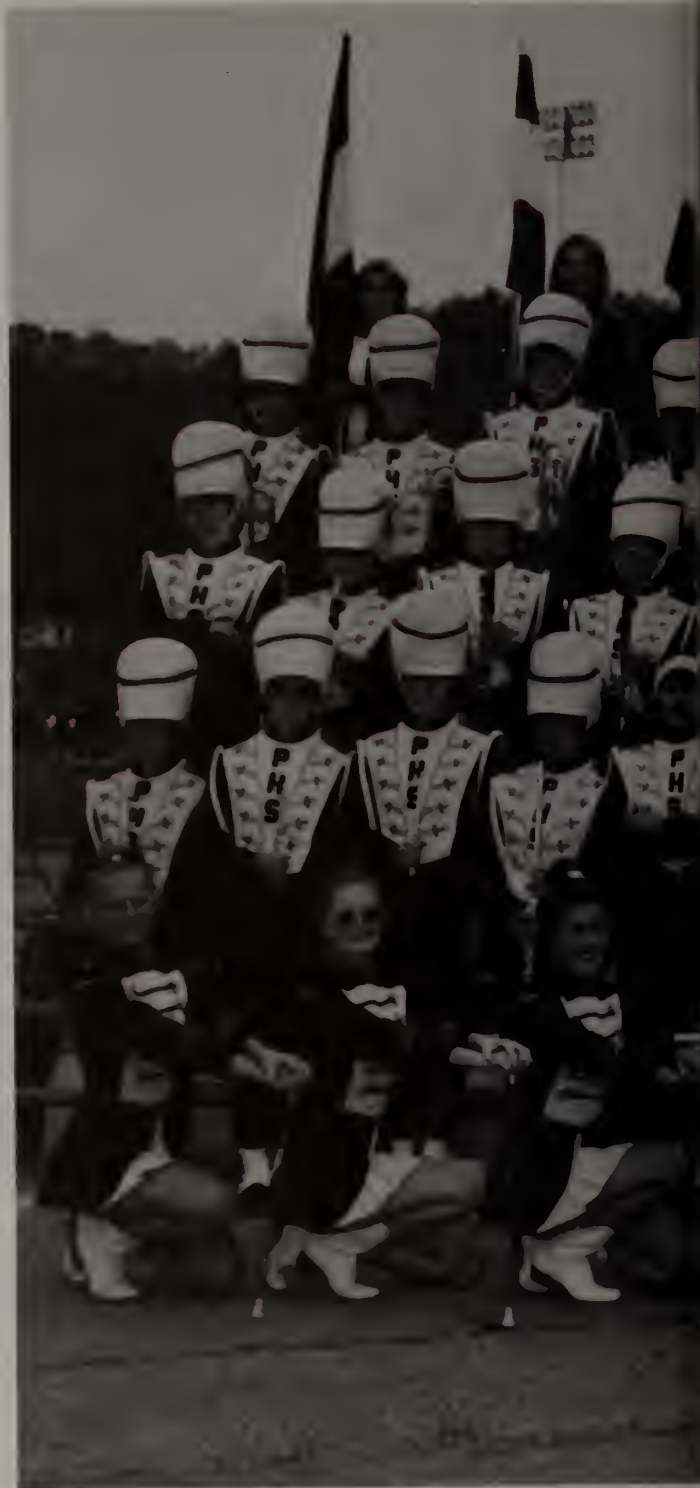
October 4 the band took part in the Apple Day field competition and parade at Paintsville. The same month they traveled to Ashland for the Eastern Kentucky Marching Band Festival. October 25 they received an excellent rating at the KMEA at Morehead.

The group marched in the Homecoming parade on October 30 and received first place in the annual Christmas parade in November.

Throughout the year the band supported the school's teams by playing at pep rallies and ball games. They entertained the community at their Christmas, mid-winter, and spring concerts and played for the graduation exercises in May.

The band received a superior in the State Music Festival held at Pikeville College April 24. Sarah Baker, Charles Carty, Greg Howson, Mark McCoy, and Ben Warf earned superiors for solos; the brass ensemble and clarinet ensemble also received superiors.

Several received individual bonuses: Ben Warf—All State Band; Sarah Baker, Vincent Barone, Charles Carty, Clay Caudill, Tammy Hobbs, Greg Howson, Tammy Jo Justice, Mark McCoy, Jimmy Ratliff, Chris Sirginnis, Debbie Slone, and Ben Warf—All County Band; Charles Carty, Greg Howson, Jimmy Ratliff, Chris Sirginnis, Debbie Slone, Jeanne Sturgill, and Ben Warf—band clinic at Morehead.



1975-76 MARCHING PANTHERS. First row: Mary Tudor, Dawn Deskins, Tammy Hobbs, Missy Baker, Libby Crawford, Cam Robinson, Tammy Jo Justice. Second row: Tracy Wagner, Sarah Baker, Debbie Slone, Vicki Lowe, Wesley Robinson, Greg Howson, Chris Sirginnis, Joey Johnson, Kim Daniels, Phil Ratliff, Laura Justice,

BAND DIRECTORS

John Lewis	1925-1928
D. E. Haley	1929-1931
C. L. Criswell	1931-1934
John Burnham	1934-1935
C. D. Wallace	1936-1942
Miss Damron	1942-1943
George Proudfit	1944-1945
Walter Nance	1946-1948
John Lewis	1948-1950
Herbert Pepper	1950-1957
Jack Taylor	1957-1962
Jerry Wetzell	1962-1963
Johnny Doyle	1963-1964
Martin McKay	1964-1967
David Grigsby	1967
C. J. Birch	1968-1973
Jerry Martin	1973
Philip Cole	1974-1975
Edward Prichard, Jr.	1975-

To Direct Panther Band



Lucy Davis, Melanie Francisco, Mr. Prichard. Third row: Randy Elkins, Patty McCoy, Terry Scott, Jamie Keene, Mural Bradley, Jamie Cerdeira, Kathy Stanley, JoAnne McKinney, Sherri Hutchinson, Becky Cook, Jeanne Sturgill, Sharon Meadows, Beverly Keathley. Fourth row: Doug Charles, Tracy Hunt, Jimmy Ratliff, Nita Spen-

cer, Terry Pugh, Bill Combs, Vincent Barone, John Johnson, David Elder, Steve Newsom, Gene Layne, Charles Carty, Ben Warf. Fifth row: Jane Halliwell, Amy Justice, Cathy Moore, William Justice, Clay Caudill, Mark McCoy, Lisa Billiter, Jean McClanahan, Elizabeth Hawkins, Pam Davidson.

Squad Performs Throughout Year



FLAG AND POMPON SQUAD: Jane Halliwell, Susan Allen, Amy Justice, Jean McClanahan, Lisa Billiter, Cathy Moore, Elizabeth Hawkins, Pam Davidson.



FLAG CAPTAIN (above) Susan Allen
POMPON CAPTAIN (right) Jean McClanahan



The 1975-76 school term was a busy one for the Flag and Pompon Squad. The eight girls who made up the organization were selected from the band in try-outs last spring. Captained by Susan Allen they carried flags during marching season and participated in all parades, contests, and football shows. At the basketball games under the direction of the pompon captain, Jean McClanahan, the girls switched to pompons and entertained with sideline routines and half-time shows.

During a pre-season camp at East Tennessee State University in June the squad received five superior ribbons and the trophy for best overall squad. The girls also won a number of individual awards. In July the squad went to Camp Crescendo with the band.

In this, the third year since it was organized, the Flag and Pompon Squad was under the direct supervision of Mrs. Elizabeth Goff.



The girls march in the Christmas parade on a cold, sunny day.

(above right) Jane Halliwell

(middle) Cathy Moore and Pam Davidson

(below) Lisa Billiter



Tammy Justice Field Commander for Second Year

Tammy Jo leads the band into position for the Homecoming parade.

The gal with the whistle and the white-plumed hat who led the band for the second consecutive year was junior Tammy Jo Justice, Pikeville's award-winning field commander.

From among the 35 participants in East Tennessee State University's field commander camp in June Tammy Jo, in addition to winning five superior ribbons, was awarded the trophy engraved MOST OUTSTANDING FIELD COMMANDER.

During concert season Tammy Jo played oboe.



Cam Robinson Named Feature Twirler

Cam Robinson was selected during try-outs last spring to be the Pikeville band's first feature twirler.

She attended camps this summer at the University of Tennessee and at Camp Crescendo. Cam participated in all the band competitions and parades and prepared special routines for half-time shows at ball games.

Cam received several individual trophies at competitions. Her routines included two-baton variations and she also performed with fire, fluorescent, and flag batons.



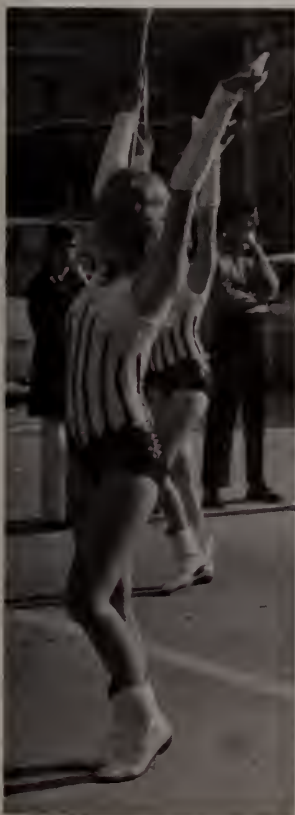
Twirl, Smile



1976 MAJORETTE SQUAD. Tammy Hobbs, Dawn Deskins, Mary Francis Tudor, Head Majorette; Elizabeth Tudor.



Elizabeth with new hoop baton.



Mary Francis performs in Homecoming parade.



Tammy and Mary Francis leave the school ground on parade day.



Dawn does a routine on Main Street.

After the agony of tryouts the four girls selected as PHS majorettes—Mary Frances Tudor, head majorette; Dawn Deskins, Tammy Hobbs, and Elizabeth Tudor—went to camp at ETSU and Camp Crescendo. At ETSU Mary Frances was awarded first place in intermediate twirling and Dawn received second place in two-baton and intermediate.

Wherever the band went the girls were there adding to the excitement with their intricate twirling and clever routines.

The squad capped the year by capturing the first place trophy at the Elkhorn City Bicentennial Parade.

Enthusiastic Pep Club Boosts



JUNIORS and FRESHMEN. First row: Katie Eagle, Susan Allen, Sharon Meadows, Tammy Jo Justice, Jean McClanahan, Donna Thacker, Kim Rutherford. Second row: Cathy Moore, Tammy Hobbs, Darlene Bradley, Cam Robinson, Christi Glavaris, Elizabeth Tudor, Carol Daniels. Third row: Dawn Deskins, Liza Bell, Bonita Justice, Sherry Blackburn, Amy Mims, Marsha Clubb, Wada McCown. Fourth row: Linda Allen, Missy Baker, Laura Justice, Glenna Butler, Debbie Slone, Debby Haley, Alicia Clark.



OFFICERS. First row: Mural Bradley, sergeant at arms; Elizabeth Tudor, treasurer; Susan Allen, vice president; Christi Glavaris, junior representative. Second row: Pat Kitchen, senior representative; Laura Justice, freshman representative; Carolyn Runyon, secretary; Lucy Davis, sophomore representative.

Panthers Throughout Year



The cheerleaders throw balls into the pep section at one of the last games at the Pikeville College gym.

The Pep Club has a long history at Pikeville High School. It has been in continuous existence since it was started in 1936 with Ralph Johnson serving as its first president. The purpose of the club is to support the school's athletic program. During its first years the club's officers also served as cheerleaders.

This year's club, sponsored by Mrs. Rebecca Collier, participated in a variety of activities. The members treated the ball players to refreshments after practice, made signs, decorated the lockers, locker rooms, and halls, and cheered at all the ball games. In addition to making a lot of noise at pep rallies they presented skits and stunts like the old pie-in-the-face routine and the infamous toilet paper wrap.

The club's most ambitious projects were the Homecoming parade and dance and the banquet at which the varsity players and cheerleaders were honored and presented their individual awards.

SENIORS and SOPHOMORES (top). First row: Judy Matney, Darlene Thacker, Cindy Bradley, Bena Brewer, Marie Wyont, Jeanne Sturgill, Mural Bradley. Second row: Marshilla Habern, Sherree Hunt, Jennifer Morton, Libbi Justice, Rita Holsinger, Pat Kitchen, Cindy McGhee. Third row: Cindy May, Amy Justice, Lisa Billiter, Leslie Goff, Glenda Cutright, Lucy Davis, Carolyn Runyon.

Keyettes Sponsor Scholarship, Initiate



OFFICERS: Libbi Justice, president; Jennifer Morton, vice president; Susan Allen, secretary; Cathy Moore, treasurer; Debbie Slone, sergeant at arms.

KEYETTES. First row: Debbie Sowards, Linda Wells, Jane Amos. Second row: Rita Holsinger, Liza Bell, Christi Glavaris, Susan Allen, Cathy Moore, Tamie Clark, Carol Daniels. Third row: Jennifer Morton, Pat Kitchen, Debby Haley, Libbi Justice, Glenda Cutright, Alicia Clark, Jeannie Davis, Debbie Slone.

Members, Select Big Brothers



The Keyettes, a service club for junior and senior girls, has as its main project the funding of a scholarship for a worthy senior boy or girl. Working hard this year to earn the money for the scholarship, the girls had bake sales and a car wash; they also sold stationery, cookbooks, and Kit-N-Kaboodles.

On the fun side the girls had a wild initiation during which the members dressed like little girls of the '50's. They wore no make-up except bright red lipstick, carried stuffed animals, and skipped around the school talking baby talk and playing children's games. At noon they had a picnic lunch on the schoolground.

The Keyettes selected a Big Brother each month.

This club was established at Pikeville High School in 1963 under the direction of the Junior Woman's Club; its first sponsor was Mrs. Fred Baker. This year's sponsor was Miss Linda Titus.

KEYETTES' BIG BROTHERS. First row: Bill Staggs, James Paxton, Tommy Sparks. Second row: Johnny Sullivan, David Elder. Third row: Allen Burke, Charles Zoellers. Fourth row: Jesse Salyers, Tommy Waddell.



The Keyettes cuddle their stuffed animals during initiation.

Key Club Initiation Features Fifties



The Key Club is a Kiwanis sponsored youth service club. The club was organized at PHS in 1939 with Mr. Arthur Danburg as advisor; one of the charter members was Mr. Hobart Kinder who now teaches biology here.

This year's club, sponsored by Mr. Morgan Chapman, took part in the Red Cross drive, a clean-up campaign in the city park, and two radiothons, one for the Red Cross and one for St. Jude Children's Hospital. In March they conducted a Key Club Awareness Week.

The club's group picture was taken on the day the new members were initiated during a fifties freak-out.

KEY CLUB. First row: Bill Staggs, Bobby Davis, Charles Zoellers, Tommy Sparks, Dusty Layne, Charles Carty. Second row: Hal Chrisman, Steve Combs, Jerry Wood, Joey Anderson, Doug Goff, Mark Butcher, Mike Castle, Jeff Slone, Ireland Blankenship, Joey Johnson, David Willet, Elmon Walters.



The Fonze would have felt right at home with Doug Goff, Heavy Duty, and Mark Butcher during Key Club initiation.



OFFICERS. First row: Bobby Davis, president; Jeff Slone, sergeant at arms; Charles Carty, vice president; Mr. Morgan Chapman, sponsor. Second row: Dusty Layne, secretary; Tommy Sparks, sergeant at arms.

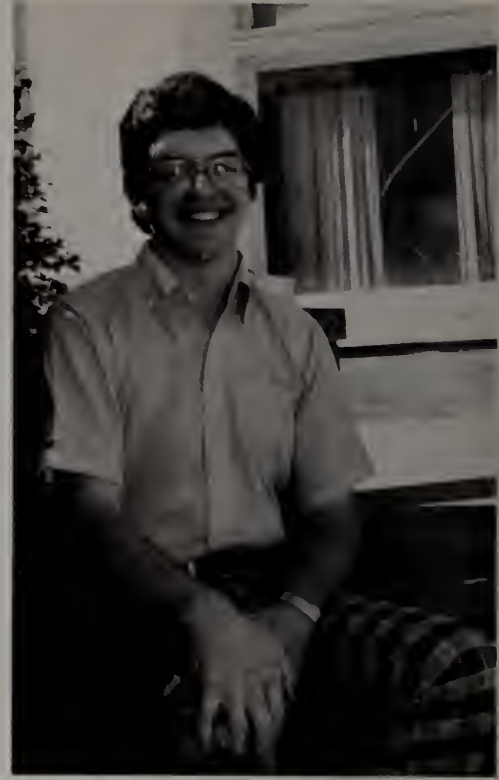


Each month the club selects a Key Club Sweetheart. The ten girls honored in the 1975-1976 school year were (front) Cathy Moore, Susan Allen, Janet Sheldon, Missy Baker, Pat Kitchen, (back) Jennifer Morton, Marsha Clubb, Cindy McGhee, Carolyn Runyon, and Cam Robinson who is not pictured.

Newspaper and Yearbook Staffs



LIBBI JUSTICE, yearbook editor in chief



RANDY ROBERTS, business manager



JUNIOR STAFF MEMBERS. First row: Pam Davidson, Suzy VanHoose, yearbook sports editor; Tammy Jo Justice, feature editor; Cam Robinson, news editor; Alicia Clark, Cathy Moore, faculty editor; Valerie VanHoose, art editor. Second row: Elizabeth Tudor, classes editor; Dawn Deskins, newspaper assistant editor; Virginia Gibson, Anita Hampton, index editor; Liza Bell, Mary Cook, Susan Allen, assistant yearbook editor; Amy Black, newspaper editor. Third row: Charles Justice, Ricky Coleman, John Hambley, Kevin Ratliff, Doug Goff, Lyle Blackburn, Roger Johnson, Bill Staggs, Greg Wilson.

Work to Record Historic Year



SENIOR STAFF MEMBERS. First row: Mildred Keesee. Second row: Libbi Justice, yearbook editor; Lisa Billiter, yearbook organizations editor. Third row: Randy Roberts, business manager; Jennifer Burns, Genoa Castle, Linda Walters, head typist; Pat Kitchen. Fourth row: Judy Matney, Sandra Hartsock, Patty Adkins, Joe Dan VanHoose.



LINDA WALTERS, head typist



AMY BLACK, newspaper editor in chief

The 40 members of the Journalism class were responsible for producing this year's school newspaper guided by Miss Jeanne Williamson and the yearbook under the direction of Mrs. Ann Carty.

