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Mr. Mountaineer Reigns At Senior Soc-Hop

East Enters Play Tournament At Fulton High

"Sunday Cost Five Pesos," a Mexican folk comedy, will be East's entry in the invitational play tournament, sponsored by Fulton High School's speech department, Friday, March 6, at 6:30 p.m., in their auditorium.

The leads will be played by Billie Ray Cannon and Earl Reed. Other members of the cast are Carolyn Carr, Sue Ella Hankins, and Sharon McPherson.

The tournament will be presented to further the interest in dramatics in the high schools and to stimulate interest in the contest plays.

Both drama and comedy will be represented by the schools participating. A small admission charge to defray the expenses of the judges will be charged.

The five schools participating are Bearden, East, Fulton, Holston, and South.

DOWN FROM THE HILLS. Front row, left to right, Dickie Long; Delano Doyal, Mr. Mountaineer; and Chubby Watts. Back row, left to right, Joe Heatherley, Tommy Green, Dennis Webb, Freddie Weaver and Ludwin Speir.

D. Doyal Heads the Mountain Boys

Sporting "honest-to-goodness face fuzz", Delano Doyal was elected "Mr. Mountaineer" and crowned at the Senior Soc Hop, on Friday night following the West basketball game.

All the candidates were presented to the students in a chapel on Thursday, February 5. Dressed in typical mountain costumes they were introduced by Sally Fields and Sam Furrow.

Ludwin Speir, whose record for hitting the spit-toon 129 times at a distance of 26 feet, stills holds the "Spit-toon Championship of the Metropolitan city of Tuckahoe.

The treasurer of the American Federation of Moonshiners, Dennis Webb was voted the most active member.

Chubby Watts, who is the champion hog trough whittler of Wild Boar Valley, has among his many records the feat of having whittled the world's largest hog trough.

Having the reputation of being the best shot in the hills surrounding Paradise Valley, Tommy Green holds the record for shooting the fuzz off a donkey's ear at 15 paces.

Delano Doyal, representing the voters of Cocke County with his platform of keeping all residents "on the wagon", promises a very dry county.

Joe Heatherly, President of the Thunder Valley Hog-Calling Society, won top honors because he drew hogs from the other side of the hollow.

Freddie Weaver, well-known farmer in the whisker-growing field, now sports a beard which is the envy of all mountaineers.

Dickie Long, pride of Bull's Gap, led the research of the National Committee for the prevention of tooth decay caused by the use of snuff. During this time Dickie had the misfortune of having his teeth fall out.

Ridgerunners in the contest were Dickie Long and Chubby Watts.

Twenty-Six Percent Of Students Perfect In Semester Attendance

Weaver's, Million's, and Bird's groups rank highest in attendance for the first semester. Mr. Weaver's group had 97.83%, Miss Million's group had 97.68%, and Miss Bird's group had 97.66%. Every group had a few perfect attendances with some students only missing one or two days.

Fort: 9th grade

James Beesley, Zack Bolt, James Christian, and Dwight Church.

Dalton: 9th grade

Calvin Greene, Alan Griffin, David Jack, Gerald Jenkins, Cheryl Doyal, Nancy Farmer, Theresa Gossett, Martha Grant, and Susan Kirkpatrick.

Polston: 9th grade

David McClellan, Eddie McElyea, Don Murray, Edwin Parkhurst, Donald Pinkston, Carolyn Miller, Judy Moneymaker, Patricia Pierce, Pamela Rockwell.

Weaver: 9th grade

Michael Shelton, Nick White, Max Witt, Rodney Woods, Loretta Smith, Mary Smith, Margaret Sorah, Linda Stafford, Ruth Stafford, Rose Webster, Ruth Whaley, and Laverne Wise.

Esposito: 10th grade

Lynn Brewer, Howard Brooks, James Carner, John Carner, Mary Alexander, Sarah Barnard, Brenda Bennett, Judy Blalock, Peggy Breeden, and Virginia Brewer.

Kelly: 10th grade

Ronald Goodlin, James Hill, James Inman, Charles Jeffers, Jerell Killian, Shirley Jenkins, and Nancy Julian.

Neyland: 10th grade

Clifford Lynch, George Manley, Keister McRae, Ray Merrit, Polly Lanier, Linda Lawson, Charlesie Massey, Betty May, Paula McKamey, and Brenda Miller.

Okey: 10th grade

Sammy Roback, Philip Sharpe, Judy Petree, Judith Pickell, Juanita Price, Charlotte Ray, Judy Reese.

