

Shakespearean Echo

The freshness of October with its frost and snappy air;
Of all the months of the year, no other quite so rare.
With mid-day Indian summer, and nights so bright and fair.
'Tis then the harvest's over, and peacefulness is there.

Leo McGinley Long



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PRESIDENTS, VICE-PRESIDENTS And SECRETARIES!!!

It is always fine for students of various grades to get together to elect officers for their class. It not only helps them to get along with others now, teaches them the meaning of responsibility, but it will also help them in later life.

The seniors have chosen Jim Cooper to head their class, Charles Christy is the vice-president, Avis Smith, secretary, Philip Huffman, treasurer. Mr. Walls is the sponsor.

Charles Manly was named president of the Junior class, Ruth Long was elected vice-president, Ann Hawkins secretary and Charlotte Linville was chosen treasurer. Mr. Hughes sponsors the class.

The president of the sophomore class is Jack Seipel: assisting him is Bill Sanders, vice-president; Wallie Knauss, secretary; and Natalie Woods is treasurer. Mrs. McCormick was chosen sponsor of the class.

Raymond Andrews presides over the freshmen class. John Gentry is the vice-president, Phyllis Flanagan was chosen secretary, Mary Ann Parsons maintains the treasury. Mr. Hanson, the sponsor of the class, aids them.

If each member of the class will play their part and co-operate with the heads of their class, then everything the class undertakes will be a great, a very great success!

BEAT LIZTON!!!

AVIS SMITH HEADS HIGH HONOR ROLL!

Avis Smith, senior, is the only student in high school who made the high honor roll. She is maintaining the high average she has achieved all through high school.

Other members of the honor roll are: James Cooper, Joyce Flanagan, Phillip Huffman, Seniors; Joyce Venable, James Wittings, Juniors; Jack Seipel, Natalie Wood, Sophomores; Phyllis Flanagan, Jo Ann Jones, Bertha Merritt, Mary Ann Parsons, Freshmen; Marjorie Bremer, Louise Gibbs, Peggy Jordan, Eighth Grade; Nevada Robinson, Harold Allen Shew, and Howard Vanover, Seventh Grade.

STATE INSPECTOR VISITS

SCHOOL

Mr. Dale Swason and two other members of the State Department of Public Instruction visited Avon School September 25, 1947. Mr. Melvin I. Sturgeon, County Superintendent, accompanied the group on a thorough inspection of the school facilities and building accommodations. They granted us a continuous commission, and were pleased with the improvements made. If plans were carried out as discussed, they would recommend us for a first class continuous commission. This would put us on the same basis as any other high school of Indiana that has the North Central rating.

DO YOUR PART TO KEEP OUR
BUILDING CLEAN---PICK UP
SCRAP PAPERS!!!

CAFETERIA WILL BENEFIT FROM HALLOWEEN PARTY

On the night of October 31, when the ghosts haunt you and the witches fly around on their broomsticks --you and your family are invited to come to the Avon gym. There will be plenty of eats and entertainment. Door prizes of all kinds will be given to the holder of the lucky tickets. There will be fun for young and old. A prize for the best dressed, funiest masked, ect. will be given. All unmasked adults will pay 15¢ to get in the doors and the unmasked children will be charged 10¢. Those ghosts, tramps and pirates will be admitted free.

Claude C. Walls is general chairman of the affair. The following will head committees of patrons, students, and teachers: Mrs. Abbott, food; Mr. Hughes and Mrs. McCormick, bingo, Mr. Davis, all games in the gym and Mr. McClain, movies. Ralph Parsons, president of the P.T.A. has also appointed committees to work.

SCHOOL DISMISSED

School was dismissed Wednesday, October 29, due to the fact the school bus drivers wished to attend the International Harvester Exhibition, held at Chicago, Illinois. There was on display new work-saving devices manufactured by International Harvester.

At a meeting with students and faculty, it was decided that this Wednesday was to be made up some Saturday morning, the date to be announced later.

GRADUATES FIND VARIED EMPLOYMENT

Have any of you ever wondered what happened to the "Class of '47? The following is a list of the 1947 graduates of Avon, where they are and what they are doing.

ELINOR KNAUSS works at Indianapolis Engraving Co.

EUGENE FLANAGAN works at the Moulding Company of Indianapolis and is now married to Pat Clark, who attended Avon.

