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## Honor Group Plans Initiation Meet Dec. 16

The National Honor Society will conduct an initiation for new members Dec. 16, along with the regular program.

**THE THEME FOR the initiation** program is "The Greatest Gifts" and will tell the life of Christ. In telling the story of the life of Christ, the program will follow the "This is Your Life" show.

Eleven new members will be inducted into the group and will be presented to the school as gifts.

These students will be chosen from both the senior and junior class.

In presenting the program, all former NHS members will participate, and Mrs. Bailey, band and music director, and the glee club will provide the music.

Officers of the NHS for 1960-61 term are president, Barry Stanley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Stanley, Coal City; vice president, Sandra Lusk, daughter of

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Lusk, Pemberton; secretary, Beverly Waddell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oris Waddell, Coal City; treasurer, Jimmy Bowman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bowman, Mead.

### School Enrollment Sets Record Across Nation

WASHINGTON (AP)—Fall enrollments reported by the nation's colleges and universities totaled a record 3,610,007 for the beginning of the 1960-61 scholastic year.

Announcing this today, the Office of Education said the number of full-time and part-time students was 6.1 per cent greater than in the fall of 1959. This was the ninth consecutive yearly increase.

Further increases are forecast as the number of college age youth increases in a reflection of the higher number of births since the early 1940s.

The number of students enrolled in college for the first time rose to 929,823 this fall, a jump of 12.4 per cent over last year.

This fall's students included 2,270,640 men, or 4.5 per cent more than a year ago, and 1,339,367 women, an increase of 9 per cent.

and sergeant - at - arms, Col. Sanders, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Coy Sanders, Rhodell.

**OTHER MEMBERS** are Bill Spradling, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Spradling, East Gulf; Doris Cole, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lacy Cole, Odd; Phyllis Farley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Farley, Coal City; Vince Fares, son of Mrs. Albert Fares, Josephine; Bonita Waddell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oris Waddell, Coal City; Gary Moorefield, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Moorefield, Pemberton; Corinne Bowling, daughter of Mr. and Mrs.

Otis Bowling, Whitby; Charles Wallace, son of Mrs. Charlie Wallace, Odd; and Sandra Sturgill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Sturgill, Princetown.

Sponsor of the NHS is Miss Janet Farley, commerce teacher at Stoco.

**ALL PARENTS** are welcome, and may join the faculty and new members at the reception immediately following the program. The new members also will receive favors.

The NHS gave a "Thanksgiving Dance" on Nov. 23, to help raise funds for the initiation.

### Juniors Sell Candy To Sponsor The Prom

Stoco High School juniors are undergoing the task of selling Christmas cards, candy and salt and pepper shakers to raise money for the Junior-Senior Prom.

**LAST YEAR** the junior class sold 450 boxes of candy, which they purchased from the Mason Candy Company.

The juniors were very successful in selling their Christmas cards this year by selling 275 boxes. They have started their

candy sale now, and hope to do as well with this project. If all the candy is sold, they should clear \$160, almost enough to sponsor the prom. They also plan to sell Christmas salt and pepper shakers.

**TO BOOST** the sale of the candy, a wrist watch will be given to the boy and the girl who sells the most candy. There also will be a dance, Dec. 21. All Juniors selling at least five boxes of candy will be admitted free.

### Editorial

#### I Am A Delinquent

I am a delinquent. I am 17 years old, attend high school and like Rock and Roll music, therefore I am branded a delinquent.

Survey reports, according to News Week Magazine, show that only five per cent of today's teenagers become involved in trouble.

It is, however, this five per cent by which many adults judge the remaining ninety-five per cent of teenagers who are never involved in trouble.

Because a small percentage of the teenage group is reckless, speed crazed drivers, many people brand all teenage drivers as "irresponsible kids who are incapable of accepting the responsibility of driving an automobile." Have you ever stopped to consider how many adult drivers drive at neck-breaking speeds? By the same type of reasoning, we must also say all adult drivers operate their vehicles dangerously.

Another thing for which teenagers have been attacked is the type of music we enjoy.

Sure, we enjoy a tune with a good fast beat. Why? Because that beat expresses our thoughts and feeling more than words could ever do.

When we are happy we like a song with a happy beat, not an instrumental number by a champagne orchestra that plays the type of music enjoyed by our grandparents 35 years ago.

