

# Scout James Wear wins trip to Chicago

• "THE BEST WAY to solve conservation problems is to educate the youth by demonstrations, talks and courses in school," said James Wear, Eagle Boy Scout, who recently attended the



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Isaac Walton League's Young Outdoor Americans conference on conservation in Chicago. James merited this trip by his activities in conservation and aid to wildlife.

The conference included general lectures, following which the 96 delegates, two from each state, divided into four groups to discuss problems concerning water conservation in different parts of the country.

JAMES is planning to compile his notes made at the meeting

and send a report to the state department of agriculture in Little Rock. "My report will run at least 50 pages," he commented. He is also planning to give talks to the 4-H Clubs, the Future Farmers of America and the Boy Scouts.

"Some of Arkansas' water problems were included in the discussion," James said. "The main one is that the Arkansas River cuts away one-fourth mile of land each year." That is why army engineers are trying to change the course of the river, he added.

A GENERAL PROBLEM in Arkansas is the lack of irrigation methods. That is primarily due to lack of information on the farmers' part, James said.

Pollution of water is another problem. "There are three types of pollution," he explained. "Industrial pollution is caused by putting waste products into the streams without chemical treatment, agricultural pollution caused by soil erosion, and municipal pollution by raw sewage put into the streams."

THE CONFERENCE delegates reached the conclusion that the youth of America should be educated by any means possible about water conservation. At present many Western states have in their schools a compulsory course in conservation.

# Seniors hold top place on quarter honor roll

• NEVER LET it be said that seniors are too busy during this time of year to make good grades, for the recognition roll for the third nine-weeks period proves that seniors are still reigning supreme.

Of the 399 students in the senior class, 25 per cent made the roll. The sophomores came next with 19 per cent of their 519

class members, and juniors last with 18 per cent of 480 students.

Seniors also led the 4.00 group, with 15. Juniors had nine four-pointers and sophomores had eight.

Students making 4.00 are Don Boatman, John Christy, Joan Holt, La Nora Honomichl, Jean Jones, John Kolb, Verna Lloyd, Robbie McGrew, Nancy Kenney, Ann Patton, Marilyn Powell, Patsy Price, Mary E. Ray, John Wayne, Shirley Windsor—seniors; Betty Ann Cox, Ann Hutsell, Johnny King, Patsy Middleton, Roary Murchison, Linda Quoss, Mary Beth Sitz, Ann Whalen, Jerry Wilson—juniors; Linda Bassett, Loretta Gordon, Kay Kolb, John Milton, Ben Paddock, Martha Powers, Sally Putnam—sophomores.

Those making 3.80 are Nancy Degen, Al Williamson—seniors; Ralph Blansett, Roland Joslin, Charles Law, Carol McCartney, Frances McShane, Sharon Nelson, Patsy Rutledge, Jerry Yarbrough—juniors; John Atkinson, Darlene Daniels, Myles Friedman, Marilyn Kendall, Carol Travis—sophomores.

3.75 students are Virgil Ballard, Bill Barksdale, Linda Cherry, Marilyn Crawford, Jerry Hixson, Earnest Huckelbury, Paul Johnson, Carol McKinney, Betty Sue Nolen, Danny Stephens, James Tatro, Mary Beth Taylor, Gwen Webster—seniors; Natalie Crosby, Betty Jo Dobbs, George O'Neal—juniors; La Vonne Blackwell, Bobby Branham, James Crossland, Calvin Graham, Barbara Henderson, Paul Jorden, Bob McMurrey, Susie Pogue, Boley Powers, Bobbie Ann Rogers, Cecile Stamps, George Staton—sophomores.

# Journalism students to attend University of Tulsa Press Day

• MEMBERS of the first and second year journalism classes will attend the annual Press Day at the University of Tulsa tomorrow.

Miss Hazel Presson, journalism instructor, will head one of the discussion groups that will fill the morning's activities. Plans for the afternoon include a visit to the Tulsa World newspaper plant and the Gilcrease Museum.

THE GROUP, going by charter bus, will also include representatives from Ramsey, Alma,

## Current affairs Smith, Barksdale win Time contest

• JANIS SMITH and Bill Barksdale are local winners of the annual current affairs test sponsored by Time magazine, according to Mrs. Etta Maddux, history teacher. The two winners were allowed to choose their own prizes from books valued at \$5. Janis selected the "Thorn-dike-Barnhart Dictionary," and Bill picked out the "Hammond Atlas."

The test is sent to high schools all over the nation by the Time magazine publishers. To be eligible to take the test, the student must have a subscription to Time magazine. Each school may enter as many participants as it desires, and each school has two winners. The two students making the highest scores are given the prizes.

JANIS AND BILL are both in the Problems of Democracy class. "I had really hoped," said Mrs. Maddux, "that more of my students would take the test and try for the prizes."

### Teacher of the week

*'Petite Poynor' does big work on FSHS Bruin*

by Bettye Fleming  
• "SHE IS THE KIND of teacher that makes a graduate want to come back and visit FSHS," said Bill Barksdale, editor of the Bruin, in speaking of Miss Pauline Poynor, petite English teacher and sponsor of the yearbook.