LORRAINE FLANAGAN is just a loafing girl, travels around quite a bit but she says she has been "thinking" about getting a job.

JIM FLANAGAN is the owner and manager of "Flanagan's Garage", otherwise known as "Mousie's Place."

LYDIA MASTEN works as secretary at the State House, Indianapolis.

RONALD WARD is working at the Malleable Steel Co.

JIM SMITH is serving in the United States Navy and is stationed at Norfolk, Virginia.

LAWRENCE STIPPICH is serving in the United States Occupational Army in Germany.

For more information on the alumni be sure to follow the Echo.

CHANGE MADE IN GIRL'S TRIO

Due to the withdrawal of June Flanagan, a former member of the trio, Mrs. Coleman has chosen Ruth Long to replace her. The members of the trio are: Joyce Venable, soprano, Ann Hawkins, second soprano, and Ruth Long, alto. Their first performance of the year was given at the Parent Teacher's Association meeting, October 20.

HELP KEEP BUILDING CLEAN

TRIBUTE TO "MISS EDNA"

For many years our student body (how many of them alumni) has been comforted by the thought that in one of the many rooms of our school was a person to whom we could take our joys or burdens. Whenever there was a book report, furniture to be borrowed for school plays, and many times for personal advice, Mrs. Hamblen was the one person we always sought with the assurance that we would not be let down.

The faculty also finds Mrs. Hamblen a good friend as do the whole community.

We wish to thank her very much for her co-operation and friendliness.

Students and faculty,
Avon School.

MISS PARSONS LEADS THE GIRL SCOUTS

The Girl Scouts have organized a troop under the leadership of Miss Virginia Parsons. Bertha Morrill is president, Mary Ann Parsons, secretary, and Shirley Money is the treasurer. The other members are Lois Parsons, Doris Winings, Phyllis Flanagan and Ruth McClain. They hope to have more members soon. The girls are selling Christmas cards to make money for their troop.

CALANDAR

Oct. 31	Halloween Festival
Nov. 7	Lizton-H
14	Danville-CC
15	W.O.S. Club Supper, gym
18	Brownsburg-CC
21	Amo-H
22	Turkey Supper-Shilo
26	N. Winchester-T

P. T. A. HOLDS MEETING IN ASSEMBLY

A record crowd attended the P. T. A. meeting held October 20 in the Avon High School assembly. The meeting was called to order by President Ralph Parsons, and immediately turned over to Mrs. Coleman to lead the group in community singing. It was stated that each meeting would open with community singing. Miss Virginia Parsons then gave the secretarial reports.

The membership of the P. T. A. was reported by Mrs. Beula Muston. There was a total of 190 paid members to date, topping the enrollment of last year's 152.

A motion was given that a change be made in the P. T. A. by-law, changing the number of meetings from four to six. This is to be voted on at the next meeting held December 15.

The Parent Teacher's Organization is working for a higher rating. They want honorable mention and are planning to qualify later for Standard Rating and have high hopes of receiving the Superior rating.

In order to receive Standard Rating, here are a few of the requirements to be fulfilled.

1. Membership of P. T. A. is elementary school has to equal the number of homes plus 3/4 number of teachers.
2. Have to hold six or more meetings.
3. Attendance must equal 30% of membership.
4. Program sent to state program chairman.
5. Founder's Day offering sent to state bookkeeper.
6. Send delegates to state convention.

On September 19, there was a Freshmen and Senior initiation party at the school building. They played games of ping-pong, House of Horror, which Jim Cooper and Bob Lawson were leaders on the ghosts, Bob Brown, Joe Lux and Frank Wright. Records and a record player was furnished by Earl Coons for the benefit of those who wished to dance---and there was some real jitter-bugging going on too. Refreshments of ice-cream and cold drinks were served. Guests invited by the seniors were Natalie Wood by Charles Christy, Lydia Masten by John Gibbs, Frank Wright by Joe Lux and Bill Walton by Joyce Flanagan. Mr. Barker also attended the party making a total attendance of 32.

On October 14 the seniors had their first semester party in the gym at the school building. They played basketball, had a ping-pong tourney, which Joe Lux, turned out to be the champion with Earl Coons runner-up. Dancing was a big event and refreshments were served. Guests invited were Betty Smith and Marilyn Cavendar by Earl Coons, Natalie Wood by Charles Christy, Mary Ann Parsons by Jim Cooper, Lorraine Flanagan and Dick Harvey and Bill Walton by Joyce Flanagan, Lydia Masten by John Gibbs, Frank Wright by Joe Lux, Dale Coons, Mary Lou Coons, Jacquelyn Towell and Phyllis Towell by the senior class. Total attendance was 26.