Going along with our music is our dancing, about which much criticism has been rendered. Many adults think Rock and Roll is indecent. But, in complete sincerity, might the same thing be said of the "Charleston", which many of our elders still do quite well?

Another thing, of which teenagers have been falsely accused, is disregarding the authority of their elders. This is not true. Many times we do see things differently but can you brand us delinquents for this. No two people, regardless of age, will see everything alike.

Teenagers like to think for themselves. We like to prove that we are capable of accepting responsibility without having to be told what to do and how to do it.

The next time you read in the paper where a teenager has committed a crime remember he is one of the five per cent who gets into trouble. Then remember the 95 per cent who are the true representatives of the teenage group.



Now, it will truly be a merry Christmas for this poor family — thanks to these helpful teenagers.

### Santa's On His Way

"Santa Claus is Coming to Town." That is the uppermost thought in the minds of the children and young people as the Yule season approaches.

The streets and store windows are gaily decorated and lighted to match the moods of the shoppers. Everyone is in a hurry buying last minute gifts, preparing food for the Christmas dinner and shopping for the biggest and best Christmas tree to decorate. The children are happy to be decorating the tree and hanging up their stockings on the fireplace, for that is as much of a thrill as the gifts that will surround the tree after it is decorated.

Everyone is in a happy festive mood as relatives come for a visit and friends come in for a cheerful hello. The mailman is loaded with mail, Christmas cards from all over the world. It seems as though everyone remembers you with a thoughtful card.

Snow flakes are beginning to fall, making the season even more wonderful. This is the one time of year that we look forward to snow. It brightens the holidays as do the lights and decorations. It seems part of Christmas.

There's a Santa Claus in every store greeting the children as they shop with their parents. This is great fun for the little ones—telling Santa what they want for Christmas, shaking hands and sitting on Santa's knee.

There's the Christmas carols; everywhere you go you hear the carols and music. The streets and stores are filled with music. All the young people have fun when they gather together on Christmas Eve to go caroling from house to house, cheering everyone with their songs.

The children are happy, but Christmas is for everyone. Even the older folks, worn and tired from the preparations they have been making for the happiness and health of their family, taking time to join in the fun. All the members of the family are together, which is enough in itself to make one happy.

While we are all having fun and enjoying Christmas, let's take time out to think about the true reason we have this wonderful season and remember the birthday of Jesus on Christmas Day.

Visit the church of your choice this Christmas and be thankful for the things that you have and remember those less fortunate than you.



Stoco High Football Coach Ken Wheeler speaks at the annual grid banquet held last week at the school.

Seated at the table are (left to right) Antonio Castanon, assistant to Wheeler; Olen Jones, varsity line coach at Marshall

College; Charlie Snyder, head football coach at Marshall; Mrs. Wheeler; Mrs. D. W. Bryson and Bryson, principal at Stoco.

### Ends 7-2 Grid Season

## Banquet Honors Players, Cheerleaders, Managers

The annual banquet honoring the coaches, football players, managers, trainers and cheerleaders

was held Dec. 1, in the Stoco High School Library.

**CHARLES SNYDER**, head football coach of Marshall College, was the guest speaker. After being introduced by D. W. Bryson, principal, he spoke on the philosophy of coaching, consistently speaking about the desire everyone should have to succeed in their field of work.

As the guests entered the library, they were greeted with football decorations provided by Miss Angeline Amato, school librarian. The tables were decorated with table linens and centerpieces of Philodendron plants, with candles burning on both ends of the table.

Coach Kenneth Wheeler presented the letters earned by the football players, managers and trainers. Receiving the letters were co-captain Albert Lilly, co-captain, Don Phillips, Jimmy Bowman, Vince Fares, Joe Grahony, Gary Lewis, Benny McGraw, John Norris, L. W. Sears, Barry Stanley and Larry Winston, all seniors.

Cene Clark, Lee Maye, Darrell Lilly, Joe Jones, Larry Daniels and Larry Dewese, all juniors.

Butch Bowman, Paul Dewese, David Allen, Earl Blevins, David Walker, James Walker, Butch White and Steve Lewis received letters for their first year of service.

For managing and training of the 1960 teams, Bill Spradling, Lemuel Brakefield, Robert Allen, Arnold Bolen and Henry Hope received their letters.

