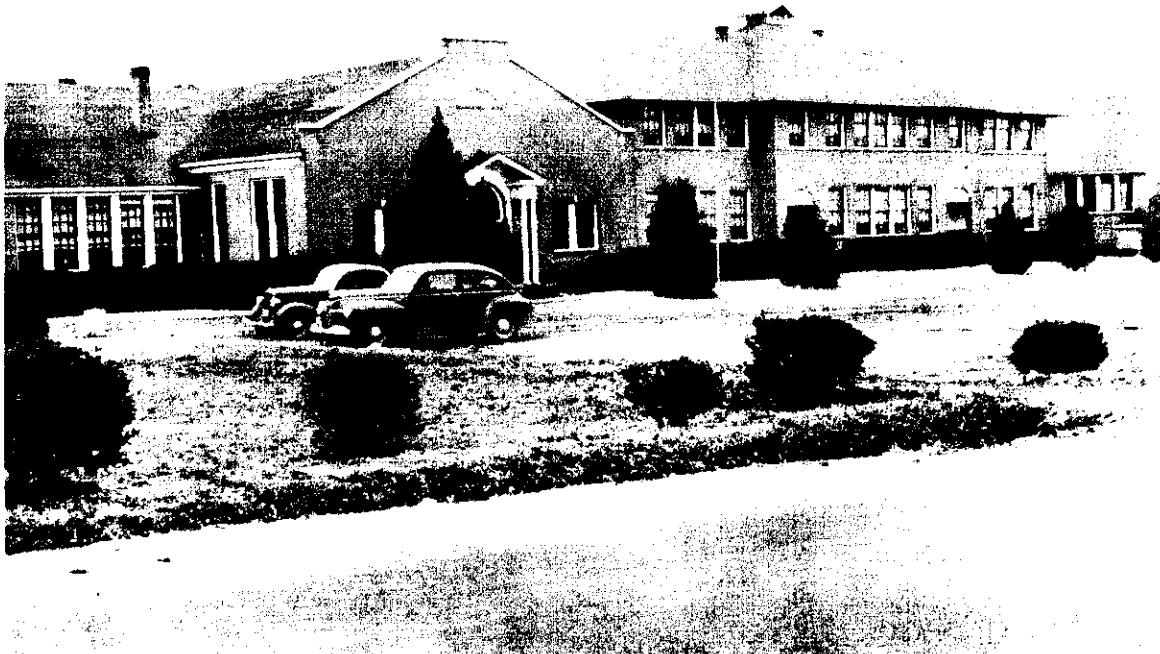


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Class of 1955/1956



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Yearbook

Gets Underway

Lula Mae Loner will be the editor of the school annual this year.

She is the secretary of the senior class, president of the JHA, secretary of the Beta Club, librarian of the Glee Club, a member of the Student Council, the paper staff, FTA, Library Club, and FELA.

The other staff members are- Dorothy Paschal, assistant editor; Thomas McLean, business manager; Furman Mattox, assistant business manager; Curtis Eranham, production manager, and John Swygert, assistant production manager; Peggy Mattox photographer; Clarice Lever, assistant photographer, Ann Frick and Martha Jean Finley, art editors; and Robert Eyers, publicity manager.

SCHOOL GETS MANY NEEDED IMPROVEMENTS

School district number two has recently made many needed improvements at Blythewood school.

These improvements (Con't, page 10, col.1)

Clarice Lever Chosen

To Edit BLYTHE-WORDS

MCLEAN HEADS

STUDENT COUNCIL

Thomas Neil McLean, a senior, has been elected president of the Student Council. The other officers are Vice-President, Howard Peake, and secretary and treasurer, Margaret Walker.

Curtis Eranham, Jack Rowe, and Frankie Eranham have put posters in the halls.

Blythewood High is most anxious that its Student Council make an outstanding contribution to the school and community this year.

1955 SCHOOL CALENDAR

September 30
JHA Square Dance
October 20-21
State Fair Holidays
October 28
Halloween
November 24-25
Thanksgiving Holidays
December 17-
January 2, 1956
Christmas Holidays

Clarice Lever, a senior will be editor of Blythe-Words for this year.

She is president of the Beta Club, secretary of the Glee Club, a member of the Future Business Leaders of America, the Student Council, and the Future Teachers.

Staff members to serve with her are Assistant Editor, Kay Wilson; News Editor, Dorothy Paschal; Art Editor, Lula Mae Loner; Business Managers, Curtis Eranham and John Swygert; Sports Editors, Girls, Peggy Mattox, Column, Thomas Neil McLean, Boys, Howard Peake; Feature Editor, Martha Jean Finley; Exchange Editor, Ann Frick; Circulation, Furman Mattox, Tommy Trapp, and Melba Wise; Reporters, Betty Trapp, Peggy Blume and Lenora Abell; Sponsors, Mrs. Zeagler and Miss Rorer.

Blythe-Words is a member of both the South Carolina and the Columbia Scholastic Press Associations. Honors have been won in both associations.

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WHAT IS THE STUDENT COUNCIL AND ITS RELATIONSHIP TO YOU

Perhaps you have heard many adverse comments concerning the activities of Student Council. This stems from the fact that the person has little or no knowledge of the functions of the student Council.

First of all, "What is Student Council?" Student Council is an organization designed and controlled by the student for the sole purpose of bettering the school. Student Council is a method of expression by the student body, and not a weapon working against them.

Students don't seem to realize that a reflection on their Student Council is a reflection on themselves because it is the students who have placed the council member in his or her position.

Most of us would do well to realize that Student Council is not a dictatorial organization, but rather a democratic organization based on sound democratic principles.



EDITORIAL -

Why Should Merchants Advertise in The School Newspaper

Why should they? The school paper is taken into nearly every home and is read by the students and parents. Advertisements are read by both also. When you advertise in the school paper, there is bound to be more goodwill. It is only natural for a person to support a merchant that supports the paper.

The Staff Wants Your News

The staff will appreciate any news you have concerning your grade work or club activities. We want to publish your efforts and achievements.

There is a locked-box with Blythe-Words written on it in the high school hall next to the business room. Will you drop your news in it? Thank You!

Blythewood

Beta Club

Initiates Three

On the basis of their leadership and scholastic abilities and on their worthwhile characters, Peggy Blume, Ann Frick, and Jack Rowe were recently initiated into the Beta Club, a national honorary organization.

Using the colors of the rainbow, Clarice Lever, Lula Mae Loner, Howard Peake, Curtis Branham and Charlene Wingard gave speeches stressing the aims and objectives of the club. Melba Wise gave the devotions. Clarice Lever, accompanied by Kay Wilson, sang the Beta Club song.

"No Date for Tommy," an alcohol playlet, was the first program of the year. The characters were Kay Wilson, Howard Peake, and Charlene Wingard. Curtis Branham gave a report on statistics he secured from the highway department concerning alcohol.

Clarice Lever is president of the Beta Club and Dorothy Paschal is vice-president. Lula Mae Loner is secretary and treasurer and Howard Peake is reporter.

The club meets every first and third Monday. Miss Anne Rorer, twelfth grade home room teacher, is sponsor.

"HEY, THERE!
WITH THAT SMOKE
IN YOUR EYES"

"Hey, there! You! Come out from behind that smoke screen; let's see what you really look like; let's get some pertinent factors concerning this smoking business and alcohol." so began Margaret Walker in a speech at the first meeting of the Anne Rorer Courtesy Club held last Friday.

Emphazizing the importance of abstinence in so far as smoking and drinking are concerned William Sharpe and Margaret cited incidents to show that indulging in either fails to make an immature person a mature person.

Frank Peake was elected president; Charlene Wingard, vice-president, and Ann Joye Peake, Jimmy Fulmer, and Howard Peake, secretary, treasurer, and reporter,

respectively.

The purpose of the club is to promote good manners at school and at home.

With The Physical Education Classes

This year boys and girls from the seventh through the twelfth grades are taking part in physical education classes three times a week, the boys have a thirty minute period to play ball. On the days when the boys have study hall, the girls have physical education period.

The exercises are directed by Mr. Wilson or some student at the beginning of the period. Teams are then picked, and everyone takes part and enjoys the fun.

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Blythewood PTA Holds Meeting

The Blythewood Parent - Teacher Association held its monthly meeting in the school auditorium on September 7 with the president, Mrs. Roger Wilson presiding.

The invocation was given by the Rev. L.D. Hamer.

Mrs. P. P. Hoffman led the assembly singing and a special piano selection was given by Carol Wilson. The seventh grade was winner of the attendance award.

W. C. Rorer introduced the teachers for the year. Special recognition was given Mrs. Mattie Taylor, a new member of the faculty.

After the business session a reception was given in honor of the faculty.

Blythewood Attends JHA Camp

The Junior Homemakers attended JHA camp at Ocean Drive this summer from June 28 to July 4.

The group included 10 members, two bus drivers, and 3 chaperones. Members were: Betty Trapp, Lenora Abell, Martha Jean Finley, Dorothy Paschal, Meritta Gardner, Norma Jean Newman, Kay Wilson, Charlene Wingard, Barbara Fulmer, and Barbara Jones. The chaperones were Mrs. Mirian Pusser, Miss Anne Rorer, and Mrs. John Raines. Jack Rowe and John Swygert drove the school bus.

While at camp, the Blythewood members won first prize in the camp stunt contest by presenting a skit, "Casey at the Bat".

FBLA Members Numbers 22

MCLEAN IS LEADER

Numbering 21 members, the Future Business Leaders of America elected Thomas McLean as president, Martha Jean Finley as vice-president, Dorothy Paschal as secretary, Peggy Mattox as treasurer, and Ann Frick as reporter.

Thomas is a member of the senior class; business manager for the school yearbook, Blythe-Spirit, and the president of the student council.

Martha Jean is a senior, vice-president of her class, president of the Future Teachers, and reporter for the Junior Homemakers.

The FBLA is an organization composed of commercial students.

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WITH THE SENIORS OF '55

Three of last year's seniors- Ruth Hawley Meirs, Bobby Wooten, and Ann Smyrl-are continuing their formal education by attending college. Ruth is attending Wisconsin State College, Bobby Wooten is attending Newberry College, and Ann Smyrl is attending Columbia College.

Angela Fulmer is continuing her business education at Draughons Business College.

Jan Wingard and Roberta Frick Sprattin are employed by the Southern Bell Telephone Company.

Other positions held by the former seniors are as follows: Albert Ross is employed at Sears Town; Baynard Rodgers, Kline Iron and Metal Company; Louise Swygert, Federal Land Bank; Louise

Roberts, S. H. Kress; Ann Newton, Taylor's Dress Shop; Patricia Wooten, Dunn and Brad-Street; Maxine Brown, R. L. Bryan; Rebecca Bass, Capital City Manufacturing Company; and Sylvia Maples is employed by Silver's.

Margaret Boatwright Boney is keeping house.

Jacquelyn Lovett and Gwendolyn Lovett also work. Mattie Fulmer is unemployed at present.

JHA To Sponsor Square Dance

The JHA will sponsor a square dance in the gymnasium on Friday, September 30, beginning at 8 p. m.

Admission will be fifty cents stag and one dollar per couple.

The JHA girls are selling candy and billfolds every afternoon in the home economics room. The billfolds are one dollar each.

HINNANT AND RORER ASSIST IN LEADERSHIP TRAINING SCHOOL

Estelle R. Hinnant and Anne M. Rorer were leader and assistant leader, respectively, at the District II Leadership Training School held last Thursday at Dentsville.

Mrs. Hinnant was leader of the Future Teachers of America Group while Miss Rorer was assistant leader of the Child-Teacher Welfare Group.

The purpose of the school was to help develop additional local leadership in educational matters.

All leaders in the second Congressional district were asked to attend.

Between the afternoon and evening sessions, the Richland County District Two Schools served a turkey dinner.

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Local FBLA Chapter Represented At National Convention In Chicago

John Swygert and myself attended the National Future Business Leaders of America Convention, held in the Morrison Hotel in Chicago this summer on June 12-14.

21 FROM SOUTH CAROLINA

The largest delegation ever in attendance from the South Carolina Chapter, 21, representing nine different schools, attended from the state.

WE RIDE THE CHOO-CHOO

We left Columbia Friday morning by train and arrived in Chicago Saturday evening.

CONVENTION ACTIVITIES

Saturday night was spent mostly getting

acquainted with other delegates.

The convention officially opened at two p.m. Sunday with a guided tour of Chicago

Sunday night the pre convention session was held with greetings from the Indiana and Illinois State Chapters.

None from South Carolina attended the first session, however, because Arthur Godfrey's famous singing trio, the McGuire Sisters happened to be featured at a theater a few blocks down.

There were six boys from South Carolina and three from Pennsylvania in adjoining hotel rooms and mainly for this reason no one slept much the entire convention.

The first and second

general sessions were held Monday morning and Monday afternoon.

The banquet and convention dance were held Monday evening.

The final session of the convention was held Tuesday morning.

WE LEAVE CHICAGO

We left Chicago Tuesday evening and arrived in Columbia Wednesday afternoon.

A CONVENTION SIDELIGHT

One sidelight of the convention; the sun shone for only a few minutes after we arrived and a few minutes before we left.

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-Thomas McLean

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HOMEROOM WHO'S WHO -

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Vice President- Jeanette Hoyt

Secretary- Beth Grimsley

Treasurer- Neysa Mattox

EIGHTH GRADE:

President- Horace Peake

Vice President- Douglas Broom

Secretary and Treasurer- Margaret Wingard

NINTH GRADE:

President- James Mattox

Vice President- Elbert Hollis

Secretary- Nancy Wooten

TENTH GRADE:

President- Ray Sharpe

Vice President- Jack Rowe

Secretary- Cynthia Riggs

Treasurer- Barbara Fulmer

Reporter- Rebecca Brown

ELEVENTH GRADE:

President- Kay Wilson

Vice President- Carroll Morris

Secretary- Frank Peake

Treasurer- Charleen Wingard

Reporter- Margaret Walker

TWELFTH GRADE:

President- Curtis Branham

Vice President- Martha Jean Finley

Secretary- Lula Mae Loner

Treasurer- Ann Frick

Reporter- Dorothy Paschal

Meet The New Teacher

Blythewood has only one new teacher this year. She is Mrs. Mattie Taylor, the fourth grade teacher.

Mrs. Taylor attended Columbia College. She has nine years teaching experience and has taught in Gilbert, Florida, Japan, and at the Carolina Orphan Home.

Her husband is an adjuster for the CIT Corporation. They have an eight year old son, Alan.

When asked her opinion of the school she said, "I think it is a very nice place to teach."

Blythewood is glad to welcome Mrs. Taylor as a member of the faculty and hopes that her experiences will, one day, be pleasant memories.

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INTERESTING THINGS HAPPEN DURING GIRLS' STATE WEEK

There were many interesting things that happened during the week, June 1-12, while Clarice Lever and I were attending Girls' State 1955. For instance, they told us when we got to our rooms, the first thing to do was pull down our blinds. Well, I always obey, so the first thing I did was pull down my blinds, from the top all the way down to the floor! Then I went to visit Clarice, there was something interesting going on outside, we tried to stick our heads out the window too far and knocked the screen out. There were two girls who slipped out and went to town every night, then there was the girl who slept with

her eyes open.

Clarice was a Democrat, and I, a Republican. That's how it was. We were divided into parties, Democrats and Republicans. We also divided into cities and counties and at first Clarice and I hardly ever saw each other.

We were both on the second floor but at different ends of the hall. I was in the room with a girl from Charleston. All the girls on my end of the hall met in my room. My roommate was the only one with a radio; it played until two o'clock every night. The counselors didn't know this, they were on first floor.

We had meetings all day, everyday, learning about government and then we had the election of officers. My roommate and my roommate were running for governor and my suite-

mate was elected. She was a Democrat, Clarice and I voted Republican, even tho Clarice was a Democrat. We voted on voting machines and the election was conducted like real elections. In the election I was a county councilman and Clarice was a city councilman.

We had to do a lot of walking. Nearly every place we went, we walked. One day while walking from the State House we were caught in the rain. Clarice and I had our raincoats, so we pulled off our shoes and went on. It was really pouring and we got wet before we got out raincoats on.

While we were at Girls' State we received a State and Record paper free each day. We also received dozens of books and pamphlets on South Carolina. Everyday, they (See page 12, column 2)

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gram. No individual will single-handedly be able to do much about this situation. Anything which is accomplished will have to be a group effort.

How soon then, could a football program be inaugurated? Again the answer depends upon you, the individual, and your willingness to co-operate with a group.

Who will provide the initiative to inaugurate this program?

Who Wants A Football Team

The most important part of having a football team is the benefit it will be to the students. Therefore it is the students themselves who would like to have a football program, the most. It is not only the participant who stands to benefit, however, but also the school and the parents.

The schools small size often enters into the argument. An argument cannot be based on this, because there are 83 boys in high school. A number which increases every year.

Girls Look To Basketball

Blythewood's girls will begin rebuilding this year after losing four regulars last year through graduation.

With Olympia and Eau Claire added to the 1955-56 schedule, practices will be longer and more extensive. Shooting accuracy will be emphasized following last year's poor 20 to 25% shooting percentage.

Physical Education classes should show (Cont. page 2, col. 1)

Can Blythewood Support Football

The answer to this depends on whether or not you will support a football program at this school.

After the second successive year of failure, it is now obvious that participating on a joint basis with Dentsville will not prove successful.

It is simply impossible for players to get to Dentsville, dress, and be ready to begin practice at 3:30 after finishing classes here at three. It just isn't fair to the player to expect him to do this. Also it wouldn't be fair to ask Dentsville to wait until four to practice since that is more than an hour after they finish classes.

The opinion immediately expressed is that Blythewood has never, can never, and will never support a football team.

This will hold true as long as no one takes the initiative to go about helping start a football pro-

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(From page 1, col. 1) include new tables and chairs, a demonstration desk, chemicals, beakers, and test tubes for the science department; and a secretarial desk and chair, a calculator, two files, and a cabinet for the commercial department.

The partition between the main library and the reading room has been removed, a work room has been set up and about 300 new books have been added, making a total of approximately 850 books in the library that belong to the school.

Since there are fewer pupils in the grammar school than formerly, there is one less teacher so that means that there is an extra room. With this room, the principal's office and the teachers' lounge were enlarged and a book room was built.

As aids to teaching

English and social studies, the district has bought many maps and globes.

Each pupil in high school has a locker; each room has a new green chalk board and a set of shades and each teacher has a file. All of these improvements have been needed for a long time

Students Spend Interesting Summer

Most of our students spent very interesting summers.