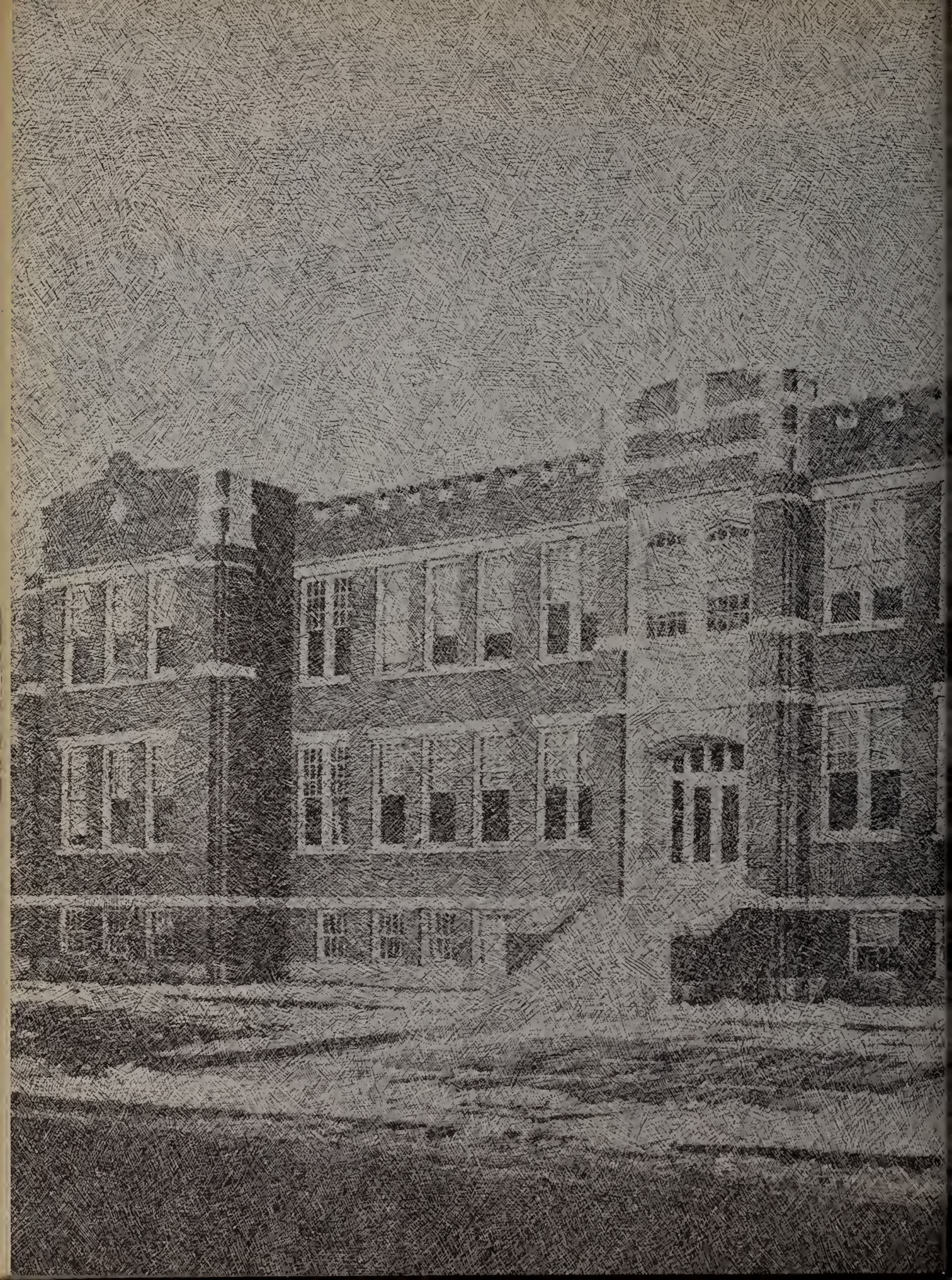
The class started the year with the Annual Annual Show, an hour of madness punctuated with such forgettables as the Annualettes and the Short Shorts chorus line.

The class then settled down somewhat to get to the business at hand. Eleven students and Mrs. Carty attended a publications workshop at the University of Kentucky in October, and in December the entire class went to an interesting symposium at PCC to hear three Courier-Journal staff members discuss their work.

An outsider who happened into the classroom on any given day probably would have wondered how anything could possibly come out of the apparent confusion. He might have seen one group of students going through pictures, a couple in the back laboring over tri-copy sheets with rulers and blue pencils, some individuals writing, drawing, or just staring into space, and yet another group addressing envelopes. Students might have been moving in and out as they ran errands, sold ads, made trips to and from the typing room, or worked with a photographer.

The pace always quickened as deadlines neared. Typists worked frantically as composers slaving over dummy sheets cried for completed copy.

And so it went day by day, but somehow out of all the chaos that motley crew managed to publish a monthly newspaper and Pikeville High School's most ambitious yearbook.





ADMINISTRATION AND FACULTY

Superintendent Spears Retires After



Charles E. Spears, who retired this year, worked in education for 38 years as teacher, coach, supervisor, principal, and superintendent.

Mr. Spears was born in Pike County and, except for the first three grades, received his elementary and secondary education in the Pike County schools. After graduating from Pikeville High School in 1935, he earned his B.S. degree at Eastern Kentucky University and his M.A. at the University of Kentucky.

His early teaching career, which included taking Dorton's team to the state basketball tournament, was interrupted by World War II. He served in the Air Force as a navigator and was awarded the Air Medal, three Oak Leaf Clusters, and the Distinguished Flying Cross.

When he was discharged as a first lieutenant, he returned to Pike County to become principal at Dorton High School from 1946 to 1955. After four years as a

supervisor of Pike County schools, he came to Pikeville High School to serve as principal until 1963 when he became superintendent of the city system.

During his 13 years as superintendent Mr. Spears was a far-sighted, innovative leader. Backed by progressive boards, he supervised the construction of the elementary building at Chloe, directed the efforts of the faculty in the 1969-70 school year which led to accreditation by the Southern Association at both elementary and secondary levels, was instrumental in implementing the career education project of 1970-73, instigated and organized the drive which culminated in the approval in 1972 of the 2.9 million dollar school bond, co-operated with Pikeville College in the experimental Teacher Corps program at Pikeville Elementary from 1973 to 1975, and directed the construction of the new high school facility on the North Mayo trail.

17 Years at Pikeville City Schools



In addition to his duties at school Mr. Spears (left) has been active in church work and various civic clubs.

Mr. Spears (below with Mr. Waddell) could often be seen patrolling the school grounds.

Mr. and Mrs. Spears talk with Mr. and Mrs. Tiller (below right) at a faculty get-together.



SUPERINTENDENTS

Tobias J. Kendrick	1911-1921
O. L. Mullikin	1921-1923
T. W. Oliver	1923-1949
John M. York	1949-1957
Harry A. Banks	1957-1961
C. V. Snapp	1961-1963
Charles E. Spears	1963-1976



The Pikeville City Schools operate under the capable leadership of the businessmen elected to the board of education: Paul D. Hinkle, chairman; Harold Shockey, Marley Newsom, Don R. Batten, and John S. Sowards.

Leaders Prepare for Move to New Building



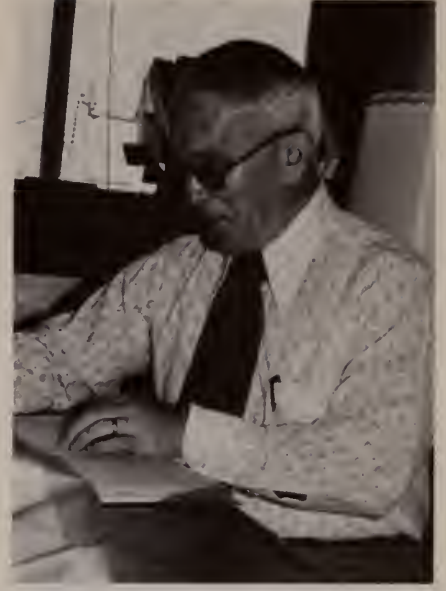
Assistant Superintendent JOHN WADDELL, new to the administration this year, received his B.S. degree from Pikeville College and his M.A. from Morehead State University. He was with Pikeville College in various teaching and administrative capacities for fifteen years before joining the staff here.



WARREN PARKER TILLER, principal of the high school since 1971, received his B.S. degree from Pikeville College and his M.A. from Union College. Before coming here he taught social studies at various high schools and at Southern West Virginia Community College. Mr. Tiller is currently working towards his Specialist in Education degree at Morehead State University.

HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPALS

Rush Deskins	-1915	Clyde Senters	1956-1959
John Shaw	1915-1919	Charles E. Spears	1959-1963
William McKinley Wesley	1919-1923	Paul D. Hinkle	1963-1965
T. W. Oliver, principal and superintendent	1923-1949	Berry Thacker	1965-1968
Arthur H. Long	1949-1950	Jack D. Fugate	1968-1970
Bernard Mims	1950-1956	Gene Davis	1970-1971
		Warren Parker Tiller	1971-1976



Pikeville High School's athletic director, CLEMENT SOWARDS (upper left) also teaches physical education and driver's education and oversees the Little League program. Mr. Sowards earned his B.S. degree from Pikeville College and his M.A. from Morehead State University.

JAMES B. WILLIAMSON, (middle), director of pupil personnel and transportation, received his B.S. degree from Pikeville College and his M.A. from Eastern Kentucky University. Mr. Williamson has been with the school system for nine years.

HENRY JACK CLEVINGER (upper right) has been high school guidance counselor for fourteen years. He sponsors the National Honor Society. Mr. Clevinger received his B.S. degree from Pikeville College, his M.A. and Rank I (Guidance and Counseling) from Eastern Kentucky University, and the work for his supervisor's certificates (elementary and secondary) at Morehead State University.

IRENE K. STRATTON received her A.B. degree from Pikeville College. Miss Stratton is Superintendent Spears' secretary and the treasurer of the Pikeville Board of Education.

ANITA W. McCOY has worked in the school system for thirteen years, the last three as the principal's secretary. She attended Pikeville High School and the Bowling Green College of Commerce.

Additions Strengthen



The chairman of the senior class, **SAMMY BURKE**, (upper left) earned his B.S. degree from Pikeville College and his M.A. from Eastern Kentucky University. Mr. Burke, who has been teaching for sixteen years, teaches English II, English III, and World Geography.



REBECCA S. COLLIER (upper middle) received her B.S. degree in Business Education and is working towards her master's at Eastern Kentucky University. Mrs. Collier, who has been teaching at Pike High for nine years, has a junior homeroom. She teaches Bookkeeping, Typewriting I, Business Law, and Economics and is the girls' track coach and Pep Club sponsor.



JEANETTE ELDER (upper right), long time cheerleading sponsor, has taught for fourteen years. She earned her B.S. degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Kentucky and her M.A. from Morehead State University. Mrs. Elder teaches Algebra I, Algebra II, and Math 9 and has a sophomore homeroom.



RICHARD FRYMAN, teacher of Industrial Arts, earned his B.S. degree from Eastern Kentucky University. Mr. Fryman has taught at Pike High for one year.



ELIZABETH GOFF, who has been teaching for fourteen years, is the art coordinator at Chloe and has Art I and Art II classes at the high school. She received her B.S. degree from Pikeville College and is working towards her master's at Morehead State University. Mrs. Goff sponsors the flag and pompon squad.

High School Faculty



JOHN FRED HALE (upper left) is teaching Advanced Government, Geography, and World History. He earned his B.S. degree from Pikeville College. In addition to his classroom duties Mr. Hale, who has taught here one year, has a senior homeroom, and is the assistant basketball coach.

CLEMMMA HAMMOND (upper middle) earned her B.S. degree from Pikeville College and teaches World History and American History. Mrs. Hammond, who has taught for sixteen years, is the sponsor of the Co-Ed-Y and chairman of the junior class.

HILLARD HOWARD (upper right) earned his B.S. degree from Pikeville College and his M.A. from Morehead State University. He teaches health, physical education, Psychology, and Sociology. Mr. Howard coaches football, track, and girls' basketball. He has taught for seven years.

Sophomore class sponsor MAUDIE KEESEE has been teaching for twenty-five years. Mrs. Keesee, who earned her B.A. degree from Western Kentucky College, teaches Latin, Spanish, and English I.

PATRICIA KEENE, new to the faculty this year, is teaching English II, Civics, Earth Science, and World History. Mrs. Keene received her B.S. degree from the University of Tennessee.

Teachers Are Busy with



LAURA E. KELLER (upper left), craftsman in residence, teaches pottery, poetry, painting, and breadmaking. She earned her B.A. degree from the State University of New York.



EDWARD PRICHARD (upper right) received his B.M.E. and his M.M. degrees from Morehead State University. In his first year of teaching he has instructed the three bands, taught music history, and directed the high school chorus.



MIKE REITZ, teacher of Earth Science, Civics, and Driver Education, is the basketball and baseball coach and the co-sponsor of the Varsity Club. He received his B.A. from the University of Kentucky. This is Coach Reitz's first year at Pikeville High School.



HOBART KINDER (upper middle) received his B.S. and M.S. degrees from the University of Kentucky. He is doing post-graduate work (Rank I) at Ohio State University. Mr. Kinder, who has taught for twenty-seven years, teaches Biology I and Advanced Biology.

Chairman of the Science Department **CARL P. MIMS** (lower left) teaches Physics, Chemistry, and Physical Science. Mr. Mims earned his B.S. degree from Eastern Kentucky University and his M. Ed. from the University of North Carolina. He has been teaching for forty years.



Extracurricular Duties



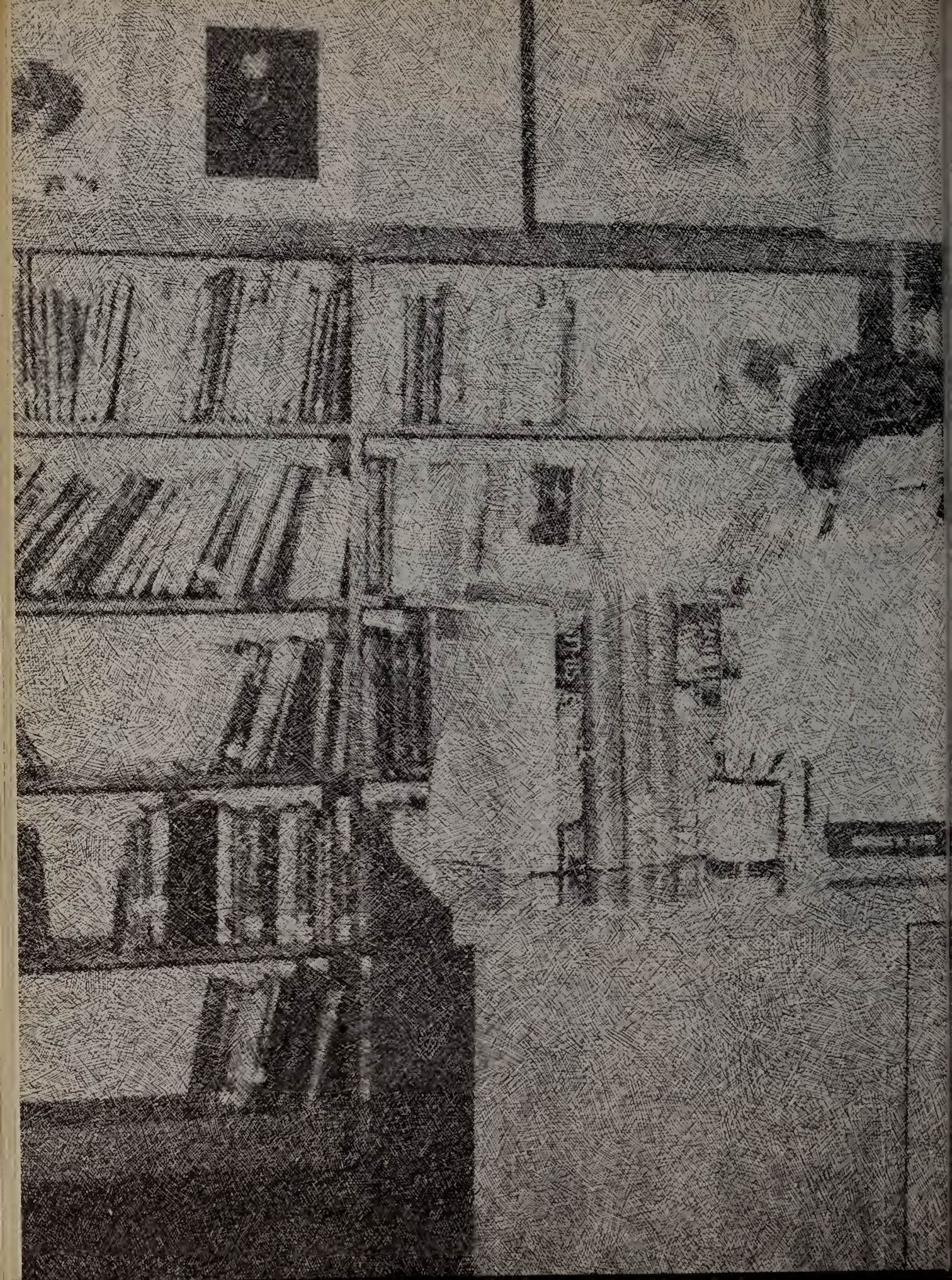
JEANNE WILLIAMSON teaches English I, Journalism, and junior high reading and art. She received her B.S. degree at Pikeville College and has taught for five years. Miss Williamson sponsors the junior high cheerleaders and Pep Club and the school newspaper, PANTHER PRINTS.

FLORENCE ZOELLERS has been the high school librarian for the past fourteen years. Mrs. Zoellers received her A.B. degree from Western Kentucky University.

Senior English and speech teacher MODENA SALLEE (upper left) sponsors the Student Council, the Speech and Debate Club, the majorettes and feature twirler, and the senior class. She earned her B.S. degree at Pikeville College and her master's at Morehead. Mrs. Sallee has taught here for two years.

LINDA TITUS (upper middle) has been teaching for ten years. She earned her B.S. degree at Morehead State University. Miss Titus teaches home economics and sponsors the Keyettes.

TOBY WAGNER (upper right), teacher of high school math, is the assistant football coach and sponsors the freshman class. He earned his B.S. at Pikeville College and his M.S. at Kansas State University. Mr. Wagner has six years of teaching experience.





HIGH SCHOOL CLASSES



SPONSORS: Mr. Hale, Mrs. Sallee, Mr. Burke, chairman.

OFFICERS: Carolyn Runyon, sergeant at arms; David Walters, secretary-treasurer; Kelson Littrell, vice president; Charles Zoellers, president.



Seniors Return for Their Last Year

This year's seniors had a busy, exciting year. There were so many details to take care of and almost everyone was involved with something challenging: SAT, ACT, those papers based on thesis statements, classes on the hill or at Millard, working in the afternoon, application for school next year, scholastic competitions at Eastern, U.K., or Clinch Valley, and for a few, marriage.

The excitement started early with the arrival of senior rings and the measuring for caps and gowns. A heated argument arose over the gown colors; it seemed that the national trend was to wear red, white, and blue to mark the bicentennial year, but Pikeville seniors finally selected the traditional maroon and white.

The class of '76 was one of the largest in recent years and since almost everyone wanted to go on the senior trip, a lot of money had to be raised. The class sold candy, magazine subscriptions, light bulbs and had countless bake sales. For the first time in a long time no senior movie was shown for the school. As an alternate plan the class decided to have kiddie movies on Saturday mornings. It sounded like a great idea, but after a couple of weekends when more seniors than

kids showed up, the plan was dropped.

After Christmas spirits soared. The first semester was over, senior pictures finally arrived after a month's delay because they were lost in the mail, and elections were held for superlatives and Mr. and Miss Pike High.

During April, clothes and Dramamine were packed for the Florida trip. It was great and everyone but the chaperones hated to come home. The juniors did a great job with the banquet and the prom; it was a night to remember.

Graduation with its attendant mixture of emotions is the high point of the year for any senior class, but this year's class was unique. Not only was it the bicentennial class, but it was also the last class to graduate from the old school. Most of the class members had gone from the old elementary building to Chloe and then back to Scott Avenue for junior high. They had endured the loss of the gym and the renovation of the athletic field, but classes, athletic events, and all other activities had gone on.

And so this class, the class of 1976, was the last of sixty classes to use the old facilities. This graduation marked the end of an era in the history of Pikeville High School.



Students Select Mr. and Miss Pike High



Pat Kitchen and Charles Zoellers were selected by their classmates as the ideal Pikeville High School students.

