

Field Day

MERIGOLD TIES FOR THIRD IN THE STATE LITERARY CONTEST FOR THE FOURTH SUCCESSIVE YEAR

The announcement of the State Literary Contest was made Friday, April 19, at Ole Miss. Merigold, with 22 points, tied for third place with Grenada. Columbus won first place with 34 points; Greenville took second place with 26 points. Other schools with high rankings are Greenwood and Hazlehurst, 18 points each; Natchez and Yazoo City, 15 points each; Hernando, 13 points; and St. Mary's of the Pines and Meridian, 10 points each.

Students who won places in their contests are as follows:

PURVES McLAURIN—Biology	- - - - -	First
HAROLD A. GORDON—American History	- - - - -	First
MARTHA CAROLYN COATS—Bookkeeping	- - - - -	Second
VIRGIL HARRINGTON—Elementary Algebra	- - - - -	Second
HENRY P. HITER—Problems of American Democracy	- - - - -	Third
CHARLOTTE GRAVES—Latin II	- - - - -	Sixth

Merigold scored 42 points in the Delta Literary Meet. Those who scored are:

JAMES STRAWBRIDGE—Agriculture	- - - - -	First
VIRGIL HARRINGTON—Elementary Algebra	- - - - -	First
PURVES McLAURIN—Biology	- - - - -	First
HAROLD A. GORDON—American History	- - - - -	First
CHARLOTTE GRAVES—Latin II	- - - - -	Second
MARTHA CAROLYN COATS—Bookkeeping	- - - - -	Second
DOT ABERNETHY—Typing	- - - - -	Second
HENRY P. HITER—Problems of American Democracy	- - - - -	Third
JOHN R. ROBERTSON—World History	- - - - -	Third
ANNA LAURA HARRINGTON—Advanced Algebra	- - - - -	Third
LEROY BAILEY—Elementary Civics	- - - - -	Fifth

Of the nineteen students representing M. H. S. in the Delta Literary Meet, eleven won places. Six of these eleven won places in the state.

Of this group of students Henry Park Hiter and Purves McLaurin deserve special recognition for having represented Merigold four years and having won a place in the state every year. Martha Carolyn Coats has represented the school four years and has placed three times. Harold Gordon has an excellent individual record, having won first place in the state three years straight. Charlotte Graves has represented Merigold twice and placed both times. James Strawbridge, Virgil Harrington, Dot Abernethy, and Leroy Bailey entered their first contest this year, and each won a place.

The student body, faculty, and citizens of Merigold are very proud of the showings these students made.

BAND



Front Row—Dot Abernethy, Henry Park Hiter, Purves McLaurin, Jimmy Smith, Mr. F. G. Wallick.

Second Row—Aleen Pease, Violet Wachter, Edna Earle Thomas, Mary Q. Miller, John Rogers Robertson, Billy Latham, Joe Sturdivant, Henry Wachter.

Third Row—F. W. Wood, Johnny Bill Cooke, Ardis Cochran, Mable Ruth Proctor, Lillian Alice Young, George Pease, Everard Lee, Laura Cochran, Harry Pat Brooks.

Fourth Row—Wilbourn Bernard, Beatrice McCarty, Charlie Lee, Owen Robertson, Charlie Coffman, John Kealhofer.

KIDDIE BAND



Director—Charles Mosley.

Front Row—Ruth Franks, William Livingston, Laverne Carley, Helen Livingston, Marie Wachter, Anna Laura Bruce, Jim Tom Pate, John Dixon, Eileen Towler, Henry McGarrh, Marjorie Park, Anthony Brocato, Jim Smith, Marjorie Wells.

Second Row—Helen Branham, Instructor; Robert Harrington, Geraldine Clemons, Grace Jones, Louise Pollard, Marguerite Hawkins, Jeanette Elliot, Melvin Bruce, Betty Fletcher, Earl Prewitt, Mary Leona Fink, G. L. Weaver, Horace Ray, Wilma Barr, Caroiyn Sturdivant, A. C. Prewitt, Anna Laura Hutchison, Mary McGovern, George Fletcher, Elmer Mullins, Monroe Prewitt, Marilyn Smith, Perkins Cochran.

GLEE CLUB



Front Row—Wilma Morrison, Graddis Erwin, Aleen Pease, Alice Prewitt, Maxine Peeples, Vernell Prewitt, Della Frank McGovern, Beulah Hudson, Ethel Cowart, Odis Vera Barger, Rachel Hooper, Laura Cochran.