Seale: 10th grade

Buddy Turpin, Robert Vandergriff, Wade Wagner, Johnny Webber, Audrey Thomas, Linda Wayman, Sue Webster, Sandra Williford, and Mary Francis Wise.

Bird: 11th grade

Neal Allen, Bob Beard, Lynn Cole, Prissy Albright, Julie Bean, Carolyn Carr, Judy Beeler, Julie

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Prissy Albright Represents East High at Girl's State

Out of the four girls nominated by the junior class officers, group presidents, and faculty; Prissy Albright was elected to represent East at Girl's State this year, with Sally Hunter as alternate. Leadership, good character, scholarship, co-operativeness and physical fitness determined the winner.

The 13th Annual Girl's State will be held at Middle Tennessee State College, Murfreesboro, Tennessee from May 31 through June 7. The P.T.A. is sponsoring Prissy.

The main purpose of Girl's State is to learn about the government procedures of Tennessee. As the girls arrive, they are divided into cities which are named after famous frontiers men of Tennessee. There are fifty girls to a city and six cities. Each city has nominees for city officials and gives campaign speeches for them. The highest office a girl can hold is governor of Girl's State.

Linda Gail Bunch, East's representative last year says, "At Girl's State you learn to be more friendly with other people, how to cope with everyday problems, and how to be an all-around person."

Scholarships Offered to Seniors by Honor Society

AT A TEA following the program honoring students who made term honors and the new members of the National Honor Society are from left Mrs. Seale, faculty advisor; Steve Wall, president; Sue Ella Hankins, Billie Ray Cannon, and Sally Fields. —Courtesy of Knoxville Journal

The National Honor Society is offering a $75.00 scholarship to a senior girl and boy. The main project of the society is a plaque which will have the winner's name permanently enscribed on it.

Any senior may apply for the scholarship who has had 3 years of science, 3 years of math, and 2 years of language. The ones who meet these requirements and have the highest scholastic averages for their four years in high school will be the winners. Next year the requirements will be the same except two years of history will be added.

In order to help pay for these scholarships the National Honor Society has had three soc hops, sold candy, and collected and sold coat hangers during this year.

The winners will be announced on Senior Class Day after all the grades are averaged.

East Participates In Science Meeting

Steve Wall, Bill Johnson, and Buddy Cloninger, accompanied by Miss Gladys Million, will attend at Carson-Newman college, the eighth annual high school science meeting on March 6. Science, mathematics, and home economics teachers are invited to bring their most outstanding students.

The first session will be in the cafeteria where the group will be guests of the college for dinner. Dr. James L. Cooley, Head of the Mathematics Department, University of Tennessee, will be the principal speaker as a visiting lecturer for the Mathematical Association. After the address there will be exhibits by the various departments for the visiting students and a meeting for the teachers to discuss their common problems.

Sally Fields Named East DAR Winner

Sally Fields has been named the DAR winner from East High School. Sally, who lives at 2817 McCalla Avenue, is the daughter of Mrs. Pat Fields, a Knoxville Journal reporter. She will receive an award at the graduation exercise in June.

She is a Senior Director, treasurer of the National Honor Society, an officer of the Anchor Club, secretary of the Thespian Club, a member of the annual staff, and captain of the swimming team.

This summer, Sally hopes to work as a life-guard in a camp. Next fall she plans to attend the University of Tennessee and major in math.

Watch For April Fool's Issue

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Litterbugging - An East High Problem

For the last few years we here at East have been concentrating on landscaping our beautiful campus. Now that that project is complete we should all feel very proud and victorious that we have just about the best looking grounds of any high school in this area.

But a new problem is about to beset East High School. That is the question of the lazy student or the "litterbug"! As the weather becomes nicer and as the mercury soars, we'll all want to be outside during recreation to enjoy those beautiful grounds we've spent so much time and money building up. There will, of course, be a few of these lazy individuals who will find it too far to carry a chewing gum wrapper or an ice cream stick to the nearest garbage can; after all, those things are really heavy!

What makes these persons "litter" our school grounds? **Individual thoughtlessness**—many people feel no **personal** responsibility for the appearance of our campus or for our public streets. They feel no guilt when they toss millions of tons of litter about them every year. They just don't realize the actual harm they are doing. The net result of "litterbugging" has become a national problem. Over 50 million dollars each year are spent to remove the trash thoughtlessly thrown on our national highways and parks.