Pat was very active during her four years at Pikeville High. A cheerleader for the past six years, she was captain of the varsity squad this year. She was a member of the Pep Club for four years and was class representative her sophomore and senior years. Her senior year Pat was a member of the Keyettes, the Student Council, the newspaper staff, the yearbook staff, the Speech and Drama Club, and was selected as a member of Who's Who Among High School Students. She was sergeant at arms of her sophomore class and secretary of her junior class. Pat was elected to the Homecoming court her sophomore and junior years, and to the Varsity court her junior and senior years. Pat is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Kitchen. She has three older sisters and lives in the Wells Addition.

Charles' activities reveal a wide range of interests. He was a member of the baseball and basketball teams for four years and this year was co-captain of the basketball team. In 1976, in addition to being elected Mr. Pike High, he was a member of the Varsity Club, Honor Society, and Co-Ed-Y. Charles was vice-president of his sophomore class and president of the senior class. He was elected Best Dressed his freshman and sophomore years and Most All Around his junior year. He also received state-wide recognition when he was elected lieutenant-governor of the Kentucky Youth Assembly in 1975. Charles is the son of the high school librarian, Florence Zoellers, and her husband, Bill. He has two brothers and lives in the Pauley Addition.

Seniors Choose Superlatives

MOST ALL AROUND

A person who excells in all areas of school life—athletic, scholastic, and organizational—fits this superlative to a tee.

This year the senior class chose Carolyn Runyon and Kelson Littrell for this honor.

Carolyn was secretary of the Pep Club, a member of the Honor Society, Co-Ed-Y, and Who's Who Among American High School Students, and maintained a high scholastic average. She was also elected this year's Homecoming Queen.

Kelson, a member of the varsity basketball and track teams, was in the Honor Society, Co-Ed-Y, Debate Club, and Varsity Club, was vice president of the senior class, and was named an Outstanding American High School Student. Even named an Outstanding American High School Student. Even with his busy schedule, he managed to keep up his high grade standing.



BEST DRESSED

Libbi Justice, in addition to all her other activities, used her knowledge about clothes in her role as fashion editor of Panther Prints.

John Michael Johnson channeled his interest in clothes into a part-time job at Frankie and Johnnie's. John was not only well-dressed at school and at work, but also looked great in his PHS band uniform.



WITTIEST

The two people chosen by the senior class as the funniest were Denny Hall and Janet Sheldon.

Denny added a lot to the school atmosphere with his crazy ways and funny jokes. He kept everyone (except maybe the teachers) laughing wherever he was.

Janet of the smiling face and happy disposition was an active member of various organizations. She was vice president of the Student Council and a member of Co-Ed-Y. In addition she was an honor-winning member of the Speech Club.



MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED

Libbi Justice and David Elder were selected by the senior class as the two people that they expect to excel in life.

Libbi was president of the Keyettes, a member of the BYD, Pep Club, Speech and Drama Club, Honor Society, and cheerleading squad. She was also editor in chief of *THE PANTHER* and a member of the 1976 Varsity court.

David was president of the Student Council, a member of the Honor Society, Debate Club, and Co-Ed-Y; he was on the football team, in the band, and was elected Keyette Big Brother. David was the BYD school and district debate winner and a National Merit Scholarship semi-finalist.



MOST ATHLETIC

Missy Mulliken and Bobby Davis were elected Most Athletic seniors.

Missy was the starting center for the girls' basketball team for two years. She was also a member of the track team, competing in the shotput and discus throw. She enjoys swimming in the summer.

Bobby has been a member of the football and track teams for four years. This year he was named to the All-Eastern Kentucky Mountain Conference first team and received All-State and All-County honorable mention.



FRIENDLIEST

The senior class decided that the two people who were the most outgoing and who always took the time to smile and speak were Glenda Cutright and Kelson Littrell.

Glenda could usually be seen with a smile on her face that would brighten anyone's day. Her enthusiasm made her a welcome addition to the Honor Society, Pep Club, and Co-Ed-Y.

Kelson was one of the most active members of the senior class, but he always had time to wave or stop and talk.

PATTY LYNN ADKINS
Chorus 1,2; Newsp. 4; Yrb. 4.



SHONIE BALSER
Chorus 3,4; Teens Who Care 1; Speech and Drama 4.



MARJORIE ELLEN BERTRAND
Hnr. Soc. 2,3,4(V-Pres. 3, Pres. 4); Co-Ed-Y 4; Debate Club 4
(Sec.); Stud. Coun. 1,4; State Spch. Fest. 3; Dist. Am. H.S. Stud.
4; Superlative 3(Most Likely To Succeed); B.Y.D. 4.

KATHERINE ANGELINE BILITER
Hnr. Soc. 2,3; Co-Ed-Y 1; State Spch. Fest. 3; Dist. Lang. Achv. 3.



GREGORY BILLITER
VICA Club 3,4.

LISA LYNN BILLITER
Yrb. 3,4(Organ. Ed. 3,4); Newsp. 3,4 (Typist 3, Rep. 4); Band 1,2,3,
4 (Band Coun. 2); Co-Ed-Y 1,2,3,4; Hnr. Soc. 2,3,4; Flag Sq. 3,4(Capt.
3); Pompon Sq. 3,4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; Who's Who Among Am. H. S.
Stud. 3.



CYNTHIA LYNETTE BRADLEY
Pep Club 1,3,4; Track 1,2,3,4.

DON PAUL BRANHAM
Ftb. 1,2,3 (Capt. 3); Trk. 1,2,3; Boxing 1,2,3,4; Superlative 1,3
(Wittiest 1, Most Athletic 3); Ltl. Leaq. Ftb. Coach 1,2,3,4; Sportrait 3.



JENNIFER LEIGH BURNS

Hnr. Soc. 2,3; Pwd. Puff 3; Newsp. 4; Yrb. 4(Historical Committee);
T.W.C. 1,2.

MARK ALAN BUTCHER

Key Club 4; Newsp. 4 (News Ed.); Yrb. 4.



GENOA ANN CASTLE

Hnr. Soc. 2,3,4; Yrb. 4 (Historical Committee); Newsp. 4.

JACK THOMAS CASTLE III

Ftb. 3,4.

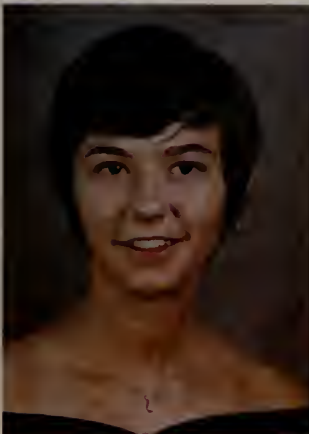


JAMES CLAY CAUDILL

Bsbl. 1; Ftb. 3,4; Trk. 3,4; Band 1,2,3,4; Varst. Club.

RICKY DEAN CHARLES

VICA Club 3,4 (Pres. 3, V-Pres. 4); Voc. Stud. of Year 3.



MOREKA BARTLEY CHILDERS

Pep Club 1; Pdw. Puff Ftb. 3.

CAROLINE RHEA CHILDRESS

Sftbl. 1; Chorus 2,3,4; Karate 4.

LINDA LOU COLE

GLENDA SUSAN CUTRIGHT

Co-Ed-Y 1,2,3,4 (Sec. 3, Pres. 4); Pep Club 1,2,3,4; Keyt. 4; Hnr. Soc. 2,3,4; Debate Club 4; K.Y.A. Cab. 3,4; K.U.N.A. Cab. 4; Superlative 4(Friendliest).



ROBERT JAMES DAVIS

Ftb. 1,2,3,4 (Capt. 4, All Area Hnrbl. Ment. 4, All EKMC 1st. Tm. 3, All Country 3); Trk. 1,2,3,4; Key Club 2,3,4(Treas. 3, Pres. 4); Co-Ed-Y 1,4; Debate Club 4; Varst. Club 4; Superlative 4 (Most Athletic).

DAVID DOUGLAS ELDER

Ftb, 2,3,4; Trk. 2,3; Hnr. Soc. 2,3,4; Co-Ed-Y 1,2,3,4(Pres. 3); Stud. Coun. 1,2,3,4; (V-Pr. 3, Pres. 4); Band Coun. 1,2,3,4; Superlative 2,3,4 (Most All Ar. 2, Most Likely to Succeed 3,4); Class Off. 1,2,3(Pres. 1,2,V-Pr. 3); Alpha Mu Gamma For. Lang. Awd. 2; D. Am. H.S. Stud. 3; BYD-Schl. and Dist. Debate winner 4; Merit Schol. Semi-Finalist 4; 1st. Tm. All EKMC defensive end 4; Keyt. Big Br.4.



THOMAS BATTEN ELLIOTT

Bskt. 1,2; Key Club 1,2; Yrb. 3; Newsp. 3.

KAREN ANN FOX



MARSHILLA HABERN

Trk. 1,2,3; Pep Club 1,4; Yrb. 3; Newsp. 3.

DENNIS LEE HALL

Band 1; Forgn. Study Leaq. 2; Superlative 3,4 (Friendlist 3, Wittiest 4).





PHILLIP RAY HAMMOND

Spch. and Dr. 4; Co-Ed-Y 1,2,3,4 (Treas. 4); Baskbl. 1,2,3,4;
Hnr. Soc. 2,3,4; Trk. 3,4; Varst. Club 4; Band 1,2; Out. Am. H.S.
Stud. 3.

SANDRA LYNN HARTSOCK

Chorus 1,2,3; Yearbook 4; Newspaper 4.



NINA KAY HENRY

Sfb. 1; Trk. 2; Baskbl. 3,4.

RITA HOLSINGER



ANTHONY WAYNE HONAKER

LORETTA HONAKER

Pep Club 1; Trk. 1; T.W.C. 3 (Tres.); Sfb. 1; Sptr. 3.



CLAUDEAN CAROLE HUNT

Pep Club 1,2,3,4; 4-H 2,3 (Sec. & Treas.); Keyt. 4; Band 2,3;
Honor Guard 3.

JOHN MICHAEL JOHNSON

Band 1,2,3,4; Chess Club 2; Superlative 4 (Best Dressed).

MICHAEL ADAMS JOHNSON
Co-Ed-Y 2,3.

DEBORAH JONES
Bsktbl. 3,4; Sftbl. 1; Band 1.

GREGORY CURTIS JONES

EMILY ELIZABETH JUSTICE
Band 1,2; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; Co-Ed-Y 1; Keyt. 3,4(V-Pres. 3, Pres. 4);
Yrb. 1,2,3,4 (Org. Ed. 2, Ed.-In-Chief 3,4); Cheerleader 1,4; Superlative
1,3,4(Most Likely to Succeed 1,4; Best Dressed 3,4); Hnr. Soc.
2,3,4; B.Y.D. 4; Spch. and Drm. 3,4; Newsp. 1,2,3,4 (Ed. 2; Fash. Ed.
4); Trk. 1,2; Dance 1,2,3,4; Pwd. Puff Ftb. 3; Jr. Miss Magnolia Fair
3; Top 15 Miss Ky. Teenager 3; CJ Chrl. Bost. of Week 1; Yrbk. Awd.
3,4; Varst. Att. 4.

JEANNE SUSAN JUSTICE
Band 1,2,3,4(Rfl. / Pompon Sqd. 3; Band Council 3); Sftbl. 1; Banner
Carrier 4; Pep Club 1,4; T.W.C. 1.

MILDRED MARIE KEESEE
Sftbl. 2; Chorus 3; Yrb. 4; Newsp. 4.

PATTY ANN KITCHEN
Pep Club 1,2,3,4(Rep. 2,4); Band 1,2,3; Keyt. 4; Stud. Cou. 4; Class
Off. 2,3(Sgt. at Arms 2, Sec. 3); Superlative 1,2,3 (Friendliest 1, Most
All Around 2, Most Athletic 3); Cheerleader 1,2,3,4(Capt. 4); Yrb. 4;
Newsp. 4; Spch. and Drm. 4; Who's Who In Am. H.S. Stud. 4; H.C.
Att. 2,3; Varst. Att. 3,4; Miss Pike High 4; Key Club Sweetheart 2.

MERETTA LAYNE





HERBERT KELSON LITTRELL

Bsktbl. 2,3,4(Capt. 4); Ftbl. 1; Trk. 1,2,3,4; Debate Club 4; Class Off. 4(V-Pres.); Varst. Club 4; Outst. Am. H.S. Student 3,4; Superlative 4(Friendliest and Most All Around).

BRUCE DANA MAGGARD

VICA 4.



JUDITH ANN MATNEY

Pep Club 1,2,4; Co-Ed-Y 1,2; Teens Who Care 1,2(Sec.2, Sgt. at Arms 1); Who's Who Among American High School Students 3,4; Newspaper 4 (typist); Yearbook 2,4(Historical Committee); Powder Puff Football 3; Honor Society 3; Speech and Drama 4; Inter-Club 2.

LARRY RICHARD MEADE



FRANCES LOUISE MEADOWS

JENNIFER LYNN MORTON

Pep Club 1,2,3,4(Sgt. at Arms 2, Treas. 3, Pres. 4); Co-Ed-Y 1,2,3,4 (Sec. 2, V-Pres. 3); Keyt. 3,4(V-Pres. 4); Hnr. Soc. 2,3,4; Yrb. 2 (Asst. Sports Ed.); Newsp. 2; Class Off. 2 (Sec.); Superlative 3(Most All Around); Dbt. Tm. 4(V-Pres.); Inter Club 2; Vart. Att. 2,3; Varst. Queen 4; K.Y.A. Cab. 2,3,4; K.U.N.A. Cab.3,4; Who's Who In American High School Students 3.



JAMES GREGORY PAXTON

Baskt. 1; Ftbl. 2,3,4(Capt. 4); Trk. 2,3,4; Chess Club 2; VICA 3,4(Tres.); 1st team All area 4; 1st team All EKMC 4; All State Hnrbl. Ment. 4; Wms. Dly. Player of the Week 4; Wms. Dly. Player of the Year 4; Defensive Ath. of the Month 4; Keyt. Big Brth. 4.

DON RICHARD PRESTON

Co-Ed-Y 3,4.

VINSON DEE RATLIFF III
Co-Ed-Y 3,4.

JIMMY ROBERTS



RANDALL LEE ROBERTS
Co-Ed Y 1,2,3; Hnr. Soc 2,3,4; Participated in SMAP Sc. Test;
Yrb. 3,4(Business Manager 4); Newsp. 3,4(Business Manager 4).

CURTIS ALLEN ROBERTSON
Band, 1,2,3.



JETTIE ROBINSON

CONNIE SUE ROGERS
Student Council 2,3; Hnr. Soc. 2,3.



CINDY LEE ROSEBROOK
Co-Ed-Y 1; Pep Club 2,3,4; Newsp. 3,4; (Feature Ed.); Yrb.3,4;
Band 1,2,3.

CAROLYN JEAN RUNYON
Pep Club 1,2,3,4(Sec. 4); Co-Ed-Y 2,3,4(Chaplin 3); Hnr. Soc. 2,3,4;
Superlative 2,4(Friendliest 2, Most All Around 4); Class Off. 4 (Sgt at
Arms); Yrb. 3; Newsp. 3; (News Ed.); H.C. Queen 4; Who's Who In Am.
H.S. Stud. 3; Outst. Jour. Stud. 3.





JULIE PORTER SEARSON

Pep Club 1,2,3,4; T.W.C. 1; Pwd. Puff Ftb. 3; Keyt. 3(Sec. and Tres.); Hnr. Soc. 3.

JANET GRACE SHELDON

Co-Ed-Y 3,4; Stud. Coun. 4(V-Pres.); Debate Club 4; Hnr. Soc. 3,4; Pwd. Puff Ftb. 3; Superlative 3,4(Friendliest 3, Wittiest 4).



MICHAEL ALAN SILVEY

Stud. Coun. 1 (Rep.); Radio and T.V. Club 1,2,3; Ger. Club 1; Bsbl. 1,2,3 (Capt. 3); Most RBI's and High average at Paducah High School; Bsbl. (P.H.S.) 4.

SAMUEL CHRISTOPHER SIRGINNIS

Band 1,2,3,4; Superlative 3 (Wittiest); Class Off. 1 (V-Pres.).



STEVE ALBERT SMITH

NITA JEAN SPENCER

Hnr. Soc. 2,3,4 (Sec.3); Bskt. 3,4(Stat. 4); Yrb.3; Newsp. 3; Band 1,2,3,4; Class Off. 1 (Tres.); All Tourn. Tm. 59th. Dist. 3; 110% Awd. 3; Who's Who Among Am. H.S. Stud. 3; Sportrait 3.



WILLIAM MICHAEL STEWART

GREGORY WAYNE STRATTON

Band 1; Co-Ed-Y 1; Hnr. Soc. 2,3,4; Superlative 2,3 (Friendliest 2, Best Dressed 3); Stud. Coun. 4; Pottery 3,4.

SHERRIE MONETTE STONE

Pep Club 1,2,3,4; Keyt. 3; Hnr. Soc. 3,4; Co-Ed-Y 1; Cheerleader 1; Superlative 3 (Wittiest); H. C. Att. 4.

JEANNE MARIE STURGILL

Band 1,2,3,4; Band Council 1,4; Cheerleader 2; Rifle/ Pompon Sq. 3; Pep Club 2,3,4; Yrb. 2; Newsp. 2; Hnr. Soc. 2,3,4.



JAMES HAROLD SWORD

Bskt. 1; Hnr. Soc. 2,3; Co-Ed-Y 4; Math Test Awd 2.

VICKI DARLENE THACKER

Pep Club 4; Newsp. 4; Yrb. 4.



MARY FRANCES TUDOR

Band 1,2,3,4; Majorette 2,3,4 (head 3,4); Pep Club 1,2,3(rep.3); Hnr. Soc. 2,3,4; Newsp. 1; Keyt. 3.

JOE DAN VANHOOSE

Ftb. 1,3,4; Trk. 1,2,3,4; Varst. Club 4; Band 1,2; Bskt. 1,2; Outstanding Off. Player 4; Hnrbl. Men. Blue Grass 4; Newsp. 4.



DAVID WAYNE WALTERS

Co-Ed-Y 2,3,4(Treas. 3, V-Pres. 4); Hnr. Soc. 2,3,4; Class Off. 4 (Sec-Tres.).

LINDA IRENE WALTERS

Pep Club 1,2,3,4; Yrb. 3,4; Newsp. 3,4(typist); Cheerleader 1; Key Club Sweetheart 3; Bskt. 3 (trainer).





BENJAMIN CURTIS WARF

Band 1,2,3,4; Band Coun. 1,2,3,4 (Capt. 4); Stud. Coun. 3,4; Stud. Adv. Board 3; Spch. Club 3,4; All State Band 3,4; Class Off. 3 (Pres.); Hnr. Soc. 2,3,4; Dist. Am. H.S. Stud. 3; State Spch. Fest. 3; Karate 2,3,4 (Brown Belt); Superlative 2 (Most Likely To Succeed); Nat. Merit Scholsh. Semi-Finalist 4; Chem. Awd. 3; EKV Excellence in Chem. Awd.; Star Student.

LINDA CAROL WILLIS

Pep Club 4; Pwd Puff Ftb. 3; H.C. Att. 4.



HELEN CARTER WOOD

ANNA MARIE WYONT

Cheerleader 1; Flag Squad 2; Pompon Squad 2; Co-Ed-Y 1; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; Newsp. 3; Yrb. 3; Outst. Journ. Stud. 3.



CHARLES HAGAN ZOELLERS

Bsbl. 1,2,3,4; Bskt. 1,2,3,4 (Capt. 4); Hnr. Soc. 2,3; Stud. Coun. 2,3; Co-Ed-Y 2,3,4 (rep. 3,4); Key Club 4 (Sgt. at Arms); Varst. Club 4; Superlative 1,2,3 (Neatest 1,2, Most All Around 3); Band 1,2,3; Band Coun. 3; Class Off. 2,3,4 (V-Pres. 2, Tres. 3, Pres. 4); Kuna Cab. 4; KYA Cab. 3,4; All County Band 2,3; Audio Visual Club 1; Lt. Governor KYA 4; Mr. Pike High 4.