Second Row—Sylvia Smith, Christine Pollard, Lessie Jane Griffin, Clara Mae Griffin, Reatha Maude White, Waurine Turner, Mary Eula McNeer, Elaine Smith, Christine Wells, Mrs. Theresa Brooks, Sponsor.

Third Row—L. D. McCarty, Chester Hollis, Virgil Harrington, John Kealhofer, Leroy Bailey, Coy McGovern, Hershel Walker, Edgar Smith, Charles Cochran, Horace Craddock, Doyle Lusk.

Fourth Row—James Edward McGarrh, Edward Curry Peeples, John Roy Prewitt.

FIELD MEET CHORUS



First Row—Maxine Peeples, Vernell Prewitt, Carolyn Rayner, Beulah Hudson, Alice Prewitt, Aleen Pease, Della Frank McGovern, Camille Brocato, Wilma Morrison, Graddis Erwin, Reatha White.

Second Row—Sylvia Smith, Miss Attie Lea Brashears, Pianist; Rachel Hooper, Ethel Cowart, Mary Eula McNeer, Waurine Turner, Elaine Smith, Christine Wells, Mrs. Theresa Brooks, Director; Mable Ruth Proctor.

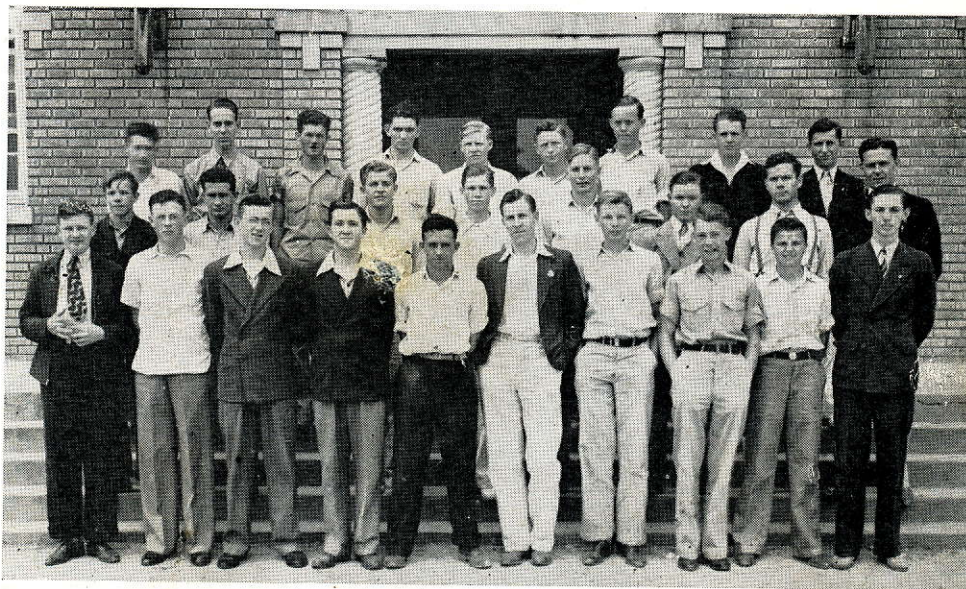
HOME ECONOMICS CLUB



Front Row—Ardis Cochran, Graddis Erwin, Edna Mae Peacock, Della Frank McGovern, Alice Prewitt, Maxine Peeples, Vernell Prewitt, Christine Pollard, Mable Ruth Proctor, Elaine Smith, Violet Wachter.

Second Row—Wilma Morrison, Beulah Hudson, Garnet Horton, Dot Abernethy, Elise Cariker, Gladys Hazzard, Beatrice McCarty, Sylvia Smith, Mary Eula McNeer, Waurine Turner, Miss Marjorie Haley, Sponsor.

F. F. A.



Front Row—John Kealhofer, F. W. Wood, Owen Robertson, William Harrison, Doyle Lusk, Charlie Coffman, Hubert Mullins, Charlie Lee, Earnest Smith, Elgie Lee Burrus.