Tommy Trapp and Furman Mattox spent the summer working in Connecticut.

Billy Starnes worked as a tile apprentice.

Robert Frick worked but also loafed.

Lenora Abell went to JHA Camp at Ocean Drive Beach, worked a little and visited relatives in Melbourne, Florida.

Betty Trapp went to JA Camp and visited her sister in Columbia Robert Byars just worked.

Melba Wise went to the mountains.

Margaret Walker worked on weekends and loafed.

Willard Jones worked at Shakespeare.

Ann Joye Peake romanced and loafed.

Harold Boozer slept, ate and just loafed in general.

Irene Kelly slept, ate and had a good time.

LONG-WANTED LOCKERS PROVE A NOVELTY

We have been wanting lockers for a long time. Now that we have them let's try to keep them clean. Let's also try to be courteous and quiet in the halls while using them.

If we have to stop, open our lockers, put a book in, take a book out, and then close the door, we will lose time getting to our classes. We must be on time for classes. Let's try to remember this. ---Clarice Lever

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The dusk began to fall and I became very sleepy. So sleepy, in fact, until I began to nod my head and blink my eyes.

All of a sudden I was in the midst of an immense crowd of people. They seemed to be rushing towards a huge brick building. Wait, let me look again! The brick building is Blythewood School. Why are they going there? Well, there is only one way to find out.

When I reached the school, I noticed a big sign over Miss Rorer's room. The sign read--- "See the Monkeys, Admission 25¢." I managed to find a quarter in my pocket so I gave it to Thomas McLean, a little monkey in a

tuxedo, who was selling tickets to the monkey show. I never would have thought Blythewood School would be changed into a zoo.

The show began when Lenora Abell and Tommy Trapp came dancing on to the scene; while John Swygert played a crazy (and I do mean crazy) monbo tune.

Then someone announced that the only monkey ever known to jump rope on roller skates would now perform. Miss Rorer skated out to the front while Betty and Peggy turned the rope for her. I never did know she could skate like that. Then Meritta Gardner walked a tight-rope; Ann Frick danced around on her toes.

All of a sudden a

cry rang out. Then a loud roar shook the building. The lion had escaped from its cage. Everybody was in a hustle trying to get away. The monkeys were placed into their proper cages and I turned to run. The lion was right behind me. I looked back! All I could see was teeth, then a loud crash. I opened my eyes to find a terrible sight. I had fallen asleep while gazing from my bedroom window and had fallen flat on the floor.

When I opened my eyes, I was looking directly into the eyes of my great-grandfather's picture that was hanging on the wall. They stared as if to say "I pity this younger generation; what's the world coming to?" and we wonder too but who's worried?

- Martha Jean Finley

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SPORTS

(From page 9, col.3)
 immediate results in basketball abilities. Every able high school girl is enrolled (grades seven through twelve) in physical education for the first time in school history.

Forward positions will have the experience edge over the guards Peggy Blume, a regular for three seasons, will anchor the defense. Seniors Peggy Mattox, a regular last year, Ann Frick, and Betty Trapp are returning members from last year's squad.

Formation of a "B" squad for girls is under consideration in order to take care of the record number of candidates expected out for the teams.

HOW TRUE

Mrs. Taylor: "Can you tell me anything about the great chemist of the 17th century, Meritta?" Meritta Gardener, "They are all dead."

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Sara K. Zeagler will act as Red Cross Sponsor for the Blythewood School this year.

Assisting her will be Dorothy Paschal and Lenora Abell.

This is the second time Mrs. Zeagler has served in this capacity. Under her leadership, the school may expect to see an active Junior Red Cross Chapter.

On October 5, a get together luncheon will be given at Shandon Methodist Church, Columbia for all Teacher-Sponsors.

(From page 8, col.3)
 gave us a post card to write home on, but everyday Clarice and I stood in line for nearly an hour to use the telephone.

Girls' State only lasted five days, but everyone had a lot to remember.

By - Lula Mae Loner

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Blythewood Conquered

Evaluation! Evaluating Committee! Those terms have been heard many times around school for a long time. One didn't know what to expect but all had the impression something really important was coming up—and it did!

On Tuesday morning, bright and early, the committee arrived. Then, all through the day, here they were and you looked again—and here they were not. Low voices were heard behind closed doors. A feeling of mystery prevailed.

This student and that one were called in. Teachers were interviewed and so were the administrators. The anxiety was terrific. How could one

stand this nervous strain much longer.

However, by Wednesday morning it was all over—the evaluation was completed. What the verdict was Blythe-Words does not know but from the expression on the faces of faculty members, we are of the opinion it was good.

So, "Thank You", goes to the evaluating committee—Mr. C. W. Fitzgerald, McColl High School; Mr. John Overton, Hand Junior High; Mr. P. M. Kerkpatrick, Brookland-Cayce High; Mr. C. E. McGrew, State Department of Education; Mrs. Dorothy Van Patten, University High and Miss Elizabeth Morrison, Florence Junior High School.

It was nice to have you at Blythewood.

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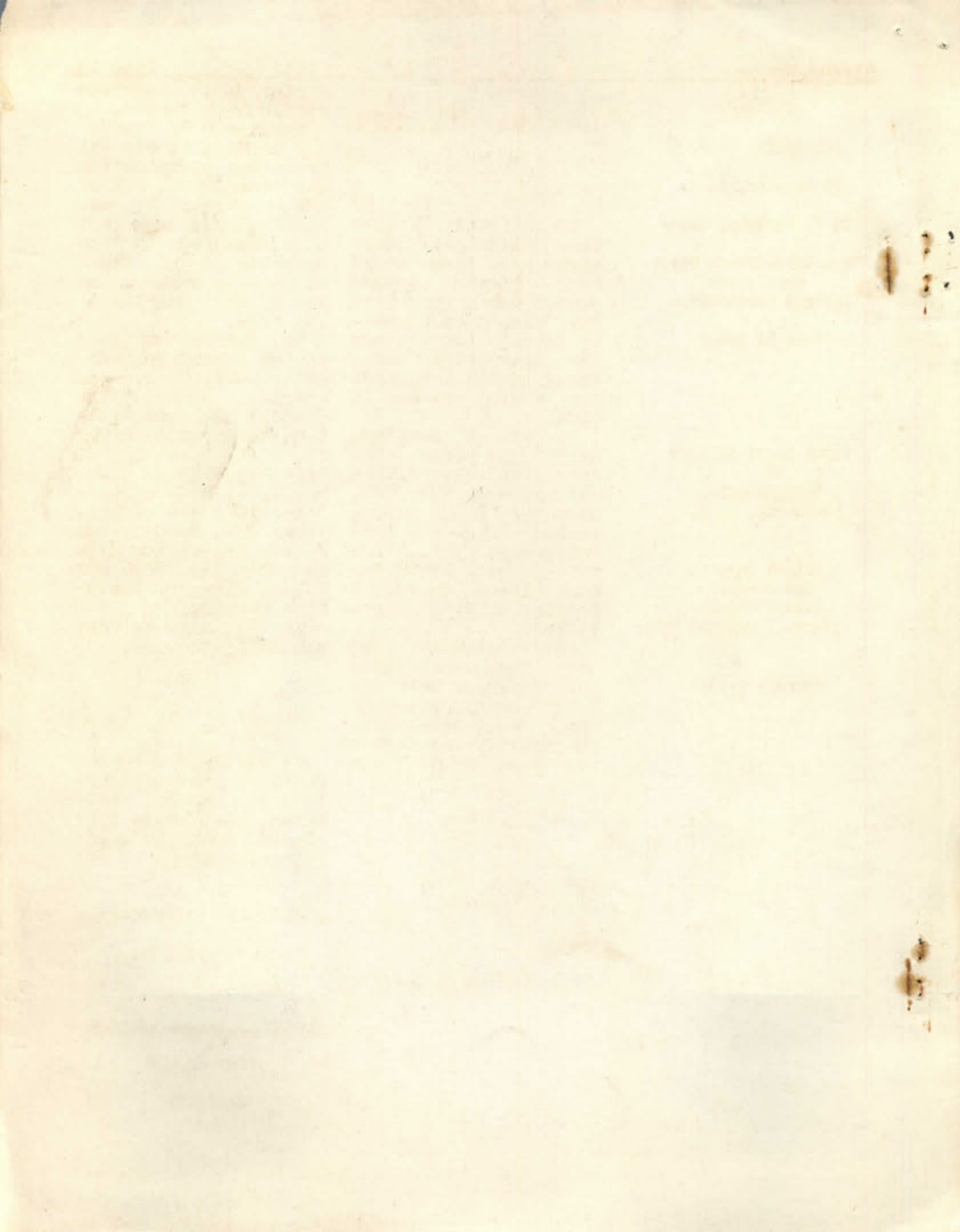
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Senior Superlatives ARE ANNOUNCED

When Miss Rorer, senior class sponsor, announced the recent senior selections of senior class superlatives it was revealed that:

MOST ATHLETIC:
Peggy Blume
Tommy Trapp

MOST DEPENDABLE:
Melba Wise
Curtis Branham

BEST ALL ROUND:
Betty Trapp
Thomas McLean

BEST LOOKING:
Lula Mae Loner
Furman Mattox

WITTIEST:
Meritta Gardner
Billy Starnes

NEATEST:
Clarice Lever
Robert Frick

MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED
Peggy Mattox
John Swygert

BEST SPORTS:
Lenora Abell
Marion Knox

MOST GENTLEMANLIKE:
Robert Byars

MOST LADYLIFE:
Martha Jean Finley

FRIENDLIEST:
Ann Frick
Dorothy Paschal

HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL IN THE GYMNASIUM ON FRIDAY NIGHT

JUNIOR CLASS PROMISES FUN GALORE

American Education Week Is Just Around The Corner

American Education Week is just around the corner. November 6-12.

Through the doorway of this school pass tomorrow's citizens. Beyond this doorway the tomorrow of America is being shaped.

For a tomorrow to be proud of, let's assure every child the finest possible education in the finest schools possible.

Open House will be held on the evening of November 9. You are invited to attend.

Mrs. Elizabeth Taylor is in charge of the Program for American Education Week in the high school and Mrs. Fletcher, in grammar school.

Halloween Carnival will be held October 28, at 7:30 p.m. in the school auditorium.

This year's festival sponsored by the junior class as usual, promises to be one of the best since it was started before World War II.

"The Haunted Bookshop", a spook play designed to scare the wits out of the audience, will be presented as the first attraction of the evening.

Dancing, bingo, apple bobbing, prize fishing, horse-back riding and ball throwing are among the many entertainments slated.

Another high light will be the crowning of the carnival kings and queens, elected by the student body.

Hot dogs, drinks, popcorn, french fried potatoes and assorted other "fillers" will be offered at the refreshment stand.

Edward Taylor will act as master of ceremonies.

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EDITORIALS-

What Does It Mean To Be A Senior?

Being a senior should mean more than the privileges we receive. We are the top class in the school because we have yearned for a high school education and have worked twelve years for it. We should be proud to be seniors.

Many may not be able to go to college but if we have learned all we were supposed to in high school

we should be fitted for some occupation in the business world.

Everyone that has the opportunity to go to college should take advantage of this opportunity for a higher education. Whether or not we see this now we will find later that it will pay dividends.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT TEACHERS ARE PEOPLE TOO

Teachers are people too. But somewhere in the midst of today's compulsory education the student has seemed to deny his teacher this consideration and has instead conceived his instructor as someone only intent on compelling him to a classroom. He should realize that his teacher is there to help him in his quest for knowledge.

The student in high school is looked upon, by his teachers, as a mature adult capable of assuming his own responsibilities and making worthwhile use of his own time. He is no longer expected to have the characteristics of the grammar school student of yesterday, making clear his own boredom through discourtesy to his instructor and fellow students with a grudge against all teachers.

Above all, it is important for the student to realize that if he walks into the classroom, with a feeling of rebellion against his teacher, he is going to make it much more difficult for himself to learn anything and much more difficult for his teacher to teach him anything.

AN EDITORS RESPONSIBILITY-

"The pen is mightier than the sword." Think about that a bit. The sword, symbol of force, might, war, coercion, is pretty powerful. Many millions of people are today enslaved by the sword. But the pen, symbol of writing, is mightier! For it MOLDS WHAT PEOPLE THINK.

C J Futrell, Jr. Talks To Class About Marriage

Rev. C. J. Futrell, Jr., pastor of Sandy Level Baptist Church, talked recently to the senior class on "The Spiritual Aspects to Consider in Choosing A Mate."

Speaking to the seniors during their home-room period, the Rev. Mr. Futrell emphasized the importance of one marrying within his own religious faith.

"Don't ever go with a person that wouldn't be a desirable marriage partner", so stated Mr. Futrell. "If this rule is observed, many unhappy homes would be avoided."

The seniors will continue this subject of Choosing A Mate at their next meeting.

MRS ZEAGLER TO ATTEND MEETINGS

The South Carolina Business Education Association will hold its fall meeting at Winthrop College, Rock Hill, on Friday and Saturday of this week.

Mrs. Madeline S. Stroy of New York, guest speaker, is Education Director of the Gregg Publishing Division of McGraw-Hill Book Co.

Mrs. Sara K. Zeagler, teacher of business education at Blythewood will attend this meeting.

Mrs. Zeagler also expects to attend the meeting of the Southern Business Education Association in St. Petersburg, Florida, Nov. 23 - 26 where she will serve as chairman of the nominating committee for the Department of Secondary Education.

Students Write And Present Play

"When there's a will there's a way and I'm going to find that way" were the words of Columbus as spoken by Marion Smyrl in a play written and presented by the seventh grade reading class on Wednesday.

The play, depicting the life and first voyage of Columbus was written by Carol Wilson, Sylvia Seay, Donald Kelly, and Marion Smyrl.

Harriet Hendrix read devotions and introduced the play. All members of the reading class took part.

Another play, "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow", will be presented soon by the other section of the reading class.

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Clarice Lever (Skeeter), 17 years old, brown hair, blue eyes, 5 ft. 4 in., 102 pounds. Favorites: food, fried chicken; sport, basketball, color, blue; subject, typing; hobby, reading; song, "Love Me Or Leave Me"; singer, Doris Day; actress, June Allyson; actor, John Wayne; movie, "My Sister Eileen"; and ambition, to be a secretary.

Ann Frick (Toadie), 17 years old, black hair, blue eyes, 5 ft. 6 in., 122 pounds. Favorites: food, steak; sport, basketball; color, blue; subject, shorthand; hobby, writing poems; singer, Kitty Wells; actress Jane Wyman; actor, Rock Hudson; movie, "Magnificent Obsession"; and ambition, to be a nurse.

Melba Wise (Billie), 16 years old, black hair, brown eyes, 5 ft. 5 in., 120 pounds. Favo-

rites; food, pineapple sundae; sport, basketball; color, blue; subject, journalism; hobby, collecting pictures; song, "Satisfied Mind"; singer, Red Foley.

Furman Mattox (Jeff), 18 years old, black hair, grey eyes, 5 ft. 11 in., 145 pounds. Favorites: food, fried chicken; sport, baseball; color, blue; subject, English; song, "I Hear You Knocking"; singer, June Valli; actress, June Allyson; actor, James Stewart; movie, "River of No Return", and ambition, to be a physical education instructor.

SHOULD NOISY FOLKS
BE PERMITTED
TO USE LOCKERS?

The Blythewood Parent Teacher Association held its monthly meeting on October 5. The Rev. C.J. Futrell, Jr. gave the opening prayer. Dorothy Byrd, Patricia Johnston, and Lucille Hernandez sang "Give of Your Best to the Master."

The Rev. J. E. Welsh spoke on the "Spiritual and Moral Values of the Child." He stressed the fact that the people of today are concerned too much with meetings, that they need to stay at home more with their families.

After the meeting a social hour was held in the school cafeteria.

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Miss Hi Miss

Lula Mae Loner has been chosen by the senior class as Miss Hi Miss.

Miss Hi Miss is selected on the basis of scholarship, leadership, character and personal attractiveness.

For 18 years now the Johnsonian, student newspaper of Winthrop College, has been publishing a special edition giving prominence to South Carolina high school senior girls selected by their schools as Miss Hi Miss.

55 SENIORS GIVE RECORD PLAYER TO SCHOOL

As their parting gift to the school, the '55 seniors gave a re-

cord-player which will play 33, 45, 78 speeds.

Along with the record-player, the seniors gave a complete album of Julius Caesar and an album of historical recordings.

Edward King,

Sandra Jenkins

To Act As Mascots

"I'm a little teapot dum, dum, dum," so sang Edward King into the hearts of the seniors and resulted in his being chosen one of their mascots.

Edward, who says his name is Ed, is the son of Mrs. Ruth King and is in the first grade.

Sandra Jenkins, a lovely little first-grader with long brown curls, will be the other mascot. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Jenkins.

Men

- If you smile at him, he thinks you are flirting,
- If you don't he thinks you're an iceberg.
- If you let him kiss you he wishes you were more reserved,
- If you don't, he'll seek consolation elsewhere,
- If you flatter him, he thinks you're simple.
- If you don't, he thinks you don't understand him.
- If you go with other fellows, he thinks you're fickle,
- If you don't, he thinks no one else will have you.
- Men, God bless 'em, you can't get along with 'em, but what would our school be without 'em?

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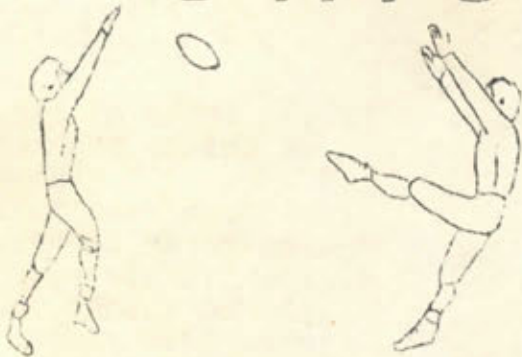
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Basketball Practice Begins November 1

The Blythewood Indians will begin regular basketball practice on November 1. "Practices will be held two nights a week, and possibly two afternoons, also," says Coach Harry Wilson.

Losing only one regular, Butch Ross, through graduation, the team should have a pretty fair season. However, with Olympia and Eau Claire added to this year's schedule, things could be tough. Plenty of hustle and hard work by all of squad members will be necessary to make this a successful season.

FANTASTIC FOOTBALL

INTERFERENCE: Cheering so loud it prevents me from hearing how Clemson is doing on my portable radio.