BRIAN KELLY HATMAKER

Bsktbl. 1.

JACKIE DARYL HURLEY

Bsktbl. 1; Ind. Arts Awd. 3.

KERRI CAMPBELL JOHNSON

TWC 2; Band 1,2.

MICHAEL GENE LITTLE

Bsktbl. 1; Bsktbl. Mang. 2,3; Bsbl. 2.

DAVID EUGENE MAYNARD

MELISSA MULLIKEN

BOBBY GENE PHILLIPS

Ftb. Mng. 3,4.

RANDY RAY

Bskt. 1; VICA 3,4 (Chaplin 3, Pres. 4).

DANNY LEE YATES

MATHEW KIPP ZIMMERMAN

Ftb. 1,2,3,4 (Capt. 4); Band 1,2,3,4.



Seniors Make Annual Trek to Daytona Beach

First Row: Connie Rogers, Nina Henry, Suzanne Justice, Jennifer Morton, Darlene Thacker, Genoa Castle, Kathy Blitter, Marshella Habern, Loretta Honaker, Carolyn Runyon, Cindy Rosebrook, Glenda Curtright, Lisa Blitter, Karen Fox. Second row: Anthony Honaker, David Walters, Steve Smith, Vincent Ratliff, Randy Ray, Ricky Charles, Mike Silvey, Mike Little, Chris Stiginnis, Kipp Zimmerman, Mark Butcher, David Elder, Randy Roberts. Third row:

Jennifer Burns, Mr. Pritchard, Cindy Bradley, Mrs. Pritchard, Linda Willis, Jeanne Sturgill, Nita Spencer, Frances Meadows, Marie Wiyont, Julie Searson, Libbi Justice, Pat Kitchen, Judith Matney, Shonie Balsar, Caroline Childress. Fourth row: Phil Hammond, Kelson Littrell, Tom Elliott, Jimmy Sword, Jack Castle, Ricky Preston, Bobby Davis, Greg Jones, Mike Johnson, John Johnson, Curt Robertson, Charles Zoellers, Don Paul Branham, Clay Caudill, Mr. Elder.



Graduation 1976: The End of an Era

Twelve long years of work and fun culminated during commencement exercises on an afternoon in May—a time for looking back and looking forward, a time of reviewing accomplishments and sharing pride in goals reached.

A flurry of activity preceded the solemn occasion. The weeks after the senior trip were hectic. The final class periods were punctuated with discussions of where graduation would be held and with the Junior-Senior Prom preparations.

When the last week finally arrived and the last tests taken, the maroon and white caps and gowns were distributed. Awards Day arrived and after receiving individual and group honors the seniors rose to face the underclassmen and sing “The Senior Song” for the last time. After they left the auditorium, they donned caps and gowns and gathered on the front steps of the high school building that had held fifty-nine classes before them for the last class picture that

would ever be made there.

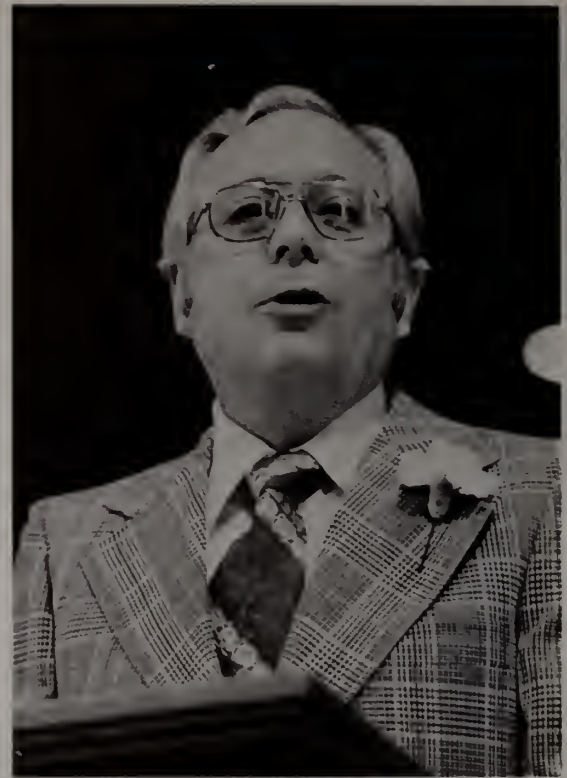
Since the new school was not completed in time for the exercises to be held there, the seniors reported for rehearsal to Faith Chapel at Pikeville College where all PHS graduations had been held since the gym burned in 1969. Mrs. Sallee appointed partners, explained the order of the program, and gave detailed instructions which included everything from what foot to start on to the switching of the tassels.

At last the day arrived and the families and friends gathered for the milestone, hearing the solemn strains of the processional, rose to honor the eighty-three members of the bicentennial class—the Class of 1976—the last to graduate from the old high school that had served four generations of Pike County and Pikeville students.

Spears, Warf Address Graduates;



Superintendent Charles E. Spears



The Reverend Curtis Warf

The seniors invited the Reverend Curtis Warf and Charles E. Spears, retiring superintendent, to give the addresses at the combined baccalaureate and commencement exercises. Reverend Warf spoke on the subject of preparedness; Superintendent Spears first reminded the seniors that he had been with most of them through all their years in school and then enlarged on the thought "Life supplies the frame, but you must supply the picture."

Marjorie Bertrand whose brother was co-valedictorian in 1974 and sister was salutatorian in 1975 continued a family tradition by giving the salutatory remarks. The co-valedictorians, Ben Warf, the son of the baccalaureate speaker, and David Elder, the last of the four children of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Elder to be a PHS valedictorian, had each achieved a four-point standing for his high school work.

At last the presentation of diplomas. As their names were called the maroon-and-white-clad seniors moved forward to walk across the stage and receive congratulations from Superintendent Spears. Graduation Day—May, 23, 1976—was over.

THE TOP TEN HONOR STUDENTS

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| 1. & 2. David Douglas Elder and Benjamin Curtis Warf | |
| 3. Marjorie Ellen Bertrand | 7. Genoa Ann Castle |
| 4. Jennifer Lynn Morton | 8. Gregory Wayne Stratton |
| 5. Katherine Angeline Biliter | 9. David Wayne Walters |
| 6. Jeanne Marie Sturgill | 10. Herbert Kelson Littrell |



Salutatorian Marjorie Ellen Bertrand

Warf, Elder Co-Valedictorians



Valedictorian Benjamin Curtis Warf



Valedictorian David Douglas Elder



The Class



FRONT: Mr. Tiller, Janet Sheldon, Cindy Bradley, Shonie Balsler, Jennifer Burns, Judy Matney. SECOND ROW: Mr. Hale, Revella Johnson, Loretta Honaker, Marshilla Habern, Susan Justice. THIRD ROW: Meretta Layne, Linda Willis, Rita Holsinger. FOURTH ROW: Connie Rogers Hall, Moreka Bartley Childers, Nina Henry. FIFTH ROW: Missy Mulliken, Genoa Castle, Carolyn Runyon. SIXTH ROW: Randy Ray, Mike Little, James Paxton. SEVENTH ROW: Vinson Ratliff, Randy Roberts, Ricky Preston. EIGHTH ROW: Anthony Honaker, Kelson Littrell, Greg Billiter. NINTH ROW: Ricky Charles, Mike Stewart, Jimmy Sword. TENTH ROW: David Walters, Phil Hammond, Jack Castle.

of 1976



FRONT: Jettie Robinson, Darlene Thacker, Jeanne Sturgill, Nita Spencer, Marjorie Bertrand, Mrs. Sallee. SECOND ROW: Libbi Justice, Linda Walters. THIRD ROW: Jennifer Morton, Marie Wyont, Debbie Jones, Caroline Childress, Mr. Spears. FOURTH ROW: Sherri Stone, Karen Fox, Kerri Johnson, Mildred Keese, Lisa Billiter. FIFTH ROW: Glenda Cutright, Kathy Bilitier, Sandra Hartsock, Linda Cole. SIXTH ROW: Mary Frances Tudor, Pat Kitchen, Cindy Rosebrook, Frances Meadows. SEVENTH ROW: Steve Smith, Don Paul Branham, Chris Sirginnis, Joe Dan VanHoose. EIGHTH ROW: Charles Zoellers, Brian Hatmaker, Ben Warf, David Elder. NINTH ROW: John Johnson, Bruce Maggard, Jackie Hurley, David Maynard. TENTH ROW: Mike Johnson, Curt Robertson, Greg Stratton, Mark Butcher. ELEVENTH ROW: Bobby Davis, Tom Elliott.

Juniors: One More



The junior class seemed to be on top of everything this year. During the first couple of weeks the seniors might have made them feel a little inferior, but the junior football players showed that they could do their part by helping to push the team to victory after victory.

Homecoming, the first big dance for many juniors, was the big word around school in October as more and more girls were excited about getting dates.

In November Mr. Rivard measured the juniors for school rings and for weeks everyone wore yellow ring sizers.

Knowing they would have to earn a lot of money to entertain the seniors royally at the end of the year, the class started selling Christmas cards, stationery, candy, and anything else Mrs. Hammond could think of.

The basketball season began and two juniors, Tommy Waddell and Bill Staggs, were among the starters.

The class was represented on the cheerleading squad by Amy Black, Jeanne Davis, and Alicia Clark, and the enthusiastic juniors felt they always beat the other classes in the "Battle Cry" during pep rallies.

As the year came to an end, several other things made this a special and memorable year. Prom, as always, was a magic word. The banquet and dance were absolutely beautiful. The theme "We May Never Pass This Way Again," the fantastic group "Xanthus," and the soft colors—ice blue, medium blue, and white—made this last prom in the old gym the most beautiful one ever.

On Awards Day, the juniors happily took the senior chairs and for the first time had the privilege of singing "The Senior Song."

As they prepared for school to end, the juniors were looking forward to the new school, but were sad that their graduating friends wouldn't be there to enter it with them.



SPONSORS. Mrs. Collier, Mr. Reitz, Mrs. Hammond, chairman.

OFFICERS. Front: Debbie Slone, president; Tommy Waddell, vice president. Back: Roger Johnson, sergeant at arms; Carol Daniels, secretary; Tommy Sparks, treasurer; Jeannie Davis, reporter; Cathy Moore, sergeant at arms.

Year to Goal



Melita Abshire
Susan Allen
Jane Amos
Joey Anderson



Liza Bell
Perry Bishop
Amy Black
Charles Blackburn



Lyle Blackburn
Ireland Blankenship
Darlene Bradley
Jack Burchett



David Burke
Elizabeth Cabell
Jimmy Carter
Charles Carty



James Castle



Mike Castle



Students settle down for class after lunch hour.

Juniors Buy Rings, Sell Stationery

Alicia Clark
 Tamie Clark
 Eddie Cole
 Ricky Coleman



Mary Cook
 Libbi Crawford
 Antonia Dale
 Carol Daniels



Pam Davidson
 Jeannie Davis
 Dawn Deskins
 Sharon Dye



Katie Eagle
 Susan Flanagan
 Virginia Gibson
 Christi Glavaris



Doug Goff



Debby Haley



James Pleasant and Scott Ross determine their class ring sizes as Susan Flanagan and Katie Eagle check prices.



David Willett, Joey Bartley, Linda Wells, Suzy VanHoose, and Cathy Hunter plan to sell stationery to raise money for the Junior-Senior Prom.



Jane Halliwell



Anita Hampton



Tammy Hobbs
Quincy Honaker
Cathy Hunter
Roger Johnson



Charles Justice
Karen Justice
Mark Justice
Tammy Jo Justice



Andy Kilburn
Jamie Latta
Dusty Layne
Robbie Linton



Jean McClanahan
Wada McCown
Cathy Moore
Brandt Mullins

Assembly Programs

Vivian Mullins
Steve Newsom
Roger Newsome
Anita Pinson



James Pleasant
Jimmy Ratliff
Kevin Ratliff
Ernestine Ray



Ricky Reed
Cam Robinson
Scott Ross
Rusty Rowe



Robert Sheldon
Debbie Slone
Jeff Slone
Tim Smith



Joe Dan VanHoose is the lone senior as juniors John Hambley, Roger Johnson, Bill Staggs, Greg Wilson, and Kevin Ratliff are spotlighted in the "Short Shorts" skit in the Annual Annual Show.



Cut Classes Short



Debbie Snodgrass
Debbie Sowards
Tommy Sparks
Bill Staggs



Elizabeth Tudor
Suzy VanHoose
Valerie VanHoose
Tommy Waddell



Steve Walters
Linda Wells
Mark White
David Willett



Paul Willis
Greg Wilson
Juanita Wilson
Nicky Wright



Sophomores Return

On registration day the same old crowd, along with a few newcomers, gathered together and discussed things like "Jaws" and the Eagles while they waited to register. Then, of course, the annual fight for top lockers began.

A week later the sophomores started off the year with a bang, or rather bangs, when several familiar faces showed up topped with unfamiliar new hair cuts. The class breezed through the first week enjoying priority over the freshmen and, for the first time, not being the babies of high school.

All the new couples and a few old ones polished up their bump in September when the Sadie Hawkins dance was held. This was followed by Homecoming when everyone really had a great time.

Football season ended and sports fans began to think basketball. By this time some new nicknames had been chosen. Hey, anyone remember "Bird Cage"? What about "Dr. Bombay"? And "Cottontop," "Jap," and "Slim"?

After sixteen long years some of the gang were finally turned loose on the highway. Newly-licensed drivers kept the class excited for the rest of the year.

Around March spring fever set in and soon the girls began hoping (and flirting) for a Prom date. The boys just tried to keep their girls away from juniors and seniors.

In May the weather was warm and the sun-bronzed sophomores cleaned their lockers and said good-bye to their graduating senior friends. They also had to wave good-bye to the old Pikeville High School. Well, at least next year there will be full-length lockers!



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SPONSORS. Mrs. Elder, Mrs. Keese, Miss Williamson, Mr. Howard.



for Second Year's Work



Phyllis Adkins
Terri Adkins
Gary Allen
Dwight Balser



Vincent Barone
Bob Biliter
Keith Billiter
Jeff Blackburn



Mural Bradley
Bobbie Branham
Jerry Branham
Bena Brewer



Sally Brown
Allen Burke
Helen Cabell
Dan Cantrell



Tim Carroll
Anita Castle
Hal Chrisman
Steve Combs



Darren Compton
Wyatt Compton
Gary Compton
Randy Courtney

Lockers and Fountains Provide

David Damron
Sandra Damron
Kim Daniels
Lucy Davis



Phil Davis
Kandi Dillion
Barbara Estep
Debbie Fields



Melanie Francisco
Leslie Goff
Susan Goss
Ricky Habern



Leslie Goff, Amy Justice, and David Damron get books straightened out after the big locker move.

Break Between Classes



Kim Daniels stops for a drink on her way to class.



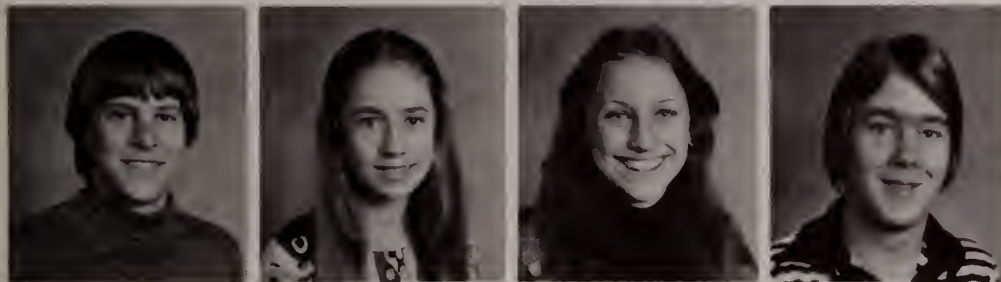
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Donny Hall



Faye Hall
John Hambley



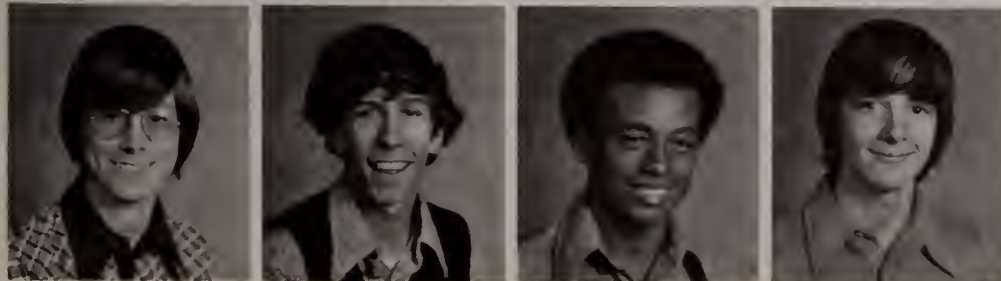
Ruby Hampton
Zach Howell



Greg Howson
Rose Huber
Sherree Hunt
Fred Hurt



Sherri Hutchison
Kyle Jackson
Joey Johnson
Amy Justice



Randy Justice
Donnie Keene
Chuck Layne
Kelsey Layne

Class Changes Bring

Vicky Lowe
Patricia Lyons
Mark McCoy
Charles McGhee



Cindy McGhee
Joann McKinney
Cindy May
Larry May



Vicky Meade
Paul Mills
Sharon Mullins
Sharon Napier



Jack Webb Newsome
George O'Dell



Kenny O'Neil
Terry Pugh



Phil Ratliff
Ricky Ray



The day everybody wore sneakers.

Students Out Hourly



Lisa Williamson has an opportunity to express herself creatively in Mrs. Goff's art class.



Nana Reynolds
Jesse Salyers



John Shepherd
Rita Snodgrass



Jess Sowards
Doris Spears
Tim Staggs
Johnny Sullivan



Cary Tufts
Curry Vanover
Elmon Walters
Teresa West



J.R. Williams
Scotty Williams
Lisa Williamson
Jerry Wood

Freshmen Elect Class



Freshmen at last! It's only 14 yards from the junior high building to the high school building, but the distance is really much greater than that: from the old timers of one school to the babies of the other.

Pre-registration didn't take much of the confusion out of getting into the right classes, and how could those simple locker combinations be so hard to work! Getting books without its costing an arm and a leg, meeting new teachers, and finding the right rooms all made the first few days confusing, but soon everyone began to feel comfortable. The class officers were elected and class members found the clubs to fit their interests.

It was great cheering the football team to its 10-1 season, and a lot of freshmen went to their first high school dance when Homecoming came around.

Nobody had to ask, "How are you feeling?" 'cause everybody came back after Christmas with a mood ring, but the freshmen did ask, "Where are our lockers?" During the holidays the janitors had been busy moving them all to the basement, and in the move all the books got where they shouldn't have been.

Soon the days had all tumbled over each other and spring came bringing with it the end of English I and P.E. Looking back it seemed impossible that these confident kids could have been the confused freshmen of only ten months ago.



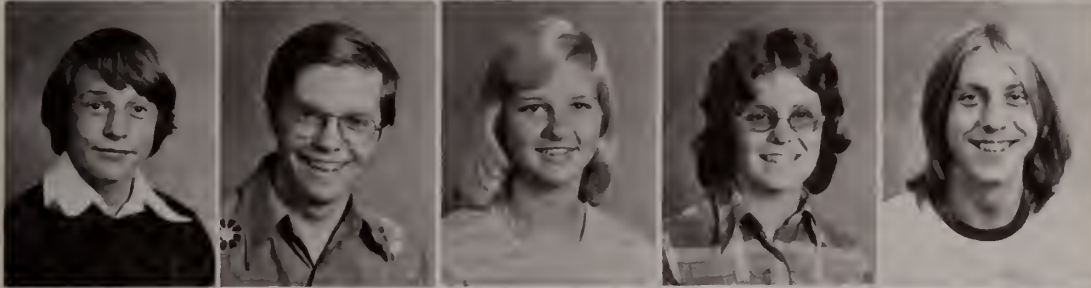
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SPONSORS: Mr. Hampton, Mr. Wagner, Mr. Chapman, and Mr. Kinder.

