

The EAGLE

BASKETBALL SEASON OPENS

GIRL'S BASKETBALL

The girls have had two nerve-racking games. The first game was with Lodge. The half time score was Smoaks 12 and Lodge 5. We won by only one point: 23-22. I'm sure that the spectators enjoyed this game but we players weren't quite so thrilled when Lodge was ahead in the third quarter. The guards held them down to a low score. Both teams had a strong defense.

Player (Smoaks)	Points
Martha Strickland	13
Ann Liston	6
Dorothy Smoak	4

Player (Lodge)	Points
Lula Mae Smith	10
Lessie Mae Lyons	8
"Sissy" Padgett	4

The girls lost a hard fought game to arch-rival Grays Tuesday night. Smoaks led at half-time 19-16 but the sharp-shooting girls from Grays School rallied in the latter half with 23 points. Our guards played a good defensive ball and several reserve players locked well.

Players (Smoaks)	Points
Martha Strickland	24
Dorothy Smoak	6
Betty Jean Goodwin	1

Players (Grays)	Points
Mary Ann Walsh	14
Ina Leah Smith	
Barbara Dyal	

BOY'S BASKETBALL

Our first and most successful game was with Lodge. Gerald Breland was high scorer with 18 points. His runner up was Marshall Murdaugh with 15, followed by Chris Hucks with 14 points. Billy Breland got 13, "B" Carter made 5 points and Carmeron Carver 2. Winkie Bennett and De Wayne Carroll both got 1 point. The final score was Smoaks 69 and Lodge 31.

Our second game was with Grays. The final score was 60 to 46 in favor of Smoaks. High scorer was Billy Breland with 20 points. Second highest was Gerald Breland who made 15. Others who scored were Marshall Murdaugh made 14; Chris Hucks-4; J.B. Ferguson-5; Cameron Carver-2; Mitchell Breland-2. The high scorer for Grays was Brown Padgett with 26 points.

Joint P.T.A. and A.E.W. Program

During American Education Week the P.T.A. joined the school in a special program for observance of that week. After the business session of the P.T.A. the following program was presented.

Song—Faith of Our Fathers
 Responsive Reading—Group
 "Loyalty Day"—Betty William
 Pledge to the Flag and "The
 Star Spangled Banner"

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EDITORIAL

The Pilgrim Fathers celebrated their first American harvest festival in October, 1621, the first autumn in their new home. The occasion was one of Thanksgiving. They had a successful year and with Indians as guests, they had a feast.

In 1939 Franklin D. Roosevelt named the next to the last Thursday in November as the date of Thanksgiving.

Although Thanksgiving Day is wholly an American institution, harvest festivals have been known since time immemorial.

When we all sit at our Thanksgiving dinner, let us remember to be thankful to God who has made it possible for us to be granted these many blessings.

"The fool that eats till he is sick must fast till he is well!"

TRUTH AND HONESTY

Fanny Willey

There are a lot of beautiful things on this earth of ours but to me the most beautiful are truth and honesty.

Sometimes we may think it best to tell a lie, and maybe we consider it just a small one, but it isn't. It can grow and grow until we find ourselves with a large lie on our hearts. Then we think to ourselves, "Oh, if only I had told the truth to start with, I wouldn't be in this trouble now."

When we think over our troubles, we see that we wouldn't have had nearly as many if we'd only been brave enough to have told the truth to begin with.

It takes a man to stand up before the world and tell the truth when there's an easier way out. Many would take the easier way, but also many would take the honest way.

If we tell the truth, we will always come out on top. Truth and honesty makes a person respected by everyone.

MY THANKSGIVING PRAYER

T-hankful that I am living
 H-appy all the day
 A-asking for guidance and protection whether at work or play
 N-eglectful-no never, of ever being true
 K-ind hearted always let me be in everything that I do
 S-inging my song of praise to You
 G-iving the best that I can
 I-nvidious-let me be free of this and love my fellowman
 V-ictorious to win a Heavenly Crown
 I-nseparable as we walk life's way
 N-obly I ask this prayer-dear GOD-on our THANKSGIVING DAY.

Mildred S. Edwards

DID YOU HAPPEN TO HEAR?

Nelson and Virginia enjoyed the ballgame Friday night, didn't they?

Who was that good looking boy that came to see Sandra? Could it be Olin Bazzle from Cottageville?

Ann, did you enjoy the hop? We surely do hope so.

If you want to know a good joke just ask J. B. F. He always knows one!