QUARTERBACK: What I don't get from the program salesman, who never has any change.

FORWARD PASS: What I complete every few minutes with the bottle the fellow in back of me hands to his friend, the fellow in front of me.

SUSTAINED DRIVE: The three-hour 25 mile crawl home.

MIGHTY FORWARD WALL: People around the refreshment stand during half-time.

SUBSTITUTION: Whatever they sell for coffee.

CLIPPING: Charging \$4 each for end zone seats.

T-FORMATION: A method of hiding the ball from the spectators.

FIRST DOWN: The people who find it necessary to leave early, all of whom step on my third toe, right foot.

TOUCHBACK: What the sharp knees of the man behind me does all afternoon.

DELAYED BUCK: Pay-off of a \$1 bet.

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BASKETBALL-PRACTICE-STARTS

Basketball practice for girls officially starts Monday at 3:15. About 30 candidates are expected to report.

Coach Harry Wilson will initiate a "B" squad program for boys and girls in order that the younger players may gain experience. It is expected that 12 girls will be selected to represent the school on the "A" squad, and the next 12 will play on the "B" squad.

"B" squad members who show up well may be promoted to the "A" squad. "A" players, on the other hand, are subject to being dropped to "B" squad status.

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Emily Geiger's Famous Ride

On she rode, knowing that if caught she might loose her life. The way was long and enduring, with perseverance and hardships; yet this audacious young lady lost no time, realizing that if she made one mistake, her life as well as the lives of many others would be endangered.

WHO WAS EMILY GEIGER?

Emily Geiger, the daughter of John Geiger, was born one hundred and ninety-two years ago in Newberry County where she spent her childhood days.

When Emily Geiger reached the age of eighteen, the opportunity of her life

came to her.

THE SUMMER OF 1781

The Revolutionary War had been raging for six years and was still being fought. During the summer of 1781, Rawdon, a British leader had completed a mad march from Charleston to Ninety-Six. This move compelled General Greene, an American general, to retreat across the Saluda to the Bush River because he was not prepared to meet Rawdon and his two thousand men. During this retreat it became necessary for Greene to send a message to General Sumter, who was approximately one hundred miles away, on

the Wateree, instructing him to join him at once so that Rawdon could be defeated.

The intervening country was replete with Tories, who would not cease to murder any active friend of the cause of independence. Realizing the jeopardy of such a task, Greene could find no soldier willing to undertake this perilous responsibility.

EMILY TO THE RESCUE

Emily Geiger, an audacious young eighteen year old girl from a nearby farm, came to Greene and rendered her services to the task of delivering the message. At first Greene hesitated but when he noticed how calm she was and that she was not the least bit frightened, he decided to let her have the

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responsibility.

Greene wrote a message to Sumter on a slip of paper which Emily carefully memorized before she set forth on her famous journey by horseback.

She rode constantly all day, through fields, meadows, and forests. Then as night swiftly approached, she stopped at a farm house to acquire some food and rest. She soon became aware of the fact that the farmer and his wife were Tories. When she told them, in answer to their many questions, who she was, they grew suspicious because they knew that her father, John Geiger, was a fervent member of the Whig party. She realized her danger and feared detection as a spy.

A NARROW ESCAPE

She was awakened

that night by the clatter of horses and the sound of a man's voice inquiring if the farmer had seen anything of a young lady passing, and saying that he had orders to arrest her, as she was the bearer of an important message from General Greene to General Sumter. The farmer let the man know she was there then walked into the house with him.

At this Emily quickly dressed herself and sprang through the open window out into the darkness of the night. She mounted her horse and set out. About noon the following day, while riding through a swamp, she became prisoner of two Tories. They led her to Lord Rawdon who questioned her in regard to her destination and her errand. In reply she claimed to be a country girl on her

way to visit a friend. Rawdon ordered her to be locked up and searched.

While waiting for the arrival of the woman who was to search her, Emily took the message from her pocket, tore it into small strips, chewed and swallowed them. When she was searched nothing was found so she was permitted to be set free.

A NEW START

Subsequently, she got a fresh horse and continued her journey, knowing that time was fugacious and she had not a minute to spare.

The sun's hot rays glared down on this brave young heroine but she sped on, never hesitating to rest, only frequently stopping at a stream to water her horse. (see next page)

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Added To FBLA

The induction service of the FELA which was led by the president, Thomas McLean, was held on October 12. The other speakers who explained the words that appear in the chapter name were as follows; Future-Dorothy Paschal, Lula Mae Loner, and Clarice Lever. Business-Peggy Blume, Betty Trapp, and Peggy Mattox. Leaders - Lenora Abell and Martha Jean Finley. America-Curtis Branham and Ann Frick.

This year the FBLA is happy to have ten new members. They are as follows: Irene Kelly, Furman Mattox, Carroll Morris, Norma Jean Newman, Ann Joy Peake, Howard Peake, Elizabeth Riggs, Margaret Walker, Kay Wilson and Charleen Wingard.

The Blythewood Chapter of FBLA has the total of 23 members, who are all striving to become better leaders of America.

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The state FELA workshop will be held in the Wade Hampton Hotel in Columbia on November 12.

Students from the Blythewood High Chapter will attend this meeting.

Thomas McLean, chapter president, will extend the welcome on behalf of the greater Columbia area at the meeting.

FTA News

Nineteen members were inducted in the Blythewood Chapter of the Future Teachers of America, Wednesday, October 26.

This organization plans to create many interesting activities for this year. Mrs. Estelle Hinnant is sponsor with a total membership of thirty-one.

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After the war she married a Mr. Threewits and made her home in Lexington County. While still very young she became ill with a contagious fever and was carried out in the large pecan orchard in front of her house to await her death. There she died---her mission on earth completed---and was buried in a family burial ground on the Threewit's estate.

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Emily was presented with a pair of gold earrings by General Greene for rendering her brave and noble services to her country.

DAR ERECTS MONUMENT

In the summer of 1929 the Daughters of American Revolution erected a monument to her grave which is located approximately 10 miles from Columbia on the Charleston highway.

(Emily Geiger is a relative of our principal, Mr. W. C. Rorer and Miss Anne Rorer.)
By--Martha Jean Finley

AFTER THE WAR

A SHORT CUT -

Student: "This line is dedicated to Phillip."
Teacher: "Philip Who?"
Student: "To Phillip Space."

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"STOCKING CLUB"

Recently a bit has been heard here and there around school about the "Stocking Club," What is it? There could be a number of answers so the remark has caused much speculation.

The answer - It's a club made up of members of the junior class who are selling stockings and socks. The profit from these sales will be used for the Junior-Senior reception in the spring.

Why not give the club a helping hand by buying some of their merchandise? You need these hose, they are top quality, seamed and seamless in three different shades. The socks are block type, as well as plain and in numerous colors. Take your choice but make a purchase today.

What girl can resist the opportunity to look more glamorous? The "Stocking Club" offers the answer.

EIGHTH GRADE GOES TO OBSERVATORY

The eighth grade class, after studying the Solar System, decided to visit the observatory, so arrangements were made to go. Parents and a few others were invited to go with them.

Friday night, October the 14th they left in different cars to go to the observatory at the University of South Carolina.

Two assistants of Rear Admiral Martin, who is in charge of the observatory told them the building and equipment was valued at a hundred thousand dollars.

They saw four stars, one constellation and a nebula. Some of the

stars were Vega, The Goat, and the constellation, The Seven Sisters.

This was a very interesting trip, and much was accomplished. The class wishes to thank Mrs. Taylor and parents for making this trip possible.

Leadership Workshop For JHA

The District Leadership Workshop for the Junior Homemakers Association was held at Lexington High School on October 1, 1955.

Our local J.H.A. Officers attending the meeting were Lula Mae Loner, Martha Jean Finley, Ann Joy Peake, Cynthia Riggs, and Rebecca Brown.

Blythewood took part in the program by presenting a skit and giving several speeches.

Eighth Grade Science Class See Two Films

Two films have been shown recently to the eighth grade science class.

The first film was called, "Colonel Edwin L. Drake's Oil Well", and was sent to the school by the American Petroleum Institute.

The second film was called, "The Dupont Story". This film was sent to the school by the Dupont Plant.

The class enjoyed both films. They were educational and interesting.

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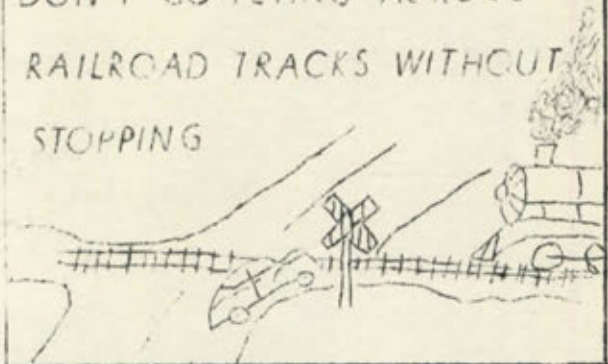
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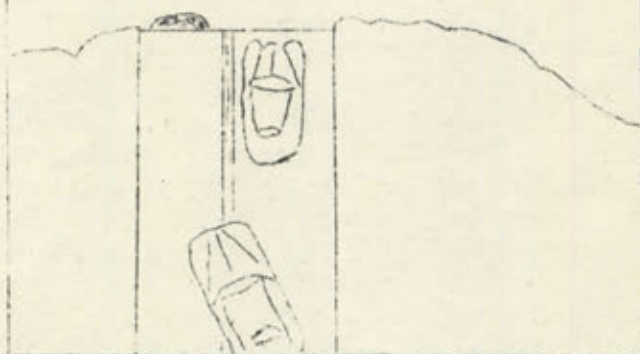
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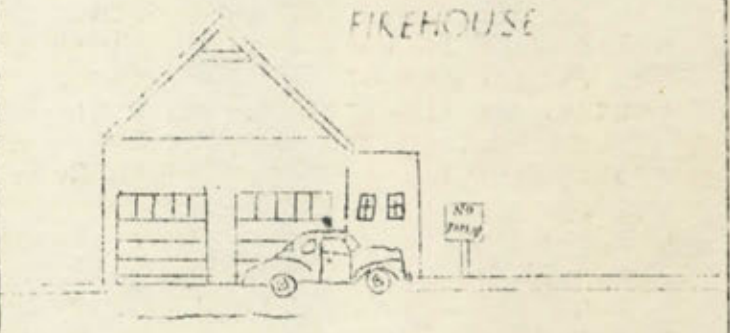
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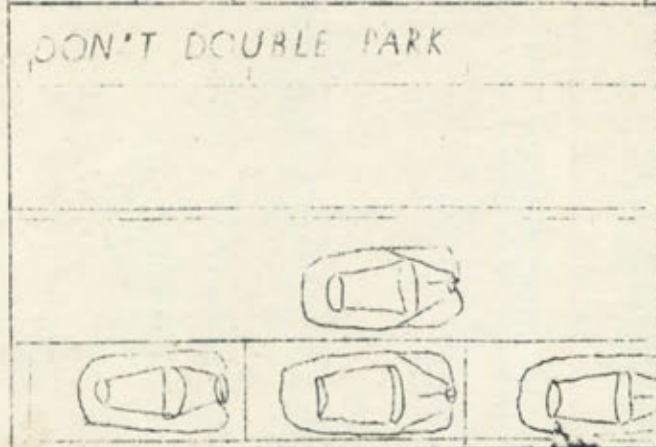
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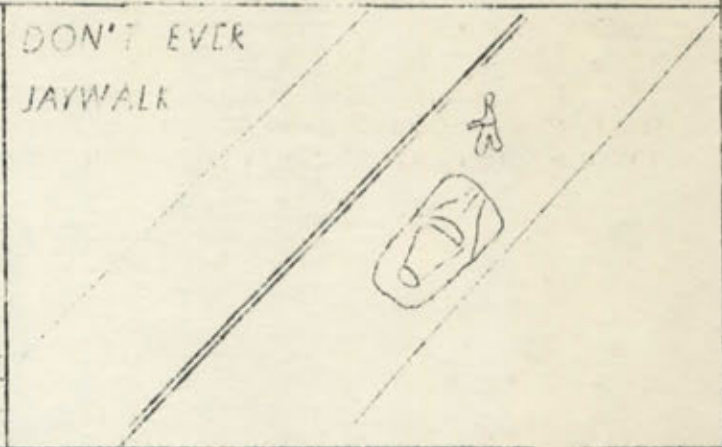
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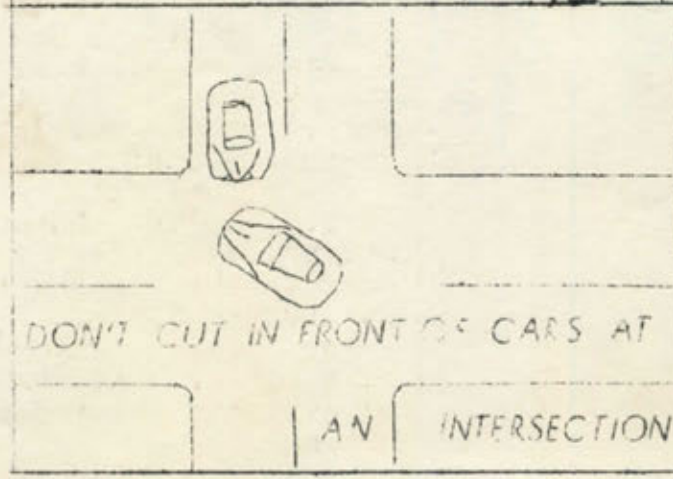
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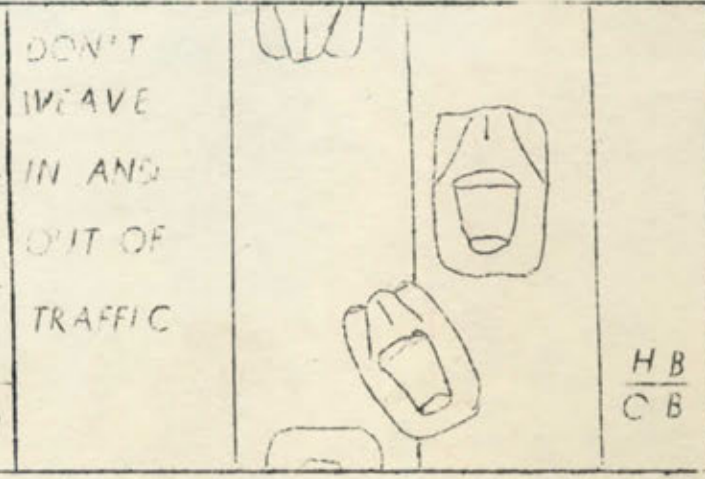


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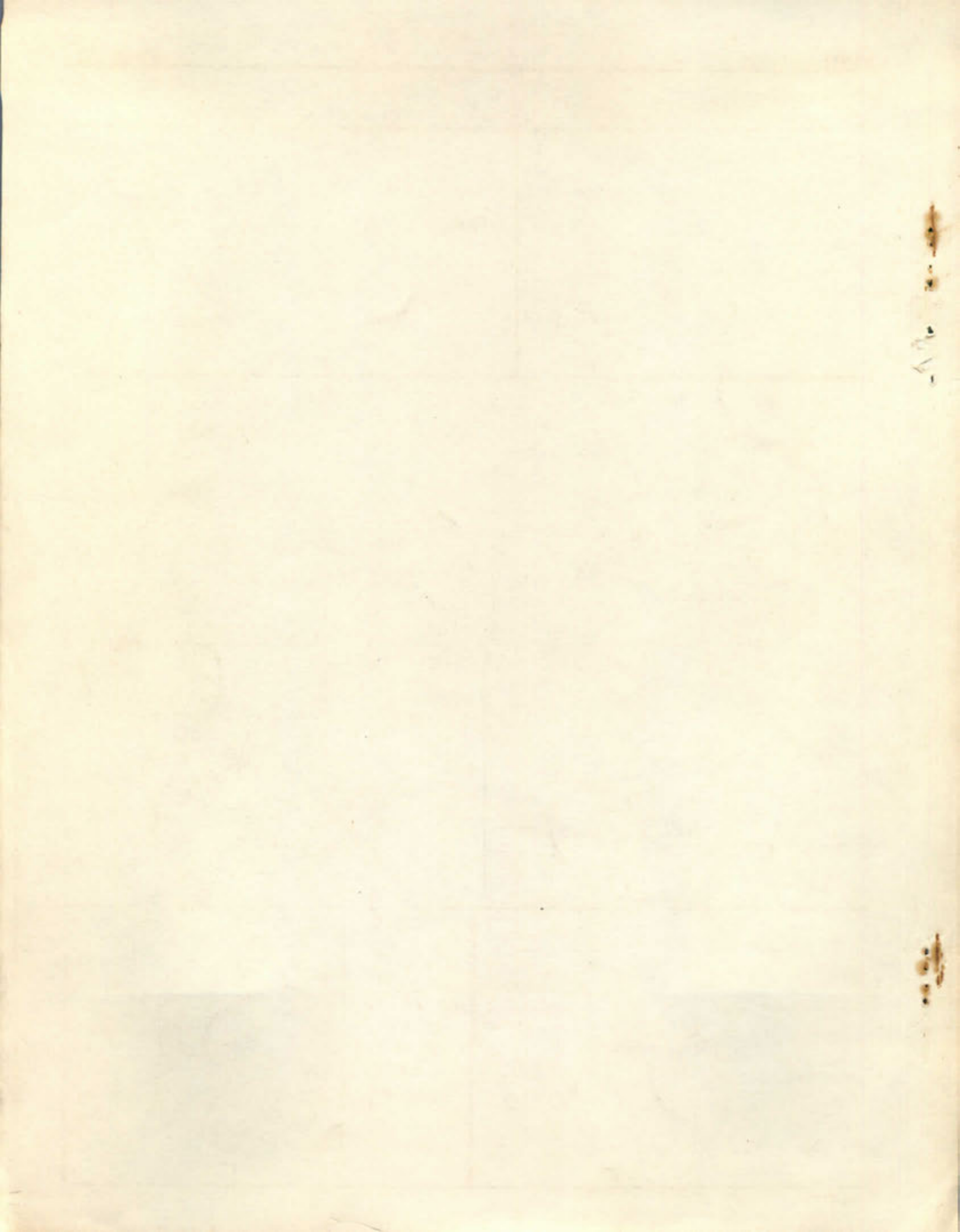


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BLYTHEWOOD HIGH ADMITTED TO SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS AT MIAMI MEETING

"MISS BLYTHEWOOD HIGH" TO BE Selected Thursday Night

JOHN EVANS TO BE MASTER OF CEREMONIES

The senior class will sponsor a beauty pageant on Thursday, December 8, at 8:00 p.m. in the school auditorium.