We have had several cases of litterbugs feeling so remorseful that they later have so very graciously "voluntarily" joined the "wastepaper basket brigade" and cleaned up the trash.

Now, what can we, as individuals, do to keep our school and community clean? First of all, we can carry a travel-trash container in our cars; we can dispose of our trash at home in a proper manner; we can urge our community officials to provide more and better public recepticles for trash; we can set a good example for our younger brothers and sisters and our elders; and lastly, we can ask and urge our friends to join the fight against litter.

When you are about to give that gum wrapper "the pitch" just remember: "you are protecting your own property—and that of generations to come—when you protect the nation's public beaches, grounds, and highways."

Peeping At The "Pix"

By CHARLENE LANIER

Have you ever seen Chinese farmers irrigating their fields in the spring? Have you ever seen a mandarin and his officials hold a meetings? Have you ever seen one hundred marching Chinese children singing **This Old Man**? Chances are you haven't, unless, of course, you've seen **Inn of the Sixth Happiness.** The Chinese people are very wise. They wish for you five certain happinesses, among them wealth, health, a long life, and a peaceful death in old age; but the sixth is for you to discover. I think Ingrid Bergman and Curt Jurgens prove to us that the sixth happiness may be found through service and love.

Is there anyone who still doesn't find himself whistling the catchy theme from **Bridge on the River Kwai** every once in a while? The tune sort of sticks with you, and so will the movie. It's one of the unforgettable ones starring Alec Guinness as an English prisoner of war in charge of building the bridge, with William Holden and Jack Hawkins.

Everyone's talking about the antics of **Auntie Mame** starring Rosalind Russell. It will be coming soon to the Park Theatre; so don't miss out on the fun!

Record 'Reckers

16 Candles—Kite Brothers.
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Hawaiian Wedding Song—Linda McMinn.
All American Boy — Ludwin Speir.
Counterfeiter—Sammy Roback.
Charlie Brown—Dick Andes.
Children's Marching Song—The Band.
Plain Jane—Jayne Jenkins.
Lucky Ladybug — Jane Ragsdale.
Rock-A-While — At The Canteen.
Beep Beep—Ramzy Roback.
It's Just A Matter Of Time — Jeanette Poore.
I Got A Wife—Jay West.
Little Space Girl — Bonnie Baker.
I'm A Man—Leo Browning.

Club Corner

Anchor Club

The Anchor Club plans to have their draperies for the lunchroom up by Easter. The girls are working hard to raise money by selling home-made candy every Tuesday after school.

The members went to John Tarleton on February 14 to give the little boys, ranging from ages 6 to 10, a Valentine party. Entertainment was a skit, "Makin' Love Mountain Style," which was a satire of Romeo and Juliet. Romeo was played by Dee Rockwell; Juliet, Charlotte Denton; the mother, Jeanne Dunsmore; the father, Prissy Albright; and the Revenurer, Jean Filler. Becky Foust narrated the skit.

Key Club

Have you noticed the new basketball scoreboard in a gym?

It was purchased by the Key Club, who sold lightbulbs, ran the concession stand at the basketball games, and sponsored several soc hops. They also plan a carwash in the near future in order to raise the necessary money to pay for the scoreboard.

D. E. Club

The D. E. Club is busy making friends by corresponding with the retailing students at the College for the Distributive Trade in London, England. The members wrote air-mail letters about themselves; explaining their work, commenting on their hobbies and interests, and discussing Knoxville and the Great Smoky Mountains.

Mountain Ears

Howdy Agin' Friends

Here it is jest about Easter, and the air up in them mountains is a'gitten nippy. Thought I'd mosey down to that thar East High and get in on some of them secrets that some people cain't keep any longer.

Gotta admit that Charlotte (Frog) Denton's nickname has been changed to "Feets," sure do fit her fine.

Me and Clementine sure do hope that thar little ole football captain for next year don't have as much trouble with the game as he does with his gal, Cindy.

That JoAnn Webb is a sittin' at home on Sundays waiting for some feller, reckon the guy could be Conrad Majors.

Seems like Roger Henry is having more trouble landing him a gal than he is gettin 'em balls through the hoop.

What's that gossip we heerd about that l'il May gal keeping that Poore guy's necklace.

Heerd that little ole Betty Bible is helping others out with Mr. Mountaineer when she would like to get in on the deal herself. Good luck Betty . . .

Seems to me that Lynn shore keeps Mary Francis occupied at the sock-hops lately.