October 28 there is to be a sophomore party at the school building. Guests will be invited by the sophomore students.

October 30 there will be a Junior class party at the school building to which guests will be individually invited.

There is going to be a big party at the home of Marilyn Cavendar and Betty Smith for Halloween.

I looked in on the senior typing class last week and to my surprise, I found them working like the Eager-Beaver. John Selch was cutting a stencil of the door prize tickets for the Halloween Festival. Philip Huffman and Jim Cooper were cutting stencils for tickets, Charles Christy was working to achieve a perfect master for the P. T. A. notices and Avis Smith was slaving at the cleroscope making that fancy heading on the Halloween Festival Announcement. Earl Coons and John McGuire were doing manuscript typing on the "Right Thing to Do". John Gibbs was using his super strength with the cutter and really cutting things up. Joe Lux was so busy at his typewriter, I didn't bother him to see just what he was doing. If I had stayed a second longer, Mrs. McCalment would have given me a job because I could tell by that look in her eye. Next time I'll snoop in another class.

Love to all,

Vicious Vic

SCENE: Betty Smith and Earl Coons together sometimes.

FIELD: Avon was going to win all the tourneys this year.

PRIORITY ON CHEWING GUM

Chewing gum is good for girls
Who typewrite on a line
It makes their fingers and their jaws
To work in perfect time.

Some gum you buy perfumes the breath;
Another cleans your teeth.
One gum will blow big bubbles
Some digest the food you eat.

And so I have no kick to make
Until the chewing is over,
And a little cud of chewing wax
Is bounced out on the floor.

Sometimes, sitting in a chair
You attempt to gain your feet.
When something seems to hold you
You know it's gum stuck on the seat.

I wish someone would pass a law
And do it mighty quick,
To force the manufacturers
To make gum that wouldn't stick.

The Lord, we know, He made a cow
And made it kind and good.
It will chew the whole day long
But never parks its cud.

THE NEW LOCK



In the halls of Avon University we see strange and amusing sights. For instance, trousers rolled up and names covering them. It isn't so shocking to gaze upon this but when you pass these trousers and turn around to take one last look just to make sure it isn't a bad dream, and see faces with body's on them, you sort of wish you hadn't had the hamburger and coke at 11:30 last night.

Then as you walk on down the hall feeling quite certain that you have past the worst of it you come face to face with a thing in clothes. No, I don't mean ordinary clothes but plaid ones. Yes, I know plaids are right in the height of style, from hairbows to toes, and I do mean toes. You let your eyes wander over all that bright plaid down to the ground where you see plaid stockings covering feet stuck in shoes tied with plaid shoe strings. Personally, I hope these plaids don't lead to stripes! (For those of you who didn't catch on we mean---that island off the coast of western U. S.)

B. C. N. U.

Your fashion editor

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!!

Sept. 1	Carla Dean Joyce, Grade 11	
	Harley Eggers, "	5
	Richard Ridinour, "	3
2	Rosalie Brown, "	3
	Beverly Shew, "	1
3	Ralph Leon Parrish, "	7
5	Richard Dan McClain, "	4
8	Wilma Heckathorn, "	7
9	Robert Gray, "	7
	Gareth Mears, "	8
	Carolyn Sue Smith, "	1
10	Lois Parsons, "	7
12	Irene Crouch, "	2
14	Barbara J. Johnson, "	4
	Carlene Burton, "	3
15	Charlotte Muncy, "	7
17	Larry Lee Wright, "	4
19	Ralph Phillips, "	7
23	Ronald Miles, "	6
27	Cathleen Sprinkle, "	8
	"	6



It is 8:00 o'clock in the Flanagan household, Phyllis is in doubt as to whether Bob is coming tonight or not.

Phyllis is dressed in her glad rags, consisting of a blue formal and silver slippers. Bob Brown, a very rich and promising person, is to bring her a corsage of dandelions and Queen Ann's Lace, centered

with an orchid, which is to complete her attire.

While Phyllis is nervously awaiting Bob's arrival, she is reminiscing of the day Bob asked her to go to the Sapphire Room with him.

