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**NUTSHELL  
 NEWSLETS**

**OPEN FORUM CLOSES—**

The 1941 Open Forum was closed with an address by Dr. Carlyle Campbell, president of Meredith college, on April 18. His subject was "Democracy And Its Relation To Teaching."

**ASHEVILLE TEACHERS' MEET—**

Mr. L. B. Pendergraph, Miss Lassiter, Miss Trotter, Mr. and Mrs. Sims, Miss Swanson, Miss Chandler, and Miss West represented the Mount Airy school system at the annual meeting of the North Carolina Educational association in Asheville. About three thousand state teachers attended this meeting.

**BIBLE COURSE (?)—**

Mr. Pendergraph has sent a questionnaire concerning a Bible course to several school systems in the state to see how they conduct their classes, their schedule, number of periods, time, and other details. He also asked whether or not the course is taught by regular teachers or by local ministers.

**SIGMA DELTA PLANS—**

The grades of several sophomores and juniors will be averaged soon by a Sigma Delta club committee to determine new members for next year. All students in the sophomore and junior classes averaging ninety or above are eligible for entry.

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# HIGH SPOTS

**OPEN HOUSE DAY**

Open House Day, slated for May 13, will be double-feature this year. Besides departmental exhibits, Home Ec girls will feature their annual fashion show for the 1941 guests.

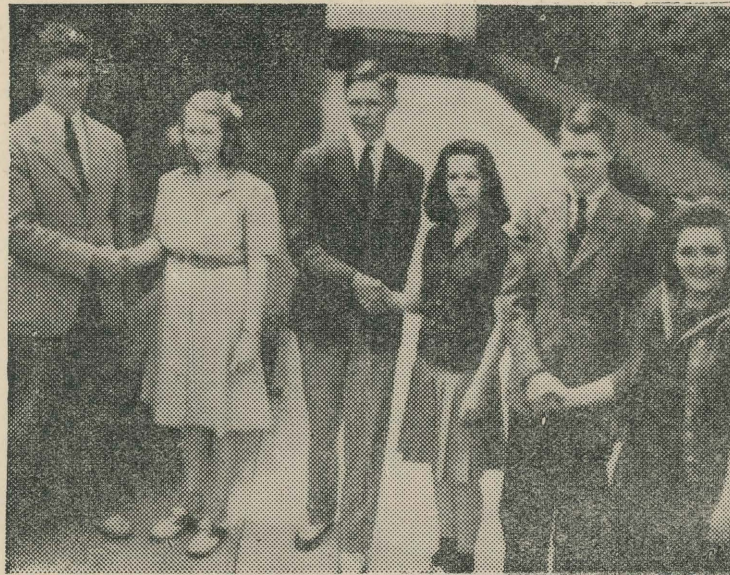
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## Joe Fowler, Jr. Elected Student President

### One Hit And Five Outs



Joe Fowler, footballer and baseballer, born in Aden, N. C. fifteen years ago, managed by Jack Folger, has served the student council three years, as secretary and chairman of the athletic committee and was placed in the favorite's role for the 1941-42 prexy early this year. Pictured above are the candidates shaking hands before the battle of hands and handbills. Left to right: Joe Fowler, Ruth Poore, Howard Woltz, Nancy Lou Bunker, Billy Cassell, and Lucy Jane Poore.

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Joseph Ralph Fowler, Jr., 15-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe R. Fowler, of North Main Street, was elected president of the student government of Mount Airy high school for the 1941-42 term Monday morning.

He defeated Howard O. Woltz, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Woltz, of Willow Street, in the second election.

Although the margin of victory was not released for publication, it was believed that voting was close.

Those candidates for the school's most important office who were defeated in the first race Friday afternoon were Lucy Jane Poore, Ruth Poore, Nancy Lou Bunker, and Billy Cassell, in scrambled order.

Elevation of Joe to the prexy's chair to succeed auburn-haired Ann Booker came after a week of fervent campaigning, a "Black Friday" of fraudulent voting, a week-end of "polliticking" by the two run-off candidates, and the Monday morning final selection.