We have been wandering why cute l'il Sue Ella Hankins hadn't hitched her a feller this year.

Patty Tipton has been seen wandering around with a new feller lately.

Me and Clementine sure do think that l'il husky David McMahan picked him a cute gal; believe they call her Benny.

Chris Moss knows how to hitch on to the guys with the red convertables.

Attention Fellers — Seems that cute little Jeanne Waters will be running by herself now that Sara has hitched her a feller.

See that Sandra Glass finally talked that big senior guy out of his class ring.

We never heerd of a Warrior and a Mountaineer stepping out together but seems that thar Patty Pierce is doing fine.

Wander what dark rood-a-voo Gurley will take Linda to celebrate their 3rd anniversary (month that is).

Heerd that Sammy Roback thinks Pam Dalton is a good-looker.

Seems that thar l'il Bertha Sue has already hitched herself a Falcon graduate, believe his name is Bill Smith.

Reckon that Mike has anything to do with the way Carol's been cheering on her two feet lately.

Careful guys—Bridgett Pollard's guy sure is jealous.

Well, it's time to mosey along. Giddap, Clementine!

Sincerely yors,
Willie Willifor

Roving Reporter

What would you say to "Qu' est-ce que vous faites ce soir?"
Judy Hankins—"Watch your language!"
Roy Sue Maples—"Bobby, won't let me."
Hila George—"Take it down to the police station and tell them to hold it for bail."
Bobby Kite—"Are you multiplying?"
Beverly McGee—"Give it to the basketball team."
Joyce Farmer—"Please, not while I'm eating."
Bill Ely—"It got me all shook up."
Laura Halliburton—"Put it in a jar and keep under observation."
Helen Lawson—"What in tarnation are you trying to prove?"
Carolyn Miller—"I can't speak French."
Dwight Church—"I would take it to the lunch room with me."
Linda McMinn—"I guess I would ask Benny."
Judy Adcock—"I'd turn around and run."
Mr. Gardner—"What! Gangsters holding up a train?"
Jimmy Moore—"Send it to Planet Pincus No. 7."
"Qu' est-ce que vous faites ce soir" means in English, "What are you doing this evening.

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East Wins Victory Over Top Team In League

Roving Roger Reports

By Roger Henry

With the Central High Bobcats being seeded number one, the 6th District Basketball Tournament got under way the 23rd of February at South High School. After the first round of play the tournament was continued at the U-T Fieldhouse from the 24th to the 28th. The first night of play was not at the University, because the Vols played the Auburn Tigers that evening.

Instead of playing the games at South, as in years past, the area coaches took advantage of the new Fieldhouse. A greater seating capacity and a neutral court for the ball clubs were two reasons the U-T Fieldhouse was chosen for the site of this event.

The two teams finishing first and second in both leagues are seeded in the 6th District. Regular season standings are otherwise disregarded in tournament play. Each team starts with a clean slate. Tournament rules call for a single elimination of a team. This means, if a club is beaten once before it reaches the finals, it is eliminated from play. The winner and runner-up are both invited to participate in the Regional.

Any one of eight or nine teams is capable of winning the 6th District this year. Central is highly regarded for the championship with a very impressive season record of 20-4. East ended its season with a 22-5 record; the best in recent years. Fulton, East, West, and Holston are regarded as "dark horse" challengers for the titleship from the "AA" division. Contenders from the "A" division include Catholic, South, Powell, and Karns.

East Gains 18th Win Over Catholic

East maintained an 18 game win streak for the past eight years by overwhelming the Catholic Shamrocks 85-72 on the Mountaineer's home court. Noel Cramer's perfected jump shots pulled the East five ahead from three points behind at the halftime to a 63-57 advantage going in to the final period.

The preliminary went to East 48-43.

Pos.	East (85)	Pos.	Cath. (72)
F.	Cramer 33	F.	Norris 18
F.	Furrow 16	F.	Bowman 9
C.	Minnis 15	C.	Luttrell 7
G.	Long 4	G.	Pryor 11
G.	Justice 15	G.	Sharp 14

Subs: East—J. Collins-2, D. Collins-0.

East Tromps Fulton 71-54

East is now in second place in the AA by defeating the Fulton Falcons. The Mountaineers used a fast second half to pass the Falcons. At the half the score was 38-36 East. In the second half the determined Mountaineers moved ahead to win a 71-54 victory.