Coach Wheeler presented the cheerleaders with letters on behalf of the team. Receiving them were Phyllis Shrewsbury, Freda Rubin, Kitty Walker, Flora Mitchell, Rosa Cullop, Judy Wallace, Gale Walker and Joetta Collins.

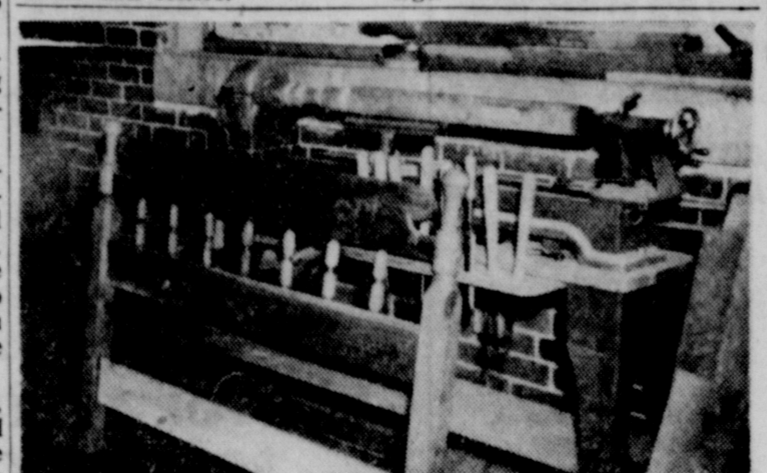
Invited guests were the faculty, members of the Board of Education, superintendent of schools and staff, members of the stadium committee and newspaper and radio representatives.

### Bowman Joins Teaching Staff

Mrs. Opal Bowman has replaced Mrs. LaCleda Mankin as 11th grade English instructor.

**RECEIVING** her diploma by taking a high school course through the mail, Mrs. Bowman attended Beckley College for two years. She is a senior at Morris Harvey College. She has been a substitute teacher for three years.

The mother of four children, Mrs. Bowman resides at Prosperity where her husband owns a radio-TV shop. Two children live at home—Charles Wayne is a senior at Woodrow Wilson High School and the youngest, Donna Kay, is six years old. Donald, the oldest is married and living in Stanleytown, Va., and Charlotte attends Morris Harvey College.



Clayton Norris is the proud owner of the above project. Pictured is the head of a bed, which is being built by Norris in the "shop" class.

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Chuckles will be in store when the above cast presents "The Campbells Are Coming" at Stoco High.

Members of the senior play cast are (front row, left to right) Betty Demyan, Joetta Collins, Barbara Wagner, Bon-

ita Waddell; and (back row) Barry Stanley, Homer Keffer, Mollie Wood and Donald Meadows.

### Thrills, Laughs Galore

## Seniors Plan Comedy

"The Campbells Are Coming," a three-act comedy written by Jay Tobias, will be presented by the senior class in the near future.

**THE PLAY**, under the direction of Miss Belva Bowman, is a farce-comedy with hillbilly trimmings, describing the most effective technique for getting rid of an undesirable suitor.

Leading the cast will be Ma Brannigan and her old flame Cyrus Scudder, played by Betty Demyan and Charles Wallace. The Ozark hillbillies, Catalpa and Bilad Tapp, also play very important characters in the play. They are represented by Bonita Waddell and David Shrewsbury.

Kaye Brannigan returns from a girl's school cultured from head to toe. Much to her family's disgust, she breaks with dependable Jess Scudder and announces her engagement to a young snob, Kingston Campbell.

**LEARNING THAT** Kingston's aristocratic mother believes that the Brannigans are hillbillies and that Kingston and his mother are coming for a visit to find out the truth, the resourceful Brannigan's disguise themselves as hillbillies and receive their guests during the absence of Kaye.

The Brannigans appear barefoot, dressed in rags and carrying shotguns—frightening the Campbells half out of their wits by mistaking them for "venuers."

One riotously funny situation follows another in rapid succession, only to form a laughing climax that would tickle anyone's funny bone.

Ma Brannigan, leads the cast. She is a shrewd and energetic country woman of 60, whose life is completely wrapped up in her grandchildren. She is solid and competent, hospitable and kind hearted.