The girls taking part are from the seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grade. They are Jeanette Hoyte, Sylvia Seay, Carol Wilson, Neysa Mattox, Mary Ruth Fulmer, Peggy Kelly, Shirley Rimer, Sandra Faust, Irene Meetze, Margaret Creech, Judith Bradham, Carolyn Glover, Pearl Peavy, Nancy Wooten, Janice Grimsley, Jewel Johnston, Claudia Jo Dyches, Barbara Fulmer, Shirley Peake, Sandra Newton, Ann Joye Peake, Margaret Walker, Kay Wilson, Charleen Wingard, Irene Kelly, Lenora Abell, Peggy Blume, Ann Frick, Martha Jean Finley, Meritta Gardner, Clarice Lever, Lula Mae Loner, Peggy Mattox, Dorothy Paschal, Betty Trapp, and Melba

Wise.

The winner will be given the title of "Miss Blythewood High" and will be featured in the beauty section of the yearbook.

The judges for the contest will be Lou Essex, Radio Station WCOS; S. David Stoney, State High School Supervisor; and Mrs. Lula Hill, Lower Richland High School Teacher.

John Evans from Radio Station WIS will serve as master of ceremonies.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

DECEMBER 16 - JANUARY 2

Starting Friday at 3:00 p. m. Blythewood School will begin its holiday season until January 2.

December 16, parties, lots of fun, good food, the exchange of gifts, and a few classes will be the order of the day,

As a result of the report of the evaluating committee from the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools who visited Blythewood High School in September, the school was unanimously accepted by the association at the annual meeting last week held at Miami Beach, Florida.

Those attending the meeting from the district were E.L. Wright, superintendent; W. C. Rorer, principal of Blythewood High School and H.G. Gibson, principal of Dentsville High School.

For the past year, Blythewood has been making preparations for its evaluation. New additions and equipment that were reported in the September issue of Blythe-Words were added.

The evaluating committee composed of Mrs. C.W. Fitzgerald, Mr. John Overton, Mr. P.M. Kerpatrick, Mr. C.E. McGrew, Mrs. Dorothy Van Patten and Miss Elizabeth Morrison, visited the school in September, giving a favorable re-
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cards that will show the long-awaited verdicts—mid-term grades. Before the judgment can be determined, however, the evidence must be produced. In the case of report cards—and that is what we are talking about—grades and attitudes are considered.

The prosecutor for the state (the teacher) (has 18 weeks to gather this evidence). The principal testimony for these grades is accomplishment. If the student has done the work required the defense is strong. If he has neglected his work, the verdict will go against him.

The attitude side of the case is determined by effort and the way he goes about doing his job. If an "A" rating can be achieved, the jury will send in a favorable decision.

The results of the trial (the report cards) will then go to the judges (parents). Will they recommend a sentence or a probation until next marking period?

Prosecutor, judge, and jury will all be working on the case. There is still sometime left to get ready for the trial, but the person who will determine the verdict is you. — What are you going to do about it?



Cards Will Tell

Christmas is just around the corner, then comes January and the day when students will once again be carrying home those little blue

May Christmas Joy
Be Yours!

BLYTHEWOOD ALPHABET

ALERT-----Beth Grimsley
 BUSY-----Lula Mae Loner
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 LOUD-----Harold Boozer
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 OUTSTANDING-----Janice Grimsley
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CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
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STOCK MARKET

TREND OF STEADY COUPLES
 Clarice Lever and Furman Hall,
 98½% up.
 Dorothy Paschal and Bobby Drum,
 95% steady.
 Martha Jean Finley and Pete Stoude-
 mire, 87% going up.

COUPLES AT A GLANCE
 Charleen Wingard and Thomas McLean
 Kay Wilson and Furman Mattox
 Ann Langford and Harold Boozer
 Claudia Jo Dyches and Howard Peake

OPEN STOCK
 Marion Knox
 Robert Byars
 John Swygert
 William C. Rorer

COMBINED STOCK
 Some of the latest averages are:
 Girls basketball team, down 25% but
 hope for an upward trend soon.
 Cheerleaders, 30%, rapidly rising.
 Boys basketball team, 50%, down a
 few points.
 News Staff for Blythe-Words, 85%
 and rapidly rising.
 Football, down 100% till next
 September!

May your Christmas be jolly and bright and gay
 And the New Year bring
 HAPPINESS
 day after day!



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SANTA CLAUSE

"Now, this is the thing I'd like
 to know:
 How Santa Claus can step in snow
 With a world of toys upon his back
 And leave not the slightest hint
 of a track.
 How one so big and round and fat
 Can slip through a hole that would
 choke a rat
 And smoke so thick it can hide
 the trees,
 And never even cough, or sneeze!"

The fact is, son, nobody knows
 What Santa looks like or where
 he goes,
 For Santa Claus is a sprite that
 lives
 In the heart that loves, in the
 heart that gives.
 He may be here and he may
 be there;
 You are likely to find him
 anywhere.
 But really, folk are so very blind
 They can't see sprites in the
 heart or mind.
 They can't see the spirit that
 gives and loves,

So we picture a thing in coat
 and gloves
 Like a jolly old man who is round
 and fat,
 And we love the thing, and we look
 at that;
 But the Santa himself
 we never see...
 The Santa in you, the Santa in me.
 -Selected

MRS. MCLEAN IS I TA SPEAKER

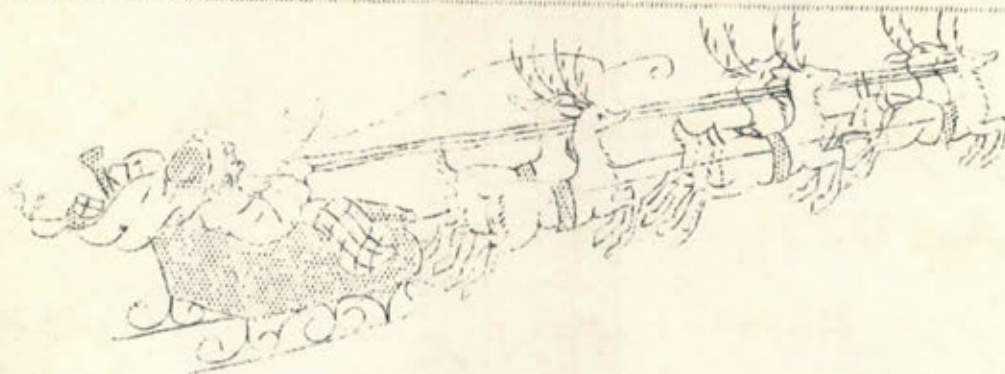
The James H. Hope Future Teachers Association met in the high school library on December 1. Mrs. H.B. McLean was the guest speaker.

She chose as her subject, "What My Experience as a Teacher Has Meant to Me".

CHICKEN SUPPER A SUCCESS

The Blythewood Parent-Teacher Association gave a chicken supper in the school cafeteria last Friday. They cleared \$137.50.

The money raised will go for the following: record player and records, \$50 to the Boy Scouts, \$20 for Tuberculosis and crippled children drive, and for attendance awards.



A MERRY CHRISTMAS

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Senior Secrets

Murtis Branham(Cooter), 8 years old, 5 ft. 8 in., 150 lbs., black hair, brown eyes. Favorites: food, anything cooked; sport, football; color, green; subject, English; hobby, repairing things; song, "The Shifting, Whispering Sands"; actress, Jane Russell; actor, James Stewart; movie, "Love Me Or Leave Me"; ambition, business executive.

Lenora Abell(Nora), 16 years old, 5 ft. 8 in., 124 lbs., brown hair, hazel eyes. Favorites: food, fried chicken; sport, basketball; color, blue; subject, typing; hobby, sewing; song, "It's A Sin"; singer, Eddie Fisher; actress, Grace Kelly; actor, Rock Hudson; movie, "To Catch

A Thief"; ambition, telephone operator.

Meritta Gardner(Mosey), 19 yrs. old, brown hair, hazel eyes, 5 ft. 2 in., 130 lbs. Favorites: food, fried shrimp; sport, baseball, color, pink; subject, journalism; hobby, listening to the radio; singer, Gale Storm; song, "Rock Around the Clock", actress, Esther Williams; actors, Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis; movie, "How To Be Very, Very, Popular"; ambition, telephone operator.

Dorothy Paschal (Dot), 17 years old, 102 lbs., light brown hair, blue eyes. Favorites: food, strawberry shortcake; sport, basketball; color, lavender; subject, Eng-

lish; song, "My One Sin" singer, Nat King Cole; actress, Doris Day; actor, James Cagney; movie, "Love Me Or Leave Me", ambition, telephone operator.

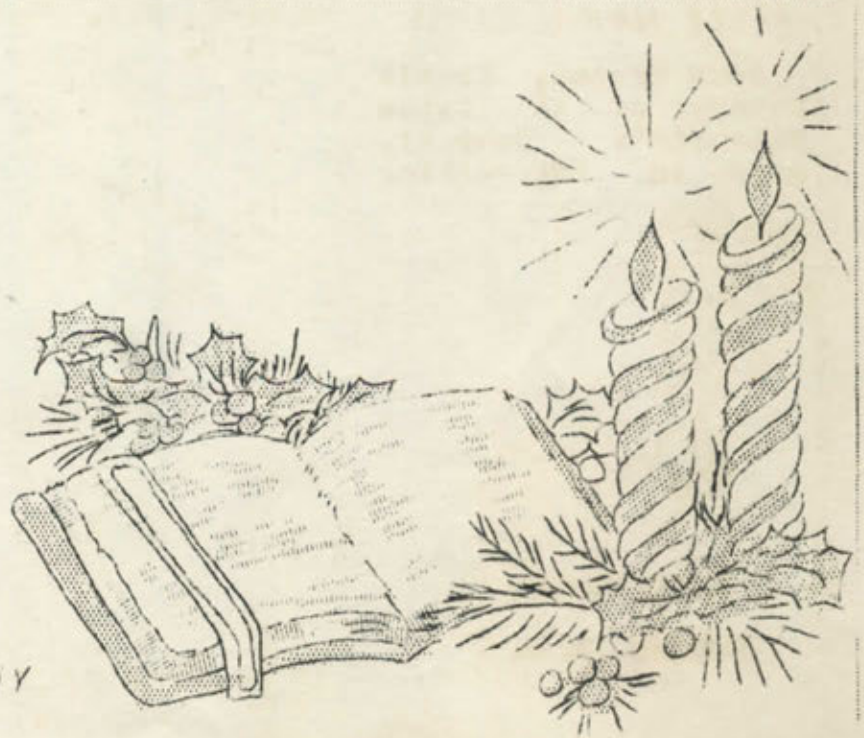
4-H Club News

The senior 4-H girls held their first meeting in Mrs. Hinnant's home room. Mrs. Thersa Beckham presided at the meeting and new officers were elected. They are President, Martha Jean Finley; Vice President, Betty Trapp; Secretary, Peggy Mattox; Reporter, Peggy Blume; Song Leader, Lenora Abell.

Mrs. Beckham explained to the members about their projects for the coming year.

The 4-H club hopes to have a very successful year.

Joy
to You
AT CHRISTMAS



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Peggy Mattox To Head Library Club

The Assistant Librarians of Blythewood High School met in the library recently to organize and to elect officers for the Library Club.

The officers are: President, Peggy Mattox; Vice President, Ann Frick; Secretary, Elizabeth Riggs; Treasurer, Betty Trapp; Historian, Robert Byars.

The fall meeting of the South Carolina High School Library Association was held in Columbia on October 4, 1955. Peggy Mattox, Permelia Johnson, June Anderson, Sara Mae Branham, Elizabeth Maples, and Mrs. Hinnant attended this meeting.

MR. BROOME SPEAKS TO

FAMILY LIVING CLASS

John Broome, Credit Manager of the Cate-McLaurin's Company, gave an interesting

talk to the Family Living Class, on the subject of "Credit important to you as an individual."

Mr. Broome stressed the four "C's" of credit, Capital, Capacity, Condition, and Character the most important of these being character. Two disadvantages of credit is that it is more expensive and that people have a tendency to overbuy.

Their own Company's motto is: "Guard your credit as a sacred trust."

LOCAL FBLA REPRESENTED

AT STATE MEETING

Blythewood was represented at the state FBLA workshop, which was held recently in Columbia by Thomas McLean, who gave the address of welcome, Furman Mattox and their sponsor, Mrs. Sara K. Zeagler.

Junior Ring Trouble Diagnosed as "Ringitis"

Rings! Rings! Rings! November 21 was a happy day for the senior class. After waiting a long time, a very long time, their rings came.

Lula Mae Loner had the smallest ring for the girls, size 5. Merritta Gardner had the largest, 9½.

With the boys, John Swygert had the largest, size 11½. Thomas McLean and Furman Mattox the smallest size which was 8.

To say the juniors are having "finger trouble" is putting it mildly. Don't worry, juniors. The seniors felt that way, too!

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H. Y. Hinnant
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Christmas Greetings

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Teachers Host To Richland County Education

Association

Blythewood School entertained the Richland County Education Association at its November meeting.

Elton Legrand, accompanied by Mrs. P.P. Hoffman, at the piano, sang "The Lords Prayer."

A playlet, "The Verdict is Yours," was presented. Those taking part from Blythewood were Mrs. Lucille Fletcher, as Miss Jane Doe and W. C. Rorer, as her attorney. E. L. Wright was the judge.

A social hour in the school cafeteria followed the program. Chicken salad on lettuce leaves garnished with olives, holiday cookies, cheese strips, and coffee were served.

BASKETBALL TEAMS GET NEW UNIFORMS

The Basketball teams are really happy these days. Why? The new uniforms, of course.

Both teams this year received new uniforms and warm-ups. The girls' warm-ups are royal blue with gold capes and white and gold stripes while the boys' warm-ups are gold with white capes and gold and white stripes.

The girls' uniforms are gold and the boys' are white.

(from page 1, col.3) port to the faculty, commenting especially on the attitude of the teachers and students and on the preparation of the teachers.

This is a forward step for Blythewood High School and Blythe-Words congratulates the faculty and the students on this outstanding achievement.

Scholastic Press Holds Meeting In Columbia

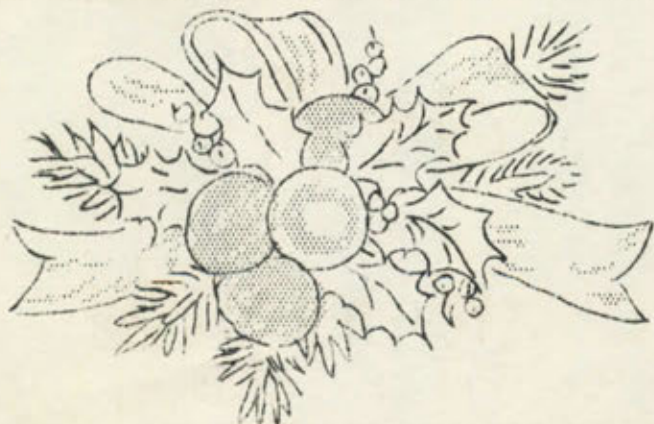
The South Carolina Scholastic Press Association of District II held its annual meeting at University High School.

Each school in this district was asked to send four representatives and a sponsor. Those attending from Blythewood were Clarice Lever, Martha Jean Finley, Kay Wilson, and Ann Frick.

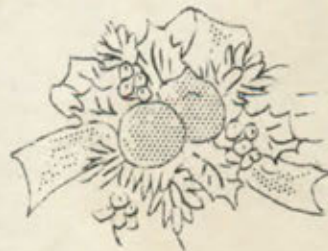
Registration was at 2:00 p.m.; a general meeting was held from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

During the meeting the guest speakers were introduced, Mr. Fletcher Ferguson, Director of the SCSPA and Mrs. W.D. Workman, Jr., who was formerly the editor of the South Carolina Magazine. She gave a very interesting speech on the topic, "Reading, Writing, and Reporting."

From 4:00 to 5:00 p.m., refreshments were served.



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OUT TO WIN

Approximately 25 candidates answered the first call for basketball, on October 31.

Twenty boys have been faithful in attendance, and still remain with the team.

These 20 have been divided into A and B squads of 10 each.

Members of the A squad consist of last years returning regulars, plus players who have more experience, and who are generally older than the B boys.

Bright new uniforms, complete with warmups and jackets have been secured, through the efforts of the Athletic Association.

Those running with the A unit are seniors Thomas McLean, Tommy Trapp, Furman Mattox, and John Swygert. Plus juniors Howard Peake, Carroll Morris, Harrel Boozer, Frank Peake, and Curtis Marsh. Hubert Haas, a ninth-grader, complete the unit.

A back-breaking schedule, the toughest in many years, has been arranged and it will take a big effort on the part of the players to produce a winning season.

Olympia, Eau Claire, University High, and Lower Richland, all strong, are included on the regular season schedule.

All players on the A squad are expected to see a lot of action.

Lack of size is the teams biggest liability, and will handicap them somewhat against the bigger teams.

On the other hand, desire and determination, are qualities which could help them overcome this.

Coach Wilson reminds that there are some on the A unit, who could be replaced at anytime.



Merry Christmas

STEVEN'S ESSO

BLYTHEWOOD, S.C.

Girls Sports

Blythewood flashed its new uniforms against University High girls November 29, but the scoreboard was unimpressed. The final reading was 36-21 in favor of U.H.S.

Showing a vast lack of experience and height under the backboards, Blythewood had trouble denting the U.H.S. defense. University's taller forwards racked up an early lead before a more effective defense could be set, and it was late in the second quarter before forwards, Betty Trapp and Peggy Mattox, could find the basket range from outside. Janice Grimsley filled in for Ann Frick, who is out with tonsil trouble.

Guard Peggy Blume turned in her usual scrappy performance while Lenora Abell, hindered by an injured foot and Sandra Newton showed improvement as the game progressed.

Guard, Barbara Fulmer, and forwards Elizabeth Maples and Irene Meetze also got into the action.

Kay Wilson Interviews Lou Essex

Radio workers cannot be of the temperamental variety, according to disc jockey, Lou Essex of radio station WCOS, during an interview with Kay Wilson, reporter.

Essex, who will help select Miss Blythewood High December 8, believes personality is the most important requisite in the radio profession.