EAST IN ACTION. Dickie Long dribbles the ball while being guarded by Bob Pryor, Catholic.

Mountaineers Defeat West

The Mountaineers roared back from a 30-39 half time deficit to down West 80-53 on the Rebels' court. East outscored West in the second half 50-14. Helping in this belated drive was Bo Minnis, Noel Cramer, and Sam Furrow in the scoring; and Dickie Long and Jim Justice stood out as playmakers. Cramer scored 18 points in the second half. The Mountaineers out rebounded West 45-30.

The victory revenged an earlier season defeat by West on the East court.

Roback Enters Golden Gloves

In the News-Sentinel Golden Gloves Novice Light-Weight Division, Zafer Roback lost a unanimous decision to Jim Pesterfield of Madisonville on Tuesday night, February 3. Zafer gave his experienced opponent a good battle until the final bell although this was his first ring experience.

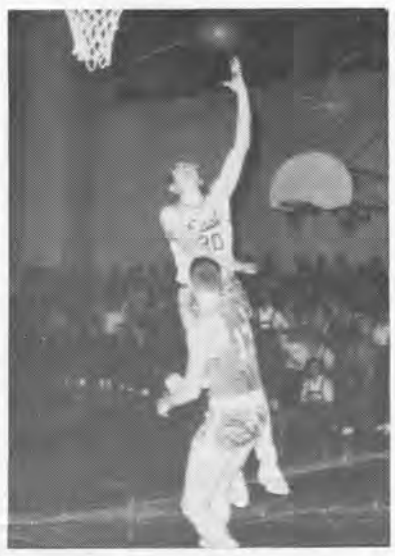
In the first round, Roback found Pesterfield's jaw with a right cross. The only serious trouble Zafer had was when he caught two lefts to the jaw and a right to the chin. Experience finally paid off for Pesterfield, and he outclassed Zafer in the second and third rounds.

Central Topples To East By Two Points

The Mountaineers won a 73-71 victory over Central. In the first half East was leading by the score of 45-29, and then Noel Cramer was injured.

Cramer scored 22 points in the first half before leaving the game. He had a 25.5 season average. Bo Minnis got 19 points, and Sam Furrow got 18 and snatched 21 rebounds.

Central was trailing 21 points when Cramer was injured. They started to gain on East in the third quarter. In the last quarter the game was a real thriller. Central was within five points of East during the middle of the fourth-quarter. East decided to freeze the ball and run the clock out. East led Central in the last 30 seconds by one point when Sam Furrow was fouled. Sam made the first bucket good, but the second fell short. This put East two points ahead to win the game.



Noel Cramer shoots.

People make monkeys of themselves by carrying tales.

CATHOLIC UP IN THE AIR. No. 13 Bob Pryor tries for the basket as East's Dickie Long watches for rebound. Don Collins guards Catholic No. 41.

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Boy and Girl of The Month

DON COLLINS waits for Marsha Barnard while she gets her books from the locker.

Don Collins captures the Blue and Gray spotlight as boy of the month. He has been playing baseball since he was 10 years old; playing for the Red Socks in the Little League for two years; and also in the 13 year old league for the Colts. The next year, he moved into the Babe Ruth League where he played two years for the Indians. Now, Don is playing in the Junior League for the Cardinals.

For the past three years, he has played for East, making his baseball letters. He is considered one of the best pitchers in the city and made the All-City team last year.

He lives with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Collins, two older brothers and two older sisters, at 4145 Holton Drive and attends Oakland Street Baptist Church where he is president of his Sunday School Class and Training Union.

An attractive, friendly senior named Marsha Barnard holds the spotlight as the Blue and Gray's choice of girl of the month.

Her name can always be found on the honor roll, even though Marsha is very active in school functions. She is secretary of the Anchor Club and is on the art committee in the National Honor Society. Aside from this, Marsha enjoys doing church work and is the vice-president of the Methodist Youth Fellowship at Burlington Methodist Church.

Her "most-enjoyable" passtime is going to the ball games; her favorite food is Crystal hamburgers; her pet peve, gossip; and her hobby is reading.

Marsha lives at 205 Fern Street with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Barnard; her sister, Sarah, who is 16 years old and also attends East; and a brother, Stewart, who is 11 years old.

Foreign Visitors Talk About Their Countries

Alexander W. H. Tseng from the Republic of China and Alfonso E. Bonilla from Nicaragua visited East High School classes, Wednesday, February 10.

