

# The Laney Tower

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## Returns Compete With Dancing At First Affair

Another milestone in the history of Laney Trade School was passed last week on Tuesday, November 4, when the student council sponsored the first student body dance in the history of the school. It was felt at first that the competition from the election returns would result in a small group, but the surprising number of 185 attending discounted these election day doubts.

The party was a little bit slow in getting started, due largely to the records which introduced the dancing. Some quick changes were made and with the calling of a girls' choice dance, things began to liven up and continued in this vein for the rest of the evening. While it was originally intended to offer games along with the dancing, the dancing completely took over the evening.

Doughnuts and coffee were served continuously to all those present. Chaperon of the evening was Laney's own "Miss Brooks" who was actually Mrs. Carmen Goad, instructor in waitress training. Mrs. Goad was appropriately garbed for her job with a long skirt, bustle, blouse with leg of mutton sleeves, spectacles, and her hair combed in a bun. As a threat, Mrs. Goad carried a 12-inch rule which she found unnecessary to use. The chaperon was of real service in ferreting out non-dancers and getting them to join in the activities.

A group of prizes from the various departments of the school were presented to holders of the lucky tickets. The first prize, an upholstered foot stool, was won by James Birchell of the auto mechanics class. The most humorous prize was won by Sy Keiser of photography in receiving a lady's hat.

The student council committees responsible for the success of this affair are: Refreshment—John Bradley, Amelia Serr, Mattie Day, and Gloria Black; Publicity—Lee Reynolds; Reception—Mr. Bratset, Charlett Claggett, and Dorothy J. Anderson; Entertainment—Jackie Stones, Mrs. Hewlett, Miss Garrett, and Lou Heide; Representation—Rose Correin and Ed Parmanier; Prize Solicitation—Anne Parkinson; Set-up and Cleanup—Ken Tadel, Lee

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## OAKLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING  
1025 Second Avenue  
Oakland 6, California

Office of Adult Education

October 17, 1952

Mr. Don Cleaver  
Editor in Chief  
LANEY TOWER  
Laney Trade and Technical Institute

Dear Mr. Cleaver:

Congratulations to you and your staff on bringing forth the first edition of Laney Tower. May this be the beginning of a long-lived and successful paper!

The Laney Tower can be an important part of the trade and industrial education program in Oakland. It can provide information and news about vocational education to students, to industry, and to the public. It is a very worthwhile undertaking.

Sincerely,

Spencer D. Benbow  
Assistant Superintendent

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## Volunteers Make Tower Debut Fact

This issue of "Laney Tower" is the first edition of a paper published by Laney students since 1940.

The faculty and student council held that a school paper would create a better understanding throughout the student body of the many programs conducted in the day and evening classes at Laney.

They appointed Mr. Gordon Warner, continuation education instructor, as faculty adviser for the paper.

Mr. Peter Lang, instructor of printing, offered the print shop classroom for a base of operations. Don Cleaver, elected editor-in-chief, organized a staff to begin gathering news throughout the classes.

At the student council meeting on Tuesday, October 7, the announcement was made for volunteers interested in working on this project. A plan to have students write in their own field of study was adopted at the first staff meeting.

The students who have worked to make this first edition of the "Laney Tower" meaningful are Helen Perez, Patricia Louderback, Beatrice Morris, and Carol Heminez from cosmetology; Marilyn Feder and Anne Parkinson from dental assistants class; John Bradley in baking; Lee Reynolds from industrial electricity; Lou Heide and Jackie Stones in household employment; Joan Patterson in millinery; LeRoy Basacker in painting; J. Matheny in plumbing; George Yslas from printing; Gerry Linze in tailoring and dress-making; Clemantine Wilson from vocational nursing; Bill Burton in welding; and Don Cleaver from radio repair.

classes in September of 1950. More than one million dollars was spent on the new building and shops, in addition to \$165,000 to modernize shop equipment. At present, there are some four hundred advisory committees. They are leaders in this area, and are quite interested in making the program a success. The strength of the trade and technical program of Laney lies in the whole-hearted support received from management and labor and the community.

## Principal Recalls History Of Laney Trade in Interview

Mr. Paul D. Thomas, principal, extended his sincere congratulations and wished the students success on their launching of the "Laney Tower." This is the official name given to the new school paper for the J. C. Laney Trade and Technical Institute.