**CATALPA TAPP**, a slipshod and rather grotesque hillbilly girl of sixteen, who is very set in her country ways, is portrayed by Bonita Waddell.

The parts of Dick and Betty, Ma's grandchildren are taken by Homer Keffer and Barbara Wagner. Betty is an exceptionally pretty girl of 15, who, because of her intelligence, appears even older. She is impetuous and eager, sincere and loyal. Dick is a healthy, clean-cut American youth of seventeen, humorous and lovable.

Kaye Brannigan, portrayed by Joetta Collins, is a beautiful vivacious blond of 20, with large beautiful eyes and a high glowing complexion. She is radiantly youthful and vigorous and has a decided will of her own.

**JEFFREY SCUDDER** and his Uncle Cyrus are enacted by Barry Stanley and Charles Wallace. A fine appearing, mainly young fellow of 23, with a ready grin and a friendly personality,

is Jeff. Cyrus is a tall, stout, but pleasant looking man of 60, with a breezy manner and a heart of gold.

David Shrewsbury plays the part of Bilad Tapp. He is a tall, gaunt hillbilly in his early fifties, hard faced and shifty-eyed. He is a hard looking customer and adds to this with a gruff mountain drawl.

Characterizing the parts of Kingston and Augusta Campbell are Donald Meadows and Millie Wood. Kingston, a superficial youth of 22, with almost effeminate good looks, is dominated by his mother, Augusta. Augusta is a supercilious, rather handsome matron of 43, the typical stage dowage type.

**THE PLAY**, which takes place in June in the Brannigan's summer cabin by a lake in the Ozarks, is being presented by special arrangement with the T. S. Dennison & Company of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Others assisting with the annual senior event are Miss Angeline Amato and Mrs. Audessa Wright. Miss Amato will handle all publicity, and she will be assisted by William Spradling.

Handling the properties will be Mrs. Wright. Her assistants will be Loretta Miller, Vernon Helvey and Brent Helvey.

Student directors for this production are Phyllis Farley and Beverly Waddell. They also will help with the properties.

## Strange Sounds Heard At Stoco High

Strange sounds can be heard at Stoco High during a school day, and they are coming from the Industrial Arts room.

The mixed sounds of a power saw, a surfacer or even a hammer are made by the boys who are working hard to finish their woodworking projects.

**THE BOYS** at Stoco High like Industrial Arts very much. There are many reasons why they should. In this class, pieces of lumber are turned into many beautiful pieces of furniture.

The process of turning lumber into furniture requires the help of many tools.

Michall Pegram instructor for the classes, is a graduate of Stoco. He replaced Roy Gwynn, who is now teaching in the Raleigh County Vocational School.

**THE PRIMITIVE** cave man had few tools to work with. If he could see the tools of today he would be amazed. If the surfacer was turned while he was close by, he probably would have run until he fell over.

To make the few articles of furniture in the early period a sharp rock like a knife blade was used to carve and cut wood into rough looking structures. There were no tools to even up or cut the wood into the right shape that was needed.

Today, modern tools and power tools make it possible for beautiful furniture to be made.

**THE BOYS** at Stoco High enjoy their work and turn out some very professional - looking furniture. They have the latest power

tools needed in the making of fine furniture.

Some of the boys make furniture for their home while others sell their furniture for a good price. They are proud of their work and they well should be.



### Indian Pow Wow

By CHARLES WALLACE

Looking back over the football record, we find seven victories and only two losses. This is one of the best records at Stoco for many years. The season ended with a win over Mullens, Nov. 11.