Miss Pauline Poynor SPONSORING the Bruin is a big job requiring many extra hours, not only after school but on Saturdays, too. There are many steps in completing the copy for the publishers, and Miss Poynor is the one to make these last minute check-ups.

Although Miss Poynor enjoys working with the Bruin, she also likes to fish and play scrabble.

So for giving students something like the Bruin which will be cherished through the years, we proclaim you, Miss Poynor, "teacher of the week."

# Belles beat brawny boys in tournament of brains

by Jane Davidson  
• GIRLS ARE SMARTER than boys!! Here is proof for this long debated statement; Of the seniors listed on the four-year honor roll—that is, students making an average of 3.00 or more—75 are girls and only 42 are boys. This is only one of the startling but true facts that prove that girls are smarter than boys.

More proof lies in the fact that out of the top 20 in the class, 14 are girls. Another outstanding fact proves this statement: The cumulative grade point for the girls is 255.57, and for the boys it is only 143.07.

OF COURSE, the reason for this is that girls never let their minds wander to frivolous thoughts, like boys or romance or moonlight or any of the things that tend to distract their minds from acquiring knowledge. From the time the little girl starts to school, her whole mind is devoted to the pursuit of education. At no time during these years of schooling does she allow matters like dates, ball games and dances to get in the way of her schooling.

BOYS, it might be said, are too much interested in hot rods, haircuts, clothes, athletics and many other subjects which cannot possibly do them any good. Girls are not the least bit interested in this sort of thing, having a natural aptitude for academic subjects, particularly mathematics.

Not only do all the statistics bear out the fact that girls are

smarter than boys, but the final proof lies in the fact that boys marry girls.

### Hamster fad fades



• "HERE TODAY and gone tomorrow." This old saying can be applied to the recent craze for those over-grown mice called hamsters.

This fad started some weeks ago when Ann Bennett brought her bright-eyed hamster, shown above, to school.

For a while these cute, cunning creatures were petted, pampered and popular. Indeed, they were the greatest discovery since bubble gum. The "get hep to hamsters" craze consequently caused considerable commotion. But, the fad has faded.

# Work, more work ahead for Riggs--future lawyer

• "IT IS somewhat harder for a girl to get started in law than for a boy, but I'm going to try," said Shirley Riggs, sophomore, who is planning on six years of college in order to get her license to practice law.

Being a woman lawyer has its advantages and also its disadvantages, according to Shirley.

"Many clients have not yet accepted the idea of women lawyers, and of course that is a difficult obstacle to overcome because, after all, clients are important," Shirley said.

IN ORDER to become a lawyer, a person must have two years of pre-law school work and four years in law school, maintaining good grades in order to pass the bar examination.

"Although there are many different fields for a lawyer to go into—lawyers for big business firms, lawyers in politics, criminal lawyers, and also opportunities to work in law offices—I haven't yet decided what course I will take," Shirley said.

SHIRLEY BELIEVED it is worth while to go into this profession, but she emphasizes the fact that it takes work and more work to accomplish the goal in this field.

"Most people think it is strange I should choose this career, but they all agree it would be a good course to follow," said Shirley.

### Ex-physiology student suggests treatment for spring fever

• THIS SCIENTIFIC analysis of spring fever has been submitted by an ex-physiology student, Jerry Burns. It was written to dispel superstitions on the subject and substitute a scientific approach to the problem.

Symptoms: A decrease in physical output, a slacking of one's mental faculties and a more subtle approach to life.

Treatment: Place the victim on some creek bank in the warm sun, remove shoes so feet may dangle in the water more comfortably. Give patient one can of worms, one willow fishing pole and line. The fish biting is not compulsory but it helps if there's a nibble every hour or so. Continue treatment indefinitely.

# Mulloy and Watson practice teach here

• JACKIE HARRIS WATSON and Richard Mulloy, education students at Arkansas State Teachers College in Conway, are meeting their practice requirements by teaching at Fort Smith High School during the last quarter of this school year.

Mr. Mulloy is majoring in social studies at ASTC and Mr. Watson studies economics and sociology. They will graduate in June.

MR. WATSON is a graduate of McCrory High School, and Mr. Mulloy of the Van Buren High School.

This is the third semester in which FSHS has included practice instructors in the teaching program. Last spring three students taught here, and one joined the staff for the fall semester.

### They're Saying—

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Cedarville and Van Buren. Six awards, including an excellent in news writing and coverage, were won by the Grizzly and staff at the Arkansas High School Press Association convention held on the Arkansas State Teachers College campus in Conway, April 1 and 2. Individual awards included excellent in news writing, Marilyn Crawford; in editorials, Mary Beth Taylor; in advertising, Jim Newton. Honorable mentions went to Martha Burrow, in feature writing; and Carol Griffiee, sports writing.

### FBLA elects new officers; Caldwell named president

• NEW OFFICERS to begin their duties at the opening of the '55-'56 school term were elected at the last business meeting of the Future Business Leaders of America.

Carol Caldwell was elected president; Mary Ann Krause, vice-president; Carol Bailey, secretary; Cynthia Payne, treasurer; Mary Beth Sitz, reporter; and Patti Paden, parliamentarian.

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