Born in Toledo, Ohio, and educated in a Los Angeles high school, the popular announcer worked at one time as assistant manager of a theater. He was wounded during World War 2 and got his first radio job shortly afterwards in North Carolina. He got the South Carolina urge in 1954 and joined Station WMSC. Later, WCOS lured him over with an attractive proposition and his record show currently is immensely popular.

Essex has four children, and his leisure time is primarily devoted to his family.

He calls himself a "transplanted yankee" and has not been north since 1942.



Merry Christmas

aaa to you ~~~



J. R. CREECH
BLYTHEWOOD, S.C.

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Friday, Dec. 2	Blaney- <u>Home</u>
Monday, Dec. 5	At Lower Richland
Tuesday, Dec. 6	At Greenbrier
Friday, Dec. 9	Monticello- <u>Home</u>
Monday, Dec. 12	At Olympia
Thursday, Dec. 15	Jenkinsville- <u>Home</u>

(CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS)

Tuesday, Jan. 3	At Eau Claire
Wednesday, Jan. 4	Chapin- <u>Home</u>
Friday, Jan. 6	At Monticello
Tuesday, Jan. 10	Lower Richland- <u>Home</u>
Friday, Jan. 13	Greenbrier(Homecoming)- <u>Home</u>
Friday, Jan. 20	Gilbert- <u>Home</u>
Friday, Jan. 27	Eau Claire(tentative)- <u>Home</u>
Jan. 23-28	Central Carolina Tourney
Tuesday, Jan. 31	At Blaney



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Thursday, Feb. 2

At Chapin

Saturday, Feb. 4

University High-Home

Monday, Feb. 6

At Gilbert

Friday, Feb. 10

At Jenkinsville

Tuesday, Feb. 14

Olympia-Home

Boys From University Walk Over Blythewood

The Blythewood Indians were defeated 25-28 by an experienced University High basketball team in the season's opener at University High on November 29.

Using a fast break along with excellent rebounding, the Bantams were able to score easily; as indicated by the half-time score (12-16) and the final results (25-28).

Guard, Herbie Cox, who was selected to the all-area team last season, led the Bantam's scoring with 16 points.

Thomas McLean led the Indians scoring with seven points.

BLYTHEWOOD VICTOR OVER BLANEY HIGH

Sporting classy, new uniforms, as well as a tremendous amount of spirit and desire, the Indians bounced back from a defeat at the hands of University High to wallon Blaney, 75-31, in one of the biggest offensive performances put on by a Blythewood team in his-tory.

It was the home opener for Blythewood, and eleven players hit the scoring column, with four going for double figures. The next home game is December 9.

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BELIEVE IT OR NOT! But It Was Told To Me

BY CURTIS BRANHAM

Believe it or not, but there was a time at Blythewood when whiskey was so plentiful that the ditches beside the railroad were full of this potent liquid.

MARCH 1910

It happened about 8 or 9 o'clock one March morning in 1910. A south bound freight train, Number 75, had pulled into the sidetrack so, Number 31, a passenger train, also headed south, could pass. The freight was longer than the sidetrack, so several cars were over on the main line at the south end of the sidetrack. The idea was to flag No. 31 down when it got on the mainline parallel to the sidetrack; then the freight would back up so the excess would be on the mainline at the north end of the sidetrack.

WHILE THE FLAGMAN SLEPT.

The flagmen, either asleep or not attentive, let the passenger come through without stopping it. The engine of 31 demolished three of the freight's boxcars.

APPLES, PEANUTS, COFFEE BEANS, AND WHISKEY!

One of these boxcars contained apples, another, either shelled

peanuts or coffee beans, and the third, barrels of whiskey.

The apples and peanuts (or coffee) went practically unnoticed. All the stores in Blythewood sold all tinware (or anything else that would hold liquid) within a few minutes.

THE REACTION OF SOME

Residents had whiskey hidden away in every type container they could find.

When the railroad crew came to clear the wreckage, they promptly dumped their dinner on the ground and filled their lunch pails with free whiskey.

The whiskey flowed from the broken barrels into the railroad ditches. People were known to dip it from

the ditch with their caps.

The few barrels that were not broken were stored in a storeroom, the present depot. The railroad crew would slip in and take a little nip.

CONCERNING ONE MAN WITH A DRINK TOO MANY

Some of the barrels that could be shipped to their destination were left standing around in the general vicinity. One slightly inebriated man, who wore a felt hat, came up to one such barrel, he scanned the surroundings to see if anyone was watching, then satisfied that no one was, he dipped his hat full of the contents of the barrel. He drank until he could drink no more; then he looked around again and peered into (see next page)



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(from page 12)
the hat. He hated to pour that good stuff out, so he set the hat on his head, obviously thinking that he could save it in this way. Naturally he was soaked.

WHILE THE DETECTIVES WERE NOT LOOKING

Some attempted to load whole barrels of apples and whiskey on their wagons when the railroad detectives weren't looking.

Some of the whiskey that filled the railroad ditches flowed into a small stream. Some mules in a pasture on this stream drank some of the spiked water and became tipsy. When they were taken out to work, they broke their plowstocks and staggered off.

SUPPLY EXHAUSTED, BUT MEMORY REMAINS

Some of the more conservative resident's booze lasted until Christmas.

This is one train wreck that Elythewood will never forget.

WHAT DOES CHRISTMAS MEAN TO YOU?

"Can you realize that the Christmas season is here again?" was the phrase I heard one high school student say to another.

"Why it doesn't seem long since we celebrated last Christmas." was the reply.

Well it's true. Time really is flying, especially for us high school students. In two more weeks we get out for the Christmas holidays.

Christmas means different things to different people. You have probably heard the old saying, no two people think exactly

alike. Well it's true. By talking to different high school students I found out that Christmas has a little different meaning to each of them. Would you like to hear what Christmas means to some of them? I'm sure you would. As you read this ask yourself this question what does Christmas mean to me?

MERITTA GARDNER: A peaceful day in the world.

BETTY TRAPP: A day set aside to celebrate the birth of Christ.

BILLY STARNES: A day we should be proud of and be thankful we are still living.

MARTHA JEAN FINLEY: The time in which we celebrate the birth of Christ by giving presents and doing something special for others.

LENORA AEELL: When the Christ child was born. THOMAS NEIL MCLEAN: The time of the year during which we celebrate the birth of Jesus and everyone is happy.

PEGGY BLUME: A time when everybody seems happy.

MELTON ROOF: The birth of Christ and giving of presents.

HUBERT HAAS: Holidays. JAMES MATTOX: Having a good time.

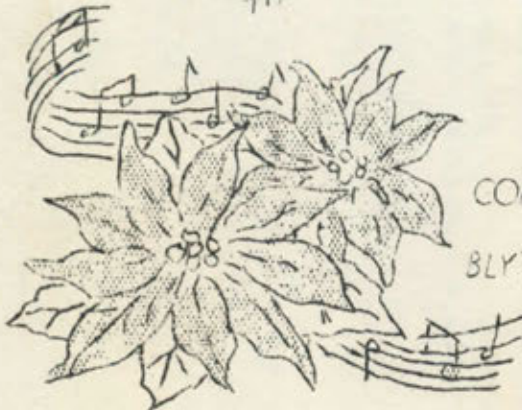
CLARICE LEVER: A time to be happy by giving gifts to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

TOMMY TRAPP: A day to have fun and worship God.

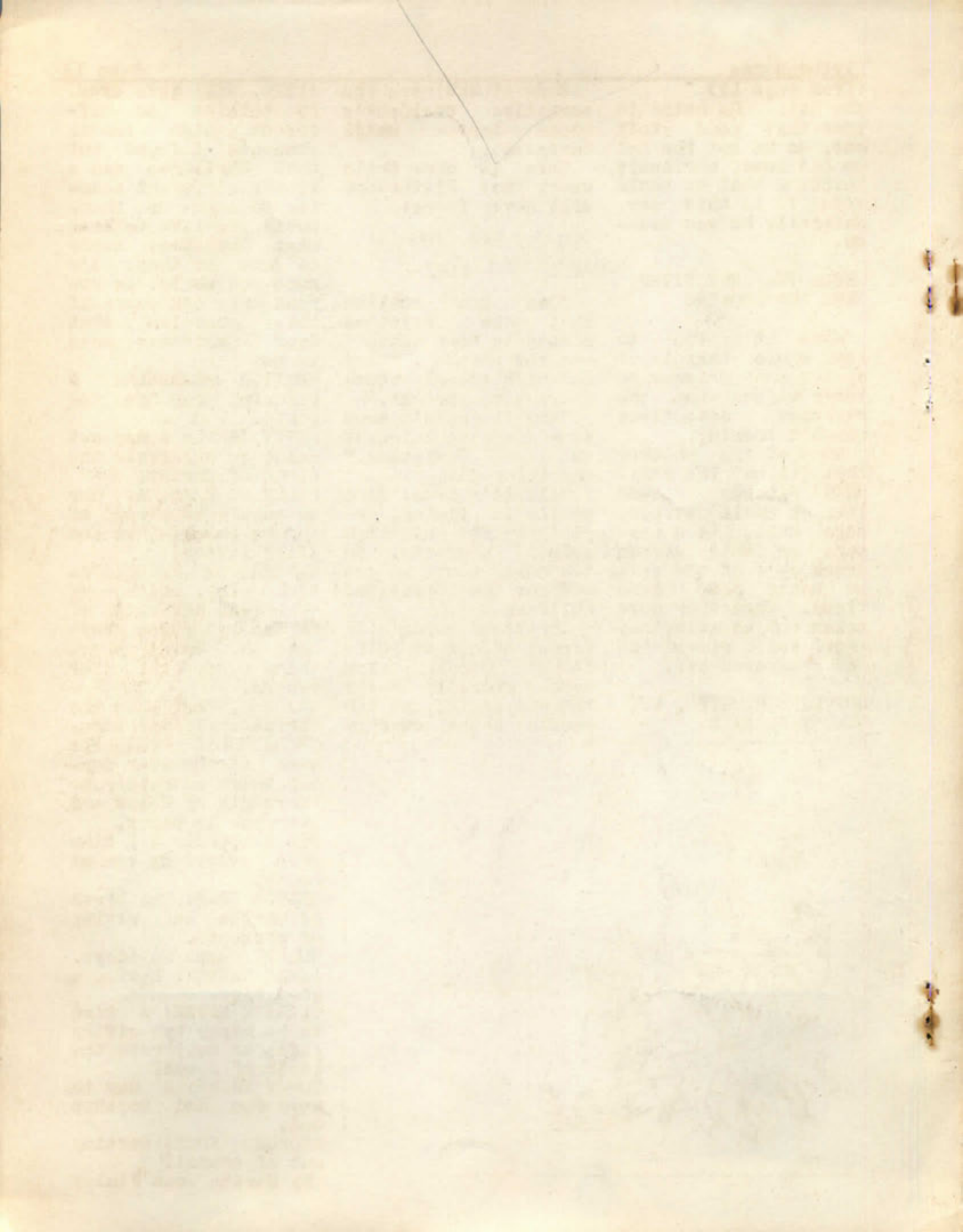
GEORGE KNOX: Getting out of school.

By Martha Jean Finley

MERRY CHRISTMAS!
HAPPY NEW YEAR!



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Blythe - Words

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Peggy Blume Chosen As Miss DAR

Peggy Blume was chosen by the faculty and seniors to represent the senior class as the "Good Citizen", a contest sponsored each year by the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Peggy was chosen on the basis of her dependability, service, leadership and patriotism.

She is a member of the senior class, a member of the FTA, JHA, FBLA, Eeta and Glee Clubs. She is also a member of the basketball team and reporter for 4-H Club.

ANDERSON CONVENTION DATES ARE APRIL 19-20

The 1956 South Carolina Scholastic Press Association has been set for April 19 and 20 with Anderson the host city. Arrangements are still being formulated, but several features have been already placed on the program.

Two old favorites, the Convention Ball and the Convention Banquet (Page 4, Col. 1)



Senior Play

The Blythewood seniors will present a three act comedy, "Great Caesar's Ghost", on March 9 at 8 p.m.

FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS MEET DURING FEBRUARY

The State Chapter of Future Business Leaders of America will hold its annual meeting on February 16-17 at the Wade Hampton Hotel, Columbia, S. C.

The State FELA is sponsoring several different contests which we are proud to take a part in. Kay Wilson in the "Miss Future Business Executive" contest, while Howard (Page 4, Col. 1)

Semester Brings New Opportunities COMING EVENTS ARE ANNOUNCED

February begins a new semester. The second semester is always welcome because it offers a new chance to improve on low grades, also, many of the major events of the school year will place during this last semester.

The following are a few of the highlights that can be expected during the new semester:

- January 24-27 Chapin Tournament
- February 13-18 District Tournament
- February 10 Valentine Festival
- February 16-17 State FELA meeting
- February (no date set) Sophomore-Senior
- March 2-3 Beta Club Convention
- March 9-10 SCHSLA Convention
- March 9 Senior Play
- March 16 State Teachers Meeting
- March (no date set) Junior Play
- March 30-April 2 Easter Holidays
- April 6 Junior-Senior Banquet (Page 11, Col. 3)

movie, "Mister Roberts"; ambition, basketball player.

Senior Secrets

Peggy Blume (Sissy) 17 years old, 5 ft. 4 in., 120 lbs., brown hair, blue eyes. Favorites: food, fried chicken; sport, basketball; color, pink; subject, shorthand; hobby, listening to radio; song, "The Great Pretender"; singer, Faron Young; actress, Grace Kelly; actor, Charlton Heston; movie, "Gone With The Wind"; ambition, secretary.

Actress, Elizabeth Taylor; Actor, John Wayne; Movie, "A Man Called Peter"; Ambition, telephone operator.

John Swygert, 17 yrs. old, 6 ft. 1 in., brown hair, brown eyes. Favorites: food, fried chicken; sport, basketball; subject, journalism; actress, Jane Russell; movie, "River of No Return"; ambition, millionaire.

Betty Trapp (Doodie) 18 years old, 5 ft. 4 in., 113 lbs; blonde hair, green eyes. Favorites: food, hamburgers; sport, basketball; color, pink; subject, literature; hobby, collecting phonograph records; song, "The Great Pretender"; singer, Dean Martin;

Tommy Trapp (Hawk Eye) 19 yrs. old, 5 ft. 10 1/2 in. brown hair, grey eyes. Favorites: food, chicken; sport, basketball; color, blue; subject, typing; hobby, running around; song, "The Great Pretender"; actress, Sheree North; actor, James Stewart;

Grimsley Talks Family Living Class

Mr. W. D. Grimsley, a local contractor, spoke to the family living class on some of the things to consider when you chose the contractor to build your new house and also some important things to look for in the construction of a house you plan to buy.

He told some of the ways in which you could cut down on the cost of a house but still get the quality you desire.

FUTURE TEACHERS

HEAR MR. RORER

Mr. Rorer was a recent guest speaker to the Future Teachers of

(See Page 13)

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TUBES

BLYTHEWOOD, SOUTH CAROLINA
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(From Page 1, Col. 1)
quet will be held
Thursday and Friday
nights respectively.
The ball will take
place at the McCants
Junior High School, and
the banquet at the
Clemson House.

A few innovations
re being added. These
nclude a Talent Con-
est with the finals
et for intermission
t the ball, and an Ed-
itors and Business Man-
agers dinner to pre-
cede the banquet. Also
on the list of "hope-
fuls" is an advisor's
breakfast.

On Friday morning,
officers for 1956-57
will be elected.

Further information
on this event will be
given later.

(From Page 1, Col. 2)
Peake will represent
Blythewood in the an-
nual Spelling Contest.

The convention ex-
penses are as follow-

ing:
Registration fee. \$1.00
Dance fee..... 1.00
Banquet fee..... 2.83
Total..... \$4.83

Reservation at the
hotel are made on the
reservation sheet that
will be mailed out by
February 1. The Wade
Hampton will be con-
vention headquarters
and we have been given
a special room rate of
\$3.50 per person. Dele-
gates will pay the
desk clerk the amount
for the room upon
checking out.

The banquet will be-
gin at 6:30 and will
be over at approximate-
ly 9:00. Some type of
entertainment will be
provided for those
delegates who will be
staying over after the
banquet.

The State advisor
asks, "Won't you Presi-
dents be angels and
send some pictures to
Mrs. Sara Zeazler for
the State FBLA Scrap-

book." Mrs. Zeazler,
our sponsor, will be
expecting to receive
some pictures right
away so that she can
have the State Scrap-
book ready for display
at the convention.

BLYTHEWOOD PTA
TO OBSERVE
FOUNDERS DAY

Founders' Day will
be the theme for the
February meeting of
the Blythewood Parent
Teacher Association.
All past presidents of
the PTA that are pre-
sent will be introduc-
ed. There will be no
invited speaker.

The hostesses will
be Mrs. Donnie Fulmer,
Mrs. Odell Fulmer, Mrs.
Sam Albert, Mrs. Johnny
Haygood, Mrs. Ben Mat-
tox, Mrs. Herbert Pul-
len, Mrs. Ollie Frick,
Mrs. C. D. Broom, Mrs.
Tallie Hood, Mrs. Roy
Fulmer, and Mrs. E. D.
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SENATOR SPIGNER

ADDRESSES

PARENT-TEACHER GROUP

Senator A. Fletcher Spigner was the guest speaker at the January meeting of the Blythewood Parent - Teacher Association.

Senator Spigner, using as his topic, "Teachers and Parents and Their Responsibility," was introduced by W. D. Grimsley.

The Rev. G.H.C. Park gave the devotions.

A nominating committee, composed of Mrs. H. B. McLean, chairman, Mrs. G. H. C. Park, and Mrs. H. M. Wilson, was appointed to select the officers for the next year.

The third grade was the winner of the attendance award.

After the business session, a social hour was held in the school cafeteria. Refreshments

were served by Mrs. James Beckham, Mrs. Earl Boney, Mrs. Louie Johnson, Mrs. Johnnie Sites, Mrs. Julian Ballentine, Mrs. Eugene Ballentine, Mrs. Louie Frick, Mrs. A.E. Loner, Jr., and Mrs. C.M. Raines.

Because of the illness of the president, Mrs. J. R. Wilson, Mrs. Elton Wilson presided at the meeting.

They filled a Red Cross box suitable for a high school pupil.

The pre-school deaf program in Columbia felt their generosity when the members collected pictures for teaching materials, bean bags for coordination games and an educational toy for the children to help them to advance in their training to learn to talk.

The club cooperated with the county project by making a contribution of \$3.80 to a children's home in Columbia.

To make money for these projects, the J.H.A. members sell candy in the homemaking department after school.