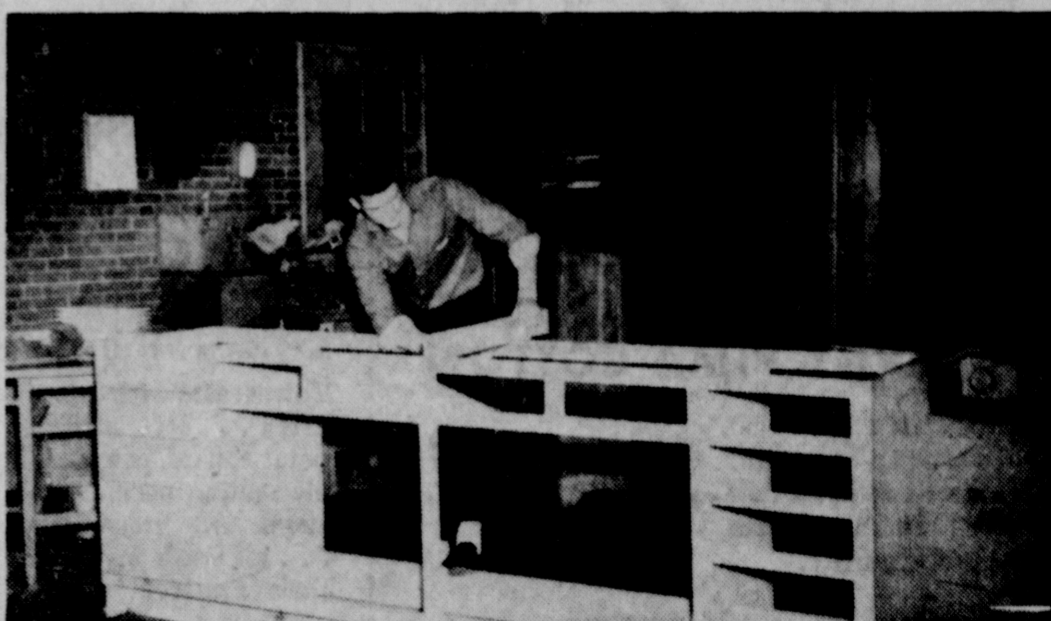
**BASKETBALL** season is here. The first game of the year was played Dec. 2 with Glen Rogers. The Indians went into the game with two weeks of hard practice under their belts.

The Indians made many mistakes in the game as the Owls defeated the Indians 76-53. Stoco will work on these mistakes in order to cut them to a minimum.

Coach Wheeler started four seniors and one junior the first game. The seniors include, Charles Wallace, Vince Fares, Barry Stanley, and Joe Grahony. Stanley Wyco is the starting junior.

The lineup will probably change during the course of the year. The intramural volleyball tournament has started during the noon period.

Ten teams are entered in the tournament. The tournament began Dec. 2, as the Desert Beagons defeated the Oddballs.



Jimmy Bowman is in the process of turning boards into a useful piece of furniture. The

Stoco student is making a base cabinet.

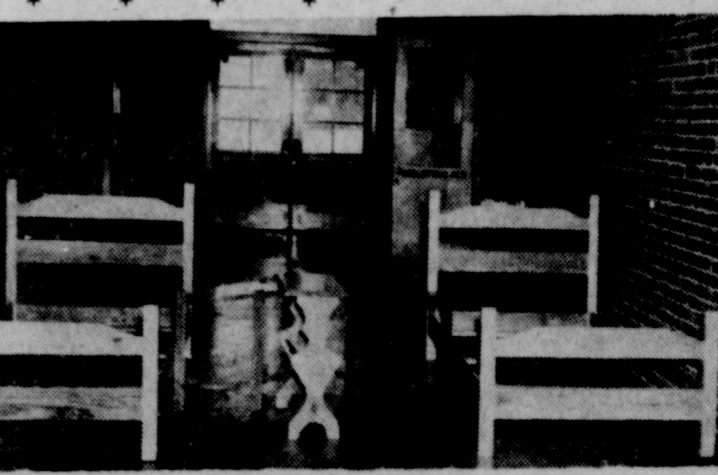
### Boys Chorus Formed

The Boys Glee Club, consisting of 31 members, has been formed by Mrs. Sarah Bailey, music instructor, for the school term of 1960-61.

The members are Homer Atkins, James Bowers, Dean Coalson, Dale Cole, Billie Duncan, Dennis Farmer, Bill Goings; Gilbert Hale, Howard Hatmaker, Darlow Lawson, Paul McAlpin, Isaac McKinney, Douglas Meadows, Bobby Miller;

Eddie Payne, Tommy Pigg, Raymond Plymole, Roger Sneed, Dean Thompson, Warren Thompson, Thomas Wall;

Thomas Wallace, Sonny Walker, Carl Wood, Dennis Smith, Otis Barker, Wayne Coalson, Donald Pritchard, Leon Bolen, Bill Spradling and Eugene Bell.



A variety of furniture, including the above beds and end ta-

bles, are made in the Industrial Arts class at Stoco.