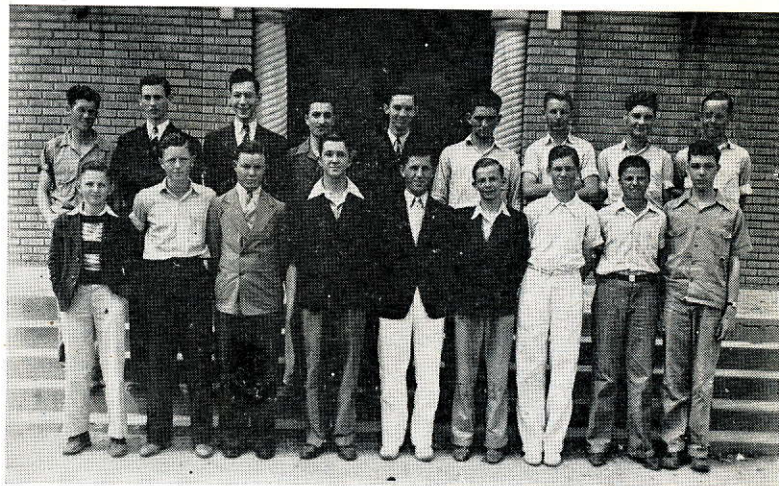
Second Row—Charles Cochran, Coy McGovern, Obie Doyle McMini, Pete Morrison, Harra Mullins, Doyle Bailey, James McGarrh, Milton J. Coalter, Sponsor.

Third Row—John Tom McGovern, Wilbourn Bernard, James Wood, Ross Browning, Edgar Smith, J. W. Livingston, Tommy Prewitt, Vernon Springer, James Strawbridge.

HI-Y

Front Row—James Browning, J. W. Livingston, Doyle Bailey, William Harrison, James Strawbridge, George D. Thomas, Pete Morrison, Earnest Smith, Van Hallman, Jr.

Second Row—James Wood, George Pease, Harold A. Gordon, Joe Brocato, Elgie Lee Burrus, Ross Browning, Hubert Mullins, Gerald Barrentine, Tommy Prewitt.



GIRL RESERVES

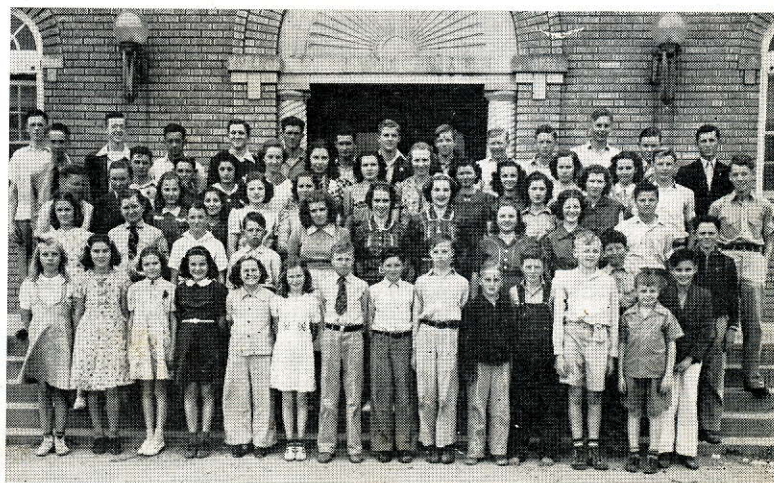
Front Row—Charlotte Graves, Martha Carolyn Coats, Anna Laura Harrington, Camille Brocato, Carolyn Rayner, Dot Abernethy.

Second Row—Ardis Cochran, Miss Attie Lea Brashears, Mable Ruth Proctor, Mary Helen Mullins, Mable Livingston, Violet Wachter.

Third Row—Edna Earl Thomas, Garnet Horton, Edna Mae Peacock, Jennie Vee Horton, Elise Cariker, Beatrice McCarty, Gladys Hazzard, Sarah Jane Smith.