The girls try to do a great deal of welfare work to acquaint the club members with the need and value of homemakers assuming civic responsibility.

JHA RADIATES CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

The Blythewood Junior Homemakers' Association has portrayed the Christmas spirit by helping others.

They made a 10 pound fruit cake and 5 dozen cookies and sent a \$5.00 contribution to Boy's Town, Nebraska.

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The basketball season has passed the halfway mark, and the Indians are riding along with a 7-6 won-lost mark. Three of the six losses suffered by the Indians have been by one to three point margins. Chapin is the only Class C team to beat the Indians and they are looking forward to the opportunity to avenge that defeat. The team's main trouble has been the tendency to be "hot" one night and "cold" the next. Tournament time comes up in three weeks and the team hopes to iron out most of its mistakes before then. If the mistakes are corrected and the team play remains consistent, the Indians stand a good chance of bringing home the district trophy, and an even chance in the others.

Howard Peake is leading the team

in scoring, with over 150 points. Carroll Morris, Tommy Trapp, and Thomas McLean all have scored more than 100 points. Furman Mattox has remained a consistent ball-handler and play-maker all season, and Harold Boozer has contributed some timely baskets along with excellent rebounding. All have chipped in to help out at crucial times.

by-Thomas McLean

ROUND UP OF GAMES SINCE THE HOLIDAYS.

Eau Claire-The Indians had their worst night of the season, hitting on only about 15% of their shots, and still it took a flurry of baskets by Eau Claire in the last few minutes to account for a 54-43 loss to the Green Wave.

Chapin-Blythewood took on Chapin the following night in the latter's gym, and had the same trouble as they did against Eau Claire. Inability to make good on timely shots cost the Indians a 45-42 loss.

Monticello - For the first time since the holidays, the Indians regained their shooting eye and smothered Monticello by an 84-33 count.

(see next page)

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(From Page 6)

Lower Richland-The Hornets came to town with a reputation as one of the better quintets in the Columbia area. But the Indians had no such respect for them, completely outplaying them for a 63-44 victory, in what Coach Wilson termed one of the best games ever played by a local team.

Greenbrier- Homecoming was celebrated by the school, and the boys helped out with a 59-47 victory in a loosely played contest, which saw the officials call 40 fouls, 29 of which were on the Indians.

Gilbert-In the most exciting game played in the local gym all season, the Gilbert Indians came off with a 45-44 victory. With only 20 seconds remaining, guard Tommy Trapp sunk a free throw to put Blythewood ahead 44-43. Then with only 10 seconds remaining on the clock, Blythewood regained possession of the ball. Then an alert Gilbert forward stole the ball and went unmolested for an easy layup and the ball game.

A Few Twists in Girls Sports

Basketball scores have had a few odd twists this year. Blythewood

came up with a victory over Lower Richland, a team which has a 10-2 record for the season. Lower Richland stomped Olympia 41-13, but Olympia beat Blythewood 31-27. Quite a puzzle. Dentsville upset University High girls 35-34. U. H. S. trimmed Blythewood 36-21, yet Blythewood topped Dentsville in several practice games.

Greenbrier booms as one of the best girls team on the schedule this season, although Eau Claire ran up a larger score. Jenkinsville is stronger this year, and Chapin ranks high, as they did last year.

Through the homecoming game January 13, Blythewood had a 4-8 record, but the shooting has improved considerably and the defense has proved air tight on some occasions.

Homecoming Events

Blythewood's 1956 homecoming had the gym cracking at the seams with a throng of about 600 fans.

Greenbrier's girls broke up a close game in the final quarter to make it a 36-21 runaway, but the Blythewood boys picked up steam as the game progressed and won handily.

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PEGGY MATTOX WRITES ABOUT

"MY FIRST BOG!"

It was dark and dreary when I heard the first wail, the signal for me to rise and prepare for my newly assumed duties as a school bus driver. The "wail" represented a call from my mother and unveiled to me the fact that it was raining hard outside. Here was my first real challenge as a bus driver! The roads I would soon follow would be inches deep in soft clay and mud. I scarcely remember eating breakfast that morning for I could envision the bus wheels hub-deep in mud.

TWENTY MINUTES OUT

For twenty minutes on the route there was plenty of time for suspense to build. The first few miles were traveled on pavement, primarily, but I knew

the worst was yet to come. And it did! After passing Robert Frick's house, a sharp turn did the trick. Almost before I knew it, there was a decided "lisp" to the right. We were firmly in the ditch. Miraculously, I was able to rock out and felt relieved that I had hurdled this first challenge.

DISASTER STRIKES AGAIN

There was little time to enjoy success. Disaster struck again, this time near Clarice Lever's house. A steep hill was the villain with the aid of white clay from the newly cut road. James Mattox was dispatched to find a telephone and relay news of our predicament to Mr. Rorer. Some thirty minutes later, it seemed hours, Tommy Trapp arrived on the scene with another bus. We had to evacuate our (see next page)

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stricken vehicle and slip and slide in a heavy downpour to the top of the hill to board the rescue bus.

TOMMY TRAPP TO RESCUE

With Tommy at the helm and our worries apparently over, we proceeded to complete the route. Ten minutes and a muddy mile later we were in the clutches of a deep ditch for the third time on that narrowing morning. Again the search was on for the nearest phone to notify Mr. Rorer of bog number three. This time a gigantic wrecker from the highway department did the rescue work. Tommy was sent back for my bus and I brought his on to the school without further mishap. These last six miles were spent in sincere appreciation of hard asphalt surfacing as it rolled securely under us

This challenge was met and taken care of, but the next rainy day, I wonder? ? ?

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Clarice Lever was selected as Miss Blythewood High in a recent beauty contest sponsored by the senior class.

Lou Essex, chairman of the judges, crowned Clarice; and Thomas McLean, president of the Student Council, presented her with a bouquet of red roses.

The second place winner was Charleen Wingard and Lula Mae Loner was in third place.

Judges other than Mr. Essex were Mr. S. David Stoney, State Department of Education, and Mrs. Lula Hill, Lower Richland High School.

Pictures of the beauty queen and the runner-ups will appear in the beauty section of the Blythe-Spirit, the school annual.

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Ann Frick and Joe Wiles, up 99%, another rise expected soon.

Meritta Gardner and Julius Branham 102% steady.

Kay Wilson and Furman Mattox, up 50% and rising.

Charleen Wingard and Thomas McLean rapidly rising but 90% uncertain.

COUPLES AT A GLANCE

Carolyn Driggers and Marion Knox

Sandra Newton and Tommy Trapp

Betty Trapp and Willard Jones

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Some of the latest averages are:

Girls basketball team, up 50 1/3% and rising steadily.

School band, 80% rapidly rising.

Claudia Jo Lyches and Howard Peake down 100%.

John Swygert and Robert Byars, down 100% but hope for an upward trend soon.

Bus Drivers, 53% up.

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ly 59-46, despite a fouling spree. The Greenbrier boys cashed in on 29 Blythewood fouls by sinking 24 free throws, but could hit on only 11 field goals.

A comedy skit billed as a basketball game between the "Indians and Greenthorn" was well received between games.

Dorothy Paschal was crowned as homecoming queen under a battery of flood and spot lights. Thirty-three candidates were introduced in an impressive ceremony.

About 40 former athletes at Blythewood, dating back to 1925, were introduced. Robert Duke, 1925 basketballer was spokesman for the group. Lester L. Hamilton, superintendent and coach here in the middle 40's, in a brief talk recalled his experience in preparing for Jenkinsville in the 1945 tournament that led to the winning of Blythewood's first trophy.

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Clarice Lever, Lula Mae Loner, Charleen Incard, Norma Jean Lewman, Thomas Neil McLean, John Swygert, Curtis Branham, Furman Attox, and advisor, Mrs. Sara Zeagler attended the recent Future Business Leaders of America district meeting, at Gilbert.

During the business session, Nellie Bradford of Fau Claire, was elected Vice-President and Wallace McHanley of Orangeburg, was elected Secretary. Also Mrs. Grace Duncan of Leaville-McCarbell, was elected District 2 advisor. Thomas McLean and Furman Attox acted as voting delegates. A skit on "Diogenes Looks For A Secretary" was given by the Gilbert Chapter.

The Gilbert Chapter served hot chocolate, sandwiches, and cookies during the social hour following the business session.

H. Y. Hinnant

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NOTIONS

Ridgeway, S. C.

FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS TAKE DAY OFF

Twenty smiling Future Business Leaders of America members left for their field trip on Friday on the school bus with Curtis Branham as driver.

Their first visit after reaching Columbia was at Palmer College for a demonstration of all types of business machines. There were typewriters, manual and electric; one that could even write instead of print. Others included calculators, memoraphs and dictator machines as well as many others. They also served the group refreshments.

The group had a very nice dinner at Cornell Mrs Cafeteria.

After dinner, they visited WCOS Radio Station where Mrs. Zeagler, sponsor, and Thomas McLean, president, were privileged

to say a few words on radio. They also ventured to the roof of the apartment where they viewed the big city.

Their next journey was to the Museum of Art, where they were shown many interesting and famous paintings.

After this they visited WIS Radio and Television stations where things were so complicated and so technical that they could not begin to tell you all they saw.

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April 19-20

SCSPA Convention

April 23-27

Senior Trip

May 4

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ONLY A THREE CENT VALENTINE, BUT-

Well, folks, believe it or not, I've been dreaming again. Only this dream was a bit different from the one I told you about in the September issue of Blythe-Words. I dreamed that I was a valentine. No, your eyes are perfectly all right and you are not seeing things, I really did say valentine.

SIT DOWN, RELAX AND IMAGINE

Just sit down, relax, and let your imagination take you to Wilson's 10¢ Store. Why Wilson's 10¢ Store? Well, that's where I am. I'm a little valentine, the smallest there to be exact, sitting on the counter just waiting. "Why won't someone buy me," I asked myself. "I've been sitting here waiting for so long now, and it's already Saturday, February 11, only 3 more days until Valentines Day."

SATURDAY MORNING

That was early Saturday morning, before Mrs. Wilson had opened the store. I was so worried. I continued to worry all morning.

That afternoon about 2 o'clock, the door opened and in walked a boy, who came over to the counter, picked me up and looked at me.

He was very clever looking with blond hair and brown eyes. I just thought to myself, "If he is as clever as he looks he will buy me to send to his girl friend."

But it so happened, he wasn't so clever after all. He threw me down, I hit the side of the counter, and fell to the floor. He didn't bother to pick me up, just bought a larger valentine and walked out, as though nothing was wrong.

Then I thought, about a fact that I knew to be the truth, I shouldn't worry, that causes wrinkles and if I'm all wrinkled no body will buy me.

The store became crowded; people were

coming in and out all afternoon buying valentines, only no one could see me, way down on the floor, so far away from the other valentines.

MY HEART WAS BROKEN

I can't say that this didn't matter to me. I was deeply hurt and my heart was almost broken. Especially when a fat man came in, bought a valentine, and almost hit me!

That same evening as the clock struck 5, the door opened. In walked a little boy with red hair, freckles, and big blue eyes. He walked over to the counter and looked at all of the big valentines. His eyes were filled with tears because he only had three cents and the big valentines cost ten cents.

He stood there and as the tears streamed

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from his sad blue eyes, I heard him sob faintly and say, "I wanted a valentine for Betty so much a little one would do but I can't find one."

BUT NOW I SMILE AGAIN

At this he lowered his head and then to his surprise he saw me, lying there on the floor. I smiled and he smiled back at me. He picked me up and saw three cents written on me.

Then his eyes sparkled as he gave Mrs. Wilson three cents and walked out the store with me. He looked at me and said "Little valentine you are just the one I wanted. You are little but you have I LOVE YOU written across your face, and that's what I want to say to Betty. I don't have the nerve to say that in person but you can tell her

for me.

I smiled again, for I knew I was going to help this little boy and girl to have a happy St. Valentine's Day. I really was worthwhile after all.

YES, ONLY A DREAM, BUT—

I know that was only a dream but to me it shows that the importance of a thing in life may not be judged by its price tag.

By-Martha Jean Finley

MR. VERONEE IS HOMEROOM SPEAKER

Mr. Veronee from Palmer College spoke to the senior class about careers in business.

He emphasized the fact that the chances for advancement are excellent and the pay is excellent. Also, he stressed the fact that you work in clean surroundings and with highly educated people. He brought out about

shysters who visit graduates offering business opportunities or scholarships. Sometimes the scholarships are offered in schools that do not exist.

He stated that business schools only offer preparation for more complete living.

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So join the March of Dimes today!

(From Page 3, Col. 3) America.

He spoke on "The Qualifications of a Good Teacher". According to him, a teacher must, above all, love and understand children. Other qualifications were personality, quality of speech and a mastery of the subject being taught.

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See And Hear "GREAT CAESARS GHOST"

Walker Elected To District 5 Office

Margaret Walker was elected Vice-President of district five high school library club at its meeting held recently at Columbia High School.

The district is composed of Richland, Orangeburg, and Kershaw counties. Other officers elected were Bill Workman, Dreher High School, President and Jo Ann Algie, Secretary and Treasurer from Columbia High School.

The Blythewood High School Library Club is planning to send delegates to the State High School Library Association meeting on March ninth and tenth at Winthrop College, Rock Hill, S. C.

On February 16, the Blythewood Library had its monthly meeting in the library with the President, Peggy Mattox, presiding.

After the devotions and business at hand, the club was especially favored with a book review by Mrs. Fletcher, third grade teacher, (see page 9, col. 2)

SENIORS TO PRESENT OUTSTANDING COMEDY BY WILLIAM D. FISHER

The comedy, "Great Caesar's Ghost", will be presented on March 9 at 8:00 p.m. in the school auditorium by the senior class.

The cast of characters are as follows: Mrs. Penelope Maxwell, who is exceedingly scatter-brained, Clarice Lever; Mrs. Phoebe De Royster, Penelope's friend, impressed with her own social position, Lenora Abell; Deborah De Royster, the apple of her mother's eye, and the lemon of everyone else's, Peggy Mattox; Phineas Nightingale, an archeologist, fresh from the interior of South America, John Swygert; Helen Maxwell, Penelope's daughter and a real manager of the house, Lula Mae Loner; Tommy Tucker, the object of Helen's affections and vice versa, Furman Mattox; (see page 9, col. 1)

Easter Holidays Are
March 30 - April 3

A New Agriculture Building At Last

An agriculture building costing approximately \$30,000 is in the process of being built by the General Construction Company of Columbia.

The new building includes a classroom, office, mechanic shop, laboratory, library and will have its own heating system.

This building will have more and better equipment and will be located near its present site.

Being constructed of brick veneer and concrete blocks, the building will be completed in about four months.

JUNIOR SENIOR PLANS ARE ANNOUNCED

The juniors are making plans for the annual Junior-Senior Banquet to be held at Laurel Hill on Friday, April 6, beginning at 7:30 p.m. (see page 7, col. 1)

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Honesty may be defined as truthfulness, loyalty, and fairness. You may think of many other definitions.

Let's look at truthfulness. Do you always tell the truth about everything? We should make it a habit to always do this.

Are you loyal to your friends and school? When we hear something about one of our friends we should not run and tell the next person we see. It might not be the truth.

We should always be fair to ourselves. We may think cheating on a test is smart but it will hurt us in the long run.

If honesty prevailed everywhere think what a wonderful country this would be!

CHARACTER

VERSUS DOLLARS

Is character building being omitted in our schools? Are overly ambitious parents causing their children to become maladjusted? Are teachers and parents putting too much time and emphasis on reading, 'riting and 'rithmetic? Is the development of personality being omitted in our schools? If so, why?

Fathers and mothers often expect too much from their children. Ambition keeps them from realizing Johnny or Mary is "just average", and capable of doing only so much; they maintain good grades only through super-effort and live in constant fear of what will happen at home should a grade drop just the least bit, therefore miss the "other things" offered that are as worthwhile, such as, scholarship. Teachers are sometimes pressed into doing things that also are not best for the child's essential well-being because of the attitude the parents take---they just have to have those top grades or else!

All right, then, when graduation comes, Johnny or Mary will have those grades, but that is all some of them will have. Personality as well as other qualities that go for good citizenship, will have flown out the window!

A good teacher enjoys children and derives satisfaction from what they are doing. She is not so strict her pupils become puppets
(See Page 3, Col. 2)

The Secret of The Rain

I sat on the porch swing
As the clouds did unfold;
Trying to hear the story,
That the raindrops told.

What are they trying,
To tell me I asked;
What is the matter,
I said as I gasped?

Could it be sickness,
Or sorrow ahead;
Could this be a warning
Of tears to be shed.

This seemed so strange,
But yet it was true;
It even seemed weird,
The sound, and the view.

As each drop came to
The ground with a splatter;
The lightning and thunder,
Did flash and did clatter.

I rose from the swing,
And did walk to the door;
Should I go inside,
Or listen some more.

My heart skipped a beat,
As the lightning did flash;
The little porch swing,
Was struck with a clash!

Now I know the secret,
The raindrops tried to say;
"Get away from that swing,
Or meet death today!"
By:---Martha Jean Finley

(from page 2, col. 2)
who do what she says only because they are afraid to disobey, nor is she so lax her students do not learn to respect the rights of others. The teacher who encourages every student to participate in a democratic way, so that they learn because they see the advantages of learning and appreciate what it means to cooperate and associate with others--is worth her weight in gold.

A big job! and everyone knows most teachers are underpaid--except perhaps politicians and childless taxpayers.--Yet I'm confident if more of our taxpayer's dollars were spent for good teachers, a good part of the amount now allocated for mental institutions and jails might be saved. For, isn't it in the classroom, that mental hygiene is in the making?

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Senior Secrets

THOMAS MCLEAN (Wheel) 17 yrs. old, 5 ft. 11 in.; 140 lbs.; blonde hair; blue eyes, Favorites; food, steak; sport, basketball; color, blue; subjects, English, book-keeping, and family living; singer, Perry Como; actor, Rock Hudson; actress, Jane Wyman; movie, "Gone With The Wind," ambition, to make a million dollars.

LULA MAE LONER (Sue) 17 years old, 5 ft. 4 in, 116 lbs., light brown hair, hazel eyes. Favorites; food, fried chicken; sport, basketball; color blue; subject, algebra; hobby, sketching; song, "He"; singer, Perry Como; actress, June Allyson; actor, Rock Judson; movie, "A Man Called Peter, ambition, secretary.

