

Election time is tension time

by Marilyn Crawford
• WHO WILL IT BE?

Excitement and anticipation that have filled the halls this week with 3-D posters, streamers, kites, slogan cards and campaign promises have been building up to this day of tension for students seeking the two highest offices in FSHS.

But today the posters have been taken down and the candidates and their helpers can do nothing more—for this is election day.

Although these nominees entered the race with the knowledge that someone has to lose, every candidate—Jay Medlen, Earl McClendon and Dick Haynes, for president, and Anne Matlock and Sally Meek, for vice-president—has conducted a vigorous, enthusiastic campaign.

In an election as vigorous as

this, the campaign managers are almost as important as the candidates. Not only have they run errands, shaken hands, painted posters and left their homework undone, but they have acted as the moral support of their candidates. This year's campaign managers include Marilyn Crawford for Jay Medlen, Jane Copeland for Earl McClendon, Ralph Burton for Dick Haynes, Tony Council for Anne Matlock, and Frances McShane for Sallie Meek.

ELECTION WEEK in FSHS is a traditional week of excitement, with hidden stores of energy, of friendly competition and of the will to win. To some this effort might seem futile, but to FSHS this election is one more demonstration of school spirit. Ever since the nominees were announced last Friday and the campaign opened, the days

have been a whirl of bustling activity, homework left undone and all night sessions with the paint brush.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS and student council members in the spring began two years ago. This was done so that the new officers could attend the student council summer work shop in Conway and so the council would be ready to begin work the opening week of the fall term.

Presiding at the student council meetings and at the assemblies is the president's main duty. The vice-president for the first semester heads the assembly committee, which selects and schedules assemblies for the following school year. When the president is absent, the vice-president presides over the council meetings.



• "LET US IN!" At 6 a. m. Monday, two candidates for president, Jay Medlen, left, and Dick Haynes, right, were waiting with posters in hand. Third candidate, Earl McClendon, was lost in the crowd.

Grizzly band plans to attend tri-state music festival at Enid

• **HEY! HO!** Away we go! The band is going to Enid!

Soloists and members of ensembles will leave by bus Wednesday for the tri-state music festival which is held annually in Enid, Oklahoma. The remainder of the band will follow this group on Thursday.

Enid is the big event of the year for both the band and individual members, according to Floyd D. Pitts, band director.

FORT SMITH, with 177 students from two schools, will be the only city in Arkansas represented. Approximately 8,500 students from more than 150 schools, including student bodies of all sizes, will compete.

Soloists and ensembles must qualify for the trip to Enid by playing either in bi-state, the district festival at Greenwood, or in the student recital.

Under the direction of Larry Philpott, president of the band council, the band presented a program of chamber music Tuesday night.

ALSO on the band's spring agenda was their twenty-fifth annual spring concert presented Friday night.

Commenting on the concert, held in the FSHS auditorium, R. Earl Farnsworth, principal, said, "This was one of the finest concerts our band has ever presented. We certainly have a band to be proud of."

April 24 the Grizzly band was invited to play a concert in the Fine Arts Center at the University of Arkansas. This was the first time that a high school band has been invited to play at the University, according to Mr. Pitts.

Science fair

James Wear earns honorable mention

• **JAMES TATRO**, president of the Junior Academy of Science during the 1954-55 school year, and three representatives of the FSHS Science Club, Pat Walsh, Gail Browles and Lynn York, attended the meeting held April 22-24 at Searcy, Arkansas.

Lynn York was elected treasurer for the coming year.

AN HONORABLE MENTION was awarded James Wear for his report entitled "Theories and Conclusions about the Painted Bunting of Arkansas," which was entered in the state-wide Talent Search.

At the business meetings representatives discussed ways and means of increasing science interest among junior and senior high school students.

Choral group to present annual springtime festival

• **THE LIGHTS DIM**, the curtains part, the accompanist strikes a note, and the annual spring concert is under way...

Traditionally an evening of soft colors, pretty dresses and beautiful music, this year's concert featuring approximately 250 music students under the direction of Miss Edna Earle Massey, music director, will be presented May 17 at 8 p. m. in the auditorium.

ONE OF THE OUTSTANDING features of the evening will be the presentation of Hayden's "The Creation" by the mixed

chorus. Although the program has not yet been completed, each of the four choral groups will give a selection of religious, classical, and popular songs, according to Miss Massey.

Choral groups participating include the sophomore girls glee club, Bel Canto and the mixed chorus.

"Every year the glee clubs and the mixed chorus present this concert as a way of showing the public the kind of music that they have been working on during the year," said Miss Massey.

There will be no admission charge.

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Juniors' plans are top secret

• **SECRETS** and more secrets are being hinted at by tight-lipped junior council members regarding the annual junior-senior party scheduled for May 14. Definite time and place for the party will be announced later.

Since the theme of the party is being kept secret, junior council members will make no comment except to say, "There will be a good time and lots of fun for all."