Highlight of the lightning-moving election scene at MAHS was the school's first election fraud in eight years of voting.

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confirmed, are pure rumor, and it is believed there may be some wide errors in them, but they circulated quite currently about the entire building.

Speaking to an excited student body amid walls and curtains plastered with handbills, the six addressed the school Friday morning and voting began at 1 p. m.

Campaign managers who introduced candidates and then explained the merits of their nominees: Marion Jones for Nancy Lou Bunker; Kyle Smith, for Commercial department nominee, Billy Cassell; Jack Folger for Joe Fowler; Patricia Rothrock for Ruth Poore; Jack Toler for Lucy Jane Poore; and Sandy Simmons for Howard Woltz.

**ELECTION END-NOTES**

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#### PROF. KOCH AGAIN—

Prof. Frederick H. Koch, founder of the Carolina Playmakers, again entertained Mount Airy citizens when he gave a reading of Shakespeare's play, "The Taming of the Shrew." This second appearance was sponsored by the Rockford Street PTA.

#### JOURNALISM CLASS—

Quoting Mr. Pendergraph: "There will definitely be a journalism course in the high school next year. Although we are not certain about the teacher, Miss Hale may take a course in journalism this summer and head the class."

#### SHORTAGE OF SENIORS AS ———

### A Jr., J. Folger, Gets Play Lead

As if Mount Airy didn't have enough spring fever, Coach Shelton had to bring in another case. The only difference is that Coach's epidemic isn't the old kind, but something quite different, to be given all in one dose—a senior play, entitled "Spring Fever."

"There is quite an embarrassing mix-up when several Brookfield college boys made a fatal mistake by thinking the rich Mr. Purcell is the art model engaged to pose for a picture of a Russian Bolshevik. This is action's cue, and from there on the college room, being used as a chemistry laboratory, an art studio, and center of the frantic typing of a senior student, is a continuous up-

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Henry Badgett, Odell Money, Betty Lou Britt, and Patricia Rothrock with some sixty other North Carolina teams, were eliminated in the first and second preliminaries. The Mount Airy debaters were "outspoken," not "out-debated."

All students were the guests of The University and Chapel Hill townspeople.

Medals will be awarded the varsity debaters, as well as Nancy Lou Bunker and John Mickey, alternates, at graduation exercises.

rear, interrupted only by occasional explosions in the lab."

#### PLAY CAST—

Howard Brant, Jack Folger; Vic Lewis, Eddie Fowler; Ed Burns, Carl Clark; Anne Purcell, Ellen Macon; Vivian, Betty Lou Britt; Mrs. Purcell, Mary Jacobs; Mr. Purcell, Odell Money; D. Dixon, Francis Terry; Lib Herron, Pauline Jones; Prof. Bean, Sydney Samet; Aunt Maude, Eleanor Smith; and Mrs. Spangler, Edith Midkiff.

Folger was given the leading role because of a shortage of senior boys trying out for the 1941 senior play, directed by Coach W. Augustus Shelton.

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The third period class elected as their staff for the TELL-IT-ALL: Editor, Howard Woltz; Managing Editor, Cecil Berrier; Business Managers, Elizabeth Jones and Era Jarrell; Art Editors, Lillian Atkins and Thomas Mills; Sports Editor, Emmett Semones; Literary Editor, Anne Spain; Humor Editors, Bill Hawks and Elizabeth Jones; and Reporters; Eunice Anderson, Jack Armfield, C. M. Baldwin, Eugene Booker, Lucille Johnson, Lettie Ruth Moody, Dara Leigh O'Neal and Nellie Hanks.

The fourth period class printed a newspaper like Mrs. Barber's FIRST PERIOD POST. The staff for the FOURTH PERIOD BULL-(ETIN) elected is as follows: Editor-in-Chief, Nancy Lou Bunker; Managing Editor, Jack Folger; News Editor, T. C. Britt; Copy Editors, Bill Glancy and Billy Cassell; Business Managers, Bill Pendleton, John Mickey and Jack Wyrick; Art Editor, Wayne Campbell; Sports Editor, Frank Walker; Humor Editors, Wayne Jones and Hylton Wright; Literary Editor, Evelyn Jones; and reporters, the remaining class members.

