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Black Star Vocalists Rank High in District Contest

HENRY CARTER FIRST IN BARITONE GROUP

Black Star's glee clubs, special groups, and soloists received ratings of Excellent and unusually good at the District Music Festival which had its annual contest day at Pineville recently. Seven schools brought representatives. The judges were Misses South, Frankfort; Blanding, Paris; and Lewis, Lexington.

The contestants sang from the stage of the Pineville gymnasium to an interested and enthusiastic audience.

In the forenoon session the Soloists and small ensemble numbers were judged, leaving the afternoon for the glee clubs and Choir numbers.

The staff is dedicating this issue of the Eagle to the music department. We wish to give special recognition to those individuals and groups who represented our school so well. And to Miss Bradley and Mr. Wiley whose patient and untiring efforts have meant so much to the improvement made this year. There follow stories of each soloist and of the ensemble group.

HENRY CARTER

Henry Carter won first place in the baritone group. He sang "There's an Old, Old Road" by Coverly. He also sang in the Quartet and Octet. Henry has never had previous experience in singing. The student body and faculty were especially proud of his fine attitude and achievement because this was his first year in such work. In other activities Henry has been outstanding. He is a member of the Press club and annual staff, and played excellent football and basketball.

WILLARD PHIPPS

Willard sang, "The Big Bass Viol" by Bohannon. His rich bass voice was

very pleasing to the audience and judges alike. All the judges commented most favorably on Willard's winning personality. This is worthy of note because the rating sheet did not have the word personality on it. However the judges were impressed by this trait that Black Star knows so well that they could not avoid mentioning it. Willard sang also in the Quartet numbers and Octet. In other activities Willard is excellent. His athletic and dramatic abilities have thrilled and charmed Black Star rooters and audiences many times.

JOHN HUGHES

John is a great lover of all things musical. He sang a tenor solo "Sail Away for the Rio Grande" by Gunion. He was also a member of the Quartet and Octet. John is well liked by all his associates, a fact which accounts for his being President of the Senior class this year. He has been active in athletics, Scouts, and dramatics throughout his high school days. He is class editor of the year book for 1937.

CHRISTINE FARMER

Christine has a Mezzo-soprano voice. She has been a member of the glee club for several years. She sang a solo, "The Moon at the Full" by Ronald, in the vocal music contest. She was a member of the trio and octet. Christine is a member of the Press club and Sophomore class basketball team. She deserves special mention as one of this year's cheer leaders.

SYLVIA MAE FRAM

Sylvia sang an alto solo, "The Robin Sang in the Elmwood Tree" by Kountz. She also sang in the mixed Octet. Sylvia, a Senior, takes part in many other activities besides vocal music. She is an accomplished pianist, a member of the band, prominent in dramatics, and a good basketball player. She is editor-in-chief of the annual this year.

OCTET

The Octet represents Black Star in the all state chorus at Lexington. This group sang "Celtic Hymn" by Robertson, in the contest at Pineville. Members of this especially talented ensemble are the five soloists already introduced, augmented by three others: Mary Horton, Soprano, deserves special commendation for she was called the last week before the contest to take the part of Elizabeth Young who became ill. Mary has a sweet clear voice. She worked hard and acquitted herself well in Octet and Trio. She also sang the solo part in the mixed chorus. Eugene Steele, second tenor, is a member of the Freshman class. He also sang in the Senior glee club. Gladys Ellwood, Alto, is a member of the Junior class. She sang also in the trio and mixed quartet. She is also Drum Major in the band. Gladys is an all-around student. She is a member of the Press club, Dramatic club and class basketball team.

MALE QUARTET

This harmonizing group of wide-awake, rhythm-making lads, consists of four of our most popular students. The most amazing fact of all is they take part in athletics. John Hughes, who sings tenor, was a member of the Male Quartet last year. Henry Carter surprised the whole school by showing us that he could sing when called upon. Next year Henry will have a better chance to develop his appealing baritone voice. Eugene Steele, a freshman, has three more years to represent his school as a member of the Quartet. Willard Phipps, the owner of that rich low voice we call bass, has done much for the advancement of our music department by just one year's work.