Leaders in September



Eddie Adkins
Jimmy Adkins
Karen Allen
Linda Allen
Chris Altman



Mallie Anderson
Doug Bailey
Missy Baker
Sarah Baker
Ralph Bartley



Lisa Bentley
Timmy Bergman
Tom Black
Sherry Blackburn
Steve Bridgeman



Sandra Brown
Tommy Burchett
Glenna Butler
Paul Caudill
Jamie Cedeira



Doug Charles
Kenny Childers
Mark Clark
Ricky Clark
Marsha Clubb



Jimmy Cole
Jerry Coleman
Terry Coleman
Betty Collins
Bill Combs

Registration is a Hassle

Tim Comer
Becky Cook
Chris Coon
Lundy Cross
Wanda Dale



Kenny Damron
Danny Davis
Frosty Davis
Vicki Dawahare
Charlie Deaton



Teresa Eagle
Randy Elkins
Alisa Ferrell
David Ford
Greg Goff



Mr. Tiller and Mr. Clevinger make recommendations to Lisa Bentley and Chris Altman during registration.



For the Neophyte



Raymond Goff
Allen Goss
Anthony Gullett
Timmy Habern
Cindy Hall



Tammy Hall
Randy Hartsock
Elizabeth Hawkins
Teresa Hefner
John Hobson



Mike Huffman
Tommy Hunter
Charlene Hurley
Paul Johnson
Tim Jones



Jeff Joyce
Becky Ratliff Justice
Belinda Justice
Bonita Justice
Frankie Justice



Joan Justice
Laura Justice
William Justice
Beverly Keathley
Jamie Keene



Nina Kent
Gene Layne
Rita Little
Libbi Lockhart
Sammy Lowe

Freshmen Help Decorate Halls

Steve Lowe
Teresa Luster
Eric McAnallen
Patty McCoy
Amy Mims



Debbie Mounts
Tim Robinson
Wesley Robinson
Perry Rogers
Pam Rosebrook



Kim Rutherford
Debbie Salyer
Gerald Saunders
Terry Scott
Danny Sheldon



Kevin Skeens
Dorothy Slone
Sherri Slone
Robert Staggs
Kathy Stanley



Tim Comer, Joan Justice, and Teresa Eagle examine one of the critters in Mr. Kinder's biology room.





Jeff Joyce risks life and limb to decorate the halls before a game.



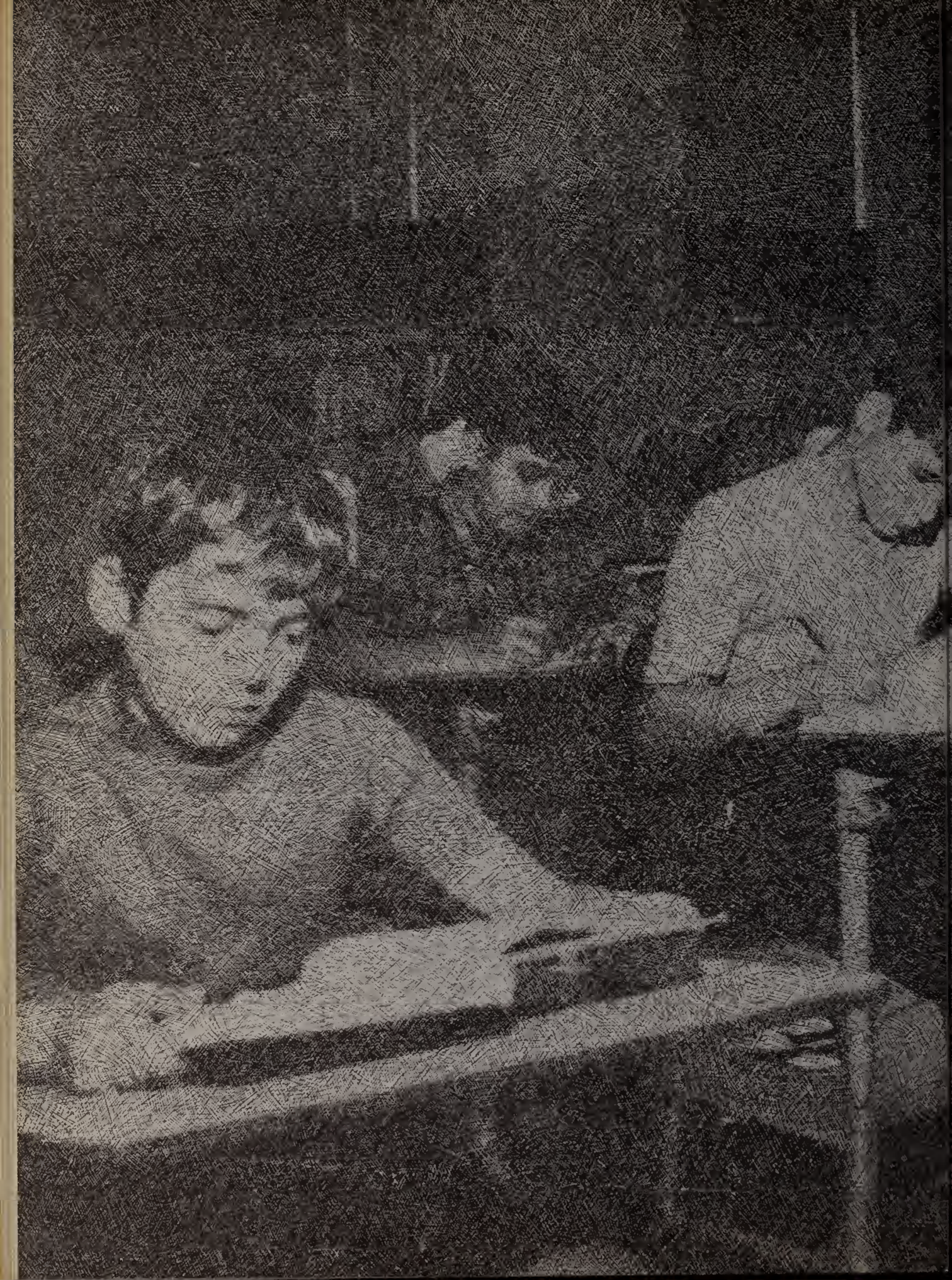
Scott Stewart
Robert Sykes
Brenda Thacker
Donna Thacker



Randall Thacker
Lynn Thompson
Faye Trivett
Jeff Tuchfarber



Walter Tucker
Nathan Venters
Debbie Young





JUNIOR HIGH

Junior High Faculty Works



WILLIAM ALLARA (upper left), who teaches seventh grade science, Kentucky history, and social studies, has taught for six years and is the Varsity Club sponsor. He received his B.S. degree from Pikeville College and his M.A. degree from Morehead State University.



ANN E. CARTY (upper middle) teaches eighth grade English and high school journalism. She received an A.B. degree from David Lipscomb College, M.A. from Eastern Kentucky University, and Rank I (Library Science) from Morehead State University. Mrs. Carty sponsors the eighth grade Journalism Club and the yearbook.



MORGAN CHAPMAN (upper right) teaches Title I reading for grades seven and eight. He received his B.S. degree from Pikeville College and his M.A. from Morehead State University. In addition to keeping a freshman homeroom, Mr. Chapman is the sponsor of the Key Club, the Junior High Speech and Debate Club, and co-sponsor of the Chess Club.



CAROLYN HALL, who has been at Pikeville High School for the past three years, teaches seventh grade English and reading. Mrs. Hall received her A.B. and M.A. degrees from Morehead State University.

ROBERT VERNON HAMPTON, who teaches Special Math to seventh and eighth grade students, has taught for three years. He earned his B.S. degree from Pikeville College and his M.A. from Morehead State University. Mr. Hampton sponsors the Teens Who Care Club.

to Make Learning Exciting



IRENE J. SPENCE, who has been teaching for fifteen years, earned her B.S. degree from the University of Miami and her M.S. degree from the University of Louisville. Mrs. Spence teaches reading and spelling to the junior high students.

The eighth grade math teacher, KATHY WAGNER, has been on the faculty for four years. Mrs. Wagner, who received her B.S. degree from Pikeville College and her M.S. degree from Kansas State University, also has one social studies class.

GENEVIEVE R. HAYES (upper left), eighth grade science teacher, has been teaching for twenty-eight years. She earned her B.S. degree from the University of Kentucky and her M.A. degree from Morehead State University. Mrs. Hayes also teaches a seventh grade social studies class.

RUTH QUEEN (upper middle), who received her B.A. degree from the University of Kentucky, teaches seventh grade mathematics and one class in Kentucky history.

WOODROW W. RUNYON, JR. (upper right) teaches eighth grade American history and seventh grade consumer education. He earned his B.S. degree from Pikeville College and his M.A. degree from Eastern Kentucky University. Mr. Runyon, who has been teaching for seven years, sponsors the Camera Club and is the director of the Neighborhood Youth Project.

Eighth Graders Prepare for High School

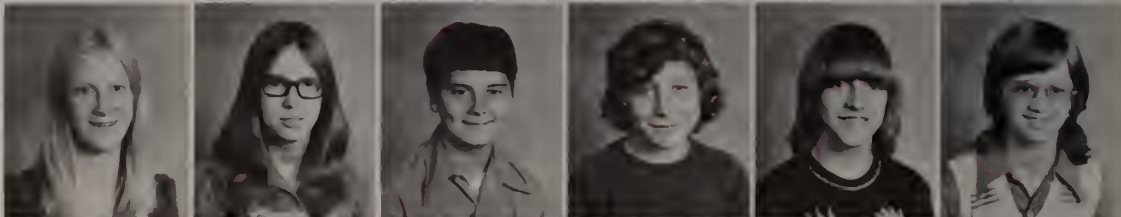
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Annette Brewer



Vickie Brewer
Debbie Bridgeman
Robert Burgess
Charles Carlton
Sammy Carter
Marketta Casebolt



Flora Castle
Margie Castle
Jack Cauley
Terry Cerdeira
Marsha Charles
Becky Cinnamon



Lizlie Clark
Lisa Clayton
Karen Clubb
Cora Cole
Dorothy Cole
Freddie Cole



Mitzi Coleman
Cathy Combs
Johnny Damron
Janet Daniels
Angie Davidson
Carolyn Davis



Donnita Davis
Frank Dawahare
William Dawahare
Jessica Deskins
Dannette Dotson
Donna Dye



With Mr. Runyon's Urging



One of the best known characters at Pikeville Junior High is Buster II, son of Buster.

Almost before hellos were said the eighth graders were swept into the year's activities. Student Council elections, club officers, challenges in band all piled on top of each other. Everyone rejoiced when Buster went out with a bang, but after a brief interlude he was replaced by Buster II and no one dared venture out without a hall pass. Mr. Runyon's special activities made the bicentennial year a memorable one, Mrs. Hayes' science students got the needle when they had their blood typed, and Mrs. Wagner multiplied. It seemed that the year had hardly begun when Mr. Tiller was explaining the high school curriculum at pre-registration and Mrs. Carty was assigning class poems. After a great dance, graduating rehearsals began. This 1976 eighth grade class felt very special because they were the last to graduate in Ramsey Auditorium and would be the first freshmen in the new building on North Mayo Trail.



Robert Easton
Linda Egger
John Foster
Sabrina Glavaris
Emma Goff
Tyrone Habern

Alison Hall
Jackie Ray Hall
Russell Hall
Vicki Hamilton
Paula Hinkle
Lynn Hobbs

Kenny Honaker
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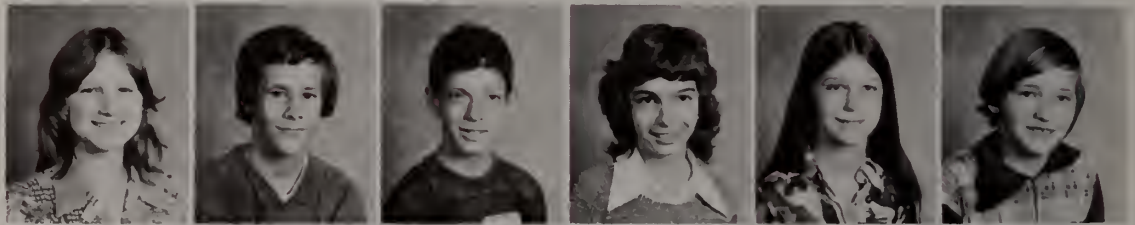
Lana Hurley
Chris Hutchinson
Alan Justice
Allen Keathley
Tommy Keathley
Donell Kent

Classes and Clubs Keep



This group of eighth grade girls doesn't seem to take class too seriously.

Vickie Kimberlain
Gary Layne
Ricky Lee
Janelle Lykins
Sandy McClanahan
Jimmy McCoy



Tim McCoy
Kelly May
Jane Miller
Jimmy Mitchell
Myla Moore
Jackie Mullins



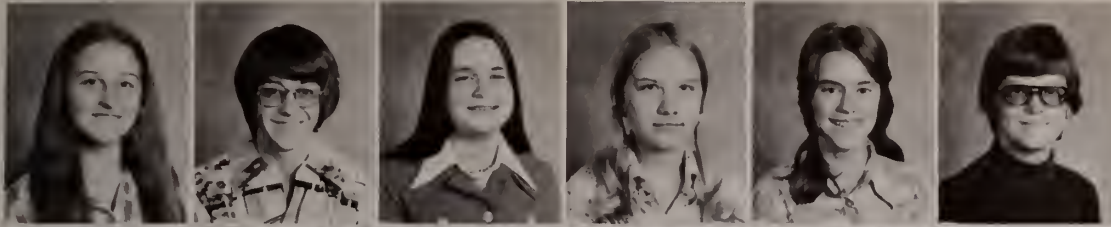
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Andre Murrell
Kenny Newsome
Steve Norman
Arnold Phillips
Susan Price



Kim Ratliff
Tony Ratliff
Teresa Ray
Mike Rich
Diana Roberts
Penny Rowe



Eighth Graders Busy



Diane Ruble
Keith Runyon
Cheryl Russell
Tracy Scott
Debbie Shepherd
Paul Shockey



Johnny Ray Slone
Kim Slone
Cheryl Snodgrass
John Spencer
Arnol Staggs
Ricky Stanley



Mike Sturgill
Kathy Sullivan
Phil Sword
Kathy Tackett
Bridget Thompson
Robin Trivette



Teresa Tuchfarber
Richard Tucker
Patricia Vance
Benjamin Wakeland
Elva Wakeland
Mike Wagner



Wendy Watkins



James Yates



Luke Zimmerman



One of the thrills of taking band is marching in the Homecoming Parade.

Eighth Graders Select Superlatives

WILLIAM DAWAHARE (striped shirt), an honor roll student who was a student council representative and a member of the football, basketball, and track teams, would seem to have been the most outstanding eighth grade boy since his classmates voted him MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED, BEST CITIZEN, BEST ATHLETE, and MOST POPULAR.

The girls with him were his feminine counterparts. JANELLE LIKINS, honor roll student and all round good gal, was selected BEST CITIZEN; MARSHA CHARLES, an All-District basketball player and a member of the track team was voted BEST ATHLETE; and ALISON HALL, a straight-A student, was named MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED.



Laughingly selected as WITTIEST were cut-ups KIM SLONE and ANDY BALLOU. And they were in the same homeroom!



WENDY WATKINS (right in large picture) was selected as the PRETTIEST GIRL and MOST POPULAR GIRL. SAMMIE CARTER, standing with Wendy, was voted BEST LOOKING BOY. Wendy was a cheerleader, and Sammie was a member of the junior high basketball team. The students selected by their classmates as the NEATEST were cheerleader BEANIE GLAVARIS and SAMMIE CARTER (left). MOST ALL AROUND eighth graders ROBIN TRIVETTE and FRANK DAWAHARE (above) were honor roll students and busy with extra-curricular activities. Robin was a cheerleader, played in the band, won a superior rating in dramatic reading at the Regional Speech Festival, and was a member of the Pep Club and Journalism Club. Frank, a fine athlete, was a member of the football, basketball, and track teams and a student council representative.



The Final Chapter: Achievement Day 1976



The stage is set for Eighth Grade Achievement Day 1976. Mr. Prichard directs the junior high band as Mrs. Wagner, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Tiller, Mr. Spears, Mrs. Carty, Miss Williamson, Mrs. Hayes, and Mr. Ed Elder, Rotary Club representative, wait to present awards.

Valedictorian Tracy Scott and Salutatorian William Dawahare (above) stand in front of the Patty Richmond dogwood after the program.

Principal Tiller recounted the history of Ramsey Auditorium and the building which houses it, telling the crowd that the auditorium was first used for the high school graduation exercises in 1929. Donnie Adkins (right) is the first to receive his certificate from Superintendent Spears during the last event in the old building.





The recipients (left) of the class awards: (front) Cathy Combs, English; Janelle Likins and John Spencer, band; (back) Tracy Hunt, math, science, history; Alan Justice, art. Those who had perfect attendance (below left) stand beside the plaque at the front door: (front) Angie Davidson, Sandy Allen, Elva Wakeland, Cheryl Russell, Sandy Huber, (back) Vickie Kimberlain, Susan Price, Paul Shockey, Ricky Horne, Terry Cerdeira, Allen Keathley. Not pictured: Flora Castle and Jessica Deskins. Those (below right) who ranked highest scholastically for their work in the seventh and eighth grades: (front) Tracy Scott, first; Vickie Brewer, tenth; Vickie Kimberlain, ninth; Cathy Combs, fourth; Janelle Likins, eighth; (back) Alan Justice, seventh; Tracy Hunt, sixth; William Dawahare, second; Frank Dawahare, third. Fifth-ranked Alison Hall is not pictured.



Seventh Grade is a Time

Dena Adkins
Johnny Anderson
Mark Bailey
Faye Bartley
Francis Benson
Julie Billips



Greg Bingham
Jerry Bingham
Allen Black
Kevin Blackburn
Robin Bradley
Billie Branham



Jimmy Branham
Shelia Branham
Sherrv Branham
Dana Bridgeman
Susan Brown
Stephan Burchett



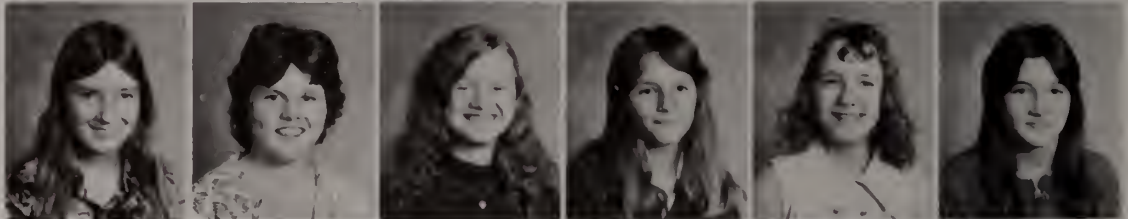
Connie Butcher
Brian Cabeu
Ronnie Carter
Martha Ann Carty
Debra Castle
Kendra Casto



Roger Caudill
Woody Cavins
Charles Chaffins
Kristina Charles
Clyde Childers
Johnny Cole



Lisa Coleman
Ruby Coleman
Frances Compton
Carol Crider
Rita Damron
Saundra Davis



Lisa Elkins
Katherine Gullett
Shelia Hall
Dana Hamilton
Darlene Hamilton
Marsha Hamilton



for New Experiences



John Hayes
David Hefner
Sonia Honaker
Vince Howell
Kenny Hunter
William Irick

Danny Johnson
Donald Justice
Eddie Justice
Joey Justice
Teresa Justice
Tim Justice

Donald Keathley
Lara Keene
John Kendricks
Kim Kendricks
Glenda Kent
John Klingensmith

Randy Lee
Willie Lee
Darlene LeMaster
Mary Linton
Mark Littrell
Susan Lockhart



Cheerleaders Martha Ann Carty, Teresa Tuchfarber, and Billie Branham agonize with the Browns at a Little League football game.