MARTHA JEAN FINLEY (Re-pete) 17 years old; 5 ft. 6 in; 120 lbs; black hair; blue eyes. Favorites; food, shrimp; color, blue; sport, basketball; subject, journalism; hobby, writing poems; song, "I'll Never Stop Loving You", singer, Perry Como; actress, Jane Wyman; Actor, Rock Hudson; movie; The Glenn Miller Story; ambition, writer.

Valentine

King and Queen

Peggy Mattox and Furman Mattox, both seniors, reigned over the Valentine Festival held recently in the school gymnasium.

Albert "Butch" Ross, King of Hearts for 1955, crowned Peggy and Furman.

Lovely "Miss" Billy Raines was crowned Miss 1956.

Approximately \$140 was realized from the festival and will be used by the seniors on their trip to Washington.

STUDENT COUNCIL

ADOPTS CONSTITUTION

The Student Council has recently adopted a new constitution, repaired the badly torn Parent-Teacher Association songbooks and held a magazine drive to raise money for the Red Cross to distribute to the Army and Veteran's Hospitals.

The Student Council is planning to have an installation of officers in a chapel program soon.

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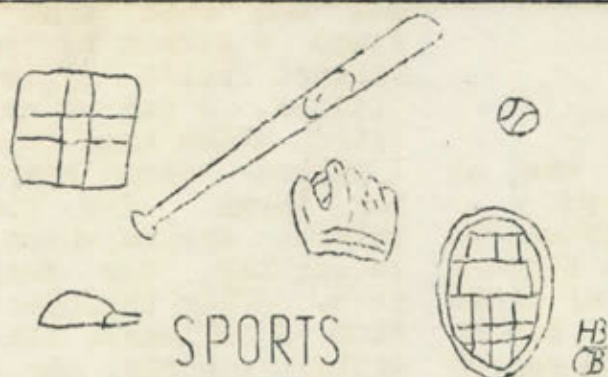
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With the echoes of basketball still ringing loudly, baseball has made its seasonal debut with regular practice sessions beginning on February 28.

About 20 candidates were on hand to answer the first call, including 10 veterans of last year's team. Back again are Furman Mattox, the only senior on the team, Carroll Morris, Howard Peake, Frank Peake, Harold Boozer, Charles Cordell, Jack Rowe, Ray Sharpe, Elton LeGrande, and Jimmy Fulmer.

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The coaching reins will again be in the hands of Mr. Wilson, with

able assistance from Mr. Boozer. A tentative 14 game schedule has been arranged.

No Flying Colors, but They "Came Through"

Starting the 1955-56 basketball season with only two returning regulars, Blythewood's girls had it rough riding through most of the schedule, winning only six of twenty-two games.

The brightest spot of the year came when the girls beat Chapin 35-30 only six days after losing to the same team by an embarrassing 59-20 score. The girls beat Lower Richland, 24-22, in another notable achievement and came within a few seconds of topping powerhouse Gilbert. BHS had a ten point lead going into the fourth period but two regular guards fouled out and Gilbert caught up.

Five regulars concluded their careers this year. Peggy Mattox, Betty Trapp, Ann Frick, Peggy Blume, and Lenora Abell played their last game for BHS in the District Tourney February 14.

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KAY WILSON SAYS:

I Went to the FBLA Convention

Last Friday morning, I came to school all dressed up and ready to go to Columbia to the state FBLA Convention. This was a new experience for me and I had looked forward to it with much anticipation for several weeks.

WE WENT

At nine o'clock, Norma Jeane, Charleen, Furman, and I left school in Norma Jeane's car. (Mrs. Zeagler, John, Clarice, Dorothy, Carroll, and Lula Mae went in John's car.) After leaving, we went to the McLean's to get Thomas, who was, as usual, late.

Finally, Thomas reached the conclusion that he was ready to go and got in the car with

us. Our trip was, at last, under way!

After we reached Columbia and went through the procedure of finding a parking place, we went to the second floor of the Wade Hampton Hotel, the convention headquarters. We were, then, given envelopes. After looking through mine circumspectly I found that it contained a post card, a pencil, a writing tablet, and a free movie pass.

WE SAW AND HEARD

It was rumored that the business meeting was about to begin so we took our places in the ballroom, which had been made ready for the occasion. For me, the highlight of this part of the convention

was the fact that I found a ticket to the banquet which nobody claimed. I got so excited about this that I almost missed hearing Thomas give the welcome speech which, incidently, was very good. After the election of officers, committee reports, etc., the meeting was adjourned.

By now, all of us were getting hungry, so we went to dinner. At this time, we discussed the dance which took place the night before. I learned that Glen Dickerson and his orchestra furnished the music while pretty girls and their gallant escorts danced.

BUT MY CONQUERING ABILITIES WERE LIMITED

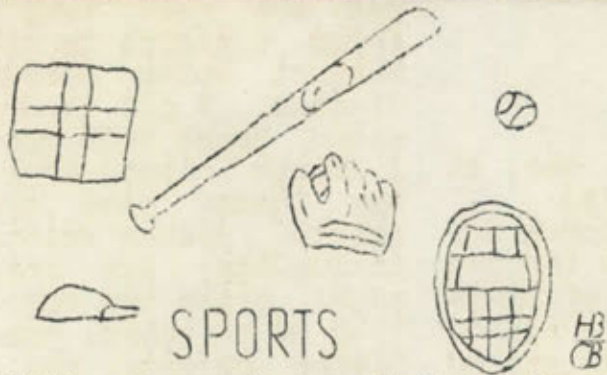
With an unexplained calmness, I came back to the hotel where I took part in the spelling contest, substi-

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No Flying Colors, but They "Came Through"

Starting the 1955-56 basketball season with only two returning regulars, Blythewood's girls had it rough riding through most of the schedule, winning only six of twenty-two games.

The brightest spot of the year came when the girls beat Chapin 35-30 only six days after losing to the same team by an embarrassing 59-20 score. The girls beat Lower Richland, 24-22, in another notable achievement and came within a few seconds of topping powerhouse Gilbert. BHS had a ten point lead going into the fourth period but two regular guards fouled out and Gilbert caught up.

Five regulars concluded their careers this year. Peggy Mattox, Betty Trapp, Ann Frick, Peggy Blume, and Lenora Abell played their last game for BHS in the District Tourney February 14.

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KAY WILSON SAYS:

I Went to the FBLA Convention

Last Friday morning, I came to school all dressed up and ready to go to Columbia to the state FELA Convention. This was a new experience for me and I had looked forward to it with much anticipation for several weeks.

WE WENT

At nine o'clock, Norma Jeane, Charleen, Furman, and I left school in Norma Jeane's car. (Mrs. Zeagler, John, Clarice, Dorothy, Carroll, and Lula Mae went in John's car.) After leaving, we went to the McLean's to get Thomas, who was, as usual, late.

Finally, Thomas reached the conclusion that he was ready to go and got in the car with

us. Our trip was, at last, under way!

After we reached Columbia and went through the procedure of finding a parking place, we went to the second floor of the Wade Hampton Hotel, the convention headquarters. We were, then, given envelopes. After looking through mine circumspectly I found that it contained a post card, a pencil, a writing tablet, and a free movie pass.

WE SAW AND HEARD

It was rumored that the business meeting was about to begin so we took our places in the ballroom, which had been made ready for the occasion. For me, the highlight of this part of the convention

was the fact that I found a ticket to the banquet which nobody claimed. I got so excited about this that I almost missed hearing Thomas give the welcome speech which, incidently, was very good. After the election of officers, committee reports, etc., the meeting was adjourned.

By now, all of us were getting hungry, so we went to dinner. At this time, we discussed the dance which took place the night before. I learned that Glen Dickerson and his orchestra furnished the music while pretty girls and their gallant escorts danced.

BUT MY CONQUERING ABILITIES WERE LIMITED

With an unexplained calmness, I came back to the hotel where I took part in the spelling contest, substi-

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tuting for Howard Peake. (I didn't know this until the night before.) The word, "quantitative", brought about my downfall. I was, also, Elythewood's representative in the Miss Future Business Executive Contest, but no luck there, either.

Last but not least, the banquet. Howard gave me his ticket and I had the unclaimed ticket that I found. Still, woe is me, I had to go alone.

HOME AGAIN

The banquet over— the convention over— I am home again with my first FBLA Convention a pleasant memory.

(from page 1, col. 1) er and assistant principal. She chose for her remarks, The City Boy by Herman Wouk.

The club enjoyed Mrs. Fletcher's review.

JUNIORS HAVE FINGERS MEASURED

Ernest Stokes, a representative from Josten's Company, came to Elythewood High School to measure the members of the junior class for their high school rings, Friday.

Elizabeth Riggs has the smallest finger; hers is a size five and one-half. Harold Eoozer's is the largest—a size twelve.

The rings are expected to arrive some time next fall.

"PROGRESS TRAIN"

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Hundreds of high school students from Richland County recently viewed the progress train at Union Station in Columbia.

Elythewood students, grades seven through twelve used a school bus relay system, buses

leaving every thirty minutes until the entire group had completed the visit.

The train depicted school progress from the dimly-lit era of the early school masters through the ultra-modern units which are in construction today.

Insurance

Adjusters Puzzled

Mr. and Miss Rorer announced the loss of one of their felines last week when the animal became entangled between the fan and the radiator of Mr. Rorer's Dodge.

Cat hair was scattered over the engine and water ran freely from beneath the car, according to Mr. Rorer.

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CONVENTION

The 19th Annual Beta Club Convention will be held at the Jefferson Hotel in Columbia March 2-3.

Registration will be Friday afternoon from 12:00 - 6:00. A "Get Acquainted Party" will be given from 4:00-5:00.

Friday evening the first general session will be in at 7:00. The highlight of this will be a talent show.

Saturday morning begins at 9:30 with the second general session. With this there will be a forum discussion.

The third general session will be held at 2:30. This will be a business meeting.

Saturday evening begins a fourth general session with a banquet at the Township Auditorium at 6:00.

From 9:00-12:00 will be the annual Beta

Ball also at the auditorium. The music will be given by Elden Jones and his Starlight Serenaders. This will conclude the convention. Blythewood Betas plan to attend.

Introducing
Miss Peoples

"She is a natural born teacher," quoted one of Miss Peoples' pupils in a jam session the other day.

Miss Reba Gail Peoples is the student home economic teacher from Columbia College. She is now a senior in college.

Her hobbies are playing records, sewing, swimming, and other out-door activities.

Her future plans are to teach in Columbia if possible for a few years, and then to study interior decorating. One of her ambitions is to go to Paris.

When asked what she thinks of Blythewood, she said, "Fine; the people and students are wonderful."

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 Tommy Walker-----Woody Wilson.
 Miss Anne Rorer---Jane Russell.

(From Page 1, Col.2)
 Aunt Polly Maxwell, Penelope's sister-in-law and her direct opposite, Martha Jean Finley; Johnson, the Maxwell's butler, Curtis Branham; Esther, the new maid who already has her eye on Johnson, Dorothy Pascchal; Mahjah, the Mystic, an Oriental of dubious origin, Billy Starnes; Dick O'Donnell, a lad around the neighborhood, Thomas McLean; Hattie, the mistress of the Maxwell kitchen Betty Trapp; and Great Caesar's Ghost, who though unseen, is a very real character in the play, Peggy Blume.

Miss Anne Rorer is the faculty director,

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and Ann Frick is the student director.

"Mind Over Mumps"

Is Well Received

The Beta Club presented a one act play, "Mind Over Mumps" on Thursday.

Those in the play were Melba Wise, Charleen Wingard, Ann Joye Peake, Kay Wilson, Carroll Morris and Howard Peake.

Admission was charged. The proceeds were used to send members to the Beta Convention in Columbia.

(From Page 1, Col.31)

"Stork Club", a very appropriate theme, will be used.

The juniors and seniors will be able to have their banquet in the private dining room and will be able to enjoy the floor show and dance music furnished by the restaurant.

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Students Give Qualifications Of a Good Teacher

What does it take to be a good teacher?

While a lot of you may be interested in the answer to this question, the Future Teacher's group is especially concerned. Therefore, a number of students have been interviewed. Their an-

swers follow, read them and judge for yourself.

PEGGY MATTOX: Courteous, understanding, impartial, neat.

NORMA JEAN NEWMAN: Mrs. Smoak.

CURTIS BRANHAM: Sense of humor, reasonably good looking.

MARTHA JEAN FINLEY: Understanding, sense of humor, intelligent.

PEGGY BLUME: Kind, neat, impartial, good personality.

LENORA ABELL: Patient, considerate, neat, no favorites, courteous.

JOE SPIRES: Sense of humor, pleasing personality, neat, impartial.

JOHN SWYGERT: Cheerful, friendly, neat, not prejudiced, unlimited patience.

RAYMOND FULMER: Neat, friendly, happy, impartial, sense of humor.

HOWARD PEAKE: Patient, understanding, attractive, neat, good personality.

FRANK PEAKE: One that doesn't give any homework.

PEGGY KELLY: One that prepares his lessons everyday, one you can talk to like your mother.

SUE HAGOOD: Personality, not prejudiced, neat.

SARA MAE BRANHAM: Kind, understanding, neat.

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MORGAN RIMER: Understands pupils, takes time out for a pupil that needs special help.

HUBERT HAAS: Good personality, understanding, attractive, doesn't give too much homework.

FURMAN MATTOX: Understanding, attractive, good personality, impartial.

THOMAS MCLEAN: Friendly, attractive, understanding.

DOROTHY PASCHAL: Neat, considerate, does not let her personal feelings affect her attitude toward her pupils.

HELEN BOOZER: Good personality, understanding, one that grades her pupils papers.

MELEA WISE: Kind, con-

siderate, offers individual help. One that makes the student feel important and worthwhile.

year. She was chosen at the February meeting of the county association.

Mrs. Zeagler served as vice-president and program chairman of the R.C.E.A. for this year. Under her leadership, the programs have been both interesting and informative.

Mrs. Zeagler will take office in April. Elythe-Words Staff congratulates her.

MRS. ZEAGLER
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SAD NEWS ABOUT THE TOURNAMENT

The class C, District tournament was held the last of February in the Olympia High School gymnasium.

Blythewood was there and although they play an excellent game that was most exciting from the start to finish, Chapin nosed them out by one point. The lead changing three times in the last 29 seconds.

Inventory, after the final bell revealed finger nails bitten to the quick, chewing gum thoroughly rubberized, hoarseness aplenty, and a tear filled eye here and there.

"Of all the sad words of tongue or pen, the saddest is-- It might have been!"

Martha Jean Finley And Lula Mae Loner Win Pins

Martha Jean Finley and Lula Mae Loner were winners of gold pins in the Competent Typist Contest, sponsored by Gregg Publishing Company, for the first semester. Clarice Lever was a pin winner, second semester last year. Pins are awarded only on a net speed of 50 or more a minute, 5 errors or less. Time: 10 minutes.

Dorothy Paschal Chosen HOMEMAKER of TOMORROW

Dorothy Paschal was named "Homemaker of Tomorrow" from Blythewood High School.

She obtained this by taking a test which is offered to any senior girl. Since she was the only senior from here who took the advantage, she automatically received the honor.

Her name will be entered with other winners who won in their school, for the state and national "Homemaker of Tomorrow" award a scholarship is given to the winner.

Signs of Spring

Well "guys" and "gals" spring is once again in the air. The birds are singing and flowers are in bloom. Life is once again beginning in nature. Nine out of ten of the students that I have talked to admitted that spring was their favorite season.

Here are a few signs of spring that I have noticed, perhaps you have noticed them too!

1. Mrs. Zeagler sporting a new haircut.
2. Thomas Neil passing out fresh chewing gum to the seniors who are chowing with renewed interest.
3. Furman and Kay walking around school smiling amiably at each other.
4. Peggy and Carroll talking in the hall between classes. (As well as others).
5. Martha Jean sitting in class smiling at a picture of Pete when she should be doing her shorthand.
6. Lula Mae smiling brightly at the very thought of Ridgeway. In the spring it is easy to tell what one is thinking.
7. Lenora Abell showing interest in a certain boy in the Navy reserves.
8. Ann Frick sitting in the library looking at her 3rd finger, left hand and sighing.
9. Clarice looking at Furman through rose colored glasses. This isn't new however.
10. Betty writing a letter to Erving during class.
11. Peggy Mattox day-dreaming during bookkeeping class.
12. Billy Starnes decorated with chicken-pox.

By--Martha Joan Finley

LET'S FACE IT!

EVER BEEN TO A PARTY? WHO HASN'T! SOME ARE A DEADLY BORE — OTHERS YOU LIVE THROUGH - A FEW ARE A "WOW" — AND MOST OF US BEHAVE ACCORDINGLY.

—WITH APOLOGIES TO CONNIE BANNISTER



"So-o-o glad you came"



"you invited THEM cousin?"



"Go on to your old pal see if I care"



"wonder if we should have included the boss?"



"You mean you're married?"



"Huh! some party"



"Oh yum -
Leaving so soon?
Please -
Hurry back!"



"This'll set ME
back plenty."



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Blythe - Words

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LONGER AND LEVER WIN TOP HONORS

Wilson To Edit School Publication

The staff for Blythe-Words for 1956-57 is announced today. Kay Wilson has been selected as editor, Claudia Jo Dyches, assistant editor, and Ann Joye Peake, news editor. All three girls were chosen on their dependability, creative ability, their scholastic standing, and their participation in extra-curricular activities.

Kay, a rising senior, has filled the position of assistant editor on the staff. The others have not held positions before.

Raymond Fulmer and Charleen Wingard will be art editors.

Elton LeGrand and Howard Peake are business managers.

Elizabeth Riggs is girls sports editor and Carroll Morris is boys sports editor.

Irene Kelley is exchange editor, Margaret Walker, feature editor, and Norma Jean Newman circulation manager.

FORMER GRADUATE TO PREACH COMMENCEMENT SERMON ON SUNDAY

The Reverend Wayne Ballentine, a 1941 graduate of Blythewood High School, will deliver the commencement sermon to the seniors on Sunday, May 27, at 11:30.

After finishing high school, the Rev. Mr. Ballentine served in the armed forces for twenty-eight months, fourteen of which were spent in Korea.

Returning from Korea, Wayne entered Clemson College, graduating in 1949. He then entered the ministerial school at Duke University. While at Duke he held a charge at Murrell's Inlet. For the past three years, since receiving his degrees, he has preached at McCall

BLYTHE-WORDS WIN

For the fifth consecutive year, Blythe-Words has won an All-State rating in the South Carolina Scholastic Press Association.