#### CAGE PICNIC

May 1, Cumberland Knob will be infested with basketball players. It's not a game but the annual basketball picnic, with the lettermen girls "setting up" the boys.

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According to unconfirmed rumors, 91 more votes were cast than there were persons in high school Friday afternoon. According to these unofficial sources 36 votes were turned in from one room with a roll of 34 students, and seventeen home rooms reported their results, while there are only sixteen rooms in the high school. These reports have not been

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"We just wanted to show that the 'Dead End Kids' are still in things down here," he said.

And they were very much in things, but their candidate was barely beaten out of the race, as Joe Fowler became the next president of the student body after a weird week of typical and untypical MAHS voting.

### The Old 'Cigar Game'



All in vein—a lighter one—was this. It was also in "v-a-i-n," for 16-year old Robert Christman, not in school, can't vote in an MAHS election. (Some absentee ballots were cast in the first election, however). In the publicity still above the campaign managers of candidates for president of the student body are presenting Christman with "two-furs" and nickel stogies while shooting him the "old line" about "what a great candidate mine is." Note Patricia Rothrock, lone girl campaign director, is shaking hands with the boy, not giving him a cigar. While former campaigns were hot all the way, this one didn't get interesting until voting day. Reading left to right are: Marion Jones, manager for Nancy Lou Bunker; Patricia Rothrock, for Ruth Poore; Kyle Smith, for Billy Cassell; Christman; Sandy Simmons, for Howard Woltz; Jack Toler, for Lucy Jane Poore; and Jack Folger, starting his campaigning early, for Joe Fowler.

COMMENTARY



War Upsets Gym Drive

Need for national defense funds is greater than need for a gymnasium in the little burg of Mount Airy, N. C.—that is the reason the much-talked-about, short-promised gymnasium may have to remain on the blueprints, if it's that far, until the national crisis subsides. The outlook for the building has been shifting from dark to bright throughout the year, but it is pitch dark now. Although a suggested plan for a vocational guidance and gym building rests in the palms of a local architect now, there is little chance that any government aid could be obtained at such a crossroads in our nation's history. And who expects the overtaxed citizenry to contribute more money for a gym? Not we. That's why it appears we'll have a long, quiet wait unless we build a mint of our own. The spirit, the interest, the money—all are vanishing, and no wonder! . . . Hitler's knocking, but he can't come in. The gym must wait.

We're Still In Dark

Dear Folks: All isn't well at MAHS. We're wandering about in the dark here, all because we have no lighting system. Oh, we have one, but the average African negro would scramble for better light if he tried to study under the glary blubs at our high school. Our eyes are going, going, going—faster. A new pair of glasses appears everyday. This blackout of sight is going to continue

until YOU do something to help us. Protest, contribute, anything— but give us light!

(Signed) Any Student

Things We'd Like To See

Among many other improvements that could be registered at Mount Airy High there are these: Better transportation to and from the building for rural and suburban students— the busses are in pitiful shape—; a uniform grading system under which every teacher grades much like her sister teacher—some teachers average exam grades with nine-weeks grades up to 95, above that, the grades don't count, others differing on this—; a cafeteria; a journalism class; a Bible class; a better school spirit; a broader athletic program; fewer extra-curricular activities and more emphasis on the few we would then have; a gym; a band; letters given to athletic players, with sweaters contributed also; a better school paper.

Juniors Edit This Edition

This small edition of the paper is edited by the rising seniors. Sarah Merritt, usually news editor, served as editor-in-chief, with Barbara Wrenn and Billy Hollingsworth as assistant editors. Why four pages? No money. That's our sad-luck story in two words. . . .

Is anything going to be done to help our vocational guidance plan? It's not vocational guidance, it's merely vocational information.

"An Interrupted Kiss"

They move along the glowing green, Close to each other's side; As lovers wander slowly home, Just at the eventide.

And one is of the fairest hue, A dream—beyond compare; The other, just a trifle scarred, Is grayer, as with care.

They waver slower. . . slow. . . and stop

And meet in love's sweet kiss. And there they stay, nor care for Time's

Quick passing, in their bliss.