DAY DREAMING

Bob: Phyllis, ahem!, Would you like to go to the Sapphire Room with me Saturday night? Please?

Phyl: "Why Bob I'd love to go with you. Oh Boy! Be there at eight o'clock. (Oh! Poor Phyllis, her lovely dream is broken by the horrible sound of a horn.) Well, well, if it isn't The Bob Brown in his black limousine special, sitting in the back seat with his chauffeur at the wheel.

Bob is dressed in formal attire, complete with a high silk hat, white gloves and scarf, a cane, and a dandelion boutonniere. Phyllis rushes out of the house with an evening cape of white mink.

As they draw up to the curb in front of the Hotel Washing, Bob jumps out and runs to the door with Phyllis after him.

As they wait for their Kraut Cocktail, Bob leisurely draws out an Embassy corn cob pipe, and the head waiter quickly pulls from his pocket his gold lighter studded with five carat diamonds.

After they finish their Kraut Cocktail they dance to one number (Ole Brown Jug) and return to their table to order a dinner consisting of cheese sandwiches, pickles and coffee.

After Bob pays the check of \$28.31, attend an Opera at the Avon theater, which proves very boring. After the Opera they are ready to go home. When the long black car pulls up in front of the Flanagan residence, Phyllis runs to the door with Bob close at her heels. After the usual good night ceremony, Phyllis goes into the house, walking on a cloud.

GRADE NEWS

FIRST GRADE

The first grade are very proud to have won the banner of the P. T. A. They had the largest number of parents present at the P. T. A. meeting. The first grade room mother is Mrs. John Kirkpatrick.

SECOND GRADE

The second grade has a new student now, Terry Shields of Brown County. The students in the second grade wrote letters to the members of the first grade inviting them to come to their room to hear a story "The Fire in the Barn", last Friday afternoon. The first grade thought it was very exciting and enjoyed the afternoon.

THIRD GRADE

Teldon Shields of Brown County enrolled in the third grade recently.

FOURTH GRADE

The 2nd place banner of the P. T. A. was presented to the fourth grade. The students are planning a Hallowe'en party to be held in their room.

FIFTH GRADE

A Hallowe'en party is being planned for sometime during the week of October 27 by Mrs. Robinson, room mother, and Mrs. Money the teacher. Several of the students are interested in the band this year. Now ten students are buying or renting instruments and taking lessons. They will be the backbone of the future school bands.

SIXTH GRADE

There are 33 students enrolled in the sixth grade. They are enjoying the Manchester tests, and have made several pictures to hang in their room, among them are ships for Columbus day and Hallowe'en pictures.

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Sixth Grade Music Features Story Contest; Smith and Miner Rank High.

There is a song in the music book about a Welsh musician. He plays by a brook and all sorts of things happen. The sixth graders have taken the song and written a story about it. Several very good stories were written, and the two best are printed in the next column.

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Herd: About Gareth Mear's wife-----Peggy Jordan!

Scene: Joe Dickey and Virginia Bates sitting together in History.

Herd: The 7th or 8th grade girls can't win a baseball game.

THE WELSH PIPER

by Judith Ann Miner, Grade 6

The night is dark and you can hear the weird wailings of the winds. It is midnight. Cunt, the piper, is playing by the side of a hill. He is standing near a small murmuring stream. Hear his piping!! It's like fairy music. Suddenly the hillside opens, by magic. Inside it is gleaming red as a rose! And then out of the ground a beautiful castle rises. It glitters and glows.

He looks in the castle and he sees fairies and fays. They are holding a ball. At first they are startled at the sight of a human. Then they invite him to play. He plays till dawn, then the revelers vanish. He thinks he has piped for a hundred years. Then he finds it was only a dream. But, Oh! What a beautiful dream!

THE WELSH PIPER

By Vivian Eileen Smith, Grade 6

The wind was blowing and the hill was dark. George stands by the singing brook. He is watching the hillside open by magic. The fays and fairies are dancing while he is watching. It is a beautiful sight. They are having a big ball while George is piping pretty music. He is standing there dreaming and then it gets daylight. The fays and fairies all run home as fast as they could because they are afraid someone would see them. He wakes up and doesn't know whether he has been dreaming or whether it was real. He decides he was dreaming.

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MISS KENDALL IS BRIDE ON OCTOBER 18.