August 22 was a big day for 122 seventh graders who had completed their last year at Chloe and were coming to the high school campus. A little scared, they met in the auditorium to hear the welcoming talks by Mr. Tiller and Mr. Clevinger and then—the big moment—home-room assignments. The first few hectic days they had to get used to schedules, admit slips, hall passes, and new teachers; but soon the strange became familiar and everyone felt right at home. There were so many exciting things: pep rallies, ball teams to cheer for, clubs to join, running out for majorette or cheerleader, and everybody got to go downtown for lunch! Assignment followed assignment, grading period followed grading period until the year ended and those same kids who had entered school so anxiously last August were confidently ready for eighth grade at the new building.

Clubs, Pep Rallies, Ball Games

David Louder
John McDonald
Melody May
Jill Maynard
Lisa Meade
Joe Morrison



David Mullins
Homer Mullins
Jerry Mullins
Tanye Murrell
Karen Newsome
Kathy Newsome



Donna O'Dell
Michael O'Neal
Leigh Ann Owens
Kim Pendergrass
Steve Prater
Peggy Rasnick



Brian Ratliff
Donna Ratliff
Earnest Ray, Jr.
Violet Reed
Sherrie Robinson
Junior Rogers



Jeff Rowe
Charles Russell
Timmy Scott
Bob Shurtleff
Alice Slone
Sandra Slone



Johnny Cole, Willy Lee, and Vince Howe
watch the schoolground action from the
high school building.



Make the Days Fly By



Annette Brown, Tim McCoy, and Beth Warf play for the Panthers.



Tina Slone
Lesley Smith



Tom Smith
Homer Snodgrass
Homer D. Snodgrass
Melissa Staggs
Elzie Sykes
Keith Thacker

Eric Thomas
Tommy Thompson
Irene Trivette
Todd Tuchfarber
Ray Vanover
Robert Venters

Beth Warf
Shirley West
Dennis Williams
Clementine Williamson
Doug Yates
Jean Young



Banquet Honors Little League



Four teams took part in Pikeville's Little League football program: the Browns coached by Chris Sirginnis and Don Paul Branham, the Colts coached by Bobby Venters and Larry Keene, the Packers coached by Dickie VanHoose, and the Raiders coached by Ronnie Honaker.

At the season's end the Packers, who had won all their games and had had only six points scored against them, were in first place; the Browns came in second.

The teams, coaches, and cheerleaders were honored at a banquet November 18. Local attorney Neal Smith, a star for the Panthers who played for Vanderbilt and was drafted

by the Dallas Cowboys, was the guest speaker. Trophies were presented to the outstanding teams and players by Hillard Howard, coach of the varsity football team; he was assisted by Gene Davis, Mr. Smith's high school coach.

Because there was a tie for the coveted Most Valuable Player award, duplicate trophies were presented to Bo Adkins and Clyde Childers.

Counterclockwise: Coach VanHoose and his first place Packers; the season's two top players, Bo Adkins and Clyde Childers; Mr. Davis and Coach Howard present the awards; Mr. Smith at the podium.

Basketball Team Area Four Champs



1975-76 JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL TEAM. First row: Homer Snodgrass, Jimmy Branham, Clyde Childers, Homer Mullins. Second row: Coach Bill Allara, Sammie Carter, Frank Dawahare, Roger Caudill, Bob Shurtleff, Keith Runyon, Mark Littrell, Jack Cauley, William Dawahare, David Louder, Steve Prater, Bo Adkins, Robert Easton, manager.



Two members of the Area 4 championship team, Jimmy Branham and Clyde Childers, savor their victory after cutting down the nets at the Millard gym.

With a record of five wins and eight losses the junior high basketball team had its disappointments, but the boys came through when the chips were down, and after the most exciting game of the season, came home with the Area 4 championship trophy.

The team defeated Hellier to get to the championship game with Elkhorn on February 12.

In that final game Elkhorn was leading 38-37 in an overtime with only one second left on the clock when Clyde Childers drew a foul and went to the line to try for two. Clyde made the first shot to tie the game and the second to put the Panthers in the lead. Elkhorn got the ball, but it was too late; the whistle blew and Pikeville was the winner.

William Dawahare, Jimmy Branham, and Mark Littrell were named to the all tournament team.

Cheerleaders Tops in Every Competition

The junior high cheerleaders, sponsored by Miss Jeanne Williamson, worked long, hard hours which really paid off. In the summer they attended two camps. At the University of Kentucky they received an outstanding ribbon, four superiors, and earned a spirit stick to bring home. Next they attended a day camp held at Pikeville College where they earned first place and all superior ribbons.

In the fall they attended a clinic at Pikeville College where again they placed first. During Area 4 basketball tournament play they received the first place cheerleading trophy. In Area 4 cheerleading competition they placed first and were also honored by being named the best squad in the county.

During Christmas the squad took a rest from competition to sell gift wrapping paper to raise money for new uniforms.

April 3 the girls attended the National Cheerleading Association Clinic at Bryan Station High School. Here they learned more about gymnastics and worked with mini-tramps.



(Top) Leigh Ann Owens, Donna Ratliff; (middle) Karen Clubb, Billie Lynn Branham, Robin Trivette,



Robin Trivette and Billie Lynn Branham



Karen Clubb, Beanie Glavaris, and Wendy Watkins



Donna Ratliff and Leigh Ann Owens



Pep Club Supports Junior High Teams



OFFICERS: Marsha Charles, secretary-treasurer; Mitzi Coleman, president; Mary Lynne Linton, vice president.

The Junior High Pep Club, sponsored by Miss Jeanne Williamson, had a great first year. The members' goal was to support the junior high ball teams. They decorated the halls, acknowledging the ball players in each homeroom. At the pep rallies they made posters for the auditorium, performed skits, and made a lot of noise.

At the end of basketball season the club presented a trophy to the most valuable player; the winner was William Dawahare. A trophy was also given to an outstanding club member, Cathy Combs.

The Pep Club highlighted the year's activities with a spring dance.

JUNIOR HIGH PEP CLUB. First row: Robin Trivette, Kathy Sullivan, Julie Billips, Melody May, Donna Ratliff, Missy Staggs, Robin Bradley. Second row: Becky Cinnamond, Margie Castle, Myla Moore, Donnita Davis, Mary Lynne Linton, Debra Castle, Peggy Rasnick, Allen Black, Janie Miller, Angie Davidson, Sandy Huber, Sandy McClanahan, Bridget Thompson, Karen Clubb. Third row: Donna Dye, Lara Keene, Kathy Newsome, Billie Branham, Leigh Ann Owens, Kim Slone, Marsha Charles, Janelle Likins, Paula Hinkle, Dana Bridgeman. Fourth row: Sandy Allen, Lezlie Clark, Vickie Kimberlain. Fifth row: Marketta Casebolt, Kelly May, Vicky Brewer, Penny Rowe, Vicki Hamilton, Kendra Casto, Leslie Smith, Carol Crider, Marsha Hamilton, Alison Hall, Cheryl Russell, Diana Ruble, Wendy Watkins, Beanie Glavaris, Jessica Deskins.

New Clubs Attract

The JUNIOR HIGH JOURNALISM CLUB was organized this year under the sponsorship of Mrs. Ann Carty. This group, headed by editor Penny Rowe, was responsible for covering the junior high news for PANTHER PRINTS.

The club met on Monday afternoons to learn the fundamentals of journalistic writing, get story assignments, and discuss ideas for features.

The club members submitted cartoons, established regular features, and conducted and reported on surveys.

JOURNALISM CLUB. Penny Rowe, editor. Second row: Robin Trivette, Beth Warf, Debbie Bridgeman, Teresa Tuchfarber, Susan Lockhart. Third row: Kathy Newsome, Kendra Casto, Lara Keene, Chris Hutchison, Marsha Hamilton. Fourth row: Tracy Scott, Allen Black, Diana Ruble, Tracy Hunt, Vicki Hamilton.



THE PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB, sponsored by Mr. Woodrow Runyon, was another new club. Its purpose was to assist the journalism class with pictures for the yearbook and newspaper.

The club planned money-making projects to buy film for this year and developing equipment for the new school.

The club members held weekly meetings to compare their work and to discuss techniques for improving their photography.



PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB. First row: Joey Justice, vice president; Vicki Hamilton, president; Kathy Sullivan, treasurer; Donnita Davis, Kim Kendricks, Connie Butcher, Teresa Tuchfarber. Second row: Allen Keathley, Mike Wagner, Alan Justice, Charles Russell, reporter; Patricia Vance, Clementine Williamson, Kendra Casto, Linda Egger, Cheryl Russell. Third row: Mr. Runyon, sponsor; Jo Ann Adkins, Kim Pendergrass, sergeant at arms.

Interested Students



STUDENT COUNCIL. First row: Lara Keene, Leigh Ann Owens, Donna Ratliff, Beth Warf, Peggy Rasnick. Second row: Marsha Charles, Kim Slone, Wendy Watkins, William Dawahare. Third row: John Venters, Tracy Scott, Frank Dawahare, Allen Keathley, Andre Murrell.

Each home room in the junior high elects a representative and an alternate to represent its students at the combined junior high and high school STUDENT COUNCIL meetings.

At the meetings the representatives speak for their department and then give a report to their home rooms about the meetings.



SPEECH AND DEBATE. First row: Tracy Scott, Robin Trivette, Mr. Chapman, sponsor; Sandra Huber, Lara Keene. Second row: Jessica Deskins, Vickie Kimberlain, Charles Russell, Linda Egger, Cheryl Russell.

The JUNIOR HIGH SPEECH AND DEBATE CLUB had its beginning this year under the leadership of Mr. Morgan Chapman. The purpose of the club is to master the fundamentals of debate and the various other speech events.

The club members researched and wrote speeches and practiced for their individual events. They at first observed speech contests and later participated in the Regional Speech Festival held at Pikeville College.

At the festival Sandra Huber was rated excellent in story telling, Vickie Kimberlain and Tracy Scott made a superior in debate, and Robin Trivette earned the right to go to the state speech tournament with a superior in dramatic reading.

PJH's Biggest Band Has Busy Year



1975-76 JUNIOR HIGH BAND. First row: Missy Staggs, Mitzi Coleman, Kathy Tackett. Second row: Mary Lynne Linton, Vicky Brewer, Janelle Likins, Cathy Combs, Jessica Deskins, Janet Daniels, Lisa Meade, Martha Ann Carty, Paula Hinkle, Connie Butcher, Marsha Hamilton, Peggy Rasmick, Kelly May. Third row: Tracy Scott, Penny Rowe, Vickie Kimberlain, Donna Ratliff, Beanie Glavaris, Karen Clubb, Clementine Williamson. Fourth row: Teresa Tuchfarber, Flora Castle, Carolyn Davis, Lara Keene, Angie Davidson, Julie Billips, Melody May. Fifth row: Leigh Ann Owens, Billie Branham. Sixth row: Diana Ruble, Bridget Thompson, Linda Egger, Robin Trivette. Seventh row: Sandy McClanahan, Keith Runyon, Chris Hutchison, Beth Warf, John Spencer, Mike Sturgill. Eighth row: Johnny Foster, Kim Pendergrass, Annette Brewer, Jeff Rowe, Luke Zimmerman, William Irick. Ninth row: Joey Justice, Tommy Keathley, Todd Tuchfarber, Steve Burchett, Tony Ratliff, Paul Shockey, Kim Ratliff, Tim McCoy, Debbie Shepherd, Andy Noe, Charles Russell, Kendra Casto, Kenny Hunter, Joey Huffman.

This year's junior high band, the largest in the history of the school, participated in parades, contests, concerts, and the eighth grade graduation exercises.

The band's superior rating in the State Music Festival was the high point of the year. John Spencer also won a superior for his trumpet solo.

Many of the eighth grade band members will go to Camp Crescendo in August to receive further training in marching and to learn the show for the football season so they can take their places in the high school band next fall.



The band leaves school for the Homecoming parade swing through Pikeville.



Girls Compete for Squad

During fall try-outs 21 girls strutted and twirled before a panel of judges hoping to be chosen to march in front of the junior high band. Vivacious Missy Staggs (left) was named field commander and Kelly May, Peggy Rasnick, Vicky Brewer, and Mary Lynne Linton were selected as majorettes.



Sixth Graders Make Up Beginners' Band



The sixth grade band reported to Mr. Prichard's bandroom in the junior high building every morning and then rode a bus to Chloe. This year the group worked on fundamentals and progressed to the point that they played in several programs at the elementary school.

SIXTH GRADE BAND. First row: Jeff Castle, Chad Jackson, Keith Brewer, Second row: Lisa Courtney, Patty Keene, Susan Sheldon, Beth Likins, Lisa James, Tracy Varney, Mary Hurt, Donna Bailey. Third row: Jeff Ratliff, Mary Jo Ratliff, Tommy Stanley, Greg Prater, Wendy Best, Mr. Prichard. Fourth row: Mike Watson, Karen Bailey, John Keathley, Andrew Joyce, Norman Jones.





ELEMENTARY

Mr. Bailey Heads Elementary Faculty



Chester D. Bailey, who earned his B. A. degree from Pikeville College and his M. A. and Rank I from Morehead State University, has been principal of Pikeville Elementary School for five years.

According to Mr. Bailey, the most exciting news from Chloe this year was the installation of the long-awaited air conditioning. One February day a huge Imperial Airways helicopter arrived to lift the air conditioning units to the rooftop. For once the children wanted to stay after school so they could witness this unusual occurrence.

The airconditioning units installed this year and the carpeting laid last year have made the elementary school an even more pleasant place to work and learn.

The academic program has been enriched by an active

school volunteer group which started three years ago, but was expanded this year to include nearly fifty volunteers. The volunteers performed a variety of duties such as relieving the teacher of clerical duties, assisting with arts and crafts, and working on a one-to-one basis with students. This program benefits teachers, students and volunteers alike: the teachers have more time to teach, the students receive more individual attention, and the parents have the opportunity to become a part of school activities.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS

Ivan C. McDaniel
Chester D. Bailey

1956-1971
1971-



LIBRARIAN
BERNICE H. ALLEY
B.S., Pikeville College
M.A., Morehead State University



TITLE I—READING AND MATH
(Above)

JEANNIE H. STONE
B.S., Pikeville College
M.A., Morehead State University
MARGARET J. BRYAN
B.S., University of Montevello
EMR
BONNIE J. SMITH
B.S., Pikeville College
M.A., Morehead State University



MUSIC
JANET M. HOWSON
B.A., Transylvania University
M.A., Morehead State University



SIXTH GRADE
GERRY D. JUSTICE
B.S., Pikeville College
M.A., Morehead State University
KATHERINE RATLIFF
B.S., Eastern Ky. State University
M.A., Eastern Ky. State University
LESLEY E. CUNNINGHAM
B.S., Pikeville College
M.A., Morehead State University

FIFTH GRADE

DONNA SUE WALTERS

B.S., Pikeville College

JEAN COLEMAN

B.S., Pikeville College

M.A., Morehead State University

NOKA C. AMOS

B.S., Pikeville College

M.A., Morehead State University

FOURTH GRADE

ELSIE B. BURDSAL

B.A., University of Kentucky

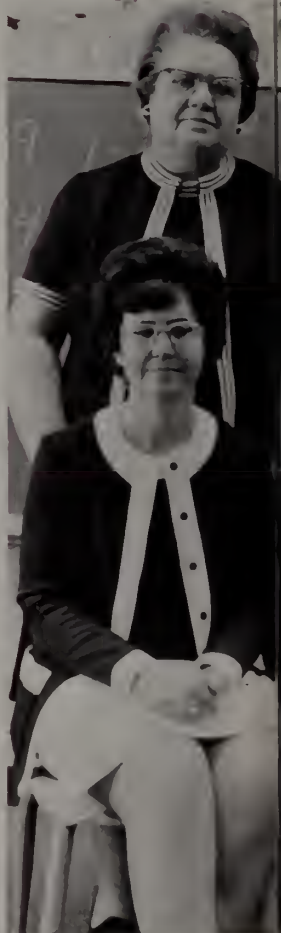
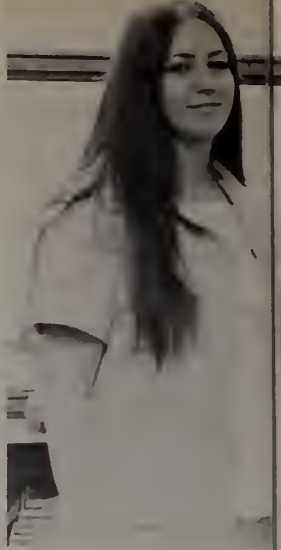
MODESTA S. DAVIS

B.S., Pikeville College

M.A., Morehead State University

NINA M. GRAY

B.S., Pikeville College





Many Teachers Earn Advanced Degrees

THIRD GRADE

BRENDA L. SALYER
B.S., Pikeville College
SOPHIA M. BLAIR
B.S., Pikeville College

COLLEEN C. FLETCHER

B.S., Pikeville College
M.A., Morehead State University
LAJUNE JONES
B.S., Indiana University



SECOND GRADE (Far Left)

JENNIFER T. WADDELL
B.S., Pikeville College
M.A., Morehead State University
SYLVIA W. BAILEY
B.S., Pikeville College
M.A., Morehead State University
GERNESTINE K. MAY
B.S., Pikeville College
BEVERLY W. MIMS
B.S., Pikeville College

KINDERGARTEN (Above)

LENORE DAMRON
B.S., Pikeville College
M.A., Morehead State University
DEMA ANN RUNYON
B.S., Pikeville College
LENORE HAMLIN
B.S., Pikeville College
M.A., Morehead State University

FIRST GRADE (Left)

NELL B. FIELDS
B.S., Eastern Ky. University
WALTA MAE DUNCAN
B.S., Pikeville College
Fifth Year Program, Morehead

RUTH C. SCOTT

B.S., Pikeville College
M.A., University of Kentucky
MAY H. GREEN
B.S., Pikeville College
Fifth Year Program, Morehead

Sixth Grade Prepares to Leave Chloe

This year's sixth grade was made up of 108 growing, curious, mischievous children. They worked hard to prepare themselves for the end of their elementary school years and their step up in the world to junior high school.

Their studies included reading, English, mathematics, a thorough study of world history and European geography, and the world of science from prehistoric animals to the exploration of space.

With the help of volunteer workers they made latch-hook rugs and waste cans and decorated pine cones. They created a bicentennial wall hanging and participated in skits portraying the action and excitement of the American Revolution.

The approximately 30 children who participated in beginner's band played in two Christmas concerts and a spring concert.

Richard Adams
Vickie Adkins
Timothy Akers
Donna Bailey
Karen Bailey



Robert Bates
Darrell Batley
Wendolyn Best
Hank Billiter
Mike Billiter



Nancy Blankenship
Michele Boman
David Branham
Lester Branham
Linda R. Branham



Keith Brewer
Selina Brown
Mary Burgess
Gregg Burnette
Jeffery Castle



Valerie Cauley
Linda Cavins
Mike Cerdeira
Harold Chaffins
Craig Coleman





Vicki McCoy and Jeff Castle seem puzzled about the assignment.