While being interviewed, Mr. Thomas elaborated on the advancement and progress that has taken place since the founding of the trade school in 1928.

Laney, as it is affectionately called by present students, was then known as the Central Trade School, and located at Twelfth and Jefferson Streets. The founding of the school was met with more or less indifference from both management and labor. The first principal of Central Trade was Mr. Will C. Mathews, with Mr. L. B. Travers as director. There were thirteen instructors and an equal number of trades represented.

In telling about his association

with Laney for sixteen years Mr. Thomas said, "At the present time we have 39 occupational trades and technical fields. The present name of our school honors Mr. Joseph C. Laney, a former member of the Oakland Board of Education, and owner-publisher of the Inter-City Express, the Alameda County legal paper."

Recalling past experience with the evening school, Mr. Thomas continued: "At first there was a half-time principal and coordinator, while now there is a full-time evening principal and four coordinators working together with the advisory committees."

Mr. Thomas concluded by pointing out that, "Due to the expansion program and the need for a new school, a new building was constructed at Tenth Street and Third Avenue, our present location. The ground-breaking ceremonies took place in August, 1949. The building was completed for occupancy and

## Printing Classes Present One of Oldest Trades

Because printing is one of the world's leading industries the printing department at Laney Trade Tech may be considered one of the most important groups of classes in the school. It is interesting to note that we can actually trace (with some imagination) the beginning of this vast industry to cave dwelling pictures done more than ten thousand years ago.

Printing is still the basic industry in the communications field. Part of the instruction is based on this relationship. The world of today could not exist without the printed word for permanence.

Four important divisions of the printing industry (sometimes referred to as the graphic arts) are taught in our printing department. The composing room is divided in two sections: hand composition and machine composition. The press room is devoted to instructions in letter press and offset lithography. Students range from high school level to journeymen who are brushing up on some particular phase of the trade in either department.

The biggest job being handled in the printing department is the production of papers of the schools making up the Oakland High School District. Papers from Oakland, Fremont, McClymonds, Technical and Castle Rock high schools are produced every week of the school year.

This calls for many lines of type to be set, pages made up, and forms to be printed.

High school journalism students are responsible for the preparation of copy, proof reading and page make up. This is done under the supervision of Mr. Arthur Jones, Mr. James Moffett and Mr. Peter Lang.

Press work supervision is handled by Mr. Howard Gilstrap, whose students do the actual operations of makeready and press feeding.

The Laney Tower and the Merritt Messenger are being fitted into the production schedule in the place of San Leandro's paper "The Cargo" which was discontinued when San Leandro High School left the Oakland High School District.

## holidays

Armistice Day, November 11  
Thanksgiving Holidays  
November 26, 27, 28

## Book Review

C. E. A. Winslow and L. P. Herrington, *Temperature and Human Life*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1949. p. 256.

C. E. A. Winslow and L. P. Herrington are associated with the Department of Public Health of Yale University and the J. B. Pierce Laboratory of Hygiene. Their development is "partitioned calorimetry." Titles of books are often whimsical and so misleading. In this case the name is simple and completely justified. This book cuts across many of the pure sciences: physics, chemistry, biology, physiology and the applied sciences, architecture, clothing, and ventilation engineering. By the method of "partitioned calorimetry," they have been able to analyze the various factors which influence and control the marvelous "thermal mechanism" which maintains the body temperature so close to 98.6 degrees Fahrenheit in spite of wide variations of environmental conditions. By such experimental and by competent statistical analysis, physiological hygiene has advanced so that definite conclusions may be drawn as to cause and effect in the broad field of the effect of temperature "on human comfort and even on disease and human life."

This comprehensive book is written in the layman's "words" yet it does not lose any of its great amount of real information. One cannot help but be impressed by the knowledge, sincerity and idealism of its authors.

The authors give an enthusiastic endorsement for double glazing of windows, and for low temperature radiation of the panel type for houses, and a note of warning is struck of too sharp a contrast between indoor and outdoor temperatures in summer air conditioning.

The references are plentiful, and a full, vast bibliography concludes the study. One must exercise his full capacity of interest or readability will be nil.

## We Need Your Help!

We of the Tower staff recognize our short comings in producing your paper. We need your help. You don't have to be able to write in order to contribute news about your classmates' or your activities. If you have an item to offer please contact Don Cleaver in radio repair or either Mr. Gordon Warner in continuation or Mr. Peter Lang in the printing department. We will help you with your story.