Miss Bernice Kendall, Avon Home Economics teacher, became the bride of Mr. Harold Abbott on October 18, in the Sweeney Chapel at Butler University. The bride is a graduate of Purdue University in the class of 1947. Mr. Abbott is an employee of the Allison General Motors. They are at home on the Rockville Road.

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FLANAGAN-CLARK VOWS EXCHANGED AT AVON

In a pretty candlelight ceremony in the Avon Church the Rev. Rayle read the wedding ceremony for Miss Patty A. Clark and Gene Flanagan on October 20. Members of the immediate families of the young couple attended and Mrs. Edna Hamblen played bridal music. The couple are at home in Avon.

FATHER AND SON BANQUET HELD AT AVON

A father and son banquet was held Thursday, October 16, in the Avon Gymnasium at 7:00. Eighty-nine men and boys were present. The banquet was served by the Avon Women's Society of Christian Service. The address was delivered by Floyd Bass, Conference Lay Leader of the Methodist Church, on the subject, "Some things the men of Avon can do".

Entertainment was furnished by the Girl's choir of Wesley Chapel at Avon and a sextette of Negro boys from the Indiana Boy's School of Plainfield.

The banquet was sponsored by the men of Wesley Chapel of Avon.

JANITOR'S ABSENCE DUE TO INJURY

Mr. "Pop" Morrison was off duty last week because of an injury received while washing windows. He stepped off the ladder and broke a piece of his knee cap. Mr. Wood, of Danville replaced Mr. Morrison during his absence.

PRACTICE TEACHERS FROM CANTERBURY

Mr. Neal Hagen and Mr. Howard Key are the two gentlemen from Canterbury College who are practice teaching at Avon. Both are seniors at the college. Mr. Hagen is teaching the freshmen English Literature class, supervised by Mr. McClain and Mr. Key is teaching Mr. Hughes eight-grade General Science class. Mr. Hagen's home town is Milroy, Indiana and Mr. Key hails from Monrovia.

FARM BUREAU MEETING HELD

The annual meeting of the Hendricks County Farm Bureau was held at the Avon High School gym on Wednesday evening, October 16. Larry Brandon was the speaker. There was a pitch-in supper with music furnished by Beverly Smith and Marilyn Walter. An election was held for county officers and for delegates to the state convention in Indianapolis, November 13-15.

NEW DOORS IN BUILDING

For many years the Avon school children have entered the building through the west doors. During these years the west doors withstood much wear and tear. These doors eventually grew old and like all things that are used, wore out. Now they have been replaced by three new doors with shiny brass hardware. These doors add much to the appearance of the Avon school building.

SENIORS WRITE FOR COUNTY PAPERS

Each week a member of the senior class is assigned to write the school news and happenings of the community and send it in to the five county papers. Avis Smith was the first to send in her column, Bob Brown and Charles Christy followed. Jim Cooper will be the next to write the news. Natalie Wood is keeping the clippings in a scrap-book for the school morgue.

SPORTS By Jim Cooper

Members of the basketball team went to Bloomington, Saturday Oct. 18, to see the Indiana-Pittsburgh football game. Drivers on the trip were Ralph Hawkins, Elmer Gerth, Howard Gibbs, and Coach Frank Hanson.

Boys traveling to I.U. were Raymond Andrews, Charles Christy, John Selch, Dave Selch, Tom Gerth, John Gibbs, Wendell Gibbs, Jimmy Stephens, Jim Price, Joe Lux, Dick Harvey, John Gentry, Tom Fitch, Earl Coons, Dale Coons, Bill Sanders, Don Brown, Jim Conger and Jim Cooper.

The boys are in training for the hardwood season with the first game scheduled with Lizton at the Avon gym Friday, November 7.

SEVENTH GRADE SPELLING HONOR-ROLL

Those in the seventh grade who have maintained a 100% grade in spelling are: Nancy Adamson, Robert Gray, Barbara McGinn, Charlotte Muncy, Robert Nickels, Ralph Phillips, Nevada Robinson, Harold Shew, and Howard Vanover.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP MEETING TO BE HELD AT SHILO

The sub-district of the Methodist Youth Fellowship will hold its November rally at Shilo Church on Tuesday evening, November 4, (date subject to change) at 7:30. All youth of high school age in these communities are cordially invited to attend.

BEAT LIZTON!!