Jerry K. Coleman
Bobby Collins



Billy Ray Compton
Judy Compton
Sharn Compton
William Compton
Lisa Courtney



Bennie Damron
Billy France
Sammy Fronton
James Goff
Mark Gullett

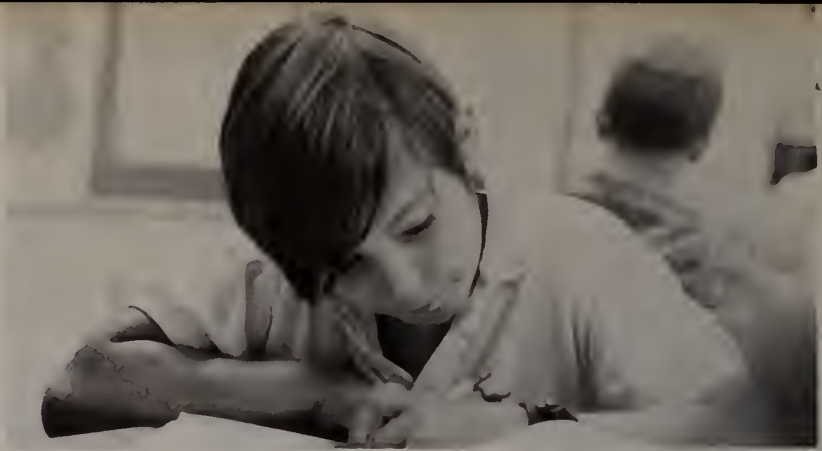


Chris Habern
Kathy Hall
John Hartsock
Steve G. Hartsock
Robby Hobbs



Nancy Hobson
Susan Howell
Danny Hurt
Mary Leigh Hurt
Chad Jackson

Richard Mullins takes his school work very seriously.



Lisa James



Letitia Jones
Norman Jones
Andrew Joyce
Andrew Justice
Shelia Justice



John Keathley
Patty Sue Keene
Juanita Kendrick
David Kinder
Mary Kay Layne



Beth Likins
Vicki McCoy
Jackie Martin
Maria Miles
Jamie Miller



Ricky Mounts
Lisa Mullins
Richard Mullins
Ruth Newsome
Cecil Norman



Bobby Phillips
Joyce Plas
Greg Prater
Chris Ratliff
Jeff W. Ratliff





Mary Jo Ratliff
Ronald Ratliff
Sabra Rutherford
Billy Sanders
Carrie Schmidt



Judy Scott
Nelson Scott
Susan Sheldon
Jerry Dale Slone
Stephanie Smith



Lacy Snodgrass
Loretta Snodgrass
Tammy Spears
Tommy Stanley
David Stills



Tammy Sykes
Natalie Teasley
Pam Thacker
Dana Thompson
Stephanie Todd



James Tucker
Tracy Varney
John L. Venters
Mike Watson
Kathy West



Darrell Williams
Melvin Wilson, Jr.
David Yates
Dewayne Young
Gail Young

Fifth Grade Works with Parent

Pikeville Elementary's 104 fifth graders were exposed to a curriculum designed to meet the needs of their active, curious minds. In addition to the basic subject matter the students were encouraged to develop their interests in music, art, and free reading. The new learning center gave each student the opportunity to research any field in which he was particularly interested.

The parent volunteers were especially helpful in supervising the arts and crafts program in which the students worked on a variety of projects such as making rag dolls, shoe boxes, and decoupage and crocheted items.

The year passed quickly and soon the fifth graders received their report cards which read, "Promoted to sixth grade."

Rebecca Adams
Bridgett Adkins
Perry Adkins
Gregory Allen
Glenda Bailey



Mary Baker
Danny Bartley
Mia Burchette
Mark Beam
Marquetta Belcher



Verdia Benson
Carla Billiter
David Billiter
Michael Billiter
Shurwood Blackburn



Myra Boggs
Jerry Branham
Belinda Brewer
Susan Bridgeman
Katrina Brown



Gregory Burke
Tommy Cartmell
Michael Casebolt
Shawn Caudill
John Childers



Volunteers on Interesting Projects



Lisa Cochran
Bobby Combs
Vicki Compton
Stephanie Cornette
Bruce Eagle



Sara Elliott
Chris Epling
Nanette Fields
Gloria Ford
Kathi Francis



Meloday Gilliam
Pamela Gullett
Ben Hall
Debra Hall
Greg Hall



Wayne Halloway
Ronnie Hamilton
Cindy Hartsock
Kim Hays
Sandra Howell



Jane Huffman
Tammy Hurley
Chris Justice



Joanna...stens a...
teacher's instructions.



Greg Justice
Lisa Justice
Paul Justice

Classwork Keeps Fifth

Pat Keene
Shilia Kent
Joseph Kimball
Eddie Layne
Lagenia Layne



Kathy Linton
Darlena Luster
Kim McCoy
Vickie McCoy
Sailaja Malempati



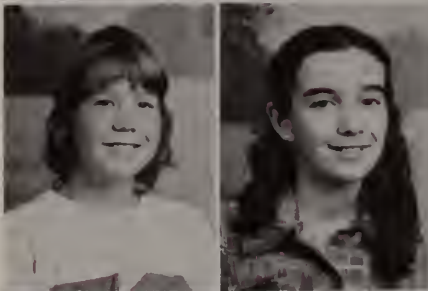
Kimberly May
Marsha May
Joey Meade
Stephen Moore
Tammy Morris



Sharon Murrell
Wayne Osborne
Darlene Ramey
Greg Ramey
Karen Ratliff



Kevin Ratliff
Lisa Ray



Shirley Reed
Helena Rich



Sharon Murrell doesn't seem to understand the problem.

Graders Busy



Niel Robinson
Beverly Rogers
Jack Rowe
Rebecca Rowe
Perry Russell



Wayne T. Rutherford
David Scott
Lisa Scott
Mark Scott
Allyson Shurtleff



Christopher Skeens
Mark Skeens
Jeff Slone
Matt Slone
Mike Slone



Tim Slone
Edalina Smith
Nancy Stanley
Paul Stevens
Dawn Tackett



June Thacker
Terry Thomas
Terry Thornbury
Michaëlle Wagner
Lisa Willis



Eddie Williams
Ann Williamson
James Williamson
Jonny Yates

Fourth Grade Enjoys Newly Carpeted Rooms

The fourth grade group with 99 children was one of the smallest classes at Chloe this year. As on all of the grade school levels, the emphasis was on individualizing instruction and encouraging special interests. The students grew in their knowledge of research skills and were stimulated to pursue their individual interests.

The art program was correlated with the subject matter

and the rooms were brightened by the students' colorful and varied projects, as well as their new carpet.

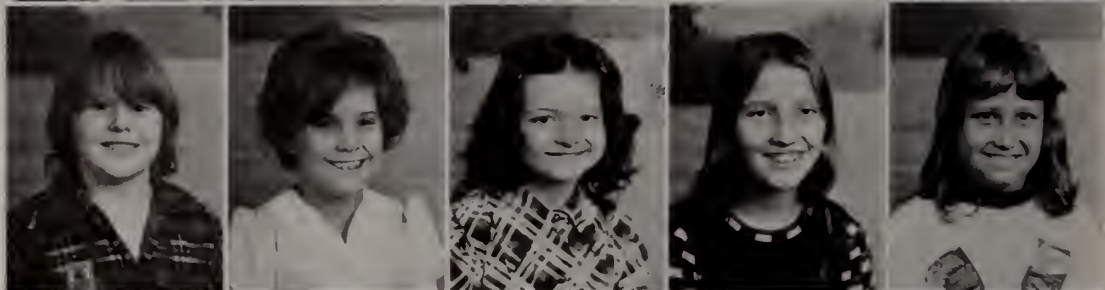
These energetic students always welcomed the physical education classes. Relay races, kick ball, hop scotch, dodge ball, and jump rope were favorites of this group.

Weather permitting, the fourth grade teachers would plan for classes in the outdoor classroom on the hill.

Angela Adkins
Beverly Adkins
Shawn Amos
Billy Bartley
Bryon Bartley



Charles Bartley
Margaret Billiter
Cindy Bishop
Brenda Blackburn
Glenda Blankenship



Ronnie Don Bowling
Charlie Brown
Rosalie Burgess
Ola Carter
Barry Casebolt



Sharon Castle
Stephanie Casto
James Cauley
Robyn Cochran
Jennifer Coffery



Greg Coleman
Janie Coleman
Michael Coleman
Dane Collins
Brenn Combs





The joy of doing fourth grade work is reflected on Patsy Mullins' face.



Frank Compton
Ronald Cool



Laura Cox
Angelia Damron



Robert Damron
Tracey Damron
Brian Daniels
Debra Dearing
Vicki Elkins



Jane Elswick
Steve Fields
Krinston Fields
Salena Forsyth
Bobby Gillam



Michael Gilliam
Mike Goff
Angie Gullett
Cynthia Gullett
Megan Hall



Cynthia Hobbs
Ida Howell
Wesley Howell
John Irick
Craig Johnson

Science Projects

Tina Johnson
Robin Johnston
Danny Justice
Flora Justice
John Justice



Johnda Justice
Julie Justice
Rose Justice
Shannon Justice
Kimberly Keathley



Kristi Kelly
Dwayne Kidd
Lisa Kinder
David Kirm
Allen Layne



Donna Little
Jackie Little



Crystal McKenzie
Kim Maynard



Teresa McCoy
Suparna Malempati



Pam Tackett concentrates on a science report.

Challenge Students



Reba Milton
Walter Mims
Kenneth Mounts
Deborah Mullins
Patsy Mullins



Redford Norman
Suzanne Ratliff
Wanda Robinson
Louvina Scott
James Sweeney



Amy Sigler
Mark Sloan
Stella Slone
Jay Smith
Robin Spears



Steven Stanley
Tracy Stewart
Libby Sullivan
Denise Sword
Teresa Sword



Pam Tackett
Keith Thacker
Natalie Thomas
Jay Valera
Vicki Varney



Roy Wakeland
Ricky West
John Wilson
George Yates
Rose Yates

Third Grade Uses Learning Center

The 112 third graders were the old timers of the primary floor, but they were still grouped by ability in math and reading; there were four levels of math and eight of reading.

The students enjoyed the art program with its emphasis on season subject matter. The resources in the learning center were especially helpful in the third graders introduc-

tion to the world of work.

Two activities which always delighted the children were the physical education classes conducted by Pikeville College students and the music activities which featured square dancing.

Last year's teachers, Mrs. Blair, Mrs. Fletcher, and Mrs. Jones, were joined this year by Mrs. Salyer.

Steven Adams
Gregory Adkins
Linda Adkins
Billy Allen
Sherry Bailey
Rebecca Bartley



Darren Belcher
Janet Branham
Richard Best
Laura Bethke
Teresa Billiter
Quilla Blackburn



Joey Branham
Charles Brooks
Melissa Brown
Sharon Brown
Donette Carter
Karissa Carter



Rhonda Coffey
James R. Coleman
Joey Coleman
John Matthew Coleman
Ricky Collins
Tammy Collins



Pamela Comer
Melanie Cornett
Julie Cox
Paul Dean Damron
Russell Damron
Tony Fields



Roger Ford
Tony Fronto
Tina Forsyth
William Gibson
Donna Griffith
Anneita Hall





Beverly Ruble hurries to get her assignment completed.



Donnie Hall
Jennifer Hall
Jo Ann Hall
Suzanne Hartsock
Aretha Honaker
Kristi Howard

Paula Howell
Mark Howell
Donna Hughes
Chris Johnston
Jennifer Johnson
Joey Jackson Jones

Michael Jordan
Richard Justice
Linda Keene
Michelle Layne
Bart LeMaster
Christy May

Tommy May
Corbie Maynard
Mark Meade
Vincent Miller
Charles E. Mims
Joey Morris

Junior Morris
 Brian Mullins
 Jimmy Mullins
 Kelvin Mullins
 Rose Ann Newsome
 Sarah Nichols



Robyn Osborne
 Travis Sue Parsons
 Stephanie Philpot
 Bobby Prater
 Debbie Ramey
 Susan Ramsey



Billie Ratliff
 Donna Ratliff
 Foster Ratliff
 Melina Ratliff
 Stephen Ratliff
 Willard Ratliff



Trina Reed
 Jennifer Rogers
 Nicky Lee Rogers
 Jeffrey Rowe
 Misti Rowe
 Beverly Ruble



How wonderful to be absorbed in an activity as
 Eddie Runyon and Julie Cox are.





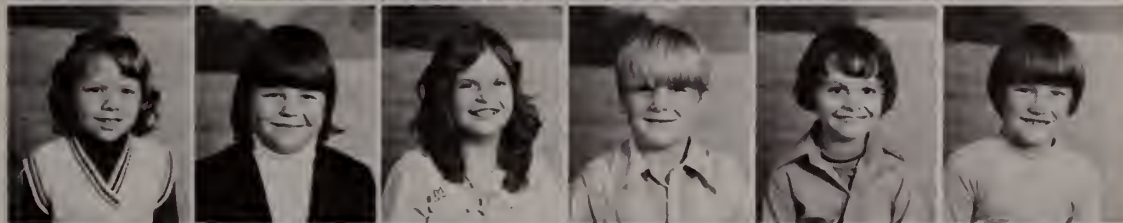
Chris Johnson shares a chuckle with a friend during class.



Eddie Runyon
Michael Salyers
Ken Sammons



William Sanders
Ronald Scott
Amanda Skeens
Ursula Smith
Joe Harrison Steele
Randall Stevens



Delores Sword
Robbie Sword
Lisa Tackett
Michael Teasley
Jeffery S. Tibbs
Jamie Todd



Joan Marie Valera
Tracy VanHoose
Mary Donna Walters
Melissa Weddington
Carol Sue West
Teresa Williams



Diana Williamson
Mark Wilson
Cheryl Wright

Second Grade Welcomes

The four second grade teachers planned a rich curriculum for their pupils this year. The students were grouped for reading and mathematics and also studied spelling, writing science, health, social studies, consumer education, art, and physical education. The second graders looked forward to music and those special visits to the library.

Each of the second grade rooms had approximately 24 children.

Two of the teachers were new to the second grade this year: Mrs. Bailey was transferred from the kindergarten department and Mrs. Waddell, who worked at the school with the intern program in 1975, was a new contract teacher.

Michael Adkins
Timmy Adkins
Shannon Amos
Virginia Baird
Lee Baker



Kelly Ballou
Donald Bartley
Steven Beam
Loyd Blackburn
Tim Blackburn



Roger Blair
Delisa Bray
George Burgess
Robby Campbell
Jeff Cartmell



Stacy Clevinger
Scott Cochran
Stephanie Cochran
Dean Coleman
Gina Coleman



Johnny Coleman
Louise Coleman
Brian Cox
Freddy Cox
Chris Crase



Two New Teachers



Dawn Damron
Kim Damron
Stacy Damron
Tina Ferrell
David Fields



Melanie Fletcher
Meredith Fletcher
Danette Forsyth
Joe Goff
Seth Goff



Ernestine Gullett
John Bill Gullett
Rhonda Hall
Mark Hamilton
Chad Helvey



Lynn Venters seems to be saying, "Oh boy, I got this right."



Regina Helvey
Glenn Johnson



Shelia Johnson
Kim Justice



Rebecca Susan Justice
Steve Justice

Students Don Costumes

Susan Justice
Angela Kennedy
Cynthia Layne
Dianna Layne
Paul Linton



Tina Little
Tracy Love
Jamie Luster
Ronnie McClanahan
Trevis McLaughlin



Terri Mann
Donald Miles
Billy Minix
Danny Mullins
Sherri Mullins



Paul Newsome
Randy Nichols



Regina Norman
Kim O'Neil



Kim Osborne
Lisa Pack



Kelly Ballou's old fashioned dress seems out of place in her modern classroom.

for Bicentennial Program



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 Trevis Parsons
 Chris Ratliff
 Denise Ratliff
 Jason Ratliff



Peggy Reed
 Darrel Roberts
 Pam Robinson
 Amy Rowe
 Charles Rowe



Melissa Rowe
 Ricky Sallee
 Matthew Scott
 Davy Spears
 Tammy Stanley



Heather Sturgill
 Susan Sullivan
 Vicky Sword
 George Thacker
 Kathryn Trivette



Susan Tuchfarber
 Peggy Vance
 Lynn Venters
 Tina Wagner
 Robin Weddington



Scott Willett
 Roger Williams
 Lisa Wolford
 Sharon Yates
 Kenneth Young

First Grade Profits from

Seventy-eight boys and girls entered first grade this year with mixed emotions; most were eager to start school, but anxious about all the new experiences in store for them. They were soon put to ease by their understanding teachers who involved them in the fun of learning.

The all important reading program was nongraded and operated on eight levels to allow for flexibility of movement

upward. All other subjects were taught within groups in self-contained classrooms.

The regular program was enriched by music and art classes taught by Mrs. Howson and Mrs. Goff and by library activities and work in the learning center. The first graders also had the fun of being in the Christmas assembly program, and in the Tom Thumb Wedding.

Rachel Adams
Susan Lynn Adams
Denean Adkins
Timothy Bales
Stacy Birkholz



Barry Blair
Hilda Renee Blair
Matt Blair
Karen Lynn Borders
James Brown



Jennifer Bush
Cynthia Carter
Ricky Carter
Steven Ray Charles
Vicki Compton



Angela Crase
Brian Keith Damron
Johndra Ford
Serena Gilliam
Julie Goff



Jamie Green
Rachel Hale
Ashby Hall
Deanna Hall
Amy Hamilton



Flexible Scheduling



James Honaker
Leslie Howell
Agnes Suann Hughes
Shane Eric Johnston
Teresa Jones

Frank Justice
Kim Justice
Todd Justice
Kevin Keathley
David Keene

Lara Beth Kelly
Kathy Lawson
Vicki Layne
Valerie Luster
Jayna McCoy



Suman Malempati seems to need help from his fingers to do his arithmetic.

New Experiences Fill

Suman Malempati
Ronald May
Ray Miles
Deniene Miller
Joel Miller



Myron Moore
Brian Morris
Brent Mullins
Kevin Newsome
Paula Newsome



Mark Newsome
Shannon Pendergrass
Paula Ratliff
Cynthia Ray
Michael Rich



Joel Miller gives his first grade
work his undivided attention.



Every School Day



Jack Roberts
Keith Robinson
Paul Rowe
Gina Runyon
Billy Sanders



Robin Schnell
Samantha Slone
Terry Slone
Paula Smith
Rachel Spears



Scotty Spears
Scott Stanley
David Staton
Jeffrey Tackett
La Jeana Tackett



Lynn Tackett
Thomas Tavis
Kim Thompson
Neil Thompson
Tabatha Trivette



Joseph Vicars
Eddie Dean Weddington
Ronald Weddington
Jimmy Wheeler
Bret Williamson



Carol Williamson
Michael Wright
Willie Yates
David Young

Kindergarten Students

Again this year the Pikeville City School curriculum included a kindergarten program for the five-year olds. There were two Title I units and one state unit as in the previous two years, but the enrollment soared from 45 pupils the first year to 78 this term.

The three classes were available, tuition free, to all

children in the school district. The school day was from 8:30 to 1:30 with breakfast and lunch served daily.

The well-rounded program included social adjustment, language arts, math and music.

The certified teachers were assisted by three full time aides: Dinah Hampton, Ruth Yates, and Linda Fryman.