TRIO—MIXED QUARTET

The Trio, Mary Horton, first soprano; Christine Farmer, alto; and
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EDITORIAL

This month, let us call attention to a fact that we have not stressed very ardently, the point of being a good audience. Several of us have taken etiquette and were taught that it was well to be a good listener as well as a good conversationalist. Quite a number of times students have hindered our younger performers from presenting a program at their best. During practically every program that has been given by the school, there has been quite a bit of annoying disturbance which made it difficult for the performers to carry out their program. Outsiders notice this and make unpleasant comments which will not be a credit to our school. Don't we want people to think that we have good behavior of our students as well as having one of the best schools in the state? Certainly we do and a way to give our visitors a good opinion of us is: "Be a good audience."

Decide before you enter the auditorium whether you are going to stay in or out. An audience consisting of one hundred attentive people is worth two or three hundred who come only to have some place to go and are planning to give a performance all their own in the rear of the auditorium.

G. E.

CARD OF SYMPATHY

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* The faculty and student body *
* wish to extend their deepest *
* sympathy to the families of *
* Mrs. Helton and Mrs. Steppe *
* in their recent bereavement. *
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TEACHERS ATTEND KEA

Mr. Roaßen, Mr. Hume, Miss Bradley, Miss Archer, and Mr. Howard attended KEA in Louisville. Schedule changes were announced in the assembly providing for regular meeting of all high school classes. The children of the Third and Sixth Grades think they have had the best teacher in school because they received a nice holiday.

APRIL FOOL'S DAY

The origin of this day is not known but it is believed to have originated in France about 1564. The practice of playing harmless jokes on other people is now celebrated in most all countries of the world.

In France the person fooled is known as an "April Fish". This seems very appropriate, for on April 1, 1810, Maria Lousia fished Napoleon Bonaparte out of the word "Yes", a marriage license, and enough to pay the preacher. In England, and the United States the victim is called an "April Fool".

In the year 1937 A. D., in the Southern part of the United States, down in the hills of Old Kentucky, at a little mining village called Alva there were a few "April foolish" jokes pulled;

On April 1, the chemistry class went into a huddle and came out with the decision that they would play a joke on Mr. Kelemen. So writing a note saying "April Fool, Mr. Kelemen," and laying it on his desk, they skipped merrily out of the building and over behind the gymnasium.

They played "Ring Around the Roses", "Farmer in the Dell", "Drop the Handkerchief", and then had a "Liars' Contest" in which Cleða Steele won first place, Eloise Green second, and Bob Reynolds third. They were very happy for half an hour, and then some of them began to think what dreadful things Mr. Kelemen might do, so they all sneaked back to the classroom. They found Mr. Kelemen with a pleasant smile upon his face, and thought all was well. But looks are deceiving you know. Each student had to write "April Fool" five-hundred times, and as this was the period before noon, most of the students had to do without lunch. Consequently they felt very "April Foolish".

Mr. Hume's Sophomore class was going to strike for shorter hours, less work, and higher grades. So the

WHAT I LIKE ABOUT

HOME ECONOMICS

(Note: Last month a Sophomore evaluated her Home Ec. Course. This month we get the Freshman point of view.)

First of all I like Home Economics because it is such a practical subject. I have learned how to select a pattern to make myself a dress, which material is suited to that pattern, and how to choose the color that is most suited to my type. I have cut a dress from this pattern and made it, using different kinds of seams, and stitches taught to me by my instructor, Miss Disney.

In the second place our class has learned much about selection and preparation of foods. I have learned the sources and classifications of many foods and feel that I could make out a balanced menu.

In the third place we have been taught how to serve foods properly and have been given some practical lessons on table manners.

I have enjoyed the course very much and expect to take advanced Home Ec. next year.

—Modena Walters

BLACK STAR VOCALISTS

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Gladys Ellwood, alto, sang "Lullaby" by Cain.

The Mixed Quartet, Selma Hughes, first soprano; John Hughes, tenor; Gladys Ellwood, alto; and Willard Phipps, bass, sang "Hope Carol" by Smith.

Selma Hughes, a sophomore, is also a member of the glee club. Among other activities she numbers the Pep Club of which she was one of three leaders.

class staged a walk-out and after them Mr. Hume went with a ruler, and soon had them back in the room under control. Thus the strike ended.

As you know we have a very complete library, but it seems as if there is one book we don't have on file. Mr. Wiley sent Jess Caddell to the library to get the book, "Adam's Ancestors." Jess and Miss Carroll searched the library from top to bottom but the book was not to be found. I think any up-to-date library ought to have a copy of this book. Somebody please write one if you can find out who Adam's ancestors were.

These jokes are getting stale so let's all see if we can't have a new one by next fool's day.