## Laney Visitors Keep Students on Proverbial 'Spot'

Careful scanning of the Laney "School Visitors Record," a large green ledger, kept in the office of the principal, Mr. Paul D. Thomas, indicates the international reputation that our school has acquired.

Since the beginning of our 1952 fall term we have been honored with visits by outstanding educators, distinguished visitors and visiting scholars such as Jean Le Roy, chief of publications, Lille, France, and Mr. Georges Roger, minister of education, Paris, France; Dr. Walter F. Schulenburg, Paedagogisches Institut der Universitat, Hamburg, Germany; Dr. Nam Boon Yashidhi, Thailand; George Norneha, Calcutta, India; Dr. Mohamed Haidar, director of vocational education, Afghanistan; the Hon. Arsenio Lacson, mayor of Manila, Philippines, and many others filling the calendar from abroad and the United States to evaluate the Laney training program.

Therefore, we at Laney are on the proverbial "spot." Our conduct should reflect the spirit of Laney. If we are to have our distinguished visitors carry away favorable reminiscences of our school, we must adhere to the motto, "To the best of our ability."

## Sports

Now is the time to start talking about a softball team if that's what you fellows want here at Laney. There is a diamond close by which is available and there won't be too much trouble in convincing some faculty member to do the coaching.

Several years ago Laney was able to produce a team that had plenty of what it takes. There is no reason that it can't be done again.

We don't know about the students, but some of the men faculty members are getting good with the bow and arrow sport, archery. Instigator of this activity is Mr. Bill Gethin, auto body repair instructor. Second to bend his arm to the yew was Mr. Art Fava of the shoe rebuilding class. These two modern Robin Hoods talked Mr. Bob Shrader of radio communications and Mr. Al Martin of the baking shop into joining their group. So don't be surprised to find an arrow flying through the air one of these days.

## French Version of American Game

(Editor's note—The following is a description of American baseball by a French girl after seeing her first game.)

A baseball team is made up of many males from a questionable age group. As yet, the female has not joined his rank on the same team. Such a group of fellows appear to any spectator to be quite allergic to staying still. The action begins when a person throws a ball so hard, that the fellow he throws it at, seemingly angered, slams this ball with a stick he happens to have in his hand at the time of the provoked attack. His apparent surprise at hitting the ball causes him to be upset. This state of mind is apparent by his running in almost a complete circle. Of course there are fellows around who apparently try to prevent him from going any place beside "home." Silly to attempt a verbalization of a game you have observed for the benefit of friends. The very idea of a fellow stealing a "base." You can see that he will be caught with all of those other fellows in plain sight. Perhaps I have not read all of the contemporary material on the game, but it does seem to me that only the police should "pinch a bat." Another to close with, "He struck out McGee in the sixth." How ridiculous can one get? The very idea of telling cub scouts that baseball is a gentle game. Just remember all of this fuss, "kill the umpire, put him out, he's a bum," and the like is over a little "pill," the baseball.

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Faculty Advisers: Mr. Peter Lang, printing instructor, and Mr. Gordon Warner, continuation high school instructor.

## FM Transmitter Comes to Laney

At 9:45 the radio communications class students, as part of their technical training, provide music at coffee time for pure enjoyment. Mr. Shrader, instructor, asks Laney students to bring their own records if they wish to have them played during coffee time, but please refrain from "hot records."

Students wishing to request a number please go to room 202A on the second floor in the new building. Records of any speed can be played.

The broadcasting technicians are Den McCaulau, Bob Buckley, Les Stagnaro and Herb Witt who alternate the technicians' job.

The broadcasting room has some of the newest equipment with which to work such as the three turntables, the control rack, the recorders.

Mr. Shrader mentioned that the FM transmitter was bought from the first FM station in the East Bay, KONG of Alameda, when it went out of business. The total cost was \$7000.

The broadcasting room was made soundproof by having special wall paneling and double glass windows.

It has a small record library which enlarges by one record a week. The class makes recordings for the Audiovisual Department and will make records for the student body. The only charges are for the materials used.

## SAFETY NEWS

A safety story comes from the refrigeration class which is of great importance.

The tremendous increase in the sale of new refrigerators since the last war has resulted in thousands of old refrigerators and ice boxes being discarded. They are left standing in garages, basements, and back yards or when junk dealers will not take them, they are thrown out in vacant lots and fields. Locks are left intact on these refrigerators and they become death traps for children at play because they cannot be opened from the inside.