4-H CLUBS

Front Row—Arlene Baker, Herbert Dell Henderson, Martha Cochran, Murlene Turner, Mary Evelyn Thomas, Dorothy Pate, Sidney Smith, Lonzo Peacock, Dennis Cowart, William Hawkins, Thomas Franks, Johnnie Bill Cooke, Walter Prewitt, Jimmy Smith, Lewis McGovern. Second Row—Alicee Ray, Jimmie McMinn, Travis Bailey, Henry Wachter, Christine Pollard, Rachel Hooper, Reatha White, Dolores Allday, Mable Ruth Proctor, Earnest Smith, Foster Gilliam. Third Row—Howard Bruce, Leroy Bailey, Betty Harrington, Willena McGarrh, Dorothy Gaut, Mary Cowart, Edna Mae Peacock, Elaine Smith, Hubert Mullins, Charlie Lee. Fourth Row—Wilbourn Bernard, William Peacock, James Erwin, Beulah Hudson, Sylvia Smith, Dorothy Mullins, Vernell Prewitt, Maxine Peoples, Alice Prewitt, Della Frank McGovern, Ethel Cowart, Waurine Turner. Fifth Row—F. W. Wood, Owen Robertson, Doyle Lusk, William Harrison, James Wood, Coy McGovern, Obie Doyle McMinn, Charles Cochran, Edgar Smith, J. W. Livingston, Harra Mullins, Doyle Bailey, James Strawbridge.



FIDELIS SPORTS

FOOTBALL

Although Coach R. H. McDaniel's 1939 edition of the Wildcats was, by no means, a star-studded team, it can be truthfully said that the team was made up of eleven loyal players. It worked as a unit, not as one man trying to make the headlines. Each man gave his best to uphold the prestige and the glory of M. H. S. At times a player would fail to carry out his assignment, but "to err is human." The squad clearly showed the value of teamwork by playing the hardest schedule in recent years and emerging with a record of seven won and two lost.

The opening game brought a surprisingly strong team from Shelby to challenge the supremacy of the Wildcats. In two lightning thrusts they crossed the Merigold final line of defense. In the second half the local team got one touchdown back, but this was not the Wildcats' victory day. The final score was 13 to 7. Defeat only tested the courage of the team to stage a comeback.

The next encounter was with Sumner on the local gridiron. Sumner was no match for the Merigold team. The final score was 20 to 0.

Hollandale provided a real test for the Wildcats. In a hard-fought game M. H. S. emerged victor by a score of 26 to 0.

The light Glen Allan team found the claws of the Wildcats too much for them. The reserves saw considerable action throughout the game, and the score was 33 to 0.

Merigold tackled Ruleville in the first night game that M. H. S. had played in recent years. The arcs only added to the glory of Merigold's victory night. A heavy rain brought the game to an end in the third quarter, with Merigold in the lead 27 to 0.

Minter City was the next victim to fall by the wayside of the powerful Merigold team. The reserves were hustled into the game by Coach McDaniel before many minutes had passed, and the winning score was 26 to 0.

On a muddy field Merigold found plenty of opposition from a good Rosedale team. The excellent punting of Prewitt kept the opponent back throughout the game, not allowing Rosedale a single first-down. Merigold's lone touchdown was sufficient to win by a score of 7 to 0.

Merigold tackled the favored Leland team under the lights. For three quarters the teams rocked along on even terms, neither being able to score. The hard running of Peeples and the blocking and passing of Prewitt featured the Merigold attack. The grandstand was brought to its feet by a beautiful run of Peeples through the entire Leland team. He scored standing up, only to have the touchdown nullified by a penalty. The Wildcats showed their true fighting hearts by continuing their beautiful brand of football. Two tough breaks for Merigold resulted in Leland scores. They had to fight for every inch they received. The final score was 12 to 0 in favor of Leland.

The last game of a most successful season was played on the Merigold gridiron against the Shaw Hawks. The teams were evenly matched according to weights. The superior power of the Wildcats defeated the Hawks. Merigold's powerful line of defense kept the enemy from getting within the 20-yard line. The score was 20 to 0.

BASKETBALL

Now that Merigold has a fine gymnasium, basketball has again become a major sport at M. H. S. In the past there has been little interest, chiefly because of the lack of playing facilities. Now all students from first-graders to seniors are interested.

The boys' basketball team had a most successful season, winning 11 and losing 4. Even when beaten, they usually gave the fans an exciting game. In the county tournament they were defeated by Shelby, after having defeated Benoit. In the Delta tournament they were defeated by Minter City.

The girls' basketball team kept pace with the boys' winning ways. They won 6 while losing 5. Although opposing teams might have beaten them, they didn't out-scrap them. The girls are fortunate that they had a team composed of many sophomores and freshmen. Within the next two or three years they should develop into a championship team. In the county tournament they beat Rosedale and lost to Cleveland. In the Delta tournament they defeated Ruleville and lost to Drew.

TRACK

Although not entering a full track team in the Delta Meet, M. H. S. placed 100%. Garnet Horton, the only contestant, won first place in the baseball throw.