But further on, a bearded gent Draws near, with scowling mien; And raising up a mighty staff, He strikes apart the twain!

But still the two do not object;

They meekly separate . . .

With billiard balls 'tis usual; The cue decides their fate.

Writer's Day Much Like Yours

By BARBARA WRENN

As usual I trudged to school with the same "bunch." It certainly was hard to get really awake. I've never been so sleepily in all my life. And I did go to bed early—the morning before. Ho—hum!

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REDDICK FIELD HAS COLORFUL 25 YEARS

By BILL HOLLINGSWORTH

"Baseball tonight, Reddick Field, at eight o'clock!"

Today when we hear that familiar cry, we take Reddick Field for granted, but such was not the case in 1916 when, after the completion of the high school, there was no athletic field.

A group of schoolboys, feeling keenly the lack of an athletic field, noticed behind the school a hollow field with rocks and debris from the newly-built school. Taking wheelbarrows, mattocks, muscle, and determination, an army of schoolboys descended on the hollow, rolled away the huge rocks, leveled the ground, and transformed a deserted wasteland into the open-air basketball courts. This was in 1918.

Two years later these boys decided to turn the basketball courts into a baseball field. With the aid of town trucks and a few town workers, the new field was completed and ready for use by the spring of 1921. The town built a grandstand the following year.

The first season Joe Reddick, famous Guilford College first baseman, coached the baseball team. Coach Reddick, left handed, ruddy-complexioned, tall, slender, became the idol and staunch friend of his boys. Everything seemed perfect for the team.

However, while the boys and their coach practiced diligently, death stood close at hand, watching their every movement. In May, 1921, it

plucked from their midst beloved Coach Reddick.

Before his death Coach Reddick had requested that no games be cancelled because of his illness, so on his last day the team won a victory for their typhoid-stricken coach and friend. Through the rest of the year, that team, fired by the courage of their coach, won their remaining games.

At the end of the season those boys, Harvey Wyrick, Robert Smith, "Pete" Overby, Dayton Dean, Gray Sydnor, "Bud" Bailey, "Pat" Patterson, Charles Ashby, Lester Haynes, and Joe Wheeler Johnson, named their new athletic field after Coach Reddick.

Since that time other groups of boys have come and gone, other coaches have sweated and worried over their teams, but that first team of 1921 and its coach, Joe Reddick, will remain at the top of the list of MAHS baseballers.

When, a few years later, football became the major sport on Reddick Field, each day after practice the boys came in bruised from head to foot by rocks lying on the field. There were no showers, locker rooms nor grass to lessen the jars of blocks and tackles, but these handcaps did not dampen the boys' spirits.

So, through the years, the memories of Reddick Field have grown—two champion football teams, five champion baseball teams, hundreds of boys. What more can the future add to the honor of Reddick Field?

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The dance rested for a few minutes at 9:30 when seven of the talented younger Mount Airyans, from the Dorminy Studios, entertained with several tap and ballet numbers.

After the floor show, the Paul Jones started the dance swinging again. A few numbers were dedicated to individuals. One to Mary Jacobs and Jack Inman, one to the seniors, and one to the juniors.

Betty Lou Britt, the only girl present with an orchid, won the title "The Lady With the Orchid." People just stood around and gasped at her rare flower. No wonder! Every girl aboard had flowers.

You would have thought the bingo stand had been moved in from a fair. The "barkers" let everybody on the dance floor know that B-12 would give somebody bingo. Jack Folger wore a big straw hat to get the votes of the farmers for his candidate for the prexy of the student government, Joe Fowler.

"Balloons! ! ! Where did they come from?" Suddenly the transformed basketball court was swamped with odd-shaped balloons of every color. They didn't just happen "to fall from nowhere," but sailed

gracefully down when Miss Hale, chief decorator, pulled a concealed string and released the sheet holding them. Although the sheet was stubborn at first and wouldn't release its cargo, it only increased the excitement of the swingsters.

Taps and Wiley Kyser's theme song wound up another gala Junior-Senior at MAHS.