You can do your part in the campaign to eliminate this hazard to our children by urging the owners of these relics to properly dispose of them. Remember, it could be the life of your own child, brother or sister that you will be saving by this action.

Friday, November 7, marked the closing date for the Laney Safety Slogan Contest which has been promoted by the faculty safety committee headed by Mr. Andrew Graham, machine shop instructor. It is too early to tell the winner of the roast turkey which will be the prize. The winner will be announced on Friday, November 14.

## Baking Class Provides Laney Cafeteria With Fine Pastries

The early morning aromas from the baking class ovens give the arriving students at Laney proof that another day is beginning. Practical instruction in turning out a large variety of donuts, Danish pastry for the morning coffee hour, and pies, desserts, rolls, muffins or biscuits for the noon meal in the Laney Cafeteria is undertaken by the baking class daily.

Also offered is a limited amount of bread and special order cakes, decorated to the whims of the customer, or elaborate anniversary designs drawn to scale. Student trainees soon become adaptive to the demands of the trade with such diversified programs.

Mr. Albert Martin, instructor of baking, is well qualified for the task, and is held in high esteem by the trainees. The early training that

Mr. Martin received in France, from the masters of Continental baking, gave him an excellent entree when he arrived in the United States. After many years in bakeries and well-known hotels and clubs Mr. Martin joined the Laney faculty in the fall semester of 1950.

New student trainees to the baking class this term are Bill Ewing, George Abreau, Earl Williams, Arthur Ballard, Edna Ruud, Louise De Coito, Jim Fava, John Bradley, Neil Christenson, Thomas Ng, and Calvin Williams. These students were met by John George, William Manley, Johnny Giacobi, and Bryton Will and given a preliminary introduction to the class and some of their experiences under Mr. Martin's direction.

Our class is pleased to announce that Wes Elms is now apprenticed.

## Fine Placement Record Established By Graduates of Building Estimating

The building and estimating class offers unlimited opportunities for all persons whose interest is centered in this field. Mr. Sisson, the instructor, has over 30 years experience as an architect and has been the designer of many outstanding commercial, industrial and residential buildings on the West Coast. Under his guiding hand the student is offered a complete training program in any one of the many fields of the building trade. Most of the students are placed in jobs as they complete the course. A few examples of students who have attained prominent positions during the past several years are Ray Baptista, Harold Johnson, Warren Burns as estimators with California Builders, Swinerton & Walberg Company and Idenco Building Construction firms respectively, Robert Bouten, Rod Newton, Harold Knox, Wm. Montgomery as estimators and draftsmen with Soule Steel Company, Ryerson Steel Company and Herrick Iron Works. Bob Atover, Edward Kra-

jar, Richard Heidloff as draftsmen in prominent architects' offices. Byron Cederwall is with Toland Engineering Company as engineering draftsman. Tony Garcia is with Kawneer Manufacturing Company, one of the nation's largest producers of store fronts, as a draftsman. Mr. Garcia is, today, the chief draftsman for this firm. These are but a few of the many graduates who have been building a success future for themselves with the training they received in this class. Age is no obstacle in this field. Many of the students are over 40. Last year's class had a glazing contractor of 35; a building contractor of 52; a salesman of 38; a production engineer over 60 years of age with 32 years experience at Standard Oil Company. Many successful people have returned to this class for a period of 6 to 18 months to increase their potential earning capacity. The door is always open, and Mr. Sisson welcomes anyone who wishes to visit and discuss his future program with him.

## Auto Shop Students Learn Trouble Shooting, Repair and Safety With Modern Machinery

The Auto Shop at Laney is like any other shop in which the students are taught the use and safety procedures of the tools.

Students learn the process of troubleshooting and the repairing of engines, transmissions, differentials, front ends, and all other phases of automotive work.

The instructors and students take pride in the jobs which are worked on.

The shop has all of the latest equipment, and is set up in the same way the big shops downtown. It can handle almost any kind of a job that might arise.

Almost all of the best and newest machinery is used in the shop.

The work is divided into two parts; class work and work in the shop.

Class work consists of movies, talks, and work in books.