Barbara Anne and Charles left the game early Friday. Wonder why??

So Betty still likes C. D. Cute, aren't they??

Beauregard sports a girl from Bamberg, so we hear. We'd like to see her, "B".

Joseph, who was the girl you were with at the game?

Sara still likes Harry. How long will it last?

We saw Nan sitting by Winkie Friday. Could this be love??

J. H. A.

The October meeting of the J. H. A. was held in the Home Ec room. The meeting was called to order by the president. Roll call and minutes were read by the secretary. We decided that we would send five dollars as our camp contribution.

Sue Strickland gave an informative account of the scholarship loan. Eva Thomas gave an interesting talk on Miss J. H. A.

Our meeting was adjourned with the singing of the J. H. A. song.

"Two heads are better than one".

JUNIOR 4-H

The officers of the Junior 4-H Club are:

President-----Cora Gene Patrick
Vice President--Sara Ann Padgett
Secretary-----Rebecca Breland
Song Leader-----Patsy Varnadoe
Reporter-----Ann Goller

At our last meeting there was a poem by Nancy Ann Chassereau Helen Smoak read the devotional.

The meeting was directed by Ann Liston. Her talk was based on Health and Power. With pictures she showed us some of the habits which make us grow healthy and strong.

SENIOR 4-H

The Senior 4-H Club met on Tuesday, November 17, 1953.

Due to the absence of Miss McGee and Mrs. Heaton, Pat Spell gave a very interesting demonstration on Health. After a few songs were sung, the meeting was adjourned.

F. F. A.

At the last F. F. A. meeting on November 4, the Smoaks chapter installed new officers.

President Winkie Bennett
Vice President-----Wayne Garris
Secretary-----Al Thomas
Treasurer-----"B" Carter
Sentinel-----Marshall Murdaugh
Reporter-----Carl Wilson

At this meeting a program of work was adopted for the chapter during the coming year. Some of the items included in the program of work are as follows:

Send two delegates to State Convention next summer

Participate in judging contests and livestock shows

Have members to own their own enterprises

Begin a program to beautify school

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THE GIRL OF THE MONTH

This Senior is a tall attractive girl with long, light brown hair and brown eyes.

She is a guard on the basketball team and she's a good one! She is also assistant student director of the Glee Club, a member of the Beta, J.H.A., and 4-H Clubs.

Her hobby is singing and playing the guitar.

THE BOY OF THE MONTH

This Senior boy is a Co-captain of the basketball team. He is the president of the senior class and assistant business manager of the Annual. He is a member of the F.F.A. and the 4-H Clubs, and also a bus driver.

Tall, dark and handsome is what this boy could be called. His hair is dark brown and his eyes are brown, too. He is nearly six feet and three inches tall.

I think his hobbies are swimming, eating and GIRLS.

Elementary Halloween Queen

Miss Miriam Black, eleven-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Black of Smoaks was selected as the elementary Halloween queen on Thursday night, October 29. Miriam won the title with two dollars and twenty-five cents.

Miriam is in the sixth grade, of which she is reporter.

She is a very cute girl with brown eyes and light brown hair and about four feet tall.

Her favorite past-time is reading.

Elementary Halloween King

James G. Padgett was the elementary Halloween King. He is ten years old and in the fifth grade. He is four feet tall has blue eyes and blonde hair. His hobby is working with clay.

HIGH SCHOOL HALLOWEEN QUEEN

Miss Becky Spell, a 13 year old eighth grade student was chosen as high school Halloween queen on October 29 with \$19.50. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Spell of Smoaks.

Becky has brown eyes and light brown hair and is about 5 feet tall. She is president of the eighth grade. Her favorite past-time is drawing.

The runner-up for this title was Nancy Chassereau who had \$19.

HIGH SCHOOL HALLOWEEN KING

The high school Halloween king was Graham Padgett who won with \$10.36. He is in the ninth grade of which he is treasurer. He has brown eyes and brown hair and is 5 feet 2 inches tall.

Hunting is his hobby.

F. F. A. (cont.)

At the present time the chapter is conducting a rat killing campaign as a method of community service and a way to raise money for the chapter. Rats and mice are destroying enough food to feed 10 million people each year. We believe this is a worth while campaign. Heading this campaign are:

Wayne Garris
Al Thomas
Carl Wilson
Wayne Thomas

The chapter is planning a program and a Bar-B-Q to be held during the month of December in the Bethel Community. The members of this committee are:

Mitchell Breland
Dale DuBois
Jack Padgett
William Ritter
Wayne Garris

"Wisdom is better than riches."