## You Know Them By:

Jimmy Harrison: "I'm up every morning bright and early to deliver papers." (Plug, GREENSBORO DAILY NEWS).

Henry Badgett: "Please dislocate your feet from that chairback." (Plug, Earle theater).

Jack Inman: "Here's your chocolate marshmallow, nut." (Plug, Hollingsworth's no. 2).

Ben Williamson: "I have a lovely suit that will just suit you." (Plug, Blue Ridge Clothing Shop).

Eddie Fowler: "We have some nice baby radishes, madam?" (Plug, Piggly-Wiggly).

Marion Jones: "Did that egg say he wanted a ham salad?" (Plug Turnmyre's Drug Store). — M. Hennis

## City Needs Cited In Lions Essays Due Last Friday

This year the subject of the Lion's club essay is: "Improvements Needed in Our City." All English classes, including commercial English students, handed in their them-

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I heard someone mention geometry and I "came to" long enough to remember that there was no activity period today, and I hadn't done any lessons. However, during the five minutes before the first period bell, I managed to borrow some homework from an old stand-by of mine.

During first period English, William Johnson read a character sketch, and everyone knew it was about Betty Gray Ward before he got through. Then the same old assignment—four pages in the workbook for the next day.

Then study hall. I don't see why we can't go to the library every day!

In geometry class, Mr. Finch was "wound up" as usual.

At lunch time the crowd met again. Such going on! And what is this world coming to?

When I walked into chemistry class, Miss Johnson was writing a couple of five point "sentences" for Jimmy Miller and E. K. Chappell, who had yelled to the boys who were on the baseball bus. Did they look sad? I mean E. K. and Jimmy, of course.

In history class, Mrs. Barringer was as funny as usual. She got off on an interesting subject, and we couldn't, for the life of us, get her back on the lesson again. We tried soooo hard! ! !

Was I glad that the teachers had to go to a meeting so we could get out early! But why go into all that when I can now go home and finish my beauty sleep! ! ! !

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Mr. Shelton is about to have a fit because he wants "Spring Fever." . . . He's got it!

"There is no reason why they can't send it to me. Why can't it come? The next thing you know, school will be out and I won't have time to get it. I think that there is going to be some trouble," said Mr. Shelton. (Don't get the wrong idea).

Can you imagine Mr. Sims antiquing with a carload of women? Well, we can't. On his way to Asheville to the teachers meeting, he had to stop at every antique sign and let the teachers out. Worst of all, he had to wait from an hour on up. Poor man! He also had to take some of the women to the dance. He really must have had a time. For further information, ask Mrs. Sims.

Agnes and Carl, so they say,  
Court through letters every day.

Hawaii's not very far away;

Wouldn't Agnes look cute in a leis. (Look leis up in the dictionary, if you don't know the meaning).

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# Bears Blow 9-1 Lead, Lose Group Play-off 10-9

## Simsmen Drop From State Race With Gray Loss; Gave Away 8 Runs

It had been cloudy the entire afternoon, but no one thought it would rain, i. e., rain the way it did. All was calm in Southside Park a week ago this p. m., as Winston-Salem and Mount Airy fans gazed upon a veritable slaughter of what was a great ball team. For six and one-half innings they had watched the slants of Paul Fleming baffle the Grayhounds, as Mount Airy jumped ahead with a sparkling 9-1 lead in the play-off tilt of the district baseball championship. Yes, all was calm.

But then the rains came! In torrents a cloudburst of base blows, errors, walks, boners descended. What happened no one knew, but when the last batter hit a pop fly to shortstop Clint Childress in that unforgettable seventh inning, Gray had knotted the ball game at 9-9 with a weird eight-run rally. The mammoth Mount Airy delegation—including over 45 students—sat stunned in their box seats. Then, as if the rain gods hadn't dampened MAHS spirits enough, a lightning bolt followed the thunder.

Marshall Fesperman, of Gray, whacked the ball 340 feet over the left field fence in the eighth canto to write finis to another Horatio Alger story. His home run sent Gray into the western class "B" semi-finals against Bessemer, sent Mount Airy's "if" club of Granite Bears out of the state race.