## Excellent Course Offered by Laney Machinists Class

There are many opportunities for employment in machine shops around the bay area. Also in the railroad shops, manufacturing plants, shipyards, airplane plants, army and naval bases. The Laney Trade Machine Shop is highly recognized by the machine shop employers as an excellent training course.

The purpose of the course is to prepare the students for entry into the machine trade. The instructor and school department help the students secure jobs in this field. Upon graduation from this course, they may find employment in any of the following fields in the trade: machine tool operator, apprentice machinist, turret lathe, milling machine, apprentice tool and diemaker, and drill press, etc. Other jobs obtainable with instruction you receive here at Laney are bench work, assembly work, tool-keeping, layout and inspection.

Qualifications for entering the machinist's trade are average physical strength and health, and interest in mechanical work. Knowledge of simple arithmetic, how to work in fractions and decimals is quite necessary. Other subjects which are helpful are algebra, trigonometry, geometry, chemistry, and knowledge of mechanical drawing. Apprenticeship ages range between 18 and 20 years.

The class operates six hours daily, with two hours devoted to study of machine science subjects of the trade.

The class is maintained by its two capable instructors, Mr. Andrew Graham and Mr. William Koenigkramer, who direct all activities within the class.

## Student Chapeau Brings Out \$65 Bag

Visiting the millinery class at Laney is like visiting a fashion house where buying, selling and the making of hats is all important. Charming and wearable hats are made that are the envy of most women.

An illustration of this occurred recently when Mrs. McMillan, a student in the class, was shopping for a new bag in San Francisco. She was wearing a white "fuzzy" creation which she had designed and made herself. The salesgirl, in sizing up her customer, looked at Mrs. McMillan's hat and brought out a bag with a \$65 price tag!

There is nothing like making a good impression.

## Cosmetology

### Permanents, Facial Treatments Offered Without Appointments

Gals! Have you looked into your mirror lately and decided you were more beast than beauty? Why go through winter feeling drab? Don't wait for spring! Blossom forth with a new hair style, color or permanent.

Perhaps your hair has lost its luster . . . we have the cure, a rinse or tint just for you. Is your hair stringy or straight? How about a permanent at the Laney's Cosmetology Department? Prices are low but the quality is high. All beauty work is handled by junior and senior students, under the expert guidance (and surveillance) of Miss Hobbs and Mrs. Peterson.

Come up and stretch out in one of the comfortable contour chairs while you have a facial, or enjoy a scalp treatment . . . either plain or electrical. The electric facial gives you the equivalent of four hours sleep and leaves you feeling years younger.

Your hands play a very important part in your social and business life. Make use of the free manicures which are available to you at any time. No appointment is necessary for any of this work. You do not have to wait weeks for that haircut, permanent or manicure.

More and more women are finding that the beauty operator is their best friend. Laney's cosmetologists are a friendly and cooperative group. Go up and let them serve you.

### Interesting Career In Twelve Weeks

Household employment offers professional training in housekeeping skills to prepare girls and women for employment in all types of homes and establishments where a knowledge of household techniques is required.

Miss Garrett, the instructor, had most of her training in a banker's home in Alameda. She also worked for awhile in a home in Oakmore. After working several places as a housekeeper, she went to work at the Alameda Naval Air Station as a mechanic.

Dr. Spencer Benbow, principal of Laney at that time, asked her if she would like to start a course on household employment at Laney Trade. She said she would, and has been here five years helping other girls get their start.

Many fine placements have been made for graduates of household employment. One man and his wife who completed the course are now working for Bing Crosby as a butler and maid. Other graduates are now working in private homes in Piedmont, San Francisco, and San Mateo. Many girls are working in hospitals as maids for the nurses' rooms, or maintaining office and waiting rooms. Mannings and Fosters are just two of the restaurants where graduates have found work.

The units of instruction include

### D. A. Students Further Course at Cal Campus

The dental assistants class is on the Laney campus, at East Eleventh Street and Third Avenue. Girl graduates of high school are admitted to the class in September or January as a junior for an eleven-month instructional course. Four months after her entrance in the course, and upon satisfactory work, she receives her cap at a meeting of the Dental Assistants' Association. Upon the graduation of seniors, the junior trainees become full-fledged senior class members. Graduation exercises are held during January and June.

A morning program for juniors is filled by an intensive study of theory, and in the afternoon manipulative projects are covered.