The two English teachers are making inspection tours of various American secondary schools after having attended a college or university in this country for a period of six months. They are here through the auspices of the Cultural Interchange Program.

Alfonso E. Bonilla explained to the several classes he visited that in Nicaragua the students attend non-mixed (boys and girls) classes from 8:00 to 12:00 A.M., having two and one half hours off to go home for lunch and a short siesta. At 2:30 they return and begin their classes. Mr. Bonilla of Managua emphasized the Latin customs of non-dating and stressed the more difficult subject content in their courses.

Mr. Tseng spoke to various groups about his country's language and customs. He lives on the island of Taiwan; he also told the students of his country's political doctrines and of the major religion, Christianity.

FTA Spotlight

The Future Teachers of America honor Mrs. Joyce Fort, Freshman English, Spanish II, and French I teacher as teacher of the month.

Her place of birth was Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She has one brother and one sister. She graduated from Germantown High School in Philadelphia in 1953, and from Maryville College in 1957 where she received her B. A. She belonged to the National Honor Society Sorority, Alpha Gamma Sigma. French was her major, and she held offices as President and Vice-President of the French Club.

Some of Mrs. Fort's interests are swimming, photography, church work, and sewing. Sewing is her main interest; she makes most of her own clothes. She and her husband are members of East Minister Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Fort and her husband spend their summers in New York and on the coast of New Jersey where her mother and father own a summer resort.

Attendance . . .

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Bennett, Sandra Bennett, Sandra Bettis, and Linda Bounds.

Brewer: 11th grade

Bob Daniel, Dick Eason, Alvin Edwards, Kinser Ellenburg, Lawrence Everette, Jimmy Ford, Patsy Combs, Pam Dalton, and Brenda Essary.

McSpadden: 11th grade

Roger Henry, Jerry Hundley, Alvin Lawson, Ernest Mathis, Sally Hunter, and Jane Jenkins.

Million: 11th grade

Melvin Morgan, Bill Murray, Ted Pearson, Raymond Pollard, Andy Rader, Ramzy Roback, Glenda Mauldin, Brenda McCoy, Barbara Moser, Peggy Neal, and Cynthia Prince.

Tatem: 11th grade

Robert Sorah, Herman Thompson, H. R. Twitty, Larry Ventis, Reba Taylor, Mary Vermillion, Virginia Watts, and Carol Webster.

Browning: 12th grade

Charles Bost, Noel Cramer, Marsha Barnard, Judy Beesley, Billie Ray Cannon, Dianne Cass, and Annetta Brobeck.

Dowell: 12th grade

Tommy Cross, Howard Dyer, Janice Doyal, Sally Fields, Becky Ford, and Becky Foust.

Gillenwater: 12th grade

Richard Fry, Sammy Furrow, Tommy Haworth, Steve Humphrey, Jimmy Justice, Richard Long, Sue Ella Hankins, Judy Harbin, Margie King, and Joan Layman.

Milburn: 12th grade

Zafer Roback, Gene Scates, Danny Shipe, Arrow Massey, Shelby Pollard, Betty Reed, Sylvia Roberts, Audrey Robertson.

Naberhuis: 12th grade

Tommy Anderson, Elmer Perkins, Jackie Sewell, Julian Webber, and Carolyn Walker.

Neubert: 12th grade

Norman Slovis, Ludwin Spier, James Taylor, Richard Veal, Steve Wall, Dennis Webb, Lamar Wolfenbarger, Laverne Weaver, Patsy York, and Geraldine Young.

Ray Merrit Promoted To Eagle Scout In Troop 15

RAY MERRIT, Eagle Scout, displays badges. —Courtesy of Knoxville Free Press

Eagle Scout, the highest rank that can be received by any Boy Scout, was awarded to Ray Merrit, Jr. at the Boy Scout Court of Honor at Kirkwood Presbyterian Church.

Ray, a sixteen-year-old sophomore in Mrs. Neyland's group, is an explorer scout attached to Troop 15. He will be the 40th scout to receive Eagle Scout honors under Troop 15 leader Mr. James Coppock.

To obtain the rank of Eagle Scout, Ray earned in four years, twenty-one merit badges. Only ten badges are required. Ray earned merit badges in life-saving; swimming; hiking; camping; nature; safety; firemanship; citizenship in home, community, and nation; first aid, personal fitness, and scholarship.

He is a member of the Knoxville Junior Academy of Science and belongs to the Order of the Arrow, an honorary society. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Merrit, Sr.

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