Here is a game-by-game review of the half-sad, half-glad campaign of Skipper Sims's fight-filled rookie nine:

APRIL 23

## Bears, 7; Stuart, Va., 14

They said it couldn't happen once—but it happened twice. After MAHS had kicked the district championship away the afternoon before by blowing an 8-run lead, the Bears "went and done it again" the next p. m. when an eight-run splurge in the "lucky eighth" showed the way for a Stuart 14-7 victory over the Bruins. The Simsmen held a slim 7-6 lead until that horrible eighth when five hits, three errors, and a walk accounted for eight Stuart's feet plunking on home plate. Ausburne and Bennison twirled. Paced by "Nub" Goad, hero of the entire season, and his home run, the Bears cut loose with an eleven-hit barrage, Stuart getting the same number. Some of the difference in the score lay in the EIGHT (there's that number again) errors committed by the blown-up Bears. Cox (4 for 5), Goad (3 for 5), and M. Thomas (2 for 5) paced the Bear attack.

APRIL 22

## Bears, 9; Gray, 10

The gruesome details of this battle are hardly worth mentioning

while his mates rallied to send MAHS to a thrilling 5-4 triumph. Three tallies in the fifth put Mount Airy ahead and then MAHS matched a P. G. tally in the eighth for the victory. Marty Thomas scored the winning run. Freddie Folger, with a duet of two-baggers led the assault of eight hits while Walker and Ausburne split mound duties with "Sperg."

APRIL 10

## Bears, 2; Gray, 6

In his second start against Gray and Speaks, Fleming didn't fare as well as he did on the first occasion, the Grayhounds triumphing by a 6-2 count. Goad, Cox, Toler, and Carter got the lone hits garnered off Willard Speaks, whom the Bears had battered to bits here April 1. Four straight singles in the sixth inning gave Gray two runs and a 3-2 lead after the Bears had accumulated a two-run margin early.

APRIL 8

## Bears, 11; Asheboro, 2

Asheboro, the team that forfeited to Gray a game scheduled to be played the day prior to the play-off, got a licking in a bad manner from the revenge-ahead-of-time Bears there. Led by Tayman, Childress, and Carter with three smacks, and Cox and Fleming with a couple each, the Bruins battered Asheboro by an 11-2 margin. As Walker let the Randolph boys down with a measly three hits, MAHS got started in the seventh when the Bears bagged six runs. Folger opened the rally by driving in Toler.

APRIL 1

## Bears, 4; Gray, 0

Long Paul Fleming gave Gray but three hits for a nice April Fool present as MAHS shucked Gray, 4-0, in the district opener. Two runs in the first, two more in the third, and "Rookie's" airtight hurling cinched the game early. The elongated star whiffed ten, but walked nine Grayhounds, as MAHS opened successfully the state race defense of its western crown.

But my, how they did close it!

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MAHS had kicked the district championship away the afternoon before by blowing an 8-run lead, the Bears "went and done it again" the next p. m. when an eight-run splurge in the "lucky eighth" showed the way for a Stuart 14-7 victory over the Bruins. The Simsmen held a slim 7-6 lead until that horrible eighth when five hits, three errors, and a walk accounted for eight Stuart's feet plunking on home plate. Ausburne and Bennison twirled. Paced by "Nub" Goad, hero of the entire season, and his home run, the Bears cut loose with an eleven-hit barrage, Stuart getting the same number. Some of the difference in the score lay in the EIGHT (there's that number again) errors committed by the blown-up Bears. Cox (4 for 5), Goad (3 for 5), and M. Thomas (2 for 5) paced the Bear attack.

APRIL 22

### Bears, 9; Gray, 10

The gruesome details of this battle are hardly worth mentioning because they are so overshadowed by Gray's big inning. Mount Airy piled up the lead with splatterings of runs in six different innings, while Gray clung to the one it got in the opening frame. Henshaw, pinch hitter for ace hurler W. Speaks, who didn't have any tricks up his sleeve this time, opened the rally with a single. Then: "The Great Blow-Up" in one big piece of bad acting. Frank Walker relieved Fleming and got credit for the loss. Paul fanned nine batsmen while peppery, witty Clint Childress led the artillery barrage with a double and a single. In the unmentionable inning, two walks, two doubles, two one-baggers, and three errors (Folger, 2, and Sparger) put Mount Airy in the dumps. Though the game was tied, MAHS' spirit had vanished the inning before.