BASEBALL

Merigold is again in the Eastern Division of the Bolivar County Baseball League. The schedule calls for two games with each member of the League. Behind the powerful left arm of Peeples, Merigold is expected to be in the thick of the scrap for the championship. As this review goes to press the team has won six games and lost one.

The Senior Class of 1940 leaves plenty of "shoes to be filled". Of the eleven regulars of the football team, nine were Seniors. Four regulars on the basketball team were Seniors, in addition to several key men on the baseball team. Their places will be taken, but their contributions to the teams will never be forgotten. Co-captains of the 1940 gridiron aggregation, attempting to fill the vacancies left by Edward Peeples and Roy Prewitt, will be Harra Mullins and James Strawbridge.

FOOTBALL SQUAD

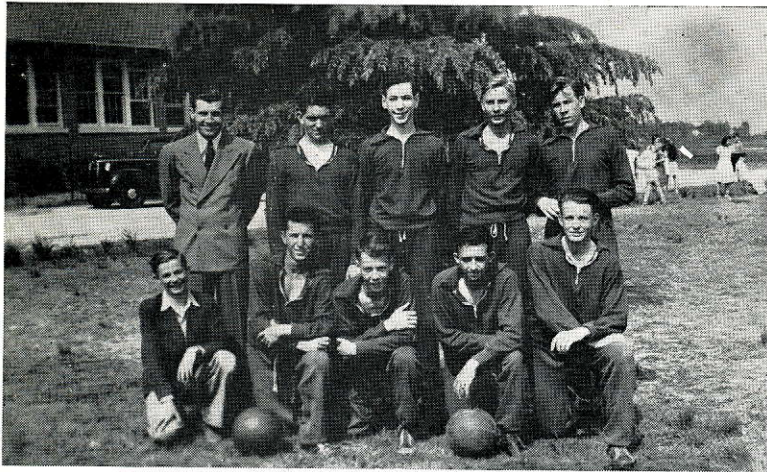


Front Row—Coy McGovern, guard; Van Hallman, end; George D. Thomas, manager; Doyle Bailey, guard; Elgie L. Burrus, tackle; Edgar Smith, tackle.
 Second Row—Charlie Coffman, center; Harra Mullins, guard and back; F. W. Wood, end; Ross Browning, end; James Strawbridge, back; Hubert Mullins, end; Charlie Lee, center and back.
 Third Row—Doyle Lusk, back; George Pease, end, Harold Gordon, back; Owen Robertson, guard; James Edward McGarrh, tackle; Obie Doyle McMinn, tackle; William Harrison, end; Roy H. McDaniel, coach.
 Insert—Roy Prewitt and Edward Peeples, Co-captains.

BASEBALL TEAM



Front Row—James Wood, second base; Van Hallman, outfield; Charlie Coffman, first base; Doyle Lusk, short stop and catcher; Charlie Lee, second base; Harra Mullins, pitcher and outfield; Ross Browning, outfield; Harold Gordon, first base.
 Second Row—Virgil Harrington, manager; Vernon Springer, outfield; James Strawbridge, third base; Earnest Smith, infield; J. W. Livingston, infield; William Peacock, outfield; John Kealhofer, outfield; George Pease, outfield; Hubert Mullins, third base; Roy H. McDaniel, coach.



Boys' Basketball Team

Front Row—George D. Thomas, manager; James Strawbridge, guard; Charlie Lee, forward; Doyle Lusk, forward; Vernon Springer, guard.

Second Row—Roy H. McDaniel, coach; Ross Browning, guard; Harold Gordon, center; Harra Mullins, guard; Charlie Coffman, forward.

Girls' Basketball Team

Front Row — Beulah Hudson, Rachel Hooper, Reatha White, Mable Livingston, Violet Wachter, Beatrice McCarty, Maxine Peeples, Mary Eula McNeer.

Second Row — Garnet Horton, Edna Earle Thomas, Vernell Prewitt, Sarah Jane Smith, Alice Prewitt, Elaine Smith, Ethel Cowart, Coach Attie Lea Brashears, Ardis Cochran, Aleen Pease, Mary Helen Mullins, Mable Ruth Proctor, Christine Pollard, Mary Smith, Waurine Turner.



Sport Supporters

Girls' Track — Garnet Horton, baseball throw.

Cheer Leaders — Betty Sue Rayner, Carolyn Rayner, Garnet Horton, Annie Mae Peeples.