GLEE CLUB

The Glee Club is now composing music for their Christmas recital.

We wish you all a happy Thanksgiving.

The P.T.A. (continued)

After the program all visitors and members of the P.T.A. were invited to visit the classrooms where work was on special display. The last room visited was the Home Economics room where refreshments had been prepared by Home Economics students and faculty.

Special guest for the night was Mrs. E.S. Plowden who is a retired teacher and a faithful substitute.

The next P.T.A. program will be on December 14 when a special program will be presented by the students under direction of Mrs. E.H. Roberts.

ELEVENTH GRADE

The Eleventh Grade is still struggling for funds to make our trip to Washington. We appreciate any help we get. We are selling Hot Dogs and drinks at the ball games; also, we are selling candy and Christmas Cards.

This winds us up this month, so a Happy Thanksgiving to everyone and we hope you enjoy your turkey!!!!

Mrs. Berry: "Is the question worrying you?"

George: "Its not the question I'm worrying about--it's the answer."

TWELFTH GRADE

The seniors selected invitations for their Commencement exercises a few weeks ago.

We lost a member of our class about the same time when Iris Robertson got married. We wish for her much happiness and we are sorry to lose her.

Shirley Smyly, who has been absent for several weeks due to her having undergone an appendectomy, is back with us. We have missed her and welcome her back.

A few weeks ago Betty Sue Williams was absent when she worked in the County Library for several days. This is good business experience for Betty Sue.

The Seniors saw and enjoyed the film "Romeo and Juliet" last week in the gym.

Little Russel was taken to his uncle's farm one week end in the winter. The second day on the farm he walked out to the barn to see what his uncle was doing. After watching his uncle he left the barn shaking his head. That night he told his uncle, "If you'd buy some anti-freeze to put in the cow's radiator you would not have to drain the cows each night."

Dick: "I was in Europe last summer and I learned to speak Spanish in three weeks."

John: "Amazing! I can't understand it."

Dick: "Neither could the Spaniards"

FIRST GRADE

The first grade is looking forward to Thanksgiving holidays which begin Wednesday. Here are the things for which we are thankful:

America	Toys
Churches	Food
Clothes	School
Homes	Work
Play	

SECOND & THIRD GRADE

Our class had a very nice Halloween party last month. The grade mothers were Mrs. Purdy Robertson, Mrs. Jim Padgett, Mrs. Floyd Black, and Mrs. Ervin Smoak. They served us cookies, candy, orangeade, and gave each pupil two favors.

Pam Phillips and Sara Strickland have birthdays this week.

Helen Phillips, John Worroll, and Rosalind Hill have been absent several days because of illness but are back in school now.

J. B. Ferguson showed us several films on trains recently which Mrs. Herndon had ordered.

Nancy Harrell has a new baby sister. She has been named Joyce Linda.

We are looking forward to Thanksgiving and a short holiday.

SIXTH GRADE

This past week we have been taking six weeks tests. We are glad they are over and hope to make a "one" on our report cards.

The sixth grade has given a class play. The title is "Roger Learns a Lesson." The fifth grade gave one, also, "New Jobs For New England." We enjoyed them very much.

Thanksgiving is here again. Our class has been drawing pictures about Thanksgiving. We are all looking forward to the holidays.

SEVENTH GRADE

We are glad to see Horace Crosby walking without his crutches now after breaking his leg.

Now we are having our six weeks test this week and last week but we only have three days to go to school this week because of our Thanksgiving vacation. Everybody is glad of the two days' vacation.

EIGHTH GRADE

We are all looking forward to Thanksgiving's holidays. We are sorry the girls lost the ballgame Friday night. We are drawing names for Christmas presents.

NINTH GRADE

The ninth grade has come to six weeks tests again. These tests seem to come around too quickly. We had a party on the nineteenth. Everyone had a good time. This year the ninth grade is having good attendance. Mrs. Ammons put the ninth grade algebra boys and girls together again.

TENTH GRADE

Well, once again it's Thanksgiving Time and everyone is looking forward to having a turkey for this great day.

We have already started working on our trip to Washington by selling drinks and hot dogs on Saturdays. Barbara Spoll and Dolores Robertson sold last Saturday and did fine.

May each of you have a happy Thanksgiving!

Happy
Holidays