GLEE CLUBS

Senior Glee Club ratings entitle these groups to compete at Lexington. Mr. Roaden is making plans for this trip.

The Senior Boys Glee Club was given the highest rating of any glee club in the contest. The number sung was "Send Out Thy Light" by Gounod. The twenty-eight boys in this group are real music makers. The entire school looks forward to their appearances on the assembly programs.

Senior Girls. The Senior Girls Glee Club sang "Beautiful Dreamer" by Foster. This number was rated very good in the contest. Under Miss Bradley's direction the girls have worked hard and made much improvement. It is a real pleasure to listen to their performance. Also the girls should pay attention to their personal appearance, posture, white and red, and the best in the contest.

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BAND ENTERS CONTEST

Each member of the band worked diligently and faithfully to enter the contest well prepared. Everyone was anxious to know how we would rate. Practically every night of the last week before the "great day" the band would meet and play and play until its members thought they would barely make it back home.

On the last night of rehearsal, Mr. Kelemen, our director, gave us last minute instructions. We were all excited but very confident.

Saturday arrived with enough excitement and buzzing campaigns for six counties. Several spectators thought perhaps we were rushing Mr. Summer by wearing our white skirts and pants. Everybody had robbed some football or basketball hero of his merited sweater.

Upon our arrival in Pineville, some of us were fortunate enough to hear the solo contests. There was a variety of entries. Black Star was the first performer in the band contest. The first year bands played first and the bands having the longest training played last.

We played our "warm-up" number "Normal", then came the real thing, "Panora". Everyone relaxed, drew a deep breath and glued his eyes on Mr. Kelemen. Slowly he raised his hand, bringing it down as a signal for the clarinet section to begin. After we finished "Panora" we knew that it was all over. Just think! A whole three weeks spent on strenuous practice and then on the last day in ten or fifteen minutes, it was all over.

So much for all of our practice. We plan to keep it up and improve more by next year. We were rated as very good so we were quite happy knowing that we had brought honor to our school and our band master.

We have been invited to attend the Cumberland Valley Music Festival to be held at Middlesboro May 15, and what's more, Mr. Roaden says that we are going!

- Favorite Amusement—Reading.
Favorite Authors—Somerset Maugham, and Galsworthy.
Book—"Of Human Bondage".
Movie Stars—Ann Harding and John Boles.
Sports—Football and Basketball.
Miss Crews had never seen a mining camp before coming to Black Star.
Miss Crews, we welcome you to Black Star

"SPRING PRACTICE"

Spring practice opened with a large number of husky boys on the practice field. Approximately thirty boys are out now. Coach Giles is working hard with the boys, and the veterans of last year are doing a fine job and helping to break in the new men. The line that Coach Giles has been using has the average weight of about 147 pounds per man; the backfield averages about 157. The boys seem to be enjoying the spring practice work and they are improving. The boys act out on the field as if they have the old spirit to go places in the two or three practice games they have this spring and in games next fall. Some of the boys didn't have the right stuff to stick with it, but we don't want anyone out there that "can't take it!" The school is furnishing the shoes and that helps some of the boys to come out.

"SUPPORT YOUR TEAM!"

RHYTHM BAND PERFORMS

Following the Second Grade play the Rhythm Band entertained with several numbers. The members of the band presented a very smart appearance in their red and black capes and caps. These children from the First and Second grades gave a splendid performance directed by Horald Tye Evans and Ivalee Floyd. Miss Bradley, Miss Pace, and Miss Jones are to be congratulated on their splendid work with this group.

PETER RABBIT VISITS

BLACK STAR

The play "Peter Rabbit Helps the Children" was given by the second grade class a few nights ago. Carl Adkins who played the part of Peter Rabbit was glad to help the children (Ruth Gorman, Darlene Fowler, Mildred Carver and Claude Whitaker) look for Spring. After searching and asking the trees to help, Spring came at last bringing the South Wind, Gentle Rain, and Sunshine. The trees, flowers, birds, and Children were all glad, and Peter Rabbit, who had to leave all his Easter work to help the children, was very happy.

Other children taking part in the play were Vernon Thomas, Johnny Aslinger, Alma Westfelt, Marjorie Bryant, Alene Barton, Duple Grant, Sarah Smith, Irene Saylor, Wilma Jean Carroll, Cotha Hickey, Mildred Rice, Dolora Howard, Bobby Hughes, Foley Helton, and Lucy Gibbins.