On Thursdays, Mrs. Cleo Wetmore, instructor, accompanies the seniors to the University of California Dental College in San Francisco. Here the seniors assist graduating dental students. A few seniors have the privilege of entering hospitals such as Permanente, Herrick, and others in Oakland for practical application of their skills and techniques.

#### JOB PLACEMENT

After graduation, the dental assistant is placed in a dental office, and after employment is satisfactory, she is recommended to take the National State Board Examination.

The eleven-month course is sponsored by the Alameda County Dental Society, and has as guest lecturers Bay Area dentists who speak on the various fields of their specialization.

Neophyte students are introduced to a small scale costume initiation to the Laney Order of Dental Assistants. The senior D.A.'s have the girls perform stunts and finish the ordeal with refreshments at the juniors' expense. Next semester when you are surprised at the attire some Laney student is wearing, it is quite possible she is a future D. A.

cooking, table setting, serving, laundry, ironing, general cleaning, marketing, meal planning, personal appearance, and home safety training.

The course is a minimum of 12 weeks for girls without experience. Class hours are 8 a. m. to 2:45 p. m., Monday through Friday.

## Vocational Nursing

### Student Nurses Combine Classwork And Hospital Training in Course

In January of 1951 an important step was taken in Oakland toward the goal of better nursing care for the public. During the critical years of world war II, the need for trained people to care for the sick became increasingly evident. Growing demands for graduate professional nurses made it impossible for them to give the care needed.

### Mr. Cole Expresses Enthusiasm for Paper

Eagerly awaiting the first edition of the "Laney Tower" is Vice-principal Thomas W. Cole, who witnessed the demise of the Central Trade News in 1940. Publication at that time was suspended due to the lack of materials and personnel.

Mr. Cole, whose earlier profession was in the building trades, came to Laney (at that time known as Central Trade) in 1939. Here he began teaching plastering classes, holding several other positions during the following years. He was later appointed vice-principal in 1950, as Laney had been without one since 1943.

With a great amount of enthusiasm for the success of the new publication, Mr. Cole states, "I hope in all sincerity that this worth-while student contribution to our school will gain the full-hearted cooperation and support of the student body.

"A school paper performs a very important function, informing the students of school activities and the courses available. Therefore, the luck or success of the 'Laney Tower' will only be as great as the student support."

Mr. Cole's address to the Student Body will be only one of the administrative sparks to fire the spirit, pride and high expectations for the successful publication of the "Laney Tower."

### Election Returns Compete With Dancing at First Student Affair

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Reynolds, and Austin Blackwell; Co-ordinating Committee — Lee Reynolds, Mr. Blackwell, Ken Tisdell, Mrs. Clegg, Charlett Clagett, and Bob Miller.

In addition to the student body members who helped, the following members of the faculty were present to give what aid they could: Mrs. Carmen Goad, waitress training; Miss Ruby Hobbs and Mrs. Jessie Peterson of cosmetology; Miss Ruth Swanson and Mrs. Grace Dunn of vocational nursing; Mrs.

The experience of hospitals with groups like the volunteer Red Cross Nurses' Aides, showed that valuable service could be rendered by women who had even a few hours of thorough training. Subsequent study seemed to indicate that a course of class room study and supervised hospital experience of approximately one year's duration would be of great value in improving the quality of nursing care in hospitals and homes.

As a result of requests from local leaders in the fields of nursing, medicines, and public health, a course for training vocational nurses was established at Laney Trade and Technical Institute. The program requires a total of twelve months; the first semester is spent in the class room learning basic nursing procedures and related information. The remaining time is spent with three affiliated hospitals, the Visiting Nurses Association, and the Oakland Child Care Centers.

On graduation, students take a state examination to qualify for a license to practice vocational nursing, in accordance with the law passed by the California legislature, in 1951.

By becoming vocational nurses, graduates know that they join members of the professional team and continue to strive through better nursing care to bring a greater share of health and happiness to the people of the community.

Lila Johnson of ladies tailoring; Miss Gertrude Garrett of household employment; Mr. Ed Bratset, apprentice co-ordinator; Mr. Bill High, photography; Mr. Peter Lang, printing; and Mr. Gordon Warner, continuation.

Principal Paul Thomas, who was an ex-officio member of all committees, was very pleased with the dance and the reaction of the student body. He feels that more such affairs should be planned and wants to thank everyone who participated in making the party a success.

**Did YOU Support the Dance?**