APRIL 18

### Bears, 8; Asheboro, 6

With only four hits MAHS dropped Asheboro for the second time in a row here to stay in the district running. Goad, Fleming, Childress, and Walker obtained safeties off the offerings of Fritz while Walker and Sparger did the twirling for Mount Airy. Fritz's wildness helped give the Bears a big inning of their own, a six-tally fifth.

APRIL 14

### Bears, 5; Asheboro, 4

George Sparger played two roles in this Easter Monday drama before a packed house (comparatively) of sweltering fans. From an outfielder George turned to a pitcher and in the last four frames limited the Pleasant Garden class "C" champion nine to a single bingle,

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# School Term Heads Into Home Stretch

## 5 Weeks Remain; Seniors Prepping For Departure

Five hot weeks—mostly May weeks—lie ahead of MAHS students.

This final quintet of weeks will be the most grueling of the year, but more was packed into the week just gone by than any other previous seven-day cycle this year. Besides the presidential election, the junior-senior, the Lions club contest themes, the senior banquet, and the picture-making for the HIGH SPOTS senior edition, there were two important baseball games and two golf matches for Bear athletic teams.

After graduating classes during the past two years had topped the century mark, 112 going last June, a mere 93 will take their sheepskins here June 4, according to an office report. However, four more may be added to this list of diploma-getters.

Strict rules have been enforced for post graduates now—four subjects each year are required, and work must be passed—and a new rule requiring a high scholastic average for student council members have been put through legislative bodies during the last month.

"And the last mile approacheth!"

## Graduation

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## MAHSer Paul Spain, City King, Places Eighth In J-S Spelling Finals

—TRIPPING ON "CYNICAL"

After he had successfully spelled the words "descend" and "maintain" to cop the Granite City spelling crown the week before, 13-year old Paul Spain, MAHS freshman spelled his way to eighth place in the finals of the Journal and Sentinel Northwest Spelling Bee, April 19.

Diminutive Paul tripped on the word "cynical," as he stood up longer than 27 of the 35 contestants in the finals conducted in R. J. Reynolds Auditorium. He was a luncheon guest of the newspapers before the Pete Ivey-directed bee got underway.

Following his mopping up of English class and other frosh high schoolmates, Paul mowed down opposition from three Mount Airy grammar schools.

Gloria Bingman, who placed second in the Rockford Street school city meet, missed "maintain." Paul spelled the word correctly, and then spelled out "descend" to gain his city title.

students in their future work, drew to a close last week.

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On class night, historian Henry Badgett, poet Christine Webb, testator Ben Williamson, and prophet Jimmy Harrison will orate.

Graduation night will see five seniors nervously speak for seven minutes each on various topics: Anne Booker, "What Shall We Defend?"; Odell Money, "What Is Defense?"; Ellen Macon, "We Also Serve"; Patricia Rothrock, "The Citizen and Defense"; and Edward Jackson, "Education and Defense."

Each speaker is being coached by a member of the faculty. Several students have already begun work on their orations.

## Career Plans

The annual vocational information program, initiated to direct

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Only juniors and seniors are being allowed to attend most of the addresses this year, although some sophomores are being admitted in the nursing and business fields.

## Boys' Home Ec

The Boys' Home Ec club is at it again—i. e., this eating business. This time it was a regular full course meal—steak, potatoes, tea, fruit salad, and all accessories.

Mr. Finch was the guest of Robert Hodgin, club vice-president; Francis Terry, secretary and treasurer; and Caleb Melton, committeeman.

Kent Tayman, after choosing the largest steak, wouldn't eat with Mr. Finch.

Charles Davis refereed a tough battle between his knife and a stubborn piece of meat—the meat won.

This was the second time the boys had donned their aprons and used cook books. They are looking forward to one more lesson before the end of school.

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