Close Competition

Lula Mae Loner and Clarice Lever, on the basis of their scholastic averages for their four years in high school, will be the first and second honor graduates respectively of this year's graduating class.

Other honor graduates include Curtis Branham, Martha Jean Finley, Dorothy Paschal, and Melba Wise.

"We Look to Tomorrow" will be the theme of the closing exercises. Included on the program will be the songs—"America, the Beautiful", "My Task", "Others", "I Believe", "Stars and Stripes Forever", "Sweet Peace, the Gift of God's Love", and "One Little Candle".

Classnight Gola Affair

"The Senior Merry-Go-Round," a play-pageant is the title of the Senior Class Night Exercises, Friday, May 25, at 8:00 p.m.

All the seniors will participate in the pageant (see page 10, col.3)

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FROM CLARICE
TO THE NEW STAFF,
"THE BEST OF LUCK!"

The time has come for us to say
goodbye to our classmates and the
faculty. We will always remember
you and the good times we have had
at Blythewood High.

We leave to the rising classes
our best wishes. We know that you
will also have fond memories of
Blythewood.

To the rising staff of Blythe-
Words we wish for you the best of
luck.

There will be many difficulties
you will have to face. It will al-
ways be hard to get the news in on
time. But don't be discouraged it
will always turn out alright.

There will also be good times.
There will be the conventions to
attend and the many friends you
will make.

We know that after it is all
over you will remember the good
times you had.

BLYTHE-WORDS WINS AGAIN.
THANK YOU, MRS. ZEAGLER

The staff of Blythe-
Words has for the past eight years had an
advisor who has been vitally in-
terested in the progress of the
paper. Under her leadership the
paper has grown from a small begin-
ning to one of national promi-
nence.

For the past five years Blythe-
Words has won an all-state rating
classifying it as one of the super-
ior papers in the state. For three
years Blythe-
Words won first place
in the Columbia Press Association.
(The paper was not a member this
year.)

In 1953 we won the trophy for
having the best mimeographed paper
in our division in the state.

We feel that Blythe-
Words has been able to win these honors only
through the counseling and help of
Mrs. Zeagler. We express our thanks
to you, Mrs. Zeagler.

And —

To everyone that has helped in
anyway in getting out Blythe-
Words this year we would like to say
THANK YOU.

STOCK MARKET

TREND OF STEADY COUPLES

Charleen Wingard and Thomas McLean, 95% steady.

Kay Wilson and Furman Mattox, unchanged.

Irene Kelley and Charles Campbell, conditions favorable for a 5% rise.

Claudia Jo Dyches and Billy Star-nes, 85 1/2% and rising.

Margaret Wingard and Carrol Morris, unpredictable but rising rapidly at present.

COUPLES AT A GLANCE

Margaret Walker and Meck Whittle
Ann Joy Peake and Jackie Halti-
wanger

Helen Boozer and Hubert Hass

OPEN STOCK

Norma Jean Newman

Anne Rorer

Raymond Fulmer

COMBINED STOCK

Closing data on the most active stocks today is:

Senior Class, moderate activity, liquidation inevitable.

School band, rapidly rising, pre-
dict another 13% increase.

High School studentbody, decreased

activity, hope for upward trend soon or else.

New staff of Blythe-Words, steady, 100% rise expected in September.

Faculty, replacements seen.

Baseball down 100% till next spring.

Class Poem-1956

Our school days are over,
A new life begun;
With hardships and trials
From which we won't run.

Together we've studied,
Together we've worked,
We've enjoyed our school days,
Where happiness lurked.

And so as we leave you,
We each wish to say;
Thank you dear teachers,
For guidance along the way.

And to all our friends,
Who have been so true;
We appreciate your friendship,
We'll never forget you.

-Martha Jean Finley
Class Poet

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FTA Goes Places And Does Things

The James H. Hope FTA Club sent delegates to the state convention at Newberry College.

Those who were privileged to attend were Ann Joy Peake, the 1956-57 president of F.T.A., Irene Kelly, Sarah Mae Branham, Peggy Kelly, Elizabeth Maples, and Evelyn Eyrd. They were accompanied by their sponsor, Mrs. Estelle R. Hinnant. The group had the pleasure of going with representatives from Dentsville High School on the school district bus.

The James H. Hope F.T.A. Club at its last regular meeting elected the 1956-57 officers. The results were as follows: President, Ann Joy Peake; Vice-president, Cynthia

Riggs; Secretary, Peggy Kelly; Treasurer, Sue Hagood; Historian, Margaret Walker; Librarian, Irene Kelly; Chorister, Helen Boozer. With this group of officers, the club hopes to continue its good work.

HOWARD, ANN JOY AND MARGARET HELP CARRY ON FOR ONE DAY.

Howard Peake, Ann Joy Peake, and Margaret Walker were delegates to the annual "Youth Government Day" which is sponsored by the Columbia Elks Club.

On this day students from different schools are appointed to the city and county offices and they get to see just how the county business is carried on.

Howard served as a member of the House of Representatives, Margaret as Farm-Home Agent, and Ann Joy as County Home Demonstration Agent.

Two-Five System! What Is It?

Mrs. Margaret Bultman and Mr. C.N. Bolton, representatives from Southern Bell Telephone Company explained the two-five system to the student body recently.

The two-five system concerns the Sunset division that will take effect on midnight June 30. Three thousand telephone numbers will be changed.

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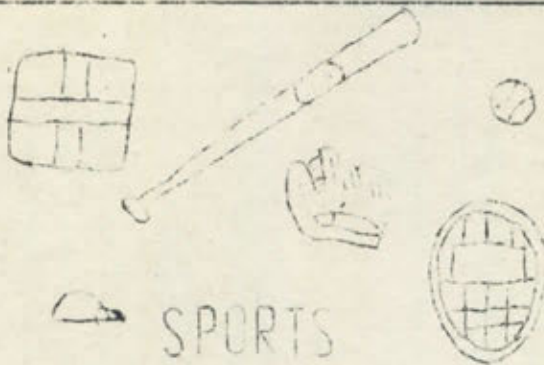
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BLYTHEWOOD, S.C.



Blythewood continued its championship famine in baseball this year but the team forced state champion Chapin to come from behind to win, and led Eau Claire and University Hi most of the way before losing in the late innings.

Elton LeGrand, a converted third baseman, bore the brunt of the pitching this year and turned in creditable performances. He struck out 48 batters in 41 innings while walking 25. He gave up 39 hits.

Carroll Morris has compiled a .345 batting average with one game to go, but Harold Boozer has collected seven hits in his last 13 times at bat and now threatens to overtake Morris. Boozer has a .320 average, a tremendous improvement over his record of 1955. Ray Sharpe hitting .280, has collected the only home run of this year by the

Indians, a line shot to right against Eau Claire. Sharpe also has a triple and double among his seven hits. Carroll Morris leads in runs scored with 13 followed by Furman Mattox with 10. Ray Sharpe, Frank Peake, and Harold Boozer have batted in nine runs each to lead that department.

Howard "Mutt" Peake, suffering a hitting slump this year, has been far ahead of his mates in fielding. Peake has handled 22 ground balls perfectly at shortstop without error, and caught seven pop flies. His only miscue came on a throw to first that was a foot or so too high.

WILL BLYTHEWOOD

MAKE IT TWO?

Blythewood's Indians will attempt to make it two games in a row over Greenbriar in the final game of the season at Greenbriar on Monday night. Previously, the Indians defeated Greenbriar 8-7.

Probable starting pitcher for Blythewood will be Elton LeGrand. He will go against Ronnie Price, who recently pitched a one-hitter.

This will be the final baseball game for Furman Mattox, who will be lost through graduation. Furman is the only senior on the team.

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A Dream Comes True.

For Seventeen Seniors

On Monday, April 23 at 7:30 a. m. a group of 17 seniors left Blythewood for Washington D.C. We have always dreamed of the day we'd be seniors and especially of all the high lights of our senior year---one, of course, being the senior trip.

We chose the Eagle Bus Lines as our means of transportation. Mr. A. B. Coe was our bus driver and Mr. W. C. Rorer and Miss Anne Rorer were our chaperones.

OUR FIRST STOP

The first point of interest was the Duke Chapel at Duke University in Durham, North Carolina. We entered the large chapel which portrayed many majestic architectural designs. There we saw the tombs of the old Dukes that founded the university.

When we left Duke Chapel, we went to Liggett and Myers Tobacco Company, the manufacturers of Chesterfield and L & M cigarettes. They gave us free Coca-Colas and then divided us into smaller groups--each group having a guide to show us how the cigarettes were manufactured. Then at the end of the tour they gave each of us a

pack of cigarettes.

WE SEE RICHMOND

We arrived in Richmond, Virginia, Monday evening. There we registered at the Jefferson Hotel. After walking a good many blocks we found a desirable place to eat and then went back to the hotel. Most of us had televisions in our rooms.

MOUNT VERNON

Early Tuesday morning we left the Jefferson to continue our trip. We went to Mt. Vernon, the home of our first President. We began by touring the house and then the grounds. We went down to the Potomac River and last of all walked through the beautiful flower gardens. The weather was cold and moist. We were really glad we had carried our coats and sweaters.

WASHINGTON AT LAST

At around 1:00 we reached our big destination--WASHINGTON--at last!! The first point of interest for us here was the Curtis Lee Mansion. It was really quite a mansion with large glass chandeliers and steep

narrow stairways. I wouldn't mind living there except for the kitchen. The kitchen was very much different from our kitchens of today. The pots, pans, and other cooking utensils were crude and, I imagine, very hard with which to work. The floors were of dirt and the cooking pots were big and black.

RAIN AND THE SMITHSONIAN

When we left here it was cold and drizzling rain but that didn't stop us. We went on to the tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The United States Armed Forces have cadets to guard this tomb at all times---day and night, rain or snow. Each hour they go through a changing of the guards. We stayed to see them change guards and everyone was very enthused about this, especially the girls!

From here we toured the Smithsonian Institute. There we saw many interesting things. Among them were statues of all of our Presidents' wives (from Martha Washington to Mamie Eisenhower.) dressed in their favorite dress. We also saw "The Spirit of St. Louis", the plane with which Charles Lindbergh made the first solo trip across the ocean.

NEW MOVIE EXPERIENCE

(see next page)

Tuesday night we went to see "Cinerama Holiday", a type of movie made by focusing three cameras into one picture and portrayed on a large, half-circle screen. This made us feel as if we were in the picture. In one incident the characters in the movie were taking a sled ride down steep curved slopes. We had to hold on tight because we felt as if we were going down the slopes with them. Some of the girls even screamed. I don't know about the boys!! They were probably too frightened to scream, huh!! We spent the night just outside of Washington at the Anchorage Motel.

EARLY RISERS

We got up "with the chickens" (as some people say) Wednesday morning and began our day by visiting the Washington Monument. It was really packed and crowded with people. We rode up to the top of the monument on the elevator and viewed Washington from there.

Subsequently, we went to the Bureau of Printing and Engraving. (That's where our money is made.) We toured the building and saw how paper money is made---from the first process to the last. No one gave us any samples here, to our regret!!

The Franciscan Monastery was our next stop. This is the home of many Catholic Monks.

They dedicate their entire lives to serving God. They raise their own vegetables and keep up the grounds and the monastery and they never marry. We toured the monastery and found it to be very beautiful and inspiring. There was a place fixed exactly as the manger in which Jesus was born looks today. There was also a facsimile of the tomb where Jesus was laid after he was crucified. We also toured some catacombs, burial places in the sides of narrow, dark hallways. After this we headed for the Lincoln Memorial. There we saw the huge statue of Abraham Lincoln, our 16th President.

MOONLIGHT ON THE POTOMAC

We went on back to the motel and started getting ready for our boat ride down the Potomac. We left the motel and, after riding all around the place we were to meet the boat, decided we just couldn't find it. It was time for the boat to leave. Still we kept a smile on our faces and crossed our fingers in hopes of a miracle. We finally arrived at the harbor but the boat had already departed. We had bought our tickets for the ride so the people in charge of the boat told us we could meet the boat at the Marshall Hall Park in Maryland and ride back.

We were thrilled at the idea so we set forth once again. Destination-----MARSHALL HALL PARK!!

We arrived there and had about an hour to eat and ride the different rides there. Most of us rode the roller coaster about which we had heard so much. Then we enjoyed riding the S S Mount Vernon back down the Potomac River.

WE HEAD HOMEWARD

Thursday at 12:00, we left Fairfax and headed Southward. We rode through the Blue Ridge Mountains and up Skyline Drive to an elevation of 3,000 feet; then we rode through the beautiful Shenandoah Valley. Our next place of interest was the tour of the Luray Caverns.

We reached Natural Bridge Thursday night and enjoyed a most inspiring program about the story of creation. After this we went back to the Green Top Tourist Home where four of the girls enjoyed an old-fashioned apple candy fight.

Friday morning we left for home. We reached Blythewood at 5 p.m.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING

Each of us really enjoyed the trip and would like to thank you for helping us in our money-making activities to make this trip a real success.

-Martha Jean Finley

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Mr. Edward L. Wright, superintendent, gave his message as follows: "Seek friendship, knowledge, vision, wisdom and for the truth that maketh free."

SOSPA Convention

The South Carolina Scholastic Press Association held its annual convention on Ap-

ril 19-20 in Anderson.

Registration began on Thursday morning and the first general meeting was at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon with Caroline Mikell presiding.

The dance was on Thursday night in the McCants Junior High School gymnasium.

Another general meeting was held on Friday morning. This was for the purpose of electing officers.

The climax of the convention was the banquet which was held at Clemson House Hotel in Clemson.

Kay Wilson, Charline Wingard, Howard Peake and Mrs. Zeagler attended this meeting.

MEET MRS RUFF!

The new teacher who is teaching Home Economics and family living in Mrs. Pusser's absence is Mrs. Marguerite Ruff.

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REIGNS ON MAY DAY

Lula Mae Loner was crowned May Queen at the recent May festival. Martha Jean Finley was maid of honor and Peggy Kelly, second runner-up.

The purpose of the festival was to provide funds for the graduation exercises and a gift for the school.

Arthur Murray School of Dance and the Theodore Lee School of Ballet entertained the group with several dances.

There was also a cake walk and square dancing.

The proceeds from the festival were \$58.40.

BLYTHEWOOD IS

HOSTESS TO COUNTY JHA

The Junior Homemakers of Blythewood were hostess to the Richland County Association in their meeting on May 2.

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The meeting consisted of the business session and the election of new officers. Jackie Raines was elected treasurer.

After the meeting, refreshments consisting of cookies, mints, and punch were served in the cafeteria.

Last on the program was the installation of new officers.

Betas Visit Middleton Gardens, Charleston

Nine Betas and Mr. and Miss Rorer visited Middleton Gardens recently.

After the tour through the gardens, they visited such places in Charleston as Hampton Park, Sullivans Island, and the Battery.

All of the Betas enjoyed this trip and to some it was especially interesting because they had never seen one of Charleston's famous gardens.

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JHA AT WINTHROP

Claudia Jo Dyches and Dorothy Paschal spent a delightful week end at the Junior Homemakers State Convention held at Winthrop College April 20-22.

The program consisted of a business session Friday night with refreshments after the meeting. Saturday con-

sisted of business meetings and the election of new officers. A formal installation service was held Sunday morning.

After this they returned to Blythewood with a better understanding of the Junior Homemakers Association.

IS SHE A GOOD TEACHER?

LOOK AT HER STUDENTS!!

Girls To Girls' State

Kay Wilson and Irene Kelley will represent Blythewood High School at the tenth annual Girls' State to be at the University of South Carolina on June fourth through the tenth.

Those nominated by the faculty for this honor were Norma Jean Newman, Charleen Wingard, Kay Wilson, and Irene Kelley: Mrs. Caroline M. Belser, chairman of Girls' State, made the final decision in choosing the delegates.

Girls' State is established for the purpose of helping the youth of high school age to understand the mechanics of running the government.

Classnight

(From Page 1, Col. 3) The juniors will form a "Daisy Chain" and sing to the seniors. Peggy Kelly will play for the exercise.

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LIBRARY CLUB ENJOYS ROCK HILL MEETING

The State Convention of the High School Assistant Librarians convened at Winthrop College, Rock Hill, South Carolina, on March 9 and 10.

Eighty - three high schools of South Carolina sent delegates. Blythewood was represented by Sarah Mae Branham, Sue Hagood, Elizabeth Maples, Margaret Wingard, and the sponsor of the Blythewood Library Club, Mrs. Estelle R. Hinnant.

The group left Friday noon, spent the night in the college dormitory, attended several interesting and informative meetings, toured the college, enjoyed the meals, and the social, which was given on Friday afternoon.

They returned Saturday p.m. a tired but happy group, greatly pleased with their new experiences and valuable information received as assistant

librarians.

At the last regular meeting of the Blythewood Library Club, the following officers for 1956-57 were elected. President, Irene Kelly; Vice-President, Jewel Johnston; Secretary, Nancy Wooten; Treasurer, Helen Boozer; Historian, Sue Hagood.

The highlights of this meeting was a demonstration on binding

periodical- magazines given by Carol Ross of the Dentsville Library Club, under the supervision of Mrs. Ann Beckham, the district librarian.

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3. Let us be loyal
4. Let us love one another

No garden is complete without
turnips:

1. Turn up for important meet-
ings
2. Turn up with a smile
3. Turn up with new ideas
4. Turn up with determination
to make everything count for
something good and worth-
while!

Flash!!

Carrol Morris had to turn on the steam and run the fastest mile of his career to win the upper state mile run at Clemson May 8. Time for the run was 5:04, nine seconds under the time Morris had in winning the district title in April.

The state championship race will be held in Columbia May 16.

*Yum, Yum, You Must
Try This Sometime!*

1 glass of vitamin C (orange or tomato juice); 1 slice fried proteins (ham); 1/2 cup carbohydrates (grits); 1 pat of fats (butter); 1 slice carbohydrates (toast); 1 cup water with carbohydrates and fats (coffee) with sugar and cream); 1 glass of all the food nutrients (milk).

AN EIGHTH GRADER

THINKS OF VACATION

School will soon be coming to an end,
And the boys will ask their father for a lend.

It is time to make a garden and pen up the hens.

Then the boys get to take their girls for a spin.

This is the time when we start back to swim,

Some good advice is "Never let a girl get you out on a limb."

The money that you saved seems to fly away,

You forget about your lessons and go your own way.

You say once you get out of school you will never go back,

But you will even if you are dressed in a sack.

Have fun while you can, but when it gets cool,

Back to school you go and practice the Golden Rule.