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Matthew Amick
April Beane
Donald Bentley
Wendy Bently



Tim Bevins
Karen Billiter
Keith Blackburn
Anna Blanton
Susan Bowens



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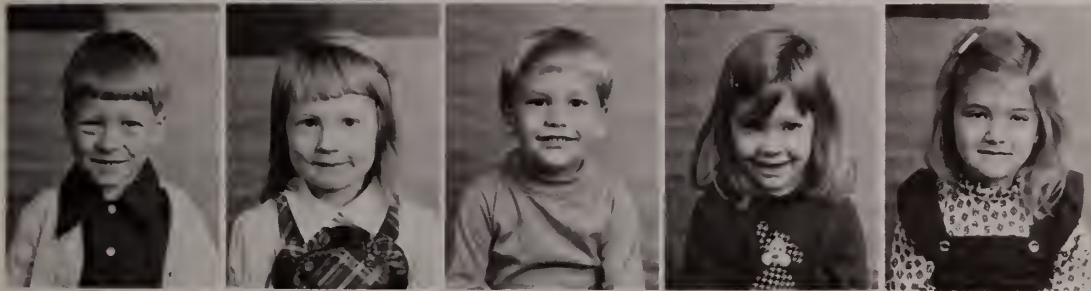
Begin Formal Education



Charlotte Gibson
William Gilliam
Harvey Goff
Jared Graffis
Michael Hall



David Honaker
Petrina Honaker
Jeanne Huffman
Leslie Huffman
Dawn Irick



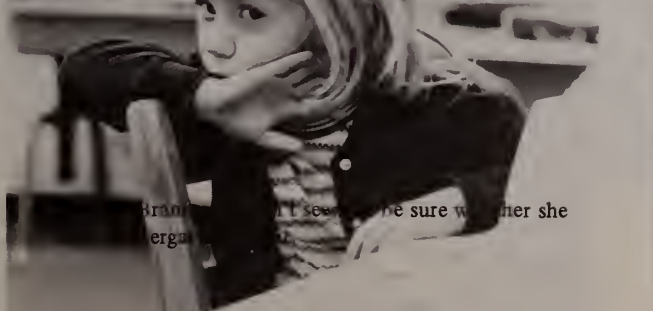
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Peter Justice
Robin Justice
Cammie King



Billy J. Luster
Brian McCoy
Dawn McCoy
Cassie McKenzie
Michael Maynard



Dempsey Miles, Jr.
Robert Mims



Brian Mullins Tracy Pugh



Brian Mullins
Tracy Pugh

Leah Ratliff
 Brandy Ratliff
 Robin Ray
 Stacey Reitz
 Carlette Riley



Kim Rowe
 Ginger Selfe
 Sarah Sheldon
 Deidre Shumate
 Thomas Slone



John M. Smith
 Billie Stepp
 Brenda Sword
 Katherine Taylor
 Eddie Thacker



Michael Thacker
 Max Thompson
 Kevin Wagner
 Renita Warren
 Scott Webster



Steven Williams
 Steve Wolford



Beth Wood



Rockie Damron says, "It's two!"



After the ceremony the wedding party turns to face the guests.

Beside Suman Malempati, ringbearer, are maids of honor Lara Kelly, La Jeana Tackett, and Rachael Adams.

Under the arch is Neil Thompson who performed the ceremony, and in front are the bride and groom, Paula Ratliff and Shane Johnston.

Tom Thumb Wedding Charms Crowd



Bride Paula Ratliff adjusts her garter.

The marriage of little Miss Paula Ratliff, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Michael Ratliff, and Master Shane Johnston, son of Rev. and Mrs. Dale Johnston, was solemnized at 7:30 on May 14, 1976, at the Pikeville College gym with Neil Thompson officiating.

The members of the wedding party were friends of the bride and groom from the first grade at Pikeville Elementary School. The special guests were brides and grooms of previous years and such dignitaries as President and Mrs. Gerald Ford, Mayor Hambley, the school administrators and board members, and a host of stars of stage, screen, and television.

This annual event dates back to the fall of 1925 when the idea was conceived by Pauline Morrow (Mrs. A. G. Osborne) as part of a Halloween Carnival. The carnival is no longer held, but the appeal of first-and-second graders recreating a wedding complete with a guest list of well-known local and national personalities continues to attract large crowds.

Janitor Ernest Elkins retired this year with the longest record of service any PHS employee has ever had.

The country was in the middle of a depression in 1930 when the board first hired Ernest for only \$28 a month, but he said with \$28 and his garden he had more then than now.

His 46 years at PHS were interrupted by employment at only one other place. This happened when Ernest got mad at Mr. Oliver over some coal. As he tells it: "He bought me the top seam off Chloe Creek—ole sorry coal—wouldn't burn a lick. Had to pour motor oil on it to get it to burn. So I left and went to Kingsport, Tennessee and worked one month. Had to work one month to get a payday; and I got my payday . . . and back I come. I was coming through the school lot. I met him [Mr. Oliver] out there." Ernest pointed outside the furnace room door. Then he continued, "He said, 'Come on back to work.' I said, 'OK, I'm on my way.' I've been here ever since."

He said the hardest work he had to do was plastering and shoveling coal back before the furnace was converted to gas.

As he looked back over 46 years at one job he said that he had served under five superintendents. The one he recalls with special warmth is the man he worked with for 19 years, Mr. Oliver. He said, "Mr. Oliver would shovel coal right with me all day with his white shirt on."



Ernest Elkins Retires; 46 Years of Service

Ernest hastened to add that he had liked everyone he had worked with saying, "I like my job, working with people. I like the people." Others he mentioned in particular were Mr. Danburg, Mrs. Flanary, Miss Terhune, Miss Lewis, and Miss Richmond.

Ernest's job often kept him at school in the evenings for dances and ballgames. Because he has been a fixture

night and day for so long, it is difficult to imagine Pikeville High School without Ernest patiently picking up the paper that shouldn't have been dropped and not so patiently replacing the plaster or glass that shouldn't have been knocked out. But he said he plans to enjoy just staying around the house and doing some fishing. We wish him a good rest and big fish.



These are the men who pick up what we should. James West and Phil Dean Justice (far left) have the responsibility of keeping the elementary building bright and clean. Mr. West also drives a bus. The men who take care of maintenance at the senior high building, the junior high building, the gym, and Wright Hall are Ernest Elkins (page 290), Stony White (left), and Roy Hamilton, Donnie Keene, Mark White, and Ricky Preston who are not pictured.

Maintenance, Cafeteria Staffs Contribute Daily



The Chloe cafeteria staff prepares two meals a day, breakfast and lunch, for approximately 620 children. In addition they pack lunches to be sent to the high school. The women who keep those hot meals coming are Emma Ray, Lillian Smith, Linda Branham, June Skeens, Osie Branham, and Delphia McKinney.



Carrie Rogers supervises the kitchen staff, plans the meals, and does all the buying and bookkeeping for the cafeteria at Chloe.





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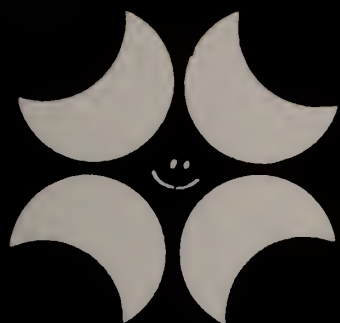
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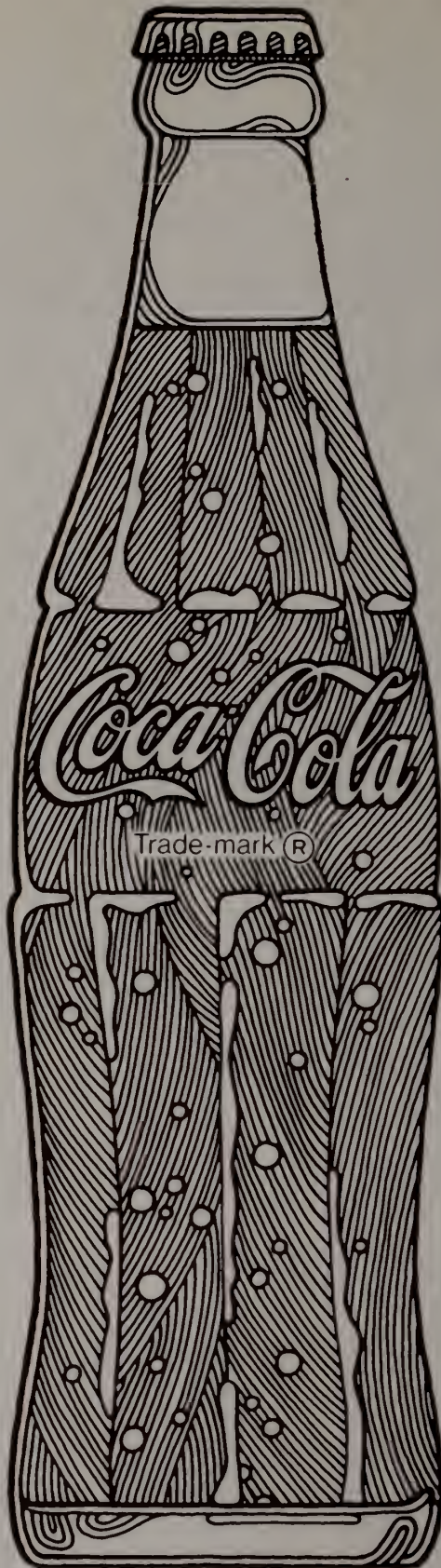
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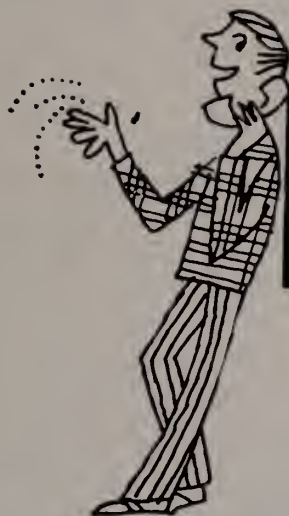
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Mr. Tiller calls on his radio experience to man the PA system at the football field.



Mr. Clevinger and Glenda Cutright help Mr. Chapman with a problem.



In a typical Journalism class everyone does his own thing.

In Memoriam



Sammy Morgan Burke

The school community was stunned by the death of Sammy Morgan Burke, 42, teacher of English and chairman of the senior class. Mr. Burke was stricken by a heart attack at school on Friday, April 9, and died at the Methodist Hospital on Tuesday, April 20, 1976.

He was born October 2, 1933 in Pike County to Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Johnson Burke. Mr. Burke, a Pikeville High School graduate, joined the faculty in 1968 after teaching at Virgie for nine years.

He is survived by his wife, Jacqueline Little Burke; two sons, David Morgan a junior and Gregory Keith a fifth grader; one sister, Wanda Stewart; and two brothers, Andrew Johnson, Jr. and William Albert.

POEM FOR SAMMY

Invisible void—just out of sight,
Yet further from the grasp.
The silent thief—disbelief
To loved ones of the past.

The blissful, full surrender
To the mother of the earth;
A period placed at the end of a sentence;
Yet none the less a vibrant birth.

To her there goes the flesh and bone;
To him a great devotion
And soaring to exceed this life—
A song bird in perpetual motion
Of love and thoughts and memories
To stay and never dwindle.

The ever living spirit
Roaring fires of joy to kindle.

He has sown the seed of knowledge.

Michael Alan Moore
Class of 1975

The Halls Are Empty Now . . .



Four generations of Pike County and Pikeville students
have walked these halls and sat in these classrooms.
They have shared the pressures of study and examinations,
the excitement of elections and sports,
the warmth of friendship,
the satisfaction of accomplishment.
These halls and rooms have echoed
with laughter
and voices raised in anger.
These walls have listened
to countless lectures,
shared confidences,
and petty quarrels.
Men and women of high ideals have here spent their lives
in the often thankless task of teaching;
Frightened little children have entered here as first graders
and left as confident young men and women.

But most things outlive their usefulness,
And so it is with these old buildings.

We pack now to leave,
but all of us who have entered here
will take our memories with us.

These halls, these rooms
will last—
as long as we remember.





We of the PANTHER staff would be remiss if we did not say thank you to a few of the people who helped with the challenging task of putting this book together.

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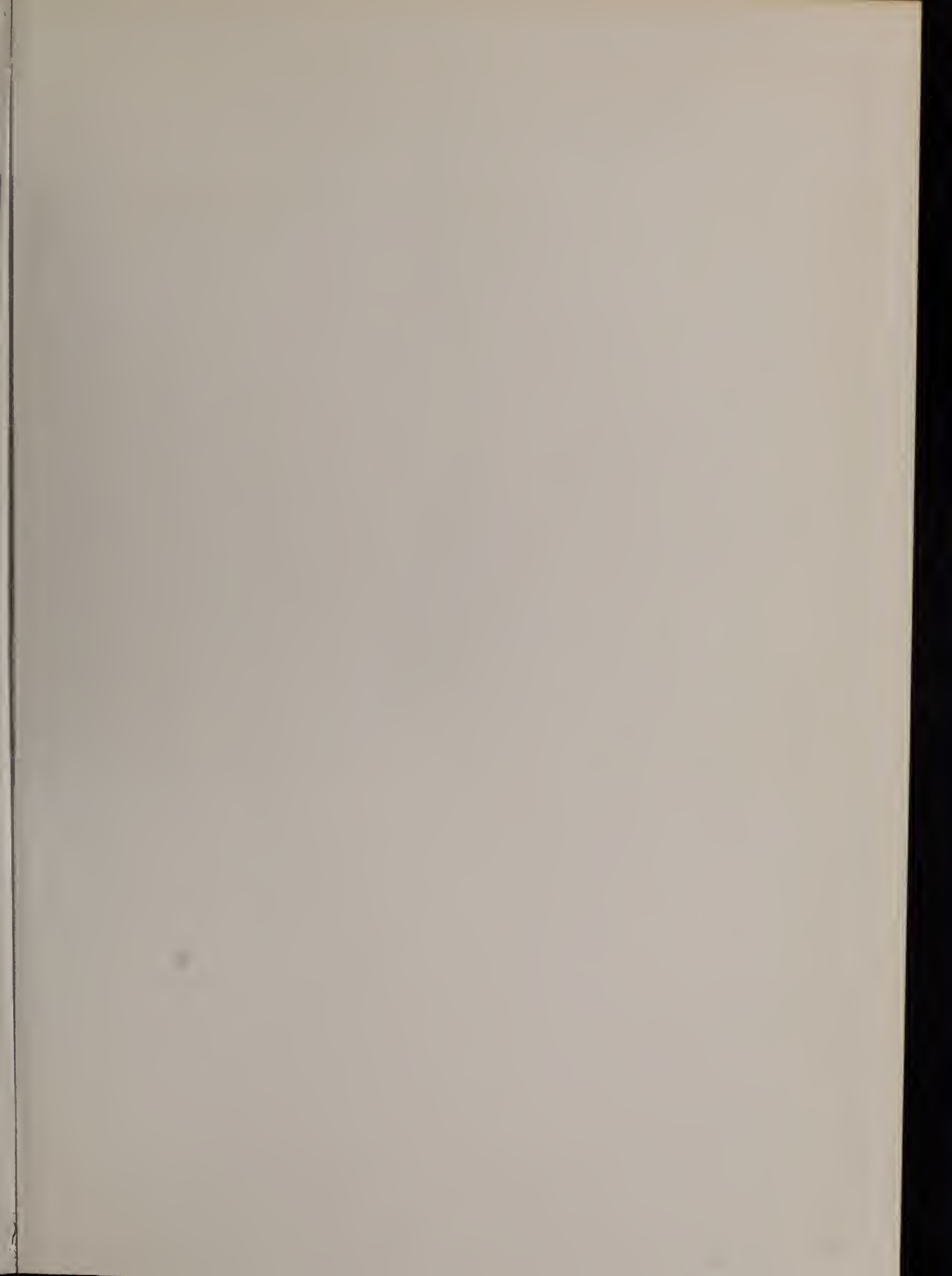
be you could use this"—and so often we could.

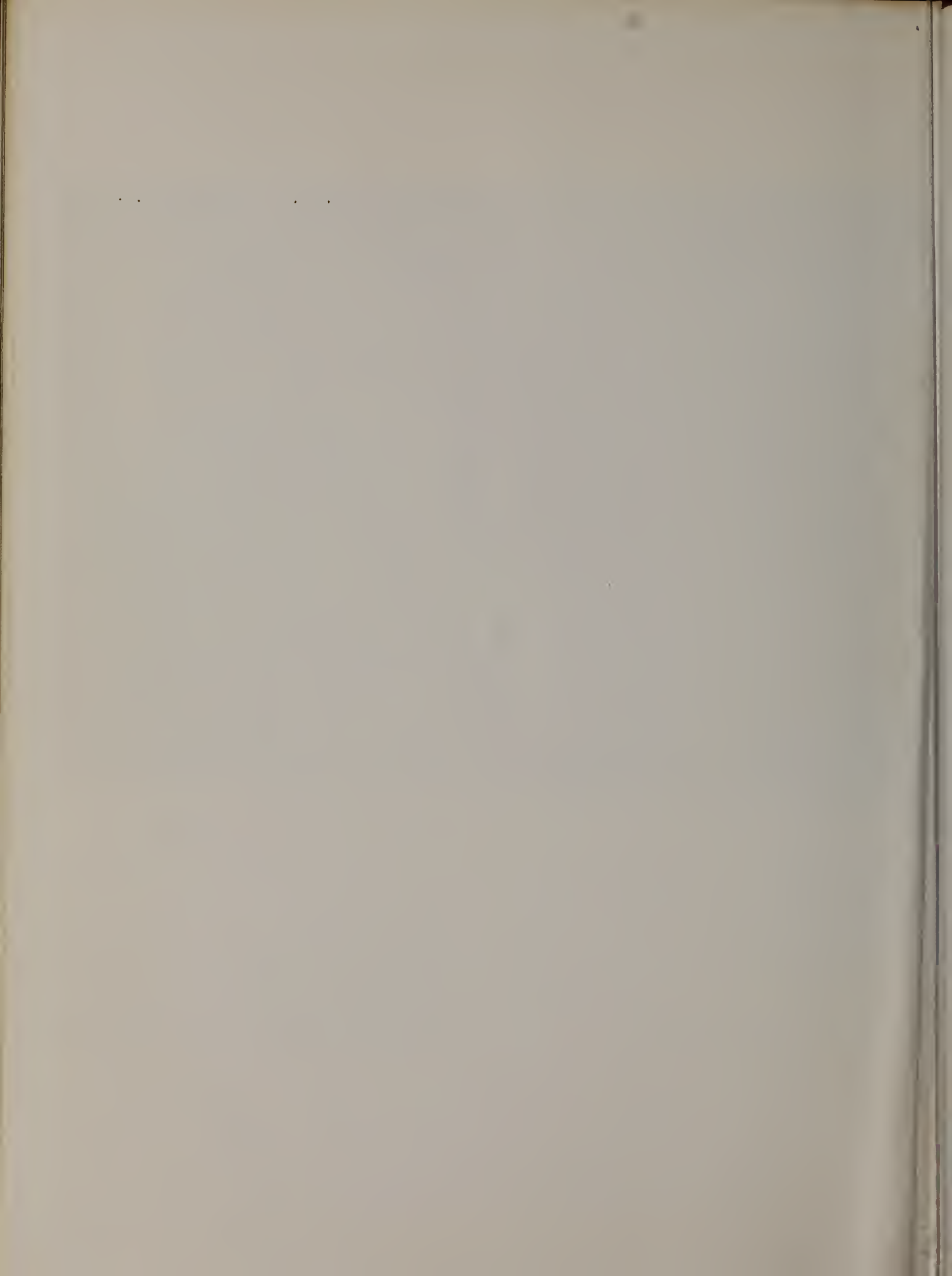
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It's been quite a year.

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