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FIFTH AND SIXTH GRADES GIVE PLAY

The fifth and sixth grades had a play April 1, 1937. It was only a short play but we got many compliments on it. The name of it was: "The Rag Tag Man". The characters were as follows:

- Rag Tag Man Alvin Steele
- Jake Earl Caddell
- Nanny Wilma Baker
- Dopted Dora Vivian Hurley
- Mrs. Lee Daisy Mae Barton
- Granny Lucille Sexton
- Dilly Benny Durham
- Danny Elmer Engle
- Walt Dewey Carter, Jr.
- Lucy Ellen Lucy Huff
- Dolphus Anne Lee Wimming
- Wilma Baker

JOKES

John Hughes: (In band) "What do you do, Mr. Kelemen, when you have a 'Flat'?"

Alfred Montgomery: "Why, you fool, you change tires."

HE FLUNKED

John: "What did you do with my other shirt?"

Mrs. Hughes: "I sent it to the laundry."

John: "Ye, gods! The whole history of England was on the cuffs."

In studying magnetism in science the other day, Mr. Kelemen asked Robert Reynolds "how many natural magnets are there?"

"Two, sir," was the surprising answer.

"And will you please name them?"

"Blonds and brunettes, sir."

Miss Disney: "What is the most pathetic picture in the world?"

Miss Carroll: "A horse-fly sitting on a radiator cap."

Mr. Wiley: "Woman is nothing but a rag, a bone, and a hank of hair."

Mrs. Wiley: "Man is nothing but a brag, a groan, and a tank of air."

Birchell: "Did you keep the date with your girl in all that rain last night?"

Willard: "Naw, I waited for her two hours, and she didn't come, so I stood her up."

Priest: "Do you take this woman for butter or for wurst?"

Groom: "Oh, liver alone; I never sausage nerve."

Seventh and Eighth Grades To Present Minstrel

As the Eagle goes to press the pupils of the Seventh and Eighth grades are rehearsing their annual entertainment to be presented soon. This year they are giving a minstrel show.

Delbert Heltin, the Interlocutor, has the job of seeing that his company provides laughable songs, jokes, dances, and novelties. The following "Dark Town Strutters" appear in the show:

- Watermelon Junior Carroll
- Sambo Harvey Dunn
- Hambone Troy Golden
- Jailhouse Simpson .. O'Neil Johnson
- Step-'n-Fetchit Coy Warfield
- The Pills Sisters ... Florine Hubbard
- Sarafine Robinson

- Mabel Dash
- Rastus Paul Shoupe
- Mumbo Wendell Baker
- Stumbo Charles Greene
- Jumbo Herman Adkins
- Dumbo Glennis Horton
- Sawed Off R. D. Carter
- Peachblossom Gene Carter
- Hamburger Margie Jones
- Snowball Steely Veach
- Geranium Verena Brock
- Sauer Kraut Jimmie Rose
- Singin Sam Truman Barton
- Malindy Irene Force
- Aunt Jemima ... Sarafine Robinson
- Ginger Rogers Doris Martin
- Eleanor Powell Modena Walters
- Ruby Keeler Kathleen Robinson
- Fred Astaire Copalee Walters
- Dr. Sawbones Ray Kelley

BLACK STAR DEBATES IN TOURNAMENT

Roy Brassfield and Paul Dunn, debate team of Black Star, entered the tournament at Pineville recently. They won one debate and lost three. The question was "Resolved That All Electric Utilities Should Be Governmentally Owned and Operated." The Black Star debaters did exceptionally well taking into consideration that this is their first time to enter the contest. The boys were beaten by Corbin, who won the tournament, by only five points, and by Middlesboro only two points.

Black Star also entered students in other contests. Roy Brassfield tied with Gladys Fowler from Harlan for second place in the oratorical contest. Christine Farmer entered the Discussion contest. She did well but as she had had no experience before, the opposition proved too strong for her to overcome. (Next year she is expected to capture first place.

R. B.

"What's that busy senior throwing his books in the river for?"

"He's drowning his sorrows."

"No, you can't have any more cookies tonight, Bobby," said his mother. "Don't you know that you can't sleep on a full stomach?"

"Well," replied Bobby, "I can sleep on my back."

Doctor: "Let me look at your tongue."

Patient: "It's no use, doctor. No tongue could tell how badly I feel."

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..... Adam's ancestors were..... time I have these jokes are getting started. I will see if we can't have a new one by next fool's day.

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