WORKING on the plans for the party are Frances McShane, chairman, Gayle Price, Carol Bailey, Sharon Nelson, Carolyn Yandell, Buddy Collier and Ann Whalen.

Junior president Sallie Meek said, "We are working very hard to give the seniors a party that they will remember for a long time. We hope they will have as much fun going to the party as we have had working on it."

To raise money for the party the juniors have been selling candy and lemonade and covers for the Bruin.

David Knox to head Key Club next year

• **KEY CLUB** officers for next year have been elected, according to John Gossett, president.

They are as follows: David Knox, president; Tony Council, vice-president; Charles Ledbetter, secretary; Charles Beckman, treasurer.

TONY COUNCIL and another delegate to be named will represent the local Key Club at the International convention which will be held July 3-6 in Detroit, Michigan



• **DELEGATES** to the Future Business Leaders of America convention last week end review their program with Miss Marie Thweatt, sponsor, seated. Left to right are Mary Ann Krause, Cynthia Payne, Carol Caldwell and Carol Bailey.

Carol Bailey wins honor at state FBLA convention

• **MISS SECRETARY** of Arkansas—that's Carol Bailey!

Carol, FSHS junior, received this title after three interviews with judges at the annual convention of the Future Business Leaders of America held in Conway last week end.

Chosen for her secretarial abilities and poise during the interviews, Carol was in competition with five others from over the state. Each year at the convention a "Mr. Executive" and "Miss Secretary" are chosen and are considered to be two of the top honors.

IN THE GENERAL meeting of the convention, the FSHS chapter was in charge of the "convention" discussion group, with Carol Caldwell serving as moderator.

FSHS delegates also entered the old-fashioned "spelling bee", enacted in traditional style, a feature of this year's meeting.

Others attending the convention were the new vice-president and treasurer, Mary Ann Krause and Cynthia Payne.

"**THE EMPLOYER** Looks At You" was an address delivered by H. B. Crawford, manager of the Arkansas Division of the IBM corporation. "It was most beneficial to those who will be

seeking employment soon," said Miss Marie Thweatt, sponsor of the local club. "Mr. Crawford stressed the fact that a person seeking employment should be most careful of his dress since it shows his true character."

The following day activities were summed up in a report by Carol Caldwell concerning the local club's activities: assisting in the school office, aiding with the Arkansas Association of Student Councils convention held here in April, furnishing a student teacher at the Joseph M. Hill School, securing a clock for the library, placing supplies in the Green room, and buying an atlas for the library.

'Snakes not so bad,' holds Jack Raymon

• **"SNAKES**, like women, are not as bad as they are painted" is the point which Jack Raymon will try to prove in tomorrow's assembly. Mr. Raymon is a herpetologist, one who studies the science of alligators, lizards, turtles and snakes, from the University of Kansas Bureau of Lectures.

Mr. Raymon will exhibit numerous live specimens of reptiles, as well as mounted skins and many other features of scientific interest.

ALTHOUGH the assembly will not be a "snake charmer" show, Mr. Raymon's program will be given to correct the misunderstanding many people have of the subject.

The background to his career consists of many years of the American Camp Directors' Association, directing boys' and girls' camps.

Mr. Raymon, who is listed in "Who's Who on the American Platform," is a member of the International Platform Association.

FSHS clubs present pictures to school library

• **"THE LIBRARY** wishes to express appreciation for the lovely pictures donated to the library by three clubs," said Mrs. Cora Hall, FSHS librarian.

Three FSHS clubs—the Key Club, Athenians and Librarians' Club—have presented five pictures to the library as their yearly project.

THE ART DEPARTMENT, under the direction of Miss Ora Wilburn, is framing the pictures, which will be put up by the end of the year, according to Mrs. Hall.

The picture given by the Key Club is entitled "Desert Sentinel" by Pelton. The three pictures given by the Athenians include "Land's End" by Arentz, "Christ in the Temple" by Clementz and "Independence Hall" by Cleghorn.

"Apple Blossoms" by Carrier was given by the Librarians' Club.



• **NEW PICTURES** will soon brighten the library, according to Mrs. Cora Hall, librarian. Three clubs have purchased five pictures, which they are shown unpacking. Left to right are Miss Ora Wilburn, under whose direction the pictures will be framed by the art department; Charles Ledbetter, Key Club; Rosemary Redding, Librarians, and Carol Griffiee, Athenians.

Arnold is president of Athenian society

• **NANCY GAIL ARNOLD** has been elected president of the Athenian Literary Society for next year.

Other officers include Linda Quoss, vice-president; Cora Sue McFerran, recording secretary; Marilu Bradford, corresponding secretary; Patsy Middleton, treasurer; Gayle Price, parliamentarian; Sally Slack, historian; and Nan Reese, reporter.

Officers will be installed at a dinner party May 13.